

Francis Cheney Claims 'Coercion'

San Francisco (UPI)—Francis I. Cheney, treasurer of the Cheney California Lumber Co., told a national labor relations board hearing here that unions had attempted to "coerce" him.

The unions were the Northern California District Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers and its local 2647, who are facing charges before the NLRB of unfair labor practices in a three-month strike last fall against Cheney's Greenville and Pondsosa mills.

Cheney testified that union officials bypassed the industry-wide negotiations representing him by coming to him directly with an ultimatum.

He said the union men presented him one afternoon with a proposed agreement which he never had seen before, saying:

"You'll sign this today or we'll have a picket line around your mill tomorrow."

Cheney called this an attempt to "coerce" him.

C. L. Irving of Klamath Falls, vice president of the Pine Industrial Relations Council, testified that for 15 years his group solely had represented Cheney and other lumber mills in their labor negotiations.

He described meetings between labor and management negotiators in the dispute leading up to the "ultimatum" and the strike which ensued the day after.

Hepatitis Said To Be On Increase

Portland (UPI)—The State Board of Health said today infectious hepatitis, a relatively-unknown disease, which soared to epidemic proportions in Oregon from 1953-56 and then declined sharply, appears to be on the increase again.

The Board said 635 cases of the disease have been reported in the state so far this year. This is almost twice the number reported at the same time a year ago.



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GRANGE NEWS

Gold Hill Grange

Members of Gold Hill Grange with members from Live Oak Grange, Butte Falls and Sams Valley Granges, attended booster night service Monday, Oct. 12, at the Grange hall.

Also present were out of town relatives and friends together with friends from Gold Hill.

The meeting was opened by the seating drill of the officers, the opening of the Bible and prayer by the chaplain, Nora Wait, followed by the presentation of the flag.

The Master, Charles Foote, spoke a few words, welcoming the visitors, and giving a brief resume of the work of the Grange.

The lecturer asked the charter members present to stand. They were Wilbur and Ethel Martin, and S. M. and Marie Christensen.

Ferd Jones read the statement of the declaration of purposes of the Grange.

Toni Morrow played an arrangement on the piano "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

A tableau with pantomime which pictured a farm scene was staged by Lena Loricks, Charles Foote and the S. M. Christensens with Abra Walker, light technician.

A picture contest was held with pictures of prominent people in the news. Winners were Nellie Walker, first, Adale Jones, Lorene and Toni Morrow, second.

Dorothy Eskew read some excerpts from early Grange meetings in Jackson county.

A game was played with teams headed by Victor Croxton of Sams Valley, and John Fulton, of Butte Falls Grange. Both were given prizes.

The program included a tableau featuring the three graces, Leona Jeuks, Mildred Wright and Josephine Loeffler, with illustrative narrative and musical setting.

Cassie Golding of Live Oak, who is Pomona chairman of the HEC called attention to the coming contest and urged members to participate.

Several remarks were made by visitors, before the retiring of the flag, following which some of those present danced before refreshments were served at tables decorated by Flora, Josephine

Loeffler.

While at table, each stood giving name and birthplace. Rose Croxton announced Russia was her birthplace. She was given a prize, and Olaf Lokken won the attendance prize.

The next meeting of the Grange will be Oct. 15 when Delmar Smith of Central Point has been invited to give a report of the state fair.

Upper Rogue Grange

Booster Night at Upper Rogue Grange will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, with the public invited. Grange members are asked to bring their friends.

There will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by a talk by Herb Carlton, former Pomona Master on the history and background of the Grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barber will show slides of their European trip last summer.

Bellview Grange

The regular meeting of the Bellview Grange was held Tuesday with Master Lloyd Hoodley presiding.

Mrs. Howard Gillette, home extension unit chairman, announced that the next meeting would be today at the home of Mrs. Hoodley.

Leo Nichols, agriculture chairman, said the annual achievement banquet for 4-H club members would be Nov. 11 at the Grange hall. A Grange council meeting is scheduled at the Gold Hill Grange hall Saturday Oct. 17.

Guests were Mrs. Ralph Merkle and Mrs. Harry Lamotte of Salem.

Frank Malin, lecturer, was in charge of the program. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hoodley, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Henry and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Austin.

PROSPECT Hunting Good in Area

By FRANCES RING

Prospect - Hunting in the Prospect area has been good this week with many bucks being taken in the Bald mt., Larson creek, and Graham creek area. Two bucks over 200 pounds have been killed in the Innaha area.

Mrs. Ira Ring's mother, Mrs. Ona Harrison, died recently. Mrs. Harrison lived in Prospect for many years and was well known here. She is survived by seven other children six of whom have gone to school in Prospect.

Mrs. Bob Ellis is convalescing from recent major surgery at Sacred Heart hospital.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Draper and children and Jim Draper.

Visiting for hunting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Ring were Russell Womelsdorf and Vale Womelsdorf from Medford and Rachel Turk of Ellensburg, Wash.

Yeoman and Mrs. Eugene Winingham of Ferndale, Calif., spent 10 days recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Winingham.

Mrs. Clarence Hedgpeh's mother, Mrs. Stella Hale, died recently. Mrs. Hale has been living at Cascade Gorge with her son-in-law and daughter for many months.

John Rogers, a sophomore at Prospect High school, killed a bear the first week of hunting season.

The Prospect Play school met for the second time Oct. 13 under the supervision of Mrs. Carol Drake. On Thursday at the first meeting there

were 10 children present and on Tuesday there were 15.

The Country Store will not be open until the second Monday in November when it is expected there will be new merchandise. Donations are needed and can be left at the Community Store. After the

next opening the store may not be open until next February or March because of heating problems.

The Rev. Jerry Reeves spent the night in the Sacred Heart hospital last week undergoing medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Powers are home after an extended visit to Portland last week.

HARD TO CONVINCED

London (UPI)—Radio Moscow today quoted Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev as admitting that it is not easy to convince peasants to surrender their land and other personal possessions for collective farming. A great effort must be made to convince the peasant to abandon his old custom and reform his outlook," Khrushchev said.

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