

"SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Here's the background of battle on the Potomac to set aside anti-trust laws as an emergency measure. You'll be hearing a lot about it.

Opposition to this move is hampered by lack of understanding today by the general public of the term "anti-trust."

Around 1900 when the first anti-trust laws were passed, a "trust" meant any industry group, monopoly, or cartel, that conspired to artificially control a commodity, or to fix prices so that members of the industry would not be in competition with each other.

Anti-trust laws are not anti-big business, although a great effort has been made to sell this idea to the public. Anti-trust laws are merely rules so any business has the opportunity to get as big as it can. "Anti-trust" merely means "anti-leadpipe cinch."

During World War II anti-trust laws were suspended. The American free competition system has not yet recovered from this blow.

Congress knows that in 1940 66% of American manufacturing was done by 15,000 firms; today only 250 firms do this volume. Senator Herbert O'Connor, Md., states "in 1946 1/10 of 1% of American corporations owned 58% of total corporate assets... 8% owned 99%."

"Unless anti-trust laws are suspended," says one side, "industry cannot get together on voluntary allocations of scarce materials without violating the law."

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"Nonsense," says the opposition. "It would be simple for government to set aside raw materials required; leave the balance to free trade."

But the drive to repeal or suspend anti-trust laws is being pushed by a strange partnership.

Half of this partnership is composed of short-sighted industrialists who want the assured long profits only possible when competition is eliminated; are using the war effort as an excuse. They are the "leadpipe cinch" boys.

The other half is composed of Socialist planners. They are well educated realists in strategy. Alger Hiss... atom spies, were not illiterate dreamers.

American Socialists want business further concentrated in the hands of a few. They, too, are using the war effort as an excuse. They know from history when business control is closely concentrated it only takes one economic crisis; one session of a hysterical or "left wing" legislature to nationalize, or socialize, industry. This has been the pattern in all nations where Socialism has taken over.

This background of a current fight to squeeze out the American middle class is useful in analyzing coming developments in the battle. They will be bitter.

Not only does small business have a big stake in the outcome of this battle. Labor, agriculture, all who believe in the American system have as big a stake in the outcome.

GATES

By MRS. ALBERT MILLSAP

Many Gates folk took advantage of the holiday to attend the State Fair in Salem, Monday. Among those seen there were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Garrison and son Gerald; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eccleston and daughter Eileen; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. John Todd and son; Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Kopp; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Moses; Mr. and Mrs. John LaHae; Mr. and Mrs. Hop Harrison and daughter; Miss June Mitchell; Miss Carmen Stafford; Dave Barnhardt; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Benish and family; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Morrison; Mrs. Floyd Volkel and son Jerry; Miss Birdie Larson; Bill Harinear; Miss LaVern Inman and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Ryal and daughter Joan.

Two saddle horses, a white and sorrel, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hutcheson broke out of their pasture here and at last reports were headed east, towards their former home in Eastern Oregon where the alfalfa grows. The Hutchesons would appreciate any word of the whereabouts of their missing "steeds".

House guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keiser, the past week, from Oakland, California were his niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson and three children and her father, A. Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mitchell, daughter Betty and son Richard were Portland visitors over the weekend. Miss Betty is making a weeks visit in Washington at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Mike Selvia.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shearer and daughter Sally were recent guests at the Dan Morrison home and visited at the homes of other friends. Mr. and Mrs. Shearer former residents of Gates, now reside in Hoquiam, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Vail have returned to their home here, bringing with them their new baby son, born at a Silverton hospital. The family visited in Mill City at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Smith, several weeks prior to the birth of "Micheal Joseph."

Arnold Klugman, who is employed as an iron worker at the Detroit Dam was injured slightly while at work last week. He is reported to have recovered and has returned to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Park and three children spent their holiday in Richland, Washington, visiting friends whom they knew when Park was employed there before coming to Gates to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Barnhardt and two children were at the home of his parents in Pasco, Washington, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Meike and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ransome of Lyons left Tuesday for a weeks vacation at the beaches.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis and baby daughter, Lonna Paulette left late Saturday night for their former home in Carbon Hill, Alabama. They are making the trip by motor.

Guests at the Millsap home over the Labor Day holidays were Harold Bayley of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mickey and daughter's Sharon and Mary Alice of Vancouver, Washington; Mrs. Fanny Ricks of San Diego, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Klecker and family of Stayton.

Mrs. Albert Millsap has returned home following a three weeks vacation spent in Portland at the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Millsap. During her stay, she was entertained at the home of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Watson and by many Portland friends, including Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bayley, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brophy, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson, Mrs. Dorothy Potter, formerly of Mill City and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Means have rented the former Melbourne Rambo home which they will occupy during the coming school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Rush and baby daughter, Diane, of Salem spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rush.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnhardt, who were married in Salem last Saturday were in Pasco, Washington at the home of his parents over the

Santiam Valley Grange Entertains Visitors at Meet

Santiam Valley Grange held their regular meeting at the hall Friday evening with Tony Moravec master presiding. The regular routine of business was carried out, and plans discussed for the festival which will be held at the Grange hall Saturday afternoon and evening, Sept. 23. They were surprised with a visitation from the Evening Star Grange from Crabtree with 16 members present, with the master Mr. Pollich giving a short talk.

During the lecturer's hour they put on the following program, "The most interesting thing I have done this summer"; song, "When You're Up, You're Up, and When You're Down, You're Down"; and a mock wedding skit.

There were two visitors from State Line Grange at Milton, Oregon and two from Promise Grange at Wallula Grange.

A pot luck lunch was served at the close of the evening.

MILL CITY

Robert Kliever of California is visiting at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kliever and son.

Attending the baseball game in Portland Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Epps, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Baltimore, Bob and Jim, H. Roberts, Thad Roberts, Lyle Fleetwood and Denny Marttala.

Visiting relatives at Rainier, Ore., and Klamath, Wash., Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Baltimore and sons and Lyle Fleetwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cree and family spent the weekend at Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cribbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Timm, Beverly and Virginia have returned from a weeks vacation trip which was spent touring interesting places in Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sheythe and sons spent the weekend at Crater Lake.

Mill City friends have received announcements of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Larson of Portland, Aug. 7. The little boy weighed 8 pounds 5 oz. and has been named Richard Owen Jr. Mrs. Larson is the former, Jackie Potter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lefe Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith from Washington were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mullins have moved into their home near the old Mill City manufacturing company mill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Veteto spent

weekend. Mrs. Barnhardt was formerly Miss Edna Miller of Mill City. The couple will make their home in Mill City upon their return.

Jerry Larson had as his guest this week, his cousin, Phillip Hayward of Empire, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. John LaHae have returned from their vacation which was spent at the coast. The LaHaes reside in the Oak Motel.

LaVern Inman was hostess to a group of her schoolmates, at her home, whom she invited to help her observe her birthday anniversary. Those attending were Marlin Cole, Carolyn Turnidge, Lorena Devine, Leslie Bemish, Birdie Larson, Jerry Larson, Allan Vail, Herbert Romey, Earl Henness, Phillip Hayward, Arthur Lake, Joan Ryal and Robert Lee.

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the Labor day weekend with relatives in Roseburg.

Mrs. Melbourne Rambo, Mrs. Don Downing and Mrs. Clayton Baltimore visited the Rebekah lodge at Lyons Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Henderson and Charles and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Colburn have been vacationing at Big Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Novak and children spent the Labor day holidays at the beach.

Paul Hansen and son fished at Marion lake Sunday and Monday.

Paul Vincent was in Mill City Saturday evening and Sunday. He reports his wife is improving and has had the cast removed from her leg and is now in a traction.

Mrs. Frank Novak attended funeral services in Scio for her grandfather last week.

Kirk Wirick and Tom Shelton will be in charge of the church services at the Christian church until a resident pastor can be secured.

Bill Shieman who is home on furlough from the armed forces called on his uncles and aunts, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bruder and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cline, Sunday. Shieman's home is in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Fournier, Donna and Carol moved to Portland Sunday.

Dinner guests Saturday evening at the Louis Rada home were Mr. and Mrs. John Holman and Mr. and Mrs.

Bill Caswell. Joining the group for an evening of Canasta were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bruder and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carey.

J. O. Herron has been moved to his home from the Salem Memorial hospital where he was taken following a logging accident. He is getting along satisfactorily.

Guests at the Arthur Kreiver home Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Al Feller and Fred and Mr. and Mrs. Hank Feller of Salem.

Mrs. Paul Hansen and children visited with relatives in Albany Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landro of Astoria spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Anna Swift.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kreiver and Betsy, Betty Lou Cree, and Miss Daisy Hendricson attended the state fair Monday.

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