

NLAB ORDERS POLLS AT TWO LUMBER MILLS

National Labor Relations board elections for employees of the Kesterson Lumber company and Tionesta, Calif., employees of the Shaw Lumber company have been ordered in decisions of the board stemming from recent hearings in Klamath Falls, it was announced Monday.

The announcement from Joe Boyd, AFL union representative, stated the elections must be held "as soon as possible, but not later than 30 days" from the date of the decisions. The decisions were dated March 6.

There have been two previous elections in Tionesta. In the first,

on June 4, 1940, the AFL union did not carry a majority against the "no-union" vote. On January 29, 1941, no winner resulted from a ballot carrying the AFL, CIO, and "no-union." The newly ordered election, called a runoff, will provide for only the CIO and AFL on the ballot.

The direction for election at Tionesta specifies the same employees eligible to vote on January 29 shall be eligible to vote in the runoff. Unions involved are the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union of America, Local 6-12 of Klamath Falls.

The Kesterson election direction orders that all workers employed during the payroll period immediately preceding the date of direction, which is March 6, and those ill, temporarily laid off, or absent due to military service, shall be eligible to vote.

The direction also orders that M. J. Beland shall be excluded as a supervisor and that C. F. Crowe, I. S. Hulbert, L. R. Tawney, J. B. Maxwell, and J. B. Henry shall be included. There was an issue at the hearing relative to the six names.

The Kesterson election shall be to determine whether either or neither the AFL Local No. 2649 or the CIO Local No. 6-12 shall represent Kesterson employees.

Mercury Hits Peak Sunday

The mercury soared to 63 degrees Sunday, warmest day since last October 20 when the thermometer registered 71 degrees.

With the past few days of almost summer warmth, flowers have started to make their appearances in Klamath Falls and first daffodils were reported blooming at the Oregon State highway department shops. Crocus and other early flowers have been out for the past 10 days. Forsythia and Japanese quince as well as other flowering shrubs are showing signs of early bloom.

Forecast for Tuesday was for fair weather.

Girl Missing From La Pine

Viva Rae Stearns, 19, was reported missing from La Pine, Ore. Saturday night by Floyd Mobley, a resident of the mountain town. Mobley said Miss Stearns made a trip to San Francisco three weeks ago and was apparently on her way back to La Pine when she disappeared. He said her suitcases were forwarded by bus a week ago from Klamath Falls, but that no word has been heard of the girl since.

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HOUSE PASSES SEMON'S BILL FOR SENATOR

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ate should be left up to the senate.

Those voting against the bill were Allen, Bradley, Brady, Braut, Bull, Cunha, Engdahl, Farrell, Hedlund, Helsler, Loneragan, McCourt, Neuberger, Steelhammer, Thiel and Wilson. Newberry was absent.

Pilot Killed As Plane Hits In Coos Bay

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 10 (AP)—An army pilot was killed outright in the crash landing of an A-17 attack plane, lost and fuelless, over Coos Bay last night. A companion escaped unhurt.

Major R. C. MacDonald, 47, of the 43rd air base group, Hamilton Field, Calif., apparently was killed by the impact of his head on the instrument panel as his plane landed in shallow water 30 feet from shore.

Lieut. J. J. Trauernicht, of the field artillery reserve, opened his cockpit cover and was thrown clear as the plane nosed over.

The men were en route from Salt Lake City to Hamilton field. Trauernicht said they became lost when the radio beam failed.

Major MacDonald, the pilot, crashed at 7:20 p. m. that he was preparing to bail out, but apparently the plane's gasoline supply became exhausted before he could reach an altitude great enough for a parachute jump.

Before landing, the ship dropped flares over Marshfield in an effort to light up a suitable landing place.

Coast guardsmen from the Coos Bay station reached the wreck scene, two miles north of the jetty, within a short time but it was not until 3 a. m. that they were able to get a line on the tail of the plane and raise it enough to cut through the wreckage and recover Major MacDonald's body.

More Pay Asked For Box Workers

EUGENE, Ore., March 10 (UP)—Kenneth Davis, Portland, secretary of the Northwest District Council of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, AFL, Saturday asked a program to bring box-workers' wages up to the level of other workers in the lumber industry.

He told 40 delegates from 17 union locals in Washington, Oregon and northern California that the box and shook industry has been the "step-child" of the lumber industry.

Rifle Association Man to Attend Sportsmen Meet

Lieutenant E. F. Sloan of the National Rifle association will be present at a meeting of the Klamath Sportsmen's association to be held tonight (Monday) at the Willard hotel. He will show wildlife and conservation pictures.

B. E. Hayden of the reclamation bureau will discuss other matters of interest to sportsmen, according to E. L. Myers, president of the association.

BEN F. MITCHELL INJURED IN FALL

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"get me out of here," was under great pain as his broken legs were dragged across the timbers.

He was put in the ambulance and rushed into town. At the hospital it was discovered one leg was broken in three places. The bone of the other leg had broken the skin. It was also feared his hip was broken. He was suffering seriously from shock.

Water in Shaft
Sheriff Low said the shaft into which Mitchell fell had been covered with 2x12 inch planks which apparently had weakened with time and could not support his weight.

About six feet of water was in the shaft, and had Mitchell fallen elsewhere than on top of the turbine, the sheriff believes he would not have been seriously hurt and could have climbed up the wall ladder.

However, the sheriff added, if he had fallen off the turbine and into the water after breaking his legs, he might have drowned.

The shaft was placed at the side of the dam to carry a stream of water through the turbine pump if the pump were needed in pumping water out of a sump below the dam, reclamation officials said.

As tribal secretary of the Klamath Indians, Mitchell has been prominent in the recent efforts to have a defense school located on the reservation and in other tribal enterprises.

Superintendent B. G. Courtwright announced from Klamath Agency that the Klamath Indian tribal loan board, of which Mitchell was chairman, would suspend operations for a few days until Mitchell could appoint someone to serve in his place temporarily.

Traffic Arrests Made in Weekend

Several traffic arrests were made over the weekend by state police, it was indicated on the justice court docket Monday.

Frank Ernest Hugo was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated on Shasta way. He took time to plead and posted bond. Other traffic arrests, with the charge, were: Richard G. Gentry, violation of basic rule; Clark W. Brown, no clearance lights; John Stern, no operator's license; Lester David Pierce, passing motor vehicle without 500 feet clear view; Dalton Blackwood Green, violation of basic rule.

W. N. Jessup was charged with indecent exposure.

All good that America can do can be done without sending men. And if Hitler wants America in the war, he has reason enough already. — Pierre de Lanux, French publicist.

Army regulars have been forbidden to use profanity to emphasize commands to conscripts. Meaning swear off, not often.

THEATRE ROOF COLLAPSES ON MEN; 16 HURT

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dying and most seriously injured.

Most of those trapped were in the theatre balcony, part of which collapsed under the weight of the snow-laden roof. Several were carried through the balcony floor, where rescuers hurriedly pulled away the floor timbers to free them.

The eye-witness, Cornelius T. Lyon, a Brockton Enterprise reporter who was standing on the stage of the burning theatre when the roof collapsed, said that two of the dead men, Fire Lieutenant John F. Carroll, 52, and Fireman William Murphy, 25, were among those he saw come through the balcony floor.

Fire Lieutenant John Buckley came tumbling through after them, but remained conscious and talked to his rescuers as they pulled him from the debris and rushed him to the hospital.

House Battle on New District Fails to Flare

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mining need under the old age pension law. The bills will be sent either to the revision of laws or judiciary committees.

A floor battle had been scheduled in which democratic leaders were to attempt to take the bills away from the ways and means committee.

Deficit

The committee recommended to the senate against passage of a bill providing that need shall be determined by subtracting outside income from the maximum legal pension. For instance, if a person earns \$15 a month, he would be entitled to a \$25 pension if funds were available, since the top limit is \$40.

The committee, which finished its work today leaving a \$449,403 deficit in the state's general fund, recommended that the senate defeat a bill authorizing the state, counties and cities to contract for health, life or accident insurance for their employees. It also recommended against a bill to provide an additional circuit judge for Multnomah county.

Unemployment Fund

The senate industries committee amended the house-approved unemployment compensation bill, the major amendment providing a floor for the unemployment compensation fund of \$9,300,000 and a filing of \$14,200,000. The fund now totals about \$11,000,000.

When the ceiling is reached, the payroll taxes on employers would vary from 1 to 2.7 per cent, instead of 1 to 4 per cent.

The ninth week of the session opened today, with legislators driving toward adjournment Thursday or Friday nights.

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Reconsiders

The house voted to reconsider the two per cent retail sales tax bill, defeated 31 to 28 Saturday, and then referred it to the taxation and revenue committee, which will decide whether the bill should be amended to provide that all its \$8,000,000 annual revenue should go either to property tax relief, or to old age pensions.

As the bill was written, 60 per cent of the revenue would be used for pensions, and 40 per cent for property tax relief.

The senate alcoholic control committee reported out without recommendation the house-approved bill to give the state liquor control commission the authority to regulate clubs in which drinks are mixed. It also made no recommendation on a bill to limit the sale of fortified wines to liquor stores.

FUNDS FOR BRITISH AID TO BE SOUGHT

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secretary, told reporters that he thought Mr. Roosevelt would sign the bill, passed by the senate last Saturday, "sometime Wednesday, unless we hit a snag not now foreseen."

Informed persons considered it probable that the vast supply of war materials made available to Britain by the bill would start moving across the Atlantic within a few days.

Early told reporters he thought the president might issue some announcement when the bill is signed but he did not know whether it would be a fireside chat.

First Appeal From Draft Filled With Director

SALEM, March 10 (AP)—The first appeal from a local draft board ruling was accepted Saturday by Lieut. Col. Elmer V. Wooton, state selective service director.

Wooton said the appeal was from Francis Joseph Murnane, Portland plywood worker and member of the CIO industrial union council, who asked occupational deferment on the ground his position was important to harmonious labor relations.

The director informed appeal board No. 3, Portland, which will hear the appeal, that Murnane failed to claim deferment in his selective service questionnaire after the expiration of the five-day appeal period, but asked reconsideration because of a change in his occupational status.

Murnane's local board, Multnomah No. 2, refused to grant him a personal appearance which he had requested on the basis of new evidence.

Wooton said that his acceptance of the appeal was no reflection on the local board.

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Mrs. R. B. Grey of 129 Hillside, told officers she was walking near the west side of the Main street underpass about 7:45 p. m. Sunday when two boys ran from behind a billboard sign and snatched her purse containing \$20. Later the purse was found in the SP railroad yards with between \$2 and \$4 in a small compartment.

Late Sunday night officers received a call from Mrs. Herbert Collins who had a similar experience with the youthful purse snatchers. Mrs. Collins was walking near the corner of Seventh street and Oak avenue when the boys ran from behind her, one on one side, one on the other. In the purse was \$7.80, Mrs. Collins said. Her description of the two tallied with that given officers by Mrs. Grey, including details of clothing.

Slayer Leaves Weapons Near Girl's Body

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had been fractured in several places and her throat severely slashed.

The hammer was left at the foot of the bed. The knife's seven-inch blade was sticking in earth outside the open window. There were mud tracks on the window sill. Tucked in a neck wound was a man's shirt, minus its collar.

In the backyard of a home 100 yards away, police found the missing section of flesh. There, too, was a pair of blood-stained cotton gloves.

Police laboratory tests showed that Miss Welsh, granddaughter of a pioneer Kansas City real estate man, had not been criminally assaulted. A close check of valuables discounted robbery as the motive.

Theatre Actor's Death Probed As Poison Found

PORTLAND, March 10 (AP)—Detective Sergeant Bill Browne said today that he was investigating the death of Arthur Driesner, 28-year-old Portland Civic theatre and radio actor, who died March 3.

Dr. Floyd F. South, Multnomah county coroner, referred the case to police after an autopsy showed Driesner died of an acute kidney ailment induced by mercury poison, Browne said.

Driesner first became ill Feb. 23.

"There are three possibilities," Dr. South said. "Either the death was a suicide, or it was a homicide, or it was accidental. So far, we have found nothing to substantiate any of these possibilities."

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