

John L. Lewis Faced With Two Front Battle In New Contract For Soft Coal

By HAROLD W. WARD
WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—John L. Lewis today faced prospects of a two-front battle in new contract negotiations with the soft coal operators.

The United Mine Workers' chief notified the owners yesterday he will be ready to start talking matters over May 15. At the same time he received notice from the Southern Coal Producers association that it also wants to discuss a new pact to replace the one expiring June 30.

Although the southern group was included in the agreement signed

last year, it did not take part as a group in the negotiations. Lewis contested the right of Joseph E. Moody, head of the Dixie organization, to sit in on talks dealing with the disputed mine pension fund.

Court Looms
If Lewis challenges the right of the association to bargain for the 14 big groups in the rich southern fields, he may be in for more court appearances.

Moody already has filed a complaint with the national labor relations board, charging Lewis with an unfair labor practice by refusing to bargain with him on the pension fund.

The Lewis-Moody conflict dates back to the court order issued April 3 by Judge Matthew F. McGuire against the mine strike then in progress. The judge also ordered union and operator representatives to negotiate on the pension fund.

Lewis was charged with refusal to obey the strike-halt order and a contempt of court fine totaling \$142,000 was imposed on him and the UMW. However, he did send union representatives to talk over the pension fund with the operator group.

Lewis has given no indication of which his contract demands will be, but the operators expect him to ask for a wage boost and other concessions—including an increase in the 10-cent tonnage royalty to finance the proposed pensions.

Stassen Expert On Rifle Range

Harold Stassen of Minnesota, GOP aspirant for the job of being president of the United States, is a sharpshooter in more ways than politically.

For three years (1924-25-26) as an undergraduate at the University of Minnesota Stassen was a member of the Gopher rifle team and he hung up a rifle record that still stands.

Stassen once fired a 396 out of a possible 400 points on the target range, shooting from four positions.

New Team Takes ABC Keg Margin

DETROIT, May 1 (AP)—The American bowling congress 45th annual tournament had a new team leader today after Washington Shirts of Chicago pushed its way to the top with 3007.

Members of the Windy City team which noosed out Cavaliers of Cleveland by a five-pin margin will be gunning for more laurels in minor events today.

They opened their team scoring with a terrific 1056 series, then slipped to 994 and 957. The Ohio quintet has led since March 26 with 3002.

PROBLEM
WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—Ways to prevent transfer of a reserve merchant fleet from Puget sound to a mooring basin near Astoria, Ore., were studied yesterday by the Washington congressional delegation. It contends the move would deprive Puget sound shipyards of repair work.

Boyle's Column

"The Badger" Is A Poor But Very Satisfied Man

By HAL BOYLE

CUSTER, S. D., May 1 (AP)—Badger Clark, a bearded poet-philosopher of the Black Hills, has never let love, mankind or money stand between him and his life's aim—a quiet quest for God.

"I don't suppose any man in the state has a smaller income than I do—or worries about it less," remarked South Dakota's official poet laureate—a title that costs the taxpayers nothing as he gets no pay.

"The Badger" is a tall, distinguished man with a Van Dyke beard who wears a flowing green necktie, forest green jacket, whipcord breeches and polished riding boots. For 25 years he has lived alone and liked it in a "cabin with four rooms and a path" he largely built himself in the Custer state park. He pays \$10 a year ground rent and hasn't held a steady job

for 43 years—since he was 22.

Hermit Life
"I escaped early," he smiled. He told me of his semi-hermit life as he lounged in the state game lodge, Calvin Coolidge's summer White House in 1927, after dining on tender but rough-grained buffalo steaks.

His cabin is known as "Badger hole," and he has the neighbors he wants—buffalo, deer and birds. He feeds all he can with his small income.

The birds make a cloud about my head when I step outside," he said.

Badger has written some 200 poems and 300 short stories. He is a kind of western-style Rudyard Kipling and at least two of his "verses"—as he prefers to call them—have become national anthologies. They are "The Job" and "The Cowboy's Prayer."

His books have brought him little money, however, and for many years he said he had been earning his way "by my jaw." By this he meant the speeches he makes to banquets, women's clubs and high school and college groups. He doesn't seek out these engagements. People come to him.

Dislikes Cities
The "Badger" likes individual people but dislikes cities. He goes to town only once every two weeks to buy supplies and stays only a couple of hours.

"I have given up many things—fatherhood, society, financial success. But I enjoy my life to the limit. What am I looking for? I suppose it is God. What else? There are times when I would like to be with people—with my friends—but I am never really lonely. Life is a habit. And I feel I am the happiest man in the Black Hills."

Clark at 65 is still a handsome man. I asked him why he had never married.

"I am very frank about my income," he smiled. "That does the trick."

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Yainax, in the vicinity of modern-day Sprague River, in early times a sub-agency of the Klamath Indian reservation, and pictured on this page is the large Indian school that used to operate there.

The picture is the property of Clyde Brandenburg, former Klamath Falls postmaster. Clyde's father, J. W. Brandenburg, was sub-agent and principal of the school when the picture was made in 1889 or thereabouts. The elder Brandenburg began his tenure at Yainax in 1887 and it lasted for several years.

In the earlier years after the establishment of the reservation, schools

were operated on the reservation for Indian children. In the past 20 years or so, the Indian children have attended regular public schools, and currently there is an issue as to whether government or Indian funds should be allotted to Klamath county to help meet the expense of education of Indian children.

The old school at Yainax was abandoned many years ago, and most buildings have disappeared. Yainax, which before the white man came was said to be the scene of great Indian fairs, is no longer a point of any importance on the reservation.

departments of International Harvester and Swift and company in Chicago, and General Motors in Detroit.

Grallapp stressed the need for coordinating high school studies to enable young people to take advantage of opportunities in industry. Harold Ashley was chairman of the day.

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Grallapp talked to the club on the Free Enterprise System, based on his recent trip and conferences of educators at the nation's leading industrial plants.

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Population Growth Seen

Population in the Pacific Northwest will double in 10 years and redouble in the following ten. This prediction was relayed to members of the Rotary club Friday by Arnold Grallapp from information given him at the research laboratories of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company in New York city recently.

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Some Political Gleanings

By HALE SCARBROUGH

After having operated for months a hip-pocket campaign for nomination to the office he already holds, Gov. John Hall finally has gotten himself an organization. Here in Klamath county L. L. Lombard, the auto dealer, is chairman of the Hall for Governor committee, and Ed Bell, Main street hardware dealer, is secretary.

Over in Lakeview Larry Fitzgerald is handling things for Hall. His state chairman is Alex Barry of Portland, state legislator and former member of the liquor control board.

While down here some time ago, Hall was asked who he was going to have as his campaign manager and the governor asked:

"Do you think I really need one?"

The answer was forcefully and unapologetically affirmative.

So he got one.

Wally Moss, democratic candidate for sheriff, is back in town after a long siege in local and Portland hospitals and reports he is feeling okay again. . . . Wally suffered a broken back and what medical people term "numerous bruises and contusions" in an auto accident several months ago, and was well plaster-casted when he decided to run for sheriff. . . .

Backers of Tom Dewey are busily making plans for the New York governor's rally into Oregon after the elusive Oregon vote next month, and have completed a detailed itinerary down to Corvallis. . . . Date for Dewey in Corvallis is May 4. . . .

A telegram received by Ernie MacBeth of the local Young Republicans announced that Dewey will arrive in Klamath Falls by chartered bus on Saturday, May 8.

To realize how completely out of focus this GOP presidential campaign is getting, remember that Oregon has only 12 delegates to the republican national convention, normally not enough (compared to the herds afforded by such states as New York, Pennsylvania and California) to cut sufficient ice to cool a highball. . . .

But Dewey and Stassen are tangling for the Oregon favor as if it would give the winner permanent possession of the atomic bomb. The reason of course, is that Oregon's May 21 primary comes strategically just before the GOP delegates from all over convene in Philadelphia to choose their flag-bearer. . . .

Cottage Fire Kills Woman
OREGON CITY, May 1 (AP)—Fire destroyed a small cottage at nearby Gladstone yesterday and claimed the life of Mrs. Josephine Logsdown, 28.

Police said the woman, who lived alone, apparently fell asleep while smoking in bed, awoke to find the room in flames, and stumbled into the bathroom where smoke overcame her.

She was found unconscious in the bathtub and died shortly.

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