

High Court Shuns Fair Trade Test

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court Monday rejected a challenge to validity of the federal "fair trade" laws of 45 states. The act permits manufacturers to specify the retail prices at which their products are to be sold in each of 45 states. They may do so if a single retailer in a state signs a pricing agreement. It then is made binding on all other retailers in the state, including those who do not sign. All of the states except Texas, Missouri, Vermont and the District of Columbia have "fair trade" laws. The constitutionality of the McGuire act, as well as the Louisiana "fair trade" law, was attacked by

Schwegmann Brothers Giant Super Market of New Orleans. Schwegmann appealed to the high court after the U.S. District Court in New Orleans ordered him to sell insulin made by Eli Lilly and Co. at the state "fair trade" price of \$2.83. Schwegmann had been selling for 75 cents less. The U.S. Circuit Court in New Orleans in upholding the District Court said both the Louisiana "fair trade" law and the McGuire act were constitutional. Schwegmann's appeal contended: "This decision will have an immediate and continuing effect on the millions of consumers in fair trade states, who today are paying more for the goods they buy than they would pay for the goods in a

free competitive market. Fair trade strikes at distinctively American ideas: The Sherman act philosophy of competition as essential to democracy; the little man's faith in individual initiative; the American ideal of continually rising standards of living achieved by merchandising to consumers; the written constitution as a shield against overreaching legislation." President Truman signed the McGuire act in July 1952 and many law suits followed in lower courts. In them, manufacturers asked injunctions compelling non-signing retailers to sell at "fair trade" prices. Monday's court session produced no opinions, only a list of orders disposing of cases appealed to the tribunal. Of 51 cases, the court agreed to hear arguments on only one, involving a technical immigration question. Chief Justice Warren took part in most of the deliberations during the week.

Merrill Woman At Dedication

MERRILL —Mrs. E. E. (Iva) Kilpatrick, Merrill, president of the Oregon Home Economics Council presided at the program on the Oregon State campus, Oct. 18 when Azalea House, recently finished residence for women, was dedicated. The cooperative dormitory, now having 68 residents, was built through the work of Oregon's 15,000 extension unit members and was turned over to the state board of higher education following the dedication. The service was held in the auditorium of the home economics building. Mrs. Norman Lunde, Troutdale, presented the building to school officials on behalf of the board of trustees. Other board members are Mrs. W. Stanley Coates, Tillamook; Mrs. Kenneth McCormack, Florence; Mrs. John Rawls, Grants Pass; Mrs. Loren Tucker, LaGrande; and Mrs. Mabel Mack, OSC advisor. Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge, president of the state board of higher education, accepted the new building. The house has been open since the beginning of the fall term. Women living there are selected by committees in the various counties in the state on the basis of scholarship, activities and need. Klamath County's two residents are Margaret Scala and Reina Hurlbut. Going north from here with Mrs. Kilpatrick were Mrs. Lee Holliday, Mrs. Claude Williams, Mrs. Ida Scala and Mrs. R. E. Hurlbut, the last two, mothers of the Klamath girl residents.

Church Women Plan Oct. 31 'Friendly Beggars' Night

"Friendly Beggars Night," they will cooperate and other planned for Halloween by the Klamath County schools are considering following the plan. The children may accept sewing materials, soap and children's clothing and deliver to a neighborhood party, to be collected later by a member of the Church Council, or the contributions may be taken to the Congregational church, Monday, Nov. 2, to be packed for sending to the AFSC. Red and black stickers to paste on sacks for the collections are to be distributed through the churches and will signify that the young caller is interested in helping others. Anyone interested in obtaining stickers for neighborhood children may call Mrs. Earl Redman, president of the Council of Church Women, 6780, of Mrs. Kenneth Lambie, 8050. This year the committee hopes that mothers will give parties for groups of neighborhood "Friendly Beggars," according to Mrs. Lambie. The YMCA and the Klamath Recreation Dept., have prepared an interesting and excellent booklet on "Suggestions for Halloween Fun." These books are free to anyone calling for them at the YMCA or the Recreation Dept., in the City Hall. Peterson and Altamont elementary schools have indicated that

County Health Council Sought

The Women's Committee of the Klamath County Farm Bureau has invited the Klamath County Home Extension Committee to co-sponsor a meeting Oct. 29, to be held in the lecture room of the exhibit building at the Klamath County grounds in the interest of organization of a Klamath County Health Council. Time of the meeting will be 8 p.m. Expected for the meeting are Dr. Richard Wilcox, Oregon State

Board of Health, and Mrs. James Luxford, representative on the Oregon Rural Health Council of the Oregon Farm Bureau and Margaret Warner, new extension health specialist. The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation has had an active health committee, whose prime interest has been improving the health of farm families but since the health of neighbors and communities is also of interest, the scope of the program should be extended beyond the farm, according to Mrs. E. G. Kerns, health chairman, Klamath County Farm Bureau. Mrs. William Drew, is chairman of the County Home Extension Health Committee. It is hoped to bring together, medical, allied professional and interested lay groups at this meeting. If organization of a Health Council is effected, officers will be elected at the Oct. 29 meeting.

Fair Trade Overturn Decision Not Final

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court has refused to act on the first attack on the new federal "fair trade" law for each it, but this does not necessarily mean the door has been closed to more challenges. It does mean that the decision by a U. S. District Court in New Orleans upholding the law will stand unless there is an adverse ruling later. The law allows manufacturers, by agreement with retailers, to set prices at which products will be sold to consumers in the 45 states which have "fair trade" laws. Even if signed by only one retailer in a state, the agreement is made binding on all other dealers in that state—including those who refused to sign. Schwegmann Brothers Giant Super Market of New Orleans challenged constitutionality of the law in a petition which the Supreme Court rejected yesterday. Last week the court refused to consider an appeal from a ruling of the Georgia Supreme Court that the state's trade law was illegal. Schwegmann had petitioned the high tribunal to overrule federal courts in New Orleans which ordered the market to sell Eli Lilly and Co. insulin at the state "fair trade" price of \$2.83. Schwegmann, a nonsigner, had sold the product for \$2.08. The Supreme Court has said in connection with similar actions in the past that such a rejection of an appeal has no conclusive legal significance. The rejection lets a lower court's decision stand at least for the time being as the law within its own jurisdiction. But it does not declare approval of anything said by lower courts in support of their decision.

Briber Refused \$600 From Cops

BARTOW, Fla. (AP)—After serving a sentence for bribery, Emmet Caraker went to court in an attempt to get back \$600 he said he paid two officers in the belief he was buying protection for his numbers racket. His lawyer argued in vain that the contract was not binding because the officers did not live up to the bargain, and consequently the money should be returned. Judge Roy H. Amidon turned down the request. The money has been handed over to the state.

N. J. Beland, 61, Dies In Sacramento

Napoleon J. Beland, 61, longtime resident of Klamath Falls before he left about 1948 to make his home in Sacramento, died in that city, Oct. 17 following a short illness from pneumonia. He was employed here for many years by the Kesterson Lumber Co. and more recently as a watchman by the Southern Pacific Railway. His wife Clara died in Klamath Falls about a year ago. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Addington, Klamath Falls, Mrs. Louise Henry, Sacramento; two brothers, Robert, Klamath Falls and Joseph Beland, Los Angeles; a sister, Mrs. Mary LaCombe, Marinette, Wis.; also seven grandchildren. Funeral services will be held here, 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 24, with Ward's Funeral Home in charge. The service will be in charge of the FOE, 2090, Klamath Falls, final rites and commitment will be in Klamath Memorial Park.

PTA Instruction School Thursday

Three State officers of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers will be in Klamath Falls Thursday, Oct. 22, to conduct a school of instruction for everyone interested in PTA. The school will be conducted at the YMCA from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and is designed to coordinate plans of work for committee chairmen, to review policies and programs, and to give concrete help to local officers through demonstrations and question and answer sessions. State officers Mrs. Helmer Lindstrom, president, Mrs. J. W. Sigsbee, vice president; Mrs. A. V. Finridge, recording secretary, will be assisted by the following Klamath Falls members: Mrs. Eagan Moore, Klamath County president; Mrs. Eldred Hansen, state regional vice president of Klamath and Lake counties; Mrs. Earl Sheridan, state parliamentarian; Mrs. Gordon Loomis, state room representative and hospital-ity chairman. The objects of PTA are to improve conditions and welfare of children in home, school, church and community by projects, programs, and laws on the local, state and national level. Everyone interested in these objects is welcome to attend the school of instruction.

Tug Sinks In Victoria Harbor

VICTORIA, B.C. (AP)—The tug Salvage King sank in Victoria harbor Monday after firemen had poured thousands of tons of water aboard to quench a stubborn fire. Firemen said a bulkhead exploded under pressure of the water, flooding the engine room, and the by her superstructure above the surface. The \$750,000 tug, used by the Pacific Salvage Co. in many British Columbia salvage operations, caught fire while at her berth early Monday. Cause of the fire was not determined. Company officials said principal damage was in the flooded engine room. Fire damage was not expected to be heavy. Three crewmen escaped without injury.

Congress PTA Slides of Birds and a Talk on Wildlife

Slides of birds and a talk on wildlife will be given by J. L. O'Donahue at a meeting of the Conger PTA in the school auditorium, Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m., as highlight of an interesting program. Child care will be provided. Seventh graders will serve refreshments. Mrs. Madeline Swaney, room mother, will be hostess.

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