

U. S. CHAMBER AGRICULTURAL LEADERS VISIT

The Klamath basin's big agricultural district was viewed with interest Thursday by Delos James, manager of the agricultural department of the United States chamber of commerce. Following a trip over the district, James met for a round-table discussion with grangers and others interested in the farming business in this territory.

Ed Geary, director in charge of agricultural activities of the Klamath county chamber of commerce, was in charge of the meeting and accompanied James on the trip. Secretary Earl C. Reynolds and County Agent C. A. Henderson were others in the car.

The United States chamber official was taken to Wocus marsh, north of Klamath Falls, and then through the reclamation project south and east of Klamath Falls. Weather conditions were ideal for the trip and the local men said the visitor appeared very favorably impressed.

At the round table discussion, James gave information on the national agricultural outlook as he sees it from the vantage point of his position in the United States chamber. He also asked questions about the local farm and livestock situation and sought opinions on general agricultural problems.

California to Need More Men For Plane Shops

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 20 (UP)—California already has received \$1,600,000 in defense contracts and will need approximately 75,000 men to add to the aircraft industry and 50,000 to the shipbuilding industry within the next six months, R. G. Wagenet, director of the state department of employment, revealed today.

Wagenet returned from conferences in Washington to announce that there was a national campaign to register at public employment service offices all of the skilled workers in the nation in the airplane, shipbuilding and metal trades industries.

The director said there is a distinct feeling there are large numbers of men in the nation who have valuable and extensive experience along these lines, who are now engaged in other occupations, or perhaps have retired altogether.

He added: "Many persons are not working at their full skills, and all of this group are urged to register with the employment service office."

"It should be understood, of course, that registration does not mean an immediate job—the purpose of the campaign is to advise government officials how many skilled workers are available, and the skills in which they are able to work, so that they may be called upon at a later date if needed."

Wagenet said that 12,000 men in California are undergoing special training for defense industry work, mostly in the aircraft industry.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., (AP)—Bad weather handicapped the St. Louis Browns so much that Manager Fred Haney has given up hope of getting his entire pitching staff in shape for the opening of the American league season and has singled out Elden Auker, Vernon Kennedy, John Niggeling, Fritz Ostermueller and Jack Kramer for steady work.

SIDE GLANCES



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"Fake Holdup" Described in Redding Case

REDDING, Calif., March 20 (AP)—Details of a "fake holdup" in which records of the Construction and General Laborers union (AFL) were stolen in an alleged attempt to cover up a shortage of funds, were made known here at the trial of two union men charged with conspiracy to commit grand theft of union funds.

Defendants were E. H. McAfee, business agent of the union, and his brother, Willis McAfee, former business agent.

Richard Brennan, president of the union and "victim" of the holdup, testified that he had left union hall here last Oct. 23 with brief case containing money, checks and union record books.

He said a man with a gun got in his car, forced him to drive out of town and took the brief case and car.

The union official said he later recognized the voice of Lyle Ross, a laborer who had come to union hall, as that of the man who robbed him. He said he had Ross arrested.

The next witness was Ross, who told of going to the hall last July seeking employment and getting acquainted with Willis McAfee, who "suggested the framed robbery of Brennan."

Ross quoted Willis McAfee as saying union officials in San Francisco wanted to examine the record books because all expenditures could not be accounted for. There was a reported shortage of \$3000 in picketing funds.

In agreeing to rob Brennan, Ross said Willis McAfee promised to "arrange it" and see that he got \$200 for the holdup. Ross then related how he climbed in Brennan's car in front of union hall on Oct. 23 and drove out of town with him. He said he left Brennan afoot and drove back with the brief case, which contained some cash, checks and record books.

Ross said he kept the cash and turned the checks and record books over to Willis McAfee. He said E. H. McAfee later made him a shop steward.

In a previous confession, Ross said E. H. McAfee tried to induce him to commit another holdup later.

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—Strong Man Lou Novikoff still is the weak sister of the Chicago Cubs' batting order. So far he has made three hits in 23 times at bat.

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