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Union Leaders Explain Side In Controversy

One Speaker Declares Employers Are in League with Federation; Carpenters Policies Rapped

Dictatorial policies of the A. F. of L. were denounced in a public meeting of Lumber and Sawmill Workers union 37 in the Washington grade school auditorium Wednesday night. The speakers were Lyman Wax of Vernonia, Don Helmick of Portland, international organizer for the I. W. A., John Brost of Portland, president of the Longshoremen's local, and E. B. O'Grady of Portland, C. I. O. organizer. They were introduced by Via Ennis, president of the Vernonia local.

Mr. Wax gave a history of the controversy from the time of the organization of the timber workers in 1933 under direct charter from the A. F. of L. When enough members were gained to make the per capita tax worth going after the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners applied to the A. F. of L. for jurisdictional rights over the new union, and they were granted without any reference to the men themselves. From the first, he maintained, there was no cooperation; in fact a decided lack of it, as in the Seaside affair and in handling lumber "so hot they had to wear asbestos gloves to touch it." In the Florida convention of the carpenters and joiners delegates sent from the lumber workers were not allowed to sit with the rest of the delegates and were completely ignored despite a motion before the house to seat them, he declared. The lumber workers' fight was for the same principle as the men of the Boston tea party fought for, he maintained.

Employers Rapped

Mr. Helmick declared that the fight of the A. F. of L. against the sawmill workers had been shifted from Tacoma to Portland as a center. The owners of the Portland mills and the A. F. of L. make good bedfellows, he asserted. The employers closed the plants upon the appearance of a single picket, and in two instances shut down even before the pickets had a chance to get there. Reopening was merely a maneuver, he insisted. The day after the plants reopened goon squads, consisting not of workingmen but hired thugs, caused trouble, and both the city police and the state police failed to protect the men who had gone back to work. The I. W. A. furnished the protection, opening channels for fuel deliveries and the towing of rafts, but the mills closed down.

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Education Week Is To Be Observed

American Education week will be observed next week in Vernonia. The grade and high schools will hold open house Friday. All parents and friends are invited to visit and attend classes. At 2:30 there will be a joint program in the grade school auditorium. Patriotic numbers will be presented by the orchestra and the boys' trio, and the American Legion will cooperate by providing speakers.

Veterans Sons Unit Is Plan Of Local Post

At the American Legion meeting Monday night the post decided to organize a Sons of Veterans squadron in Vernonia, as this is in line with the program to further youth's activities.

The subject came up of a sidewalk up O.-A. hill and it was the opinion of all present that there should be one built. Thompson, Zeiner and Tousley were appointed by Commander Lincoln to investigate this project and see if it could not be done.

The house committee was instructed to build one indoor rifle range and procure a stove to heat the building.

The Legion decided to have a turkey shoot before Thanksgiving.

The entire membership present stood in silence for their departed Comrade Estey.

The Legion will furnish speakers at the school Armistice day and ask all who can to put in an Armistice window.

DAVE MARSHALL HURT BY FALL FROM STEPS

Dave Marshall suffered several fractured ribs when he fell one night early this week where boards had been removed from the O.-A. hill steps by Halloween pranksters. Although his injuries are painful, they are not serious, and Mr. Marshall was able to continue his work after being taped up.

numerical strength to effect any boycott," Mr. Helmick declared. "130,000 carpenters out of 130 million of people with many builders among them can't tie up the lumber industry."

Longshoreman Backs I. W. A.

Mr. Brost expressed the appreciation of the longshoremen for the assistance rendered by the Vernonia lumber workers during the water front strike, and pledged the support of his organization. "We're backing you in this fight because it means democracy for the worker," he stated.

Picket lines placed by the

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Auxiliary Is Planning for Armistice Day

Plans for observing Armistice day were heard at the meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary held Monday evening in the Legion hall. Following an annual custom a pot luck dinner for world war veterans, their wives and families, will be served on November 11. The dinner will be given in the Masonic temple at 6:30 with Mrs. George Vosnick and Mrs. J. L. Timmons in charge. Assisting them will be the following committees: dinner, Mrs. John Luther, Mrs. Harry Culbertson, Mrs. H. E. McGraw; decorating, Mrs. Phil Peterson, Mrs. E. S. Thompson, Mrs. Jack Nance, Mrs. J. W. Nichols; serving, Mrs. J. L. Timmons; entertainment, Mrs. W. R. Hammack; clean-up, Mrs. Mike Ludwig, Mrs. Clyde McDonald and Mrs. Harry Kerns.

Those planning to attend the dinner and who have not already been reached by the committee are asked to bring cakes, pies or salads, Mrs. Vosnick states.

Mrs. Cummings, president, presided at the session and used for the first time a gavel made and presented to the Auxiliary by Richard Comstock.

A contribution to the state child welfare and Christmas cheer fund were voted by the members.

Following the meeting a pie social was held with Happy Thompson acting as auctioneer. Games were enjoyed and Mrs. Charlie Biggs and L. Boeck were winners in a guessing contest. Several visitors were present.

Navy plates won by the unit last year were presented to Mrs. E. S. Thompson and to Mrs. H. E. McGraw.

Feathers . . . and . . . Talons

A four pound potato grown by Chas Uhlin has joined Al Webb's nine-tailed carrot on display in the Eagle office. When they grow vegetables in Trehanne they grow them.

SEEN AND HEARD

A bridge closed - detour sign left by pranksters across from the high school . . . Union members and a helpful little girl placing chairs on the floor of the grade auditorium just before the public meeting, and the audience sticking to the bleachers . . . Profound silence when Via Ennis invited any A.F. of L. spokesman to speak up . . . Real excitement promised, but not realized, when Via told about the goons in our peaceful mist.

Supt. E. H. Condit Begins Duties Here

E. H. Condit, new superintendent of the Vernonia grade schools, began his duties Monday. No changes were made in the staff, and only a minor adjustment in schedule. Children are now being dismissed slightly before noon, so that they can be across the street before cars of mill employes on their way home to lunch reach the crossing.

EIGHTH GRADE WINS FIRST IN PAPER DRIVE

The 8 - I class of the Washington grade school won the prize in the recent paper drive, gathering 3,932 pounds. The 7 - G class was second with 3,710 pounds, and the 5 - C class third with 1,534. In all 13,749 pounds were collected.

The first prize was a free ticket to each member of the class into the liquid air show to be given next week, and the second prize 1 cent each, donated by Mr. Slawson.

BUSH'S CAFE OBTAINS BEER LICENSE AFTER REOPENING

Bush's cafe, now operated by Mrs. Zelma Bush and John Collins, has secured a beer license, states Mr. Collins. The cafe enjoys a high reputation for the quality of its short orders and lunches.

Junior Band Gives First of Solo Series

The Vernonia junior band held the first of a series of five solo night programs in the little auditorium of the Washington grade school Monday night. Thirty-five of the 45 members of the band were present as well as a large number of parents and friends.

Philip Millis, Jr., was master of ceremonies. Joy Willard played a trumpet solo, "The First Time I Saw You"; Shirley Turkington, trumpet solo, "Power in the Blood"; Kyoko Kuge, saxophone solo, "Love's Old Sweet Song"; Bobbie Silvis, trumpet solo, "Flow Gently Sweet Afton"; Elsie Duncan and Velva Heath, maliphone duet, "Loves Way - Waltz"; Patricia Pemble, clarinet solo, "Springtime in the Rockies"; Bonnie Arner and Lorraine Roberts, saxophone duet, "The One Rose"; Dorothy Millis, saxophone solo, "Tag"; Zelma Shipley, trumpet solo, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart"; Marjorie Silvis, clarinet solo, "Blue Bells of Scotland"; Alvin Lachine, drum solo, "Legion Drummer"; Jane Watts, accordion solo, "Under the Double Eagle" and "Blue Hawaii"; Ray Beeler directed the 5-piece Camp 8 band in "Organ Melody."

The programs are given on the first Monday of each month, and are open to the public.

E. R. Estey, 48 Dies Saturday In Portland

Was Camp Superintendent of O.-A. Since 1929, Continuously in Service During Shut Down

Elbridge Raymond Estey, 48, camp superintendent of the Oregon-American Lumber corporation, died Saturday in Portland. Services were held in that city Tuesday.

Mr. Estey was born near Kelso, Wash., Dec. 7, 1888, and was married to Alice Grace Benedict in 1913. In 1923 he entered the employ of the Oregon-American Lumber Co., as a hook tender. Later he became camp foreman, and in 1929 was promoted to camp superintendent. He held this position continuously, remaining in Camp McGregor during the shutdown. He was a man of powerful physique, and until a year ago scarcely knew what illness was. He spent some time in the hospital at that time, and was forced to return there a few weeks ago.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Kelso since 1914, and of the Vernonia post of the American Legion. During the war he served overseas.

Surviving are his widow, one daughter, Doris Rae Estey, four sisters and one brother.

Rev. H. R. Scheuerman, pastor of the Vernonia Evangelical church, officiated at the services in the Holman and Lutz Colonial chapel. Virgil Day was soloist, singing "Sunrise" and "Twenty-third Psalm." A large number of Vernonia people attended. Interment was in the Portland Crematorium and Mausoleum.

High School Plans Carnival

The high school student council at its luncheon meeting Tuesday noon made plans for a carnival to be held Friday, Nov. 19. Particulars will appear in next week's issue.

ROAD MEETING, ELECTION SCHEDULED TOMORROW

The meeting to consider a special tax for Road District 16 will be held at 10 a. m. tomorrow in the city hall, and the election on proposed amendments to the city charter exceeding the 6 per cent limitation on the budget from 1 to 8 p. m.

F. R. OLIN SHOWS CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTH

F. R. Olin, president of the Oregon-American Lumber corporation, who is confined to St. Vincents hospital, is gradually getting better. At present he sits up about an hour a day. It is expected that he will be able to return home by the latter part of next week.