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TRUMAN IN "HOT SPOT"

The "little friend of labor" has drawn the ire of labor leaders because as president of the United States he has insisted that the country's economic system be kept in operation. President Truman "cracked down" on the railroad unions and is now emphasizing that the maritime strike, scheduled for June 15, be avoided. During his senate career, Truman was known as the friend of labor and he was a great help to the laboring man. However, when the welfare of the country was threatened with dire results as the result of the railroad strike he acted with firmness. That firmness has cost him favor with the labor unions, but has increased his prestige with other classes of society. What effect his action in the railroad strike will have on chances in 1948 is not clear at this time, but

perhaps time will reduce the anger of the railroad brotherhood leadership. Most certainly, however, his recent tactics will have a decided effect on his political aspirations and probably those of the democratic party in 1948 and in the election this fall.

Yergensen with Company 8 Years

Elden J. Yergensen, manager of the Owyhee Truck and Implement company, which will open its new building at Fourth and Main streets to the public Saturday, has been associated with the International Harvester company for eight years. Yergensen was manager of the McCormick-Deering store in Ririe, Idaho prior to entering the army in 1943. He served in the army until October, 1945 and came to Nyssa soon afterwards. Yergensen served overseas in five different countries. Mr. and Mrs. Yergensen and two children moved to Nyssa from Salt Lake City early last winter and purchased the residence of Mrs. John Barkel, where they are now living. Since last fall Mr. Yergensen has been operating the Owyhee Truck and Implement company business in Freeman's machine shop.

SEED POTATOES TO BE CERTIFIED HERE

Certification of seed potatoes will be carried out in Malheur county this year, according to word received from J. R. McCambridge, extension specialist in seed certification. This will be the first year that a complete potato certification program has been in effect in this county. Eleven growers qualified for war approved seed in 1945. Due to the long hot growing seasons in Malheur county, some virus disease develops but does not show up in the potato plants. For this reason samples from the crops will be taken and grown out during the winter at Oceanside California. Then plots are usually checked for disease in February. Potatoes qualifying for certification will be tagged as soon as the plots are checked for disease. Applications and certification rules are available at the county agent's office, according to Leeds Bailey, assistant county agent in charge of seed certification.

ONTARIO REVIVAL MEETING OPENED

The revival meeting, which has been advertised for several weeks, began Sunday night in a tent next to the Church of Christ in Ontario. The Alber Evangelistic party conducting the meeting consists of Raymond L. Alber, evangelist, soloist and song leader, Mrs. Alber, who is the children's specialist, making "rag pictures" and pantomimes, and Howard T. House, gospel song pianist and crayon artist. The services begin each night with



Saddles

Casper, Wyo., boasts a saddle maker who has been at the business for forty years in that city. He knows his trade, a fact not hard to prove. You see there are a great many people in his state who know a good saddle when they see one and a saddle maker has to be good to stay in business long in Wyoming. Not many days ago I dropped into his shop and got introduced. I was a prospective customer. We need a couple of good saddles at the Harding College stable and had shopped close to home with no success. To my astonishment the Casper saddler was no better able to supply our needs than those in Memphis or Little Rock. He was able, however, to give me some facts I had not learned before from any of the saddle stores visited earlier.

Saddletrees Scarce.

A good saddle is built on a wooden frame called a tree, much as a shoe is built on a wooden last, except that the tree is built into the saddle and becomes a permanent part of it. Saddletrees are made by men of a highly specialized craft. Trees have to be shaped right, no bulkier and no heavier than strength and design require. Men able to do such things with wood are by no means common. During the war Uncle Sam needed skillful saddletree men in the construction of gliders. "The government employed most of them at about \$160 a week," the saddler declared. Good saddles, not being made any more, might have skyrocketed in price but the Office of Price Administration fixed a ceiling to stop it. Stocks of new saddles soon were bought up by users at ceiling prices.

But the War Is Over

Now the glider business is slack. Wonders have been done with gliders and they are not being forgotten, but fewer are being built. Unemployed saddletree men would like to start building saddletrees again—there's quite a demand. Living costs have built up, however, and they think they ought to have \$120 a week. That's \$6,000 a year and 25% under their defense-plant scale of pay. Saddle manufacturers, like the one in Casper, want trees because—no trees, no saddles. They are willing to pay tree builders \$120 a week and wouldn't kick a bit if saddles might be sold at prices they would easily bring. I guess there are thousands of customers besides me who are ready to pay more for a saddle than it would have cost in the months immediately before the war.

Ceiling Lingers On

"If today I engaged a good tree builder," said the Wyoming saddler, "paid him \$120 a week in return for his best services and most competent work, and then sold the total product at ceiling prices, it would pay about three-fourths of the wages of the man who made the tree." Obviously it is out of balance. Craftsmen, manufacturers, dealers and users are all waiting for ceilings to lift. The saddle business is not large when you contrast it to automobiles and railroads, but it is no isolated case. Many small business men are smothering for sales that are tied up by O.P.A. Small plants, employing less than 1,000 men, provide jobs for 78% of industrial workers. Carried too far, this price policy can bring panic and poverty. Liquidating some war-year bureaus would help balance the national budget and help clear the way for new and much needed production.

a short concert for two pianos and solovox. Mr. House, assisted by Mrs. Joy Moore, play.

One of the big features of the meeting is the Booster club for the boys and girls. The club is in charge of Mrs. Alber and is free to all children who care to take advantage of the opportunity to join. Free rides have been provided for all children who care to attend.

The services begin at 8 o'clock each night except Saturday.

Big Bend

Cpl. Jim Miller received his discharge from the marines and returned home Wednesday. He was accompanied home by his sister, Miss Virginia Miller of Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Jordan and three children of San Francisco, were callers Saturday in the Brumbach and Roberts homes. They were visiting relatives in Caldwell and Roswell.

Walter Bishop left Wednesday evening for Monrovia, California to attend funeral services for his brother, Fred, who died that day. He returned home Tuesday.

Pour-H club girls and their leaders attended a demonstration at Adrian last Tuesday evening. Loretta Van de Water and Audrey Meacham took part in a cooking demonstration and Lorraine Van de Water and Ethel Meacham in a sewing demonstration.

On Saturday the county demonstration was held in Ontario. Margaret Bennett won second prize in sewing, Betty Jones, first in her division in the style show, Ethel and Eva Meacham firsts in cooking, Loretta Van de Water and Audrey Meacham third in sewing and Lorraine Van de Water second in cooking and third in sewing. Mrs. Jack Jones and Mrs. Joe King were club leaders in Lower Bend and Mrs. H. Bennett and Mrs. Boyce Van de Water in Wade. Mrs. Jack Jones and daughters, Elaine, Betty and Maryann, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van de Water and daughters attended the show. Mrs. Joe Brumbach attended a P.T.A. county council meeting in Ontario Saturday. Mrs. Ulmer of Alma, Nebraska arrived Wednesday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Cyrus Bishop. Mr. and Mrs. Dyre Roberts and children and B. G. Roberts were guests in the Clyde Riggs home in Parma Decoration day. Miss Forrestine Wilson has enrolled in a Boise business college for nine months of training. Bert Wiley of Donnelly is helping on the Walter Bishop ranch

while he is in California. Bill Van de Water received word last Monday that he had been awarded the Croix de Guerre for distinguished services while he was serving in the army during the French campaign. Miss Dorothy Mae Hamilton and Dr. Rodney R. Punk of Nampa were married Saturday evening at the First Baptist church in Caldwell. Sharon and Karon Roberts, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dyre Roberts were train bearers. Those attending from Bend were Mrs. R. L. Haworth, Mrs. M. E. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sweet, Mrs. Dyre Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bennett and family, Miss Laura Prosser, Mrs. Louise Klahr, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van de Water

and family, Mrs. George Elfers and son, George, Mrs. H. R. Hatch, Miss Helen Hatch, Joyce Maginnis and Barbara Hatch. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Recla and children of Vale were Sunday guests in the Brumbach home. Joe Recla and Ezra Brumbach were members of the tenth mountain division that took part in the closing battles in Italy. Mrs. Joe Brock attended a birthday dinner given Sunday in the Sam Snysen home in honor of Mrs. Charles Skelton. Mrs. Lora Pillsbury and B. G. Roberts were Sunday dinner guests in the Robert Weir home. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brumbach were guests of friends in Payette and New Plymouth Sunday.

Radio Repairing
 Shop is at Nordale-Newsom Furniture Store
 Repairing all types of radios.
 Gene Seybold

We Congratulate
 Elden Yergensen and Ira Ure on completion of the new
OWYHEE TRUCK AND IMPLEMENT CO.
 Building at Main and Fourth Streets
 Electrical Installation By
Morrison Electric Co.
 Nyssa, Oregon

Congratulations TO THE Owyhee Truck and Implement Co.
 Upon completion of its new cement block and brick building on Main street. The farmers of the Nyssa area are entitled to the best possible farm equipment and all of us in the implement business are determined that they shall have it. We compliment Ira Ure, owner of the new building, and Elden Yergensen, on the erection of such a fine structure. They can be proud of it as one of the finest implement buildings in Eastern Oregon.
WAGGONER MOTOR COMPANY
 Nyssa, Oregon

Hats Off To The Owyhee Truck And Implement Co.
 upon the opening of its beautiful new building at Main and Fourth Streets. Nyssa and vicinity will benefit from any increase in the number of business houses here and we are glad to cooperate in any program that will benefit this community. The new implement firm can feel justly proud in making such a fine contribution to an already fine city. We congratulate Elden Yergensen of the Owyhee Truck and Implement Company and Ira Ure, owner of the building, on their efforts and we predict for the new firm many years of successful operation in Nyssa.
Hollingsworths', Inc.
 Hardware and Implements

We Are Happy
 To Have Had a Part in the Construction of the New International Harvester Building of the
Owyhee Truck and Implement Co.
 Despite rationing, shortages and other post-war restrictions we were able to finish the building in reasonable time. We hope that within the next few months material shortages will disappear and Nyssa will be able to launch the building program that it badly needs. We congratulate Ira Ure, owner, and the Owyhee Truck and Implement company for such a fine contribution to the business section of Nyssa.
Luther L. Fife
 General Contractor