

JAYCEES TO COMPLETE ERECTION OF STREET MARKERS TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Members of the Neosho Junior Chamber of Commerce, some 45 strong, tomorrow afternoon expect to wind up the erection of street markers on every street intersection in the city, a service to the city and its citizens which cannot possibly be praised too highly. Not that the membership of the JayCees is listed at 45, but this seems to constitute the number of "working" members, said one of the leaders on the project.

At any rate, these members, who Friday afternoon erected about 160 of the metal poles and set them in concrete as well as placing many of the name plates, at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon will meet at the pump station, corner of Wheeler and College streets, and complete the job. There are yet about 185 of the poles to be set, and 650 of the name plates in all, less the number put up Friday. The Rayl-Sanley Motor Company of Joplin has loaned a power post hole digger which is greatly speeding up the project.

The JayCees, under the presidency of Ralph Cahill, general J. C. Penney store manager here, have selected this street marking as their "project of the year" in the annual JayCee national contest for community service, and certainly are to be congratulated on their choice, as well as the community spirit shown. The poles are being placed on two corners at each street intersection, high enough that the names are easily read over the tops of parked cars, at a cost of around \$800.

Back in 1923 the then one-year-old JayCee organization began its community service by painting signs on street corner curbs, and these signs have been re-painted by JayCees of succeeding generations several times. However absence of curbs in many places, and other circumstances preventing their use, made that method extremely spotty, and the present type of marker is much more satisfactory and permanent. Neosho owes the JayCees a vote of thanks for their fine work.

RACE RIOT IS NARROWLY AVERTED IN ATHENS, ALA.

In Athens, Alabama, officials say the two brothers who precipitated a near riot on Saturday night when they started a fight with two Negroes, will be charged with being drunk and disorderly. The brothers, Roy and Ben Bassey, had a fight with two Negroes. Their arrest caused a crowd of 1,500 to 2,000 young people to mill around the city hall and chase Negroes off the streets.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Fillingham have as their guests the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Fillingham of Nashville, Tenn., who are here to spend a two-week vacation. They also will visit a daughter, Mrs. Roy Buckingham, of Joplin, while here. Mr. Fillingham is a special investigator for the Treasury Department in Nashville, and formerly was trust officer of the First National Bank at Joplin.

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GRANBY BUSINESS BUILDINGS BURN

Blaze Raged Out of Control and Razed Half Block of City's Structures.

About one-half block of the Granby business district was razed by fire early Sunday morning about 1 o'clock. Two fire trucks from Camp Crowder answered the call along with the Granby firemen and volunteers from Neosho.

The fire completely destroyed several wooden buildings which contained the Jennings offices, a shoe repair shop, Hecklephorn electric shop, Fitzgerald barber shop and Kelly's Beauty shop.

The fire, which was of unknown origin, was too much for the Granby department to handle or keep under control until help arrived.

SHOWERS OF ROCKETS FALL IN SWEDEN

Country's Army Launches Investigation.

The Swedish army has launched a special investigation to determine the origin of mysterious rockets which have fallen on Sweden.

Although the army is maintaining a blackout over exactly what happened, rockets are reported to have crashed at three points or more in central Sweden last night, and military authorities admit they have dispatched special investigators into the area.

The strange rockets zoomed through the Swedish skies in what an army source described as a "most serious" visitation. Newspapers in south and central Sweden were besieged with calls from alarmed and curious citizens.

Most unconfirmed theories hold that the Russians are experimenting with rockets or flying bombs and that German scientists are helping with the work.

Mrs. Elmer Oxford of Route 5, Neosho, who is a medical patient in Sale Memorial hospital, Neosho, is reported as being somewhat improved.

Fox Furniture, E. Side square

Government Not to Seize Strike-Bound Case Plant

Washington. — (UP) — The White House says President Truman has decided that the government will not seize the strike-bound farm equipment plants of the J. I. Case company.

Presidential Secretary Ross says Mr. Truman made the decision after much deliberation—deciding that it would not be in the public interest to seize the plants.

Farm equipment plants owned by the Case and the Allis-Chalmers Corporation have been strike bound for more than six months in a wage dispute. Nothing was said about Allis-Chalmers in today's statement, but officials close to the situation say it is a fair assumption that the same non-seizure decision also will apply to that company.

Seizure of the plants had been recommended by Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach and Secretary of Agriculture Anderson as long ago as June 4th. They said production of the nine truck plants was needed to assure machinery for a maximum farm harvest.

The White House says the Labor Department still is trying to effect a settlement of the disputes thru conciliation.

Benjamin Fields Called Before War Profits Committee

In Washington this morning, the House committee investigating the disposal of surplus war property heard the testimony of one of the principal figures in the Garsson munitions case — but in a different connection, Benjamin Fields, the press agent who has long been a lobbyist in the halls of Congress, was asked to tell how he managed to get his hands on some scarce wire screening that was supposed to have been used for veterans' housing. Fields bought the screening at a sale of the War Assets Administration in Philadelphia, and then allegedly tried to sell it to an Oklahoma construction man at a profit of \$4,000.

The War Assets Administration is going to take action against so-called chiselers using veterans' priorities to "front" for civilians who are trying to get surplus property. The WAA is tightening its prosecutive and reporting its staff to head off repetition of what it calls "too many" irregular operations disclosed by recent investigations.

Tulsa Appeals to State in Strike of Garbage Men

Tulsa, Oklahoma. — (UP) — The city health director at Tulsa, Oklahoma — Doctor R. M. Adams — has appealed for state assistance in the four-day accumulation of garbage. The garbage is estimated at upward of one million pounds.

The appeal has been made to the Oklahoma State Health Department as a strike of Tulsa garbage collectors goes into its fourth day. Union leaders have prepared for a mass meeting tonight to consider a proposed city-wide AFL and CIO union sympathy holiday.

Meanwhile the Tulsa city health director has pressed all city health inspectors into service to man Tulsa's large compressor-type garbage trucks in an attempt to relieve the sanitation crisis.

An appeal has been sent to the Oklahoma state health commissioner — Doctor Grady Mahews — asking that health inspectors in other counties be dispatched to Tulsa to aid local inspectors.

Hudson Stoppage Ends; Packard Men Still Out

Detroit. — (UP) — Machinery at the Hudson Motor Car Company is humming again — ending nearly two weeks of idleness caused by a parts shortage. Twelve thousand workers were needed.

Ten thousand other members of the CIO United Auto Workers union are remaining at home, continuing a work stoppage at Packard plants.

Mrs. Nora Severs is en route to the Southwest, where she will spend some time. She will visit in Garitte, New Mexico, and spend some time at Carlsbad Caverns, before going to Termit, Texas, where she will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Cochran.

MILAN PRIEST IS ARRESTED IN THEFT OF IL DUCE'S BODY

Milan. — (UP) — A priest is being held at Milan in connection with the theft of Mussolini's body.

Authorities say they have arrested Father Enrico Zucca, director of a Franciscan convent. After he was detained, Zucca was confronted with two prisoners in the Milan police station. One of the prisoners is Antonio Parozzi, who has confessed the actual theft.

A Milan newspaper says Parozzi told police Mussolini's body was hidden in Zucca's convent. Police say the tomb where it was supposed to be is empty.

FOOD PRICES MAY AGAIN SEE OPA CEILINGS

De-Control Board Opens Hearings; Has Final Authority.

(By Geo. Marder, U. P.) The battle over price control is starting again, with the government this time in a neutral corner.

Uncle Sam is strictly on the outside, looking in, as a special three-man decontrol board opens four days of hearings on whether to bring some of our basic foods under OPA again.

And this applies not only to government agencies, but to Congress itself, and even to the President.

They have no say in the decisions of the board, which is made up of New Orleans banker Roy Thomson, chairman; former Undersecretary of the Treasury Daniel Bell, and paper and pulp manufacturer George Mead of Dayton, Ohio.

All three made it clear before they took the difficult assignment that they would brook no interference and no influence from government agencies. Otherwise they would have nothing to do with the job. The decisions would have to be their own. And under the new OPA law there is no appeal to a higher authority.

The special board is going so far as to ban government witnesses from the price control hearings, which started at 8 a. m. today.

There will be nearly 100 public and private lobbyists — top-flight representatives of the food industry, labor, and consumer organizations. But no government men.

Of course, this does not mean that government agencies will be ignored entirely. The members already have held a closed session with price administrator Paul Porter, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson and Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwelienbach.

Economic convictions of Agriculture and organized labor will clash head-on in the hearing.

The first clash occurred today—when agriculture offered its arguments to the decontrol board against restoring price ceilings on grain and livestock.

The American Farm Bureau Federation was given 30 minutes in which to present its case. Tomorrow, equal time will be given to spokesmen for AFL unions—who want roll-backs in food prices, together with a return of subsidies.

The National Grange and the National Council of Farmers' Cooperatives also will argue the farm point of view.

Individual consumers and producers will be given their sayings before the decontrol board, but the main arguments will be made, pro and con, by organized labor and agriculture.

If the board does not act on meat and milk prices by August 20th, ceilings will automatically go back on those products. Under the rules controls can't be restored on poultry, eggs and petroleum unless the board specifically authorizes such action.

HOUSE LISTINGS BADLY NEEDED

Ed Godsey, Chamber of Commerce secretary, has made an appeal to the people of Neosho to register their large apartments and houses with the Chamber of Commerce.

These apartments, which should be three rooms or over, are needed by persons connected with the War Assets Administration, which is conducting the war surplus sale at Camp Crowder. The houses are needed especially by persons who are permanent residents in Neosho.

Peaches for home canning and for eating fresh are plentiful this year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

JEWISH CHANTS BREAKS UP TRIAL OF SABOTEURS

(By the United Press) Jewish underground workers accused of sabotage have been chanting ancient Hebrew anthems in the Holy Land today, and their solemn, continued chanting has broken up the trial of 24 members of the underground army Orgun who are accused of sabotaging railroad shops in the city of Haifa.

The defendants have refused to give any recognition to the proceedings against them. The judge asked them today to make a plea to the charges. He was answered at first only with dead silence. Then, finally, one of the defendants arose to say this: "We fought and fell on the battlefield. We demand treatment as prisoners of war. We do not recognize the performance staged here."

The city of Haifa is in high tension today. Two more ships loaded with 2,000 illegal immigrants have arrived in the harbor. Fifteen hundred others are aboard five more ships. The British have concentrated warships, tanks and infantry in the city — as a precaution against possible outbreaks.

TWO AGED WOMEN HELD FOR MURDER

Held In Poison Deaths, Both Suspected of Other Cases.

(By the United Press) The people of two middle Western towns, lying a hundred miles apart north of the Ohio river valley, are stirred this morning by developments in strikingly similar cases of alleged murder by elderly women.

In the town of Du Pont, in southeastern Indiana, 62-year-old Mrs. Lottie Lockman is under arrest, charged with murdering an old lady under her care. And in Fairfield, in the southeastern part of Illinois, 76-year-old Mrs. Lillie Winter will go before a grand jury today, accused of murdering her three-year-old great-grandson.

Both women are widows. Both are said to have used poison. And in both cases, there is strong suspicion that there have been other murders. Police in both cities are ready to exhume other bodies — including those of the husbands of the two women — to look for traces of poisoning.

In Du Pont, Mrs. Lockman was taken into custody for the second time last night. Last week she was charged with having fed bichloride of mercury to Mrs. Mamie McConnell, the invalid wife of a hardware dealer. Mrs. McConnell is recovering from mercury poisoning in a hospital.

Mrs. Lockman had been taking care of the invalid woman. Last night she was arrested again — this time charged with killing Mrs. McConnell's mother-in-law one year ago.

On Friday, the elder Mrs. McConnell's body was exhumed. Traces of mercury were found — and now the state is ready to prosecute Mrs. Lockman on the murder charge. And preparations are under way to exhume the bodies of five other elderly people who died while under Mrs. Lockman's care.

In the Fairfield case, Mrs. Winter is being held without bail. Her great-grandson, Donald Eugene Martin, died on her farm near Fairfield on June 15th. He died after eating a meat sandwich which Mrs. Winter had prepared. Authorities say an autopsy revealed arsenic in the boy's body.

Mrs. Winter's brother also died of arsenic poisoning. The bodies of her husband and her sister have already been exhumed for chemical analysis.

VET STRANGLES HIS MOTHER

Salem. — (UP) — In Salem, Massachusetts, police have been astonished by a 200-pound husky war veteran who called them to his home this morning and calmly announced he'd strangled his mother. Police say the veteran, Thomas Brown, then went on to give a full confession of the murder which allegedly was committed early this morning.

Police say Brown told them he strangled his elderly mother for the welfare of the citizens of Salem, but wouldn't elaborate on his statement.

Secret of Mines Used Against Jap Ships Is Revealed

New York. — (UP) — The Bell Telephone Company has disclosed the secret of what it calls "Operation Starvation". It was the blockade of Japan by magnetic mines that counted ships and then exploded after a certain number had passed within its field of activity.

Unlike the German mine after which it was patterned, the Bell mines were called fool-proof and defied efforts to sweep them away.

The fuse of the mine — designed by Bell Telephone laboratories — would explode when a ship was closest to the mine, but would not respond to ships passing at a distance. Nor was it disturbed by changing magneticities of mine sweeping enemy planes.

The mines were dropped by B-29's in March, 1945, at ports from which Japanese ships might attempt to join the defense of Okinawa. However, they were timed to become harmless after being in the water a certain time so they wouldn't endanger American ships during the projected invasion of Japan.

Publication of Springfield Papers Stopped by Strike

Springfield, Missouri. — (U.P.) — Seven members of the Springfield Printing and Pressman's Union, Local Number 203, are on strike in support of demands for higher base wages and a 40-hour week.

The walkout, which came at midnight Saturday, affected 175 newspaper employees in Springfield and prevented 55,000 Springfield newspaper subscribers from receiving their Sunday paper.

The union had been negotiating several weeks with the newspaper management for a new contract. The old contract expired July 1st.

Union leaders met with S. E. Fox, representative of the International Pressmen's Union, yesterday, and announced that they would not return to work until management met their demands.

A spokesman for the management of the Springfield Leader-Press and the Springfield Daily News, said the union had been offered a wage increase some time ago but had turned it down.

A first aid kit in the shape of a fountain pen with a chamber for antiseptic in one end and a roll of bandage in the opposite end has been patented, according to The American Magazine. A sponge applicator permits convenient application of the antiseptic and the bandage is fed through a slot with a cutting edge.

PRIZES AWARDED IN MINIATURE HARVEST SHOW

The following prizes were awarded in the first showing of the Miniature Harvest Show which was held in the Chamber of Commerce offices August 10:

First prizes, groups of five — Vegetable, Paul Steel; Fruits, Mary Willets; Pickles, Mary Hornady; Canned Meats, Mary Willets; Jams, Mary Willets; Jellies, Mary Willets; Red Clover Seed, Lincoln Greninger.

First prizes, individual entries — Cucumber Dill Pickles, Geraldine Testerman; Cucumber Sweet Pickles, Mrs. Harvey Lakin; Jelly, Mary Hornady; Corn, Geraldine Testerman; Green Beans, Mrs. R. H. Steel; Canned Chicken, Geraldine Testerman; Cherries, W. N. McFall; Peas, R. G. Ray; Peaches, W. N. McFall; Blackberries, Mrs. R. W. Binkley; Beet Pickles, Harvey Lakin; Jams, Mary Hornady; Soy Beans, R. G. Ray; Apples, Mary Willets.

The next show will be held on August 16, and will be made up of fresh products, fruits, vegetables and field crops. The winning entries will be sent to the State Fair as a part of the Newton county exhibit.

SHOWERS PROMISED

At least a measure of relief from prolonged drought is in prospect.

J. R. Lloyd of the government weather bureau at Kansas City, says general rains may be expected all over Missouri and Kansas during the next 36 hours.

Showers fell this morning in western Missouri and eastern Kansas, and most of the two states are expected to get precipitation before the rain area moves on.

Amounts generally will be light to moderate, and the showers probably be intermittent.

THE WEATHER

(By the United Press)

For Neosho and vicinity — Showers this afternoon or tonight. Tuesday fair and warmer.

The maximum temperature Saturday was 90, the lowest temperature Saturday night was 53. The high mark for yesterday was 81, the low mark, 68, and the temperature this morning at 8 o'clock was 74.

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