

Gathering at Alvo Opposed to Compulsion

Largely Attended Meeting But Lacking the Fire and Excitement at Murray Tuesday.

Another of the county meetings sponsored by the committee that is opposing the compulsory features of the suggested farm bills in congress, was held at Alvo Wednesday afternoon.

As at the other meetings, Carl Tefft, of Avoca, the county republican chairman presided and Marvin Carr of Eagle, democratic chairman, served as secretary.

The meeting occupied some three hours in debate and discussion and the speakers comprised the same that had been heard at the Murray meeting on the previous day.

The matter was climaxed by the motion that stated "We are opposed to a farm bill carrying some compulsory features to insure its success" which was offered and carried by a two to one vote of the members of the group, 162 voting for the motion and 73 against.

Resolution Adopted

After the vote a group of 50 to 75 farmers climbed up the platform to sign a resolution opposing and protesting "any attempt to compel crop allotments or to levy a processing tax."

Resolutions of the farmers and land owners of Cass county, Nebraska:

Whereas: The farmers of the United States have always been independent, patriotic, and liberty loving;

Whereas: It is evident from a study of the soil conservation district bill as drawn in Washington and introduced in the unicameral legislature of the state of Nebraska;

Whereas: The congress of the United States has passed bills that give the secretary of agriculture compulsory and dictatorial powers over the farmers of the United States and infringe upon their rights in the ownership and management of their farms, and said bills are even now being considered by a senate and house conference committee;

Whereas: It appears that certain so-called farm leaders who claim to represent the will of the farmers before the congress are urging compulsory control, and are not representing the sentiments of a large majority of farmers of the middlewest;

BE IT RESOLVED by the farmers and landowners of Cass county; that 1. We are opposed to, and protest emphatically against any legislation, state or national, that attempts to compel crop allotments, or to levy processing taxes, or to dictate the management of our farming business; and

2. We have not delegated to any person or agency the right to think or speak for us, and we believe our representatives in the congress have been misinformed and misled by those so-called farm leaders; and

3. We are opposed to the creation of a scarcity in the United States and then resort to importation of corn, wheat, pork, beef and other farm commodities, and believe that the welfare of America requires the American market for the American farmer; and

4. We believe the solution of the farm problem confronting America—with millions unemployed, hungry, and starving—is not to limit the production of food, but to find a way to give purchasing power and a decent standard of living to these unfortunate American citizens; and to develop additional markets and uses for farm commodities; and

5. We are in favor of conserving the soil, our natural resources, and the wild life of America, and that such program should be developed, the American way, not by coercion but by education and demonstration; and

6. That copies of this resolution as adopted be mailed at once to the Nebraska senators and representatives, to the secretary of agriculture, to the senate and house conference committee on the agricultural adjustment act of 1937, and to the governor of the state of Nebraska.

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WPA AND STATES CLASH

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP)—Administration and the state operated unemployment services under Social Security program appeared headed today for a showdown on who should care for the unemployed.

Acting WPA administrator Aubrey Williams has ruled that all persons on relief rolls must give up their WPA work if they are eligible for unemployment compensation benefits. That they must take the benefits "regardless of the amount of money."

In some cases workers will have to give up jobs at \$52 to \$53 a month for benefits which are as low as \$5 a week.

R. Gordon Wagenet, director of the bureau of unemployment compensation of the social security board has "suggested" that all state unemployment compensation directors confer with WPA state director over the ruling. But social security officials have no control over the states operated agencies. Relief officials said they had no alternative but to cut those eligible for unemployment benefits off their rolls because it was questionable whether they were actually jobless when they were working on WPA projects.

POSTPONE HIGHWAY PROJECTS

LINCOLN, Jan. 6 (UP)—Governor Cochran today instructed State Engineer A. C. Tilley to defer submission of all state highway projects to the federal roads bureau until congress takes final action on President Roosevelt's appeal for a reduction in state highway grants.

The governor's action followed receipt of a letter from Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, directing attention to the president's message delivered to the special session of congress in November, in which he recommended cutting federal aid in half.

"Although no action has been taken since that time," Cochran said, "the president desires that congress be afforded further opportunity to consider the reduction before the states submit their projects."

"Plans for proceeding construction are usually submitted to the bureau of public roads on January 1 for final authorization by congress, following apportionment of the funds to separate states.

If the president's recommendation is carried out by congress Nebraska will lose \$4,000,000 in highway funds during the 1939 fiscal year, Tilley said.

BANDITS STRIKE CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 (UP)—Police today sought two bandits who invaded a loan company office, locked 15 employees in a vault, and escaped with \$1,500 after asking a passerby to call police.

Posing as business men, the bandit gained admittance to the company's vault office. They drew guns and herded employees into the vault. They robbed the cashier's office and left.

In a hall outside the office they gave a man \$2 to "go down to the corner and tell a policeman there is trouble up here."

In the vault L. L. Janis, company vice president, called police on a telephone concealed for such an emergency. Officers opened the vault while Janis shouted instructions to them through a speaking tube.

APPORTION SCHOOL FUNDS

LINCOLN, Jan. 8 (UP)—The January semi-annual apportionment of state school funds to school districts amounted to \$457,884.79, Charles W. Taylor, state superintendent of public instructions announced today.

The two principal sources of revenue were bond interest, \$212,002.22 and school land leases \$215,251. Liquor license receipts yielded \$4,521, itinerant merchant license fees, \$2,475 and school land interest \$23,101. The remainder came from miscellaneous sources.

STADIUM TO SEAT 450,000

BERLIN (UP)—Within five years Germany probably will have the largest stadium in the world, with a capacity of 405,000 people. It will be the Deutsches Stadium at Nuremberg, for which Hitler laid the cornerstone during the recent Nazi conference.

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Japanese Attack in International Settlement

Clash of French Police and Japs Follows Beating of Russian Volunteer—Tense Situation.

By EDWARD W. BEATTIE United Press Staff Correspondent SHANGHAI, Jan. 8 (UP)—French and Japanese soldiers faced each other at the bayonet point on the boundary of the French concession today in what was perhaps the most dangerous incident since the Japanese began their vigorous bid for domination of Shanghai.

This incident, symptomatic of the explosive atmosphere in China's commercial capital, occurred while international settlement authorities were protesting the beating of four British policemen by Japanese soldiers on the boundary of the international area.

It was the beating of a Russian member of the French concession volunteer corps that caused today's clash, which for a few minutes bade to become a pitched fight.

A Japanese soldier on the French concession boundary crossed to the French side of the avenue of the two republics to beat a Chinese woman who was drawing water at a pump.

The Russian volunteer intervened, trying to protect the woman. The Japanese grabbed at the Russian's rifle. The two men grappled and the Russian tried to draw his pistol. Fifteen Japanese soldiers with bayoneted rifles crossed into French territory to aid their man. They knocked down the Russian, and tried to drag him across to the Chinese district of Nantao where they are in domination.

The Russian managed to get out of his revolver, and one of the Japanese (presumably an officer) drew a sword. Just then the Russian blew his police whistle and other volunteers came running to the rescue.

Japanese officers who had been standing by intervened then and called their men back to the Chinese side of the avenue. There the Japanese mounted two machine guns, facing the French side, as more and more volunteers arrived, armed with rifles and ready for a battle. Soon three French armored cars, with blunt machine gun muzzles pointing from them, were facing the Japanese.

French officers arrived and through interpreters the French and Japanese began negotiating. It was a tense little group for a few minutes. At first the Japanese demanded that the Russian be handed over to them and that he apologize—for what they did not specify. In the end the French and Japanese officers shook hands and it appeared as if the incident had a peaceful curtain.

It was understood, however, that actually the incident was settled by the Japanese consul general. A French consular officer called there on the run during the negotiations between the two officers, and apparently the Japanese consular officials sent word to the "front."

Afterward the French concession police announced that the incident was regarded as a "small affair, due to a misunderstanding," and that it had been settled on the spot by the officers.

This was the second recent incident at the French boundary. The first was precipitated when Japanese troops, without proper passes, tried to force their way into the French concession.

During this incident the Shanghai municipal council, administrative body of the international concession, was protesting to Japanese authorities against the beating of British policemen by Japanese soldiers on the western boundary of the settlement. Also the council formally notified the British consul general of the incident. The British had done nothing at this time, as the attacks were regarded as so serious that the government at London was asked to take charge.

As in the case of the Russian volunteer, British policemen were protesting the occasion of one of the two attacks on them against the beating by Japanese soldiers of Chinese civilians. There was a third incident yesterday, when Japanese soldiers

crossed the railroad tracks which mark the western limits of the international area. The British ordered them to go back and the Japanese did so.

NO DROUTH NEAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (UP)—America's farmers need not worry about another serious drought until 1975, in the opinion of Dr. C. G. Abbott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Testifying before a house appropriations sub-committee on budget requests of the Smithsonian, Dr. Abbott based his prediction on his long study of the effect of sun spots on weather.

"We are, I believe, on the very verge of recovery from the drought on the last 46 years' period," Abbott said. "We have no expectation of another one of such consequence until 1975, although following the 23-year period there will be a minor one during the decade 1950-60."

Abbott said that the nation is "just now passing through the end of a drought period which began about 1930" which was associated with a lowered level in the great lakes, which, in turn, was associated with sun spot cycles of 46 years.

ASK LARGER PENSION

KEARNEY, Neb., Jan. 6 (UP)—A petition has been prepared for circulation throughout the state demanding that an amendment to the constitution providing for an old age pension of not less than \$30 per month be submitted to the voters in next fall's election.

The amendment also provides medical care not to exceed \$75 per year and funeral benefits of \$150 payable at death. All residents of the state for five continuous years who have reached the age of 65 and whose income is less than \$360 per year would be eligible for the increased old age pension provided he or she is not an inmate of a state institution. Ownership of real estate would not bar collections of the pension.

PANHANDLE SHERIFF BARS TRAPPINGS FOR DEPUTIES

AMARILLO, Tex. (UP)—Here in the heart of the Texas Panhandle, the center of the ranch country, Sheriff Bill Adams won't permit his deputies to wear cowboy hats, boots or to display big six-shooters.

"There is no need for such trappings," says the sheriff. The sheriff is far more interested in his record system, reputedly best in the state. He completes records of all cases from the time of arrest until final disposition. His office also cooperates with the federal bureau of investigation, exchanging information and fingerprints.

WILL ABANDON TRACKAGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (UP)—Abandonment of 58 miles of branch line railroad in Iowa by trustees of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific railroad, was authorized today by the interstate commerce commission.

The line, extending from Turkey River Junction to West Union, had been operated at a loss for several years.

HITLER TO VISIT ITALY

ROME, Jan. 7 (UP)—Adolf Hitler will visit Italy "next spring" in return for Premier Mussolini's visit to Germany last fall, it was announced officially today. Although no date for the visit was given, reliable reports said that it would be April 21, the date that Rome was founded.

SWANSON FOR ASSESSOR

OMAHA, Jan. 6 (UP)—Leo N. Swanson, state land commissioner, late yesterday became the second person to file as candidate for the office of Douglas county assessor.

"Economy" will be the keynote of his platform, Mr. Swanson stated.

Auto Industry to Take Back Many Thousands

Next Week Is Expected to See 60,000 at Detroit Back on Their Jobs in Plants.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 8 (UP)—More than 60,000 employees of automobile plants will return to their jobs next week, officials of two major manufacturers disclosed today and there were indications that the figure would be increased to 100,000 within a few weeks.

Approximately 55,000 persons who were working in the various divisions of Chrysler Corporation just before the plants were closed on December 23 will return to their jobs next Tuesday, corporation officials announced.

At the Hudson Motor Car Company where a new low priced car will go into production 6,000 men will be employed before the end of next week.

Many of the 25,000 workers at Ford Motor Company's River Rouge plant laid off before Christmas will be rehired "as soon as business conditions permit" according to Harry Bennett head of the Ford personnel department.

The return of 55,000 Chrysler workers officials explained it will not affect the 20,000 men laid off during November and December. The operations will include a 24 hour week with the hours increasing as business conditions improve officials said.

General Motors Corporation which announced the layoff of 30,000 workers for January 1 has not indicated whether any of these workers will be recalled to their jobs in the near future. At the time of the announcement William S. Knudsen said he hoped those laid off would be called back before spring. Since last October 60,000 General Motors workers have lost their jobs due to heavy inventories and a falling off of the used car market.

GREEN DEMANDS ACTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (UP)—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor today demanded action—"prompt, immediate and effective"—by congress to meet the current business recession.

Green presented his demand to the senate unemployment after Robert E. Wood, of Sears, Roebuck, criticized a tax on business and Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes and Assistant Attorney General Robert H. Jackson. Wood said his concern was reducing prices an average of 12 per cent in a drive to gain business and had entered the markets to build up inventories.

Wood proposed that the large corporations be allowed a 20 per cent exemption from the undistributed profits taxes.

He said that rural purchasing power had held up during the recession, decreasing only 1.3 per cent in December 1937 compared to December 1936. Urban buying extent was down 5 per cent in December.

Green asked the following legislative action:

1. Shortening of the hours of work through maximum hour regulation in industrial employment.
2. Maintenance of existing wage standards.
3. Continuation of the public works program on an extended scale and establishment of administration of public works on a permanent basis.
4. Extension of the public low rent housing and slum clearance program by additional appropriations of funds and suspension of requirements for local contributions.
5. Further stimulation of home construction by private enterprise through remission of local taxes.
6. Revision and broadening of the social security program to provide a nation wide system of unemployment compensation.
7. Reorganization of the work relief program on an extended scale.

Cass county has no bonded indebtedness, as, like the state, we have paid cash for our hard surfaced roads and other improvements as we went.

MILLERS LEAD SMITHS AT PENN STATE COLLEGE

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (UP)—One doesn't keep up with the Joneses at Pennsylvania State College; one tries to keep up with the Millers.

A count of the recently-issued student directory shows that there are 27 Jones in school, 62 Smiths (counting one Smyth), and an overwhelming—well, more, anyway—total of 64 Millers.

Other popular names run thus: Wilson, 28; Hoffman, Johnson, Williams, 23 each; Myers, 20; Taylor and Brown, 18 each.

COIN IS FRENCH SOU AND ENGLISH HA'PENNY

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (UP)—A copper coin dated 1937 which bears a French notation on one side and an English notation on the other has been unearthed by Robert H. Saunders in his yard.

The coin is about the size of a half dollar. On one side it states in French that it was issued by the province of Southern Canada and is worth one sou. The other side states in English that the coin is worth a "ha'penny English."

DRIVER STRANGELY MISSES FIERY DEATH IN CRASH

MOUNT PLEASANT, Tex. (UP)—Otis Bowden, Mount Pleasant, which bears a French notation on one side and an English notation on the other has been unearthed by Robert H. Saunders in his yard.

A passerby found him four hours later and discovered that the car had caught on fire beneath the hood and burned to within a few inches of where Bowden was pinned. Bowden suffered only from bruises and exposure.

YOUTH TURNS DETECTIVE TO RETURN LOST \$750

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (UP)—Frederick Kimball, 21, is honest and industrious.

On his way to work he found an envelope containing \$150 in cash, \$500 in bonds and three bank books. One of the bank books bore the name of Mary Kendall, but no address.

After inquiring, the youth found out where the owner worked and promptly returned the envelope and its contents.

FISHERMAN GETS SURPRISE, SNARES 4-FOOT ALLIGATOR

YOUNGSTOWN, O. (UP)—Widened with astonishment, Ralph G. Stewart and P. D. Coler, snared an 8-year-old, four-foot alligator in a stream near here.

The reptile, they learned, had escaped about a month ago from a goldfish pond at the nearby home of Dr. Armin Elsaesser.

Who the hell is the man in the moon

HUMAN TORCH TAKES FIRE TO FIRE STATION

YOUNGSTOWN O. (UP)—Frank Wehr took his ire to the fire station. His clothing aflame when he was sprayed by and exploding gasoline can be dashed for the nearby station, screaming.

A fireman tackled him at the entrance and beat out the flames. Wehr suffered second-degree burns.

CANADIAN MINING BOOMS

EDMONTON, Alta. (UP)—Development in the northern mining areas of Canada in the bleak tundra country is taking another step forward. Work has started on a \$1,000,000 power project near Goldfields, which will provide electric energy and lights for plants operating in the Northwest Territories.

PERFUMES OWE DEBT TO COAL

NEW YORK (UP)—A lump of coal indirectly produces perfumes, antiseptics and medicinals, and dyes of all colors, according to the American Chemical Society.

Daily Papers Top 41 Million in Circulation

Ayer Reports 221 Fewer Published Than Year Ago—Number of Newspapers Decline.

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—Net paid circulation of daily newspapers published in the United States was estimated at 41,400,000 by the editors of the 1938 edition of N. W. Ayer & Son's Directory of Newspapers and Periodicals, which was published today.

Of this total, 25,800,000 represented evening papers and 15,600,000 morning papers, according to the directory.

While the number of newspapers declined in 1937 by 221 from the previous year's total, there was an increase of 91 in the number of periodicals published in the United States. There were 128 monthly periodicals listed for the first time, but this increase was partly offset by decreases in other classifications, directory editors said.

The directory, now in its 70th year, listed 2,084 daily English language newspapers, a decrease of 23 from the previous year; 10,629 weeklies, a decrease of 176; and 359 semi-weeklies, a decrease of 18.

There were listed, however, 15 more daily papers with Sunday editions, an increase of 11 in the number of foreign-language daily papers, and three more tri-weekly papers.

The directory, for the first time, classified daily papers according to the morning and evening fields, and listed 1,605 evening papers, 454 morning, and 25 all-day.

In the directory were listed 20,683 publications in the United States, Canada, Newfoundland, Bermuda and the West Indies.

Also in the directory are a map and description of each state's geography, population, agriculture and forests, and a brief summary of information on each county, city and town listed.

WHITE HOUSE CUSTODIAN DIES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (UP)—Henry Nesbit, White House custodian for the past five years, died at midnight last night at his home.

Nesbit and his wife came to the White House upon the 1933 inauguration of President Roosevelt. Mrs. Nesbit is housekeeper at the mansion. Nesbit has been ill for some time. He was 72 and a native of Ireland.

PROTEST TRAIN CHANGE

LINCOLN, Jan. 7 (UP)—Because of a protest from the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, the state railway commission today ordered a hearing on the Burlington railroad's application for permission to substitute tri-weekly service for its present daily mixed freight and passenger train between Nebraska City and Lincoln. The hearing will be held January 20 at 2 p. m.

LIBRARY HELPS MOTHERS

FOND DU LAC, Wis. (UP)—New born babies receive the special attention of the public library here. As soon as mother and father announce the arrival the library sends mother a list of books on infant care.

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