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TEMPTS TO SETTLE AUTO STRIKE HALT

Chrysler And Lewis Call
From Conference
to Other Business

Winchester Street Is Being Repaired

Workmen are busy repairing South Winchester street, south of the Nickel Plate tracks to the corporate limits. The chuck holes are being filled with a heated asphalt and other breaks in the top surface are being repaired. Ralph Roop, civil works commissioner, stated that permanent resurfacing of the street could not be made, because of the cost. It would be necessary to dig up a stretch of road and fill it with stone and put in a drain.

NRA SUBSTITUTE BILLS PLANNED FOR CONGRESS

Federal And State Laws Sought For Minimum Wages

Washington, March 31.—(UP)—Federal officials today launched a double-edged drive to restore the minimum wage features of NRA state legislation and preparation of a new bill with a nation-wide scope.

President Roosevelt emphasized that state laws are inadequate to deal with the problem of paying subsistence salaries despite the provisions for children and men years precedent in upholding the Washington state minimum wage law for women.

Secretary of labor Frances Perkins declared that in the light of the court's decision "State legislatures are free to pass statutes recognizing the necessity for subsistence wages."

While Mr. Roosevelt declined to comment upon the court's five-to-four decision in the Washington case, he made clear that his opinion on the need for national legislation on wages and hours remained unchanged.

It was learned that plans for NRA substitute laws are now being facilitated by two groups, both in direct contact with the White House.

Major George L. Berry's industrial progress council is completing drafts of a fair trade practices bill which also would include provision for federal establishment and supervision of minimum wages and maximum hours.

Miss Perkins and labor department attorneys virtually have completed a tentative measure which would create a maximum work week of 40 hours and establish a series of "industry councils" to set up minimum wage scales.

Although the President said he had not yet seen Miss Perkins bill it was learned that the secretary has informally discussed its provisions with him.

Miss Perkins urged states to build up their own minimum wage laws.

President Roosevelt emphasized at his press conference that he did not believe in minimum wage laws for women alone but indicated he desired broad statutes including provisions for children and men workers. He said he was calling upon Attorney General Homer S. Cummings to report to him on the legal status of state laws which had become inoperative following the court's decision in the children's hospital case.

A series of four meetings for the year was decided upon. The first will be held when the tomato club is organized and the 4-H club members will be the guests. The second will be in the form of a tour of the tomato projects. The third will be a fall meeting at which prospective students for the Purdue university short course will be invited to a banquet and encouraged to attend the course. The fourth will be a welcome party for the boys who have returned from the tour.

It was also decided to encourage high school graduates and others to take part in some of the larger crop or animal husbandry projects in order that they might earn sufficient money to pay their living and tuition costs at the short course.

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LIST PROGRAM FOR BANQUET

Banquet For Dairymen Of County Will Be Held Friday

The complete program for the organized dairy extension banquet sponsored by the Cloverleaf Creameries and McMillen Feed companies has been completed. This banquet will be held at the Catholic high school Friday evening at 6:15. Joe Seabold of Bluffton will lead the group singing. E. T. Wallace, extension dairymen of Purdue, will discuss breeding program for dairy cows. Frank E. Franz of the McMillen company will discuss dairy feeds and feeding.

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NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED IN COAL DISPUTE

Suspension Of Work Threatened In Soft Coal Mining

New York, Mar. 31.—(UP)—Unit mine workers officials and representatives of soft coal operators resumed negotiations for a new Appalachian wage-hour contract today with the necessity of reaching an agreement of some sort before midnight if a suspension of work is to be averted.

Indications were that the union and mine owners still were far apart in their proposals and counter-proposals. Both sides denied a report that the miners had withdrawn all of their demands except that for a 15 per cent increase in pay.

Charles O'Neill, spokesman for the operators, said the miners had not withdrawn any demands and added, "that's what we're waiting for."

Philip M. Ray, vice president of U. M. W., said the report was "without foundation."

Edward F. McGrady, assistant secretary of labor, called informally on the negotiators and said he intended to stay with the conference "until an agreement is reached." He said he would remain in New York "several days if necessary."

McGrady added that, "I expect I'll be needed" before a contract is signed. He said both the president and secretary of labor Frances Perkins were "keeping an eye" on the negotiations.

The labor mediator drew a distinction between a strike and a suspension of work. If no contract is signed, he said, the resultant stoppage of work could not be called a strike. Technically, at least, the suspension would be an amicable one.

An alternative to suspension would be an agreement to continue the present contract in effect until a new one is signed.

Chicago, Mar. 31.—(UP)—The Chicago Journal of Commerce said today that John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, had offered an eight-

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ROLLER SKATING WARNING GIVEN

Children Warned Against Skating On Streets, Highways

A concentrated drive against roller-skating on the streets of the city and highways leading into Decatur was announced today by Chief of Police Stephen Melchi.

Answering to the numerous complaints received by residents of the city, Chief Melchi called the attention of all skaters to the dangers involved.

Chief Melchi stated that the lives of the skaters themselves were not only endangered, but that it was a menace to the autoists and pedestrians on sidewalks that might be struck by an auto careening out of control to miss a skater.

Night police have been especially busy during the past few weeks at the height of the skating season. A majority of the danger lies on Nuttman avenue, police state, since it is an extension of federal highway 224.

At different times as many as 50 or 60 skaters have been reported on this street at one time. Since out-of-town cars enter the city on this route, the danger is greatly increased.

Another so-called "danger zone," which will be given special attention by police, is the cement grade on the courthouse coal bin. Many children have been reported using the improvised slide for skating and bicycling.

State Patrolman Burl Johnson will cooperate with local police in patrolling the streets used by the skaters and prosecution will follow, if the warnings are not heeded, they state.

All persons have been asked to

cooperate in this matter, which concerns the protection of the youth of the city, and are asked to aid in the riddance of this annual menace to the lives of local children.

WEATHER
Fair, continued cool tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness becoming unsettled, somewhat warmer east and south portions.

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Quizzed in Murder of Model



Georges Gueret and detective

Relentless police grilling of Georges Gueret, right, jobless French chauffeur, in connection with the New York slaying of Artists' Model Veronica Gedeon, her mother and a boarder, failed to shake his alibi, but authorities continued to check his movements at the time of the murder.

PURDUE GRADS TALK TO CLUB

Purdue Agricultural Graduates Speak To Lions Club

Graduates of the Purdue university winter agricultural short course were the chief speakers at the regular meeting of the Decatur Lions club Tuesday evening in the Rice hotel.

M. J. Buschlen, assistant agricultural superintendent of the Farmers and Manufacturers Beet Sugar association, also spoke.

Roy Price, county chairman of the Purdue agricultural alumni association, introduced L. E. Archbold, county agent, who in turn introduced the speakers.

First on the program was Richard Boller, 21-year old Decatur lad, who confessed to the theft of 90 pounds of insulated wire owned by the city, was fined \$1 and costs and sentenced to 60 days in the county jail, when he appeared before Mayor Arthur R. Holtzman in city court Tuesday afternoon.

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