

Operation Bootstrap Aid To Communities

CARBONDALE, Ill. (UP) — A big area of 31 counties south and east of St. Louis has been suffering for years from a chronic depression in the midst of national prosperity.

It was marked by severe layoffs in the coal mines, dropping farm income, industries moving away and no new ones coming in, slumping population, deterioration of shopping areas, schools and homes.

Then three years ago Southern Illinois University came right out and told civic leaders that no one was going to end their troubles but themselves. It offered them an economic blueprint which it called "Operation Bootstrap."

It proved so effective it is now the basis for intensive do-it-yourself programs in 12 communities, ranging from the grimy railroad and industrial city of East St. Louis to Elizabethtown, an Ohio River settlement of 600.

Eldorado, population 4,300, was the first Illinois town to seek the university's aid. It has come a long way since 1953. Here is what happened:

Citizens banded together and agreed how to approach their problems. Hundreds of volunteer workers themselves rebuilt the city hall, tore down unsightly buildings and turned a week lot into a park. Merchants remodeled store fronts on the main street.

Committees brought pressure which got funds for a new bridge, a new high school and new factory

sites. Two new industries were started by local men and several outside firms now have Eldorado under consideration for plants.

Other towns have made similar progress. Citizens of Mounds financed a factory building which enabled a garment manufacturer to triple his working force. Du Quoin, depressed by mine layoffs, brought in one new industry expected to absorb almost all the unemployed.

The "Bootstrap" program is directed by Richard W. Poston, head of the university's department of community development. The program is aimed at reviving towns physically and spiritually to make them better places to live and work.

"Any community can have these things if people want to get off their tails and work," Poston said. "We are helping people recognize their problems and face them realistically."

The development program starts with an effort to recruit as many people as possible. A door-to-door census is taken by volunteers to get basic information about the town. Committees are formed to make studies of conditions in every phase of community life.

This "self-analysis" usually takes about six months. By that time, a list of "action" projects will already have been completed, and plans can be laid for longer range projects.

"A town starting on a program of this kind usually has a single objective in mind, a new factory," says Poston. "But as soon as the people learn what they can do by working as a team, the prospect of improving their town from the ground up begins to make sense to them."

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Conference Is Held By Lutheran Laymen

Annual Conference,
Held At St. Louis

D. Hoyt Callow of 303 N. 10th st., has returned from the annual three-day conference of district presidents, membership secretaries, Lutheran Hour chairmen, and pastoral advisers of the Lutheran laymen's league. The sessions were held in the Hotel Statler in downtown St. Louis from Sept. 28 to 30. Callow is Lutheran Hour director in the northern Indiana district.

New impetus was given to every phase of league operations as the 200 league leaders were briefed on the latest development in the organization's broad program of Christian service.

Dr. Arnold H. Grumm, recently elected first vice president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, opened the convention with a keynote address on Friday morning. This was followed by a message from LLL President A. W. Herrmann of New Orleans.


The Rev. C. Thomas Spitz, Jr., director of Pan American Operations for the League, was adviser to the District Lutheran Hour chairmen.

"The Cost of Discipleship" was the subject of Dr. Oswald Hoffmann's talk at the fellowship dinner Friday evening. Dr. Hoffmann is speaker on the International Lutheran Hour, the organization's major project. Immediate Past President Louis A. Menking served as toastmaster.

The conference closed on Sunday afternoon with a devotion by the Rev. George Wiltmer, pastoral adviser of the League and pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in St. Louis.

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Juday Is Appointed Justice Of Peace

The appointment of Bert E. Juday of Wabash township to the post of justice of peace for that township was approved by the county commissioners in their regular meeting Monday afternoon.

Juday succeeds Earl DeWald of Geneva, who resigned because of his teaching duties at the Monmouth school, which make it necessary for him to be away from the township during most of the day. The appointment is effective immediately.

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In The Throat

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich. (UP) — Surgery was required to remove part of a broom handle from the throat of Harrison O'Connor. A makeshift bench on which he was leaning against the handle of his push-broom. The handle penetrated his throat and came out through his mouth.

On The Button

THE DALLAS, Ore. (UP) — Construction on the big The Dalles dam project came to an abrupt halt recently when a guide was showing some visitors how the dam's push-button features work. The guide inadvertently touched a button that sounded an evacuation siren.

Sees Big Boost In Farmer Production

40 Per Cent Boost
Necessary By 1957

HUNTLEY, Ill. (UP) — A leading agricultural educator said today a 40 percent increase in farm production will be needed to feed the population of the United States by 1976.

Prof. Roy Bainer, chairman of the department of agricultural engineering at the University of California, spoke at the opening of the Thor research center for better farm living here. He said "the key" to the problem of feeding an increased population lies in the heightened efficiency of mechanized farming.

Bainer said expanding urban areas and the development of super-highways will keep available croplands at a constantly dwindling level. He said to combat the crowding-out trend, farmers must turn to mechanization.

The California professor was one of seven speakers scheduled to address the seminar on power farming marking the opening of the Thor research center. Dedication of the center was planned for Wednesday when agriculture secretary Ezra T. Benson will speak before farmers from Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana.

Indianapolis Man Killed In Brawl

INDIANAPOLIS (UP) — Willis Burks, 35, Indianapolis, was shot fatally today in what police said was a street corner brawl.

Burks' slayer disappeared. Witnesses said an automobile occupied by two men and a woman stalled at a street intersection. They said the men got out and started fighting. One of them ran and the other drew a gun and began firing.



STEWARDESS ANNEKE BONS has good news for Saddy, a turtle she adopted and named at Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam, Netherlands, after he saved himself from the soup. Saddy wriggled out of a turtle shipment that arrived on a K.L.M. Royal Dutch airliner, and was interned by customs officers when he was found later in the cargo compartment. Anneke took pity on the poor turtle and won him freedom of the world airport and aviation city Schiphol, where he is to be given a fine glass cage, expert heating and a scientific diet.

Compassion Shown For Broken Man

Tried Bank Holdup
With Lemon Squeezer

NEW YORK (UP) — Justice smiled compassionately Monday on a broken man who tried to rob a bank with a lemon squeezer.

A young assistant district attorney pleaded that charges be dropped against Edward J. Monkenmeyer, 58, who feebly tried to hold up a bank of 1,000 last Aug. 31 after he was fired from his job and evicted from his apartment.

Monkenmeyer, once a prosperous attorney who had been unable to recover from the depression, "had just a little more than his share" of heartache, the prosecutor said.

The half-starved man, whose wife and children left him, had just been discharged from his job as an elevator operator when he decided to rob the bank.

He held a lemon squeezer in his pocket, indicating he had a gun, and told a teller to give him the money.

The teller refused and Monkenmeyer waited patiently for the police to come. He surrendered almost thankfully.

Asst. Dist. attorney Burt Kohler told Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick that the people of the state of New York did not want to press charges.

"A man can endure just so much pain and frustration in a lifetime. It seemed to us that Ed Monkenmeyer had just a little more than his share," Kohler said.

Kohler said Monkenmeyer is suffering from bleeding ulcers, his spirit is gone and his mind has faded. He staged the robbery as much to get a bed and food in jail as to get money, Kohler said.

Monkenmeyer, who has been assigned to a state hospital, said he was happy now "because I will be fed regularly for the rest of my life."

Many persons who never saw the pitiful little man contributed several hundred dollars for him.

Monkenmeyer said the one letter he has been looking for in the mail has never arrived—a letter from his wife or children.

Wall New Deputy Attorney General

INDIANAPOLIS (UP) — Indiana attorney general Edwin Steers today announced the appointment of Merl M. Wall, Wabash, as deputy attorney general.

Wall formerly served as deputy attorney general 1929-33. He is also a former Cass county prosecuting attorney and county attorney and prosecuting attorney in Wabash county.

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IS THIS an Oriental beauty arriving in New York for some kind of "queen" or "miss" contest? No, she's Miss Renee Sai-yun Liu, a schoolteacher from Taipei, Formosa, but a beauty all the same. She came to the U. S. to attend the International Recreation congress in Philadelphia. (International)

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