

WAGE SCALE OF NRA HAT CODE IS GRADUATED

Newly Approved Plan Is
Stayed Pending Additional
Research.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—NRA has embarked on a new experiment in the hat code, specifying in addition to a minimum wage of 35 cents an hour that certain percentages of workers in each plant must receive high minimum wages, graduated upward.

This unique plan in the code just approved by Administrator Hugh Johnson has been stayed for thirty-five days pending further study, particularly of complaints from western factories which claim they are unable to meet this "average" for the industry.

The graduated scale is not effective as to occupational groups or crafts of workers.

For example, the fur-felt hat branch of the industry would pay 80 cents an hour or more to at least 15 per cent of the employees in each plant; at least an additional 20 per cent would get 70 cents or more; and at least an additional 25 per cent would get not less than 50 cents.

This code was one of the toughest of NRA's jobs. Hearings on it were held last August; the time since has been taken up in efforts to reach an agreement.

General Johnson in a letter to President Roosevelt noted also that after the new scheme has been tried for ninety days a further report will be made by the code authority as to whether the adjustment of wages is equitable and whether the rates tend to become maximum as well as minimum. He also commented that the administrator is given power to cancel or modify this provision.

OKLAHOMAN QUizzED IN DEATH OF WIFE

Mate's Trampled Body Found Near
Home, Police Say.

By United Press
DUNCAN, Okla., Feb. 10.—Police yesterday held Dick Woody, 30, for questioning in connection with the death of his 35-year-old wife.

It was alleged that Woody, who had been away from home three days, returned and ejected two girls and a man from his home. Mrs. Woody's body, apparently beaten and trampled upon, was found later, police said.

20,000 PENNSYLVANIA MINERS END STRIKE

Union Men to Resume Work
Monday, After Long Dispute.

By United Press

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 10.—The strike of 20,000 anthracite miners in north-central Pennsylvania ended yesterday.

Delegates attending the special convention of the United Anthracite Miners of Pennsylvania voted unanimously to terminate the strike, which began Jan. 13.

Miners were instructed to return to work Monday.

SENATE PASSES BILL AGAINST RATE DELAYS

Utility Appeals to Federal Court
Hit in Proposed Act.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The senate yesterday passed the Johnson bill, designed to prevent public utility companies from delaying rate decisions through the federal courts.

The senate's action on the Johnson bill, which has been in congress for two years without previously reaching the senate floor, was taken without a record vote.

Janet Gaynor's next Fox production, "Carolina," has been completed and the stars now is in New York after a stopover in Chicago. She will see the shows in Manhattan and do some shopping while in town returning later to make "The Sun Shines Bright," with Charles Farrell.



FORUM SPEAKER

ANGRY BIDDERS RESENT PLANE, CCC PURCHASES

Congress May Act Unless
Grand Jury Sifts All
Charges.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Why changes were made in specifications for army supplies and whether the changes gave an advantage to certain bidders for contracts are questions that are being pondered here in the district grand jury room and in the committees of congress that have jurisdiction over war department matters.

The grand jury inquiry, which may result in the indictment of four or more persons on charges of attempted conspiracy to defraud the government, has been confined thus far to events surrounding the advertising for bids on army trucks. But bidders who thought they were not getting a fair deal have also carried to members of congress stories of unorthodox handling of purchases of civilian conservation corps equipment and details in connection with contemplated purchase of army airplanes.

Unless the whole affair is threshed out satisfactorily by the grand jury there probably will be an exhaustive congressional investigation into what promises to become the first major scandal of the Roosevelt administration.

Discord in War Department

There is serious discord in the war department. It is indicated Assistant Secretary of War Harry H. Woodring, who supervises procurement activities in the department, has not always agreed with various army bureaus in the letting of contracts.

Other army officers who have had a hand in purchases of war department supplies have told their stories to the grand jury, as has Mr. Woodring. All witnesses appearing before the grand jury were required to waive immunity. The other officers include Lieutenant Colonel B. F. Miller, chief of motor transportation of the the quartermaster general's office, and Colonel A. O. Seaman, supply chief of the national guard bureau.

The controversy has not yet been publicly developed to the point where it is possible to report whether the differences over specifications are mere differences in opinion backed up by engineering arguments or something more than that.

What has been going on outside of the war department has occupied the attention of the grand jury for most of the four days that it has been questioning witnesses. The jurors have heard the testimony of officials of the General Motors Company, the Marmon-Herrington Company of Indianapolis and other auto manufacturing concerns, who told how certain lobbyists approached them and offered to see that the companies shared in the award of \$10,000,000 worth of contracts for army motorization equipment. The lobbyists are reported to have represented that they had enough influence to see that the specifications were satisfactory.

Lobbyists "Influence" Unknown

Whether the lobbyists had an "inside track" and actually were in a position to make good on their promises is something that is said to be still puzzling the grand jurors and is a matter of keen interest to members of congress who had a hand in starting the investigation.

The interested members of congress are inclined to keep hands off until the grand jury inquiry has run its course. United States Attorney Leslie C. Garnett recently telephoned Representative Ross Collins (Dem., Miss.), chairman of the house subcommittee that handles war department appropriations, and suggested that Mr. Collins appear before the grand jury. Collins declined.

All resident members of the club will be privileged to vote in this election, according to an amendment to the club by-laws. Previously, only stockholding members were eligible.

SPONSOR REGULATION OF COMMUNICATIONS

Action on Bill Decided at White House Conference

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—A bill providing regulation by a special commission over radio, telephone, telegraph and cable communications will be pressed at this session of congress, it was decided upon today at a White House conference.

The Smithsonian Institution has added to its exhibits the first practical electric refrigerator.

Depositors of Indianapolis
banks are not required to pay taxes
on their deposits. This is so because the
banks are paying the taxes. ♦ Money
not on deposit is subject to taxation at
the general personal property rates.

THE BANKS OF INDIANAPOLIS

Indiana in Brief

Lively Spots in the State's Happenings Put
Together 'Short and Sweet.'

By United Press

PERU, Feb. 10.—The right of Amish residents to keep their children out of public high schools may be tested by the supreme court of Indiana, it is indicated here.

A charge filed against Adam Miller, an Amish resident living in the religious sector in southern Miami county, accused him of failing to send his son, Ervin, to school.

Miller will be tried in Miami circuit court during the present term, it was indicated. Other members of the colony, aroused over the charge, asked for a jury trial and said that if Miller is convicted they will carry the fight to the state supreme court.

Amish families said they were willing to send their children to the "frills" of high schools. They particularly object to the subjects of physiology, biology, geography and athletics. J. O. Jenkins, superintendent of schools, said.

Simplicity in dress marks the Amish followers. Women gait themselves in black, ankle-length dresses and bonnets. Men wear long beards and dark clothing.

Stone Order Booked

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Feb. 10.—Work of preparing and shipping 260 car-loads of stone for use in construction of the Culvert street bridge in Washington, D. C., is to be started immediately by the Indiana Lime-stone Company, which was awarded a contract this week.

Cost of the stone will be \$200,000. Freight for shipment to Washington will total \$71,000.

Beer to Be Made

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Feb. 10.—Production of beer is expected to start Thursday in the remodeled plant of the Norton Brewing Company. The product is expected to appear on the market April 15. Only keg beer will be made for the time being.

Discord in War Department

By Times Special

KOKOMO, Feb. 10.—Filing of a petition in bankruptcy this week in federal court at Indianapolis by T. O. Bryant, marked the beginning of a business which has been carried on here for nearly forty years in the same location and with the same ownership.

Mr. Bryant, operating a paint and wall paper store, said the depression had created conditions in his business with which he was no longer able to cope. He listed liabilities at \$8,100 and assets at \$4,200.

Blast Kills Man

By Times Special

ELKHART, Feb. 10.—Joseph Porter, 41, Des Moines, Ia., is in a critical condition here today with burns received in a filling station explosion which killed his companion, C. W. West, 21, Des Moines.

The two men driving a truck loaded with automobiles stopped in the filling station to take a nap.

Porter crawled through a trap door when the explosion rocked the building and informed firemen that West was in the debris. Clarence Willard, Elkhart fireman, was burned while removing West.

Free Turnips

By Times Special

FRANKLIN, Feb. 10.—Charles Mathena, Franklin township trustee, is offering to give away 300 bushels of turnips.

The vegetables were raised in a community garden and buried for winter use. However, few have been taken, and the trustee believes that removal of many families from poor relief lists because of re-employment, stopped the demand.

Death Trial Set

By Times Special

DANVILLE, Feb. 10.—James Shelton will go on trial Monday in Hendricks circuit court on a charge of manslaughter resulting from the death of Mrs. Ada Barker in an automobile accident which occurred east of here in November, 1933.

Cut Rate' Alimony

By Times Special

FRANKLIN, Feb. 10.—Mrs. Marie Breeding, Edinburg, who asked \$5,000 alimony in a divorce suit against Bert Breeding, was awarded only \$600 when a decree was granted in Johnson circuit court here. Mrs. Breeding alleged cruelty, which also was the basis of a cross complaint filed by her husband.

Seeks Judgeship

By Times Special

NOBLESVILLE, Feb. 10.—Cassius M. Gentry, Noblesville attorney, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for judge of Hamilton circuit court. Before taking up the practice of law here about thirty years ago, he was a Kokomo school teacher. He was graduated from Wabash college and Yale university law school.

Former Official Dies

By Times Special

SHELBYVILLE, Feb. 10.—Funeral services were held today for Michael Yarcho, 68, who served nine years as a Shelby county commissioner. He had spent his entire life in the county and for the last thirty-eight years had lived in the house where he died.

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STRONGER LAW ON PERJURY IS RECOMMENDED

Help in Prosecution of
Grafter Sought by
Louis Glavis.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Strengthening of perjury laws to help prosecute grafters discovered in public works and in administration of the oil code, has been recommended by Louis Glavis, chief of the interior department's bureau of investigations.

In a conference with Chairman

Hattie Summers (Dem., Tex.) of the house judiciary committee, Mr. Glavis explained the need for such additional legislation at this time.

Mr. Summers promised to introduce the suggested bill which is supported by Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the interior, and to endeavor to draft supplemental legislation that will apply the new rule to all departments of the government.

It was explained that where a man now is not required by law to make a statement on oath, the making of a false statement can not be prosecuted except under the conspiracy statutes. Lawyers say it is difficult to win conspiracy convictions.

Under the proposed Glavis bill Mr. Ickes could issue regulations requiring statements under oath to accompany contracts to the effect that they were made without collusion, etc. If these statements were found false their makers could be prosecuted.

Mr. Glavis patterned his bill after certain provisions in the pension laws which prohibit such perjury as he is endeavoring to stop.

If widened as congressman Summers hopes, the bill could also be used as a big stick in beating graft out of the civil works administration or any other government agency.

MAYOR CANDIDATE



John C. Ruckelshaus is re-elected president of the Columbia Club for a third time at the annual meeting of directors yesterday.

Other officers re-elected were Fred C. Gardner, vice-president; Frank A. Butler, treasurer, and E. P. Akin, secretary.

The board approved a program for increased social and business activities, to be submitted to the membership soon.

Also named were officers of the Columbia Club Realty Company, all re-elected. They are Mr. Gardner, president; Mr. Ruckelshaus, vice-president; Mr. Butler, treasurer, and Mr. Akin, secretary.

RUCKELSHAUS IS RE-ELECTED BY COLUMBIA CLUB

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Albert E. Schumacker (above) today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for mayor of Columbus. Mr. Schumacker is former president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and former president of the Columbus Kiwanis Club. He also has been active in the Columbus Associated Charities and the Columbus made-work program.

Five Negroes die in
Alabama Death Chair

All Go Bravely After Hymn Singing
and Chicken Dinner.

By United Press

KILBY PRISON, MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 4.—Fortified by twelve hours of continuous hymn singing, broken only once for a fried chicken dinner, five Negroes, convicted murderers, walked calmly to their deaths early today—so calmly, they might have been going to a picnic.

Their approach to death was in sharp contrast with the demeanor of official witnesses who crowded into the tiny execution chamber of the state penitentiary here. The witnesses were pale and trembling.

The procession of death began at 12:13 a.m.

DELTA UPSILON ALUMNI WILL ELECT OFFICERS

Set Feb. 17 as Date for Meeting;
Dr. Little to Speak.

Election of officers by Delta Upsilon Alumni Association for the year will be held Saturday night, Feb. 17, at the state banquet at the Athenaeum.

David M. Lewis, De Pauw 1930, is general chairman. E. Carl Watson, De Pauw, 1906, toastmaster, and Ed R. Grisell, Indiana University, 1910, president of the Indianapolis Alumni Association.

The speaker will be Dr. Edward O. Little, connected with the veterans' hospital for many years.

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