Workers Club Enters Politics

At a packed-house meeting on Tuesday night the Coos County Workers Club voted to accept the report of its political committee, taken up elsewhere in this issue. The Political Committee is still working on a platform to hand to the voters of this city this spring, the first plank of which is also discussed this week.

The organizing committee intends not to repeat the age long mistake of the American Federation of Labor which has tried, perhaps, in its wisdom, the existence of the tall timberlands.

Along the Main Stem

One point stressed at the meeting was that the general dissatisfaction is aimed at conditions, systems, and practices and not at individuals. The term "clean out" the City Hall was and is used in the sense that a machine and a ring are to be disposed of, in this election as they have been in other cities, and it is hoped for, with the best intention and in the belief that it also is in the best interest of every voter to select, of course, the small group that gets remuneration from the existence of the present powers.

In furtherance of this plan committees were appointed to pick and choose the ballots, the members being given an examination of the candidates, by the expensive but effective controlling legislative committees, and by the economists but effective process known as lobbying, it is a mistake for labor to throw away remuneration from the existence of the Council. We maintain that the administration a burden that the voters of this city cast a free vote to please some henchman of the City, as for example when it becomes necessary for the City to buy real estate. It may be well to conceal the say the location of a school or other public building to be constructed by the City so as to prevent the owners from raising the price. However, it often happens that the same secrecy is used to clinch the sale for one as against the others and at too great a price.

We would have you watch this paper, as one or two planks of our campaign will appear in it each week until the election time. We invite your comment, contradiction, criticism, opposition, approval, or what you will and if written in any known language we shall print it, because we mean to practice what we preach.

N. R. A. SUCCESS?

Elsewhere in this issue we are so bold as to doubt the success that has been claimed for the N. R. A. We quote herewith from an article published in the "Nation" of Feb. 7, 1934, under the title "A New Fever Chart." The facts and figures utilized in the article are all from conservative sources as appears within, and especially from the American Federation of Labor as the latter has wholeheartedly endorsed the N. R. A.

"Employment. Estimates of the number of unemployed when Mr. Roosevelt took office on March 4, last, vary from 13,000,000 on the part of the American Federation of Labor to 17,000,000 by the Alexander Hamilton Institute. There was some reduction in unemployment until the last part of 1933, when the tide turned back again slightly. In a letter early this year the A. F. of L estimated that 18,000,000 persons who were out of work at the beginning of 1933 were reabsorbed in industry during the year. In addition, 4,600,000 found temporary jobs through the Public Works Administration, the Civil Works Administration, or the Civilian Conservation Corps. It is doubtful if any of these figures, if added together, will be second to any other. The category should be regarded as legitimately reemployed. Certainly the expenditures of the CWA and the CCC are outright doles, and at least half the persons cared for were formerly on private or public relief rolls. In any event the A. F. (Continued on Page 3)
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EDITORIALS

The President's Ball was once an affair limited to Washingtoni-ans, but last Tuesday every community in the nation was treated to a President's Ball. The response throughout the land was most gratifying and the cause warranted it.

The Berlin Committee did an especially fine job in that they raised $4.45.17 and incurred an expenditure of only $12.79. We would that such a spirit could only prevail in all public undertakings.

Yet, without in any way intending anything derogatory, we cannot help but feel the irony in the situation. What is true of this affair is true of practically all charitable causes in our society. We live in the richest country in the world; yet in order to provide for cripple children the President has to use his powerful psychological influence over public opinion to induce the public to spend money in amusing themselves that an institution be founded to house infantile paralytics. In Christian countries where people do not believe in eliminating the unfit, the burden should fall on society as a whole to maintain those unable to maintain themselves. The logical solution would be federal maintenance of institutions scattered over the country catering to the afflicted.

It is proverbial that strangers should not interfere when a man is beating his wife. The wife inevitably turns against her would-be rescuer and helps the husband beat the interener. Before the workers of Berlin had an organization they blamed their employers, the authorities, the weather, or most anything for their troubles. Now the Coos County Workers' Club comes in for its share of the blame. Some blame the organization if they have remained unemployed after joining it and cannot see what good joining has done them. Such an attitude betrays a total lack of understanding of the purpose and effect of labor organizations. No labor group needs organization more than the unemployed, because individually they are the most helpless. The Club cannot possibly create employment but can see that they get fair play.

The most serious blame that has been placed on the Workers' Club is the loss of a day a week suffered by the Brown Company employees when the 40-hour week went into effect. The Club went on record as favoring it, to be in line with the administration of warships while none other than Ogden Mills attacked the tariff in a significant speech in the House of Representatives to limit private profit on Government contracts for the construction of warships while none other than Ogden Mills attacked the tariff in a significant speech in the House of Representatives.
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in the jumping competition, with Milton Desroche from the Chisolm Ski Club, Rumford, making the longest leap of the day when he jumped 111 feet. At Coolman’s Pond, the Cyclones turned the table on our local lads; they defeated the Berlin Hockey Club by a score of 3-2.

We took a peek in at the gay party given by the Morning Glory Social Club and attended by 75 of their guests. Mr. Fred Russell, as genial a master of ceremonies as ever, had charge of the festivities, which were held at the Club Joliette rooms. Along with a charming trio composed of Misses Jeannette Vaillancourt, Lillian Dion, and Pamela Powers sang their way into the hearts of the audience. Mr. Herb Kelley interpreted “Sweet Mysteries of Life” in a most pleasing manner. “Malou” Lavoie, and his Band of a Thousand Melodies provided the music for the dancing.

They tell me that the “Jordan-Marsh” outfit which took our Battery F Bears into camp, last week, is a “sweet” basketball team. To us, it looked like the best group of hoopers we had seen in many moons.

However, Thursday is another day, and we look for the Bears to emerge victors over the Manchester Pros, notwithstanding the fact that Bill Vaillancourt, of Mountaineers fame, will be in the opposing line-up.

Our Police reporter just dropped into, and told us only four individuals managed to reach the Station under escort last week-end. From what he reported, we gathered that one of these individuals, while under the influence of 6% beer (or 50% moonshine), obstructed a guard and assaulted an officer. Nothing serious, however, and he was fined Monday morning.

A two-alarm fire the other night! It was an accident folks (I mean the two alarms). A garage on Oscar Dupont’s property, corner Clark St. and Second Ave., was destroyed by the flames.

A spot of interest to visit, one of these nights when you feel like going somewhere but just can’t make up your mind, is the basement of the Angel Guardian Church, where a gigantic bazaar is being held every afternoon and evening, this week.

The members of the Ste. Anne’s Choir are preparing their usual pretentious entertainments; two comedies will be presented Sunday night at the Old Church Hall, while Tuesday, whist enthusiasts are invited to battle for the numerous prizes offered.

If all the economists in the world were laid end to end, they would never reach a conclusion.

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As he came from out of town, we notified the heads of the local V. F. W. Post of the fact that one of their buddies lay there alone in the hospital. When we return the very next day, he was surprisingly well, and called us over. It was swell of you to do this for me. Some of the boys have been over to see me," he displayed cigarettes and magazines, "we have a grand hull-a-isation. Life looks pretty rosy now."

Mr. Van Ardel, treasurer of the Roosevelt Birthday Fund, dropped in on us and gave us the following statement of receipts and expenditures of the local President's Birthday Committee:

Ticket Sale: $190.50
Women's Aux., Am. Legion: 6.00
Nansen Ski Club: 1.50
Daughters of Isabella: 35.55
Dem. Women's Club: 17.45
Coos County Workers' Club: 25.00
Loyal Order of Moose: 12.00
Berlin University Club: 5.00
Women's Benefit Asso.: 4.00
Women's Relief Corps: 5.00
Eastern Star: 8.00
American Legion: 85.50
School Entertainment: 65.55
Sale of Toussaint Cake: 26.12
Woman's Club (sale of cake): 22.80
Tel., Woman's Club party: 1.20

Total: $445.17

Expenditures:
Red Fire, Club Cigar Store: $9.93
Stamps, Mrs. Ordway: $.86
Clerical help, Eleanor Malloy: 2.00

Total: $12.79
Net proceeds forwarded to National Treasurer of Birthday Fund: $432.38

We hope to meet you all at the High School Gymnasium Friday night. The Mountaineers go into action against the galloping Pintos from Mexico.

Mexico always has a fighting basketball outfit; they played a whirlwind game against Rumford a week or so ago, while the Mountaineers are certainly displaying a brand of cage-game to please the most rabid fans. Perhaps they are not up to the calibre of last year's championship, five, yet so far they have given a very good account of themselves in all of their games.

The Veterans

By A. E. Martel
The third annual "Hello, America" nationwide broadcast sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 15, 11-11:30 p.m. This program will feature the obligations of a coast-to-coast class of recruits by Commander-in-Chief James E. Van Zandt, who is expected to visit Berlin in April; a brief talk by National Auxiliary President Julia L. Pitcock; a fifteen-minute dramatic sketch entitled "Remember the Maine"; several nationally known dance orchestras; the United States Marine Band; and an address by Senator Patrick A. McCarran, Nevada, on the subject of veteran legislation.

The National Broadcasting Company will convey this program over the blue network (key station WBZ).

In order to make this program complete and one hundred per cent successful, the Commander-in-Chief hopes that every Post will have a large class of recruits prepared to take the obligation of membership, as it comes over the air.

White Mountain Post 2525, V. F. W., will hold a meeting, in conjunction with the National Broadcast of the "Hello, America" program, and it is planned to have all the members of the local Ladies Auxiliary, now in process of organization, take the oath of obligation, as it is broadcasted.

Perhaps if some of the veterans who have lost compensation due to the activities of the National Economy League would take the trouble of attending a post meeting of the V. F. W., or of the Legion, they would learn something that might interest them. These organizations are the fighting strength of the peace-time veterans, and like all other organizations need the ammunition in the shape of members to wage a successful campaign.

NOTICE

Some contributions had to be omitted because of lack of space—Editor.

And Monday, there is the American Legion Minstrel Show at the City Hall.