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AFL TACTICS OBJECTED TO BY BUILDERS

(Continued from page one) the union organizers visiting their jobs claimed they were all carpenters but that a check-up revealed that a number of the investors were not. Most of them, it was claimed, are cast-offs or racketeers in general. It was shown by Commissioner Frank Packard, who is a contractor himself, that this labor trouble is holding in abeyance thousands of dollars worth of construction work in and near Birmingham.

From individual reports it was learned that contractors here pay their carpenters from \$1.00 to \$1.15 per hour and work their men from 45 to 49 hours weekly, including Saturdays, although the laborers do not have to put in extra time if they do not so desire.

The labor problem is a general Oakland County problem and has no connection with similar situations in Wayne or other counties.

USES SHOTS AS SIGNAL
Frederick, Md.—Brought into court on charges of assault with intent to kill, the defendant was dismissed when he explained that he fired a number of shots to tell his girl he was ready for a date with her. In answer to the signal, she would put a cloth on a certain fence if she could meet him.

Michigan Mirror

NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

LANSING.—Apprehensiveness over Governor Murphy's "Little New Deal" for Michigan is rapidly fading as the cards are dealt one by one, during the closing weeks of the legislative session. If industry had any fears of so-called "radical" legislation, it was dispelled by the passage of the 40-hour maximum week for women which would impose hardships on the small, small factories, retail stores, telephone exchanges, and other small concerns of the state.

Take, for example, Rep. Charles Snow's minimum wage bill, House Bill 66.

As amended both by committee and by the house on general orders, this measure proposes a 40-hour and six-day week, food plants are given seasonal exemption from the hour provision; the state labor department is granted wide discretionary powers to "modify the provisions in the interest of public convenience and necessity."

"Strike Arbitration"
The latest card in the Murphy labor deck was revealed last week when the legislature received a labor-relations bill which would outlaw sit-down strikes and lock-outs while state mediation efforts were under way.

In fact, the revolutionary idea—and that word is used in an abstract way—appears to be much to the liking of industrial and commercial leaders who recently experienced costly labor warfare that impoverished temporarily the consuming power of workers and put a dent into profits for 1937.

The state law would prohibit labor strikes hastily called by leaders and often without due notice to the employer.

Labor would be given the privilege of recognizing or refusing to recognize any organization as the collective bargaining agency for the majority. The state labor relations board would conduct elections to determine this bargaining agency.

An inkling of the attitude of organized labor is given in the protest of Rep. Philip J. Rahoi, leader of the so-called house progressive " bloc," that the measure goes out of its way to recognize the rights of industry and that it imposes new responsibilities on labor.

States' Responsibility
"We can't wait two years for a solution."

Those words by the governor have put a hospital modernization program on the "must" list for the legislature.

A building program would provide relief from congestion in state institutions for mental patients. Michigan is now 26th in per capita provision for mental patients. The bills would provide 7,000 more beds.

The governor's emphatic declaration followed closely on the heels of remarks by Senator Miller Duncanson, Republican of Three Rivers that "someone in the governor's chair must in time have the nerve to take hold of this problem boldly."

School Aid At Stake
With state institutions pressing the legislature for needed financial aid, members of the house and senate are beginning to wonder how it will be possible to grant \$8,000,000 more state aid annually to the schools to return \$8,000,000 more in taxes to counties for local highways, and to provide \$6,000,000 state aid for hospitalization of adults on welfare relief.

As an offset against the financial measures was a proposal by Senator D. Hale Drake, chairman of the senate judiciary committee, that the state sales tax be increased from 3 to 4 per cent. Coming as a dash of ice water in the face, the idea has served as a "brake" to legislators, for the governor has let it be known that the state treasury must be balanced. Higher taxes are never popular with legislators.

State Police
Drivers' licenses would be handled by state police which would receive all receipts from fees, according to the Keesel-McKay bill. Admittedly, it would yield \$500,000 a year and would finance 100 more troopers and 100 more motor clubs are reported to favor it.

Furs and Property
Returning property has been a great demand for furs. From Alger county in the Upper Peninsula comes news that an Illinois man has bought property at Grimes lake and will operate a fur farm in winter and furrier summer resort in summer. The investor, Paul Lauterman, had been visiting the upper peninsula for many seasons.

Furniture Museum
Grandmother's queer old rocking chairs of the Civil war era, horsehair sofas of the "Gay Nineties," and the ultra-modern designs of the '30s will all have a place in the Grand Rapids' unique furniture museum, the only one of its kind in the country, which will be ready for inspection possibly by this summer.

The building was remodelled under a \$24,000 WPA grant, and the city has appropriated \$1,000 a year for maintenance.

It will be a "house of yesterday and tomorrow," a fitting exhibit for the nation's furniture capital and another distinctive attraction for the state.

American Mother of 1937



Mother's Day, May 9, will have a special distinction for Mrs. Carl R. Gray, above of Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Gray has been chosen the "American Mother of 1937" by the Golden Rule Foundation. Mother of three sons, Mrs. Gray is wife of the president of the Union Pacific railroad. Her husband was a 13-year-old telegrapher and she was 17 when they were married. The Grays have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Quick Transit
Mrs. Maloney was telling her neighbor that she had just received a telegram stating that her soldier son had arrived safely in India that morning.

The neighbor was amazed by the news.

"What," she exclaimed, "that seems impossible. Mrs. Maloney. The telegram must have traveled at a terrific speed."

"Sure, an' faith it must have," said the proud mother. "Would ye believe it, when I received the envelope the gum on it was still moist!"

SPORTS SCRIBE DISCUSSES BALL PLAYERS' QUIRKS

(Continued from page one)

"Against the Boston Red Sox 'Dizzy' hurried great ball" Edgar said, "but he blew up when the St. Louis Cardinals gave him a dose of his own medicine during a grapefruit league game at Daytona Beach, Fla. The Cards, fearing their relentless 'baiting' of opposing hurlers, pounced on 'Dizzy' and drove him to distraction after he had walked past their dugout and shouted to them, 'Well, how do you hit ballies feel with shies on?'"

Pete Fox and Lynwood "Schoolboy" Batts are Detroit's outstanding prima donnas, Edgar claimed. He said Fox has convinced himself that he cannot play good ball in the Spring while Batts, who pitched and coddled all his life, continually discovers something wrong with his arm or back.

Tommy Bridges' leading right hander seasons and George Walker, outfielder, lead the Sports in competitive spirit, the scribe stated. He called on the talk with the statement that Mickey Cochrane, Detroit manager, fears Washington's "pitcher more than any other club in the circuit, barring the Yankees."

Junior Legion Team Organizes Friday
A meeting of all local youths interested in joining this year's Junior American Legion baseball team will be held tomorrow evening, May 7, at 7:15 p. m. in the Legion Home on South Woodward. At the session preliminary dates will be decided upon and the equipment needed for the season will be itemized. Archie Livingston, who will coach the team, will outline plans for the year at the meeting.

Five veterans are expected to return to the fold this year, although a number of last year's stars have exceeded the age limit of 17 years. It was announced that any boy under the specified age is invited to try out with the team. Play will start about the middle of June and the American Legion sponsor of the team is anxious to organize and start practice early.

MILLINGTON SPEAKS AT DeMOLAY AFFAIR
Annual Patriot's Night was observed by members of the local DeMolay chapter Tuesday evening in the Masonic Temple. T. H. Millington gave the principal address, speaking on Alexander Hamilton's life and his influence on American government, banking and judiciary. Bill Bowden presided over the affair.

Mr. Millington traced the life work of Hamilton terming him the actual creator of our present judiciary and banking systems. The talk followed ceremonies conducted by members of the organization.

Sure Not
A little city boy was visiting his country cousin.

"What do you know about cows," quizzed the country lad.

"You don't even know if that's a Jersey cow?"

"I don't know from here, 'cause I can't see the license."

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HOUSE DRIVE FALLS SHORT OVER \$5500

(Continued from page one) weather kept many persons at home.

Mrs. Byers named several other individuals and groups who aided materially in conducting the campaign. She thanked the local Boy Scouts for being issued posters by business establishments; the firemen for their cooperation in erecting and marking the daily progress of the drive on the huge thermometer at the intersection of Woodward and Maple; The Executive for its cooperation in publicizing the Roll Call. School Supt. H. D. Crull and the art department of the schools gave unstintingly of their time and higher grades designed and drew the attractive posters used for the drive. Mrs. Byers also thanked Mr. Bert Moore for painting the thermometer.

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and
6:00 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.

There will be no change in banking hours for the other days of the week, which remain as heretofore—

9:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M.

The change in banking hours for Saturday involves closing at 12:00 o'clock Noon instead of 1:00 o'clock P. M., as in the past. This change is made in the interest of our personnel and we solicit your cooperation in that you arrange for your banking requirements by 12:00 o'clock Noon on that day; otherwise, our facilities will be available to you again between the hours of 6:00 P. M. and 8:00 P. M., SATURDAYS ONLY.

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