

Famed Labor Leader Reports C.I.O. Progress to Audience Here

Ribbed But Not Riled Over Report



FRANK SCHMIDT
... no defendant, he

A similarity in names—but not in addresses—caused Frank Schmidt of 1918 Cabrillo avenue no little embarrassment last week following publication in The Herald of a news story concerning the arrest of another Frank Schmidt, of 1932 West 238th street, and his wife on a charge of furniture theft.

Cabrillo avenue's Schmidt underwent a lot of kidding from friends who read the report and began ribbing him about his "date with the judge." Schmidt, councilman candidate in 1937 and warehouse employee at the Columbia Steel plant, has taken the kidding well but nevertheless he points out he is not the defendant.

The 228th street Schmidts are scheduled to appear before Police Judge Robert Lessing next Tuesday morning, Oct. 30, to answer claims made by Mrs. Annie Wilson of East Torrance regarding the alleged theft of some furniture.

Four Babies Born at Hospital Here

Four babies, evenly divided as to sexes, were born during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital. They were:

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crist of Gardena on Sunday.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar T. Morris of Manhattan Beach last Friday.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelso of Redondo Beach last Thursday, and

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tomp of Los Angeles on Tuesday.

The 25,260,000 autos in America are quite sufficient to take every man, woman and child in the country riding at the same time.

Murray Lauds U.S. Steel for Job Agreement

In reviewing the history of labor's cause under the banner of the Congress of Industrial Organizations during the past three years, Phillip Murray, vice-president of the C. I. O. and chairman of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, told an audience of about 350 men and women in the Torrance theatre last Saturday morning:

"Following enactment of the National Labor Relations Act, SWOC entered into negotiations with the U. S. Steel Corporation and its subsidiaries for a contract covering wages, hours and working conditions. This resulted in the perfection of the first widespread collective bargaining agreement in the history of the steel industry.

"I want to tell you that U. S. Steel has faithfully and religiously observed the terms of that agreement. We have no complaint to make about the relations between SWOC and U. S. Steel and its subsidiaries. The corporation and its companies have not at any time to my knowledge violated the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act."

Visitors Introduced

However, Murray went on to say, "that is not true of a number of other steel companies" and he paid his respects to Bethlehem Steel, Republic Steel and the National Steel Corporation. He predicted "complete unionization of every Bethlehem plant in the U. S. within the next six months."

Murray was introduced to the gathering here by Johnny Despol, field director for SWOC in this area. President Carl Steele, head of the local lodge affiliated with the C.I.O., presided at the session which attracted a number of local business men and city officials. Murray had been taken on a tour of the city by local leaders previous to his appearance on the theatre stage.

He spoke on "Our Mutual Problems" after Steele had introduced several prominent C. I. O. guests, including Mr. Driscoll from the Bethlehem Steel lodge, Mr. Diamond, field representative of SWOC, out of the Los Angeles office, and John Flannery, President Steele in commenting on the size of the audience said that more would have been present but for the fact that many members of the local lodge were working an overtime shift at the Columbia Steel plant.

"My mill is going on a 10-hour shift next week to catch up with orders and the men will be getting over-time pay according to our contract with the company," (Continued on Page 4-B)



LABOR LEADER CONGRATULATED

At the close of his address here last Saturday morning, Phillip Murray, vice-President of the C.I.O., and chairman of the

Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, (left) was congratulated by President Carl Steele of the local S.W.O.C. lodge for his informative talk on the advancement of labor under the C.I.O. banner.

Big M. & M. Van Fried in Butter as Tire Explodes

Literally "fried in butter," the big new moving van, and its GMC tractor, recently purchased by the M & M Transfer company was totally destroyed about midnight Monday when it caught fire on the highway about two miles north of Ocean-side. The big van was loaded with 16,500 pounds of butter, 1552 pounds of cheese, and 6000 pounds of skim milk, all of which went up in flames. The entire cargo, valued at \$6,500, was fully insured as are all loads hauled by the M & M Transfer, according to John E. Miller, owner. Arrangements are being made for replacing the big van with an all metal body, Miller stated yesterday.

The cause of the spectacular blaze was attributed by Roy Mead, driver, as due to combustion resulting from an overheated flat tire. When one tire deflated, it caused another tire to do the same, necessitating the driver to leave the load to make a call for additional tires, it was explained. During the driver's absence, the overheated tire exploded, igniting the cargo, which was beyond control when Mead returned.

Bank Liquidators Declare Dividend for Gardenians

Notice of a 10 percent dividend, due to be paid on Nov. 1, has been sent to all stockholders in the Gardena Liquidating Corp., which took over the old Farmers & Merchants Bank of Gardena a few years ago.

Announcement of this "melon cut" was made last week by Harry Tunstall, president of the corporation. The dividend, fifth one to be paid by the concern, will distribute about \$11,000 to more than 800 stockholders, most of whom reside in Gardena Valley, it is reported.

Experts Says All Locks With Key Can Be Picked

CANTON, O. (U.P.)—To be a successful lock-picker one must have a knowledge of locks, an extraordinary dexterity of the fingers, infinite patience and luck, believes Maxwell C. Maxwell, lock company executive. "But you won't find one burglar in 10,000 who has these four characteristics," he said, "altho there never has been a lock operated by a key that can't be picked—and there never will be." Maxwell said locks today are based on the principles of the wooden lock used by the Egyptians more than 4,000 years ago.

HERE'S GOOD NEWS!

Bumper Turkey Crop Awaits State Axe

Indications are that the 1939 turkey crop in California is the largest on record for the state, the Federal State Crop Reporting Service announced at the State Department of Agriculture this week.

California ranked second in number of turkeys produced in 1938, exceeded only by Texas with a production of 3,228,000 birds.

Turkey production in California has expanded steadily since 1929, when the state's production was 1,229,000 birds. By 1938 the crop had increased to 2,594,000 hens and toms.

The expansion in California production since 1929 has been possible because of improved management methods, larger flocks per farm than in earlier years, better methods of disease control, and the development of a year-round market for turkeys.

In addition to the producing turkeys for market, California growers have also developed a

substantial business of producing turkey eggs and incubating poulters for shipment to other states.

The favorable weather conditions in this state permit an early hatching season, an important factor in the development of the egg production and hatchery business.

In comparison with other states, California ranked first in value of turkeys produced in 1938, with a value of \$3,456,000. The value of turkeys produced in 1937 was \$3,243,000. This was almost double the five year, 1929-33 average of \$4,726,000.

The average value received per bird by California growers has varied in the last ten years from a high of \$4.70 in 1929 to a low of \$2.47 in 1933. In 1938 growers received an average of \$3.26 for each (Continued on Page 4-B)

Job Placements Gain, Bird Says

A state-wide increase in job insurance placements over a year ago, a wider distribution of unemployment insurance checks, larger sums in fewer payments to individuals and a \$775,000 decrease in benefits over August characterized September statistics of the State Department of Employment.

This announcement was made today by Edwin A. Bird, manager of the Torrance-South Bay office of the department, following advices from headquarters office in Sacramento.

Job placements jumped from 21,488 in September, 1938, to 26,963 in September of this year. Two factors are responsible for the increase, Bird said, the first an enhanced trend throughout the state, and second, an increasing tendency on the part of hiring agencies to use the Department of Employment as labor clearance headquarters.

Indicative of increased employment in California during September as compared to August, 1939, was the fact that 76,824 fewer checks were distributed to claimants and the total benefits disbursed dropped from \$3,272,410.70 to \$2,495,781.42, a decrease of \$776,629.28 in September over August.

Placement figures in the Torrance-South Bay office increased 375 percent in September of this year over the same month a year ago.

Claimants residing in this area received 1445 checks in September, 1939, against 1914 in the previous month, a decrease of 469. Money distributed in this area last month amounted to \$15,888.07, compared to \$21,061.84 in August, a decrease of \$5,173.77.

Stores to Mark Thanks Day and Armistice Day

Torrance retail stores will observe Nov. 23 as the Thanksgiving Day holiday, it was voted Tuesday evening at a meeting of the Torrance Retail Merchants' association. This is the date proclaimed by President Roosevelt and Governor Olson, and is one week prior to the traditional date.

Armistice Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, was also voted a "holiday" by Torrance merchants who signified their intention of remaining closed all day, but of remaining open Friday night, prior to Armistice Day, until the usual Saturday night closing hours.

The merchants meeting was the first general assembly since the election of President Hillman R. Lee (Penney Co. manager) and the new board of directors, which include Lee, Harry M. Abramson, E. A. McBride, Paul Ennis and George H. Moore, Jr. One of the largest crowds ever to attend a local merchants' gathering came out for the dinner at Daniels cafe.

Displayed on a light pole in front of the cafe on Cabrillo avenue, was a sample of the Christmas street decorations designed by George H. Moore and adopted as the plan for this year. It consists of tall red candles to conceal the light standards, with Christmas trees hung from the side lamps and a modernistic louver at the top of the pole. The decorations will be made in Torrance and remain the property of the merchants. It is planned to elaborate on the design in future years, according to Moore, who was complimented for his artistry.

It was decided to abandon the idea of having a window soaping contest on the Saturday prior to Halloween, but a committee consisting of J. G. Koch, chairman; Sam Levy, Alden Smith and E. W. Quimby was authorized to prepare and present a suitable Halloween parade and party for the youngsters on Tuesday night, Oct. 31.

Five Pearls in Oyster Fried for \$1,500 Loss

NEW HARTFORD, Conn. (U. P.)—If the oysters hadn't been fried, Robert Fecto would have realized a profit of \$1,499.70 on a 30-cent order of his favorite seafood. Fecto found five pearls in one of the oysters. The frying depreciated their value from \$800 each to exactly nothing.

Classified Highlights—

Get your fill of southern fried chicken at the ranch dinner house under class. 28.

If you prefer to fry, roast or stew your own chicken, select your own from the sturdy birds that never touch ground. See class. 29.

The car you want may be advertised this week. Be sure to see the ads under class. 99.

How about seeing the special tuner-upper about the old bus? He's trying to quickly build a large volume of business—note his price inducements under class. 100.

Own your own home. Thanking. Stop filing worthless rent receipts. See class. 84f.

Free Showing of Steel Film Tonite

The sound film, "The Making and Shaping of Steel," produced by the United States Steel Corporation, will be shown in the Torrance high school auditorium at 8 p. m. tonight.

The local management of Columbia Steel company is requesting their employees to attend this free program and the general public is included in the invitation. Elementary school children must have their parents with them.

As an extra attraction and prior to the showing of the film, Mrs. Lorraine Ulrich will be heard in a series of vocal selections. This is a cooperative plan of entertainment in which the steel company management, high school and the Methodist church are sharing. Several others of different nature, yet of community-wide interest, are being projected for the future.

Six Patients Enter Hospital

Six patients were received during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital. They were: Donna Thomas, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thomas of 20420 South Normandie, last Wednesday suffering from pneumonia. She is reported improved today.

Mrs. Elsie Brownell, Redondo Beach, Monday for surgery; Mrs. Lettie Devine, Hermosa Beach, Sunday for surgery; Joseph E. Grady, San Pedro, Friday for medical attention to injuries suffered in an accident at the port city; A. M. Harter, Redondo Beach, Thursday for medical treatment, and Miss Dorothy Shaw, daughter of John B. Shaw, 1422 Amapola avenue, Tuesday for surgery.

Huge Storm Drain Job Under Way on Compton Creek

A formal order of the Board of Supervisors today transferred \$100,000 from the Lomita storm drain W.P.A. project to the East Compton creek storm drain project, thereby starting one of the greatest storm drain jobs in the history of the county.

Because the Federal government needed all available W.P.A. man power in the harbor district for Federal projects there, W.P.A. headquarters sought the switch in sponsor's funds to the East Compton Creek job which will provide drainage for the Huntington Park area.

It is expected that the first unit of this project soon will be under way. Federal officials this week conferred with County officials asking that the \$100,000 be turned over to them so that all materials for the job could be bought by one government agency.

Business Gains Cited by Sears

Many lines of business in California and the Far West experienced an upsurge in September, according to Dean L. Sears, manager of the local branch of Bank of America. Quoting the current Business Review prepared by the bank's analysis and research department, the local banker revealed that the far western Business Index rose 3.7 percent over August, and 6.1 percent over September, 1938.

Indicating greater business activity, bank debits in 15 principal California cities during September totaled \$2,151,638,000, which was 9.6 percent greater than in September a year ago. Slackening in California's building industry was shown in figures from 32 cities. Total value of permits for all types of construction was \$12,962,584, which was a decline of 16 percent from the previous month. Permits for home buildings in 30 cities totaled \$8,029,547, which was also a 16 percent decline from August.

GIVE REPORTS

Having returned from the California-Nevada district convention in Oakland, President Dean Sears and C. T. Rippey of the Kiwanis club presented their reports on the gathering to the local service group Monday night.

Cockfighting is the chief sport of the peons of Puerto Rico.

Wooldridge Herald Circulation Mgr. Writes

Either in work or in play or in study—do not become discouraged until you have failed at something you really like.



CHINATOWN "SHOOTING" . . . The picturesque Chinese quarter of Los Angeles has announced a prize contest for the best amateur shots of its colorful nooks and corners. After two weeks of shooting, during which the Chinese hold open house for the photographers, noted judges will decide the winners in a salon held in China City. Picture shows, left to right; Mrs. Dorothy Liu and Mrs. Chung Dat Loo, as they hold little Gwendolyn Loo and Evelyn Loo, for a large mob of camera fans.



POP WINS AGAIN! . . . In 1907, Glen Scoby "Pop" Warner's Carlisle Indians defeated the University of Chicago gridiron eleven under the mentorship of Amos Alonzo Stagg. After 32 years, the famed football coaches met again with their respective teams at Stockton, Calif. Warner emerged the victor,

with his San Jose State "Spartans" handing the Stagg "Tigers" of the College of Pacific a 13-3 defeat. Picture shows Glenn Scoby "Pop" Warner, left, and Amos Alonzo Stagg. Warner is in his 44th year of coaching and Stagg is moving quietly into his 50th year of teaching the gridiron sport.



FOOT-RELIEF STATION . . . With sigh and a smile, this member of the German Reichwehr has his leg bandaged by a Red Cross aide, to check aches and pains resulting from a long and weary march on the Western Front. Picture was passed by a German censor in the war zone.