

Shipyard Worker Is Victim of Gas Fumes

Jack Martin, 45 years old, ship-fitting. Farewell notes indicated the yard worker, was found dead in man ended his life because of ill his gas-filled room at 2720 Third health, Corner Otto H. Mittelstadt Ave. about 6:30 o'clock this morn-said.

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WAIVER SOUGHT ON RETIREMENTS

Because young men are being called to military duty, the City Water Department soon will ask the City Council for permission to continue employment of men who will pass the compulsory retirement age of 65 years this year, Superintendent W. C. Morse told the Council utilities committee today.

"These older men want to work and resent the fact the city wants to release them while they feel they can do a service to their country by working in the utility," Morse declared. "We will lose 22 of them if the retirement rule is not changed this year, and there is a shortage of young men to replace them."

Councilmen David Levine and James Scavotto indicated the Council will be slow to upset its present retirement plan, which took years to perfect, but indicated a special dispensation might be granted to certain older employees needed in city departments, or that the departments might be given permission to continue the men as other civil-service workers, in which status they would draw no extra pension money.

Elliott to Address Real-Estate Board

Henry Elliott, Jr., chairman of the Seattle Fair Rent Committee, will speak at tomorrow's luncheon meeting of the Seattle Real Estate Board at the Olympic Hotel, Albert Balch, president, announced today.

Evacuation of business concerns has greatly decreased the size of London telephone directories.

Don Blanding Recalls First Book Success



DON BLANDING
He enjoys 'homecoming'

Don Blanding, poet and lecturer, always considers his visits to Seattle as homecoming, for it was here his first book, "Vagabond's House," came out 14 years ago.

Blanding reminisced about it at the Washington Athletic Club, where he will talk on "Drifter's Gold" this evening, after a lecture this afternoon.

"The book was written in Hawaii, and I received the author's copy there, but my first autographing party was at Frederick & Nelson's and Miss Gertrude Andrus, then head of the book department, gave me the first book of the first edition," Blanding recalled.

The author said that late that night he wandered about town—and his steps magically took him to the bookshop window where "Vagabond's House" was displayed. The book has gone into its 28th edition, and he has had eight other books published, "but there is never again the thrill of the first one," he says.

On tour since January 4, Blanding has lectured in 32 states. His talks here will be followed by one in Olympia, which will conclude his tour this season.

Retold From Yesterday's Late Editions

TIRE THIEF SENTENCED

Harry D. Hase, 36 years old, who confessed stealing several tires from a service station at 4609 Leary Way, was sentenced by Superior Judge Clay Allen to a maximum term of 15 years in state prison. The charge was second-degree burglary.

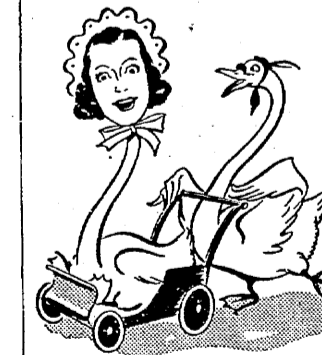
WORTH McCURE PAYS FINE

Worth McClure, 2016 Ravenna Blvd., superintendent of Seattle Schools, paid a \$10 fine in Police Court when found guilty of failing to give right of way to two pedestrians in a crosswalk Monday night. The pedestrians, Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Scholl, 1724 E. 56th St., both struck by McClure's automobile, were not hurt seriously. McClure testified he was blinded by the lights of another car.

JAPANESE SENTENCED

Junichi Nakamura, 20 years old, who pleaded guilty of second-degree burglary, was sentenced by Superior Judge Clay Allen to a maximum 15-year term in the state reformatory. Leniency was asked by the owner of a feed store into which Nakamura broke last February 22. Judge Allen, informed that the Japanese recently had spent nine years in Japan, remarked that Nakamura was the type to which Japanese subversives would appeal and said the young man should not be at large.

"Swan up, folks" says GRACIE ALLEN

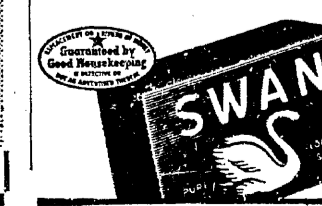


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DOUBLE-TIME PAY OPPOSED

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—Top-ranking production officials of the War and Navy Departments and the Maritime Commission assured a Senate investigating committee today that there was no immediate need for any wartime labor legislation.

Senator Thomas, Democrat, Oklahoma, chairman of a Senate appropriations subcommittee conducting a general inquiry into wartime labor and production conditions, told reporters this was the general summary of testimony by Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war; Adm. Emory S. Land, chairman of the Maritime Commission; Ralph A. Bard, assistant secretary of the Navy, and Lieut. Gen. William S. Knudsen.

However, Thomas said that the officials and senators agreed that the present practice of paying double rates for work on Sundays and holidays should be eliminated, with all pay for overtime above 40 hours weekly limited to a rate of time and one-half.

Thomas said the Senate subcommittee also agreed unanimously that "we have no present wartime labor policy" and that the "War Labor Board should make an immediate announcement of such a war policy."

Solons Split on 40-Hour Law

President Roosevelt's blunt opposition to any immediate changes in the 40-hour-week law found important support in the Senate today, but the House still seemed bent on taking matters into its own hands.

Even in some Senate quarters there were those who believed that the war-production emergency called for modification for the overtime-pay provisions of the statute.

The House manifested every intention of pushing ahead with consideration of legislation which would suspend all maximum-hour laws in war industries, and some Senate administration backers privately were dubious about the chances of defeating such a measure if it also contained drastic provisions for recapture of all corporate profits over 6 per cent.

Steady Production Demanded

A potent factor in the entire situation was the unabated avalanche of mail which continued to pour into congressional offices from back home demanding that all legislative precautions be taken to prevent any further interruption or delay in the arms output. Mindful of the fact that this is an election year, more than one legislator apparently was apprehensive lest inaction now be misconstrued by the voters later.

In one preliminary study of diverse problems, a Senate appropriations subcommittee called high government officials into a closed session today for testimony on whether strikes should be outlawed and the 40-hour work-week modified.

The President told a press conference late yesterday that there had been "an amazing state of public misinformation" on the 40-hour-week question. He spoke out against any change in the law at present because, he said, things were going along pretty well.

Hurried Legislation Opposed

Mr. Roosevelt conceded, in response to a question, that some legislation on the 40-hour week and strikes might be required in time, but advised against rushing things, repeating that they were going pretty well.

The President pointed out to reporters that Congress could not pass a law to make a man produce more. As for misinformation, he said he had received five letters from editors of small newspapers asking why the Wage-Hour Law did not permit anyone to work longer than 40 hours a week. Everyone knew the law did not prohibit anyone from working longer than that, he said, adding the editors evidently had been misled by speeches in Congress and things they had read.

Senator Hill, Democrat, Alabama, chairman of a subcommittee in charge of wage-hour revision bills, agreed with the President's statement and advised legislators to "go awfully slow lest they upset what is now a very favorable situation."

Japanese Reports Stabbing by Filipino

Kyochie Naki, 44 years old, 605 Main St., reported to police today that he was stabbed by a Filipino early yesterday morning. Naki said the man approached him near Naki's home and began slashing at him with two knives without any explanation. Naki said he did not know the man and knew no reason for the attack. He was treated by a private physician.

Mrs. William Mellon Dies on Florida Yacht

MIAMI, Fla., March 18.—(AP)—Mrs. William Larimer Mellon, wife of the chairman of the Gulf Oil Company board, died here today on her husband's yacht, the Old River, moored in Biscayne Bay.

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CAR HITS POLE; 4 WORKERS HURT

Four defense workers were injured, two of them seriously, when the automobile in which they were riding burst into flames after striking a utility pole at Airport Way and Horton Street about 1:15 o'clock this morning.

William Wilson, 47 years old, 11515 Linden Ave., driver of the car, and Jack Harrison, 26, of 11517 Linden Ave., suffered severe head injuries. They were taken to Harborview County Hospital. Wilson also suffered a fracture of his left arm and Harrison suffered a possible fracture of his jaw.

Thomas Hopkins, 53, of 10738 Palatine Ave., and George O. Brown, 56, 503 N. 36th St., were given treatment for lacerations. All four men are machinists.

Mrs. Lora Dozark, 41 years old, 9026 32nd Ave. S. W., suffered minor injuries when struck by an automobile while walking at Fifth Avenue and James Street shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She was given first aid at Harborview County Hospital.

Fred Bartman, 33, of 10450 Rainier Ave., driver of the automobile, took her to the hospital. Bartman was not held.

Slang in Argentina is expressed with gestures of the hands.

Engineers' Club 'Movies'

Members of the Engineers' Club, meeting tomorrow noon in their clubrooms in the Arctic Building, will view motion pictures of the new Washington, D. C. airport, to be shown by George Boyd, president of the Washington State Chapter of the Illuminating Engineers' Society. Conrad Mannes, with the Seattle office of the W. P. A., will show motion pictures of airport construction work.

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