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REVISED LABOR REGULATIONS ISSUED

Amended regulations defining the term "area of production," as used in the Fair Labor Standards Act, have been issued by General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, it was announced recently by Frank J. G. Dorsey, regional director for the Division in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

"In the Federal Wage-Hour law, employees 'employed within the area of production as defined by the Administrator,' are partially exempt from the hours provisions of the Act under Section 7(c) and from both the minimum wage and maximum hours provisions under Section 13(a) (10) in the processing of certain specified agricultural commodities," Mr. Dorsey said.

"The new definition exempts employees engaged in establishments employing ten or fewer employees in the exempt operations and drawing the commodities from farms in the 'general vicinity.' No other establishments will be within the 'area of production.'

"These regulations thus make applicable the definition previously issued for fresh fruits and vegetables to all agricultural and horticultural commodities. In addition, the amended regulations continue in effect the definitions previously issued, pursuant to hearings duly held, for dry edible beans and Porto Rican leaf tobacco, pending future investigation and revision.

"The new regulations will supersede the previous regulations which defined the 'area of production' by limiting it to (1) establishments in towns of less than 2,500 population and receiving their commodities from farms within ten miles of

such establishments, and (2) establishments employing not more than seven employees in exempt operations.

"Reconsideration of the old regulations was sought on the grounds that the limitations, particularly the ten-mile radius, narrowed the market outlets for many farms and restricted the area in which many operators could purchase agricultural commodities without suffering a competitive labor cost disadvantage. It was also felt that the population limitation excluded many plants in small and middle-sized towns and cities which were surrounded by producing areas.

"It was further argued that the limitation of seven or fewer employees in the old regulations should be changed to a limitation of ten or fewer employees. Since it is believed that such a change will carry out the congressional purpose of exempting a number of rural plants located close to the farm, which are not now exempt, the change has been incorporated into the new regulations.

"With respect to the new regulations, General Fleming has stated that in his opinion they will produce a minimum of discrimination and economic dislocation between competitors engaged in similar operations and between the same classes of labor. Further, he believes, the new regulations will aid in carrying out the declared purpose of the Act to eliminate substandard working conditions.

"When hearings on the 'area of production' definitions were held in Washington, many farmers and representatives of farming organizations in Pennsylvania and Delaware attended to express their views on the subject."

tion computed back to the effective date of the Act—October 24, 1938—in the two states is \$472,115.30 for 25,944 employees. Inspectors have made 3,327 investigations and 7,086 complaints have been analyzed, showing 5,160 apparent violations, the regional tabulation shows. Fines totaling \$25,075.00 have been assessed by Federal courts in the two states, and the courts have ordered restitution amounting to \$42,643.05 for 2,805 employees.

AMONG BOOKS

WHAT THE CITIZEN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE NAVY. . . by Hanson W. Baldwin . . . W. W. Norton & Co., Inc., publishers . . . \$2.00. Hanson W. Baldwin is on completely familiar ground when he writes of the Navy. He is a graduate of Annapolis, and is now the naval specialist of The New York Times.

As a result "What the Citizen Should Know About the Navy" is an informative, up-to-date and complete book about the first line of defense of the United States. If anything, it is too complete, and at times encyclopedic. Pages of tables, diagrams and statistics lent to a textbookish atmosphere that is barely dissipated by a brisk, running narrative. Every conceivable phase of naval operations seems to be covered by the author.

The book opens with a general discussion of the importance of sea power. It goes on to tell the life of the enlisted man in the Navy; his training, pay, chances for advancement and life aboard ship. As to the latter, it seems inconceivable that anybody would willingly join the Navy knowing the daily schedule he must follow. As presented by Mr. Baldwin, it goes something like this: up at 4 a. m.; breakfast; shine the brightwork; knock off the brightwork; inspection and setting up exercises; general drill; dinner; sweep decks; drill; sweep down; knock off brightwork; clear decks; supper; sweep decks; scrub clothes; drill; and so to bed. The impression is given that the decks of a battleship must soon be worn thin by such continual sweeping.

The author goes on to tell of the naval officer; his pay, training, duties and chances for advancement. An interesting matter for discussion is brought up here, although Mr. Baldwin neither condemns nor condones but follows the policy of general statement of fact. There is decided social discrimination between the Naval Academy graduate and the non-graduate. Two officers may be of the same rank, but if one is a graduate of Annapolis and the other is not, a definite gulf remains between them. The first may rise to a high commission, while the second has little chance of doing so.

Definite cliques of Naval Academy graduates are found which are impregnable to non-graduates. This system is obviously open to adverse criticism and has recently been attacked in magazine articles.

The various types of fighting ships are next discussed so that the reader will know the difference between a battleship, a battle cruiser, a destroyer and a cruiser. The fleet as a whole is taken up along with the elements of tactics and strategy. Fortunately the author writes

clearly enough so that the reader is not lost in a maze of naval techniques.

The importance of naval bases, the relationship of air power to sea power, and the problems of equipment and communications are all taken up in this book.

"What the Citizen Should Know About the Navy" is a book that should interest any man or boy who has ever thought about signing up for a term in the navy. As a handbook of naval information it is excellent. And once the reader has finished this book, he can indeed think himself well acquainted on naval matters.

Bernard Smith

ЗБОРИ ВІДДІЛІВ УКР. РОБ. СОЮЗА

ВІДДІЛ 28, НЬО ЙОРК, Н. Й. Збори в суботу, 5 квітня, в 8-й веч., при 334 1ст 14-го вул. Проситесь всіх членів і членкинь прийти, бо будуть передковенційні наради. Добре буде як кожний вискаже свою думку, в якій спосіб може скріпитись наша організація, У. Р. Союз, В. Бербець, секр.

ВІДДІЛ 32, ФИЛАДЕЛФІЯ, ПА. Збори в неділю, 6 квітня, в 12:30 в полудне, в домі Українських Громадян, на Френклін вул. Т. Радницький

ВІДДІЛ 34, ГИНДЕРЛ, Н. Г. Збори в неділю, 6-го квітня, в 2-й половині, з причини, що на 13-го припадають латинські свята. Проситесь всіх прийти в означений час. Уряд

ASSEMBLY 55, CHICAGO, ILL. Meeting will be held Sunday, April 6th, 3:00 p. m., at 940 West 33rd St. All members are urged to attend. Anna Hawrysz

ВІДДІЛ 58, ЧОРЧВІЛ, Н. Й. Збори в неділю, 6 квітня, в 2-й половині, в домі т. Николи Перчика, Пайн Гил Роуд, Спенсерпорт, Н. Й. На цих зборах будуть важкі справи. Проситесь всіх прийти в означений час. Хто не прийде на ці збори, буде караний 1 долар, згідно з ухвалою минулих зборів. В. Коломинець, секр.

ВІДДІЛ 79, НЬО ЙОРК, Н. Й. Квартальні збори в суботу, 5 квітня, в 8-й веч., при 30 1ст Сема вул. Обов'язком всіх прийти. Гр. Тернопільський, філ. секр.

ВІДДІЛ 82, БРУКЛИН, Н. Й. Збори в суботу, 5 квітня, в 8-й веч., при 724 Ленард Стріт. Обов'язком всіх прийти, бо є важкі справи. Неввизначені член або урядник будуть покарані по статуту. М. Андрейко, секр.

ВІДДІЛ 86, ШИКАГО, ІЛЛ. Збори в суботу, 5 квітня, в 7:30 веч., там, де все. Секр.

ВІДДІЛ 94, ІСТ ГЕМПСТЕД, Н. Й. Збори в четвер, 3 квітня, в 8-й вечером, при 37 Фінмор Еяно. Буде звіт з контролі книжок. Проситесь всіх членів і членкинь прийти на ці збори в означений час. Л. Сорооскій, секр.

ВІДДІЛ 130, НЬО ЙОРК, Н. Й. Збори в суботу, 5 квітня, в 8-й веч., в друкарні Просвіти, 46 1ст Сема вул. Ю. Кафта, секр.

ВІДДІЛ 166, БАУНД БРУК, Н. ДЖ. Повідомляється членів, що дня 2-го березня вибрано п. Марію Перчинши, як делегатку на Десяту Голівну Конвенцію У. Р. Союзу, а Василя Резняка заступником. Слідуючі збори в неділю, 6 квітня, в 1-й половині, на Норт Стріт. Проситесь усіх прийти в означений час. Гр. Семшини, секр.

ВІДДІЛ 221, КЕМДЕН, Н. ДЖ. Збори в неділю, 6 квітня, в 2-й половині, там, де все. На ці збори мають прийти всі членів. Будемо обговорювати справу проекту на 10-ту Конвенцію У. Р. С. Хто не прийде, буде караний по статуту. Л. Завойський, секр.

ASSEMBLY 233, LACKAWANNA, N. Y. Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 9th, 7:00 p. m., at 168 Steelawanna Avenue. All members are requested to be present. Pauline Knibnicki, secretary

ВІДДІЛ 248, ЛІ СЕНТЕР, Н. Й. Збори в неділю, 6 квітня, в 1-й половині, в домі т. Гр. Свєрдана. Проситесь всіх прийти на час і заплатити свою належність до У. Р. Союзу і товариства. В протиним разі не відшлемо розмету. Щоб потім не було нарікання. Г. Мельничук, секр.

ВІДДІЛ 282, НЬОАРК, Н. ДЖ. Збори в середу, 9 квітня, в 8-й веч., при 160 Спрингфілд Еяно (другий поверх). Проситесь всіх членів і членкинь прийти і заплатити свої вкладки. Л. Легкий, секр.

ASSEMBLY 289, DETROIT, MICH. Meeting date advanced one week to Sunday, April 6th, 1:30 p. m., due to the American Easter. Meeting will be held at the Ukrainian Michigan League Home, 6690 Michigan Avenue. Activities Committee will reveal program for the remainder of this year. Stephen G. Dobryden, president

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KOSHETZ CONCERT PLANS NEARING COMPLETION
Final plans are now complete for the concert which the Ukrainian Civic Center Choir is giving in honor of Prof. Koshetz on April 5th. The concert committee, which consists of James Bratush, Harry Bodnar, Steve Sydor, Anne Lucyshyn, Sophie Doroffy and Catherine Fedkew, is particularly pleased over the fact that Prof. Koshetz himself will be present that evening.
Appearing on the program will be the Ukrainian Civic Center Choir directed by Sophie Doroffy and the St. Josephat's Choir under the direction of Alexander Lawriw. There will be a few words of welcome delivered by a member of the committee, and talks will be given by Miroslav Sichinsky, president of the Ukrainian Workingmen's Association, and Father Basil Turula of St. Josephat's Church. Completing the program, the combined choruses will offer several selections directed first by Sophie Doroffy, then by Alexander Lawriw, and finally by the guest conductor, Leo Sorochinsky, former assistant to Prof. Koshetz and now conductor of the SS Cyril and Methodius Choir of Olyphant, Pa. Mr. Sorochinsky lived in Rochester for a number of years when he directed a mixed chorus here, and he is sure to receive a warm welcome back.
C. F.

WAGE-HOUR RESTITUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY
Restitution for back wages and unpaid overtime, under the Fair Labor Standards Act, amounting to \$67,742.91 for 3307 employees in Pennsylvania and Delaware was computed by the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, during February, it was announced by Frank J. G. Dorsey, regional director in the two states.
Of this amount, Regional Director Dorsey said, \$64,920.00 was agreed to by employers after inspections of their establishments had revealed failure to pay the minimum wage of 30 cents an hour and failure to pay time and a half for overtime after the first 40 hour a week. The balance—\$2,822.46—was fixed by court action for 291 employees, he said.
During the month 290 complaints against establishments were analyzed in the regional headquarters at 1216 Widener Building, Philadelphia, Regional Director Dorsey said. Violations were indicated in 217 complaints, 68 were dropped because of no violations, establishment not covered by the Federal Wage and Hour Law, or firm out of business, while five went into the "doubtful" file, pending further checking for coverage, he said.
Inspectors of the region made 277 investigations of establishments during the month, he added.
The total amount of restitu-

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