

Employment Oaksey

Land Workers Charter

The campaign of open-air meetings organised by the Wiltshire branch of the National Union of Agricultural Workers to protest against the proposed increase in working hours, will be brought to a close this evening with meetings at Crudwell and Oaksey in the Malmesbury area.

During the last few days Mr W Porter, organiser, has addressed the farm workers at Castle Eaton, Bishopstone, Hilmarton, and elsewhere, while Alderman George Hewitt, Norfolk, has been taking meetings in the southern part of the county. Both will be speaking to-night.

The final agenda for the meeting of the County Wages Committee at Trowbridge on Friday has now been drawn up. The farmers' representatives will propose that the working hours for all farm workers be increased from 50 to 53 per week in the summer months and from 48 to 51 in the winter months.

The men's representatives will propose that rates of pay for overtime be increased from 8d to 1s per hour for all workers 21 years of age and over, with pro-rata increases for those under that age; that Good Friday, Easter Monday, Whit Monday, August Bank Holiday, Christmas and Boxing days all be regarded as holidays with full pay, and that the working hours in the weeks in which these days fall be reduced accordingly.

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