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OREGON LEADS AGAIN

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Printers employed in newspaper and commercial printing establishments are the best paid production workers in Oregon.

Wages in printing and publishing classifications in Oregon led all manufacturing groups during the final quarter of 1949, according to the State Unemployment Compensation commission and the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Compared with an average weekly pay check of \$65.86 for the quarter, printers were paid an average of \$75.40.

During December the average was \$79.05, which included premium pay for overtime and night-shift work.

The Oregon average of \$65.86 per week, according to the report, was exceeded only in the state of Wyoming, which had an average of \$68. The Wyoming average, however, was for a work week of more than 41 hours, making an hourly rate of \$1.64, while the Oregon figure was for an average of slightly less than 39 hours at \$1.69 per hour, thus giving Oregon the nation's highest hourly wage average.

Figures were compiled from employment and payroll reports by 400 representative manufacturers in all parts of the state.

The wage average for 27 reporting states was \$55.47 per week. Washington was in third place with an average just under \$65. California followed at less than \$62.

Principal earnings were ascribed to lumber and logging, due to the large number of persons employed, with about 60 per cent of Oregon's 125,000 production workers connected with mill and woods occupations. The average weekly earnings in lumbering and logging were reported at \$70.52. This compared with an average of \$66.85 for northern sawmill and logging workers and \$37.02 for those in the South.

Workers engaged in the manufacture of durable goods in Oregon averaged \$68.02 in November, about \$10 above the U. S. average, while those in non-durables were paid \$56.22, about \$4 above the general figure.

Propagandists Distort Facts

Facts concerning Oregon's high wage scale are particularly interesting when compared with the misuse of Oregon's unemployment figures.

During the recent storms, which effectively halted logging operations and curtailed mill production, Oregon had an exceptionally high unemployment level for a period of time. Immediately propagandists seized upon this information for nationwide circulation. They failed, however, to likewise circulate the fact that employment recovery was the most rapid in history and that by March 1 employment recovery was far ahead of any previous year.

Distortion of facts has been most prevalent in the campaign for CVA. The uninformed Easterner would be led to believe that Oregon is one of the nation's worst unemployment spots and that only a planned-economy, under the thumb of Washington Bureaucracy, can save the workman.

In fact, the propaganda has been so effective that some of our own labor leaders apparently believe it, for how else can labor's inconsistent support of CVA be explained?

Oregon's wage scale, on an hourly basis, is the highest in the nation -- therefore, highest in the world. Washington is close behind. Conversely, TVA, the planned-economy prodigy, is far down the comparative scale. Why, then, should the Oregon workman, enjoying as he does such an outstanding advantage under a free enterprise system, consider for one minute a switch to planned-economy controls?

Or is the Oregon workman being deliberately sacrificed on the political altar by socialist-minded leaders?

House Committee May Investigate Ku Klux Klan

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—The House-American activities committee may investigate the Ku Klux Klan during this session of Congress.

Chairman Wood (D-Ga.) told reporters that committee investigators already have compiled much information on the Klan. While no final decision has been made by the committee, he said he regards it as highly probable that public hearings will be held.

Wood first disclosed that committee investigators are looking into the Klan during House debate on

U. S. Military Bases Outside Continent Planned

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—The U. S. military forces are embarking upon a huge building program at bases outside the continental United States, especially in Alaska.

This can be seen from the fact that they propose to spend on these bases about \$239,400,000 of the \$665,000,000 they are asking Congress to authorize for military public works.

Analysis of the requests shows

Demonstration Of New Sewing Machine Sited

A free sewing clinic to be held at Umpqua Valley Appliance all day Tuesday, March 28, was announced today by George West.

West said that Lorraine Martin, factory representative, will be at the store to demonstrate the new Domestic Sewing Machine and teach the latest sewing techniques, an-

that the army, navy and air force are joining in major objective. The idea is to safeguard the United States from a sudden "sneak punch," possibly with atomic weapons.

The announced bases that will be strengthened range from Alaska to Okinawa, Hawaii, Kwajalein and Johnston island in the Pacific to Bermuda in the Atlantic, up to Labrador, over to the Azores, Libya and Saudi Arabia.

sewer sewing problems and demonstrate correct use of attachments. The latest methods in dressmaking and home decorating will also be shown.

Umpqua Valley Appliance has recently added the Domestic Sewing Machine and have opened a new sewing center in the store. West invited all women interested in improving sewing techniques to attend the free clinic.

Pinch-Hitting for the Dove . . .



In the Day's News

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is the giver of all good things, and the President is Uncle Sam's vice-roy.

DONALD is wise beyond his years. When you come right down to it, the President of the United States, as the most powerful individual in the world, is the LONELIEST individual in the world. The holders of great power are always lonely. They have to be—in self-defense.

DONALD, by the way, says he wants to be a G-man, and he says J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, has written him, telling him how to prepare for the job.

I wonder if he isn't slipping a little there.

The job of G-man is to enforce the law, and I'm beginning to wonder if anybody who enforces the law is ever popular.

SKIPPING on to grimmer subjects, Dr. Jerrold H. Zacharias, director of the laboratory for nuclear science at M. I. T. and a veteran of the Los Alamos atom bomb plant, says in Philadelphia that America doesn't need the hydrogen bomb and that American possession of atomic weapons MIGHT HELP SOVIET RUSSIA CAPTURE EUROPE AND ASIA PIECEMEAL.

HE puts it this way: "Ironically enough, the more terrible the strategic weapons the less likely is open war to start.

The Russians will be daring in piecemeal movement and we will be reluctant to try to halt their progress by initiating all-out warfare . . . this could continue until the whole of Europe and Asia are Soviet satellites. The hydrogen bomb only aggravates this situation."

WHAT he means is that Russia will keep nibbling at Europe and Asia a bite at a time and each nibble will be so small in itself that we will hesitate to loose A-bombs on them in retaliation. That could go on until the Communists have nibbled away everything in the world that is loose.

PERSONALLY, I think our best hope of avoiding atomic war is the situation that has prevented use of poison gas. Nobody is going to want to loose atomic warfare on the world as long as he feels that his enemy will be able to come right back at him with all its horrors.

To take advantage of that, we'll have to keep ready to hit back at Russia with atom weapons if she hits at us with them.

Japan Sells 5 Warships Sunk By American Bombs

TOKYO, March 25.—(AP)—Japan has sold three battleships and two cruisers, all sunk in the war.

Built at a cost of many millions of dollars, they brought the equivalent of only \$200,000.

The battleships, Ise, Maruwa and Hyuga, all took part in the second battle of the Philippine sea in 1941. The cruisers were the Aoba and Izumo.

A steamship company, two salvage companies and a contractor bought the warships for scrap. They didn't say how they would recover them.

All are at the bottom of Kure anchorage—sunk by U. S. bombs.



By Vianett S. Martin

Dame Nature, not particularly tidy if one may judge by the looks of Oregon woods where left to Dame Nature's unaided house-keeping, must have opened her front door this morning—as we were driving to church—and swept out all the winter she had left over. How it hailed!

"Well, that's the end of winter," we decided. A bit further on, we heard the lively chorus of frogs in a pond. "That's spring!"

And then—in a low-lying, creek-flooded swampy place in the canyon we turned a bend and saw—

"A field of the cloth of gold."

"Think of what the name ly-sichiton means," we are urged by Leslie L. Haskin in his Wild Flowers of the Pacific Coast (Binford & Mort, Portland) "a loosened mantle (chiton). Think of a cloak of golden weave thrown carelessly over the shoulders of a water sprite, or of fairy boatmen in coats of gold who have gathered to honor the coming of spring with a water fete. Thus only may you see this glorious plant in its true person."

Flower-grabbers may find the

plant unpleasant and call it "skunk cabbage" when they bruise the older leaves in snatching it. But to the Kathlamet Indians it was a plant that had saved thousands from starvation.

"They cooked the roots in pits together with scrapings from the tender inner bark of hemlock, and when the pits were opened it was said: 'It was so savory that the whole village was scented with it!'"

Cooking destroys much of the acid, peppery flavor. I myself," continued Mr. Haskin, "have tried this food and found it quite passable."

Bears and elk are fond of the—

no, I refuse to say it. Because if I do, you may remember the plant we knew back east, one sending up in spring a cowl-shaped brownish-purple spathe having a most un-fairlylike odor of which I would unhesitatingly say, with wrinkled nose, "That's skunk cabbage!"

Well, when we see "the field of cloth of gold" we know it's truly spring, don't we? Further proof—our neighbor is guiding his power mower over his lawn.

Pioneer Family Descendants At Birthday Reunion

A gathering of the Thompson clan, descendants of pioneer Douglas county settlers, was held at Santa Cruz, Calif., March 19, to celebrate the 76th birthday anniversary of Lawrence Edwin (Ed) Thompson.

The celebration was held at the home of Thompson's sister, Mrs. Fred Dillon, and brothers and sisters came from Oregon, Idaho and points in California. With the brothers and sisters came their children, grandchildren and in-laws. Altogether, 22 attended the party.

It was the first time since World War I that all but one of the family had been together at one time. On the other occasion Clifford Thompson was serving with the A.E.F. and could not attend. This time, the only missing member of the clan was Clarence Thompson, who is living on the original family ranch at Umpqua.

The Thompson and Wright families settled in Cole's Valley, now Umpqua, in the early 1850s. Missouri Ann Wright was two weeks old when her family left Missouri for the Oregon country and she spent the first six months of her life on the Oregon trail. The Thompsons came west by way of Panama, landing at Portland and taking 24 days to reach Cole's Valley.

Missouri Ann Wright was 15 when she married Lewis Thomas (Tom) Thompson. Their 14 children were born and reared on the property the couple purchased at the time of their marriage. Eight of the children are living.

At the party were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fortin, Mrs. Tillie Thompson (widow of Chester) and Mrs. Alta Wasm, Grangeville, Idaho; Horace Chicane, Penn. Idaho; Mrs. Paralee Lesley (sister), Newport, Oregon; Mrs. Laura Hill (sister), John E. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Culbertson and daughter Paralee, San Francisco; Mrs. Peggy Pringle, San Anselmo, Calif.; Mrs. Marie Pringle (sister), Berkeley; Louis T. Thompson (brother), Santa Maria; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Thompson, (brother) Grover City, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dillon, L. E. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dillon and their daughter Darlene, Santa Cruz.

Eastern Star Social Club Discusses Kitchen Plans

Plans for the new kitchen in the Masonic building in Canyonville were discussed, when the Eastern Star Social club met last week at the home of Mrs. Fritz Snyder. The Masons have organized work crews for each Saturday to work on the building.

The group was entertained with a vocal solo by Miss Barbara Snyder and Hammond organ selections by Fritz Snyder.

Members in attendance were Mrs. W. Frank Brown, Mrs. Estella McCord, Mrs. Milton Andrews, Mrs. Guy McGee, Mrs. Joe Ritter and Mrs. Fritz Snyder.

Mrs. Hewitt of Tacoma, Wash. was a guest.

The April 19 meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Carl M. Hill.

Vital Statistics

Divorce Suits Filed

HOUCK — Louise vs. Winford Houck. Married July 19, 1941 and remarried Oct. 22, 1949, at Portland. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment, asks custody of two minor children, \$50 per month support and a property settlement.

Divorce Decrees Granted

FOSGATE — Ella from Donald Fosgate. Plaintiff awarded custody of one minor child, \$50 per month support and ratification of a property settlement.

NAIMAN — Corinne Eleanor from Rudolph W. Naiman. Plaintiff was awarded custody of two minor children and \$35 per month support.

HAINES — Marchetta from Evan Elmer Haines. Plaintiff's former name of Benson restored.

Mrs. Bryant Red Cross Chairman At Canyonville

Mrs. Robert Bryant of Canyonville has been appointed chairman for the annual Red Cross drive for that area. She began canvassing this week but finds she is in need of volunteers to assist her. Anyone in the vicinity of Canyonville desiring to work a few hours for the Red Cross is asked to leave his or her name at Hamlin's Market.

Junior Odd Fellow Group Organized; 24 Are Initiated

Culminating efforts over a considerable period, one of only three Junior Odd Fellow groups in Oregon was instituted in Roseburg last Saturday afternoon and evening.

There were 24 boys eligible for initiation as charter members, when the officers of the Grand Lodge of Oregon performed the initiation ceremony. The Clatskanie Junior Odd Fellows lodge conferred the degree of initiation.

The grand officers present were Warren M. Young, grand master; Graham Young, past grand master; Earl H. Shank, grand secretary; Jesse Jones, major general; Patriarch's Militant.

Elective and appointive officers for the Roseburg Junior Odd Fellows lodge No. 17 are: Jerry Holmes, chief ruler; Paul Looker, deputy ruler; Tom Thompson, recorder; Floyd Olman, accountant; Pat B. e. m., treasurer; Bobby Evans, warden; Richard John, conductor; Gary Burkhardt, inside sentinel; Jim Lowe, outside sentinel; Ralph Barker, chaplain; Charles Dimmick, right supporter; chief ruler; Rick Morgan, left supporter; chief ruler; E. G. High, right supporter; deputy ruler; Bud Langbert, left supporter; deputy ruler; and Ivan Adams, musician.

Mrs. E. G. High presented the new order with a white, leather-bound Bible.

A six o'clock banquet was held in the I.O.O.F. hall dining room, with Hattie Guerrin, chairman, and Nona Thompson, co-chairman. Others on the banquet committee were Minnie South, Fay Jensen, Ethel Swartz, D. O. L. Nichol, Mamie Dimmick, Lena Poole, Inga High and Elizabeth Winn.

The Alpha Zeta Theta Rho girls who waited on tables were: Marilyn Nickens, Roberta John, Sue Wissing, Donna Markley and Beverly Nichols, the latter a member of Job's Daughters.

The Roseburg Junior Odd Fellows are for boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years. The meeting nights are the first and third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Boys interested in becoming members should contact E. G. High, advisor; Charles Dimmick or Leo Gillett, assistant advisors, who have been largely instrumental in organizing the order.

Rice Hill

MRS. CECIL HARTFORD Mrs. Cecil Hartford accompanied Corinne McTaggart, county extension agent, to Scottsburg Thursday afternoon. They attended the Home Extension unit meeting at the home of Mrs. Winnie Albright. Mrs. Hartford was a visitor representing the Douglas County Home Extension committee.

Mrs. Kenneth LaMar and daughter, Kathy, returned last Sunday from Lundale, Calif., where they have been visiting the last two months with Mrs. LaMar's parents. Her son, Bobby, remained in California with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Shepherd left last Sunday for Portland where they will stay for a while in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Gladys Law. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Mary Garrison, of Grants Pass.

Mrs. Alice Lowman of Lorane has been staying at the James Eden home. She has been caring for her daughter, Mrs. Eden, who has been quite ill with the mumps. Douglas Fast, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fast, who has the mumps, Mrs. Harry Dunbar and Wm. Thomas have been ill at their respective homes for some time.

Miss Frances Huntington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Huntington, of Coos Bay, has been visiting the last week at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Huntington, on the Canyon road south of Yoncalla.

Azalea

By MRS. ILA QUIRKE Mrs. Henry Gaedecke visited at Coos Bay over the weekend. She said there was a storm Friday and Saturday. But Sunday was nice and warm.

The 4-H club met Friday, March 17, at the Galesville school for their wood working class. The boys are turning out quite a few articles now. R. C. Head is the instructor for the class. One of the boys, Richard Chambers, was surprised by being presented a cake on the occasion of his 13th birthday.

The members of the P. T. A. of the Galesville district met at the Gaedecke home Monday evening to talk over plans to establish a library, which would be available during the summer months. If this can be made possible the local residents will have access to quite a number of good books, it was reported.

The top of the hills in this vicinity were covered with snow the morning of March 23. Cow creek was reported quite high during the last rain storm.

Circuit Court Suit Filed To Collect On Purchases

Frank J. DeBenedictis, Dante Tognoli and Eugene C. Malo, copartners, doing business as Central market, filed suit in circuit court Friday, asking judgment for \$350, plus interest and costs, from R. G. Simmons, alleged due for merchandise purchases by the defendant.

Henry Shirliff was awarded judgment Friday for \$358.79, plus interest and costs, from Dan Workman, alleged due on an assigned account, in an order signed by Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

SOIL EXPERT NAMED

PORTLAND, March 25.—(AP)—Ellis L. Hatt Friday was named assistant regional director of the U. S. soil conservation service.

He succeeds D. A. Williams who resigned recently to take a post in Washington, D. C., in the office of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Paul Revere Of Heppner Flood Is Surgery Patient

HEPPNER, March 25.—(AP)—Leslie Matlock, — a silver-haired man in his seventies and the Paul Revere of the terrible 1903 Heppner flood, is recovering from an operation in a Pendleton hospital.

It was black Sunday for Heppner on June 14, 1903, when Willow creek went wild from a cloudburst. The usually gentle little creek roared down on defenseless Heppner, taking a toll of some 300 persons. It swept a swath of destruction, knocking business houses and homes down like matchsticks.

Riding before the avalanche of water that spread from hill to hill were Matlock and the late Bruce Kelly. They jumped on horses just as the flood arrived. Armed with piers, the men cut through fences, scorching roads in a mad ride to warn the countryside.

By coincidence, they "galloped into Lexington," just as Paul Revere did. One of Morrow county's towns was named for the Lexington of old New England.

IWA Leaders O. K. Health And Welfare Demands

CORVALLIS, March 25.—(AP)—A pilot plant will be built here for expanded study of a promising solution to the river pollution problem, developed by Oregon State college engineers.

The national council for stream improvement authorized construction of the plant for further research in the disposal of sulphite liquors from paper mills.

George W. Gleeson, dean of the school of engineering, said the process calls for heating the sulphite liquors from paper mills.

The council for stream improvement is sponsored by nearly 200 pulp, paper and paperboard concerns throughout the United States.

lignin under pressure for short periods. This, he said, causes chemical decomposition which removes 50 to 80 per cent of the harmful effects of the waste liquors.

Gleeson emphasized, however, that the process is a long-range solution and not one which would bring immediate relief to the problem.

The complaint alleges young Ladouceur suffered injuries when an automobile being driven by Hughes, and a panel truck, driven by Thomas C. Smith, the defendant, collided as a result of alleged negligence on the part of the defendant. The accident occurred last Oct. 22.

JACOBS — To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Van Jacobs, Box 153, Winston, a daughter, Barbara Lee Jacobs, born March 23; weight six pounds seven ounces.

HOUGH—To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Oliver Hough, 2613 Harvard, a daughter, Barbara Jo, born March 22; weight six pounds 13 ounces.

LAMBERT — To Mr. and Mrs. Alton Ray Lambert, 746 Short St., a son, Steven Wayne, born March 24; weight seven pounds two ounces.

CARLILE — To Mr. and Mrs. Junior Lee Carlile, route 3, Roseburg, a son, Douglas Jay, born March 21; weight seven pounds 10 ounces.

Long Time Local Resident Dies In Eugene Hospital Charles E. Wilbur, 79, long time resident of Roseburg, died Thursday night in a Eugene hospital, according to information received from Eugene today.

Surviving are the widow, Grace E., and a stepson, Cecil Nance. Services were held at the Vestal Hollingsworth-England Funeral home in Eugene Friday night. Burial services will take place in Eugene Saturday.

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