

Unemployment High For February, But Economy Static

The Roseburg office of the Oregon State Employment Service has announced that unemployment hit a seasonal high during the month of February but the economic picture as a whole remained about the same.

The local office noted that employment remained comparatively stable until the last few days of the month, when two plywood plants closed temporarily and a

third plant indicated possible future closure. More than 400 workers were laid off by the closures, but the office said the industries are hopeful the plants will reopen soon.

The picture was made brighter, however, by the opening of the new U.S. Plywood plant north of Roseburg early this month.

New unemployment compensation applications in February numbered 187, compared to 225 in January and 230 in February, 1957. There were 1,028 initial claims last month, 1,626 in January and only 664 a year ago. The average weekly number of persons claiming one week of joblessness was 2,127 in February, 2,407 in January and 1,956 in February, 1957. Estimated unemployment for the three periods, in the same order was 4,320, 4,188 and 2,300.

The number of weeks of unemployment benefits claimed for the fiscal week ending Feb. 27 was 14.9 per cent of the average covered employment for the area. This was 2.6 per cent higher than the state average, although 17 other local office areas reported higher percentages.

Rainy weather prevented much construction work in the city during the month.

The month of February indicated a total valuation of \$14,529 was listed for 18 construction permits issued. Indications were that planning for near future construction was underway, noted the office, although the total figure is lower than the January figure.

Secoy Piano Students Give Church Recital

Mrs. D. B. Secoy presented a group of piano students in a recital Tuesday evening at the Church of God Church.

Piano numbers were presented by June Spearman, JoAnne Young, Patty Barge, Monty Kershner, Barbara Kelsay, Allison Pfaff, Kay Fox, Patty Beardsley, Shirley Norbcraft, Mary Beardsley and Glenda Shindler.

Special numbers on the program included a flute duet by Mary and Patty Beardsley; a violin solo by JoAnne Young; an accordion solo by Allison Pfaff and a trumpet solo by Bill Kelsay accompanied by his sister, Barbara Kelsay.

TRANSFER APPROVED

WASHINGTON — A transfer of \$220,000 to Hills Creek Reservoir, Ore., needed to keep work going there, was approved Tuesday by the House Appropriations Committee.

The money is part of a \$13,156,000 transfer from other funds to seven river and harbor projects. The request was made by the Army Engineers.

Elkton School Board Will Buy A. B. Haines Property

By MRS. C. W. HENDERER

The board of directors of School District No. 34, Elkton, recently exercised an option to buy the A. B. Haines property by the high school for \$5,000.

Board members felt this property was needed for future development of the school.

Church Fellowship

The Inter Church Fellowship will meet for its monthly meeting Sunday, at the Christian Church. A special musical program has been planned. Plans for an Easter Sunrise service will be discussed. Everyone is invited.

The Rebekah Lodge met for a regular meeting and plans were discussed for the meeting April 1 when they will celebrate their 50th anniversary. The drill team held a short practice following the business meeting. A pot luck supper was served at the close of the evening.

There will be no school March 19, 20 and 21 during spring vacation in the Elkton Schools.

An audiometer testing program will be given at the Elkton Grade School March 17 by Mr. Branigan of the State Department. This will be for the first grade only and a few rechecks.

A group of young people from the Wells Creek Church of Christ attended a youth rally in Elmira Saturday. Those from Elkton attending were Donna and Doris Compton, Patricia Baimbridge, Larry Gates, Billy Brooks, Duane and Dean Hendrickson, Donny Sul-

off and Jeanette McCall. Rev. Richard Carter of the Wells Creek Church also attended the Rally.

Work Day Held

The men of the Christian Church held a work day at the church this week. New kitchen drain boards were installed, also a wash bowl.

The Elkton Home Extension group met at the Christian Church for an all day meeting beginning. Subject for the day was sandwiches. A potluck luncheon was served. A business meeting was held following lunch and next years program was discussed. Project leaders were Frances Hedden and Velma Binder.

Keith Anderson of Eugene was a luncheon guest recently at the Wade Henderson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Randall spent Sunday and Monday in Portland visiting friends. Mrs. Bob Beal went as far as Portland with them to visit her son, Tom Beal, who lives in Vancouver, Wash.

The American Legion Auxiliary sewing club met at the home of Mrs. Glen Haun. This was an all day meeting with a potluck luncheon.

Mrs. Martin Suloff was unable to teach her fourth grade class last week due to illness. Substitute teacher, Mrs. Chapman of Drain, has been teaching the fourth grade class.

Judy Abraham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Abraham has returned to school this week after spending two weeks at home and in the hospital.

Douglas County Had Another Rainy February

Douglas County had another bumper rain month in February, the Water Resources Survey's latest precipitation summary shows.

And as usual, the highest readings were noted on the western, mountainous flanks of the county. The biggest reading came from a Water Resources Survey station just outside the county west of the Coos-Douglas county line. The Marial station there showed 27.36 inches in the period from Feb. 1 to March 3. Six of the 28 days each showed more than two inches. On Feb. 15, the figure was an even 4 inches. The station is located at the head of the west fork of Coos Creek. A report from Reedsport gave it second place

with 16.9 inches, the wettest February since 1940. No less than eight other stations in Douglas County showed readings of 10 inches or more for the month. They were: Elkhead 10.36, station east of Sutherlin 10.08, Sutherlin Camp 11.4, Upper Steamboat 11.62, Fluornoy Valley 13.58, Reston 14.09, Upper Olalla 13.72 and Camas Valley 13.74.

The lowest reading in the county was at Coyote Point near Tiller with a 7.02. Roseburg had 9.46 inches.

Three stations during the month showed more than 3 inches of rain in any 24-hour period. They included the 4 inches at Marial 3.26 on Feb. 24 at the same station and 3.04 Feb. 15 at Upper Steamboat.

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