

Check Shows Jobless Total Still Increasing In March

By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON — A spot check by The Associated Press showed Saturday that unemployment still is increasing in March in the nation's major labor markets.

The sample, while not nationwide in scope, covered more than a dozen of the biggest employment areas. It showed the idle in these areas increased by about 150,000 from the middle of February to the middle of March.

But, like the first robin in the spring, there are some hopeful signs. The AP survey data, together with the government's latest unemployment compensation claims figures, suggest the jobless peak is close at hand and there may be some decline in unemployment in April.

Momentum Slowing

The job picture at the moment appears to be this: Unemployment is still rising, but its upward momentum is rapidly slowing down. This is due to the usual spring employment pickup on farms and in other outdoor work as weather improves. This improvement has been delayed this year because of late winter storms.

But an April decline in the number of jobless, unless it is quite substantial, would not spell an end to the recession. Unemployment normally drops by about 400,000 or 500,000 between February and April. And available data indicates no decline in March.

An April pickup in construction, farming and other outdoor work could reduce somewhat the overall national unemployment total — last counted by the government at 5,173,000 as of mid-February.

Revival Not Seen

But the seasonal gain in outdoor work would not signal an economic revival unless there is also job improvement in the auto and plane factories, steel mills and other types of manufacturing and mining — the hard core of the current economic trouble.

The latest Labor Department report shows that in the week of March 8 there were 3,274,800 jobless among workers insured by the Unemployment Compensation Sys-

tem. Only about two-thirds of all the nation's workers are covered under the system.

Some of the unemployment changes among UC-insured workers in key states, with figures for March 8 listed first, followed in parentheses by the Feb. 15 week totals:

California 311,305 (315,843); Oregon 44,244 (45,424); Washington 62,134 (71,417); New York 384,721 (361,429); Pennsylvania 332,008 (309,694); Ohio 208,650 (202,184); Illinois 172,572 (163,644).

The AP spot check showed seasonal job improvement in California, Washington and Oregon, the West Coast states which have been hard hit. Some plywood plants in Oregon and Washington which had closed because of low prices have now reopened, and timber activities are picking up.

Sumatra Forces Capture Another Rebel Holding

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Word from North Sumatra Monday said Prapat, one of the last reported rebel holdings in the area, was firmly in government hands.

Associated Press Correspondent John Griffin telephoned from the war-torn port of Medan that Prapat was "all shot up and there are gutted vehicles in the streets from a battle last Tuesday."

Griffin said Maj. Boyke Maim Golan, who led the military last week in Medan, had gone into hiding with the remnants of his force among the rubber estates about 100 miles southeast of the key port and rail center. The government retook Medan after a seaway battle.

Loyalist forces meanwhile claimed to have recaptured the last major oil installations held by the rebels in the eastern side of Central Sumatra.

Government commandos reportedly seized the towns of Lirik and Airmelek and the Camp Djapara Airfield in the Rengat area. The sector, in which the big U.S. Standard Vacuum Oil Co. operates, is about 100 miles southeast of Pekanbaru and Calcutta's big oil operations there.

Oregon Auto Accidents Claims Lives Of Four

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out, destroying the house, but the occupants escaped.

Mrs. Anna L. Olin, Portland, also died Saturday from injuries suffered five days earlier.

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Auto Dive Into River Kills Two Idaho Men

LEWISTON, Idaho — Two men were found dead early Monday in the back seat of a car pulled from the Clearwater River.

They were Jack Albers, about 35, a farmer in the Orofino-Nepere area, and Ernest Kennedy of Orofino.

Their car left Highway 9 about 30 miles south of here Sunday night and police said witnesses were unable to say exactly what had happened.

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Suicide Suspected When Car Blast Kills Owner

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — An auto parked near the city dump blew up Sunday, scattering debris as far as a block away and killing the occupant, Coroner Jack A. Wood Jr. said the death appeared to be suicide.

The victim was identified as Arthur D. Johnson, about 24, a brick worker.

Wood said Johnson's wife last saw him when he returned home from a visit with his father. She quoted him as telling her, "You'd be better off without me," then, she said, he went to the basement, got two cases of dynamite, loaded them in his old-model car and drove off.

VA ESCAPEE HELD

Myrtle Creek police are holding a 23-year-old man said to be an escapee from the Veterans Administration Hospital at Roseburg. The man was brought to the police station Sunday, according to News-Review correspondent Ruth Evans.

CENTRAL PTA TONIGHT

Central Junior High PTA will meet tonight at 7:30 at the school. Election of officers will be held. John Brady, Eagle Boy Scout, will show pictures of his England Boy Scout Jamboree tour.

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Ex-Army Officer Admits Planting Own-Made Bombs

GREAT FALLS, Mont. — Police said a former Army lieutenant, arrested yesterday after a five-hour search, had admitted planting the latest in a series of homemade bombs found in this area.

Police Lt. Fred Peres said Dave Burnham, 37-year-old unemployed car salesman, was booked on charges of using explosives and possessing dynamite in the city limits. He was held in the city jail in lieu of \$300 bond.

Peres said Burnham admitted planting five sticks of dynamite wrapped in newspapers in a Great Falls residential area Saturday night. Officer Seth Maifit said he found a partial case of dynamite, several boxes of dynamite caps and some black powder in a car at Burnham's home.

Burnham said he had bought the explosives for use in a mine. Three dynamite explosions occurred in the Great Falls area March 8 — one in a hotel, another in a garage and the third south of the city. On Jan. 6 a dynamite bomb was found attached to the motor block of a car. Another bomb was found Thursday in a Great Falls traffic lane.

Peres said Burnham denied any connection with the other bombs. The officer said he gave no reason for planting the Saturday night bomb, saying only that he was unemployed and "can't keep busy."

Brothers, 12, 10, Held In Fatal Shooting Spree

WOODWARD, Okla. — A 12-year-old boy — termed a "tough little monkey" — and his 10-year-old brother were held today in the fatal shooting of a Woodward grocery store owner.

Sheriff Hank White said the youngsters had admitted the shooting spree which left two others wounded, one critically.

County Atty. H. B. King said he would file juvenile delinquency charges against Robert Smith, 12, and his brother David, 10. He said he would not file criminal charges because of their ages.

Killed was Floyd Blair, 49. Critically wounded was Adrian Wilson, 22, an employee at Blair's store, where the shooting occurred. A customer, Ed Kinney, 47, received a flesh wound.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, were in Liberal, Kan., where Smith was working on a plumbing job.

Sutherland Church Group Dinner Meeting Tonight

Charles and W. M. Bailey of Roseburg, who spent some time hunting big game in Africa last year, will be at the meeting of the Ninety and Nine Men at the Sutherland Christian Church tonight.

They will show pictures and bring trophies of their hunt.

All men and boys of the community are invited to attend at 7:30 p.m. Preceding this meeting, a dinner will be served at 6:30 by the intermediate Christian Endeavor group.

Two Vehicles Collide; Drivers Emerge Unhurt

Roseburg police reported that no injuries resulted from a collision Saturday afternoon between a small foreign sports car and a 1958 sedan at the intersection of SE Pine St. and SE Cass Ave.

Police said the 1958 sports car was driven by Martin Berry Phillips, 19, 1907 SE Main St. The car received an estimated \$500 damage when it was struck broadside by a 1958 sedan proceeding west on Cass and driven by Virgil Lavers Pad, 43, Salem.

Pad said he did not see the Phillips vehicle as he pulled away from a stop sign. Phillips was traveling north on Pine when the smashup occurred. Damage to the Pad car was estimated at \$20.

Myrtle Creek Girl Hit By Car, Receives Cuts

Minor cuts and bruises were suffered Saturday by Janice Meshew, 12, Myrtle Creek, when she was knocked off her bicycle by an auto.

Myrtle Creek police who investigated the accident said Janice and a companion, Margaret Meier, were riding south on Highway 99 and were apparently crossing the road when the incident occurred.

L. L. McCoy, Myrtle Creek, was listed as driver of the car, according to Ruth Evans, News-Review correspondent. No citations were issued.

Janice was taken to the Myrtle Creek Hospital by McCoy. She was released after treatment.

Burns Send 4-Year-Old To Hospital On Sunday

Judy Moothart, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Moothart, 940 W. Stanton St., Roseburg, was admitted Sunday with first, second and third degree burns to Douglas Community Hospital.

Judy's back and legs were burned when she backed up against a fireplace and her housecoat caught fire, according to hospital authorities. Her condition is reported as satisfactory this morning. Judy was admitted to the hospital at 9:15 a.m.

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SHOOTING VICTIM IN AGONY — Theresa Columbia, 26, clutches a bedpost as her sister, Agnes (center), 20, and mother, Lucy, 48, sprawl on beds in agony at their Brooklyn, N. Y., home. Theresa's rejected suitor, Floyd Crispino, 39, shot them and then blasted a fatal shot into his own head. All four were taken to a hospital, where Crispino died. Theresa and her mother reportedly were in serious condition. The picture was made minutes after the shooting.

Hurd Funeral Rites Scheduled Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Edna Elder Hurd, who died at her Roseburg home Friday, are scheduled Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of the Roses. Interment will follow in the Glendale Masonic Cemetery.

Born Jan. 6, 1882, at Median City, Texas, she had been a Roseburg resident for the last five years. She had lived in Oregon most of her life.

She is survived by her husband, Bert; two sons, Claude of Campbell, Calif., and Wesley of Grants, Pa.; two brothers, Ernest J. Wilkins of Seattle and W. W. Wilkins of Sutherland; and a sister, Mrs. Vera Conn of Roseburg.

Roseburg Youth Cited For Not Leaving Name

A 17-year-old Roseburg youth, George Herbert Peck, 233 SE Fowler St., was cited Saturday by Roseburg police on a charge of failure to leave his name and address at the scene of an accident after police said he admitted accidentally ramming into a parked car owned by Donald Wilcox, 204 NE Commercial St.

The smashup occurred on the 300 block of SE Fowler St. and resulted in a smashed fender on the 1948 sedan owned by Wilcox. The youth was apprehended after police checked the area for cars similar to the one a neighbor said he had seen driving away from the scene.

Missing Man Found, Claims Memory Pause

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ing to the sheriff, the man called himself Pocatelli and said he was a member of the Evans family brought Larson home Sunday.

Larson was interrogated in jail this morning but sticks to his story of not remembering anything that happened. He cannot, he says, account for the money he had when he disappeared. Mrs. Larson had reported he had about \$170 when he left home to go to work.

She did not know for whom he was supposed to be working and sheriff's deputies were unable to locate anyone who had hired Larson after he quit his job at Evans Products on March 7.

Mental Hearing Likely

Sheriff Byrd said today, "We are considering having a mental hearing for Larson if his claim of having amnesia appears valid after further questioning and investigation."

Since Larson was reported missing and subsequently wanted for desertion, the sheriff's office has been in contact with law enforcement officers in six states. Letters, telegrams, teletypes and phone calls have been utilized at the behest of Mrs. Larson who has put in almost daily appearances at the courthouse.

During the investigation, a roadblock was set up near the Brockway store where Larson had claimed he was to catch a ride to work the morning he left home. Deputies questioned all persons going to work and all disclaimed any knowledge of Larson or of any crummy which picked up workers at the store. A canvass of his neighborhood was made in an effort to determine if he had any reason for voluntarily leaving home.

Local News

Mrs. I. J. Bean has been reported ill the last few days at her home on Hawthorne Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tison have left for their home in North Bend following a visit here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Tison.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Yost and sons, Dick and George, Janice Gadow, Gayle Harris and Bill Coulter made the trip to Eugene Thursday to see the basketball game.

Mrs. Bill Brinkley and children have returned to their home here, following the week of spring vacation in Eugene visiting her parents and also with Mr. Brinkley's parents.

Course In Constitution Is Scheduled For Aliens

Aliens who wish to study to become citizens may enroll in a Constitution and Government course Tuesday night, Dick Boss, director of adult education, announced.

Leo Boyle, a Central Junior High School history teacher, will instruct the course. Texts are furnished by the federal government, Boss said. The class will start at 7 p.m. in room one of the social arts building at Roseburg High School.

Hospital News

Mercy Hospital
Admitted
Surgery: Deborah Puckett, Mrs. Roy Kerrick, Roseburg; Mrs. Alva Hanson, Myrtle Creek.

Medical: Glenn V. Wimberly, George Haney, R. D. Harney, Roseburg; Mrs. Irvin Syrie, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Stacey Fenlay, Donna Templeton, Oakland.

Discharged
Connie Davis, Mrs. Hiram Cunningham and baby, Hiram Jr.; Mrs. Mary Moore, Sutherland; Linda House, Mrs. Harry Thomas and baby, Myrtle Lucinda; Mrs. Frank Weber and baby, Marvin Scott; Justin S. Dillon, Mrs. Bruce Garter, Mrs. Mae Keiper, Mrs. LeRoy Lebleu and baby, June Marjane; Mrs. Cecil Doty, Roseburg; David Frisbie, Lookingglass; Mrs. Roy Burks, Winston.

Douglas Community Hospital
Admitted
Surgery: Arnold Collier, Betty Boggs, Mrs. Richard Woods, Mrs. Thomas Smith, Roseburg; Mrs. Wayne McCoy, Riddle; Barrett Couchlan, Tillam.

Medical: Mrs. Jim Standley, Mrs. Ernie Gilbert, Mrs. Fred Seitz, Mrs. William Compton, Mrs. Harry Olsen, Mrs. Diana Hyde, Roseburg; Warren DeSonia, Sutherland; Mrs. Wilson Linderman, Winston; Valerie McCracken, Mrs. Edwin Sargeant, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Russell Kesterson, Dillard.

Discharged
Mrs. Ronald Swartz and baby, Laurie Jean; Mrs. William Beezley, George Monroe, Mrs. Robert Ward and baby, Kenneth Paul, Winston; Christopher Chartrand, Cottage Grove; Mrs. Elmer Poole, Camas Valley; Judy Truitt, Yoncalla; Douglas Morris, Mrs. Roy Weatherford, Riddle; Mrs. Rufus Sout, Wilbur; Clyde Ward, Maynard Hammers, Mrs. Robert Tjornland Sr., Mrs. Daniel Kimball, Mrs. Norwood Watson, Mrs. LaRon Sanders and baby, William LaRon; Curtis Woods, Charlotte Fuller, Edna Knight, Janet Lewis, Mrs. Floyd Warner, David Rinehart, Mrs. Claude Poland, Roseburg; Betty DeLaunay, Drain.

WOMAN SAID THREATENED
An elderly Roseburg man, Robert Clark, 1146 NE Walnut St., reported to state police Sunday afternoon that his wife had received a threatening phone call from an unknown man. Clark said the man said, "I'm going to kill you," then hung up the receiver.

SUTHERLIN JAY-CETTES
Sutherland Jay-Cettes will meet tonight at the Sutherland Community Hall at 8, with Muriel Post and Roberta Paige as hostesses.

More Schooling Urged In Reading By Educator

PHILADELPHIA — The average American can't read a bit faster now than he could in the sixth grade, an expert in the field said today.

When he finishes grade school the average child can read about 200 words a minute. And there he stays.

Dr. Nila Banton Smith, director of the reading clinic at New York University, said in an interview that reading courses should be required right through the 12th grade. Students should be reading at least 600 words per minute at graduation, she said. Exceptionally gifted students could boost that rate to 1,000 words.

At NYU, most of Dr. Smith's students are business executives. "In 14 two-hour sessions we are usually able to treble their reading speed," she said. "They not only learn to read faster, they learn to understand what they're reading. The same thing could be done, and should be done, for all our high school students."

Dr. Smith, here for the annual convention of elementary school principals, doesn't feel that much more can or should be done in the first six grades.

"Pressure to increase reading speed probably would be bad for grade school children," she said. "But it seems silly to teach reading through the first six grades, and think that those skills are going to be enough for high school and college work."

West Side PTA Meeting Tuesday

By MRS. BRITTAIN SLACK
West Side PTA will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Sutherland West Side School.

Ray Mullen will speak on the new reading curriculum, and officers will be elected.

Business Visitors
Mr. and Mrs. John Wood were recent business visitors at Coquille.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gleason, who has been confined to her home by illness, is reported as much better.

Mrs. Dorla Daubenspeck, and children of Philomath, spent a few days in Sutherland at the home of Mrs. Daubenspeck's aunt, Mr. Belle Cook. Mrs. Cook accompanied the Daubenspecks as far as Eugene where she will visit friends for a few days.

Mrs. Eunice Haslam has been confined to her home by illness but is now able to be about again.

Mr. and Mrs. George Warren and children drove to Eugene Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Palmer and to celebrate Mrs. Palmer's birthday.

Firestone Co. Begins Five-Day Shutdown

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The tire production department of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. began a five-day shutdown Monday, idling about 2,000 workers.

Production is expected to resume next Monday.

Officials said plant inventories are out of proportion to demand, necessitating the shutdown. The plant normally employs about 3,000.

Car Bumps Winchester Man; Injuries Slight

Eugene H. Palm, 68, Winchester, received minor injuries Friday night when he was struck by a car driven by Oscar William King, 959 Willow St., at the intersection of SE Stephens St. and SE Cass Ave.

King told Roseburg police that he did not see the pedestrian as he turned the corner after stopping at a stop light. He was cited for failure to yield the right of way to a pedestrian.

Palm received facial and hand cuts and was treated and released at Douglas Community Hospital, where he was taken by police.

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