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County May Apply For CD Equipment

Lane county has a chance to procure civil defense equipment under matching provisions with the federal government.

The Oregon civil defense agency reminds local directors that the deadline for some categories is getting close.

The type of equipment made available: (1) Training and education, \$49,500, requests should be at the Oregon Civil Defense Agency by March 15; (2) Medical, \$224,000, deadline February 15; (3) Communications, \$13,887, deadline March 1; (4) Rescue, \$9256, deadline March 1; and (5) Fire fighting \$20,734, deadline March 1.

Vehicles cannot be purchased on a matching basis for any of the categories. The figures for each group represent the federal government's share, so twice as much equipment is available if matched locally.

The cost for Lane county will be based on the matching formula, 50 per cent federal and 50 per cent local.

Army to Activate ROTC Reservists

The Department of the Army has announced its policy on ordering into the active military service ROTC students who will be commissioned in the United States Army Reserve during the spring and summer of 1952.

The Army stated it was making its plans known early in order that students will have the maximum amount of advance notice and can plan accordingly.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR NAVY SALVAGE SCHOOL

Applications are being accepted from qualified line officers in the rank of lieutenant commander and below, including warrant officers of naval reserve and regular navy, for a course of instruction in salvage at the Naval School, Salvage, New York Naval Shipyard, Bayonne, New Jersey.

Officers whose period of obligated service is 18 months or greater or who desire salvage training are to submit applications to the Chief of Naval Personnel.

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Two students, visiting the traveling Atomic Energy Exhibit, are impressed as they hear about the future possibilities of atomic power for warfare and peacetime uses. The atomic display is on national tour under the direction of the National University Extension Association. The exhibit was on display recently at the University of Oregon and OSC.

FIELD MOBILIZATION COURSE TO BE HELD IN PORTLAND

The Industrial College of the Armed Forces will conduct a 14 day training course in Field Economic Mobilization for Reserve officers at Portland, Oregon, April 14-25, 1952.

The Thirteenth Naval District has been assigned a quota of 27 pay billets for organized and volunteer officers for the course. Orders for 23 non-pay billets will also be issued.

Eligibility requirements are: applicants must be of the rank of Lieutenant Commander or above; have a civilian occupation with an industry whose mobilization for war would be necessary at an early stage of any possible armed conflict; be occupied in an executive or junior executive position, or be in a civic post of leadership; have prior military experience in logistics or supply; be a mature officer with an outstanding service record whose probable future war assignment will be at the policy-making level, and who has not received instruction in previous classes.

State Dental Assn. Hits Defense Dept. 'Volunteer' Policy

The Oregon State Dental association recently adopted a resolution that is opposed to the Department of Defense policy of accepting volunteers only for service, thereby leaving many younger men in civilian dentist jobs.

The resolution stated in effect that many dentists did not volunteer for the reserves because they believed that enough would do so to fill the quotas.

The association claims in the resolution that the policy "circumvents the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended, in that many men, younger than those who have purportedly 'volunteered' and are currently being called to extended active duty, are permitted to remain in civilian life without being required to retire their obligation under the Act."

The policy was called "grossly inequitable."

The association urged that all men subject to the training act be "treated alike without granting special favor to those who have not purportedly 'volunteered'."

The amended act provided that men deferred during World War II to complete studies and had not served in the armed forces over 90 days be subject to call in order of their age, up to 50. An equal opportunity was given all such men to accept reserve commission, the resolution claimed, although many did not do so and remained in civilian life.

Unemployment Hits 2-Year High Mark

Unemployment payments in January reached \$2,705,949, highest in two years and more than double the previous month's \$1,313,455, the State Unemployment Compensation commission reported this week.

While the total represented a 59.4 per cent increase over January, 1951, the rise in the number of payments was only 45.9 per cent. The average weekly check this year is \$22.14 against \$20.26 last year. A revised benefit schedule was approved by the 1951 legislature.

Steady Ascent

Local office claims continued a steady ascent. Last week's total was 40,320 as compared with 27,331 a month ago, 18,410 two months ago and 8,437 last October. Initial claims, after dropping the previous week, resumed their rise but still were below early January reports.

Half From Lumber

Nearly half of the claims came from the lumber industry, while food processing and construction accounted for half of the remaining covered unemployment. In some Western Oregon timber areas, as high as 86 per cent of the idle were from lumber operations.

President's Budget Would Be Costly to State

—Portland, Ore. (Special)—Oregon's share of President Truman's \$85.4 billion federal budget, would be \$860.6 millions, or \$565 for every man, woman and child in Oregon's 1950 census, Oregon Business and Tax Research, the state taxpayer association, announced recently.

This requested spending, if approved, plus actual \$176 per capita cost of all state and local government in Oregon for 1952 fiscal year, would total \$741 per person cost of all government during 1953. This assumes that 1953 cost of state and local government in Oregon will not be less than in 1952.

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