

Unemployment Figures Decline

Seasonal activities reached the year's peak in the closing weeks of August and because of the late season may be expected to continue at a high level for several weeks, according to reports from 26 local offices of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

The number of those actively seeking work dropped from 37,200 to 29,300 during the past month, it was estimated. The figures do not include those engaged in labor disputes but do include many students, housewives and other summer workers displaced by lumber workers. A year ago 21,450 were looking for jobs, two years ago 14,400 and 1949 it was 35,900.

Payments to insured workers were \$1,222,984, higher than for any August with the exception of 1949. The total compares with \$1,008,812 in July and \$770,548 a year before. Benefits for the first eight months of 1954 were \$18,211,733, an increase of 37 per cent over last year and highest

yet recorded for the period. Those involved in labor disputes are not eligible for compensation.

Unemployment declined during August in every section of the state with exception of La Grande and Klamath Falls, where small increases were reported. In the metropolitan area 2,500 fewer looking for jobs than a month ago, mainly because of pickup in food processing and other seasonal operations. Salem, Roseburg, Toledo, Astoria, Hood River also had good gains in employment.

Because of the moderate weather and the number involved in labor disputes, however, few actual shortages of agricultural help were being reported. Heavy demand for bean and blackberry pickers were noted from around Portland, Hillsboro, McMinnville and Salem. Most harvests are expected to wind up this month although late fruit, nuts and potatoes will require help for additional weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Crissey returned last Friday from a weeks stay in Victoria B.C. They also visited in Seattle with their son and family.

SMITH RIVER

By Ethel Goodlin

Memorial services were held on August 29, at Smith River Methodist church in memory of Parker Thomas 34 who was on the evening of August 22 drowned, when he went fishing out of the mouth of Smith River at Castle Rock. Rev. James Shelton officiated at the services. The body has not been found. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

County Track Points Up Value Of Woodlots

Cash income, over and above expenses, from a 10-acre demonstration tract of 50-year-old Douglas fir in Columbia county for the past five years has been \$4742.60. At the same time, handling the trees in a fashion similar to other farm crops has resulted in a growth rate increase from 2 cords per year in the original inventory to 2.7 cords per year now.

Paul Goodmonson, farm woodlot products marketing specialists for the Oregon State college extension service, reports proper thinning out of the stand gave more room to the better quality trees and resulted in the increase growth rate. Original number of trees was 240 with a volume of 92 cords per acre. Now there are 120 trees per acre and a volume of 71 cords per acre. Careful falling and yarding has prevented damage to remaining trees.

The tract, located on the county fairgrounds, has been logged five times by local loggers on bids. Products harvested from the area included sawlogs, poles and pulpwood. All were sold to local markets at the going market price.

The Columbia county forestry committee, with the help of local industrial and OSC extension foresters, established the timber harvest tract. They wanted to demonstrate that farmers can earn annual incomes on their timber without depleting the stand to determine what hourly wage a farmer might earn by working in his woodlot; and to show that by proper harvest practices woodlots will produce much more and better quality timber than by clearcutting.

Now that remaining trees have sufficient room to develop as individual trees with large green crown and a better stand, they will soon reach their maximum rate of growth, Goodmonson says. At present prices, this means a gross value of between \$50 and \$60 per acre per year.

The forestry committee feels since maximum profits usually can not be realized by logging any volume of less than 2000 board feet or four cords per acre, future harvests will be made every second year. About 2500 board feet or five cords of wood will be removed from each acre. This harvesting will be continued until the stand is between 80 and 90 years of age at which time it will be considered mature and ready for clearcutting.

Robert Thomas of Castle Rock, who recently came here from Los Angeles, his wife, two children and two sisters. The service was attended by many fishermen friends who are at Castle Rock for the fishing season.

Among those who took advantage of the beautiful sunshine day Sunday and made a motor trip to Gold Beach were Mrs. Harry Brown, accompanied by Mrs. Eva Hill, and Mrs. Mary Agnes Powers. Mrs. Hill attended the wedding of her niece Miss Patricia Harry and Allan Roy Bolen, held at the community Presbyterian Church. The new Mrs. Bolen is a daughter of Mrs. Lamson Harry and Mrs. Alva Even Harry. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Maud of Gold Beach.

Recent visitors at Smith River were Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Youngson of Portland, who were calling on old time friends. Mrs. Youngson is the former Ruby Blake, who spent her girlhood days here and attended Smith River school. Mrs. Youngson also visited her old home known as the Blake ranch near Harbor, where she lived for many years. Dr. Young-

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son is a retired Methodist Minister of Portland.

The Smith River Womens Club will be hosts to Del Norte County Federation at a luncheon at noon time on Friday, Sept. 10. Mrs. Billie Brown, president extends an invitation to all members and friends to attend.

Therlene Shelton, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Shelton, left for Azusa, Calif., where she will enter the Pacific Bible College in her freshman year.

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