

Unemployment Claims Rise Only Slightly

February unemployment claims in Oregon were only slightly greater than those for January and were considerably lower than the average wartime February, in spite of widespread reports of shipyard layoffs, the state unemployment commission reported Monday to the legislature.

Initial claims number 1328 of which 516 were from Portland, as against 1240 in January and an average of 2952 for February in three other war-time years. Portland's initial claims increased over last year as did Salem with 216 and Eugene 134, but most offices showed little change.

February benefits were \$21,915 as compared with \$18,965 a year ago, \$60,493 two years ago and \$525,898 in February, 1942. The monthly total was the highest since April, 1944 when \$24,951 was paid out.

Workers migrating to other states filed 98 claims, approximately the same number as last year, but the number of continued claims was lower. Interstate payments of \$2927 were barely higher than the previous February's \$2896.

Of the 643 claimants who received benefits last month, only 58 were shipyard workers. Of these 39 filed from other states. Lumber and logging firms reported 198 idle employees, but the canneries led with 218.

Slightly more than 50 per cent of those drawing benefits were women. All but 11 of the cannery workers and about 40 per cent of the idle ship workers were women.

Movie Strike Shuts Down Four Studios

HOLLYWOOD, March 12.—(P)—Charging film producers with bad faith in labor relations, union spokesmen pressed strike maneuvers tonight in the face of an ultimatum from the war labor board after a day that witnessed the shutdown of four major studios and the threat of paralysis of the entire industry.

Advised that the war labor board in Washington had instructed some 15,000 employees to return to work before it would further act on petitions by the producers for a review in the three-cornered controversy, Herbert Sorrell, president of the conference of studio unions, responded.

T. B. Handley Is Sworn in

Thomas B. Handley, appointed district attorney of Multnomah county to succeed James R. Bain, recently elected to succeed Circuit Judge Franklin C. Howell Monday was sworn in by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., in the executive department.

The brief ceremony was witnessed by Gov. Earl Snell and Attorney General George Neuner. Handley has served as chief criminal deputy in the Multnomah county district attorney's office for many years.

1000 Iwo Casualties Already Reach Hawaii

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(P)—More than 1000 battle casualties from Iwo Jima already have been landed in Hawaii by army transport command planes which meet navy hospital ships in the Marianas.

The war department said today that between 250 and 300 wounded leave the Marianas by plane for Hawaii every 24 hours.

Too Late to Classify

WELFARE CASEWORKERS, TELEPHONE OPERATORS, FOR PERMANENT positions with the State apply at 616 Mead Building, Portland 4. Final filing date March 31. Positions locally or throughout state.

WASH. Mach. 12. 2560 Laurel ATTEND the sale Wednesday at Groesbeck Auction Mkt. across from State Fairgrounds on Silverton Road. Phone 6028.

IN THE... Nation's Service

How L. H. Pack Got Air Medal Now Revealed

(Special to The Statesman)
FIFTH AIR FORCE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—Sgt. Lawrence H. Pack, son of George L. Pack of route 2, Box 177, Salem, Oregon, recently presented with the air medal for "meritorious achievement while participating against the enemy" by Brig. Gen. Jerrard V. Crabbs, command-general, Fifth air force bomber command, Philippine base, is a veteran of 48 combat missions.

The aerial gunner is an original member of the crack "Grim Reapers" third attack group which left the United States in January 1942 — the oldest fighting team in the Fifth air force. Technical Sergeant Pack is also an old army man having enlisted in January, 1938, at Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

With the Grim Reapers, Pack has participated in many daring low-level bombing and strafing attacks starting in the early days of the war against such targets as Buna, Lae and Salamau, and later Rabaul, Kavieng, Wewak, Hollandia, Jap bases in western Dutch New Guinea and Jap strongholds in the Philippines.

Pack received his gunner's wings in the midst of the battle for Buna at Port Moresby in 1942. He is married to the former Marilyn Sikes of Claxton, Georgia. He is authorized to wear a presidential citation awarded the Third attack group for its part in the Papua campaign. The gunner's brother, Frank L. Pack is in the Seabees.

Pack first returned to the United States on rotation in June, 1943, and returned to the war in April, 1944. He is back with the Third attack group again flying combat missions as a photographer against the Nips.

Ten Oregon and Two Mid-Valley Men German Prisoners

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(P)—Oregon soldiers held prisoner of war by Germany:

Counts, Pfc. Roscoe E.—Mrs. Elaine Hirtzel, sister, Rainier, Dowell, Staff Sgt. Dale E.—Mrs. Iris E. Dowell, wife, 8611 N. Johnson Dr., Portland.

Elliott, Tech. Sgt. William B.—Mrs. Mary B. Dowell, mother, 8625 North Hurst Ave., Portland. Garrison, Pfc. John E.—Mrs. Ella Garrison, mother, Falls City. Hanson, Pfc. Harold—Mrs. Laura Hanson, mother, route two, Silvertown.

Hendrix, 1st Lt. Ralph W.—Charles O. Hendrix, father, Alsea, Kemp, 2nd Lt. Stanley N.—Mrs. Elizabeth A. Kemp, wife, 1331 SW 12th Ave., Portland.

Lehmann, Tech. Sgt. Richard E.—Mrs. Eugenia Lehmann, mother, 4915 North Montana Ave., Portland.

Massey, Tech. Sgt. William C.—Miss June M. Holmes, half-sister, 3215 Northeast Schuyler St., Portland.

Pearl, 2nd Lt. Donald L.—Mrs. Gertrude E. Pearl, mother, 707 West Main St., Medford.

Ivan Stewart & Co. Sell Property to Blue Lake

Ivan Stewart & Co., dealers in seeds, have sold the warehouse property at Murlark and Arlington streets, in West Salem to the Blue Lake Producers' cannery and purchased the former Gile-Jenks warehouse at Trade and Liberty streets, Salem. Stewart said Monday night that the business would occupy the Salem warehouse later this year but that no date had been set for the change.

HOLLYWOOD ENDS TONIGHT "CASANOVA BROWN"

"CALL OF THE ROCKIES" TOMORROW!

ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S LIFEROAT

By JOHN STEINBECK

TALKING BROADWAY with WILLIAM DEMAREST

"BERMUDA MYSTERY"



Lt. Thomas R. Brantner, 31, killed in plane crash on Luzon February 25.

Salem Woman Writes of Many Wounded

PFC Maud Haynes of the women's army corps has written Lt. Edith D. Re of the local army recruiting office telling of the large convoys of wounded soldiers now arriving at Mason General hospital, Brentwood, N.Y., where she is stationed.

She writes, "as you probably already know, this is a receiving hospital for wounded men returning from overseas. They come here first before being assigned to other army hospitals for treatment. Mason General holds only 1000 patients so you see, they don't stay long."

Private First Class Haynes told of how she had been called on to assist the doctors and nurses after the arrival of large convoys from the European theatre. She wrote, "Although I have been assigned to the medical library, I often have to help out in the wards, for the men arrive in large numbers and they are always hungry and tired from the trip across."

Mrs. Haynes is the daughter of the late Mrs. Florence Gordon of 2245 Walker street, and is the wife of Lt. (jg) Arthur Haynes of the merchant marine. Her brother, Cpl. James Gordon, is serving with the army.

Warren Gilbertson Rifleman in Drive Against Japanese

(Special to The Statesman)

WITH THE AMERICAN INFANTRY DIVISION SOMEWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES—Pvt. Warren L. Gilbertson, Salem, Ore., began his first campaign by participating in a drive against strong Japanese positions.

The Salem soldier, a rifleman, has been working in terrain where supplies must be carried in packs, where only foot troops can find and hit the enemy.

This is the veteran American division's third campaign against the Japanese. The infantrymen met the enemy on Guadalcanal and Bougainville before coming to the Philippines.

TURNER—Sgt. Melvin Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker, is home on leave from Camp Maxey, Tex. A graduate of Turner high school, he is now cook for his company in an infantry unit.

Dancing CRYSTAL GARDEN

Wednesday, Modern Featuring the Top Hatters

Thursday, Old Time Featuring "Top Edwards"

Saturday Old Time and Modern Two Floors and Two Bands

New Orders Allow WACs U.S. Duty

The US army recruiting station in Salem has received word from the war department that a woman in the army serving overseas may request return for duty in the United States when her husband is returned to this country from a permanent overseas assignment with any of the armed forces. This rule applies to members of the women's army corps, nurses, hospital dietitians and physical therapy aides.

Theatre commanders are authorized to return for duty in the United States any woman officer, woman warrant officer or enlisted woman, upon her request and presentation of satisfactory evidence that her husband has been returned from permanent overseas assignment with the armed forces to the United States for reassignment, hospitalization or honorable discharge.

This new ruling, which applies only to women overseas, is in addition to an older policy with regard to married members of the women's army corps whose husbands have been discharged for medical reasons.

In the latter case, consideration is given to the circumstances arising out of the discharge of the woman's husband from the armed forces or merchant marine for disability or his retention in the service for medical treatment. If he is dependent upon her for care or support and material contribution to his reconditioning, the woman soldier may ask for her own discharge.



MAJOR THOMAS M. NIAL

Major Thomas M. Nial, who writes the new Veterans' Guide column that starts in The Oregon Statesman, Thursday, March 15, and knows veterans and their problems from the ground up.

A veteran of two wars himself, the major was commanding officer at the Syracuse, N.Y. air base until last spring. Later, because of the aggravation of an old leg injury as a pilot in the first World war, he went on the inactive list.

During World War I, Nial enlisted while a senior at Syracuse university, trained at the University of Illinois ground school, went to England and flew with the British. His squad, operating at night, got seven German Gothas. Transferred to air photography, his plane crashed and he was hospitalized for two years.

As a civilian, he was in the insurance business in Maryland, Georgia, Texas, Oklahoma and New York, and did free lance writing.

Major Nial will make Washington the base of his operations in writing the Veterans' Guide.

ENDS TODAY!

Fred MacMurray Paulette Goddard

"STANDING ROOM ONLY"

Hedy Lamarr

"THE CONSPIRATORS"

THE LITTLE HOUSE WITH THE BIG SPIRIT

— OPENS 6:45 P. M. —

TOMORROW!

A Tough Guy Makes Good!

Man from Frisco

Michael O'SHEA Anne Shirley Gene Lockhart Ray Walker

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Two Important West Coast Oil Firms Merge

The consolidation of two important west coast oil companies was announced Monday by A. H. DeFries, vice president of the General Petroleum corporation, and C. S. Beesemeyer, president of the Gilmore Oil company, according to information received by B. F. Ball and E. W. Ellis, Oregon managers for the companies. Both organizations have served western motorists for many years and have quite similar backgrounds.

Operations will continue under the management of General Petroleum, west coast marketers of Mobilgas and Mobiloil. Road oil and asphalt operations will, however, be handled by a Gilmore organization.

The merging of the two organizations results in the appointment of B. F. Ball as resident manager and E. W. Ellis as assistant manager for the Oregon division, and other assignments will be announced in the near future, according to DeFries.

Divided Union Causes Woes At Auto Plant

DETROIT, March 12.—(P)—George T. Christopher, president of Packard Motor Car Co., told a senate sub-committee tonight that most of the labor troubles in his plant were due to divided local union of the United Automobile Workers (CIO).

He said the present local head, whom he did not name, has no control over the men and that there was no way to settle a grievance in the shop except by saying "yes." Louis de Beaune is president of the Packard local.

Christopher testified before the committee, which is investigating war production in the Detroit area, following a long parade of union stewards and plant workers who had charged labor hoarding in the Packard plant.

Germany 'Real Friend' Of Foreign Workers

LONDON, March 12.—(P)—Propaganda Minister Goebbels told the reich's foreign workers today that "one day you will leave us but not with hatred but as real friends."

The German transoceanic agency said Goebbels spoke before "a large delegation of European workers, including representatives from almost every nation on the continent."

German Panzer Chief Dismissed in Disgrace

NEW YORK, March 12.—General Brandenmeyer, chief of the German Seventh panzer army, has been dismissed in disgrace, the British radio said tonight in a broadcast monitored by NBC. The broadcast said it had been reported from the U. S. Third army front that half of the seventh panzer army had been destroyed in the Eifel campaign.

Firemen Called Out

Firemen reported a call to extinguish a chimney fire in the school administration building at 434 North High st. Monday night. No damage was reported.

ENDS TODAY!

Gene Autry

"Git Along Little Dogie"

Rochester - Lena Horne

"STORMY WEATHER"

THE HOUSE THAT RISES RABBIT

— OPENS 6:45 P. M. —

Tomorrow!

Thrills in the South Pacific!

Constance Bennett

"Law of The Tropics"

JEFFREY LYNN

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Europe's Smaller Nations Seek International 'Bill of Rights'

By Alex Singleton
LONDON, March 12.—(P)—An international "bill of rights" probably will be sought at the San Francisco world security conference by some of Europe's smaller nations, and a world free press will be high on their "must" list of safeguards against political, economic or military subjugation.

Demand for removal of all barriers against untrammelled transmission of news has increased among the little countries' representatives here in direct proportion to disappointment over the Yalta agreement giving the big powers immunity against the league's military action in any war in which they are aggressors.

An informal survey of opinion among London's diplomats, however, showed an increasing tendency to regard the agreement on the league voting procedure as mundanely practical — not Utopian — on the theory that the future of the peace, as well as of the league, depends upon the big powers' continued accord.

But while they may finally accept this conclusion, the little countries maintain that the chief purpose of the new league must be to set up international standards of conduct — rules of good behavior among nations — and find means for insuring adherence through the pressure of world opinion.

Russia—Kuestrin, fortress city 38 miles northeast of Berlin and hinge of central Oder defenses, falls to red army.

Western Front—US First army jumps off in first big allied assault east of Rhine.

Italy—Field Marshal Kesselring orders German troops to defend every inch of Italian territory as though on soil of Germany.

Burma—Indian troops pushing through Mandalay encounter stiff resistance.

Pacific—Veteran 41st division overruns strong Japanese positions on southwestern Mindanao.

Arrests of girls during 1944 increased 134 per cent as compared with 1941, the last peacetime year. Those involved were under 21.

The report showed that the number of boys under 18 who ran afoul of the law was 18 per cent greater in 1944 than in 1941.

French Delegate Eyed

PARIS, March 12.—(P)—Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, onetime university history professor who was a leader in the French underground movement, will head the French delegation to the United Nations conference in San Francisco, next month, French sources said today.

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ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

When we considered that the bright new store held a dealership for products carrying the name of a great rubber establishment the window display of men's socks seemed, at first, to be stretching a point. But after all, this country was built on such things as the LEATHER STOCKING TALES!

Mexico Plans Called Beacon For S.F. Meet

PORTLAND, Ore., March 12.—(P)—The war food administration said today the first four trainloads of Mexican farm laborers will arrive in six western states late this month and early in April.

The WFA's Portland office said 1279 Mexicans will be assigned to farms in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Another 1921 will go to Colorado, Montana and Utah.

Oregon will receive 417 workers from the first train, mostly for hop growers in the Salem area and fruit operators near Hood River. Washington will be allocated 782, with Yakima and Walla Walla claiming the greatest number.

Oregon's total seasonal allotment is 5000 workers while Washington will get 6000 and Idaho 5300.

Thumbnail of War!

By the Associated Press

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