

Jobless Pay Ratio Halved In 4 Months

Unemployed shipyard and aircraft workers helped give Oregon the highest unemployment rate in the nation last February but in the last few months the ratio of jobless covered workers has been cut squarely in half, state unemployment compensation commission officials announced Saturday.

The social security bulletin, just received by the commission, shows Oregon at the top with a rate of 12.9 per cent against a national average of 7.3 for the week ending February 9.

Latest available social security board figures show the national unemployment rate down to 6.4, while Oregon's rate has dropped to 8.3, according to the commission's statistical division. Initial and continued claims last week totalled 19,925 against 313,737 covered workers last year.

Oregon's peak civilian load of claims came in the week ended March 2, 1946, when 42,321 asked compensation. Claims for veterans readjustment allowances and self-employment benefits were not included.

Former shipyard and aircraft workers continued to account for more than two-thirds of all claims, the commission announced, pointing out that more than 80 per cent of 5,188 out-of-state claimants were from this group.

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Plant Entered Second Time in Three Days

WEST SALEM, June 15—(AP)—The Doolittle Bulk plant on Wallace road was entered tonight before 10:45 p.m. for the second time in three days but apparently nothing was taken according to West Salem police.

Police said the door on the truck shed was pried open to gain entry. The plant was previously prowled Thursday night.

Paint Industry Grows Out of Adair Episode

Camp Adair is indirectly responsible for the location of another new industry in Salem—Norris & Walker, paint manufacturers, 1780 N. Front st.

This is the way it happened: Robert W. Norris, jr., a graduate of Georgia Tech, had been chemist with a paint and varnish manufacturing concern in Chattanooga, Tenn., for five years. When the war came on he was sent to join the 96th division at Camp Adair. He fell in love with the northwest and bought a home in Salem at the time, with the plan to return here. He was transferred to the Third army and saw service as captain of ordnance in Europe. On his discharge he came west to carry out his plan.

Douglas G. Walker, a graduate of the University of Michigan, was chemical engineer at the aluminum plant at Troutdale during the war. He has joined Norris in the partnership.

The firm is starting with the manufacture of ready-mixed outside white paint and will enlarge its production to a general line of paints for industry, home and farm. Distribution will be through local dealers.

James Byers Elected Trustee of State Elks

John N. Mohr, Hood River, was elected president of the Oregon Elks lodge at its convention in Baker, Saturday, and Coos Bay was selected as the site of next year's convention, according to the Associated Press.

Other officers elected included James A. Byers, 1270 N. 21st st., as a trustee.

Roosevelt's Son Criticized for Calling Meet in Willkie's Name

SEATTLE, June 15—(AP)—Frederick E. Baker, former republican national committeeman, issued a statement today that "a new low has been reached by James Roosevelt and the fellow travelers who make up the organization which employs him," in the issuance of invitations to a dinner here Thursday sponsored by the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

"Northwest people are being invited to pay \$10 to see James Roosevelt, Olivia De Havilland, Groucho Marx, and to endorse Reps. Charles Savage, Hugh De Lacy, John Coffee and Sen. Hugh Mitchell. This is their privilege," Baker's statement said.

"But when they call this dinner as a dedication to the principles of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Wendell L. Willkie, and state in their invitations that 'so we can help re-elect these men, \$7.50 of each dinner admission will go into a special fund of the Independent Citizens Committee, to be used immediately and directly in the primary campaign,' it is time some one spoke up."

"And, as one of the closest personal friends of the late Wendell L. Willkie, I am absolutely furious. 'I cannot quarrel with the right of James Roosevelt to call a political meeting, for the political advantage of the democratic party, in the name of his deceased father. But I do challenge his right, propriety or decency, in bringing the name of Wendell Willkie into it.'"

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Litchfield Officer Draws \$250 Fine

BAD NAUHEIM, Germany, June 15—(AP)—A military court today convicted Lt. Granville C. Litchfield, for five years, for permitting "unauthorized punishment," including beatings and imprisonment at Litchfield, Eng., fined with clubs, on American soldier him \$250 and administered a reprimand. The court which had liberated for three hours, modified radically the original charge, however, eliminating all reference to cruel or unusual punishment, and clearing him personally of aiding in any improper punishment.

The passage of the Lanham act which provides funds for Oregon schools was lauded Saturday by Governor Earl Snell, when he was informed of the action by a telegram from Sen. Wayne Morse.

Governor Snell said his investigations sometime ago, which was assigned as one of the reasons for refusing to call a special legislative session to enact remedial legislation permitting the Portland school district to hold a special election for tax purposes, indicated that the Lanham act would be passed by congress.

"Passage of the bill confirms my judgment in deciding against the special legislative session at considerable cost to the taxpayers," Governor Snell declared.

The government said one of the first acts of the next legislature should be that of correcting the current law relating to special school elections for tax purposes in the Portland school district.

Corvallis Host to Traffic Conclave

Corvallis became the safety capital of the 11 western states this week as sessions of the eighth national institute for traffic training got under way. Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., announced Saturday. The institute will continue until June 28.

The courses are being conducted by experts in the field of police training, traffic engineers, driver training and public relations. This is the first time that the institute has been held in the northwest.

A-Bomb Pact Hinges on Reds

NEW YORK, June 15—(AP)—Members of the United Nations atomic energy commission generally agreed today that approval of an atomic control plan would be a long process and that Russia's attitude would be the key factor.

There also was agreement on another point: That the plan offered yesterday by U.S. Representative Bernard M. Baruch, probably would be the only comprehensive plan submitted and that the other nations would merely offer amendments.

Eight Vet Vessels Due In West Coast Ports

By the Associated Press
Eight vessels carrying servicemen from the Pacific are due to dock at west coast ports today. At San Diego, the LCI's 195, 812, 368, 268, patrol boat 625, yard minesweeper 290, are due to arrive.

The Oberon from Taku, is due at San Francisco.

FRONTIER MAY BE OPENED

MADRID, June 15—(AP)—Authorized Spanish sources said tonight that negotiations were under way to reopen the French frontier, closed on French initiative since March 1, except for the month of April.

Obituary

McCallister
In this city, June 14, Corinne Fay McCallister, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McCallister, route 4, Salem, sister of Gary Neal and twin, Colleen Kay McCallister, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McCallister of Salem and O. O. Epley of Stayton. Announcement of services later by W. T. Rigdon and company.

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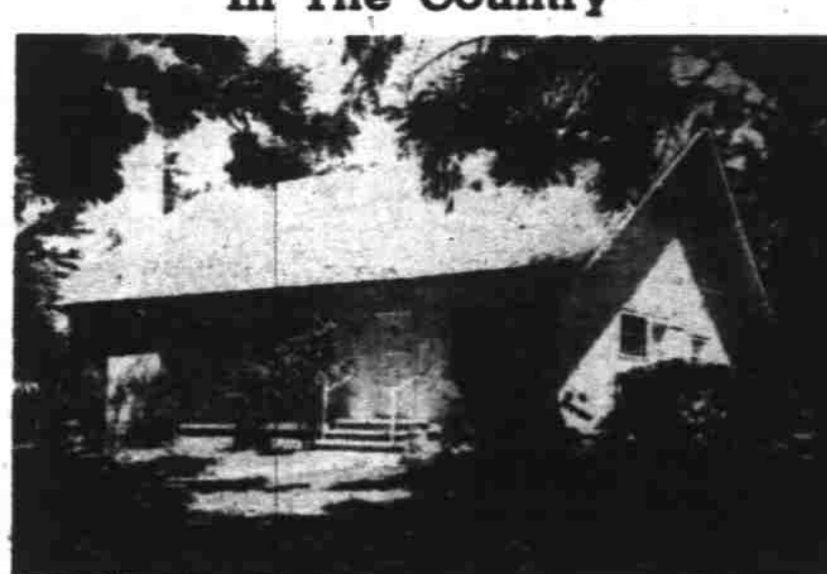
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