

## Record Drop In Jobless Pay Benefits Noted

A record drop in Oregon unemployment benefit payments of 68 per cent of last month from April, 1946, was reported Saturday by the state unemployment compensation commission. A reduction of 17 per cent was also noted for April from March.

Payments last month totaled \$214,700 as compared with \$2,581,318 for April, 1946, second highest month in the commission's history. The number of last month's interstate claimants dropped 28 per cent from 1946, but the amount they drew was 86 per cent lower, the commission said.

## Willamette Alums To Elect Officers

Willamette alumni association members are now balloting by mail to fill the offices of vice president, executive committee man and trustee. Ballots must be returned by May 26 on the 14 candidates nominated for the three offices.

Candidates nominated for vice presidency include Jessica Kinsey, Dorothea Fravel, Mrs. Eva

Hogue Jory and Jauline W. Elgin, all of Salem; for executive committee, Jean White Fotts, Prof. Herman Clark and Robert Voigt of Salem; and for trustee, Beryl Holt, Merrill Ohling and Ervin Potter of Salem, Nell Shaffer and Melvin Viker of Kent, Wash., Warren McMinimee of Tillamook and Dean Pollock of Milwaukie.

## Detroit, Mich., Hears of State

Booths dispensing information on Oregon have been operating the past month in Detroit, Mich., and Chicago, Ill., the Oregon state highway commissioner said Saturday.

Nearly 150,000 potential Oregon visitors visited the booths seeking information on this state at the Detroit News travel show and the Chicago Daily News travel show. Carl Jordan, of the department staff, manned the booths at both shows. He reported enthusiastic Oregon interest by those planning vacation trips here.

Those seeking information on this state were people interested in agriculture, vacationists, retired business men and industrialists. Many had seen Oregon advertisements in print and had received vacation folders.

## WALNUT SPRAY DUE

Third walnut blight control spray is now due for Franquette and Mayette orchards located on the Willamette valley floor. Dr. P. W. Miller, plant pathologist for the U. S. department of agriculture at Oregon State college, has announced.



CORNELIUS BATESON

## SHS Student Given \$300 Scholarship

Cornelius Charles Bateson, 17, Salem senior high school senior, is winner of a college scholarship of \$300 in a national scholarship competition held by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, Washington, D. C., E. A. Carlson, high school principal, announced Saturday.

Bateson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Bateson of Pratum, is a member of the local chapter of the National Honor society. The competition included 4,968 students in 1,292 schools in America. Bateson was the only winner living west of the Mississippi river.

He placed sixth last week in extempore speaking at the National Forensic league's national speech tournament in St. Louis, Mo. He plans to attend Stanford university in September. At high school he was editor of the Clarion, and a member of the Civics club, Hi-Y, Science club, Snioph Dramatic society and National Forensic league. He participated in football, tennis and debating, and ranks scholastically third in the senior class.

## Knapp Reports At Church Meet

MEDFORD, May 10—(AP)—District Treasurer Paul E. Knapp, Salem, reporting to the Oregon Pacific district assembly of the Nazarene church in session here Friday, said gifts to the church last year totaled \$304,269 from the 41 churches, an all-time record. Knapp was included as a member of the group's new advisory board.

CRUSHED BY TRUCK OREGON CITY, May 10—(AP)—David Emanuel Countryman, 21, believed returning from a Mollala dance, was crushed to death today in the upset of a pickup truck on the Colton highway.

## Infant Death Rate Low in Marion County

While Oregon's infant mortality rate is lower than the national average, according to state board of health figures, Marion county's record is even lower than the state average, the county health department disclosed Saturday.

The county's rate in 1946 was 21 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, as compared with the state's 27.2. The Oregon rate declined from 28.3 in 1945, when the state's rate was third lowest in the nation, and from 30.5 in 1944, when Oregon's record was best in the nation.

The county's rate was 29.2 in 1944 and 20.7 in 1945. Maternal death rate last year was .81 per 1,000 live birth in Marion county and .9 in Oregon, both figures a drop from previous years.

Health officials said the record is one of the best indices available of quality of hospital and medical care, of the prevalence of disease and of sanitation.

## Interstate Group To Confer with California Officials

The Oregon committee on interstate cooperation, created by legislative enactment, will go to Sacramento by plane Wednesday to confer with Gov. Earl Warren

of California and a similar committee from that state. Aviation, fishing, tourists and similar inter-related topics will be discussed by the two state groups.

The Oregon delegation includes

five senators—Carl Engdahl, chairman, Merle Chessman, Irving Rand, Paul Patterson, Earl Newberry; five representatives—W. W. Chadwick, chairman, Carl Francis, Robert Gile, Alex Barry and Frank Van Dyke; acting governor

Marshall Cornett and speaker of the house John Hall.

PAMPHLET ACCLAIMED Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., has received a large

number of letters acclaiming a new safety manual prepared by his office and now being distributed among log truck drivers. Six thousand copies are being sent out.

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