

# State Jobless Pay Tax Rate to Rise as Reserves Fall

Oregon's unemployment reserves fell below \$53,500,000 at the end of June, the state Unemployment Compensation Commission reported Wednesday.

Officials said this would set in motion administrative machinery that would increase nearly all employer tax rates by 0.3 per cent on the 1956 payroll.

This action comes as the result of an amendment agreed to by the recent Legislature. Schedules of the new tax provision goes into effect because reserves

have dropped to less than 6 per cent of the average annual taxable payrolls.

Actually employers with reserves of more than 100 per cent of their annual payrolls will continue at their current rate, while those with less than 2 per cent also will be unchanged. Those with minus reserve ratio will pay penalty rates of 3 per cent for the first time since the third quarter of 1941.

**Unemployment Off**  
During the first month of the

1955-56 benefit year, which officially opens this week, provisions for unemployment compensation will remain unchanged. Initial claims, taken during the past two weeks at local employment offices, indicate fewer without jobs than at any time in three years.

Higher benefit schedules and higher minimum qualifying wages

will start Jan. 1 next, but new disqualification and other limiting features go into effect Aug. 3, which is 90 days after the Legislature adjourned.

Claimants discharged for misconduct or failing to apply for or accept suitable work will be liable next month to a forfeiture of benefits in addition to a maximum eight-week disqualification period.

Workers who receive vacation pay, dismissal allowances, guaranteed wages, old age insurance, or other retirement pay, will be entitled to benefits only on a pro rata basis. Certain retired employees will have to prove attachment to the labor market.

### Must Report

The forfeiture clause will not apply to those leaving jobs without good cause, but they may be disqualified up to eight weeks and they must report to local offices each week or receive wages in excess of their weekly benefit amount. Instead of starting disqualifications when the act occurred, the new law operates only during the period when the claimant otherwise is eligible for benefits.

Court convictions of fraud will cancel all prior wage credits and

# Coast Route Wreck Fatal

**GOLD BEACH, Ore. (UP)** — Berthe Perigot, 65-year-old Blue Lake, Calif., woman was injured fatally Tuesday night when the car in which she was riding plunged off Highway 101 about 2 miles north of Pistol River, state police reported.

The woman died in a local hospital about 3:30 a.m.

Pasquale Cicchetti, who was driving in the other direction, said he saw the headlights of a car approaching and then disappear around a curve last night. When he failed to meet the car he investigated and found it had left the highway.

State police said the dead woman was riding in a car driven by Emile Gibouret, 71, Los Angeles. Two other passengers were in the car, Pierre Perigot, a cousin of the dead woman, and Fernande Anne Gibouret. There was no report of injuries to other occupants of the car.

# Cove Orchard Blaze Burns Man to Death

**McMINNVILLE, Ore. (UP)** — Roy Riggs, 25, was burned to death in his bed at Cove Orchard north of here Wednesday as his horrified wife and relatives stood outside the flaming house.

Coroner Glen Macy said the small house was reduced to ashes in a matter of minutes and the Yamhill fire department, four miles away, arrived too late to save Riggs.

Riggs was a night worker at the Birdseye Frozen Foods plant at Hillsboro. His wife and her father were across the street when the fire started and were unable to rescue Riggs. She was taken to a McMinnville hospital in a state of shock. The couple had been married less than a year and had moved to Cove Orchard two months ago from Jay, Okla.

# Granddaughter of DeMille Weds

**SAN FRANCISCO (UP)** — A granddaughter of Hollywood producer Cecil B. DeMille was married to an Egyptian cavalry officer Wednesday in a quiet Moslem ceremony that was as plain as DeMille's movies are spectacular.

Instead of a "cast of thousands," as the "deMille name has come to symbolize, only 14 close relatives and friends witnessed the marriage of 19-year-old Cecilia DeMille Harper to Maj. Abbas El Boughdady, 33.

The ceremony was performed in the mahogany, leather-chaired offices of Egyptian Consul General Abdel Moneim Khedry who said he was acting in the capacity of a "ship's captain on the high seas."

Cows on lush pasture tend to give large amounts of milk, but to lose weight unless they are fed grain and hay supplements.

# Partial Opening Possible This Fall for Expressway Section

A continuance of favorable construction conditions during the next few weeks may make it possible to open two lanes of the four lane Salem-Portland expressway from the Wilsonville bridge to Hayesville to light traffic this fall, state highway en-

gineer R. H. Baldock reported Wednesday.

He declared the outlook for completion of this \$7,500,000 section of the expressway this fall was not satisfactory. He said, however, that in event of good weather it probably would be possible to place the base course pavement on the northern nine miles and the southern 7 1/2 miles on two lanes of highway.

Baldock said it probably would not be possible to place any pavement on the 6 1/2 miles center section. This section probably will be oiled, he said.

The contractors, Baldock averred, have a gigantic job before them because of the 1,000,000 yards of gravel to be placed. Only 150,000 cubic yards or 15 per cent, are now in place.

Baldock said the Barbour Boulevard by-pass at the northern end of the highway is under construction and he hoped this section could be completed late this fall.

Future plans of the highway commission call for construction of a connection between Barbour Boulevard and Harbor Drive in Portland.

When this section is completed Baldock said, it would be possible for a motorist to drive from Salem through Portland on a continuous four-lane divided highway.

# Ike Criticized On Polio, Bomb Fallout Stands

**WASHINGTON (UP)**—A spokesman for the American Society of Newspaper Editors has criticized the Eisenhower administration for holding back information on the Salk polio vaccine and the danger of "fallout" from H-bomb explosions.

The criticism was made by J. Russell Wiggins, executive editor of the Washington Post and Times Herald, and chairman of the ASNE's Freedom of Information Committee, in a nationwide interview.

Wiggins said any administration should give "all relevant material bearing upon great national issues" to the public.

He said public confidence in the Salk polio vaccine program was shaken because the government failed to tell the public some of the disadvantages and defects early enough.

Wiggins referred specifically to the fact that some earlier meetings of scientists with officials of the U. S. Public Health Service on the Salk program were held here in secret.

"... It was only after a very energetic protest, led by Lyle Wilson of the United Press, that some of the subsequent meetings were opened up," he said. This referred to dispatches on the closed-door meetings written by Lyle C. Wilson, vice president and Washington manager for the United Press Associations.

Wiggins also said that a "long bottling up" of information "on the extent of radioactive fallout from hydrogen bomb tests" delayed the information of public opinion (and) interfered with the development of sound defensive policies.

# Lumber Firm Claims Strike Violates Law

**PORTLAND (UP)** — The president of the M and M Woodworking Company charged here Wednesday a strike against five of the firm's plants was "unlawful and in direct violation of the Taft-Hartley act."

Clay Brown, in a public statement of the company's position, said there had been no warning of a strike and that M and M did not even know that a strike vote was contemplated or that a walk-out had been authorized.

Claude A. McCulley, secretary of the striking local 2531 of the AFL Plywood and Veneer Workers Union, refused to comment on Brown's charges.

Brown asserted that the Taft-Hartley law restricted both the union's right to strike and the company's right to lock out its workers.

He said the company was prepared to negotiate the dispute and to continue work "under the identical terms and working conditions in effect" at the beginning of the strike.

The union's contract expired last Thursday. Failing renewal, crews walked out at plywood plants in Portland, Albany, Lyons, Eureka, and at the green veneer mill at Idanha, Ore.

# Sulmonetti to Take Oath

**PORTLAND (UP)** — Alfred Sulmonetti will be sworn in Thursday as Multnomah County circuit judge.

Sulmonetti fills a vacancy created by the death of Circuit Judge Lowell Mundorff June 24.

Leading members of Oregon's bench and bar will take part in the swearing-in ceremony at 9:30 a.m. in the late Judge Mundorff's courtroom.

# Pinball Hearing Nearly Complete

**PORTLAND (UP)** — Arguments in the Portland pinball case heard Wednesday as the Portland Amusement Co. continued its fight to prevent seizure of non coin-slot pinball machines.

Marian G. Rushing, deputy city attorney, asked that a restraining order issued by Circuit Judge Alfred Dobson be vacated.

Attorneys for the amusement company maintain that the important point is whether the non-coin operated machines come under the city ordinance.

# Airlift to Build Radar Line

**OTTAWA (UP)** — Royal Canadian air force helicopters have started an airlift of personnel and equipment for construction of a mid-Canada radar warning line.

RCAF headquarters said the helicopters are being used to carry engineers and survey parties into the sites along the 55th Parallel because the terrain is too rugged for Japanese parties.

# Japanese Go U.S. Drivers One Better

**TOKYO (UP)** — Tokyo's traffic, perhaps as wild as any in the world, has produced a new twist to the old American habit of honking when the light turns green.

Here they honk BEFORE the light changes. The boys in the back row want their say too.

# Cottonwoods Thurs, July 7

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# Coon Accepts Debate Dates

**WASHINGTON (UP)** — Rep. Coon (R-Ore) said Wednesday he has accepted invitations to debate Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) at John Day and Condon, Ore.

It brings to 14 the number of Oregon communities at which the two lawmakers will argue the merits of Coon's bill for joint local-federal construction of John Day Dam on the Columbia River.

# John Day Hotel Sold To Eugene Couple

**JOHN DAY (UP)** — Owners of the John Day hotel have announced sale of the building to a Eugene couple for about \$90,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Smith of Eugene purchased the hotel from Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Naldrette.



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