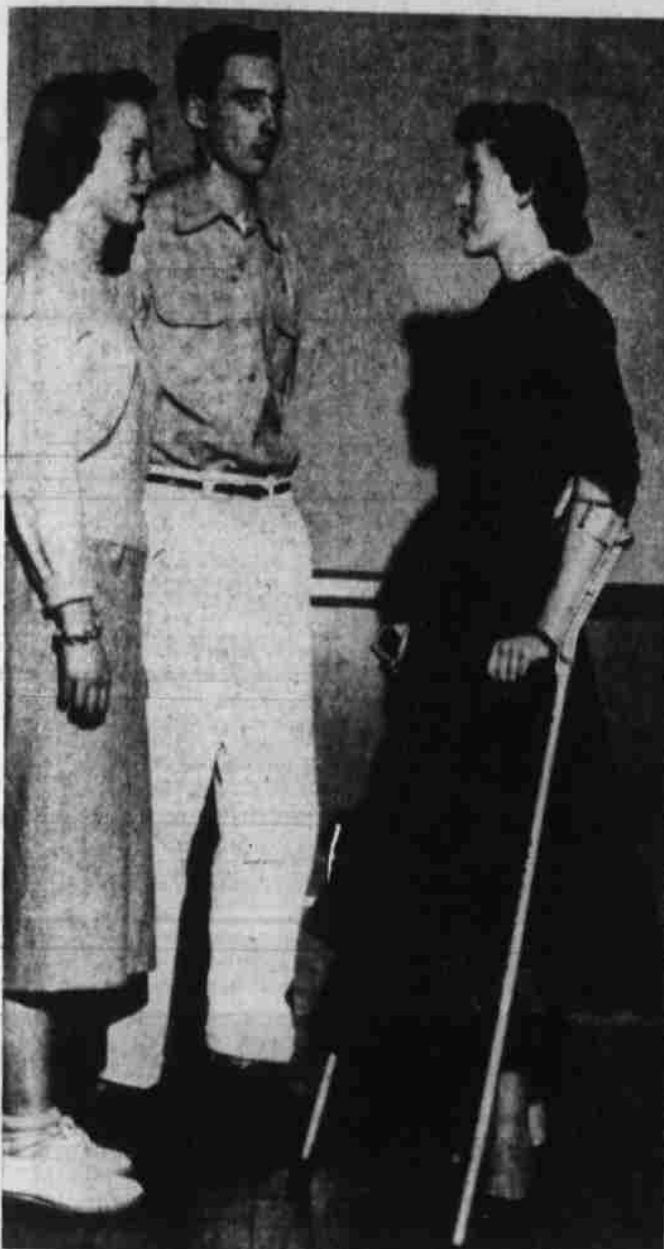


Volunteers Kickoff Polio Campaign



Approximately 100 volunteer Marion County March of Dimes workers gathered in Salem Thursday for the opening of this year's fund campaign. County Chairman William Healy is shown above greeting workers at luncheon meeting at Senator Hotel. Local high and junior high polio representatives are seated directly below speakers table. Dr. Charles E. Price (inset), San Francisco polio authority, addressed the group. (Statesman photo.)



Sharon Lander (right), state leader of the Teens-Against-Polio program from Roseburg and a polio victim herself, is shown talking with North Salem High School polio co-chairmen Debbie Lamb and George Weisinger during Thursday's March of Dimes kickoff program. (Statesman photo.)

Plans Formed For County's Polio Drive

(Story also on page one)
Formulation of plans to collect needed funds sparked the opening Thursday of Marion County's 1956 March of Dimes.

State and local polio committee officials were on hand for a full round of activities.

First major fund-raising activity will take place Saturday in downtown Salem with a "blue crutch tag" sale. A contest to see who can sell the most of the lapel tags will be staged by American Legion, Capital Post 9 and Marion County Voiture of Forty et Eight at the corner of Liberty and State streets from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

No Goal

William Healy, Marion County March chairman, said there was no established goal this year. He said he anticipated the volunteer workers would surpass last year's collection of \$25,000.

About 100 adult volunteers and junior and senior high school polio representatives gathered at noon at the Senator Hotel to hear Dr. Price Charles E. Price of San Francisco, Calif., praise the Salk Vaccine program and to stress the need for funds.

Talk With Doctors

Dr. Price also discussed aspects of polio with Marion and Polk County physicians at an informal gathering last night.

Mrs. Frederic Young of Portland, state women's advisor for the campaign, met Thursday afternoon with leaders of the Mothers March, slated for late in January. N. Thomas Stoddard of Portland, state March of Dimes chairman, also attended the meetings.

Here to spark teen-agers in the polio fund drive was Miss Sharon Lander of Roseburg, a polio victim, who met with high and Junior high students.

On tap for later in the month are the annual "block of dimes" street collections sponsored by various local service organizations.

County Issues 768 Licenses To Wed in '55

An average of two couples a day marched to the altar here during 1955, marriage license records of the Marion County clerk's office showed Thursday.

The records show a total of 798 couples were issued marriage licenses at the courthouse here during the year, and that 50 were issued during the closing month of December.

December continued the winter-time decline in the number of cupid-inspired pairs, showing a drop of seven from November's 57. In October 66 received licenses.

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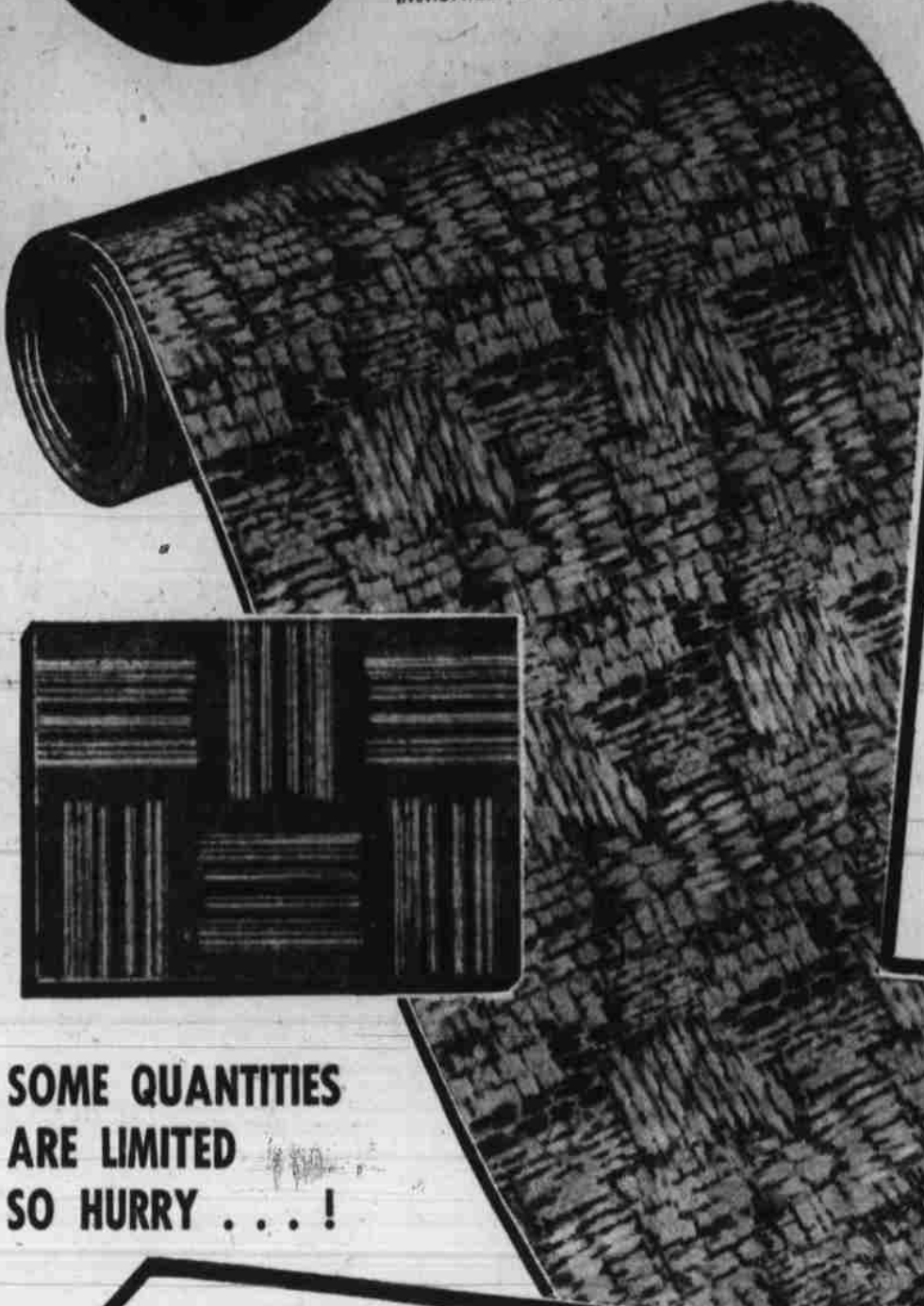
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Unemployment Down in State

The Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission reported Thursday that 46,800 persons were unemployed on Jan. 1, or 6,400 fewer than a year ago.

The commission received 24,507 claims for compensation in the last week of the year, with two thirds of them coming from lumber, construction and canning workers. The total was the largest since last March.

The commission paid out \$1,684,839 in jobless compensation last month. That was \$600,000 more than the December, 1954, figure, but was twice the total for the previous month.

Total payments during the year were \$16,922,265, or 7 millions under the 1954 total.

Damage Suit Award Made

Judgment of \$2,653 was awarded Thursday to Thomas Hickman, 296 N. Capitol St., in a damage suit for injuries brought against the Yellow Cab Co. of Salem.

Hickman had brought the suit in Marion County Circuit Court for \$7,653 against the cab company charging that a driver of a cab in which he had been a passenger backed away before he was clear of the vehicle, knocking him to the street and causing personal injuries.

ELECTION SET

SAN SALVADOR (AP) — El Salvador's Congress has set Sunday, March 4, for general elections to name a president and vice president.

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