

Industrial Pay Lane County Record High

Per Cent Gain 1941 Shown

PAUL DEUTSCHMANN Lane County industrial pay reached a new peak of \$1.442 in 1945, figures reported Thursday by the Oregon State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Payrolls covered by social security law are included in this total, and Fred Chamber of Commerce manager, estimated payrolls for agriculture, and firms employing five persons would probably show the overall county payrolls at least \$60,000,000.

Commissioner reported growth of wages reported by county: \$17,558,612 29,507,574 30,155,442

Report stated that Lane County was up 71.7 per cent over 1941. The 1944-45 comparison gave Lane a 2.2 per cent decrease.

There were one of 16 counties recorded increases in 1945 over 1944. The state showed a 11.7 per cent decrease, due primarily to end of big shipyard payrolls.

The \$30,000,000-plus payroll nearly \$7,000,000 ahead of 1944, which posted a 21.8 per cent, and 40 per cent over the four counties, which had \$18,114,436.

Commissioner declared that for 1946 were expected only about 10 per cent of the 1945 level. Big gains in lumber and logging, service, agriculture and manufacturing industries were expected to offset losses in the

For 1946 payrolls are available, but a study of number of claims for unemployment compensation in October indicated that the Eugene area was faring better than the rest of the state this year.

People having the second largest number in the state, Eugene ranked in total amount of unemployment payments for nine months of 1946, fourth in the number of persons actually receiving benefits in October, and in the number of new claims in the month.

In a comparison of six of the report: New Receiving '46 Total Claims Benefits Comp. 1947 17,479 \$9,592,837 1946 11,119 546,413 1945 148 429,867 1944 104 866 183,411 1943 123 652 213,128 1942 81 739 197,256

It was noted that although a large number of persons were receiving benefits, periods of unemployment have been shorter in Lane area, thus making the unemployment pay much more with the greater payrolls.

Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity, rain in valley, snow in mountains Friday and Saturday. Slightly cooler Friday. Oregon, same, strong southeasterly wind off

Lane Challenged By Vermont City

Something more than Lane County's reputation for meeting its welfare obligations is at stake in the current campaign to subscribe a Lane County Chest budget of \$111,715 for 1947. General Chairman Alton F. Baker Thursday received—and accepted—a challenge from far-away Vermont involving the good name and reputation of a famous Oregon citizen, Tom Turkey. A telegram from Director Guy C. Sicker of Burlington, Vt., Community Chest, put the issue squarely: "Inspired citizens of Burlington, rejoicing in salubrious Vermont climate, prepared to push Community Chest campaign well over biggest goal in history. We challenge Eugene and Lane County to match efforts, with turkey as prize. "We realize we are giving you odds because of superior quality of Vermont turkey. It would be a treat for you and your fellow Oregonians to taste real Vermont turkey—but as things stand you haven't a chance. Burlington is sure to win and we shall have to break our jaws on one of your tough Oregon crows." To which Baker replied: "The only crows you Vermonters will eat will be in the form of a yellow telegraph blank announcing Lane County's loyal citizens have unshaken all previous records of generous giving. We won't eat your turkey, but put it on exhibition for our giant fowls to sneer at on their way to market. Regards but not good luck." Burlington has a population of 28,000 and is situated on Lake Champlain in Chittenden County, Vermont.

Education Money Aids State Public

Almost one third of higher education funds go to extension, research works for Oregon. By ROCH BRADSHAW (Fifth of Six Articles) Almost one third of the state funds appropriated for higher education are expended for statewide public service activities, it is pointed out in the biennial report of the State Board of Higher Education. "Funds spent by the state for such statewide services as agricultural research and extension have returned large dividends in productivity and in the general welfare of the rural districts," the report asserts. "Never has the demand been so great for these services. . . . The Agricultural Extension Service carries to every corner of the state the findings of agricultural science and demonstrates the most successful application of these findings. "Oregon gains much in financial stability from the wide diversity of its agricultural industry, but this very diversity brings with it added demands for research and service." The Federal Cooperative Extension Division, the agricultural research program and the work of the experiment stations and home economics research work are among the services mentioned.

Bevin Demands Broader Report

LAKE SUCCESS—(AP)—British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin said Thursday that he could not accept the Russian proposal for reports to the United Nations on disposition of troops on foreign soil unless it was amended to cover forces on domestic fronts and the whole broad question of disarmament. Bevin thus went a step farther than the general position taken by the United States and China, which called for overall troop reports but sought to keep the questions of troop data and disarmament separate.

These two powers merely asked that Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's plan be broadened without flatly stating opposition. An American delegation spokesman, stressing the desire for inclusion of all forces in the report, said Russia "had come a long way" toward meeting the United States position. France qualified its approval of the Soviet proposal with a suggestion that the U.N. fix the exact needs for troops stationed in enemy states such as Germany.

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Chest Women Plan To Begin Campaign

Over 500 women volunteers who will aid the appeal of the Lane County Community Chest will meet at 10 a. m. Friday at the McDonald Theater to launch a house-to-house canvass. Largest of the soliciting armies, the women will cover all homes, apartments and business establishments in those areas of the city which are not conducting their own "Unit campaign" or which will not be solicited by the Men's Central Division. Their goal is to obtain a gift from every address in Eugene. Men to Meet Preceding the mass rally of the women's divisions, over 110 volunteer business men who will serve in the Men's Central Division will gather at 7:45 a. m. in the Eugene Hotel to officially start solicitation of Eugene's smaller business establishments. Divided into three sections, the men's division will solicit gifts from the firms, their executives and every employed person there-in. Each solicitor will personally contact every person at the address to obtain an "adequate and thoughtful" gift on the basis of the national standard of one day's pay from employees and from one to three per cent of annual income from executives, it was stated. Leaders of the Women's Residential Division are Mrs. C. A. Barnes, chairman; Miss Kathryn

Budget Increase Lets Engineers Continue Works

Lane Area Projects Plans Still Remain

A recent increase of approximately \$1,500,000 in appropriations will enable the Army Engineers to continue most of their scheduled flood control and river work projects in this area through the current fiscal year, Colonel O. E. Walsh, in charge of the Engineers' Portland office, said Thursday. Explaining the continuance of the Engineers' projects in this area despite a recent report that staff reductions would force the closing of most Oregon offices, Colonel Walsh said that the increase in funds enabled the agency to retain 955 of its 1555 employes in the Portland District, including the Eugene and Dorena office staffs. Vincent Kemp, chief maintenance engineer in the Eugene office, said Thursday that only one person will be laid off here as a result of the cutback. A 38-man dam site investigations and survey crew which maintained a headquarters in Eugene was laid off Nov. 14, but this crew worked under control of the Portland office and could not be counted as a Eugene lay-off, Kemp said. Work will proceed on the Fern Ridge project, Colonel Walsh added, and operations will continue at Willamette Falls locks and Bonneville dam. The Engineers will also continue work on plans for modifications of McKenzie River and South Santiam developments, the colonel said, and on plans for Meridian and McNary dams. Providing an overall picture of Willamette Basin plans, the Willamette Valley Review Report, which Engineers are now working up also will be carried on.

Colony Walsh said that all offices in this area definitely will remain open at least until the end of the fiscal year next July. The colonel will discuss suggestions for work on the Upper Willamette at a meeting with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce Nov. 27.

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Reuther Urges Funds for CIO

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(AP)—President Walter P. Reuther of the United Auto Workers Thursday urged the CIO convention to provide a "war chest" of \$12,000,000 to fight for new increases. "The CIO says to the Republican party, the reactionary Democrats in the South and the big Wall Street industrialists gang that we didn't fight the war to go back to a depression," Reuther shouted. "If industry goes on another sit-down strike in the next week cycle as it did in the last, we are not going to surrender and we will fight," he said, urging adoption of the principal CIO wage resolution. He said that the "war chest" should be created and made available to every CIO union which is forced to engage in "any of these basic fights" for more wages. "FIRE RULES RELAXED" WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Civilian Production Administration has decided that after Dec. 16 new automobiles may be sold with a spare tire and tube for the first time since 1942, when wartime restrictions were imposed.

Truman Submerges, Secretary Hints Leaders Stay Silent

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Schwelmbach said Thursday resumption of free collective bargaining has not "imperiled our prosperity," but suggested that "certain union leaders" might pay attention to the economic "law of diminishing returns." In an address to the CIO convention, Schwelmbach also expressed hope that nothing occurs in the next few months "which would tie down the trade union movement with 'legislative straps' so that it would be 'unable to perform' its functions and obligations. This apparently was a reference to current talks of action by the new Congress on labor laws. Schwelmbach described the law of diminishing returns as a "rather old-fashioned line of reasoning" and said he wondered if it might not have some special application today for certain union leaders. "I do know," he continued, "that the vast majority of union agreements reflect this commonsense approach." He did not elaborate on the point or name any union leaders.

Coal Chief to Face Charge of Contempt



UNITED MINE WORKERS Chief John L. Lewis, left, is facing a possible jail sentence for failure to comply with a federal court injunction after his 400,000 union members left the nation's soft coal pits at midnight Wednesday. At least 150,000 miners quit before the deadline in scenes like that at West Frankfort, Ill. below. (NEA Telephoto).



Mine Shutdown Spreads Wider As Lewis Silent

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The justice department announced Thursday that Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough has held John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers Union in contempt of court in the soft coal shutdown. The announcement said Goldsborough ordered Lewis to appear in court at 10:00 a. m. Nov. 25 to show cause why he and other United Mine Workers officials should not be punished for failure to heed a court order not to terminate a working agreement with the government. The brief announcement of the government action was read to reporters by a justice department press official. At the moment, justice department officials were continuing a lengthy conference with Judge Goldsborough in the latter's chambers. After they had been together an hour and 20 minutes, Nicholas Chase, an attorney associated with William E. Leahy, who has represented the United Mine Workers, entered Goldsborough's office. Lewis himself was still at his home in Alexandria, Va. The headquarters of the United Mine Workers was closing and there was no indication that any statement might be forthcoming on the court's action. Assistant Attorney General John Sonnett was ready to proceed before noon, but for some unannounced reason the filing of a contempt petition was delayed until later in the day. Reports from the field indicated some anthracite miners were joining the 400,000 bituminous diggers in a stoppage that could eventually touch all industry. Work suspension came in the face of government pleas to keep the mines going. Lewis, who disregarded a court order to restore the effectiveness of the miners' contract with the government, continued silent. Absence Seen There were indications there that Lewis may have made arrangements for an extended absence from his office. It was known that he spent much of Wednesday answering mail and otherwise clearing his desk of pending business. Government attorneys had been expected to go before Federal Judge T. Alan Goldsborough by noon Thursday and petition for a contempt citation that might subject him to fine or imprisonment. However, midday came and went with the government attorneys still in consultation and indications that there would be some delay in their appearance in court. Judge Goldsborough disposed of routine matters before him during the morning and adjourned his court for the day shortly before 12 o'clock. He left the court building for lunch but aides said he would be in his chambers later in the afternoon. Federal Works Administrator Philip B. Fleming ordered a return to wartime heating and lighting strictures in all federal buildings throughout the country which depend on coal.

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Police Check Theft Of Small Office Safe

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By ASSOCIATED PRESS The mid-November cold wave continued to grip the Pacific Northwest Thursday from Medford, Oregon, well into British Columbia as the Weather Bureau gave only slight hopes of relief with the prediction that occasional snow flurries would change to "occasional rain" Friday. Another storm like that which punished Northern California and Southern Oregon Monday and Tuesday was forecast, and storm warnings were posted from Point Conception, near Santa Barbara, Calif., to Cape Blanco, halfway up the Oregon coast. Southerly winds of from strong to gale proportions were forecast, accompanied by rain. Snow was predicted in the mountains. Death Toll Now 6 The storm-caused death toll increased to six Wednesday night—five in Washington and one in British Columbia. Mrs. Irene Davis Buell, 25, wed at Helena, Mont., five days before, was fatally injured when her car ran off the snowy highway at Eltopia, en route to Pasco. An elderly man, identified as Hans Rasmussen, was found dead beside his boat at a Seattle wharf. Police expressed belief he had slipped during the first snowfall Monday. Briefly the picture looked like this as the Northwest went into its fourth day of storm: Seattle—air travel still hampered but attempts were being made to get out south and east-bound flights; trains arriving behind schedule; city bus operations almost normal; public schools reopened but University of Washington students continuing a short vacation because of shortage of coal; repairs made restored 1500 of the city's 8500 impaired telephones. In Oregon, snow was falling Thursday along the Columbia River from Troutdale, just east of Portland, to Arlington. Temperatures in the eastern part of the state were low, with Pendleton reporting 21 degrees at 9:30 a. m. Elsewhere, Grants Pass was digressing out from under Wednesday's heavy fall which hampered highway travel, and Crater Lake National Park reported 42 inches with one-way road, travel open, except from park headquarters to the rim, where the road was closed. Portland was getting a light rain with the temperature at 35 degrees.

Bible Dealer Reports Theft

A thief was prepared to take religion seriously here Thursday after Frank Hutchason, 1065 Filmore St., reported the theft of 15 Bibles from his car. Hutchason is a Bible salesman for an eastern firm. He told city police the Bibles were taken while his car was parked at Thirteenth and Willamette Sts. The books are valued at \$154.

Shipping Strike Likely to Last Until Monday

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Another weekend of virtual maritime idleness was in prospect for the Pacific Coast as the AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots—their grievances not settled in a previous employer-CIO agreement—maintained picket lines pending a vote on acceptance of a shipowners' proposal. The picket lines were established Wednesday shortly before the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and the CIO Marine Engineers were scheduled to return to work, ending the eight-week tieup. The two latter groups observed the AFL picket line. The CMU's first announcement that CIO crews would, if requested, begin to work foreign and East Coast vessels in the harbor here but not ships operated by the Pacific American Shipowners' Assn., the organization with which the MMP is negotiating for a new contract. But when confronted by MMP pickets they abandoned this plan. Membership voting in the MMP is expected to be completed by Saturday. If the ballot is favorable only formal signing of the contract would be necessary before work could be resumed.

Hope for Crash Victims Fading

PARIS—(AP)—American authorities at Orléans airport said Thursday night they feared the outlook was virtually hopeless for the 11 persons aboard a crashed C-53 transport unless rescue crews reached within a few hours the spot in the Alps where the plane came down two days ago. They pointed out the 12,000-foot-high area was swept by bitter winds. U. S. Army headquarters at Frankfurt reported a radio message saying eight of the 11 were stretcher cases. The passengers included a brigadier general, Loyal M. Haynes, and the wives of three brigadier generals. The Lyon airport station reported a message that "someone on the ground" had been sighted, but it did not know whether this referred to the plane's occupants or to rescue parties toiling up the snow-clad slopes of the Mt. Cenis region. A mysterious radio message led to a premature announcement of the plane's discovery. Col. Hilbert F. Muenster, commander of the U. S. European air transport service, made the announcement and then withdrew it. This message, saying the wreckage had been sighted on a glacier, was attributed to one of the search planes, but other planes said they had no knowledge of it. The Lyon-Bron radio announced a message from the C-53 at 5 p. m. (8 a. m., Pacific Standard time) saying, "we want to live."

Decorations Planned In Christmas Season

Despite the high cost of materials and the shortage of labor, Eugene will dress up for Christmas. William N. Russell, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Retail Merchants Division, announced Thursday that Christmas arrangements will be handled this year by a three-man committee, Joe Richards, Harry Holt and Rex Hamaker. Symbol on Butte Most spectacular of the planned decorations will be a large neon-lighted cross or Christmas star, to be purchased and placed on the highest point of Skinner's Butte, where it will be seen by thousands of customers, visitors and guests for miles around. A loud speaker system, located on top of the Miner Building, will bring the Christmas story in music to downtown shoppers for the entire week preceding Christmas. Tree Downtown New trimmings and electric lights will deck the large Christmas tree, to be placed at the center of Willamette St., at the depot where it will shine out with Christmas hospitality for all to see. Through cooperation of the water board, red and green lamps will be placed in downtown light standards, and other decorations will be placed around the downtown section. Individual stores have been urged to decorate also.

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