

## Wholesale Chiseling by Oregon War Vets Denied

By Eldon Barrett

The Oregon unemployment compensation commission today flatly denied reports of wholesale "chiseling" by Oregon war veterans drawing readjustment allowances through the state agency. "There are very few cases of outright chiseling," the commission said, and most of these involve payments from other agencies or of drawing unemployment benefits while working.

Administrator Silas Gaiser said that illegal cases are turned over to the veterans administration for possible prosecution. State funds usually are not involved because the state agency makes benefit payments to veterans from federal funds.

Recently the commission interviewed 700 claimants receiving veterans' readjustment allowances. As a result, this composite picture of the average veteran receiving benefits was drawn:

He is between 35 and 40 years old; is semi-skilled; lives in a city; worked both before and after the war; has been out of service eight or nine months; may have some minor disability; probably had a special occupation while in the service; has contacted several employers and his local employment office but hasn't found suitable work where housing is available.

### Agers Averaged

One in eight has passed his 40th birthday, and 82 per cent are 30 or older. One in every 12 is a woman.

About one-fourth claim experience in clerical or service work, and six per cent say they

have professional or managerial qualifications. A recent count showed that 54,382 veterans have applied for benefits. About 3200 of these are self-employed and have not made \$100 or more a month in their own business.

Approximately 64,000 have drawn at least one check, while 132 have received their full allowances averaging more than \$800 each. Veterans discharged after 10 months or more service in the armed forces are entitled to 52 weekly allowances of \$20 while seeking suitable work, the commission pointed out.

## Portland Fire Confessed by Youth

Fresno, Calif., Nov. 21 (P)—A 14-year-old boy, whom District Attorney James M. Thuesen said has admitted setting a \$5,000,000 bonded brandy warehouse fire south of Fresno August 28 and a series of other incendiary blazes elsewhere along the Pacific coast, was being held here today.

Among the blazes confessed by the boy, who gave his name as Williams, were three houses near Portland, Ore., and a grocery store in Vancouver, B.C.

In New Jersey it is illegal to drive a stage coach on Sundays.

## Christmas Tinsel Shipped to Alaska

Seattle, Nov. 21 (P)—An estimated \$2,000 in toys plus a myriad of ornaments and a large percentage of this city's curtailed Christmas lighting is scheduled to leave here tomorrow morning by naval air transport for Kodiak, Alaska.

The gifts and necessary Yuletide accessories were purchased with navy welfare funds by Lt. Cmdr. James A. Whitman and Yeoman 3/c Noah Fluckard to provide holiday gifts for some 300 navy children in the Aleutian chain and another hundred children of civil service employees.

The navy plans to provide a gift for every child through the eighth grade as well as the 60 native kiddies of the Kodiak orphanage.

## University Cramped By Coal Shortage

Seattle, Nov. 21 (P)—Due to a coal shortage, the University of Washington closed "indefinitely" Wednesday.

Dr. Raymond B. Allen, university president, postponed his scheduled reception tonight for parents of freshman students.

University officials said the school had only a six-day supply of coal on hand and is unable to get more immediately because the Big Four mine, southeast of Renton, which supplies the institution, is shutdown by a power failure.

President Allen said the university definitely would not open tomorrow. He said he could not tell how much longer it would be closed.

## East Salem Parent-Teachers To Rent Frozen Food Locker

East Salem, Nov. 21—The monthly meeting of Swegle Parent-Teachers association was held in the intermediate classroom at the school. It was a business meeting as the social hour had been held with the Community club meeting. The president, Mrs. George Standley, conducted the meeting. On recommendation of the purpose committee chairman, Mrs. Floyd King, cold storage unit will be rented for this year's lunch program, and a beef will be brought and put away for the lunches. Meetings will be held at the earlier hour of 3 p.m. and Mrs. E. E. Brandt will act as hospitality chairman.

Health clinics have been sponsored by the PTA for several and it was voted to arrange definite dates for these dinners with Dr. W. J. Stone.

The school principal, Mrs. E. M. Bankston announced the purchase by the teachers and pupils of a record player with amplifier and microphones it

## 200 Delegates at Rodeo Convention

San Francisco, Nov. 21 (P)—The International Rodeo association convention, attracting some 200 delegates from 25 states and Canada, opened here today.

Speakers during the two-day meet will include Cliff Kaynor, vice president, from Ellensburg, Wash.

Also on the association's list of officers are M. L. Tyler, Lewiston, Idaho, and John Hales, Pendleton, Ore., vice presidents.

## St. Paul Foresters Direct Initiation

St. Paul—The Women's Catholic Order of Foresters went to Verboort Sunday afternoon to

initiate new members and put on the third degree in the evening. The following members from here went by bus: Mrs. Ouida O'Mara, Mrs. B. P. Stupfel, Mrs. L. P. Gooding, Mrs. E. C. Davidson, Mrs. Rose Colman, Mrs. John Davidson, Mrs. Laurence Kersch, Mrs. Lawrence Bunn-

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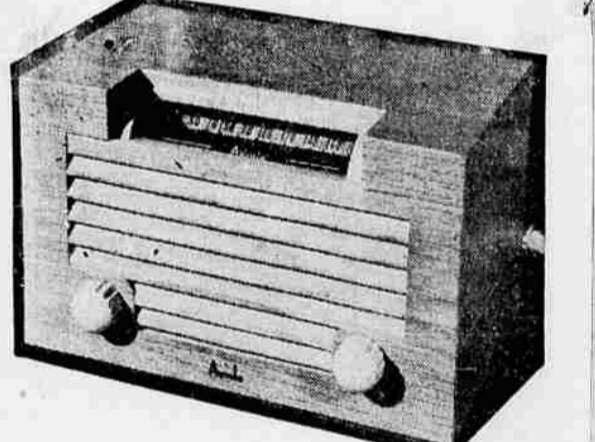
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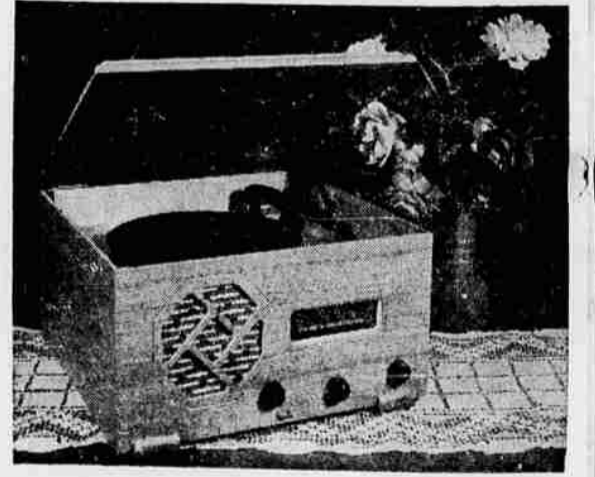


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