

JOBS ARE SCARCE

War-Industry Town Suffers Full-Blown Depression

Muskegon, Mich., June 24 (U.P.)—An almost-visible smog of worry hangs over this city of 100,000 residents with 13,000 out of work in a virtually full-blown postwar depression.

A once-booming war industry town, Muskegon is suffering from a severe pin-point recession of a type that may hit soon in other United States cities.

Worried leaders in the community—including labor unionists, city and county officials, the Chamber of Commerce, and representatives of the Michigan unemployment compensation commission—are striving desperately for a solution to the sudden business slump that caused wholesale layoffs overnight.

Eugene O'Neill, area director of the compensation commission, said flatly, "If this isn't a depression, I've never seen one."

About one out of four war jobs have vanished. Some civic leaders point out that the city's number of employed is about equal to that of 1940. But this does not take into account that 8,000 families moved here during the past nine years.

Gov. G. Mennen Williams says the city is the state's most critical unemployment spot.

Typical of those pounding the pavements daily seeking work is Morris M. Allen, 29-year-old Negro who came here from Alabama during the war.

With five children to support, Allen has been able to find only part-time work as a substitute cab driver. He averaged \$1.25 a day for the two days he works and receives a dole of \$33.10 every two weeks.

"The worst part of it is," he said, "I've traveled all over Michigan and still couldn't find a job."

of George Potts, Jr. Delmer Davidson re-elected for three years. Edwin Swartz named to the rural school board with Mrs. E. B. Hennings member of the non-union board. Mrs. Bertha Jorgenson, clerk.

Sidney—Ed Zehner, chairman with Harold Super and Lloyd Marlatt members. Delmer Davidson, non-union high school and Edwin Swartz rural board. Mrs. Lawrence Finlay, clerk.

Scravelhill—Estimate of cost of modernization approved with work to be ordered. Francis Grenz, chairman with Mrs. Harold Crocker and L. L. Hilliker, members and Mrs. Orrin Smith, clerk.

Devaney — Jack Devaney chairman with Mike Helms and Kenneth Ellis members. Mrs. William Upstad new clerk.

Popcorn — Harold Anderson three-year term replacing Guy McDowell. Steve Bauman, one-year term.

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Blood Center At Mt. Angel

The mobile unit from Portland regional blood center comes to Marion county again next Monday, June 27, when it will be at Mt. Angel.

The goal again is 100 pints, and the Mt. Angel community with Father Hildebrand as chairman for recruitment, is set to make the goal.

The unit will be at the school building between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Members of Court Marion, No. 718, Catholic Daughters of America, are assisting at the visitation and will conduct the canteen for volunteer workers.

Mrs. L. V. Benson from the Marion county chapter of the Red Cross is in general charge for the day.

On July 12, the unit will come for its monthly visit to Salem.

Early Celebration Has Dallas Protest

Dallas—A prediction that this city would have an extended Fourth of July because of a new city ordinance on fireworks has come to pass.

Firecrackers started banging and popping all over the city Monday when they went on sale on the first legal date, June 20.

The council recently passed an ordinance that extended the legal period for the sale and shooting of fireworks to conform to the new state law on the subject.

Kids lost no time in celebrating. Four establishments licensed to sell firecrackers reported brisk business on the first day, and by Tuesday complaints had started.

The softball association reported that they interfered with their ball game and distracted the players. They asked police aid.

But little relief is expected until July 5.

Bell Honored Guest At Illahee Residence

Liberty—Carl Bell was the guest of honor at a Fathers' Day dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bell, near Illahee. Honoring Mr. Bell were Mrs. Carl Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Bell, Terry, Ronnie, and Arlie, Jr., Carl Bell, Jr., Gerald Scharn, and George Stoutenburg, who is on leave from the Navy.

The Girl Scouts of Troop 51 who are attending the day camp this week at Crestwood Acres are Lucy Stout, Phyllis Emery, and Yvonne Poole. Mrs. Don Griffith is a leader this week.

Substitute Clerk Given Mail Route

Dallas—Amos LeFors has been appointed rural mail carrier for route No. 1 from the Dallas post office in changes that are simultaneous with the office's advance to a first class rating, Carl Black, postmaster, announces.

The position has been handled by Oren Ottaway, temporary substitute carrier, since the death of J. O. (Pat) Price on January 2. LeFors begins his duties on June 27, leaving the office where he has been serving as a substitute clerk.

Brice Miller, a city carrier, will become substitute clerk, and Henry Quiring, substitute carrier, will be made a regular carrier. Tom Connors, temporary clerk, will become substitute clerk.

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Fox Hatchery In Contest

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The contest will be held here as a part of the annual meeting of the Oregon Baby Chick association June 28, according to Bennion, who is state agriculture department poultry specialist.

ary clerk, will become substitute clerk. Increase of volume at the local office has kept substitutes working practically full time.

Those whose birds develop the most outstanding meat qualities will be eligible for a share of the \$10,000 in awards provided by the A & P Food Stores, sponsor of the nation-wide poultry research program. Last year's winner, the Vantress Hatchery of Marysville, Calif., now sell breeding eggs from their pedigreed blocks to breeders in all parts of the world at the record price of \$2.50 per egg.

Flying Eagle Patrol Wins Scout Contest

Salem Heights—The Flying Eagle Patrol of the Boy Scouts of troop 19 won the three months contest which was held for attendance, uniform and advancement. Patrol leader was Bob Ruhle; assistant patrol leader, John Wilbur; scribe, David Morgan; quartermaster, Bruce Lethin; and bugler, Marion Putman. Clark Lethin, who is

camping, and activity chairman for the Cascade Council has promised the winning patrol a weekend trip, and met Thursday night to discuss plans. Clark Lethin spent last weekend at Camp Pioneer making ready the camp for the boy scouts who will attend camp in the Cascade area.

Scouts Stage Drive Turner—The Turner Boy Scouts are having a paper drive June 25. They are asking everyone to tie their paper or put it in cardboard cartons. A house-to-house call will be made with a truck to pick them up or they may be left at the fire house on that day only.

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