

\$15,935,879 Increase in Unemployment Fund Okhed

A \$15,935,879 increase in the unemployment compensation commission budget for the remainder of the 1949 fiscal year, to provide payments for the growing unemployment rolls, was granted by unanimous vote of the state emergency board Friday.

Representatives of the commission told members of the board that some indication of the rapid rise in unemployment largely due to the closing of logging and lumber industry was shown by the fact that during the last week in December 30,000 claims were filed while in the first week of January the claims filed had jumped to 41,000. To care for the latter number required approximately \$800,000.

Also allowed by the board was a request from the public welfare commission for use of an additional \$4,175,000, money carried over from the last biennium. This amount is in addition to the \$55,000,000 appropriated for welfare at the last session of the legislature.

Rep. Rudie Wilhelm of Portland was reluctant to vote for the use of the money, expressing fear that the additional appropriation might upset some county budgets. He urged that the matter be deferred until an investigation could be made.

Senator William Walsh, chairman of the board, said that he did not wish to see the present standards for public assistance lowered and that it might be cheaper in the long run to grant the request than to deny it.

After considerable discussion the board unanimously voted approval of the request.

One negative vote, that of Senator Howard Belton of Clackamas county, killed the request of the state board of health for \$24,263 from the state emergency fund. About half of the sum requested was for administering the \$9,000,000 federal grant to Oregon to aid cities in constructing hospitals. The remainder of the request was for carrying on inspection of homes for the aged in the state.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said that when the hospital aid appropriation was made the federal grant for Oregon was \$3,000,000 but since that time the Hill-Burton law has been amended under which the state receives \$9,000,000. Due to the enlarged program, the bureau requires additional funds for administration.

Sen. Walsh said that he would present the request to the emergency board at its next meeting for reconsideration saying that he felt the program was far too important to the cities or state to abandon.

The board voted \$5,000 addition to the legislative interim committee on government administration, better known as the "little Hoover" committee.

The legislature appropriated \$10,000 for the committee although the original request was \$30,000 and reduced at the insistence of Rep. Wilhelm, who ironically is now chairman of the committee and who filed the request for the additional money.

"Is my face red," sighed Wilhelm as the board members voted the additional money.

Red Hills Grange Plans Repair Work

Liberty, Jan. 16 — The Red Hills Grange met for a covered-dish dinner at the hall.

A business meeting followed presided over by the master, Frank Judd. Mrs. Grant Teter, chairman of the home economics committee, announced there will be an all day meeting when the group plans to do repair work and a general cleanup of the hall as soon as the weather permits.

Victor Ballantyne, lecturer, was in charge of the program, which featured the events of the last half of the century. He told of the first automobile, first broadcast, phonograph, airplane,

radio distress signals, parcel post, woman's suffrage. He also explained about the advances in medical science, and compared the expectancy of life in 1900 of 48 years to 68 years in 1950. Also that the men in World War II were one inch taller and heavier than in World War I. Olga Northup gave a reading, "What New Year's Means." Games and music ended the entertainment.

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Snow Storm Buries Auto—Henry Gray, Dunsmuir, Calif., service station operator shovels snow away from his car after a storm deposited it in one of the most severe storms of the season to hit the Pacific. Gray is faced with doing the job all over again as a new storm approaches the coast from the west. (AP Wirephoto)



Big Snow Drifts Stop Bus—Drifts like this blocked nearly every road when a raging blizzard, the worst of the century, struck eastern Washington. This bus halted near the Idaho-Washington line on U. S. highway 10, near Spokane, Wash. Dozens of cars were stalled on both sides of this snow drift at entrance to an underpass. (AP Wirephoto)

7-Year Wonder of 'Oklahoma' Is Still as Strong as Ever

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, Jan. 16 (AP)—With "Oklahoma!" back in town, it's time to re-evaluate what may well be the most successful musical of all time.

Perhaps you are one of the many, many people who have seen the musical hit since it opened April 1, 1943. If not, just sit tight and it will probably come to you.

Most patrons fall in love with "Oklahoma!" every time they see it. As in most love affairs, it's hard to analyze the object of affection. But having seen the show three times, I have tried to stand back and observe its beauties and its flaws, if any.

life. For the heart of it is far from Broadway, from which most shows spring.

With its love of song and dance and its excitement in the frontier life, it is deep in the U.S. spirit.

One thing still puzzles me about the show—why the "Oklahoma!"?

It seems to me that the great feature of "Oklahoma!" is the perfect marriage of play and music. The Rodgers and Hammerstein tunes seem entirely natural coming from the characters of the Lynn Riggs play. "Carousel" was perhaps a better score, but lacked the naturalness of its predecessor.

In fact, everything seems natural about "Oklahoma!"

The male dancers actually look like cowboys and farmers, not chorus boys. The simple, Grant-wood like settings resemble the prairie. The villainy of Pore Jud seems real and not just cooked up for plot purposes.

Perhaps the only jarring note in the whole show is the comedy. For the chief comic character, Hammerstein resorted to that oldest of musical comedy devices—the dialect comedian. The suspicious, shotgun-toting father is not exactly new, either.

These can be forgiven, considering the effectiveness of the entire show. Its impact cannot be too well understood now that its imitations have flooded the stage for seven years. But it was the giant of its time. It brought new life to the falling institution of the stage musical.

And of all American musicals, it seems best suited for long

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State University to Dedicate 3 Buildings

University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 16—Dedication of the first three buildings completed under the university's \$6,000,000 building program will be held on the campus Saturday, Feb. 11, with Governor Douglas McKay slated to be on hand to assist with the ceremonies.

Carson hall, new \$1,600,000 dormitory for women, the school of music addition, and Willard hall with the University theatre addition will be dedicated at ceremonies carried by radio stations throughout the state. Preliminary plans are now being worked out by a student and faculty committee.

Officiating at the dedication program, to be held in Carson hall, will be Edgar W. Smith, Portland, president of the state board of higher education; R. E. Kleinsorge, Silverton, chairman of the building committee of the state board; Dr. H. K. Newburn, university president; and the governor.

Open house will be held in the building following the dedication.

Red Cross Finds Bedding Shortage

Lebanon—A shortage of bedding is revealed by the Linn county chapter of the American Red Cross. More quilts are needed to distribute to needy families and those whose homes have burned.

The Red Cross is calling on Lebanon's women's groups to assist in a program where all bedding is furnished for the making of quilts, the piecing to be done by the sewers.

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University Set for Dad's Day Occasion

University of Oregon, Eugene, January 16—A Portland junior, business administration major, is chairman of activities for the University's annual Dad's Day celebration on Jan. 28.

Gerald Smith will head up the events planned for the Dads. Serving as his assistant will be Virginia Wright, also of Portland. Chairmen of the committees includes Richard Lee, Anne Case, David Palmer, Lorna Larson, Eleanor Johns, all of Portland; Robert Hinz, Eugene; Herbert Nill, Medford; Georgie Obersteuffer, Oswego; Gretchen Grondahl, Pendleton; Donna Buse, West Linn; Roger Nudd, Glendale, Cal.; Nancy Pollard, Los Gatos, Cal.; Nancy Kuknhausen, Oakland, Cal.; Marian Christenson, Nampa, Ida.; and Edwin Artzt, New York City, N. Y.

Greta Back in Pictures

Hollywood, Jan. 16 (AP)—Greta Garbo is coming out of retirement to play in "Lover and Friend," which will be photographed in England and France. Eagle-Lion studio announced today that the production, based on Honore De Balzac's "Duchess Le Langais," will get under way in April.

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