

Unemployment Reserves Decline \$3 Million

Oregon's unemployment reserve fund declined more than \$3 million in January, according to a report issued by the state unemployment compensation commission.

The \$77,887,237 remaining for benefit purposes, however, was higher than at any time during 1945 and was \$12 1/2 millions more than in June, 1946.

In the past 12 months it has dropped by \$6,716,844 and commission officials expect the decline to be even more rapid during the remainder of 1950. With employers' taxes expected to be from \$3 to \$4 millions less than last year and with unemployment payments on the increase, commission officials estimated the net loss to run to \$10 or \$15 million by the end of the year.

Payments during January reached \$4,274,067 and the constantly rising claims load made it almost certain that still higher totals would be recorded in February and possibly March.

Claimant contacts reported by local offices for the first week

NLRB Refuses Jurisdiction In Valley Concrete Dispute

Employees of the Valley Concrete company at Independence cannot be forced into an election, the national labor relations board held Thursday in refusing to take a hand in the case, the first of three involving several of the same issues.

Action was instigated by Teamsters local No. 324 of Salem, which fought the employer demand for the election with the general counsel of NLRB taking the position in the injunction practices case and in the injunction suit that the action of the labor council in placing the Valley company and others on its unfair list was a secondary boycott and a violation of the Taft-Hartley act.

The board held in general that "the interstate commerce business of the firm was so small it would not effectuate the policies of the act for it to assume jurisdiction in the dispute."

Involving many of the same issues and also the right of a central labor council to place a firm on an unfair list are unfair labor charges which are scheduled to be an NLRB examination February 28 and in injunction action brought by the NLRB in the federal court against the Salem Labor council and its affiliated unions. The injunction suit is scheduled to be called in federal court in Portland Monday morning.

Pat Blair, manager of the association, said the company would recognize the teamsters as bargaining agent but would not require its employees to join the union unless they voted to do so. He said the company had moved for an election when the teamsters failed to ask for one.

Teamsters put pickets on the Valley company and the Salem labor council put it on the unfair list several months ago when the company refused to sign. Contractors who bought supplies from the company for use on public projects also were involved in the suit. The work included the Independence-Monmouth bridge and a Dallas school.

Hearing in the election case on which the board's decision was based, was held in Salem and Portland before Robert E. Tillman, Seattle, hearings officer. It was marked by charges by James Landye, attorney for the teamsters, who charged that Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the board, should be the subject of congressional investigation and that labor cases were being delayed by Denham while employer cases against labor were being pushed.

Attractive Poster At Recruiting Office

Several top-flight illustrators have been donating their services and painting a series of posters for the army and air forces and one of those has arrived in Salem and been distributed by the recruiting office.

Entitled the "Envoy of Peace" the poster received here is painted in oil by Martha Sawyer. The poster shows a young corporal of the occupation forces surrounded by three Japanese children, the youngest seated on his knee.

Two of the children are dressed in exotically colored native costumes and the other is wearing a modified form of western dress.

Among the other illustrators, who have volunteered their services for painting posters are, Albert Dorn, Jack Wittup, Gall Phillips, Coby Whitmore and Stevan Donanos.

Defendant Rules For the Judge

St. Louis, Feb. 10 (AP)—Attorney Thomas Pascal appeared as a defendant in city court and denied a policeman's testimony that he drove through a red traffic light.

"You present a problem," City Judge James H. Connor told Pascal. "I have either to believe you or the officer here. What would you do if you were judge?"

"I'd discharge the defendant," Pascal replied.

"You win," the judge smiled. "Defendant discharged."

Treasury Beats Timetable In Writing G. I. Dividends

Washington, Feb. 10 (AP)—The U. S. treasury is beating its own timetable writing checks to veterans for GI life insurance dividends.

The check-writers ended business yesterday by signing the \$4,082,991 check against the \$2,800,000,000 dividend fund. The total paid out so far is \$725,028,516.20.

When the first of nearly 16,000,000 dividend checks started going out January 16, Veterans Administrator Carl R. Gray, Jr., said the program should be completed by June 30. But it now looks as if the whole job will be cleaned up by late April—two months ahead of schedule.

At the outset, the treasury hoped to write checks at the rate of 200,000 a day. Even that figure seemed optimistic. But the mass production operation is turning them out at a rate of 225,000 to 250,000 a day. Yesterday, for example, 243,337 checks were written and mailed out.

The veterans administration's carefully-worked out order of check writing depends on the list three digits in the ex-serviceman's serial number.

Right now the treasury is working on the "300's" and "400's" (serial numbers ending in such figures as 365, 381, 423 or 430).

But VA says GI's shouldn't be alarmed if they think they already should have received their check but haven't. There have been some hitches. For instance, when an error appears

Corn Prices Higher Friday

Chicago, Feb. 10 (AP)—A buying movement in corn spread to other grains before the close on the board of trade today.

All cereals moved ahead of their previous close, but only corn was able to make worthwhile gains.

Wheat sagged under selling pressure in early dealings, the March contract falling more than a cent at one time. A lowered government estimate of exports this year created the easier tone.

Wheat closed 3/4 cent lower to 3 1/2 higher, March \$2.17 1/4-3/8. Corn was 1/4-1/2 higher, March \$1.28 1/4-3/8, oats were 1/8 lower to 1 1/4 higher, May 68 1/2-3/4, rye was 1/4 to 1 1/4 higher, May \$1.30-1.30 1/4, soybeans were 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher, March \$2.31 1/2-3/4, and lard was unchanged to 5 cents a hundred pounds lower, March \$10.50.

Stocks Decline After Early Rise

New York, Feb. 10 (AP)—Pronounced weakness in steel stocks high-lighted a relapse in the market today.

An opening rush of demand lifted prices fractions to a point or so, with much of the buying focussed on the radio-television group. In ten minutes or so buyers were satisfied.

Early in the afternoon selling became a bit more persistent and many of the market's usual leaders fell back for losses running to a point or so. Motors and rails slipped with steels.

Turnover for the day hit a rate of about 1,800,000 shares for the full session.

Some of the highly popular radio-television stocks dropped back with the rest although on the whole this group held up fairly well. Still up around a point were Philco, Zenith and Magnavox.

Milk Producers Win Price Boost

Roseburg, Feb. 10 (AP)—Milk producers won a price increase from the Umpqua dairy here yesterday, plus a promise that the public would not have to pay for the increase.

The agreement, which also granted union recognition for the AFL teamsters, ended a dispute in which teamsters had boycotted the dairy.

The milk producers, who had affiliated recently with the AFL labor council here, won a price increase of 23 cents per hundredweight of milk. That guaranteed them \$5.96 per hundredweight.

A provision stipulated that the increase would not be passed along to the public. This point was at issue in December, when milk producers protested that distributors had raised the price to the public without compensating producers.

The teamsters quit hauling milk to the dairy this week, supporting their demand to unionize the plant. They said yesterday's agreement covers wages, hours and working conditions, similar to that in effect at Grants Pass and Medford.

At the halfway mark, the Anderson, Ind., Parkers had scored more points per game than any other team in the National Basketball association.

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Farm Prices to Remain Steady

Washington, Feb. 10 (AP)—The agriculture department said today that farm prices generally are expected to continue at present levels for the next few months at least.

Its report said, however, that seasonal price changes are expected for individual commodities.

It made this forecast:

Hogs—Prices are expected to increase seasonally the next month or two.

Beef cattle—Prices of top grades may decline somewhat.

Eggs—Farm prices are not likely to drop lower than present levels in the immediate months ahead.

Chicken—Prices won't be much higher in the next two or three months.

Vegetables—Prices are expected to average lower in February and March than a year ago.

Canned vegetables—Retail prices are expected to be slightly lower than a year ago.

Rockhill Improving

Grand Island—R. R. Rockhill is recovering in the Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, following surgery there January 31. Mrs. Rockhill was with him almost a week and during her absence her sons were with their grandmother, Mrs. Clarence Rockhill.

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Exchanges Close On February 13th

New York, Feb. 10 (AP)—Financial and commodity exchanges throughout the United States will be closed Monday, Feb. 13, in observance of Lincoln's birthday. The department of agriculture will issue the various livestock reports as usual.

Canadian securities exchanges, the Winnipeg grain market and the London stock exchange will be open.

Similar closing schedules will be followed on Washington's birthday on Wednesday, February 22.

OBITUARY

Joseph Furtal
Shaw—Funeral services for Joseph Furtal, who died at his home here Wednesday, will be held from St. Mary's Catholic church here Saturday at 9 o'clock with burial in St. Mary's cemetery. Retention of the body at 7:30 o'clock Friday night. He is survived by his widow and six children, Ann Macklin and Rosemary Young, both of Portland; Eleanor Jackson, Shaw; Joseph Richard and Robert Furtal, all of Shaw. Arrangements in charge of the Weddle funeral home at Stayton.

Ethel Murphy Miller
Lebanon—Ethel Murphy Miller, 30, died at the Lebanon Community hospital Wednesday, February 10, at the age of 63 years. Burial will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the How-Huston chapel in Sweet Home. Survivors are her widower, Clarence Miller of Lebanon and a sister, Mrs. C. F. Stevens of Hollister, Calif.

W. H. Humphrey
Stayton—W. H. Humphrey, 94, one of the oldest residents of Stayton, died February 2, at the Fir Oak Nursing home in the Liberty district of Salem. Funeral services were conducted February 5, from the chapel of the Weddle Funeral home in Stayton with Rev. Harold Lyman of Court Street Christian church of Salem officiating. Burial was in Lone Oak cemetery. Born March 20, 1855, at Mt. Pleasant in Linn county, Mr. Humphrey was a farmer. He lived in the 'Waldo Hills' until his retirement in 1918. He had made his home in later years in Stayton with his son, Harry Humphrey. Mr. Humphrey's parents crossed the plains in 1852 and settled near Mt. Pleasant. Both of his parents and one uncle buried in the family burial plot on the home place in Linn county. In 1877, Mr. Humphrey was married to Martha Jane Davy. Mrs. Humphrey and two sons, Pearl and Floyd, preceded him in death. The deceased was present at the dedication of two state capitol buildings in Oregon and as a member of the state, was honored at the dedication of the new capitol building in Salem. As a pioneer he was always willing to help in his community in school and civic projects. He had a kindly way, that made all who knew him, love him. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Burial services will be held Saturday, Mr. Humphrey is survived by another son, Orin Humphrey of Waldo Hills; 12 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.

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