

### More Jobless In Downstate

About 10,000 persons regained seasonal jobs during April but unemployment remained well above recent years throughout Oregon, particularly in the timber areas of the western part of the state.

The metropolitan four-county district reported only 11,800 active jobseekers May 1, comparing with 10,100 a year ago and 8,425 in 1951. But downstate unemployment was estimated at 7,015, more than twice the 3,035 reported two years ago.

More than a third of the 15,308 covered workers who received compensation during the last week of April were from logging and lumber concerns, mostly downstate, while nearly half of the remainder were from construction and food processing. Around Medford, Coos Bay, Lebanon and other lumber centers, well over half of the claimants came from Oregon's principal lumber centers, well over half of the claimants came from Oregon's principal industry.

Although every one of the 24 employment offices reported some decline in job-seeking lines last month, the difference was small at Albany, Corvallis, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Ontario and Toledo. Unfilled job openings increased to 1,645 but were well under the May reports for both 1951 and 1952. Construction and lumbering were offering only 50 jobs compared to 1,003 two years ago and 573 last year.

Payments to insure workers remained high at \$1,757,220, an April figure exceeded only twice in 16 years. With \$14,876,164 paid out since the start of the benefit year last July 1, estimates were that the total would pass \$17 millions by the end of next month. Only 1949-50 with \$25,962,151 was higher. Of \$7,000 claimants who have received one check or more since last July, more than 10,000 have exhausted their annual benefit rights.

### Mrs. Berg in Bridge Lead

By winning the final tournament with Mrs. Carroll Ford as a partner, Mrs. Elmer O. Berg came out in the lead of the spring series of the mid-week duplicate bridge group at the Women's club.

Second in the eight-week competition was Walter M. Cline, who also finished second in the final play with Mrs. W. E. Kimsey as a partner, while Mrs. Arthur S. Blinagar, Mrs. Robert McKesson, Mrs. F. C. Lutz and Mrs. W. M. Cline were next in line.

In the first of the Monday evening series at the Elks Duplicate Bridge club, John Pugh of Shedd and Ray Kemp jumped into top spot. Mrs. D. R. Huff and Walter M. Cline won on the other side of the boards, while in the other section winners were Mrs. Rupert Park and Mrs. Robert McKesson, and Howard Pickett and R. F. Baxter. High points also went to W. E. Kimsey and Arthur L. Lewis, Mrs. Paul F. Burris and Mrs. Cecil Rhoades, Dale Sullivan and Lloyd Jones, and Mrs. George Rein and Mrs. W. R. Newmyer.

Out-of-town players proved successful in the first May master point, winning six out of eight top positions. Only Mrs. Harry Wiedmer and Charles Newsom were high among Salem players, while Jack Shepard of Corvallis, Ralph S. Dannen of Brownsville, Mrs. Ruth Humphreys, Mrs. Lulu B. Horton, Mrs. Greta Devlin and

Mrs. Dan Creary, all of Portland, were winners.

Many new to duplicate bridge are expected for the annual charity tournament at the Elks club Friday evening, May 15. With entire proceeds of this annual master point competition going to the welfare of Oregon's blind, the usual large attendance is expected, according to club officials.

### Gregorian Choir

Mt. Angel—The Mount Angel seminary Gregorian Chant choir will sing the mass at the Sorrowful Mother shrine in Portland Sunday morning, on Mother's Day, and will repeat the chant numbers at 4 o'clock that afternoon for a tape recording to be broadcast at 7

### Child Conference Held at Silverton

Silverton — The well-child conference was held at Eugene Field health rooms, Tuesday, May 5, with Dr. W. J. Stone and Miss Viola Eisenbach, public health nurse, directing.

Twenty-six children received services from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Volunteers assisting the chairman, Mrs. Olaf Paulson, Jr., were Mrs. Maurice Heater, o'clock that evening, on the national broadcasting system, Station KGW.

Sublimity; Mrs. Sidney Maurer, and Mrs. Arlie Martin, both of Rt. 3, Silverton, all from the Victor Point area.

The next local well-child conference is to be Tuesday, June 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Appointments may be made at any time by calling Mrs. M. B. Ford. Willard district will provide volunteer assistants for this clinic.

Immunizations and conferences with the nurse will be available June 26 from 1:30

to 3:30 p.m. No appointments are necessary.

The meeting of the Marion County Public Health Nursing committee will be held at the Silverton Christian church May 14, Thursday, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

MRS. F.D.R. IN TOKYO Tokyo U.S.—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will address the Young People's Symphony Concert Association here May 230 and attend a tea sponsored by a committee of the Japanese student organization.

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