

Job Openings Moving Down

Job openings are expected to maintain their downward trend with little prospect of much improvement until the latter part of February or first of March, reported the Salem office of the state employment service in connection with its review of activities for November in the Salem area, the report states. An estimated 3400 were out of work December 1, compared with 1600 a month ago and 2400 in December of 1952.

"Further reductions in seasonal activities, as well as trimming payrolls in a number of other industries, boosted the number of jobless.

"Agricultural employment, except for a few year-round farm and dairy jobs, remained static with little or no demand for workers," continued the report.

Food processing and construction activities continued to decline during November. "This condition may gradually worsen until early spring. Active application of skilled construction workers on file increased 29 percent over October, while unskilled increased 50 percent."

Volcanic steam harnessed in plants at Larderello, Italy, furnishes almost one-tenth of the nation's total electric power.

TELLS OF LONG ORDEAL



Pvt. Frank James Kelly, British World War II soldier recently released from Russian captivity, sobs at press conference in Hannover, Germany, and shows an arm wound suffered during his imprisonment. Kelly, 36, who was held by the Reds for eight years, told of being beaten and questioned 16 hours a day. (UP Telephoto)

Sweet Home Plans Signing

Sweet Home — Sweet Home city councilmen accepted a report which recommended that a needed amount of money be set aside for the purchase of rural signs which would list fire numbers on a directional basis so that firemen may locate rural fires more readily. The council will refer the report to the budget committee for the 1954-55 budget.

A cost estimate is to be given after a thorough survey by the fire department has been made.

Other action taken by the council included approval of a new policy of accepting streets for maintenance, as recommended by the planning commission, and they directed City Manager Jess Parker to draft a resolution of the policy for future council passage.

Councilmen referred to Bill Reed, fireman and city building inspector, a proposal that the city share the cost of purchasing a civil defense rescue truck for local use. The proposal was outlined in a letter from Earl B. Houston, Linn county civil defense director and was supported by William Loree of Sweet Home, who was present at the meeting.

PROMOTED



Frank W. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Foley, 4250 Dallas road, Salem, Oregon, who November 16 received a promotion to an electrician's mate third class. Taylor enlisted in the Navy in Salem June 2, 1952, and is now with the submarine division aboard the USS Sperry, which presently is at San Diego.

\$11,725 Given by Buying Seals, Bonds

County residents have contributed \$11,725.22 for the work of the Marion County Tuberculosis and Health Association by buying Christmas Seals and bonds through the mail and at the booths and coin collection boxes, Coburn Grabenhorst, president of the association reports.

"Contributions are still reaching the TB association's headquarters, 1345 State street, and it is hoped that they will bring the sum up to \$21,000 which will be needed to carry on the association's full program for the coming year," said Grabenhorst. The campaign will continue through Dec. 31.

"To people who have delayed sending money for their Christmas seals, I would like to say again that when you pay for seals, you are buying specific services for the prevention and control of tuberculosis in the community," pointed out Grabenhorst. "No one, rich or poor, young or old, can say that TB could not touch him. It is a contagious disease caused by a germ. We

cannot keep our home in this county safe unless we drive TB out of the entire country."

Albany Police Still Seek Girl Attacker

Albany — Hopes for a quick solution to a criminal assault case which began Dec. 5 were fading Monday but Police Chief Ray Maddy said two officers have been given special assignments to attempt to discover new clues.

A 14-year-old Albany girl reported she was attacked by a Negro near the US highway 99E overpass about 8 p.m. on that date.

Police since that time have interrogated several possible suspects, but none could shed any light on the crime.

A city police matron and the girl have traveled to several neighboring cities in trying to get an identification, Maddy said. Officers now on special duty will continue the investigation "indefinitely."

THE HUSSIES

San Antonio, Tex. (AP)—The librarian at Fort Sam Houston reported one of the "most sought after books" at the post reading room was "The Natural Superiority of Women."

Cameron Attends Washington Meeting

Essay, merit award, membership and achievement contests were discussed at the executive committee meeting of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security last week, in Washington, D. C., according to D. H. Cameron, Salem, contributions supervisor for the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Cameron, who attended the meeting as international executive committee member for the 15th IAPES district, said that training institutes, research programs, career cards, and plans for continued cooperation with IAPES members in other countries received attention during the sessions.

The essay contest will end March 15, 1954, and writers will use the subject, "What IAPES Means to Me," Cameron said.

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