

Employment Picture Looking Up With Spring Demand

Employment opportunities during March continued to increase with the major increase being in our lumbering and logging operations. There has been no critical shortage of workers in this area, however it is becoming more and more difficult to meet the employer's specifications with the persons we now have available. It was interesting to note that during the middle of February, the Coos Bay area had more employees in the lumbering and logging industries than any other single area in the state.

Unemployment: During the last week of February, there were approximately 756 individuals contacting this office to continue their unemployment claims. Of this number, approximately 228 were veterans and 207 women, while during the last week of March, this number had dropped to approximately 456, 112 being veterans and 149 women. A large number of our male claimants are older individuals who had been able to secure employment during the war but do not now meet the employer's specifications. A large percentage of our veteran claimants are individuals who have been temporarily laid off and many of them live in remote areas where employment opportunities are strictly limited. The bulk of our female claimants are unemployed because they held jobs during the war which were normally held by men and have since been laid off with no job opportunities available at the present time.

Immigrants: There has been a

sharp drop in the number of immigrants that contacted this office during March, there being a total of 48. It is very difficult to assist many of these individuals as housing is a major problem.

Employment Outlook For the Spring

The number of unfilled openings on file in this office is increasing rapidly. At the end of March this total was 75 as compared to 28 at the close of February. The majority of these openings were in the lumbering and logging industries in the skilled or semi-skilled range. As previously pointed out, it is becoming more and more difficult to fill these jobs locally as the available applicants do not meet the employer's specifications. Inter-office recruitment is being initiated on those orders where housing is available but many orders do not provide housing which makes it very difficult to bring people from the outside.

Future employment trend: We are going into the season of the year when employment opportunities will definitely increase; however, the figures on our firms reporting on our 270 program do not show that they expect to increase their employment too greatly. The largest increase will undoubtedly be in small logging and sawmill operations.

Return of veterans: The return of veterans in this area has dropped considerably. Very few new discharged notices were received during the month but 38 veterans contacted the office and filed new work applications.

Industrial expansion: The planing mill which is being constructed in this area is progressing more rapidly than anticipated and plans to be in operation in the not too distant future. This is the only industrial expansion that is apparent at this time.

Housing: Housing still continues to be a major problem with no new developments in the proposed housing construction program.

AAACommitteemen Prepared To Aid Practice Program

Community AAA committeemen will help farmers meet agricultural conservation program requirements in carrying out erosion control, soil building and water development practices this year, according to E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee.

Farmers may contact their community committeemen for field inspections required for many of the 1947 practices. Committeemen also are prepared to provide detailed information on practice specifications, and to assist operators in obtaining needed technical guidance through the county office.

Drainage, irrigation, water development and contour practices require both field inspection and approval by a qualified person, Miller pointed out. Some county committees are prepared to provide technical aid through trained supervisors in laying out projects. In other counties, such assistance will be obtained for the operator through the county agent or the Soil Conservation service.

Practice provisions require inspection of green manure before the crop is turned under. For weed control, prior determination of the infested area is needed, as well as periodic inspections during the summer for clean cultivation methods. Protected or "trashy" summerfallow will be inspected on completion of the first cultivation after plowing.

The grazing land conservation practice, numbered "E-1" in the program handbook, is limited to the number of ranchers for which the county committee can provide technical assistance in setting up and carrying out a range management plan, Miller added.

Not With Oregonian

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Sims have announced that they are no longer with The Oregonian agency here. They submitted their resignation as of May 1st. Mr. Sims, however, will continue to handle his route of nationally famous house-to-house items.

Baby Contest Ended

Winner of the baby contest of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority was David Glen Goslin, six-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gosline. Other winners were Kay Knox, two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Knox; and Stormy Floten, six and a half months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Floten.

Mrs. Pierce Hostess

Mrs. Hal Pierce was hostess to her sewing club for seven-thirty o'clock dessert Tuesday night. Spring flowers fashioned the decorations. Attending were Mrs. Roy Barton, Mrs. G. W. Bryant, Mrs. Frank Thrift, Mrs. W. E. Bosserman, Mrs. George Johnson, Mrs. P. W. Culver and Mrs. F. A. Robb.

Extension Unit Sets Meeting

The Home Extension Unit will meet Tuesday, May 13th, in the kitchen of the I.O.O.F. hall at 10:30 a. m. The subject will be "Cookery of Sea Foods." Each person is requested to bring a place service, a white elephant and a gift for the grab bag.

Correction

The Three Links sewing club will meet at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Peterson, 260 E. 7th street, instead of with Mrs. Larson Tuesday evening, May 6th.

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