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Unemployment News

Summary—

As the year ended, local unemployment was only slightly higher than was the case a year ago. Substantially higher unemployment had been expected due to the rapid layoffs in October and November. As is usual in this area at this time of year, job opportunities are scarce, and a considerable number of people are out of work. There is no indication at present that any record high level of unemployment is to be expected.

Employment Trends—

The layoffs which began in November continued to occur, but at a lower rate, throughout December. Logging operations and sawmills closed due to bad weather or a combination of bad weather and lower lumber prices.

The fruit industry completed the packing of Christmas Gift Boxes and released a large number of seasonal employees during the last half of the month. Trade and service firms appeared to have only about their usual number of layoffs.

A surprisingly large number of loggers and sawmill men went back to work during the month after being unemployed from one to four or five weeks. Lumber operators are taking advantage of every opportunity to make up for production

lost last Spring when heavy rains caused much loss of work. Job placements dropped 40% from the November level, and were 27% below a year ago.

Unemployment—

As of December 31, unemployment in Jackson County was estimated at 2,625. This is 55% higher than November, but is less than 2% higher than the same time one year ago. During recent weeks, unemployment has been less severe here than in most of the Western Oregon counties. Of the approximately 12,000 persons working in Jackson County in jobs covered by the Unemployment Compensation Law, 9.7% were unemployed at the start of December. The state-wide average was 9.2%. There were 1,153 new claims for Unemployment Compensation filed in December, compared to 1,502 in December of last year when layoffs came later in the fall. Weeks of Unemployment claimed were 5,799, which represents an average of approximately 1,450 people each week. In December last year, 5,352 weeks were claimed, which represents an average of 1,340 people each week.

Outlook for Jobs—

During the next 60 days there will probably be a surplus of help in almost all occupations. There is currently a need for experienced orchard pruners. An increase or decrease in unemployment will depend largely on the weather. If the weather, particularly in the mountains, continues to be relatively mild, considerable logging activity can be expected. Several scheduled construction projects can also take up some of the slack in the building trades. The lumber market has improved to some extent and a really large amount of unemployment need not be expected unless severe weather forces outside work to shut down.

CALENDAR

MONDAY MEETINGS—
I.O.O.F.—Every Monday at 8:00 P.M.

Federated Funsters—Every Monday evening.

TUESDAY MEETINGS—
W.R.C.—1st and 3rd Tuesdays,
Lady Lions—1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Nevita Chapters No. 93—2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
Eastern Star—2nd & 4th Tuesday.
F. L. Club—2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Lions Club—Every Tuesday Night.

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS—
Theta Rho—2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
Navy Mothers—2nd & 4th Wednesday.

Past Matrons—3rd Wednesday.
Central Point Garden Club—1st Wednesday.
Home Extension Club—3rd Wednesday.
Masons—3rd Wednesdays.

THURSDAY MEETINGS—
P.T.A.—1st Thursday. (Grade & Junior High.)
V.F.W.—1st and 3rd Thursdays.
Bethel—2nd and 4th Thursdays.
Job's Mothers—4th Wednesday.
Rebekahs—1st & 3rd Wednesdays.
Past Noble Grand—2nd Thursday
American Legion and Aux.—2nd and 4th Thursdays.
Crater Garden Club—3rd Thursday.

FRIDAY MEETINGS—
Grange—1st and 3rd Fridays
LIBRARY—
Every Monday and Thursday afternoon.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson, Probate Department, has appointed the undersigned administrator of the estate of E. R. HARRIS, deceased; all claims of persons against said estate must be presented to said administrator at the residence of Carol J. Harris, Central Point, Oregon, or at 130 West 1st Avenue, Albany, Oregon, within six months

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Attorneys for Administrator,
Albany, Oregon
22—Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28.

CITATION

No. 795
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
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