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State Unemployed

More than ten million dollars was paid to claimants by the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Commission during the first quarter of 1946, far higher than for any full year previously. Administrator Silas Gaiser announced today.

Veterans received \$2,984,223 in U. S. readjustment allowances, while \$7,121,250 went to workers laid off from covered employment.

In March alone \$2,855,118 was paid to civilians and \$1,225,544 to veterans, both amounts being higher than corresponding figures for the entire year of 1945.

Both civilian and veteran payments increased slightly less than 19 per cent between February and March.

In the Portland employment office area, veterans received only 23.4 per cent of benefits during the quarter, but in 17 of the other 25 local offices payments to former service men and women exceeded the amount disbursed to civilians. Multnomah, Oregon City, Tillamook, Albany, Lebanon, Toledo, Coos Bay and Bend offices paid more to civilians. Medford, Pendleton, Grants Pass and The Dalles all reported better than 2-to-1 payments to veterans.

Out-of-state payments jumped to \$532,470 for March, bringing the total three months to \$1,039,646. Few

Aloha P. T. A. Meet

The executive committee of the Aloha-Huber P. T. A. met at the school Friday, April 5. Communications were read by Mrs. Bill North, the President. Discussed sending a delegate to La Grande to state convention. Filled out the questionnaire for annual report of the P. T. A. Mrs. Elmo Taylor and Mrs. Phayle Gregory served nice refreshments.

The dinner sponsored by the Aloha-Huber P. T. A. at the school on March 30 was a big success. There were about 300 served. After paying the balance on the new gas range and other bills, they realized \$183.51 cleared. The heads of the committees—Ruth De Haan, in the kitchen—Chester Loar, buyer—E. V. Bergstrom, decoration—Joe Steel, dining room—Henry Thomas, publicity—Mrs. John Rands, poster, tickets—Elmo Taylor, clean-up—F. M. Saunders, pick up donations—Mrs. Charles Wilson, receptionist and check room Mrs. Melvin Anderson. The P. T. A. organization wishes to thank every person who helped toward the dinner. And sincerely appreciate the good response to the request for the donations.

The frozen foods industry, an infant in 1941 but doubled in size by war demands, is designing new products which should stimulate its growth to one of the really big industries, with thousands of job opportunities.

Several plants are freezing dishes ranging from potatoes au gratin to Welsh rarebit. One Chicago firm freezes uncooked muffins, pies and angel food cake.

veteran allowances went to other states.

Nearly 115,000 claims now are current, of which over 40,000 are from veterans. With only two or three hundred claimants a week reaching their maximum benefits and with about 4,000 new claims and first payments being recorded each week, officials see little chance of any real lowering of the claims load for another month. However, the highest claim and payment week was reached early in March, and some hope that was the peak for this record year of post-war unemployment.

With the reserve falling below \$70,000,000 for the first since July, a further drop to about 60 millions by the end of 1946 was foreseen.

Public Relations

Four physicians are needed in Portland regional office of the Veterans Administration to serve on rating boards, it was announced today by Abraham Nelson, branch director of the claims service.

These physicians will serve on a board which pass on claims disability made by veterans. The posts carry a starting salary of \$5,180, an increase of \$880 annually over the salary formerly offered.

Under a new ruling, consideration will be given to the employment of physicians who cannot meet present minimum physical standards but who are otherwise qualified.

Claims for disability pensions are increasing each month, Nelson said, and veterans' claims will be held up unless more physicians are obtained immediately. The Veterans Administration received 214,866 claims in December, 316,839 in January and 414,530 in February. Because of the shortage in personnel, only 260,233 claims were adjudicated in February.

High Spring Show

With signs of spring's intention to arrive soon becoming more noticeable, once again it is time for the annual spring concert, to be held in the Beaverton High School Gym, April 17, at 8:00 P. M.

Participating in the event will be the High School Glee Club and Band. A few of the selections to be presented by the Glee Club are: "Night Song" by Clakey, "Wasn't That a Wide River," arranged by Cain, and "Listen to the Lambs," by Dett.

Special selections will be presented by the Band, including the "Semper Fidelis March," by Sousa, the spirited "Light Cavalry Overture," and "Dedication and Benediction," from the opera, "Les Huguenots," by V. F. Safranck. All three selections were played at the Northwest Music Association Tournament at Forest Grove, April 13. The Majorettes will perform a special number with the band.

Vocal solos will be given by Janet Nielsen, soprano and Ruth Boeck-

li, contralto and a piano solo by Robert Geiger. Admission is free and all are invited to attend.

Manufacturers in the South have increased more than 700 per cent, a survey shows. Increases of 40 per cent in non-farm employment in some Southern states are reported.

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