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Tabulated Results Of Unemployment

Oregon's typical unemployed veteran is well along in his thirties, semi-skilled, lives in town, may have a minor disability, worked both before and after the war, probably had some special occupation during hostilities, has been out of work 8 or 9 months, has contacted several employers and the local employment office but hasn't found suitable work where he can get housing.

Special interviews with nearly 700 long-time claimants produced these results as tabulated by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission. As administrator for the Readjustment Allowance section of the G-I Bill of Rights in Oregon, the commission pointed out that only about 3 1/2 per cent of the 110,000 returned veterans position.

were drawing readjustment allowances and that very few cases of outright "chiselling" had been unearthed by repeated investigations. "We have found it necessary to turn over three cases to the Veterans Administration for possible prosecution," declared Administrator Silas Gaiser. "We are investigating others and are taking appropriate action based on the circumstances of the individual case. Most of them involve allowances from other agencies or working while getting unemployment benefits."

Of the veterans whose characteristics were listed, 82 per cent were 30 years or older, 73.2 per cent live in cities, 45.2 per cent were skilled or semi-skilled and 36 per cent had worked since being discharged. One in every eight had passed his fortieth birthday, and one in twelve were women. About 12 per cent had been out of the service less than seven months and 30 per cent more than a year. In addition to the skilled and semi-skilled workers, nearly a fourth had experience in clerical, sales and service lines, while 6 per cent claimed professional and managerial qualifications. Latest count showed 54,382 veterans claims, of which 3,196 were for self-employment allowances. Claimants who drew at least one check numbered 46,582, while 152 received their full allowances, now averaging over \$800 each. Veterans discharged after ten months or more service are entitled to \$2 weekly allowances of \$20 while seeking suitable work.

Squat Tag?

Somehow or other we found out one of Charlene's sweetie pies is a member of the Beaver football squad. "What position," we quizzed, "does your boy friend play on the team?" "Why," sez she, "he's a sort've crouched, bent-over position."

Oregon Citizens Merit Praise From State Forester

Oregon's citizens won high praise from State Forester N. S. Rogers for outstanding cooperation in the state's fire prevention program which has kept forest fires to a gratifying low for the 1946 season, both in acreage burned and in number of man-caused fires.

Due very largely to the efforts of the Keep Oregon Green Association which has conducted an intensive state-wide educational campaign to prevent forest fires, there were only 516 man-caused blazes in protected forest lands this season," the State Forester pointed out.

"By far the most encouraging part of our preliminary 1946 estimates is the extremely small amount of forest land burned, only 8,459 acres on private, state, and county lands," the state official disclosed. "Only in 1942 was this record exceeded and then we lost 7,163 acres and had 424 man-caused fires."

Forester Rogers pointed out that there had been a steady decline in both the number of fires caused by carelessness and in the area of land burned over since 1940 when the Keep Oregon Green Association first undertook its program of prevention of fires. In 1945 the total area burned jumped as the third re-burning of the blackened Tillamook stump patch covered over 200,000 acres, and in 1943 when careless fern burners set fire to more than 25,000 acres of fern-covered juniper forest land where young seedlings were getting a start.

"We are more than pleased that the efforts of our county Keep Green Committee and the work of our state committee has resulted in these outstanding results," said Dean Paul M. Dunn, of Corvallis, state Keep Oregon Green leader. "This is a difficult year with many thousands of additional travelers and tourists using the forest lands of our state."

Lynn Cronemiller, Assistant State Forester, who has been tabulating and analyzing fire returns from the state's wide-spread protection network, called attention to an interesting feature of the 1941 fire season when 681 lightning fires were started in a single season, an all-time record. In a two-day period, July 14 and 15, the lightning pyrotechnics which most Oregonians still remember, started 515 blazes.

Worst fire of the 1946 season, Cronemiller points out, was in Douglas County on Sacred Mountain. Ray Hampton, fire control chief for the Umpqua National Forest, gave assistance on the Sacred Mountain fire, sending in men on foot and supplies on pack train. Fred Southwick, district warden for the Douglas Fire Protection Association, dropped supplies to fire fighters by plane in this fire battle which was fought in rugged, almost inaccessible timber country.

Milk Prevents Tooth Decay

Milk has a new selling point! Biochemists at the University of Wisconsin report that milk, long regarded as good for teeth because of a high calcium content, also helps to prevent decay. The evidence came from experiments in which animals were first fed mineralized milk alone. They developed splendid teeth. The diet was supplemented with heavy dosages of fermented sugar, a notorious cavity-digger. The animals' teeth are still healthy and the scientists are trying to explain what unidentified dietary factor in milk prevented decay.

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"Accident Prevention Weeks" will culminate five years of inten-

sive safety promotion among the railroaders which has brought continuous improvement. Lower reports. Personal injuries to employees over the company's Pacific Lines averaged 25 per cent fewer in September and October than in the first six months of 1946, he states.

VETERAN'S BUSINESS

HUMMING

When most business men get stung on a business deal, they don't brag about it, but Morris W. McKnight, former Navy yeoman, gets stung sometimes 10 or 15 times a day, and to him it's just part of the job. McKnight who lives in Seattle,

Washington, made use of his GI loan privilege and bought a part interest in the bee business—a honey of a business.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

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Naturally, our town was curious to see how Mel would spend it: Traveling around the world... getting a new house or car... wearing fancy clothes... or dining on cold pheasant and champagne...

We can now report, Mel hasn't changed a bit! Drop in on him any night, and you'll find him in his shirt sleeves by the fire, chatting

with the Missus, sharing a mellow glass of beer with friends.

From where I sit, Mel has learned the art of handling money—as well as handling people. You don't let cash-in-the-bank push you around any more than you let people push you around. If you like the simple, homey life; companionship and quiet ways; a glass of beer and friendly talk—that's worth a fortune, after all!

Joe Marsh

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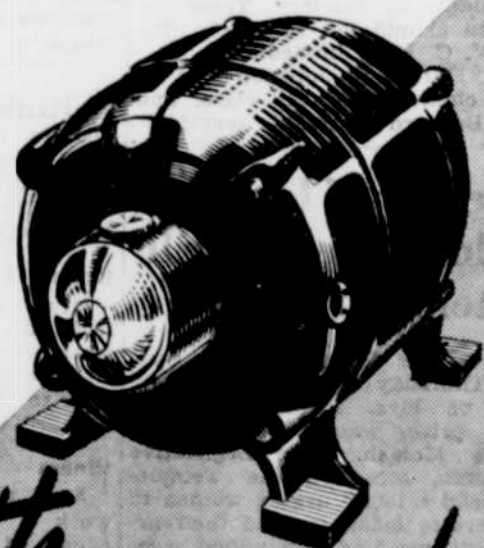
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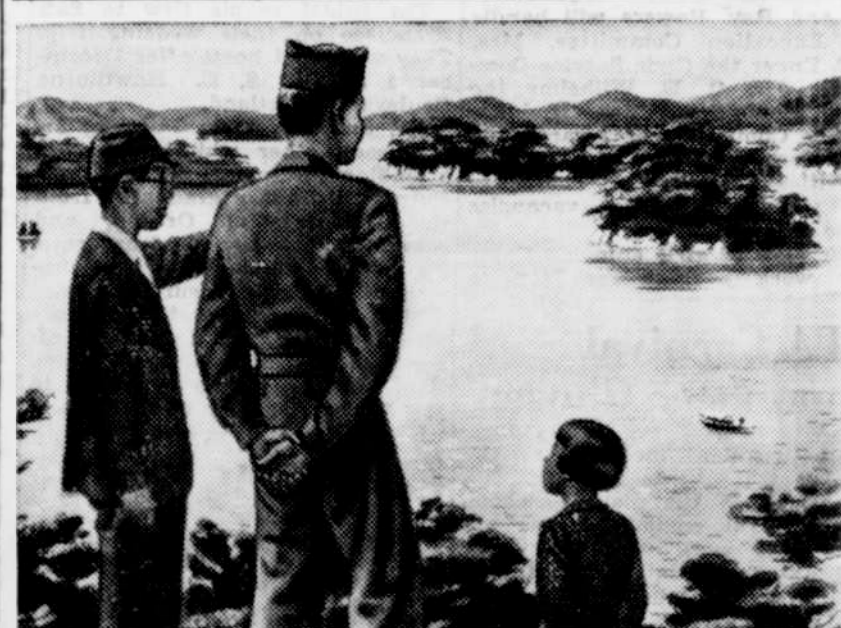
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