

Unemployed Pay Under Year Ago

Unemployment benefits paid last month were \$1,698,008, higher than any time since last April but the lowest January report in three years, the state unemployment compensation commission announced today. The total was 59.5 per cent below a year ago but 50 per cent above December, 1950.

Claims taken at local offices increased slightly every week since Christmas but the latest total of compensables (20,945) was 63 per cent less the same week of 1950, when 56,609 persons were asking benefits.

New claimants also were much fewer than during last winter's cold spell. Only 69,491 have filed claims since the start of the benefit year last July, while at this time a year ago 122,045 were on the books. The total reached 144,479 by the end of the 1950 benefit year for an all-time record.

Payments to unemployed veterans under the G-I Bill of Rights dwindled to \$10,796 as compared with \$84,414 a year ago and \$974,071 in January, 1949, when most veterans were still eligible for allowances.

Dimes March Nets \$462 in Talent

Incomplete returns from Talent's March of Dimes drive total \$462.04, Mrs. Nona McAbee, chairman, announced this week.

Of this total, the luncheons brought in \$147.26; the dance, \$179.48—including a \$50 donation; and the Left-Handed club's donation was \$135.30.

This does not include March of Dimes containers, or direct contributions, which were sent to the bank and credited to Talent.

Boys Club Show Attracts Crowd

Over 200 spectators were on hand for the first exhibition program of the season presented by the Ashland Boys Athletic club last Friday night at the Briscoe school gymnasium.

Exhibitions of boxing, wrestling, tumbling and use of gymnastic equipment were given by 40 grade school boys. Nearly 60 boys regularly participate in the twice-weekly meetings and boys who did not perform Friday night will be included in a second in the season, according to Byron Backes, general chairman.

Officials for the evening were Carl Baker, referee; Harry Skerry, Roland Parks, O. W. Green and Dr. John Schulz, judges. Walter Hamby was master of ceremonies. Body-building equipment used was purchased by Co. P. B. Waterbury and loaned to the club.

A boxing exhibition was given by Jim Owen and George Kasperian, Southern Oregon college students, who also serve as instructors at club meetings. The Ashland High school band, under the direction of Clarence Wiggins, provided musical entertainment.

All proceeds of the program were turned over to the high school band uniform fund by the Kiwanis club.

But Do They Wash The Dishes Too?

Step aside, girls . . . and let a MAN do it!

Six brave Talent high school males have invaded the kitchen—and have served notice that they can make some woman a good wife . . . er, husband.

Up to now, the "chefs" have made strawberry jam, grape jelly, and biscuits. They are being herded around the kitchen by Mrs. Jo Coffin from 8:15 to 9 a.m. at Talent high school.

Six determined souls make up the group. They are Jerry Montgomery, Howell Parrent, Bill Smith, Bryan Johnson, Ken Taylor, and Pat Henry.

Talent Topics

Mrs. Vic Mason, secretary of the Community club, has reported that the Community Christmas tree cost \$61.27, and that there was \$37.32 left in the fund collected, which has been placed in a separate fund in the Ashland bank, and will be used for the Christmas tree next year.

The Talent Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. Glenn Ellis February 7 at 2 p.m.

According to Mr. Hamacher of the Talent sawmill, the new burner, which they are installing, will be finished next week. The management also plans to enlarge the pond and make other improvements in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lakey have moved to Ashland. The grade school basketball team will play Eagle Point Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hilsenhoff have leased the Neighborhood Grocery on the old highway south of Talent.

Forrest Steiger is ill with the flu.

Mrs. J. C. Ottinger left for Portland January 30, where she will attend the district meeting of the Federated Clubs of Oregon, of which she is a board member.

SOC Barn Dance Open to Public

The general public is cordially invited to attend the Sophomore barn dance and box social in the auditorium, Churchill hall, Friday, February 9, 8:30 p.m.

An old-time western band along with special entertainment will be featured. Dick Kenaston, vice-president of the sophomore class, promises a strictly "barnish" affair with fun for all.

Dick Thorpe, Ashland, was in charge of the big western-style parade held yesterday afternoon.

Admission for the affair will be box lunches for couples, and 25-cents for stags. The box lunches will be auctioned off at intermission.

Girls Club to Dine Football Lettermen

Members of the Girls Athletic club of Talent high have invited the football lettermen to be their guests at a dinner next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

No details as to the program arranged have been given, as it is to be a surprise food dinner.

Timber Area Fire Protection

Forest and wild land protection from fire in case of emergencies, including war, was recently discussed at a Portland meeting.

Representatives from forest fire protection agencies, were told by Washington, D.C. delegates that a need exists to plan for and provide coordinated fire protection to all wild lands.

Factors emphasized were fires resulting from enemy action or other causes which adversely affect national defense and security.

It was pointed out that in the Pacific northwest exists the timber basket of the nation—providing about 25 per cent of the country's needs in lumber and forest products.

Intermingled facilities such as railroads, primary transmission lines, domestic water supplies, livestock forage, and others, were also stressed. In formulating a plan for the area, Dwight Phipps, state forester of Oregon, will be in charge of the state's organization.

It was added that state chairman will take immediate steps to activate their local committees.

New Lights OK'd By Talent Council

Schuler's proposal was opposed by Councilman Loren Casebier and Merrill Thoreson who wanted the matter finished once and for all.

Debates began anew. After several skirmishes, Schuler motioned for his former proposal and was seconded by Councilman F. W. Gilbreath. The motion to table the matter was passed unanimously over the protests of the club members who wanted the matter settled right there.

Another matter that has been pending for some time arose. Wayne Cowdry and some citizens on N. Front street complained to the council that nothing had been done about the drainage problem on their street.

Cowdry stated that the council had "been putting off the draining of Front street for three years." No action was taken on the subject.

New Lights Granted The council passed a motion to let a contract to COPCO for new Mercuro lights on the old highway of the mercury vapor type, and for a new type of lighting throughout the town which will be similar to the lights on the Medford high school's football field.

The matter of bonding city officers was brought up. E. H. Singmaster from Ashland talked to the council on this subject. A motion was passed to carry \$5,000 blanket bonds on each city official. This is the first time that any Talent officer has ever been bonded.

The council ordered the Town Marshall to purchase seals and shutoffs for town water meters which will be placed on all meters having delinquent payments after 10 days.

Rates Hiked He was also instructed to notify orchard spray users of town water that rates will be raised for such use to a dollar an acre.

A meeting place for the volunteer firemen was asked for by Bill Slack who stated that the volunteers had heretofore met in the crowded fire hall.

Fire Report In his report, he said that there were five fires in 1950. Only four men on the force knew how to operate the \$7,500 fire truck. He stated that a new meeting place was needed to get the volunteers out.

It was reported that Loren Casebier is attending the firemen's school for civilian defense. The council agreed to the use of the city hall for volunteer meetings.

Thirty-five townspeople attended the council meeting which lasted until midnight.

Mrs. June Roberts Opens Skin Salon Here

June Roberts has recently opened a Youth Skin salon in the Knox building featuring cosmetics from the Isis Laboratories, Inc., of Portland.

She has been with the company for 17 years and introduced the line here 11 years ago. She states that she has received a "fine response" from the customers, and stated that "they were glad to have a salon of this type in Ashland."

Mrs. Roberts added that she would expand her facilities as required by the city's needs.

Essential Jobs Listed for Vets

Veterans who now seek advice and guidance on job employment prospects from the veterans administration will have 100 essential occupational fields recommended to them for choice.

This new list, the VA said, is of greatest value in helping a veteran choose between an objective that best serves the national interests and one that does not, when the veteran's capabilities would be equally suitable to both.

The fields included on the list will, in case of a full-scale mobilization of manpower, either need large numbers of new workers or additional trained personnel just to maintain effective employment levels.

The list plus other job outlook information will be used by the veteran consultants.

SOC Departments Plan New Grading System

A new grading system will be used in several music and art sections at Southern Oregon college this winter term.

Only two classifications will be used: P for passing, and H for honor.

This new system is being tried out because of the great disparity in training and ability of students required to register in these courses to fulfill the requirements of the teacher's education curriculum.

HARTLEY DEFINITELY OUT

Rolly Hartley, Talent basketball star last year, will definitely see no action on the maple court this year.

The knee, which he had operated on last month for an injured cartilage is, however, mending splendidly, reports say.

Farm Research Reaps Benefits

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The first two mentioned have been controlled favorably with the use of Parathion at the rate of two-thirds pound of 25 per cent material per 100 gallons of spray.

Dimitre was also effective against both mites, but was administered in late applications which only lasted about three weeks. The report cited a new material not yet on the market which gave "outstanding control."

Excellent control of the European red mite was given by the use of a dormant application of 3½ gallons of oil emulsion and 3 gallons of lime-sulphur. The blister mite was "effectively and economically" controlled with a dormant application of a combination of 1 per cent of dormant oil and 3 gallons of lime-sulphur.

Virus Fight In the station's virus disease work, a study is being made of the nature of the organism causing albinism cherry. The varieties are being tested for resistance to albinism and a study is being made of the manner of transmission. "Work in this area will be intensified," the report said, "during the coming year in an attempt to check the spread of this deadly disease."

A report on the cloud seeding operations in the Rogue river valley was made. During the period of Nov. 1, 1949 to March 31, 1950, 50 flights were made on 36 different days. It was stated that the overall results of the flights could not be obtained until the water runoff figures were available at the end of the irrigation season.

Results Varied The results of the individual flights, were, however, varied. "Some were discouraging from the standpoint of increasing the snowfall, others were successful," the report said.

The three Rogue river valley irrigation districts have announced that the weather flight operations' contract will be renewed, the report added. It also told that the pilots making the flights believe that "important advances were made in both technical and equipment aspects of cloud seeding, enhancing the possibilities of future operations."

Besides the above material pertaining to the southern Oregon area, the report dealt extensively with the Central Experiment station in Corvallis, the seven other branch stations, and eight Experimental Areas throughout the state. Items are listed on a commodity basis for the reader's convenience.

Only those who have the patience to do simple things perfectly ever acquire the skill to do difficult things easily. —Schiller

VISIBILITY ZERO

Driving Caution Needed in Winter

Drivers . . . beware!

Winter's short days, plus rain, sleet, snow or fog make it almost impossible for motorists to see a careless pedestrian in time to avoid an accident, the secretary of state's traffic safety division warned this week.

The division reports that accident records thus far in January indicate that at least four Oregon traffic deaths have been pedestrians—a fact that points on the need for extra precaution on the part of the person on foot.

The pedestrian was also cited to be more careful, the report stated. Of particular note, are such practices as stepping from the curbs without looking, jaywalking, wearing dark clothing at night, and trusting in a driver to avoid hitting them are just a few of the examples.

The safety division release attacked the driver's "usual alibi"—"I didn't see him"—with facts stating that such excuses as a smeared windshield, defective wipers and defrosters, are invalid.

This thought was left for the drivers: "It takes a driver only a few minutes to clean a windshield. It may take months and hundreds of dollars to repair a human body."

Left Handers Contribute \$270 to Hospital, Polio

Left-handed club from Talent took in \$270.60 last year from members' dues and fines for violating the left-handed tradition.

At the close of the club's year on January 26, there were 353 members on the books.

The total money was divided between the March of Dimes and the Shrine hospital for Crippled Children, which gave each organization \$135.30.

Communications . . .

To the Editor:

We note with considerable interest the newspaper reports of a movement by the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce building committee, V. D. Miller, to construct a 25 by 40 foot Chamber of Commerce building at the entrance to Lithia Park, and that the Ashland Park Commission has approved and is assisting in drawing preliminary plans of same—fine.

It is regrettable that Mr. Miller did not get the legal status from the city attorney before so much furor, and the appointing of committees, and a lot of preliminary work before proceeding so far.

The Ashland Park Commission has no authority to grant or approve any building lot to the C. C. or to anybody. That authority, thanks to the American way of life, is retained by the People—the ballot.

Let us turn to page 26, ARTICLE XIX, SEC. 1 of the City Charter and read—"Provided however that such public buildings as may enhance the beauty, or that shall not detract therefrom, may be constructed if so desired by a majority vote of the electors of said city"—plain language.

John McLauren, famed landscaper of the Golden Gate Park who landscaped Lithia Park, did not contemplate any buildings to mar the scenic beauty. There are many organizations, including Veterans, that would love to have a building lot donated to them.

The Park lands take in all lands owned by Ashland from the Plaza on the north thence up Ashland creek canyon to the Forest Reserve on the south. A little over forty years ago by a charter amendment the Ashland Park Commission was created, and in that, dedicated all the lands embraced, to the People forever, with a proviso never to be sold, leased, encumbered, or used for any purpose inconsistent therewith.

You the People of Ashland, received these lands largely as a heritage, and laws governing the same as a TRUST for you to USE, ENJOY, BEAUTIFY, AND PASS ON TO FUTURE GENERATIONS JUST AS YOU HAD RECEIVED THEM. LOCK, STOCK, AND BARREL.

The People request and beg the Ashland Park Commission, bring out of cold storage a map embracing the lands as ART. XIX calls for and if not found immediately, proceed to have one made as provided in the charter, as one of their first duties to perform.

The Chamber of Commerce should, as well as the People, demand a compliance of the above request.

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Ashland, Oregon

Waterbury Takes Leave as CD Head

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police enforcement of the state law.

Purchase OK'd
The third resolution okayed the COPCO-city contract which stipulates the sale, at the city's request, by COPCO of power and transmission lines, and one sub-station, to the city for approximately \$42,000. The Nevada street transmission lines will be retained by the company and used jointly.

Councilman Fred Homes brought up the pending matter of the sale of timber land in Ashland canyon to the forest service. The city, which had acquired much of the property in this area, agreed to sell the timber when the present council came into office last year.

Suit Filed
Since that time, City Attorney Skerry has filed a suit to quiet title in Washington, D.C., so as to clear the deeds of title flaws and title insurance. When this is cleared, the sale to the forest service can be completed.

Up to now, Skerry has received no notification from Washington. Councilman Kreisman, chairman of the cemetery committee, announced that William Briggs, representing the Siskiyou Investment company, wanted to sell the mausoleum to the city for \$85,000. He stated that the cemetery committee was opposed to the purchase at present, but had based their opinion on an incomplete report. No general council action was taken.

Billings Reappointed
On the basis of the library board's recommendation, Ralph Billings was reappointed to that board for a four-year term, 1951 to 1954.

Mayor Stansbury directed Elmer Biegel, city superintendent, to make an inquiry as to signs to be placed in the business district's crosswalks to stop traffic if they are occupied by pedestrians. Police Chief Vern Smith was also directed to make a survey as to the need of such signs in the business districts.

Gasoline contracts were let to the lowest bidders on gas and diesel oils. Signal Oil company received the contract on regular and ethyl gasoline, and Shell Oil company received the bid on diesel oil.

In the Middle Ages the educational titles doctor, master and professor were synonymous.

Indians comprise about 11 per cent of Arizona's population.

Chamber Shown Building Plans

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the tourist attraction value of the park.

Offers Made
Bert Miller, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce building committee, who introduced Corry, announced that several firms and individuals have already offered voluntary contributions towards construction of the building, which is to be completed with donated materials and labor.

He said actual solicitation would not start until completed plans are approved and specifications listed.

Not Final Plans
Both Miller and Corry stressed that present sketches are merely ideas from which to make further improvements. The sketches were drawn by Cleo Vandenberg, who has also offered to draw the final plans, Miller said.

Three members of the park commission, Noel Heard, Bert Freeman and Eldon Skriptier, were guests of the chamber at the meeting. Commissioners Frank Barnhouse and Jacob Weitzel were unable to attend.

The largest attendance in many months was recorded at the meeting, according to Chamber Secretary Maxine Colwell.

Blood Doning Scheduled For Talent During April

Mrs. Mae Lowe, chairman of the Talent area of the county blood doning program, has announced that April has been the month set for blood donors in that area. Mrs. Lowe reported this week that a house-to-house canvass will be conducted in the meantime to contact prospective donors.

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From where I sit . . . by Joe Marsh
Blue Wins This "Hunt"

Cappy Miller's coon dogs—except for one of them, Old Blue—are about the finest hounds in the county. Blue's too friendly and easy-going to care much about hunting. He doesn't act the way we think a good dog should, so we figured he'd never amount to much.

But a fellow comes around Saturday looking for a good dog to photograph for some advertising. And the dog he picks is Blue! Says Blue's happy, friendly face is just the one to attract people's attention. So Cappy gets more money for that picture than his other

dogs will ever take in hunt prizes. From where I sit, that should teach us not to look down on Ammans, when they act differently than we think they should. For instance, maybe you think tea goes best with food. O.K.—but don't size up wrong the man who enjoys a bottle of beer at mealtime.

Like Blue, I guess we're all "different" in one way or another—but that doesn't mean we don't have our good points, too!

Joe Marsh

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