



VETERANS BENEFITS

As jobs are plentiful, only a few of the thousands of returned veterans of world war 11 have filed claims under the Oregon law for unemployment benefits. In June last the claims filed showed a slight increase over May of this year but are lower than they were in May or June last year. About 200 claimants are now drawing the \$20 a week for 52 weeks allowed to most service men. The past year's total of benefits paid was \$103,717. Commercial fishermen drew nearly half of all benefits paid. Cannery employees of Eugene were second in unemployment claims last week. About 75 percent of claimants in the shipbuilding industry were from other states.

Since the passage by Congress of the GI bill of rights the state is confronted with complications in the payment of benefits to returned soldiers of this war. Supplementary benefits provided by the federal bill will start Sept. 4 of this year. Some veterans have assets held by the state from pre-war earnings under the Oregon law which have been operative since 1938.

CATCH COMING HOME

Rear Adm. Thomas L. Gatch will come home to Salem Aug. 14 to receive an honorary degree from the university of which his grandfather was president. Acceptance of Willamette university's invitation was received by the institution's president, G. Herbert Smith, this week.

The rear admiral was born and raised in Salem. Following the brilliant performance in the south Pacific of the U. S. S. South Dakota, which he commanded, he was named judge advocate general. He will be given the honorary doctorate in law which he was to have received at the June commencement exercises, but was unavoidably detained.

GOVERNOR FILLS VACANCIES

Governor Earl Snell has announced the appointment of James M. Marr, executive secretary of the State Federation of Labor, to a membership on the post war adjustment and development commission, succeeding the late D. E. Nickerson. George Gleeson, Corvallis was also named to the commission.

NO FUEL SHORTAGE

Fuel problems that loomed so menacingly in Oregon a year ago have been eliminated according to former state fuel coordinator Lynn F. Cronemiller. He was so efficient that he worked himself out of a job or the necessity of the existence of the office. Portland, that was the acute spot of fuel shortage, now has a surplus of sawdust, slabwood and timber-cut wood as has the rest of the state. Hardwood is the only bottleneck and that is not serious. Slabwood sells for from \$7 to \$9 a cord in Portland and less in most other parts of the state. Hardwood sells for from \$12 to \$15 a cord with the market easing.

ACCURACY OF FORESIGHT

There has been no meeting of the state emergency board since Oct. 23, 1942 and the unusual will occur if the biennium of 1943-44 should pass without the board being called upon to meet a financial emergency of some department. Since 21 months have gone by without a meeting of the board the foresight of the budget makers of the 1943 legislature is reaching an all-time high in long distance calculating.

The state fish commission may break the spell however if their recent appeal to Governor Snell to call the emergency board to supply funds to complete their fish propagation program is successful.

FIRE HAZARDS

Because of existing fire hazards forest lands in 11 eastern Oregon counties and two western Oregon counties were closed the past week by the state forestry department. Permits to enter the closed areas, except on public roads which do not come under the order, will be issued to responsible persons as heretofore by local wardens or rangers. At all entrances to state forest lands a map is posted with a "location tack" designating where the warden is at the time. Where roads run adjacent to fishing streams, signs are placed to show where fishing is permissible.

Closing orders now include Josephine, Jackson, Union, Wallowa, Lake, Klamath, Deschutes, Jefferson, Crook, Wheeler, Umatilla and Morrow counties.

WANTS HARVEST JOB—NEXT YEAR

Sgt. V. I. Ritchie has written Judge Bert Johnson he'll be home next year and wants the judge to see that he gets a harvest job. Irvin stated that he is on a 15-day furlough and that he and Mrs. Ritchie flew from Miami to Key West—her first plane ride which was

quite a thrill to her but just another plane ride for him. Sgt. Ritchie is stationed at Hendricks Field, Fla.

WEEK-END VISITOR

Kingsley Chapin was a week-end visitor in Heppner, coming from Portland where she is employed.

VISITING HERE

Lawrence Cochran of Monument is visiting this week at the home of his sister, Mrs. Anna Bayliss.

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See- HARRY MILLER
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WILL LEAVE SUNDAY NIGHT



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