

STRIKES COSTLY DURING JANUARY SURVEY REVEALS

Ten Million Man Days Lost With Slowing Up of Nation's Industrial Progress.

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Washington, Feb. 19—(U.P.)—Strikes cost the nation around 10,000,000 man-days of work in January, the largest such loss on record, according to government estimates today.

The loss of work reflected the impact of the steel, General Motors, electrical and other strikes. It dimmed an otherwise generally bright economic picture. A United Press survey showed that employment and unemployment (disregarding strikers) both gained somewhat. The fact that both increased at the same time was due to the expanding size of the labor force as more servicemen sought civilian jobs.

Production Off
The industrial production index in January was off five points as strikes in the steel and auto industry forced shutdowns in other lines. The retail price index made a fractional gain. The farm price index took a small seasonal setback after several months of upturn.

Treasury spending continued to fall lower. Receipts almost equaled those of the previous month, and exceeded those of January last year. The deficit was lower.

The January labor force—those willing and able to work—was 53,990,000, an increase of 3,000,000 over January of 1945 and a jump of about 680,000 from last December.

More Jobless
The total employed was 51,720,000 at the end of January, an increase of 1,600,000 from last January and a rise of 360,000 from December.

The month end unemployment figure was 2,270,000, compared with 1,950,000 at the end of December and 840,000 at the end of January, 1945. Strikers are not counted as unemployed since they are not looking for jobs.

Man days lost through strikes in January, estimated at 10,000,000 were up 2,500,000 net from the previous month. This compared with 840,000 days lost through strikes in January 1945.

Average weekly wage figures for November, 1945—the latest available—showed at \$40.89. This compared with \$41.04 a month previous and \$45.85 in November, 1944.

Average Pay Dips
In November of 1945, the average wage earner worked 41.3 hours, against 41.7 hours the month before and 45.3 hours in November 1944. Hourly earnings averaged 99 cents last November. In November of 1944, when more wartime overtime was being paid, the average was \$1.03.

The December retail price index was 129.9, against 129.3 in November and 127.0 in December of 1944. This climb has been almost constant throughout the year. It reflects increasing costs of living.

The Grange

Gold Hill Grange
Plans for the coming Grange dinner and dance, to be held February 23 at 7 p. m., were made at the regular meeting February 3 of Gold Hill H.E.C. A pot-luck luncheon preceded the meeting and quilting was done by 20 members.

Presentation of a tea-pot to the club, as outstanding H.E.C. of Jackson county for the third successive year, was made by Florence Howes. The award was

To New Office



Prof. John L. Knight, above, has been named assistant to President G. Herbert Smith at Willamette university at Salem. It has been announced. Knight has been assistant professor of religion at the University since 1943 and for past two years counsellor on religious life.

chosen by Nellie Borg, H. E. chairman of district No. 1.

Bertha Potter and Carrie Puhl were appointed to set tables for the dinner and all members not bringing meat or cake are to bring hot vegetables or salads. Members are to bring in all sales slips and Bertha Potter was appointed to take charge.

Sisters Wigle, Christensen, Reel and Lance were remembered by Flora and Valentines were received by all members, including Sisters Ganong and Autenreith, who were not present.

Phoenix Grange
The dance held at the hall Saturday night was well attended. Another dance will be held next Saturday night.

Home Economics club will meet Wednesday at the home of Florence Drake. All ladies of the Grange are invited. Covered dish lunch will be served at noon.

United Drillmen Find Oil Sand At Depth Of 295 Feet

J. H. Dawson, president of the United Company of Oregon, Inc., which has been drilling for oil 26 miles southeast of Burns in Harney county, stated today that his company has struck the first oil sand at a depth of 295 feet.

Dawson said that his company now contemplates drilling of at least 20 wells in the development of its properties, and in the event that extensive production is developed, the company will build a refinery.

At a special meeting of stockholders, held at the company offices in Medford, it has been unanimously voted to increase capitalization from \$30,000 to \$100,000. Dawson told the stockholders that it was his conclusion that a series of wells should be drilled in close proximity to the original well.

Oregon Tax Laws Repel Industries Commission Told

Salem, Ore., Feb. 19—(U.P.)—Industrial development in Oregon will require revision of state tax structures to make Oregon attractive to industry, Chester K. Sterrett, Portland Chamber of Commerce industries department manager, today told the State Tax Study commission.

Speaking at a hearing of the interim committee on industrial tax problems, Sterrett urged the commission to recommend to the legislature a millage limitation of real property taxes, similar to the 40-mill limitation in Washington.

He asked that manufacturers be given a "fair break and due consideration" in any changes that are proposed by the tax study group.

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EXAMINATION FOR STATE POSITIONS SLATED MARCH 16

Examinations for applicants for positions in several state agencies has been announced by the State Merit System council. Applicants must file their names with the council by Feb. 28 and examinations will be given about March 16, the council announces.

Agencies listed are the Unemployment Compensation commission, Public Welfare commission, Board of Health and Crippled Children's Division of the University of Oregon Medical school. Applications are to be accepted for the positions of caseworker and county administrator for the welfare commission and for the

other agencies applications will be accepted for accountants and various types of clerks including accounting, administrative, senior, intermediate, supply, stock, stock control, mail and stockroom. Also listed are administrative secretary-clerks, hearing stenographer, senior clerk-stenographer and clerk-typist.

Applications should be sent to the Merit System council, 616 Mead building, Portland (4).

ASTORIA FIRM CITED
Washington, Feb. 19—(U.P.)—The Fisherman's Co-Operative Packing Co., Astoria, Ore., today was charged by the Federal Trade commission with making illegal payments to direct buyers of seafood products.

GOP TO PLAN
Washington, Feb. 19—(U.P.)—Republicans from 11 western states will meet in Salt Lake City Saturday and Sunday to make plans for the 1946 congressional campaign, it was announced today.

CIVIC MUSIC ASSN. PRESENTS TRIO IN CONCERT TONIGHT

Tonight the Jackson County Civic Music association will present the Le Roy-Foster-Scholz ensemble at the senior high school auditorium in the second concert of the season. The program, for association members only, will begin at 8:15 p. m.

Rene Le Roy, native of Paris, is considered one of the greatest living exponents of the flute. Pianist of the trio, Sidney Foster, southerner by birth, is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and an outstanding figure in the younger generation of American pianists.

Third member of the trio is

Janos Scholz, descendant of four generations of Hungarian cellists, is an alumnus of the Royal Academy of Music in Budapest and is recognized as an authority on the literature of music for the precursor of the cello, the viola da gamba.

Harpham Retiring From Forest Post After Long Duty

With a record of over 40 years in the public service, Vernon V. Harpham, supervisor of the Umpqua National forest, Roseburg, will retire April 1, according to the regional forester, Portland.

Harpham started government service with the geological survey in 1906. He entered the Forest Service in 1907 as assistant ranger on the Umpqua. He served also on the Deschutes and Ochoco, advancing to forest supervisor in 1917; and in 1930 returned to the Umpqua. New supervisor of the Umpqua

will be Marion M. Nelson, according to the announcement. Nelson was graduated from the college of forestry, University of Washington in 1935 with the degree of BSF. He became staff officer in charge of timber sale work on the Umpqua under Harpham in 1940.

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