

Nearly 20,000 Unemployed Return to Work In State

Salem, Ore., March 8.—(U.P.)—Nearly 20,000 persons went back to work in February, reducing Oregon's unemployment to 74,700 or 18.1 per cent below the March 1, 1949 figure of 91,200, the state unemployment compensation commission reported today.

The all-time high of 94,000 unemployed was reported last February 1.

Number Decreases
Western Oregon timber sections led the way as 23 out of 26 local offices reported a rapidly

decreasing number of job-seekers after the break in the severe cold spell early last month. Only in a few eastern Oregon areas—Baker, Hood River and La Grande—did the lingering winter weather slightly increase unemployment.

Roseburg, Eugene and Corvallis led the back-to-work movement. Unemployed in Douglas county dropped from 4,300 to 2,350; in Lane county, from 8,500 to 6,400; and in Benton county, from 2,250 to 750.

In the Portland area 23,000 unemployed were reported compared with 26,000 a month before. Oregon City, Hillsboro and McMinnville also had considerable declines in their areas. Salem, despite a reduction of 1,650 in the Marion-Polk county area, was second only to the Portland area, with 6,600 still hunting jobs.

Wider Reductions
Bend, The Dalles, Pendleton and Klamath Falls had decreases of 20 to 25 per cent during the month. Coastal areas with balmy weather reported even wider reductions in the number without work.

Although an accurate industrial breakdown of those returning to work was not yet available, local office managers gave most of the credit to lumber

Study Slated On Gas Danger To City Trunk Sewer

With the aim of protecting the city's large investment in the Camp White sewer trunk, the city council last night authorized City Superintendent Vernon Thorpe to have professional analysis undertaken of sewer gas and chemical content.

The study, to be conducted by Charleston laboratories, would indicate any possible danger to the trunk from gases and chemicals and would determine whether or not a chlorinating station and screen and grit chamber should be installed at the Medford end of the trunk.

Thorpe estimated that the analysis would cost about \$150. Acting on other sewer projects, the council referred a petition for sewer on Peach street between Stewart and Mt. Pitt avenues to City Engineer E. N. McKinstry.

They authorized Thorpe to call for bids on three sewer projects. One is in block 3, Rose Park addition between Plum and Hamilton streets and another is in an alley in block 4, Walnut Park addition between Ninth street and the city limit. The third is on South Newtown street between Belmont and Stewart avenues and on the north side of Stewart between Newtown and Peach streets.

May Call Bids
To expedite completion of park swimming pool facilities, the council park committee was authorized to call for all necessary bids to finish the work. Harold Fryc, park committee chairman, said that offers would be asked on March 10 for hooking up the pool heating and circulating systems.

Councilman Elmer Childers announced that the city planning commission has approved tentative revised plans for construction of a city library addition. Estimates of construction cost are now being worked out. The council has twice rejected bids on construction of an addition.

(See story page one)
Hadley, Mass. (U.P.)—A "mental vacation" is prescribed for those who can't afford to get away from it all. Rev. Paul T. McLurkin of the Congregational church, who also is a consulting psychologist, advises hard workers to "get into the habit of a little mental exercise whereby you stop mentally for a few seconds and go off on a mental vacation."

mills, logging camps and construction jobs.

Spring agricultural activities open this month, and officials look for another marked decrease in unemployment by April 1.



TWENTY YEARS IN ARMY—M/Sgt. William H. Naylor, Medford, is shown receiving his honorable discharge from Lt. Col. Peter Schmick, executive officer of the 31st AAA brigade, Ft. Lewis, Wash. He was handed the discharge on February 28 on completion of 20 years of service, and was also commended by Brig. Gen. Frederick L. Hayden, brigade commander, for exemplary service. Naylor enlisted in November, 1929. During World War II he was commissioned and attained the rank of first lieutenant. For two and one-half years after the war, Naylor served in Germany with a port battalion. He then became a master sergeant and returned to the United States, joining the 31st brigade. He and Mrs. Naylor will reside at 1012 Lozier lane where he will raise and train hunting dogs.

Portland Auto Camp Fire Routs Guests

Portland, Ore., Mar 8.—(U.P.)—One cabin, an automobile and a garage were destroyed early today when fire swept through the Western auto camp east of Portland.

Occupants of 10 cabins were roused from their beds and for a time the flames threatened to spread to all the dwellings.

Rural Fire Department No. 9 extinguished the blaze. Deputy sheriffs said the fire may have started from a pile of rags and a five-gallon can used for keeping stove oil.

25 DISEASE CASES

A total of 25 cases of chicken pox, pneumonia, mumps, measles, Vincent's angina and infectious mononucleosis were reported to the county health officer during the week ending March 4.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Wagner Creek 4-H Livestock club meeting was held March 3. We are going to have a ham dinner March 23. Receipts will go to both Cooking and Livestock clubs.

Lonny Nickolson, our leader, gave us a rope to make a rope halter.

Refreshments were brought by Teddy MacDowell and Tommy York.

Glen Bradley and Carlos Goddard will bring refreshments to the next meeting.

Games leaders at the next meeting will be Verlee MacDowell and Arthur York.

Nora Kay Bailey, reporter

Valleyview 4-H club had its regular meeting March 3 with 23 children and 11 parents present.

As roll call was given each one named their project. One new member, Kay Carter, is taking sewing.

Mr. Bigham said that the pig club members had better get their pigs. Mr. Williams said that the leaders had changed the date of the spring lamb show.

We will have a box social, April 7 at the regular meeting.

Game committee at next meeting will be Mrs. Earl Bigham, Miss Aileen Owens and Mrs. Bess Twedell.

Arla Williams, Reporter

Howard Stock Club
The Howard 4-H Stock club has expanded from 11 members to 17 since the fall of 1947 and is a thriving young club. It was organized by William Kramer but, during his absence at college this year, it is being led by Mrs. Kramer and Mrs. William Foley.

The members gained their knowledge and experience last year at the 4-H fairs, tours, and judging contests. The club expects to make 4-H signs in the future shows for the different divisions of animals. The signs will be of white, washable material with green painted letters. The club also plans to go on picnics with the sewing club. Some of the members are planning to attend 4-H summer camp next summer and all are looking

forward to the spring and fall fairs.

The projects to be carried out this year will be swine—Benston Foley, Winston Foley, Johnny Foley, Gay Kramer, Alan Swearington, Norman Barnes, Nancy Barnes and Charles Flannigan; poultry—Gay Kramer, Roland Towel and Dennis James; dairy—Glenda Martin; sheep—Donald Price, Delbert Chaney and Glenda Martin; rabbits—Lois Black, Ivan Black, Alan Swearington and Duane Brood; beef—Benston Foley.

The "Handy Hands" sewing club was recently organized by Mrs. William Foley in the Howard district mostly for girls in their first year of sewing. The club has made needle cases, coin purses, and has practiced mitering corners. They are now making dresser scarves of different colored materials with gay designs on them. Under the direction of Mrs. Foley, the club has made rapid progress and will have many good exhibits ready by fair time.

Glenda Martin, reporter.

Antelope 4-H Home Economics clubs met twice during February. The first, at the John Bohnert home, was a Valentine tea honoring mothers of the members.

Invitations for the affair were prepared by Lois Nelson. Dec-

orations planned by Linda Malory and Doreen Bohnert, included a valentine box for a valentine exchange.

The program, arranged by Alberta Puhl and Marilyn Bohnert, included quiz contests between mothers and daughters and a comic skit.

Jerry Hayes and Nadine Davies headed the refreshment committee. The second meeting was "sewing days" at the Elbert Bigham home with everyone working on projects. In the afternoon a window display was planned for National 4-H week in March.

Doreen Bohnert, reporter.

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