

Jobless Insured Payrolls in Oregon Drop in First Half

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon payrolls covered by unemployment insurance declined 2.56 per cent in the first half of 1954, compared with the previous year, according to the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, but many non-seasonal groups registered increases.

Some 18,000 employers covered by the unemployment law reported paying wages of \$606,298,487 up to June 30, compared with \$622,206,355 in the same period of 1953 and \$593,539,441 two years ago. Employment dropped off even more markedly with every month below the corresponding period of 1953.

June's total of 327,173 covered workers was 4.3 per cent below the mark for the previous year.

Lumber Down
First half-year payrolls in lumber and logging aggregated \$162,423,654, more than \$11,000,000 below the previous year and \$3,500,000 under 1952. Because of reduced dam activity, construction wages also were below either of the past two years. The 1954 total was \$40,337,852, compared with \$42,300,000 in 1953 and \$43,500,000 in 1952.

Food processing registered small gains over both of the past two years with increases of about 2 per cent to \$25,379,200. Fabricated metals, paper pro-

ducts and textiles were among manufacturing activities paying out more wages than before.

Thirteen of Oregon's 36 counties had bigger payrolls during the first half of the year than in 1953. Most of the gains were in eastern Oregon and other scattered areas. Best increases came from Sherman county with 23.7 per cent. Curry with 21.2 per cent, Gilliam with 18.7 per cent and Morrow with 15.2 per cent.

Many Counties Down
Multnomah county declined less than one per cent to \$278,758,991, about 46 per cent of the state's total — a greater proportion than ever before except during the wartime emergency. Clatsop, Hood River, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Wheeler and Yamhill counties reported declines of more than 10 per cent. Jefferson and Columbia also dropped materially.

Douglas county held within a few dollars of the previous half-year's high mark to hold third place among the groups. Lane county in second place dropped more than \$2,000,000 to \$51,598,479. Coos held fourth place but declined 5.1 per cent and Marion county in fifth place also was down, 6.1 per cent.

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Policeman Learns Einstein's Political Philosophy But Can't Figure It Out

New York — (U.P.) — A Brooklyn police lieutenant made a friendly wager he could find out what Albert Einstein's political philosophy is. He did. But he's still trying to figure out what it means.

Lt. Edward J. Shea said he was "very honored" to have received a letter from such a "great man" in reply to a letter he had written, and he intends to keep reading the answer—for years if necessary—until he gets it figured out.

Shea asked Einstein to state his beliefs about government. Einstein wrote from his Princeton home on Nov. 30:

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"Your very sincerely, 'Abert Einstein.'"

His Friends Laughed
Shea said the question of Einstein's political beliefs came up at a social gathering last month after the mathematician had stated that he might prefer to be a plumber rather than a scientist if he were to start over in today's world.

Shea, a gray, 38-year-old veteran of 13 years on the police force, said he suggested the

question be put directly to the scientist. His friends laughed. But Shea thought that Einstein would answer.

He said he wrote Einstein that there had been a discussion about his political beliefs and "I felt a man of his stature, who had done so much for the world, should lead a little and make his beliefs known."

'Says Something'
Shea said today he thought Einstein's answer might be a typical product of "a mathematician's mind. He says something and you can think about it for months and wonder about it, and suddenly it may become clear."

"I think it's a wholesome and humane type of government he's describing," Shea said. "I disagree with him in some of the things he's said, but I think he's a fine man and a great man and a kindly old man. I feel very honored to have received his reply. I am going to keep it carefully for my children."

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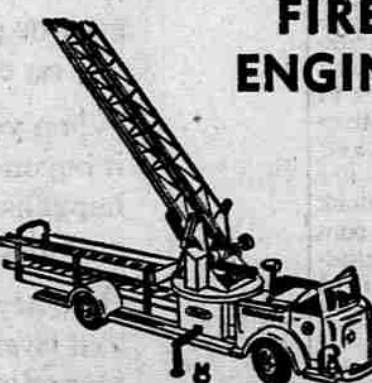
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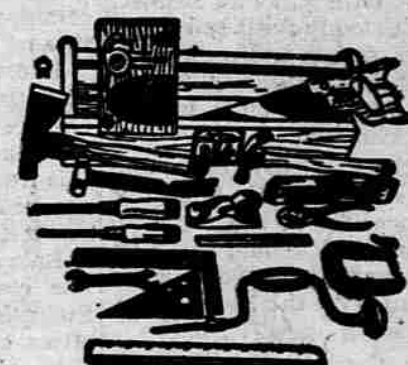
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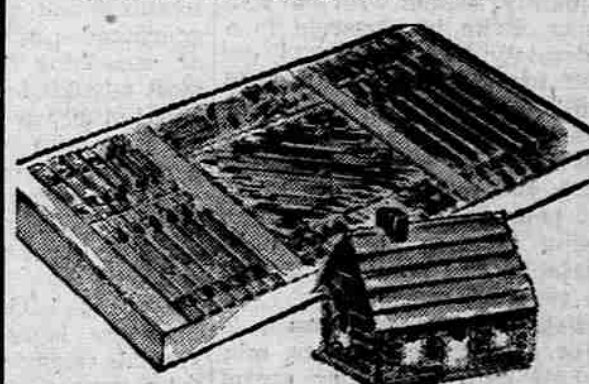
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