

Employment Drops In Portland Area During November

Salem — (U.P.) — Both employment and weekly earnings declined slightly in the Portland-Vancouver area last month but changes were confined largely to seasonal operations, the State Unemployment Compensation commission said today.

Estimates showed that food processing, lumbering and construction accounted for most of the 4800 decrease in non-agricultural jobs from October. Reports from employers in the four-county district showed 239,000 working, compared with 243,800 the previous month and 243,000 in November, 1953. Machinery and ship repairing also were lower than a year ago.

Changes Small

Metals manufacturing, finance and governmental were the main classifications reporting gains over 1953, but the changes were small.

Lost overtime work accounted for the decline in weekly earnings from \$78.60 in October to \$77.75 last month, but the latest figure was \$1.80 higher than a year ago. Food processing employees were putting in an average of 38.3 hours a week, 2.2 less than in October. Lumber and sawmill workers dropped to 35.8 hours, compared with 37.9 the previous month.

Printing and publishing employees averaged 38 hours a week to earn an average of \$102.87, higher than in any previous month.

Scientists Working At Low Temperatures

Schenectady, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Modern research scientists have pushed their studies of temperatures to within a fraction of one degree of absolute zero—minus 459.70.

But no matter how far down the average temperature goes, there's no existing thermometer good enough to satisfy the scientists working at low temperatures.

More than 130 scientists in the United States, Canada and Europe met here recently at General Electric Research Laboratories and passed a recommendation requesting establishment of an accurate temperature scale extending below the boiling point of oxygen.

The scientists point out that temperature ranks with mass, length and time as one of the most basic physical qualities.

Sears, Roebuck Prices Said Lowest Since 1950

Chicago — (U.P.) — Prices in the Sears, Roebuck and Co., 1955 spring catalogue, out this week, are the lowest since 1950, the mail order firm has reported.

Prices in the new book average about 3 1/2 per cent below those in the 1954 spring catalogue, Sears said yesterday.

All classes of consumer goods shared in the price declines, Sears said, with home appliances, home furnishings and wearing apparel showing the largest reductions.

Sheppard Spends 31st Birthday Confined in Jail

Cleveland, O. — (U.P.) — Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, who used to get presents from his patients, spent his 31st birthday in jail today with nothing but a crossed-off calendar date to mark it.

Officially, not even his brothers or his father could come to see him, since visiting hours are Friday only.

Can Arrange Visit

"But he might get a little break," chief jailer Michael Ucello said. "If his relatives come to see him, I think we might arrange it so they could get 15 minutes with him on his birthday."

Mrs. Dorothy Sheppard, wife of Dr. Sam's eldest brother, Dr. Richard N., said the birthday gift problem didn't even exist.

"We won't be able to do anything more than we have been doing," she said.

"We sent our Christmas and birthday gifts in together — but they were practically nothing," she said. "He hasn't expressed a desire for anything."

Parental Visit Unlikely

The likelihood that Dr. Sam's father, Dr. Richard A. Sheppard, or his mother would visit him on his birthday was almost non-existent. His father is confined in Bay View Hospital, of which he was one of the founders, with a bad cold. His mother suffered a stroke several weeks ago during her youngest son's trial.

The athletic osteopathic brain surgeon was convicted a week ago yesterday of second-degree murder in the slaying of his pregnant wife, Marilyn, 31, last July 4. He was granted a stay until his attorneys argue their pleas tomorrow for a new trial. Then he will be sent to the Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus to start serving his life sentence.

Franciscan friars were the first white men to set foot in what is now Nevada.

Two Men To Wait Grand Jury Action In Machine Case

Two men were bound over to the grand jury yesterday after waiving counsel and preliminary hearing in a case involving theft of candy and gum machines from the shop of the Kogap Lumber company, Highway 99 south, according to district court records.

The defendants were charged with separate crimes. Luther Clayton Baker, 57, formerly of Shelby, Mont., was charged with malicious destruction of personal property, and Fred Joseph Nettekoven, 48, a transient, was charged with larceny in a building. Bail on both charges was set at \$2,500.

The charge against Nettekoven involved carrying away a gum machine, and against Baker the destruction of a gum machine and one candy machine on Dec. 26.

Booked for Larceny

In other matters, Medford city police arrested Joseph Gilford Shadden, 33, general delivery, Medford, last night and booked him on a larceny charge. Shadden admitted in a signed statement that he took a used vacuum cleaner from an apartment house at 243 North Holly st., about Nov. 29, which he later sold for \$2 at a local second hand store. He was taken off the northbound Southern Pacific passenger train by Grants Pass police after notification by local authorities.

A report to the sheriff's office yesterday said that about 20 gallons of gasoline was taken from the property of R. B. Fowler, route 1, box 414, the evening of Dec. 23.

Beer Offense Charged

Aaron Frances Gentry, 25, of 42 1/2 Third st., Ashland, was booked in the county jail last night on a charge of giving beer to minors.

In municipal court today, Earl Shultz Potts, 48 1/2 North Orange st., was fined \$50 for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, city police said. His license was revoked in 1951 and had not been reinstated by the state, police said.

Prescription Drugs Unknown 20 Years Ago

Ann Arbor, Mich. — (U.P.) — Ninety per cent of all present day prescriptions call for drugs unknown to most doctors 20 years ago, according to John Zugich, assistant director of the University of Michigan's hospital.

Zugich, writing in an American Hospital Association publication, said most of the world now was in the "golden age" when man has provided more relief and freedom from suffering or bodily ills than ever before in his history.

Although many of the modern "miracle drugs" are expensive, Zugich said, they are cheap when compared with hospital expenses they eliminate. He said a pneumonia case probably would have cost a patient \$400 back in 1931, whereas today uncomplicated cases can be treated at home for only \$60.

"We hear a lot about the rising costs of medical care," he said. "The truth is, the cost of a drug today is no measure of the cost of an illness."

Southern California Counties Said Growing

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — California's 14 southern counties now have an estimated population of 7,659,000 and are expected to have a total of 10,175,000 by 1965, according to the Home Builders Institute.

The adjacent counties of Los Angeles and Orange, for example, will grow from their present 5,212,300 persons to nearly 7,000,000 in the next 11 years, the HBI said, noting that the southern area has 62 per cent of the state's population, with 40 per cent of it in Los Angeles county.

The institute said its "guesses" were based on an expected annual growth rate of 156,000 for the two counties, but it pointed out that the totals might be even larger as the yearly growth rate for metropolitan Los Angeles in just the last four years has been 230,000.

HBI estimators said the 14 counties grew somewhat less rapidly in 1953 than in 1952 and that of approximately 275,000 persons settling in the area last year, 200,000 chose Los Angeles county and 30,000 Orange county.

Percentage-wise, San Diego county has shown the greatest growth in the period from 1940, while Orange county has topped the annual list since 1950.

The first successful "oil mining" in the Western hemisphere was in Ventura county, Calif., in the 1860s, when tunnels driven into Sulphur mountain penetrated oil sands.

Doctor Found Dead By Body of Patient

Atlanta — (U.P.) — A physician found dying beside the body of a woman patient with whom he had been romantically linked was the victim of a stroke, an autopsy report showed today.

The autopsy on the body of Dr. Paul D. Vella, 40, widely known gland specialist, disproved the early theory of detectives that he had entered into a suicide pact with his attractive patient, police said.

An autopsy was planned for Mrs. Avon Bonner, 34, whom Vella was visiting when he died of a brain hemorrhage, police said. Detectives found several empty bottles of powerful sedatives in the room.

The couple was found yesterday morning by Vella's wife, the former Thelma B. Blomstrom of New York, when she investigated her husband's failure to return from an early call to Mrs. Bonner's home.

Mrs. Vella told police that she broke into the house and found the woman's body and her unconscious husband sprawled across the bed, both fully clothed. Vella never regained consciousness.

HAMMER TIP

Portland, Me. — (U.P.) — Everett Goddard hasn't built a better mousetrap, but he thinks the world should beat a path to his door because of this startling discovery: "If you don't want to hit your thumb with a hammer, hold the hammer in both hands."

DELAYED ACTION

St. Joseph, Mich. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Jennett Kerr told police she didn't report theft of her wristwatch for three months because she thought maybe an "honest person" would return it.

Harney County Rancher Cattleman of Year

Prineville — (U.P.) — Oregon's 1954 "Cattleman of the Year" is Lloyd Hill of Harney county. Hill was awarded the Herman Oliver trophy for winning the title at the annual dinner sponsored by the Oregon Cattleman's association here last night.

Ralph Brees of Prineville placed second in the contest.

Columbia Basin Land Available To Veterans

Salem — (U.P.) — Twenty-one farms will be released in the Columbia basin with a 45-day preference to veterans in the first release of land in that project scheduled for 1955.

Vere A. McCarty, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs service officer, warned today that for preference, veterans must file their applications with the Bureau of Reclamation at Ephrata, Wash., before 2 p.m. next Jan. 31.

The farms are located in the country adjacent to the town of Othello, Wash., 130 miles southwest of Spokane and in the heart of the Columbia Basin reclamation project.

Annexation To Eugene Defeated by Bethel

Eugene — (U.P.) — Proposed annexation to the city of Eugene was turned down, 723 to 620, yesterday by the Bethel Water District.

Bethel, an area of three square miles containing some 4,000 persons, lies just northwest of Eugene.

The district previously had defeated a proposal to incorporate as a separate city and had voted down an earlier annexation measure.

If the Bethel district had voted to go into the city of Eugene, the Lane county seat would have gone above the 50,000 figure in population.

Dworshak Says Budget Should Be Balanced

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Henry C. Dworshak (R-Ida.), said today that the Eisenhower administration can have "no legitimate reason" for failure to balance next year's budget.

Dworshak, a member of the Senate Appropriations committee, commented on administration predictions of a deficit in the budget to be submitted to Congress next month.

He said the United States is not engaged "in either a cold or a hot war right now" and called for a "retrenchment in federal spending" to balance the 1956 budget. "If we can't balance it now we can never balance it," Dworshak said.

Proposed Increase For Physician Fees In Welfare Cases

Portland — (U.P.) — A yearly increase of some \$120,000 was suggested today in a proposed new medical fee schedule for physicians' care of welfare recipients.

The new schedule, devised by representatives of the Oregon Medical Association, was presented to the State Public Welfare Commission here. It would replace a schedule drawn in 1937.

The schedule was referred to a special committee of the commission for further study and will be presented for official approval during the January meeting of the commission.

The new schedule would provide payments of two-thirds of the Oregon Physicians Service scheduled in fees up to \$50 and 50 per cent of the OBS fees for those more than \$50. It provided that there be no fee over \$150.

Medical association representatives said the new schedule was drawn on a "realistic cost basis." They said that a physician actually is "losing money out of his pocket" under the present schedule, and that expenses have greatly increased since 1937.

Lady-bird beetles kill and eat various soft-bodied insects.

Mrs. Luce To Discuss Problems of Italy

New York — (U.P.) — Clare Boothe Luce, American ambassador to Italy, arrived by plane today from Rome to discuss the "serious and deep rooted," Italian economic problem in Washington with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Mrs. Luce, accompanied by her husband, publisher Henry Luce, said she would spend "a few brief days of vacation" in New York before going to the Capital.

Mrs. Luce said that although economic conditions in Italy were "perhaps far more serious than in any country in Europe," tremendous political strides had been made in the last year.

Nixon Not Available For Bend Convention

Washington — (U.P.) — The annual state convention of the Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce at Bend probably will have to get along without Vice-President Richard M. Nixon.

Chamber Prexy Keith Sheppard of Bend invited Nixon to address the convention.

But the Vice-President's office said today that he rarely accepts speaking engagements during a session of Congress and that when he does he limits them to areas close to Washington.

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100 pair	Women's and Girl's Galoshes... Fur Trimmed, Zip Front Styles... Hurry for These	3.00
200 only	Printed Pillow Tubes... Ready to Embroidery... A Real Value!	50c each
300 pair	Women's Nylon Hose... Perfect Quality 60 Gauge, 15 denier... Sizes 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2	2 for 100
20 only	36"x60" Low Loop Pile Cotton Rugs, Non Skid Latex Back... Out They Go!	3.50
100 only	Nylon Panels... 42x81". White Only... Wash and Dry in a Wink... To Clear	1.44
19 only	Women's All Wool Winter Coats... Broken Sizes and Colors... Cut to the Bone!	12.00
35 only	Women's Better Dressy Dresses... Broken Sizes and Styles... Out They Go!	3.00
40 only	Women's Better Plastic Purses... Deeply Slashed to Clear... Come Get 'Em	plus tax 1.50
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30 only	Rayon Marquisette Panels... White Only... Sizes 42"x81"... To Clear	77c each
6 only	Crib Mattresses for 6 Year Crib... Innerspring Construction... Plastic Covered... A Real Value!	9.00
13 only	Innerspring Hassocks... Vinyl Plastic Covered... Hurry for This One!	5.00
11 only	Infants Dacron and Nylon Snow Suits... Pastel Shades... To Clear!	5.00
13 only	Fashion Topper Rain Coats... Misses and Sub Teen Sizes... Out They Go!	7.00
40 only	Women's Better Can Can Slips... Embossed Cotton and Nylon Net... To Clear!	2.00
15 pair	Men's Cordovan Leather Oxfords... Synthetic Soles... Sizes 6-10 1/2... Hurry for These!	4.00
11 only	Men's Neoprene Raincoats... 3/4 Length... Sizes S-M-L... Out They Go	5.00
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