

Unemployment Continues at Low Levels in Oregon

Salem—(U.P.)—Insured unemployment has continued at low levels established in mid-August, according to the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Claims for compensation have remained below 7,000 for seven weeks, almost equalling low marks set during the summer of 1952 and well under later years. With the beginning of cold and wet weather, particularly in the higher elevations, the number of claimants is expected to rise during the remainder of the fall and winter.

Lowest Since 1952

Payments to those unable to find suitable jobs dropped last month to \$476,516, lowest since July, 1952, and more than 57 per cent under September, 1954.

While nearly half of this amount went to those in the Portland four-county metropolitan area, the drop in this district was even more pronounced than in most of downstate.

Greatest improvement over last year, however, came from Tillamook, Multnomah, Clatsop, Eugene, Klamath Falls and Hood River. Only one office, Ontario, paid out more than in 1954.

Few Construction Men Idle

With 4968 checks paid to the unemployed during the last week of September, retail and wholesale trade accounted for nearly 25 per cent. Lumber and logging was but little over finance and service, miscellaneous manufacturing, and food processing. Construction personnel out of work numbered only 265 and most of them were in Portland.

Keller Bound Over On Bad Check Charge

Warren Eldridge Keller, 30, Trail, has been bound over to the Jackson county grand jury on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, according to District Attorney Walter Nunley.

Keller recently was extradited here from Eureka, Calif. He is charged with passing a worthless check at the Prospect cafe in Prospect. Bail has been set at \$2,500.

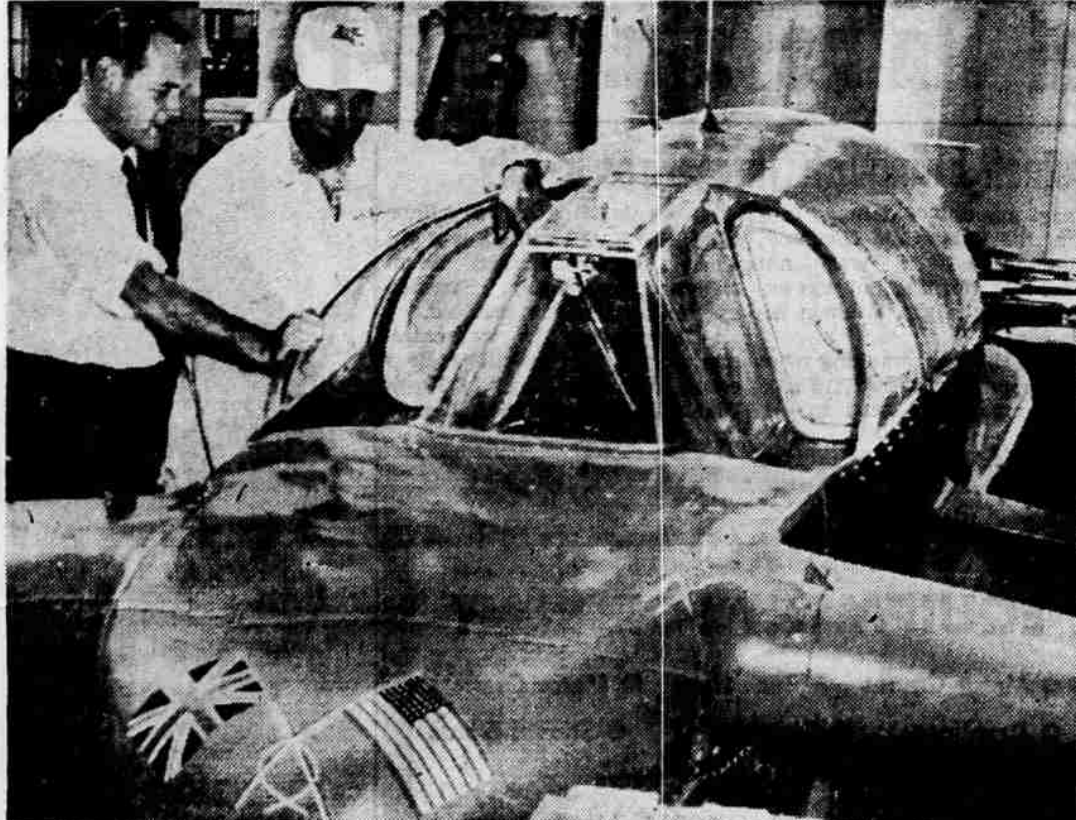
Speech Therapy for SOC Students Offered

Ashland—Special group speech therapy for college students is now being offered in the basement of the college library on Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m., according to Leon C. Mulling, director of the Speech and Hearing clinic.

No credit is given for attendance, it was pointed out by Mulling, but assistance will be given to students who have special problems in articulation, voice, and in other aspects of speech.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 24.

Americans spent 12 per cent of their income after taxes for leisure activities in 1954.



IT 'FLIES' ON WATER—Donald Campbell (left), English speedboat king, and Chester Barrand, jet engineer, inspect Campbell's jet engine boat, Bluebird II, at Las Vegas, Nev. Campbell will attempt to break his record of 202.32 m.p.h. on nearby Lake Mead Oct. 16.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington—(U.P.)—It was only natural that Mary Catherine Lewis eventually would drift into the hotel business. The lovely lady was born in the Grand Hotel in Cincinnati 77 years ago. Her grandfather and her husband were hotel people. And Mrs. Lewis is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Lewis Hotel training school here, the only one of its kind in the world. She and her staff train everything from the sweepers of the lobby carpets to the bellhops to the housekeepers.

Her father was steward for Abraham Lincoln, when he was President.

"Dad," Mrs. Lewis told me, "used to go out to the barn every morning, hitch up the bays and drive down to the Centre Market to do the shopping. It was his job to buy the meats and the vegetables and the extras. My father was a good hand at thumping a melon to test it and he didn't waste the government's money. He made sure he had made a good buy for the table of Abe and Mary Todd Lincoln."

Those were in the days of nine to 14 course dinners, and Mrs. Lewis' dad had himself quite a big daily chore.

In her school, "Mrs. Hotel" teaches the new help how to handle and influence people. As an example she tells bellhops that they should enter a room first, turn on the lights, pull up the shades and inspect the room.

The guest always is right behind the lugger of the bags. "In hotel business, by the way," Mrs. Lewis said, "we consider the word 'tip' means 'to insure promptness.' The prompter and the politer the bigger the tip."

Mrs. Lewis married Clifton Lewis after he had hired her as a salad tosser. Lewis at the time was steward at the old Gordon Hotel. "I really tossed him a salad," she said, "lots of them."

One of the funniest things that ever happened to the Lewises was in 1912 when they were opening the spanking new Powhatan Hotel, now the Roger-Smith.

"We had everything all set," Mrs. Lewis said. "And at the last minute we discovered that our license to serve liquor hadn't made it through channels. Guests began to arrive for the opening—all of Washington society. Everybody was bone dry."

That didn't bother the Washington society in the year 1912. Everybody walked two blocks to the nearest pub, bought something on the rocks and came back with a glass in each hand. The cops couldn't do a thing.

Mrs. Catherine Witherall, one of Mrs. Lewis' most celebrated pupils and the executive housekeeper of the Mayflower Hotel, was selected (on advice of Mrs. Lewis) to supervise the recent opening of the new Hilton Hotel in Istanbul, Turkey.

"The poor girl had her problems," Mrs. Hotel told me. "At the last minute pillows hadn't arrived. So Mrs. Witherall got on the long distance and ordered 300 flown in from Holland. That wasn't enough, so she stuffed pillow cases with towels. Uni-

Six Enlisted in U. S. Air Force

Five men and a woman were enlisted into the United States Air Force here recently, according to M/Sgt. Carson W. Campbell, local recruiter.

Reenlisting were Donald Glen Skinner, 135 Clover lane; Carl Patrick Henry, route 1, box 73, Talent; and Verne LeRoy Halterman, 312 Hertzong ave., Yreka.

Enlisting in the Air Force were Arnold Gene Pence, 604 Berrydale ave., and Joseph Edward Parham, route 3, box 348. Enlisting in the Women's Air Force was Phyllis Rita DeVore, 36 Janney lane.

Soviet Press Fails To Comment on Ike's Letter

Moscow—(U.P.)—Moscow newspapers today published without comment on their front pages President Eisenhower's letter to Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin offering to accept a Soviet proposal for an exchange of military ground inspection teams.

forms for the maids hadn't come, either. So she hand-sewed suitable attire from the fancy goods from the luxurious beauty salon." Nobody complained.

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Parents of Missing Girl Ask Help From Residents of Area

Parents of 15-year-old Joan Marlene Starr, who has been missing for approximately 10 days, today asked the aid of any residents of this area who may have information which would help in determining her whereabouts.

The girl was last seen at her home at about noon on Oct. 4 when a school friend gave her a ride home. She gave no indication to the boy who gave her a ride, or to two girls she talked with earlier, that she planned to leave home.

When last seen the girl was wearing a gray tweed full length coat, a tan tweed skirt, an olive green sweater trimmed with an-

gora fur, and white oxford shoes. She took no clothing from home with her, and had no money.

The girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Starr, 4009 Pacific Highway South, has relatives in the midwest, and it was believed that she might be planning to go to that area, or to southern California.

She is 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs about 145 pounds, has short blonde curly hair, brown eyes, and a fair complexion.

Anyone having information concerning the girl is asked to telephone her parents, at Medford 3-5886, or state police, Medford 2-6113.

French Police Break Up Student Demonstration

Paris—(U.P.)—Police Thursday night broke up a students' demonstration on the Left Bank against governmental policy in North Africa and arrested more than 40 demonstrators.

The students defied a police ban and formed a silent protest procession. The procession was broken up by police after a series of clashes.

Israel's merchant fleet consists of 31 vessels, with a gross capacity of 200,000 tons. When the state was founded seven years ago, there were 19 ships with a capacity of only 40,000 tons.

Maybe Police Should Watch This Movie

St. Paul, Minn.—(U.P.)—A gunman robbed a movie theater of \$110 while the patrons were watching the motion picture, "To Catch a Thief."

Firm Gets Stolen Truck Back Along With Ticket

Jersey City, N. J.—(U.P.)—Police notified A. Peltz and Sons, a New York firm, Thursday night that they had recovered the firm's stolen truck.

They also notified the company that the truck had been found parked in front of a driveway and accompanied the returned vehicle with a summons for illegal parking.

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