

New Layoffs Rise During First Week Of This Month

Washington—New layoffs of workers covered by unemployment compensation rose by nearly 80,000 during the first week in April, but the Labor Department said this did not indicate any major surge in unemployment. The department's bureau of employment security said further layoffs in the auto industry in Michigan, New York, California, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, Texas and 11 other states were an "important factor" in the increase. The 79,900 rise pushed the total for those filing claims to 501,800—the highest figure since January when initial claims climbed past 600,000. The bureau said the number of new claims normally rises during the first week in April. But last week's total was nearly twice as high as the 260,000 total for the same week a year ago. On the brighter side, the bureau said the overall number of workers carried on jobless benefit lists dropped by 2,900 to 3,276,500 in the week ended March 29. That was the fifth week in which total insured unemployment had remained virtually unchanged. As a result, the jobless rate stayed at 7.9 per cent of the 43 million workers covered by unemployment compensation, the same rate reported for the week ending Feb. 22. The total for the same week a year ago was 1,508,000.

Boy Scouts

Jackson School Pack 8 Pack 8 of Jackson school held their monthly pack meeting Thursday evening in the school gym. The flag ceremony was given by Den 11. A skit on television commercials was presented by Den 10. Appearing were Jim Dodge, Bill Bennett, Don Wicker and Dale Durkee. Bob Griffith substituted for Jack Rice who was ill. A style show was given by Den 4, with Bob Phillips, Jim Richey, Paul Chinn, Spence Webber and Jim Phillips as models. A den movie was shown by Den 9 and a short comedy was shown. Twenty-nine boys received awards.

Flight Training Set For College

Salem — Willamette university will start actual flight training for selected Air Force ROTC students next week. Top students who can meet Air Force physical and mental requirements will be given 35 hours of ground instruction and 36½ hours of flight training. If they pass they will qualify for a regular Civil Aeronautics administration private pilot's license. Seven students already have qualified.

GOLD HILL Health Clinic Scheduled

By MRS. CLYDE KELL. Gold Hill—A pre-school clinic for children entering the first grade at Patrick school in the fall will be held Wednesday, April 23, from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon in the basement of the Gold Hill Community Methodist church at the corner of Fourth street and Fourth avenue. Dr. Erin Merkel, Jackson County Health officer will be the examining physician. Mrs. Melvin Burnett, clinic chairman stated that letters inviting parents with children in this age group to take advantage of the clinic were mailed early last week, along with information concerning the pre-school physical examinations.

Mrs. Burnett wishes to remind parents that the yellow medical record blank must be filled out before the youngster is brought to the clinic. She said in case a letter was not received by a parent having a youngster in this age group, further information may be had by contacting her. Appointments are not necessary. Assisting Mrs. Burnett on the clinic committee are Mrs. Ed Kapp, resident of the Gold Hill Health unit and Mrs. Thomas Gray, vice-president elect of the unit.

Mrs. Blanche Merriman has had as her house guest the past two weeks, her sister, Mrs. Leonard Martin of Fresno, Calif. Mrs. Gilma Mosier also of Fresno was an overnight guest en route to Woodburn for a visit with her father. Mrs. Martin accompanied Mrs. Mosier from California to Gold Hill.

While in southern Oregon Mrs. Martin visited in the homes of two other sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Errol Miller, Gold Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. John Breeding, Rogue River.

The Gold Hill Health unit has scheduled its annual picnic for Tuesday, May 6, at the home of Mrs. W. S. Dickinson, Sardine creek, according to Mrs. Ed Knapp, president of the group.

Easter Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boye and two children, Patty and Bobby,

Southern Gains Seen By G.O.P.

New Orleans, La. — National Chairman Meade Alcorn said Saturday the "tremendous gains" of the Republican Party in the South in 1952 and 1956 can be expanded in the future. The GOP chairman said the Little Rock, Ark., school integration controversy and President Eisenhower's use of federal troops to restore order would not drive southerners away from the Republican ticket.

"There is much more involved than the single question of civil rights," he said, adding that voters must think carefully before deciding to return the Democrats to power.

and Arnold Boye were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Sethers, Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schoenemann, Gold Hill. Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Burnett had as their Easter dinner guests at their home in Rogue River, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burnett of Upper River road, Gold Hill, Miss Donna Burnett, Gold Hill, Miss Barbara Walters, Central Point and Bruce Burnett, who attends college in Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Arty Laws were hosts to a family dinner Easter at their home in Rogue River. Attending were Mrs. Laws parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Force and Bill Kell, all of Gold Hill, and Elizabeth and Ronald Laws, Rogue River.

Mrs. Walter Doherty was among officers elected for the ensuing year in two different PTA organizations. She has been elected first vice-president for the Crater High Parent-Teacher association and will serve next year as that unit's program chairman. Mrs. Doherty was elected as one of the two junior vice-presidents in the Jackson County Council of Parent-Teacher associations at a recent council meeting. Mrs. Doherty has served the past year as vice president of the Gold Hill Parent-Teacher association, having been program chairman as well. She is the school pianist in the Hanby school music department.

Several Gold Hill girls who are members of Bethel 38 went to Medford where they attended the grand opening of the 1958 Grand Bethel Session International order of Job's Daughters at Hedrick Junior High school in Medford Thursday, April 10 at 8 p.m.

Members attending were Miss Vickie Lester, Miss Leslie Meister, Miss Helen Hood, junior past honored queen; Miss Susan Hood, guide; Miss Gail Collins, recorder of Bethel 38 and Grand Bethel third messenger; Miss Donna Burnett, junior princess; Miss Bonnie Knapp and Miss Terry Turner, choir members.

Mrs. Lloyd Smith of Edmonds, Wash., planned to arrive in southern Oregon Friday, April 11, for a visit in the homes of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Taylor, and family in Grants Pass and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith, Sardine Creek road, Gold Hill. The visitor is a former resident of Gold Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith had as their house

guests recently their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Smith. The young couple left Easter Sunday for Corvallis where Mrs. Smith will continue her studies at Oregon State college. After a week in Corvallis Douglas will return to his base at Fort Ord, Calif., where he is with the Army Signal Corp.

Mrs. Paul Molloy was hostess for a meeting of the Amethyst Rebekah Friendship club recently at her home on Second ave. A social evening and "do it yourself refresh-

ments" were served by the group. Mrs. Molloy stated the next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Donald Morrow on Monday, April 21, at 8 p.m.

At this time it was decided to schedule the meeting of the city budget committee for Monday, April 21, at 8 p.m. in the city hall. Budget committee members are Paul Molloy, Ozzie Newland, Donald Mor-

row, Paul Thompson, H. D. Force, and alternate W. S. Bower. Approval was given by the council for clearing fire hazard conditions from 12th street between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Further consideration was given on the drainage problem which exists within the city.

Superintendent Floyd Taylor reported to the council at this meeting that the garbage dump has been mostly covered and that the funds remaining in the garbage budget will be sufficient to com-

plete the job. The Council approved placing a 12-inch drain tile across Seventh ave. at its intersection with Ninth street.

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