

# Most Businesses To Be Hit by New Compensation Laws



**ENGINE CHANGE**—A giant Navy RD-5 troop carrier with 32 men aboard was forced to land at Medford airport Wednesday after the craft's number two engine "blew a cylinder nine minutes south of here. The carrier is from the Whidbey Island Naval Air station near Seattle. A new engine was flown in from Alameda Navy base and installation was carried out by a special crew flown in from Whidbey Island yesterday. Looking over the newly-installed engine are Cmdr. H. Cummins, commanding officer of the 112th Fleet Air Service Squadron, Lt. Cmdr. John Jacobson; Maintenance Officer Lt. Cmdr. L. C. Moore; Pilot Lt. J. G. McBride, and other officers and men. After "running in" the new engine over night, the craft was expected to leave here today.

## Weather Bureau Lowers Estimates For Water Flow

Below normal precipitation in southwest Oregon has resulted in estimates for the water year and residual flow being lowered slightly from those issued last month, according to the hydrologist in charge of the river forecast center for the U.S. weather bureau.

Anthony J. Polos, Portland, said reports from representative weather bureau substations show that only 30 per cent of normal April precipitation was received, and except for a period near the end of the month, April was rainless.

"Not only will irrigation water have to be used sparingly in some areas, but the dry forest areas will necessitate constant vigilance to compensate for the increased forest fire danger," Polos said.

For the seventh consecutive month, he noted, precipitation was below normal. April was rainless except for light amounts during the period April 25-27.

The water supply forecast as of May 1 for the Rogue river below south fork is 1,120,000 acres feet for the water year, which is 84 per cent of average. The average is determined from the 15-year period 1938-1952.

The water year flow on the Klamath river at the Upper Klamath lake net inflow is forecast at 1,350,000 acre feet, or 110 per cent of average. The residual flow, May through September, for the Upper Klamath location is forecast at 366,000 acre feet, or 103 per cent of average.

## Influenza Cases Show Decline Here

A total of 401 cases of influenza-like illness was reported to the Jackson county department of health by area physicians this week. Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician, said today.

The total dropped sharply from the 647 cases reported last week. Two weeks ago the total was 546.

Medford reported 186 cases this week; Ashland 149; Shady Cove, 30; Camp White, 20; Phoenix, 11; and Jacksonville, 5. A delayed report from Ashland showed 187 cases of the disease occurred there earlier, and was not included in this week's total.

Salem — (UPI) — Miss Pauline Goodwin of Boise, Idaho, has assumed the position of assistant state supervisor of home economic education in the division of vocational education.

## Seasonal Upturn in Employment Shows Increase in County

The seasonal upturn in employment in Jackson county, which started in March, increased last month, according to John J. Patton, manager of the Medford office, state employment service.

He said that only twice in the past 10 years unemployment in the county has been as low as it is now.

"This condition is due partly to the exceptionally dry weather which has permitted outside work to go ahead earlier in the year than is usually the case," he said. "It also reflects the improvement in the general economic condition of the county compared to one year ago," he added.

Job openings, Patton said, have been increasing and running well above last year. Shortages are beginning to show up in some skilled and professional occupations, but the labor force generally appears adequate for the demands of the next 60 days.

"This is particularly true when allowance is made for the number of students due to enter the labor market when school is out in June," he said. Many of the young people will be seeking summer work, but quite a few high school graduates will be looking for permanent job opportunities.

Operating Steadily  
The lumber industry is operating steadily aided both by satisfactory prices and good weather, Patton noted. Pruning in local orchards was completed last month, and there will be little demand in the orchards until thinning starts in June.

Construction has been strong for some time and appears to be heading for a further increase this month, Patton noted.

The overall employment outlook for the immediate future is better than usual, he added.

Portland — The effervescent green Douglas Fir market has hit the highest price peak since the spring of 1956, according to Crow's Lumber Market News Service. Standard and Better green random length dimension, now \$80 at the mill shows indications of moving higher, Crow's said.

Utility grade is more active but has not moved up much in price yet. Kiln-dried Standard and Better dimension prices have also bounced up several dollars this week.

Albany Youngster Hiding Under House  
Albany, Ore. — (UPI) — Six-year-old Harold Baxter, object of a widespread search here Thursday night, turned up safely early today. Police said he had been hiding under his own house.

## Herter Promises Firm Stand at Geneva Meeting

Washington — (UPI) — Secretary of State Christian A. Herter promised Thursday night in a TV-radio address to the nation that the Western powers would stand firm on basic principles at the Geneva foreign ministers' conference.

He described the principles as "freedom for Berlin," German reunification and safeguarded arms control agreements.

But he said the United States, Britain and France were willing to negotiate with the Soviets on the "application" of these principles "provided that concessions from us are matched by equivalent counter-concessions from the Soviet Union."

Meanwhile, Herter had a brief morning consultation with President Eisenhower. They presumably went over last minute details on what the U. S. will expect as a prerequisite for a summer conference that would involve the President.

Short Stop in Germany  
Flying to Geneva by way of Bonn, Herter was to stop off Saturday for discussions with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. He was to arrive in Geneva late Saturday for Monday's opening session of the foreign ministers' meeting.

In his Thursday night address, Herter said the United States, Britain and France were willing to negotiate with the Soviets on the "application" of these principles "provided that concessions from us are matched by equivalent counter-concessions from the Soviet Union."

In his maiden address to the nation as secretary of state, Herter pledged the West "honestly and in good faith to seek some advance, even if small, toward a just peace" in bargaining with the Soviets.

Nevertheless, he candidly admitted, "I do not go to Geneva with great expectations. The past record of negotiating with the Soviets does not warrant much optimism."

"We should not expect quick or easy agreement," he said. "The best we can look for is slow progress toward the ultimate goal of international stability which only a just peace will bring."

Sheriff's Deputy Resigns Position  
Sgt. Robert Gheysen, Jackson county sheriff's deputy, has resigned effective May 10, according to Paul Bettiol, chief criminal deputy.

Gheysen has resigned to take a job with a boat building company in Sams Valley, Bettiol said. He had been a sheriff's deputy about four years.

Replacing Gheysen will be Bjarne Alfred Bjornsen, 22, Medford, recently discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps. Bjornsen will start work Monday, Bettiol said. The new deputy is married and has one child. He attended high school in Lebanon, Ore.

Klamath Falls Man Dies in House Fire  
Klamath Falls — (UPI) — George Crane, 76, lost his life late Thursday in a fire which destroyed a small residence near the city limits.

The plaque will be of Georgia granite and was donated by Roger Westerfield of the Oregon Granite company. The land on which it will be placed was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kinney of Jacksonville.

Preside at Dedication  
Dr. Frank Haines of the Southern Oregon college, president of the foundation, will preside at the dedication. Activities of the foundation during the past year will be reviewed at the annual meeting and trustees will be elected.

Plans will be presented for restoration of the city of Jacksonville to an old mining town. The public is being encouraged to attend both the ceremony and following meeting, Dr. Haines said.

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## O&C Forest Land Transfer Draws Protest by Interior

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Washington — The Interior Department has protested against the idea of transferring the O&C forest lands of western Oregon from the Bureau of Land Management to the U.S. Forest Service. The idea is being evaluated currently by the Budget Bureau. The Bureau was asked last year

## Refuse-Burning at Dump to Be Aired at Meeting Soon

Medford City Manager Robert A. Duff said today he plans to meet with representatives of City Sanitary service "soon" to discuss complaints concerning smoke from refuse-burning at the service's dump site near Jacksonville.

Charles Bottjer, of City Sanitary, said later he "would be happy to meet" with city officials on the matter.

"We've had no complaints that would justify taking any action," Bottjer said. He stated that the site was selected so that prevailing winds would keep the smoke away from the valley floor.

Duff said the meeting might include members of the Jackson county court as well. He said nothing in the city's franchise with City Sanitary covers burning at the dump, which is several miles west of Medford's city limits.

County court members were not available today for comment.

Have 'Obligation'  
City Councilman Robert Van Sickle, Ward III, said at last night's city council meeting that both the city and county governments have an "obligation" to take action.

He asked that Duff arrange a meeting with the county court to seek means to "eliminate that complaint."

One complaint in particular was that expressed by George Flanagan, general manager of Elk Lumber company, at Tuesday's meeting at the county courthouse on air pollution in the Rogue valley.

Flanagan said smoke from the dump was "just as serious" as that "from any sawmill in the valley."

"That's the worst place they could have picked," he said of the dump's location. And speaking of steps to control air pollution, he added, "That's one good place to start."

City Sanitary began use of the dump last year after unsuccessful attempts by Jacksonville residents to prevent it.

Man Caught Here Gets 18 Years  
A Breckenridge, Minn., man, arrested here April 10 by state police, has started serving a prison term in Missouri for second degree murder and larceny of an auto. He was sentenced to a maximum term of 18 years in the state penitentiary on the murder charge and 10 years on the auto theft charge. Both sentences are to run concurrently, state police were informed.

retary Elmer F. Bennett, has sent the Budget Bureau "a strong letter" against the whole idea.

Interior officials have over the years opposed transferring any of their resource management functions to other agencies. Some have believed that the Forest Service, instead, ought to be turned over to the Interior Department.

During the first year of the Eisenhower administration, a special commission headed by Nelson Rockefeller recommended numerous reorganization proposals, one of which was reported at the time to be creation of a Department of Natural Resources that would include all the forestry, power, reclamation, mining and grazing functions of the government. Nothing ever came of it.

Some Oregonians have opposed any merger of the O&C forests and the national forests under a single agency for fear it would lead eventually to changes in the O&C act of 1937, under which the O&C counties of western Oregon receive triple the forest revenue that goes to counties in which national forests are located.

Consolidation itself, under a reorganization plan, would not affect the O&C formula. Congress could change it only by statute.

Members of the Oregon congressional delegation have stayed out of the controversy, letting the administration decide which way to move. Some move to reorganize would probably have to be made within the next several weeks if at all this year, inasmuch as reorganization plans must lie before Congress for 60 days before they take effect. Congress need not pass upon them, but it can cancel the reorganization by passing an appropriate measure.

If Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton is going to fight the move, as appears to be the case, any reorganization would appear to have very dim prospects of clearing the White House, even should Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson argue for it.

The president may back Benson to the hilt in his farm policy fights, but Seaton is persuasive and highly respected at the White House in this field of natural resource management.

Hatfield Salutes Truman; Hopes for Laryngitis Attack  
Salem, Ore. — (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield of Oregon today sent ex-President Harry S. Truman a birthday salute which closed with:

"We who are Republicans wish for you every continued success, health and happiness with the possible exception of a light case of laryngitis in late October and early November of every fourth year."

Butte Falls Residents Favor Staying Independent District, Hearing Reveals  
The 37 persons attending a public hearing in Butte Falls last night on the proposed Butte Falls-Eagle Point school reorganization strongly favored remaining independent, according to Alf B. Mekvold, county school superintendent.

Opposition to reorganization of the two districts into one is mainly because of the long bus trips required if Butte Falls pupils should go to Eagle Point High school, Mekvold said. It is estimated students would have to be transported 20 to 30 miles, which would also make it difficult for Butte Falls students to participate in after school activities. Mountainous roads of the area also add to the problem.

Importance of School  
Importance of the high school to the community and a better chance for pupils to participate in activities in Butte Falls High school were other points stressed.

Butte Falls superintendent George Bray said the Butte Falls High school course is now fairly adequate. It offers three years of mathematics, plus courses in general sci-

ence, biology and physical science. No college preparatory courses are offered in chemistry and physics. There is not enough demand for foreign languages, he said.

Members of the Jackson county school district reorganization committee pointed out that by combining the two districts a new elementary building would not have to be constructed in Butte Falls.

Shifted to High School  
Elementary students could be shifted to the high school and four classrooms added. A new elementary school building is needed immediately, since the present one is in poor condition, Mekvold said today.

Douglas Finch, school district reorganization committee member, presented both advantages and disadvantages of the proposed reorganization. Advantages include a broader curriculum, less per pupil cost, use of shop for upper grades, sufficient new classrooms on north wing, one room in north end of auditorium, and easier recruitment of teachers.

Butte Falls High school now has 44 students enrolled and

Eagle Point 269. Joining the two districts would result in a high school enrollment at Eagle Point of 313 pupils.

Total school levy in Butte Falls now is 65.5 mills and 75.7 mills in Eagle Point. Butte Falls has \$268,869.99 in remaining bonding capacity or 5 per cent of capacity, and Eagle Point has \$1,086,099.96 in total remaining bonding capacity or 30 per cent of capacity.

Butte Falls Indebtedness  
Butte Falls has an indebtedness of \$14,247.90 and Eagle Point \$463,797.50. Combined indebtedness would be \$478,045.40. The committee has recommended an equalized levy to retire the existing indebtedness in both districts.

A public hearing on reorganization of Rogue River with Evans Valley on May 19 in Rogue River and on May 21 in Evans Valley, Mekvold said.

Whether remaining public hearings need to be held in Ashland, Pinehurst, Talent, Medford and Phoenix will depend on the outcome of the election on May 20 on proposed consolidation of Phoenix and Talent.

## 10,000 More State Employers Now in Program

New Rates Await Hatfield's Signing  
Salem — (UPI) — New unemployment compensation laws soon will effect virtually every business in the state except the so-called "mama and papa" establishments which have no employees.

The new laws place all businesses with one or more employees under the act, bringing 10,000 more Oregon employers into the program.

Another major change is separation of the Unemployment Compensation Commission from the Industrial Accident Commission, both heretofore administered by the same three-member board.

New unemployment compensation rates will be in effect as soon as Gov. Mark Hatfield signs the bills passed by the Legislature to bolster the shrinking fund from which benefits are paid. Within the past few years it has dropped from \$85 million to a point just above \$20 million.

Eligibility rules were tightened. To receive benefits, an employee must have worked 20 weeks, earned a minimum of \$20 a week and a total of at least \$700.

Organized labor made a strenuous effort to grant eligibility to persons who had worked only 18 weeks, but this would have included many women working part-time in canneries.

Recalls Original Concept  
Dimick said this provision alone would eliminate 10 per cent of present applicants and save more than \$2,500,000 a year.

He said this was the first time the Legislature had taken a fresh look at the unemployment picture since the law was enacted in 1936.

"This new legislation," he said, "recalls the original unemployment compensation act in concept. All the bills dealing with unemployment compensation this session will give the people of Oregon a law which we believe they can be proud of and under which unemployed workers who are in the labor market will qualify without difficulty. But it removes thousands of those who are not in the market and should not have ever drawn a dime from the fund."

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Portland — (UPI) — Pat Wahlstrom, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evert Wahlstrom has been chosen Franklin High school's Rose Festival princess.

## Both Sides Far Apart In Steel Contract Talks

New York — (UPI) — Preliminary steel contract talks ended today with both sides as far apart as at the start and actual give and take negotiations between four-man teams will begin Monday.

Both David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers Union, and R. Conrad Cooper, chief industry negotiator, said they were beginning the joint collective bargaining sessions Monday in an attempt to reach an agreement by the July 1 strike deadline.



"Very Good, Sir — You Have Just Time To Change For The Wage Negotiating Conference"

**WEATHER**  
FORECAST: Generally cloudy with a few showers tonight and Saturday morning, becoming partly cloudy Saturday afternoon. Low tonight 45. High Saturday 78.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	81
	46

**Our Skies Tonight**

Sunset today	7:18 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	4:57 a.m.
Moonset tonight	8:14 p.m.
First Quarter	May 15

**PROMINENT STAR**

Antares, rises	9:48 p.m.
east	
Venus, sets	9:47 p.m.
west	
Mars, sets	11:22 p.m.
west	
Saturn, low in south-east	12:20 a.m.