

County Unemployment Held Below Level for Last Year

For the first time during the year, the rate of insured unemployment remained below the year ago level, John J. Patton, manager of the Medford office of the Oregon State Employment Service noted in his August report.

"This is the first time during the current year this index showed such a consistent improvement in the unemployment situation," he concluded.

Also, the Oregon Unemployment Insurance trust fund con-

tained \$67.2 million on Aug. 30 compared to \$52.2 million a year earlier, Patton noted. This amount more than qualifies some employers for unemployment insurance tax reductions beginning Jan. 1, 1964, according to the new experience rating law.

A considerable picker shortage is indicated after Labor Day when the winter pear harvest begins, Patton predicted.

Light Crop
The pear harvest started the

second half of August with the picking of an unusually light Bartlett crop. During this phase there was little labor demand so the need could be filled largely by local people.

"In contrast to past years, there was almost no flow of migrant pickers through the area," Patton said. "The migrant labor supply has usually been high during the early season and dropped off abruptly when the winter pear harvest started. These people now are bypassing the Medford area this year due to the lighter than usual crop."

Pacific Northwest recruitment has produced very few pickers due mainly to the competition from Willamette valley area crops, which are later than usual, plus a heavy pear and apple crop in Washington.

Noticeable Impact
The Southern Oregon golf tournament at the Rogue Valley Country club made a noticeable impact upon the local economy in August, Patton noted. Many of the 432 participants came from outside the area and an unknown large number of visitors came to watch.

"As usual at this time of year, shortages are developing in the supply of skilled and semi-skilled occupations," Patton said. "During August, non-agricultural jobs filled were up 18 per cent over one year ago. The number of agricultural jobs filled were below last year, due to the light Bartlett pear crop and the late start of the pear harvest."

August's unemployment rate of 2.8 per cent was down from 3.7 per cent for July, the report shows. Oregon's statewide rate for August was 2.9 per cent.

Tax Collections In Oregon Are Up to Estimates

SALEM (UPI) — The state's general fund had a carry-over balance of \$6 million at the end of the 1961-62 biennium, and tax collections so far this year are up to estimate, the interim committee on taxation was advised Saturday.

Freeman Holmer, director of the finance and administration department, said "There isn't any huge surplus" in the state general fund as some persons apparently believe.

He said the 1963 legislature's tax increase measure would raise an additional \$63.5 million.

State tax commission collections for July and August totaled \$21.5 million, up 4.55 per cent over the same period a year ago, but at the level estimated while the legislature was in session.

Saturday's meeting concluded the committee's two-day session here.

At Friday's meeting the tax committee agreed to make a study of a sales tax.

Most of the committee's interest centered around the pending referendum election on the tax increase measure.

The special election will be held Oct. 15.

Holmer told the committee that if the tax increase is defeated at the election, the state will be about \$58 million short of meeting its bills under the budget adopted at the last session.

He said if the tax is defeated, all budgets, including basic school support, would have to be cut from 11 to 14 per cent to keep the budget in balance.

Holmer said no cuts could be made in debt reduction, or in the budgets of constitutional offices or the legislature.

Pederson termed the effect of the recent lumber strike on state tax collection "nominal." He said there could be a long-range effect because of possible plant modernization to eliminate some jobs and close some of the less profitable mills.

Walker Files Suit Against Editor Of Mississippi Paper

GREENVILLE, Miss. (UPI)—Former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker filed a \$2 million slander suit Saturday against Hodding Carter, prize-winning editor-publisher of the Greenville Delta-Democrat Times.

Walker based his suit on a speech Carter made at the University of New Hampshire last October, a month after Walker was arrested during racial rioting at the University of Mississippi.

This is the second suit stemming from accounts of Walker's actions during the university rioting. Earlier he filed a \$1 million suit against the Associated Press because of a news story on his activities.

Walker charged that Carter defamed "his good name" in the New Hampshire speech which he said was carried by newspapers and radio and television stations throughout the country. He claimed that Carter told the audience that "Walker personally led the insurrectionists" at Ole Miss.

Walker also charged that Carter said, "General Walker has been exposed once and for all for what he is, a seditious psychopath."

Walker said Carter, a Pulitzer prize winner, "knew these phrases to be untrue."

The suit, filed in Washington county (Greenville) circuit court, asks \$1 million actual damages and \$1 million punitive damages. It was filed on Walker's behalf by John W. Capers, a Jackson attorney.

Capers said he would ask for an immediate trial. He said

Walker also would be represented in the case by Attorney Clyde J. Watts of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Walker, former commander of the 24th division, now lives in Dallas, Tex.

He was arrested near the university campus in Oxford during the racial turmoil touched off by Negro James Meredith's entrance into the all-white school and charged with rebellion, insurrection and seditious conspiracy.

A Lafayette county (Oxford) grand jury, however, failed to indict him on the charges.

NEW RESIDENTS

Prospect-Newscomers in the community are Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Rieder, transferring from the Applegate Ranger station to the Prospect district. He is the district engineer and has been with the Forest Service for three years. Also new at the station is Dennis Renken from Iowa. His position is junior forester.

Highway 62 Scene Of Two Accidents

Two auto accidents occurred at almost the same spot within two hours of each other Saturday morning.

State police said the second collision occurred indirectly as a result of the first. Both were on Highway 62 near its intersection with the Butte Falls highway.

Cars driven by Kittie Lorene Ozier, 36, of 755 Stevens st., Medford, and Linda Lisa Minor, 50, of Shady Cove, were involved in a collision at about 9:15 a.m. Police said both cars were southbound and that the Ozier car struck the Minor vehicle. No one was injured, but both cars were damaged.

Then at 11 a.m. an auto driven by Kenneth Leroy LaGrave, 22, of Shady Cove, struck a car operated by Ronald William Finch, 17, of Eagle Point. Finch's car was at the end of a line of traffic which had slowed down to view the vehicles involved in the earlier accident, police explained.

LaGrave and Raymond Claude Finch, 55, of Eagle Point, a passenger in the first car, were injured. They were taken to Rogue Valley hospital for treatment, after which they were released.

Car Fire — Ashland firemen were summoned at 3:05 p.m. Friday when a fire was reported in an automobile belonging to Lucille Whillock, 810 Garden way. The fire had started in the carburetor but was not put by the time firemen arrived.

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Wildlife Committee Completes Session

SALEM (UPI) — The Legislative Interim Committee on Wildlife completed a two-day orientation session here Saturday afternoon, and mapped plans for the balance of this year.

The committee will hold its next meeting in Klamath Falls on Oct. 4.

Cecil Edwards was hired as executive secretary at \$750 a month, the lowest salary paid any of the interim committee executive secretaries. Barbara Hanneman was hired as committee clerk at \$420 a month.

The committee adopted a budget through the end of this year, but decided to review the budget again next January.

The wildlife group is attempting to interest a private foundation in providing a special study grant to aid in the committee's work, and Edwards said encouraging progress was being made.

At Saturday's session the committee heard reports from Irving Larson of the state police game law enforcement division, Oregon fish commission director Robert Schoning, department of planning and development field supervisor C. William Miller, and game commission director P. W. Schneider.

The commission met Friday at the Oregon State university campus at Corvallis and inspected the forest laboratory, food technology building, and Oak Creek fisheries laboratory.



BACK SEAT DRIVER—This is one back seat driver you could hardly ignore, although Barbara O'Neill of Springfield, Ill., doesn't seem onlookers who must have thought this was carrying elephant jokes too far. (UPI)

WEATHER

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Fair and hot today and Monday. Lows near 60. Highs near 100.
Western Oregon: Generally fair today and Monday. Little temperature change. High both days 80-85 in the north to about 100 in south interior valleys, and 63-75 along the coast. Low tonight 50-60.
Northern California: Fair today and Monday except scattered thunderstorms in the high Sierras, and low clouds near the coast. Little change in temperatures.
LOCAL DATA
TEMPERATURE: Mean yesterday: 80, above normal 13.
Record high this date 102 in 1942.
Record low this date 37 in 1928.

Total this month trace, .07 in below normal.
Total since Sept. 1 trace, .07 in below normal.

| CITY | High | Low | Yester. | 4000 ft. | 24-hr. Prec. |
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| Brookings | 69 | 53 | 69 | 53 | 0.00 |
| Klamath Falls | 83 | 47 | 83 | 47 | 0.00 |
| MEDFORD | 89 | 60 | 89 | 60 | 0.00 |
| Portland | 79 | 59 | 79 | 59 | 0.00 |
| Seattle | 70 | 55 | 70 | 55 | 0.00 |
| Spokane | 81 | 57 | 81 | 57 | 0.00 |
| Yakima | 80 | 51 | 80 | 51 | 0.00 |
| Eureka | 58 | 51 | 58 | 51 | 0.00 |
| Red Bluff | 101 | 65 | 101 | 65 | 0.00 |
| Sacramento | 94 | 58 | 94 | 58 | 0.00 |
| San Francisco | 66 | 38 | 66 | 38 | 0.00 |
| Los Angeles | 87 | 64 | 87 | 64 | 0.00 |
| Phoenix | 103 | 60 | 103 | 60 | 0.00 |
| Denver | 72 | 38 | 72 | 38 | 0.00 |
| Chicago | 73 | 8 | 73 | 8 | 0.00 |
| Miami Beach | 88 | 82 | 88 | 82 | 0.00 |
| New York | 78 | 52 | 78 | 52 | 0.00 |
| Washington, D. C. | 79 | 58 | 79 | 58 | 0.00 |

Sunset today 7:35 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:44 a.m.
MEDFORD tonight 10:33 p.m.
ALBUQUERQUE tonight 11:51 p.m.
The planets Venus and Mars will be seen near Alibabaran next year. Jupiter will appear near Alibabaran in 1965, and Saturn in 1972.

Births

BRIGGS — To Staff Sgt. and Mrs. William Lee, 1262 Sunset ave., Medford, Sept. 7, 1963, a girl, 6 1/2 pounds, at Rogue Valley hospital.

BOHNERT — To Mr. and Mrs. Marvin A., 190 Bigham rd., Medford, Sept. 7, 1963, a girl, 7 1/2 pounds, at Rogue Valley hospital.

KEYES — To Mr. and Mrs. James L., 2813 North Pacific highway, Medford, Sept. 6, 1963, a boy, 7 1/2 pounds, at Rogue Valley hospital.

SARTIN — To Mr. and Mrs. Charles William, 519 King st., Medford, Sept. 6, 1963, a boy, 8 1/2 pounds, at Rogue Valley hospital.

ROBINSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Earl, box 8, Talent, Sept. 6, 1963, a girl, 7 1/2 pounds, at Rogue Valley hospital.



WARM WELCOME — Principals in Finland's first ticker tape parade, United States Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, his wife, and daughter Lynda Bird, are shown during motorcade through the downtown section of Helsinki Saturday. A shouting, laughing throng broke through police lines to get a glimpse of Johnson as he opened the annual "America Days" celebration at Helsinki. (UPI)

Obituaries

WILLIAM V. MOORE
Mr. William V. Moore, 67, of 905 South Central ave., died Saturday morning in a local hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris Funeral directors.

ZONITA M. MONTGOMERY
Mrs. Zonita M. Montgomery, 56, of 6422 Ponderosa st., Central Point, died Friday at her home. Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday by Conger-Morris Funeral directors in charge of arrangements.

Local and Personal

Kindergarten Opens — The Phoenix kindergarten will open Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 9 a.m. in the Phoenix city hall, Miss Mabel Moore, instructor, announced Saturday. This is the fourth year for the kindergarten.

Meeting Set — The Jackson County Horseman's association will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Tex Nash building, 3005 Crater Lake highway.

Patients Listed — Gregory Garrett, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gregory, 3497 New Ray rd., Central Point, and Mrs. Harold R. Freeman, Malin, Ore., were admitted to Sacred Heart hospital Friday night as medical patients.

To School — Mrs. Myrtle Morel of Burelson's store will leave Monday night for San Francisco where she will spend a week at the Warner Brothers School of Cosmetology. Women who successfully complete the course are then certified as graduate cosmeticians.

Rummage Sale—Table Rock Encampment auxiliary will hold a rummage sale at the Odd Fellows hall on West Sixth st., Medford, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday.

Monday Meeting — The Jackson County Toastmasters will hold an election of officers at the meeting to be held Monday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 a.m. at Sambo's restaurant.

Permit Issued—The Medford building department has issued a permit to Archer Watson to make an addition to a residence at 402 O'Gara st. at an estimated cost of \$2,000.

Rummage Sale—The Central Point Grange has scheduled a plants, baked goods and rummage sale for Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grange hall.

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