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April	38	62,725	731
May	39	66,945	754
June	40	89,513	1,007
July	40	82,004	1,028
August	40	87,057	959
September	41	193,852	2,125
October	41	195,974	2,072
November	41	135,321	2,030
December	40	89,320	1,379
Total \$1,157,360 Av. 1,180			
1937			
January	42	52,941	879
February	37	47,120	650
March	41	70,537	375
April	38	76,164	506
May	44	85,563	592
June	41	105,937	650
July	37	121,696	787
August	36	103,699	845
September	43	251,039	659
October	47	240,022	795
November	46	132,024	732
December	45	108,730	555
Total \$1,395.47 Av. 669			

### Special Cargo To Be Shipped On Sea Liner

While the S. S. Charles L. Wheeler, Jr., when she docks at The Dalles Saturday, will carry a limit cargo of 1500 tons, around 100 carloads, the outbound cargo will be more symbolic than real, in so far as tonnage goes. Plans call for filling the extra refrigerator space with a few boxes of the finest fruits of the Mid-Columbia country, to be forwarded as gifts to officialdom of San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Orchardists of the upper Hood River Valley have been asked to pack some of their finest cherries for forwarding on the west-bound voyage of Captain Peter Lund.

Officials of the Mid-Columbia-Bonneville Seaway Association have written to Ricco Bros., stock raisers of Dixie creek in Grant county, near Prairie City, asking that they send one of their "gobblers of the golden gizzards" to Mayor Rossi of San Francisco. Ricco Bros. three years ago began raising turkeys in a big way, their flocks reaching 3,000 annually. Over in that rich gold country of Grant county, chickens and turkeys, ranging over the gold-bearing bars often pick up nuggets as grinders for their gizzards, and housewives of that country always search crops and gizzards. They are often rewarded by discovery of valuable nuggets. That brand name of the Ricco turkeys is based on actual

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### Unemployment Checks Total \$45,617.30

Benefit checks to Hood River county's jobless workers insured under the state unemployment compensation law totaled \$6,037.68 through June 29th, swelling the recession cushion supplied the county since January to \$45,617.30.

June checks totaled 50 per cent less than those sent here in May, according to Harry L. Kuck, Informational Representative for the unemployment compensation commission, who paid the Hood River employment office an official visit today.

Claims for benefits filed at the Hood River office reflect the same conditions. Berry picking and start of the valley fruit season have combined to reduce new claims to an average of 15 per week during May and June. The continued claim load also has diminished gradually from 397 during the week ending April 2 to 206, week ending June 4.

Commission graphs presented by Kuck shows, however, that 30 per cent more money has been returned to jobless insured workers in Hood River county than employers contributed to the fund during 1936 and 1937. Up to June 1, benefits exceeded these contributions by 11 per cent.

Hood River county employers contributed on payrolls totaling \$1,157,360 during 1936 and \$1,395,472 during 1937. September, 1937, was the biggest month in employment covered by the state law, with a total of \$251,039 reported. The lowest month was February, 1936, with \$43,134. The bulge in employment and payroll curves during September, October and November reflect increased activity in the canneries. The lumber and timber products group show comparatively steady activity.

Agricultural workers are not covered by the unemployment compensation law, but cannery workers are. Elimination of this big group of workers in the valley leaves most of the benefit checks going to lumber and sawmill workers. Figures brought here by Kuck show 93 per cent of the benefit checks during the

first quarter of 1938 were taken by four industrial classification groups: lumber and timber products, 58 per cent; contract construction, 23 per cent; food manufacturing, 6 per cent; and wholesale and retail trade, 6 per cent.

The commission survey on industry has not been completed beyond the first quarter of 1938. Distribution of reconciled checks by major industrial groups to April 1 shows the following participation in benefits from administration of the law:

Contract construction, \$2,741; food manufacturing, \$718; lumber and timber products, \$6,796; miscellaneous manufacturing, \$106; interstate railroads, \$177; transportation other than water, \$53; communications, \$43; utilities, \$15; wholesale and retail trade, \$744; automobile sales and service, \$145; hotels, eating places, \$72; personal services, \$10; amusement and recreation, \$68; total, \$11,682.

Total number of firms reporting, total monthly payroll and number of persons employed as of the first of each month in all employment covered by the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Act are as follows:

Month and Year	Total Firms Reporting	No. Monthly Payroll	No. Persons Employed
1936			
January	34	\$56,940	696
February	35	43,134	679
March	38	54,575	695

### Portland Boats Anchor Near Eagle Creek

Six cabin cruisers arrived at Eagle Creek near Bonneville on the evening of July 3, and cruised in to the picnic grounds where they anchored for the night. They returned to Portland the next day.

The Eagle Creek anchorage has been created by the backing of the waters of Lake Bonneville up Eagle Creek, and is an ideal harbor for river boats.

Boats at the anchorage included the cabin cruiser "Eva-B" with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sparks, daughter Janet, and Mrs. Eva B. Sparks, mother of Mr. Sparks aboard; the cabin cruiser "Viking" of Portland, with Mr. and Mrs. L. Hartwig, daughter, and a party of San Francisco guests aboard; Cruiser "Aqua-Duck" of Portland, owner H. B. Caldwell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kirchgraber along as guests; the Cruiser "Golden Anchor," owned by Leslie F. Page, who was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Page and Mable Harnden; and a small cabin cruiser owned by Mason Dillard and family, with the Dillard family and guests aboard.

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