

EMPLOYMENT IN STATE DROPPED MONTH OF JULY

SALEM, Oct. 1 (AP)—Employment in Oregon on July 1 was down 7 per cent from the previous month, 3 per cent less than during last January, but 27 per cent greater than in June, 1941, the state unemployment compensation commission said today.

The lumber and logging industries employed 21 per cent less than in June, 1941. Total covered employment rose from a low of 168,333 in 1940, to 236,821 in June, 1941, and reached a peak of 339,000 in June, 1943. The total in June, 1944, had fallen to 312,000, and dropped to 290,876 last July 1.

The number of employees in the construction, food processing, lumber and wholesale trade industries is less than before the war, while the number in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and financial pursuits are about the same.

Shipbuilding had 67,355 employees on July 1, compared with 84,618 last January, and 3544 in June, 1941.

DISTRICT PRESIDENT TO ATTEND MEETING

Mrs. Marie Wilcox, president of District 4 of the American Legion auxiliary, will be guest of honor at the regular meeting of Klamath unit, Tuesday. Accompanied by the district commander, Bob Bryant, Grants Pass, the two will make their first official visit following the convention held last month in Portland. Mrs. Wilcox is well known in auxiliary circles and has an outstanding record of service to her credit. Mr. Bryant is a veteran of World War II.

For both the Legion and auxiliary, this will be drum corps night, and all former drum corps members are urged to attend. M. E. Cooper is in charge of refreshments, Paul Otterbein will preside for the Legion and Mrs. Alfred Petersteiner will conduct the auxiliary meeting. Mrs. Petersteiner will be officially installed as president.

Two Men Rob Driver, Steal Cab

SALEM, Oct. 1 (AP)—Two men stole a taxicab and robbed the driver of \$18 in Stayton last night.

George Richards, driver for the Salem Taxi company, told state police the pair got into the cab in Stayton about 11 p. m., and asked to be driven to Salem. After they were outside Stayton, they took the cab and money.

The cab was found abandoned this morning near Turner.

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ON STOMACH TIME
PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 1 (AP)—The switch to standard time brought a long wait from the Philadelphia zoo where dinners were served an hour late.

"You see, the animals go by eastern stomach time," said Curator Roger Conant.

JOY
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Oct. 1 (AP)—Coach Tony Valdez was the only casualty when his team beat the cross-town rivals. He rushed jubilantly into the gym, bumped into an iron post and broke a rib.

COSY
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 1 (AP)—A little girl watched, puzzled as a crowd jammed the aisle of a city bus.

GONE
LOS ANGELES, Oct. 1 (AP)—State Patrolman John Shoemaker flagged an erratically driving sailor to the curb, handcuffed him in his car, and went to the state patrol office for a squad car. When he returned, the handcuffed sailor and the automobile were both gone, he said in his report.

GENEROUS
KANSAS CITY, Oct. 1 (AP)—William B. Moorhead, police reporter on the Kansas City Star, returned from talks given before 400 Atchison, Kas., high school students and the Atchison Rotary club with a traffic violation ticket.

"You're supposed to put a penny in the parking meters there every fifteen minutes," he explained. "How would it have looked for me to break into my speech at its most exciting points to dash out and put another penny in the meter?"

LOCAL MARINE ACE BACK ON U. S. SOIL

A marine ace who knocked down three Jap kamikaze planes in two minutes in an aerial battle 50 miles northwest of Okinawa April 16, has returned to the marine air depot at Miramar, Calif., for leave and reassignment.

He is Capt. Floyd C. Kirkpatrick of Klamath Falls and is credited with a total of 51 Jap planes shot down during 60 missions. He logged 220 combat flying hours.

The Oregon ace and fellow pilots of his "Black Jacks" second marine air wing fighter-bomber squadron, contacted 25 Jap suicide planes attacking shipping April 16. The Leathernecks disposed of 153 planes in 15 minutes and the anti-aircraft guns on the ships below took care of the rest. That is where he got his three in two minutes. The Japs were diving on the destroyer, USS Laffey. None hit the target.

Capt. Kirkpatrick hit three more kamikaze planes in their dives over American fleet units, causing the Japs to miss their targets and crash into the open sea. He shared one of these kills with another pilot.

He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

An uncle, Lester F. Kirkpatrick, lives at 1900 Esplanade. Capt. Kirkpatrick, a 1937 graduate of Klamath Union high school, attended the University of Oregon.



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Navy Officials Visit Air Station



Rear Admiral Carl Trexel, civil engineer corps, was a visitor in Klamath Falls Thursday at the naval air station. With him were left, Lt. Cmdr. J. F. Fitzpatrick and right, Cmdr. Paul F. Keim. Adm. Trexel, center, makes frequent visits to the station from his Seattle office.—Official Navy Photo.

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE



DISCHARGED
Sgt. John L. Dolan of Sacramento, Calif., has been separated from service with the army air forces under a provision which allows men over the age of 38 to request a discharge.

Sgt. Dolan is married to the former Ruth J. Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker of 2950 Crest, Klamath Falls.

LANDED FORCES
ABOARD THE TRANSPORT GRIMES IN TOKYO BAY (Delayed)—Peter D. Zupan, yeoman, third class, USNR, 429 Commercial, Klamath Falls, sailed into Tokyo bay aboard this ship and landed the first occupation forces on Japan.

ON SUBMARINE
Gail C. Lusk, electrician's mate, second class, Route 3, Klamath Falls, served aboard the submarine USS Saifish on a war patrol during which she sank three ships and damaged another, to win the Presidential Unit Citation.

The Saifish defied an escort of destroyers and cruisers and a mountainous sea kicked up by a typhoon to sink a 2,500-ton Japanese aircraft carrier of the Kasuga class after a 10-hour battle.

AT TREASURE ISLAND
Johnnie B. Fisher, seaman, first class, USNR, of Route 2, Klamath Falls, has reported in at the U. S. naval armed guard center, after spending 13 months as a member of a gun crew aboard a merchant ship.

The armed guard center on Treasure Island directs the training and assignment of all officers and enlisted personnel of navy gun crews of merchant vessels in the Pacific.

ON USS LIBRA
ON THE USS LIBRA IN TOKYO BAY—Kenneth L. Hartley, 21, seaman first class, USNR, son of Mrs. Fritz Carlson of 3137 Cannon, Klamath Falls, was serving on this vessel, an attack cargo auxiliary ship, when she entered Tokyo bay.

by Commodore Roger Simpson, famed destroyer squadron leader, and Cdr. Harold Stassen, chief staff officer. Sprague told a harrowing tale of torture, starvation, exposure and disease in prison camps in China and Japan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Sprague of Redmond.

GETS DISCHARGE
BKr 1/c Howard Lawrence Gill, 1211 Crescent, has been discharged from the U. S. naval separation center, Bremerton, Wash.

AT SANTA BARBARA
SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—PFC Albert C. Barrett of Klamath Falls has reported to the army ground and service forces redistribution station here for two weeks of rest and relaxation. The veteran recently returned from 33 months' overseas duty in the Pacific.

STUDIES IN FRANCE
WITH THE UNITED STATES FORCES IN FRANCE—Sgt. Warren H. Foster, son of Joseph H. Foster of Keno, and veteran of the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns, is now enrolled in an eight weeks' course in French language and civilization at the University of Nancy, France.

THREE SERVE
PEARL HARBOR—Three Klamath Falls navy men have been serving with the 85th Naval Construction Battalion here, climaxing, with the war's end, a long period of duty that began in the Aleutians.

The Klamath Falls men are: Clede A. Smith, fireman, first class, 2840 Patterson street; Bernard E. Vallencour, seaman, second class, 1823 Earle, John Carothers, shipfitter, third class,

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YOUNG PLANS SUIT AGAINST '45 LAW

SALEM, Oct. 1 (AP)—F. H. Young, Portland, secretary-manager of Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc., said today he would file suit in Marion county circuit court this week to invalidate the 1945 law providing for short forms for state income tax returns.

Young said the suit would be filed against the state tax commission, on grounds that the bill signed by the governor is not the same as that passed by the legislature.

The tax commission, using the same grounds, originally brought suit in the state supreme court to invalidate the law. The commission, however, withdrew this suit, believing it would be better for an individual to bring the action.

Young contends an error was made in a legislative committee. The state supreme court threw out another 1945 law on the same grounds. This was the law providing for local budgets.

Two Babies Die In Blaze

BUTTE FALLS, Oct. 1 (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wells were mourning their two baby sons today—killed in a fire inadvertently caused by the Wells' older children.

An older child poured cleaning fluid on a living room stove Saturday. Four of the Wells' children ran to safety as the flames mushroomed. Mrs. Wells, across the street at a neighbor's home, fought vainly to cross the flames into the bedroom where her infants were lying.

DAMAGE CEMETERY
PORTLAND, Oct. 1 (AP)—Six Beaverton boys were in custody of juvenile authorities today for damaging landscaping in Mount Calvary cemetery by driving through it in an automobile. Officers reported the youngsters admitted blame after one boy confessed his part in the escapade to a priest.

Eight Injured In Freight Wreck

THE DALLES, Ore., Oct. 1 (AP)—Eight trainmen were injured, one seriously, when thirteen freight cars were derailed late Saturday in a head-on collision between two Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad freight trains.

Lawrence Chisholm, 35, Vancouver, Wash., was in the hospital here with chest injuries. Others had only minor hurts.

Assistant Dispatcher W. A. Taylor reported the two trains were 12 miles from Wishram, Wash., on the Oregon side of the Bend, Ore., line when the wreck occurred.

CIO Director Frowns On Message

DETROIT, Oct. 1 (AP)—August Scholle, CIO director in Michigan, frowned today over a five-page-long telegram from Secretary of Labor Schiwellenbach.

The telegram was in reference to the oil workers strike. "Schwellenbach sent it collect," Scholle said. "It cost me \$5.36. How would you feel about something like that?"

ONE-SIDED CONVERSATION HUTCHINSON, Kas., Oct. 1 (AP)—While Mrs. Roy Russell was having milk unloaded at the Ray Smith dairy, she struck up a conversation with Mrs. Smith, standing in the wash house.

Getting no reply she looked again. "Mrs. Smith" was a clothes dummy with only a newspaper for a head.

41st Vets To Plan For Organization

PORTLAND, Oct. 1 (AP)—Veterans of the northwest's famed 41st division will discuss a permanent organization here October 4, a temporary committee chairman said today.

George M. Baldwin reported an informal group meeting after the September 6 Victory parade approved a general meeting of 41st veterans to consider the proposal.

He said there are about 4000 Oregon men, including 1000 from the Portland area, who served with the 41st.

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