

Idle Pay Claims Due

With the newly legislated mid-year benefit period starting in the first week of July, 29 local offices of the state unemployment compensation commission will receive new 1947-48 claims Monday, June 23. While actual compensation cannot start until after a preliminary waiting week and another week without work, early claims-filing will allow time to determine the worker's rights to benefits.

New claims were received last week, June 16-21, from several thousand unemployed who have been receiving payments during the shortened benefit year that ends with the last week of June. Many of these claimants can use again most of their 1946 wage credits for 1947-48 benefits during the transition period as decided upon by the recent legislature.

Nearly 55,000 persons have filed 1947 claims but only 5258 received checks last week. About 8000 exhausted their benefit rights during the six months' period. With benefit years starting during high seasonal employment periods, a big proportion of new claims are expected to be on file before winter shut-downs develop.

28 Nurses Now Training

Twenty-eight young women are now in training in the cadet nurse corps at the veterans administration hospitals in Portland and Vancouver, Patrick W. Kilby, VA contact representative in this area, pointed out today. Seven of these are from Oregon communities.

Suggesting that student nurses take the final six months of their training in VA hospitals, Kilby stated that 41 girls from several western states either have completed cadet training this year or are now enroute. Trainees reside in quarters on the Vancouver grounds.

Under this program, cadet nurses gain practical experience at veterans' hospitals after completing 2½ years in a nursing school, and return after the final half-year to the school for graduation. Besides the experience, the VA provides a minimum of 75 hours of class work.

Civil Employees To Retire Soon

PORTLAND, June 23 (AP)—An estimated 1000 civil employees of the state, counties and school districts are due to retire July 1 under the public employees' retirement system set up by the 1945 legislature. Jerry Sawyer, executive secretary of the system, reported 2100 persons in various political subdivisions are at retirement age or over. School teachers becoming eligible during the school year may complete the year.

The Oregon law covers 20,000 civil employees and payments into the fund now total \$4,200,000. The system will provide half pay on retirement, up to \$100 a month.

Gray Steel Probe Shifts To West

WASHINGTON, June 23 (AP)—Investigation into the so-called gray market in steel will shift to the West Coast this week, Chairman Martin (R-Pa.) of the senate steel subcommittee said today. Senator Clegg (R-Wash.) was named to act as chairman of the West Coast part of the inquiry but is not expected to make the trip because of the press of business, Martin said.

Transport Setup To Get Study

SEATTLE, June 23 (AP)—Regional transportation conditions will headline the 60th regular meeting of the Pacific Northwest advisory board in Tacoma Friday, President Ralph Benson said today.

H. T. Stoddard, board vice president, will report on boarding forecasts and analyze prospective loadings. Railroads will report on equipment and service.

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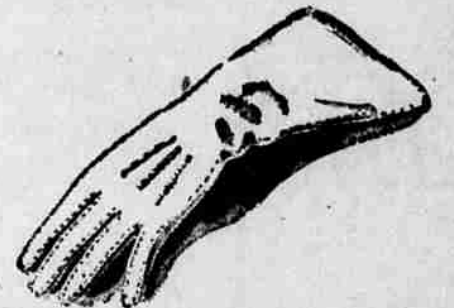


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