

Living Cost Figure Gains In Oregon

PORTLAND, March 3 (AP)—Living costs outstripped paycheck gains in Oregon last year, the department of commerce reported Tuesday.

The district office of the department estimated the average worker's income at \$2750 for the year.

The office said this was equivalent to \$1700 at 1935-39 levels, and was \$250 less than the purchasing power of the \$2500 average income of 1944.

The department added, "business was good in the district during the closing month of 1947, but few observers or businessmen were optimistic about the future. Despite a high rate of activity in nearly every field, a new cautious approach toward long-term commitments was evident."

High prices pushed farm income to an all-time high of \$239,000,000 in the state, despite the fact crop production dropped 5 per cent.

Fear and apple prices broke in the last quarter of the year and the report predicted growers with pears and apples in storage at year-end would suffer financial losses.

Eugene was credited — through bank debt reports — as the city with the greatest business increase. Debits for the year there amounted to \$567,700,000, an increase of 25.9 per cent over 1946.

Salem with a net increase of 4.7 per cent in bank debits was the only city falling below the average of 9.5 per cent for all cities on the West Coast.

Posse Plans Bay Area Trip

E. P. Ivory, who has just returned from San Francisco, and Keith Moon report that the Klamath Sheriff's Posse is to be given a front line position in the St. Patrick's Day parade to be held in San Francisco on March 14. Joseph Z. Hertler of San Francisco, who is marshal of the horse section of the parade, advised them that he is placing the Klamath Posse very close to the front, being preceded by the marshal and his attendants. A group of highly-bred Arabians and the all-palmino troupe of the Ashmead Shrine of San Francisco will follow the marshal. Altogether, nearly 35 troops of horsemen, approximately 12 of which are Sheriff's Posse will appear in the parade. Over 600 horses have been signed up already and groups are coming in each day.

The horses of the Sheriff's Posse will be stabled at the Presidio in San Francisco which is very close to the end of the line of march. Some 26 members of the local posse have indicated they would make the trip. Their horses will go down on Friday, have a day of rest, and will parade on Sunday, March 14.

Three Highway Bids Due Soon

PORTLAND, March 3 (AP) — An estimated \$675,000 in three highway jobs will be up for bid this month. W. H. Lynch, division engineer of the public roads administration, reported Tuesday.

They are: Whitewater bridge and approaches, on the Clackamas river road southeast of Portland, March 14; three-mile unit of the North Santiam highway east of Salem in connection with construction of Detroit dam, March 18; Humptulips bridge on Olympic peninsula, March 18.

Forest service funds will be used for the bridge projects as they are in the timber access program.

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