



MATTHEW ADAMSON (left) and **Ben Sammons** were the first male veterans to sign when American Legion Winema Post 142 recently opened its rolls to men. On the left is **Martha Hurd**, commander; **Olive Adamson**, adjutant, is on the right. Four others who signed up the same night are **Ralph Howard**, **William Hinds**, **Herman Lofdahl** and **Ernie Bishop**. Meeting nights for the Post are the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the Veterans Memorial Hall, 8 p. m. Other officers are **Mable Bishop**, first vice; **Kathryn Sammons**, second vice; **Sarah Allen**, finance; **Muriel Palmer**, chaplain. The post will celebrate its joint membership Aug. 2 in a picnic at Mocking Bird Hill Ranch, Wocus.

Ore. Unemployment Worsens In Winter; Industries Sought

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM (AP) — The five members of the new Oregon Development Commission, who were appointed Tuesday by Gov. Paul L. Patterson, will face the difficult job of getting new industries in order to cut down the unemployment problem that gets worse every winter.

New industries now are hard to get because of the power shortage. You wouldn't realize that Oregon has a serious unemployment problem if you look at the Unemployment Compensation Commission's employment and payroll figures, which are at or near record high marks.

But, while employment and payrolls are high, unemployment also is getting worse each winter. Right now, 2.3 per cent of Oregon's insured workers are out of jobs. That isn't bad at all, since the national average is 2.5 per cent. At this time of the year, getting jobs isn't hard, because the seasonal industries, such as logging and agriculture, are going full blast.

But last winter, 9.5 per cent of all persons insured by the Oregon unemployment compensation law were out of work. That's serious. It isn't the weather that caused it. The trouble is that Oregon's total labor force now totals 655,100 persons, or \$3,000 more than were in the labor market when World War II ended. There haven't been enough new jobs created to take care of this increase.

The new development commission will try to get all kinds of industries, especially war industries. Oregon hasn't fared well in getting war contracts.

Last winter, Oregon's unemployment problem was as bad as that of any state. During each of the past three winters, the unemployment total has mounted higher.

Unemployment benefits paid in the past 12 months totaled \$16,800,000. That was the second highest in the 15-year history of unemployment benefits in Oregon, being exceeded only by the 27 millions paid out in 1949-50. That was the year of the bitter cold spell that halted logging.

During the year ended July 1, employers' contributions totaled only \$11,580,000, or \$5,300,000 less than the benefits paid. So the difference had to come out of the unemployment trust fund, which has shrunk to \$71,250,000, or the smallest in three years.

While there were 50,000 persons looking for jobs last winter, the total now is down to 25,000. There are 470,000 persons working in non-farm jobs, which is a new high for this time of year. Of that number, 348,000 are covered by unemployment insurance.

Another disturbing fact is that

state income tax receipts are dropping. If this keeps up, the state government will be in the red before the 1955 Legislature meets. The budget for 1955-56 is based on the assumption that income tax collections would remain as high as during the last two years.

Collections during the first 11 months of the 1951-52 fiscal year were \$4 million dollars, a new record. But in the 11 months ended June 1, they were only \$60,838,000. Receipts from personal income taxes are running about the same. All the loss is caused by a decrease in corporation income tax payments.

So the Oregon development commission will have to try to get new industries to give men jobs and to keep the state from running in the red.

POPE SEES 10,000
VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Pius XII granted a general audience Wednesday in St. Peter's Basilica to 10,000 pilgrims and tourists, including groups from the United States.

Macdoel VFW Women Cited

MACDOEL — A number of citations of merit were awarded Butte Valley unit 5944, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, at the state VFW convention at San Francisco.

The delegates — Mrs. Marilyn Meglasson, Mrs. Vena Gilmer and Mrs. May Dieter — reported that although the Butte Valley unit is one of the smallest in the 20th district, it is one of the most active, receiving three of the 18 citations given in the district. Won by the local VFW were a citation to the unit for the outstanding contribution to the cancer fund and citations to Mrs. Gilmer for obtaining a 100 per cent cancer report and another for a 100 per cent chaplain's report.

CARDINAL ILL

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Yugoslav authorities reported Wednesday that Alojzije Cardinal Stepinac is seriously ill with a blood condition but is still able to get around. They said the cardinal refused transfer to a hospital for treatment.

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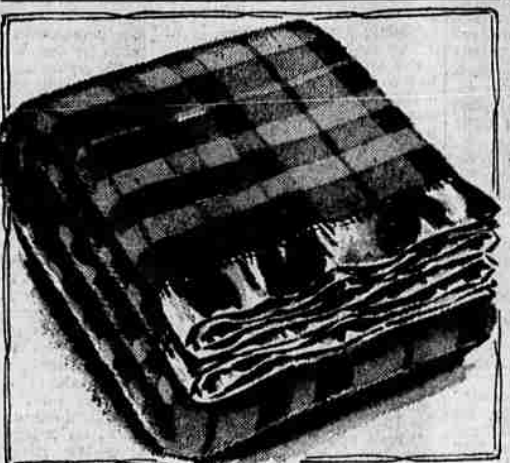
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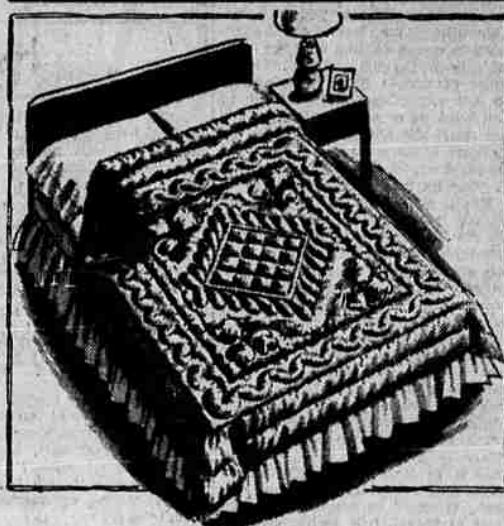
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