



SHARON HARTIN, 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hartin, 4321 Greensprings Drive, receives a 36-hour service pin from T-Sgt. J. B. (Bill) Shrum, Klamath Falls sector sergeant for the Ground Observer Corps, as other members of the family look on. Mrs. Hartin and her four children joined the GOC on October 15, and the pin was awarded 13 days later. The other children are Valerie, age 8 (left), Linda, age 12, and, in her mother's arms, Carrie, age 2. Both Mrs. Hartin and Sharon have stood several extra shifts as well as holding down regular shifts. They are also team captains for Thursday, which means that they must either see that all shifts are filled or fill them themselves.

Unemployment Benefits Available Here November 14

Changed benefit rights of Oregon's unemployed claimants for the first half of 1956 will be available at 28 local offices of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission November 14, it was announced today by administrator Siles Gaiser.

New determinations for the last half of the 1955-56 benefit year were made necessary by the amended law adopted during the closing hours of the 1955 legislature. More than 32,000 claims have been filed since last July and the total may reach 50,000 before January 1, 1956.

Only about half of these claimants have drawn compensation. It was pointed out, and those still working should wait until mid-December to request their new determinations. Early distribution of the new determinations is designed for those unemployed and now drawing benefits.

Although over two thirds of the unemployed workers will be entitled to larger weekly benefits under the amended law, a preliminary study indicates that from 12 to 15 per cent of the claimants will be eliminated and nearly as many more will get smaller checks. Most of these are seasonal workers, including many women employees of canneries, stores, and service lines.

Maximum weekly benefit will be increased from \$25 to \$30 in 1956, while the minimum will remain at \$15. The average check is expected to increase from \$22 to about \$29 or \$30 a week. Maximum

MATTRESS BRINGS \$3000
LOS ANGELES (AP)—A pretty housewife will get \$3,000 because, she says, she was impaled on a mattress spring. A jury awarded Mrs. Virginia Maecherlein, 29, that sum in damages after she testified yesterday the spring cut her back, necessitating surgery. She had sued the mattress company for \$10,000.

Troop Completes Scrap Books

WEED — Scrap books were completed and the project for the next meeting was begun at the Monday, November 7 meeting of the newly formed Brownie Troop of Weed.

The new troop, led by Mrs. Dan Downey and Mrs. John McKowan, are awaiting the return of their registration and appointed troop numbers from Girl Scout headquarters in New York.

Ten girls of the third grades are registered in the new troop and meet regularly at the Downey home on Main Street each Monday afternoon. Cookies will be baked at the next meeting from the ice-box mixture made up at the meeting this week.

GM Auto Dealers Request Permission To Testify

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Antitrust subcommittee is still receiving requests from former General Motors car dealers who want to testify in the current GM hearings, an aide said today.

Some of them only recently had their connection with the big auto corporation severed, he said.

The hearings, started this week, are in recess until Tuesday.

Dealers' complaints are one topic which Acting Chairman O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) of the subcommittee has promised to explore thoroughly, but no time has been set for testimony on these.

One top GM official indicated clearly at yesterday's session the corporation was ready to meet charges by dealers. When O'Mahoney remarked that a number of dealers had told him of "the tough situation" they faced, Henry M. Hogan, vice president and general counsel of General Motors, replied: "Why don't you ask them how much they've made in the last five years to see if they're crying wolf? That's poverty with a ham under your arm."

Harold L. Hamilton, retired GM vice president, commented that "I think they (the dealers) ought to be able to live off their fat for a while."

Hamilton, first GM witness to appear in the hearings, entered a vigorous rebuttal to testimony from competing firms that the corporation got an unfair advantage in its Diesel locomotive sales out of a World War II government order.

The order allocated production of Diesel over-the-road locomotives to GM in the war, but gave most of the output of Diesel switchers and steam engines to other companies.

Since the war, U. S. railroads have converted almost entirely to Diesels. The subcommittee has produced figures to show GM currently is producing 76 per cent of these.

Hamilton, former head of the division which made the Diesels, said "I take exception" to any argument that GM gained its position through "artificial conditions."

He and Hogan produced figures that GM sold 67 per cent of all Diesel locomotives in the country in 1940, 57 per cent in 1941, 53 per cent in 1942, 40 per cent in 1943, 50 per cent in 1944, 51 per cent in 1945, and 65 per cent in 1946.

"They (other firms) had a sheltered position in switchers, just as we had in road locomotives," Hamilton said.

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Weed Elects New Board Members

WEED — Don Smith and Harry Koch were elected Tuesday to serve as commissioners on the Weed parkway and recreation commission board.

Their election fills the vacancies of the unexpired terms of Wilbur O'Dell, moved from Weed, and the late Harry Spence. The respective terms expire in November 1956 and 1958, and at the January meeting it will be determined by the board as to which each will serve.

Other members of the board include William Davis, Aldo Rossetti and Herbert Fyles.

POPULAR BOOK

OSAKA, Japan (AP)—One book is among the top five in popularity in Osaka's 17 largest libraries. The book: "Gone with the Wind."

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