Job Payments Total Nearly $85,000 Daily

Nearly $85,000 a day was poured into business channels of the state through unemployment insurance payments made by the State Department of Employment to eligible workers during the month of January.

Statistical data on January payments revealed a total of $2,627,604.10 disbursed to California's unemployed during that month. The payments were made in a total of 278,609 checks.

From the Torrance office 2,222 checks were issued for a total of $24,421.27 in January. There were 25,050 checks distributed here during the year 1938 for a total of $260,429.08—or one percent of the state's total.

The total amount of unemployment insurance paid out up to and including Jan. 31, 1939, was $26,384,787.26 in 2,762,920 checks.

Ask for these at the Library

WORLD OF ACTION by Valentine Williams: The author of this book was born into newspaper work, and at 21 was already foreign correspondent (for Reuters) in Berlin. When the World War started he was a veteran reporter. Disgusted with censorships, he gave up reporting for fighting, and after the war went to writing fiction. To each of his vocations, foreign correspondent, traveler, soldier, novelist, he has brought a lusty appetite for life, a keen mind and fine appreciation of people, places and events. This rich story of his career is told largely in terms of interesting people, and he has the gift of bringing his characters to life.

THE SAGA OF FRANK DOVER by Johannes Buchholtz: This is not a book contrived to catch the passing fancy but one to stand the wear of years. It is a solid piece of work built with conscience and affection, with a hero as plain as its style. The great achievement of the author consists in fine naturalistic writing portraying the daily existence of an average man. Yet although Frank Dover, Danish sailor, is an ordinary man, the events of his life are not. The pages are rich with colorful characters, and with adventures at sea, the South Africa of Rhodes and Kruger in the Boer war.

SONG OF THE YEARS by Bess Streeter Aldrich: This author needs no introduction for a large public has enjoyed her pictures of pioneer life and "A Lantern in her Hand" is a perennial favorite. "Song of the Years" is centered in the Martin family, pioneers in Red Cedar Valley, Iowa, and chronicles the growth of the towns of Waterloo and Cedar Falls. Though the period is from 1855 to the end of the Civil War, and the stirring events of settlement, we have largely the events of women's lives in these days; family affections, laughter, comradeship and grief.

KIWANIANS INTERESTED

Local Kiwanians will be found close to radio loudspeakers tomorrow (Friday) night when Lum and Abner devote their 15-minute program, starting at 8:15 p. m., over KNX, to "Vocational Guidance" and what Kiwanis International is doing about this activity.

Record-Breaking Luxury Liner Enters Bay

Here's the United States Line 24,000-ton luxury ship Washington steaming into San Francisco harbor under the Golden Gate Bridge, with 500 passengers from the East Coast on a special trip to the Golden Gate International Exposition. The 705-foot liner is the largest American merchant ship ever to come to San Francisco by way of the Panama Canal

British Social Security Plan Explained to State Solons

By UNITED PRESS

Most captivating witness during recess hearings by the Senate committee on social security, pensions and relief in Sacramento during the past week was a slight, quiet-spoken Scotchman who climaxed a week's investigation into the complications of administering public assistance with a picture of how simply the whole problem is handled in England.

Allan Elliott, former British subject who appeared before the committee as a representative of the Workers Alliance, said that unemployment insurance, health insurance and old age benefits are handled in the same, national program at a cost to the worker of only six cents a week.

The plan has been in operation since 1911, Elliott said, and assures security to every English worker and every member of his family. The machinery is simple because everyone pays the same amount, everybody gets the same benefits—$7 per week—and nobody is excluded from the program.

Method of Payments

"The $7 part of it may seem not sufficient, but let me remind you that money is different in England," he continued. "The standard of living is not so high as here."

Elliott explained that before a person can be hired he must go to the postoffice and get a national insurance card, which has spaces for 12 stamps and is good for three months.

The employer deducts six cents from the workers' wages and pays six cents himself, affixing a stamp to the card, at the end of each week. At the end of three months the card is sent to the postoffice and the government pays an additional 12 cents for each stamp.

Recommended for U. S.

If a worker loses his job he goes to the national labor exchange and enrolls for work. If there is no work for him he collects his benefits at the end of each week—on the spot and in cash.

He is also insured, Elliott continued, if he becomes ill or if any member of his family needs medical care. The doctor bills are paid by the government and the worker isn't forced by lack of finances to return to work before he is well.

The aged receive the weekly payments as a pension after they are unable to continue at work. Elliott said the British plan has done away with paupers, and recommended a similar system in the United States, to replace the present "very confused system."

Local Pupils See Japanese Doll Fete at San Pedro

The entire A4 class of 31 Torrance Elementary school pupils enjoyed a trip to the Walizer school in San Pedro last Friday where they witnessed the annual Japanese girls' doll festival events. The local youngsters and their teacher, Miss Dorothy B. Kenyon, were transported to the harbor in cars driven by four parents. They saw the typical Japanese dances performed by girls from the kindergarten to the sixth grade, unusual floral arrangements and then saw the exhibit of valuable ceremonial and play dolls. Later the group went to Fish Harbor to tour Japanese shops and see the activity on the wharfs.

Yesterday Miss Kenyon took four of her pupils to attend a demonstration of rhythm games at the Fries Avenue school in Wilmington. Afterwards they visited the Banning mansion in Banning Park and saw the valuable collection of early Californiana there.

Township's Treasurer Takes Robin Hood Role

WINDSOR, Ont. (U.P.)—Aptly termed a "20th century Robin Hood," Robert Wales, 61, for four years Mersea township treasurer, pleaded guilty to taking $7,229 from the township treasury.

Wales explained that he took the money to establish poor citizens on farms so they would not have to go on relief.

"What I did was not right from a legal standpoint, but it was right from a humane standpoint," Wales said.

Digger of 1,000 Graves Quits

SANTA CRUZ, Cal. (U.P.)—Charles Herbet, grave digger for 30 years, retired upon digging his 1,000th grave.

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Thomas T. Walker, 21, of 1924 Andreo, and Ruth I. Travioli, 16, of 2164 Torrance boulevard.

Fred Y. Sugiura, 30, of 21722 South Normandie avenue, Torrance, and Ilene C. Nakatak 20, of Los Angeles.

Mother Has 100 Descendants

LONDON (U.P.) — Mrs. Mary Blackney, 92, of Wimpledon, has realized the greatest ambition of her life—she has become, with the birth of her fourth great-great-grandchild, the "mother" of 100 descendants.

Ban Minors From Drink and Dance Halls in County

Boys and girls under 21 years old may not visit dance halls or other public dance places in unincorporated territory of the county where liquor is sold or served after April 4 next, under terms of a new ordinance adopted this week by the board of supervisors and effective April 5.

Passage of the ordinance is expected to end the long controversy over divorcing drink and dancing in county territory. Dry organizations and women's clubs long have sought an ordinance forbidding the sale of liquor in places where public dancing is permitted but hearings have brought out equally strong opposition to this plan.

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