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S/Sgt. John W. Welch, returned recently from the E.T.O. to join his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Welch, of 2517 Sonoma ave. He will receive his honorable discharge at Fort MacArthur Separation Center.

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Nearly Half Of V-J Day Layoffs Return To Work

Statistics compiled by the Torrance office of the California Department of Employment, indicate that nearly half of the people in this area who have been laid off from work since V-J Day and filed claims for unemployment insurance have found new jobs, according to Elizabeth Moon, department head.

The figures show 342 active claims in Torrance office at the time hostilities ended and the war industries in this area shut down. Since that day, 2875 new and additional claims have been filed. Additional claims are those which have been filed during the past year, but had become inactive because the claimant had returned to work, and are now placed in an active status again due to the claimant's job terminating.

Adding these new and renewed claims to the claims active during the early part of August, Mrs. Moon said, we have 3217 people who have been unemployed since V-J Day.

During the first week of October, only 1,823 checks were paid in the local office, which shows that 1394 of these people, or 48 per cent, have either returned to work or have retired from the labor market.

K. E. Bradley, manager of the U.S.E.S. compiled the following figures for the week ending Oct. 6: 2706 applicants were served for a daily average of 541, with a total of 198 persons being referred to jobs during this week.

Inspired thought relinquishes a material, sensual, and mortal theory of the universe, and adopts the spiritual and immortal.

—Mary Baker Eddy



NEW UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE . . . Dedication ceremonies and open house were held at the new United States Employment Service office at Cravens Ave. and Gramercy Ave. Shown in an official greeting and welcome are, upper photo, Postmaster C. Earl Conner, owner of the building, Mayor W. H. Tolson, Manager Kenneth E. Bradley, of USES, and Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, and C. B. Bagnall, contractor. Lower photo shows members of the staff of USES which serves the wide area west of Avalon Blvd. from 101 highway to Manhattan Beach city line, including Los Angeles, Long Beach, Gardena, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Torrance. Staff members are, left to right: Manager K. E. Bradley; Asst. Mgr. Richard Layman; Mrs. E. Moon, supervisor, department of employment; Mrs. P. Carlson, claims examiner; Mrs. G. Levitan, stenographer; W. Moser, veterans' representative; Mrs. E. Spencer, claims examiner; Mrs. E. Rook, stenographer; Miss B. Daughmer, interviewer; Miss L. Saunders, secretary; F. Gillespie, interviewer; Mrs. M. Teffau, claims examiner; Mrs. V. Stettler, stenographer; Mrs. H. Scott, interviewer; Mrs. E. Smythe, stenographer; Miss C. Hutton, clerk and J. Herrington, interviewer. (Photos by Torrance Herald)

Soap Box Derby Contestants Build New Cars

The Soap Box Derby sponsored by Police Chief John Stroh and the Walteria Community Council is attracting attention, judging by the industrious activities of the local youth. Every back yard finds a speedster in varying degrees of completion, surrounded by a group of would-be experts including dads contributing their advice on how to build a winning auto. Some completed autos are going through strenuous road tests over the proposed race route.

The date is Armistice Day, Sunday November 11. The age limit is 12 years or younger. The entrant must not spend more than \$4.00 on his auto and all corners are welcome.

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Handicapped Workers' Jobs Plea Voiced

The most remarkable success story of recent years is the contribution the physically handicapped have made to the war effort, declared K. E. Bradley, local manager of the Torrance U.S.E.S. offices, in urging support of National Employment Week for the Physically Handicapped Week from October 7-13.

"Given the opportunity, they can be equally valuable to reconstruction and peacetime production. When the abilities of the worker are properly matched with the requirements of the job, the work is well done regardless of whether or not the individual concerned has some physical limitation."

"As a matter of fact," he explained, "production figures prove that in many cases the physically handicapped actually do better work than their non-handicapped co-workers, and possibly because of their limitation, they are more careful than the average. A recent survey of 300 employers revealed that 51.1% had fewer accidents than the able-bodied."

"Any good business man wants returns from his investment," Bradley said, "and he gets his best returns from qualified personnel. Fitness for a particular job should be the basis for employment, and when assigned to duties appropriate to his abilities, the physically handicapped individual can compete on equal terms with any other worker."

Inviting employers to phone their job orders to the United States Employment Service offices, Bradley suggested that they offer to consider all applicants on the basis of their abilities, not their disabilities. "We'll match your jobs with men and women who can do them well," he promised.

ON WEEK'S LEAVE

Robert R. Smith, seaman, 1/c, with his wife and daughter Sandra spent a recent eight days' visit with his mother, Mrs. May Smith, of 1423 Post ave. Mrs. Smith and Sandra will remain here following a year's residence in Virginia near his base. He returned to Little Creek, Va., amphibious base, where he serves with a fire department.

National Employment Week For The Physically Handicapped Observed

The week of October 7-13, designated by the President as National Employment week for the physically handicapped, will be observed here by the Civil Service Commission and other Government agencies. Local Civil Service representative, H. G. Stullenburger, announced that a special effort would be made during the week to inform applicants for employment regarding the government's program for the placement of physically impaired persons in the federal service. Disabled war veterans particularly will be encouraged to seek Civil Service employment.

Since July 1, 1943, some 45,000 persons with physical handicaps have been placed in federal field establishments, and of this total more than 10,000 were war veterans. The Civil Service Commission's policy of encouraging the employment of those applicants had two purposes—to compensate for the wartime manpower shortage, and to gain experience in the placement of the physically handicapped so that returning disabled veterans will be placed in suitable jobs which will effectively utilize their highest employment skills.

During the war the commission's medical division studied the physical requirements of approximately 5,000 different kinds of jobs in the federal civil service, particularly in arsenals, navy yards and other industrial establishments of the government. The result of this study were put into an operating manual which will guide officials to match the physical capacities of impaired workers with the physical demands of various jobs.

The Civil Service Commission believes that as a result of this program disabled veterans of this war will have a much better chance of securing a suitable government job than did veterans of World War I. Information concerning employment opportunities in the government service may be secured from Stullenburger whose office is in the Post Office Building.

Overseas Mail Regulations Still in Effect

The war's end has not terminated overseas package mailing regulations, Postmaster C. Earl Conner, said today.

Parcels for soldiers must be in the mail by midnight Oct. 15 in order to arrive in time for Christmas, and no package may be sent after that date without a written request from a serviceman, he said.

Meanwhile, there is no deadline for packages for sailors, marines or coastguardsmen, but gifts to them should be mailed by Oct. 15 to assure their arrival by Christmas. Size and weight regulations have not changed and packages may not exceed five pounds in weight, 15 inches in length, or 36 inches in length and girth combined, Conner added.

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