

# Report to the People

By John R. Torquato, State Secretary of Labor & Industry

Harrisburg.—There seem to be a good many misconceptions about the new Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation law. When ever something as important to the working population as unemployment compensation undergoes the drastic changes it has under our administration, it takes a little time before these revisions are fully understood.

As you know, we raised maximum weekly benefits from \$30 to \$35 weekly. The \$35 figure is the MAXIMUM only. Not every claimant will receive \$5. It's computed this way:

The Bureau of Employment Security will take the quarter (3-month period) of your base year during which you earned the most income. Let's say that your best quarter was April-June, during which you earned \$700. Your weekly benefit check will be one-twentieth (1/20) of that figure, of \$28 a week. If you earned \$500 during your best quarter, your weekly check will be \$25. If you earned \$1,000 during your highest quarter, you will receive the \$35 maximum.

Under the old act, your weekly benefit rate was computed on the basis of 1-25th of the earnings of the best quarter in your base year. Now, your benefit check will be computed either on that basis or on the basis of 50 percent of your full-time weekly wage, whichever is greater.

The old law decided on a benefit period for you, determined by the length of time you were employed. It ran anywhere from 13 to 26 weeks. Now, the benefit period is 3 weeks for everyone eligible.

An extra month and a half of benefits are now available to women unemployed because of pregnancy. They are now eligible for benefits during the first seven

and a half months of pregnancy. Previously the period was six months. As before, she will continue ineligible until a month after confinement.

Under the old law, persons leaving work "because of marital, filial and domestic circumstances" were not entitled to benefits. We have changed that to make eligible those who leave work for reasons of a "necessitous and compelling nature."

In other words, the law now recognizes that there are certain family and home relationships and problems which may necessitate leaving one's job. It would be best to consult with the nearest bureau of Employment Security office to determine what is considered "necessitous and compelling."

Previously, workers unemployed because a plant shuts down for vacation were usually ineligible to receive benefits. The law has been changed to read that claimants who are unemployed for that reason and who do not receive vacation pay directly or indirectly may be entitled to benefits.

The new law increases the pen-

## 'Rocket to Saturn' Latest Sky Show At Planetarium

Buhl Planetarium's summer star theater attraction features an imaginary journey in space to the ringed planet Saturn, the new show at the Pittsburgh institute of popular science is currently the feature attraction.

In "Rocket to Saturn," visitors will look down upon our solar system, see our sun and the planets revolving around it. The star theater becomes a rocket ship, and as it speeds on the eight hundred million mile journey, visitors will view wonders of the universe as they can be seen only from out in space. Close up views of the planets Mars and Jupiter are among the many sights seen through the spaceports of the Planetarium's star theater ship.

From one of Saturn's nine icy moons, the planet Saturn and its mysterious rings are viewed. One hundred seventy thousand miles in diameter, but less than ten miles thick, the rings encircle Saturn's equator. Believed by some to be remnants of a former moon that was shattered by the gravitational effect of too near an approach to the planet, the rings are the only such phenomena observed in the universe.

"Rocket to Saturn" is shown every weekday at 2:15 and 8:30 p. m.; on Sundays at 2:15, 4:15 and 8:30 p. m. There is a special show for children every Saturday at 11:00 a. m. at Buhl Planetarium, North Side, Pittsburgh.

## Plan Homecoming At Loretto College

Plans are being arranged for the annual Homecoming at St. Francis College, Loretto, it was announced today.

John F. Criste of Cresson, the president of St. Francis Alumni and other officers, along with J. Paul Melanson, the school director of public relations, are planning a bigger and better Homecoming program. The date, as yet, has not been set, but it is believed it will be held about the first week of October.

By the time the Homecoming arrives the three new buildings on the campus should be completed and plans are on the way

to combat tours throughout the campus and especially in the new structures.

It was announced that two new chapters, one in New York City, called the Manhattan chapter of the St. Francis Assn., and the other, the Washington, D. C. chapter, will be represented at the Homecoming. The final date is expected to be announced within a short time.

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## Patton Airman Leaves

Airman 3-C Russell J. Strasser left last week for a tour of duty with the U. S. Air Force in England. He had spent a thirty-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Strasser of Patton. Before receiving his present assignment, he was stationed at Travis AFB, California. A former employee of the Johnstown Plant of Bethlehem Steel Company, Strasser enlisted in the service in September.

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9:30 Western Theater	Western Theater	Western Theater	Western Theater	Western Theater	Western Theater	Western Theater
10:30 H. Time Serial	H. Time Serial	H. Time Serial	H. Time Serial	H. Time Serial	H. Time Serial	H. Time Serial
11:30 Flynn's Inn	Flynn's Inn	Flynn's Inn	Flynn's Inn	Flynn's Inn	Flynn's Inn	Flynn's Inn
12:30 Tennessee Ernie	Tennessee Ernie	Tennessee Ernie	Tennessee Ernie	Tennessee Ernie	Tennessee Ernie	Tennessee Ernie
1:30 Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
2:30 Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
3:30 Ted	Ted	Ted	Ted	Ted	Ted	Ted
4:30 Doc Will.	Doc Will.	Doc Will.	Doc Will.	Doc Will.	Doc Will.	Doc Will.
5:30 Serial	Serial	Serial	Serial	Serial	Serial	Serial
6:30 News	News	News	News	News	News	News
7:30 Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports
8:30 I Led 3	I Led 3	I Led 3	I Led 3	I Led 3	I Led 3	I Led 3
9:30 Star	Star	Star	Star	Star	Star	Star
10:30 News	News	News	News	News	News	News
11:30 Late Show	Late Show	Late Show	Late Show	Late Show	Late Show	Late Show
12:30 Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off

### WJAC-TV, Johnstown Channel 6

Thurs July 21	Fri July 22	Sat July 23	Sun July 24	Mon July 25	Tues July 26	Wed July 27
7:30 Today	Today	7:30 to 9:30 Color You Stars	Today	Today	Today	Today
8:30 Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today
9:30 Garry Moore	Wheat, Trouble Garry Moore	Garry Moore	Garry Moore	Garry Moore	Garry Moore	Garry Moore
10:30 Diner Drama	Diner Drama	Diner Drama	Diner Drama	Diner Drama	Diner Drama	Diner Drama
11:30 Strike It	Strike It	Strike It	Strike It	Strike It	Strike It	Strike It
12:30 Y. Lady	Y. Lady	Y. Lady	Y. Lady	Y. Lady	Y. Lady	Y. Lady
1:30 Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
2:30 Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
3:30 Ted	Ted	Ted	Ted	Ted	Ted	Ted
4:30 Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
5:30 Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie
6:30 News	News	News	News	News	News	News
7:30 Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports
8:30 I Led 3	I Led 3	I Led 3	I Led 3	I Led 3	I Led 3	I Led 3
9:30 Star	Star	Star	Star	Star	Star	Star
10:30 News	News	News	News	News	News	News
11:30 Late Show	Late Show	Late Show	Late Show	Late Show	Late Show	Late Show
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