

### Skeptics Upset by Employment of 60 Million in U. S.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Recent announcement that the U. S.

now has over 60 million employed workers brings back some funny memories. It recalls the days, two years ago, when the full employment idea was first being considered in Congress. There was a lot of stuff flying around then about how silly it was to expect that there would ever be 60 million employed in this country. There is of course only one



Pictures by Paul Jenkins



**BEAN HARVEST**—A view over the five-acre bean patch of Glenn Young in Lower Garden Valley is shown at left above. Pictured above are four youthful bean pickers who are helping out with the annual bean harvest this year. Left to right, they are Ruby Whittemore, Roy Van Horn, Ruby Teague, and Don Jones. At left, below, Maxine Broadbent demonstrates how she picks beans from the vine.

gram and no housing program. Citizens National Committee, Inc., whose principal angel is John W. Hanes, put out a pamphlet against the idea of full employment in 1945. Among other things, it said: "Of course, it would be possible to provide extensive employment if something akin to wartime conditions were perpetuated by adoption of a totalitarian economy such as exists in Russia or formerly existed in Germany. . . . It is difficult, however, to conceive of how 'full employment' can be arrived at short of such a step. Well, full employment is here, but is this a totalitarian government? If there are any morals in this flash-back, they are: 1. It doesn't pay to be a prophet. 2.—Never sell America short."

#### Sutherland

**SUTHERLIN**—Mr. and Mrs. John Brooks and daughter, Betty, from Judith Gap, Mont., spent last Saturday and Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alhey.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Torrey, who have been vacationing in Washington returned home last week and state that they had a very delightful time.

Mrs. L. A. Foley of Mitchell, Oregon, was in Sutherland the last week looking after her property.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sutherland and son were business visitors in Eugene last week.

Mr. Scott Retail Yard are the owners of a new truck. They now plan to do their own hauling.

Art Sheets who has been confined to a Eugene hospital for several months, because of a serious accident, was able to be brought home last Tuesday evening and the last report was that he is "getting along very nicely."

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Slack, Mrs. Dan Daniels and daughter, shopped and transacted business in Eugene last Thursday.

Mel Drevs of Portland made a business call in Sutherland Friday.

Mrs. Kenneth Jensen and two children, of Olympia, Wash., arrived in Sutherland last Sunday to visit for a while the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isador Groleau.

A. E. Tillett has sold his home to Mary Beach of Roseburg and gave possession Saturday. Mr. Tillett and family left Saturday for Washington where they will look around in several places before deciding where they will locate.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Probst and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Johnson and daughter, from Sagola, Mich., arrived in Sutherland Friday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Groleau.

Mrs. Dick Valentine and son, Walter, of Los Angeles, Calif., was in Sutherland the forpart of this week greeting friends.

Miss Patsy Groleau, who has been visiting a month or so at Olympia, Wash., with her sister, Mrs. Jensen, returned home Sunday.

#### THIRD IN DIMES DRIVE

**PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—(AP)**—Oregon's per capita contribution of about 32 cents to the 1947 March of Dimes infantile paralysis fund was third highest in the nation, the state society reported today.

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right way to deal with economic predictions. That is to file 'em away and forget 'em. Then, a couple of years later, dig 'em out and see how wrong they were.

Anyone who will take the trouble to dig back in the morgue on the 60-million-jobs subject should profit by the experience. For a lot of predictions of boom and bust are being made today. Properly appraised they are all guesses. Nobody knows what's going to happen in the future, as the following old testimony by experts should prove:

The origin of the mystical 60 million number can be traced back to S. Morris Livingston, chief of the National Economics unit in the Department of Commerce. In 1943 he estimated that after the war there would be between 59 and 60 million people in the labor force. He thought there might be between two and three million unemployed from time to time. He set 57 million as a goal for full employment by 1948.

As usual when people play the numbers game, this figure got rounded out to 60 million jobs. In the 1944 campaign, President Roosevelt promised 60 million jobs, if re-elected.

At first that was too much for even Henry Wallace, who wired F.D.R. "Your goal of 60 million jobs is perhaps high, but I glory in your daring." Henry thought Livingston's 57 million was about right.

#### Impossible But—

An economist named Dr. John Lee Coulter, working for the

Committee of Americans, Inc., proved mathematically that 60 million jobs was impossible. He took the trends in population growth, number of women workers, increased age expectancy, increase in college enrollment, subtracted a couple million for the armed forces and three million unemployed. He came up with the prediction that the labor supply in the postwar year would be only 50 million plus.

The National Association of Manufacturers, which should know about these things, said in January, 1945, that after the war private business could furnish jobs for only 22 million workers, plus 11 million agricultural workers—a total of 33 million.

They said that unnamed government planners were actually figuring on employing two million people on a federal housing program, two million on a youth program, five million on a public roads program, nine million on new "valley" plans like TVA, and four million on other government employment.

**Industry Unit Leads**

In case you wish to compare this prediction with the way it worked out, 45 million are now employed in private industry. In round numbers, agriculture is employing 10 million, the armed forces 1.4 million, the Federal government two million, state and local governments 3.1 million, and there are 2.5 million unemployed.

There is no youth program, no road program, no valley pro-

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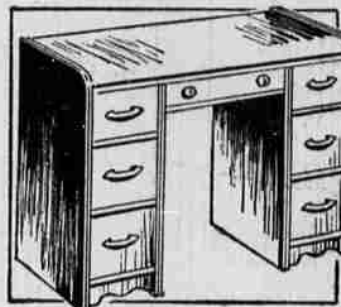
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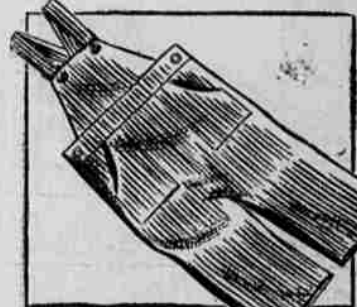
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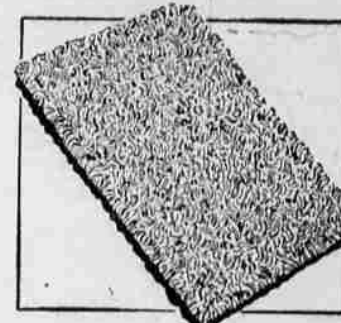
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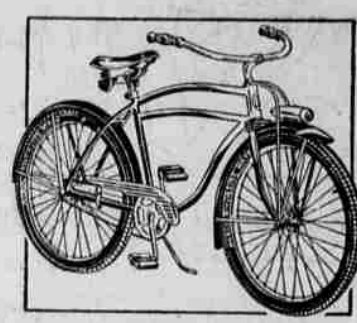
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