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EDITORIALS

Uncle Sam's official family is larger now than at any other time since the world war, Civil Service Commission statistics show.

Employees on the public payrolls, not counting the personnel of the legislative, judicial and military branches of government totalled \$29,193 on April 1 of this year. The total included both civil service and non-civil service officials and workers.

The \$29,193 total does not include CCC workers nor the persons on relief. On June 30, 1933, the total was 102 in less than four years and of 572,091, making an increase of 257, approximately 5,000 in the last eleven months.

Since 1926, the number of civil service workers increased 18 per cent from 422,300 to 498,725. In the same period non-civil service workers increased more than 200 per cent from 104,242 to 325,534. Since 1933, the number of non-civil service workers has risen 180 per cent while civil service employees have increased 10 per cent in that time.

WHO FOOTS THE BILL?

Strikes cost money. That salient fact must be overlooked as violence steals the headlines. But as dangerous as it is when mobs run rampant through the country, halting mail trucks and interfering with other people who want to work, the long term factor that strikes are costly cannot be overlooked.

First, they are costly to the minorities who decide to strike. Secondly, they are costly to the greater numbers who are forced out of employment in their own plant or who are laid off because a customer plant has been closed or a source of supply cut off. They are costly to the shopkeepers, the doctors, lawyers and candlestick makers in every community. With losses running into billions of dollars, they are cutting heavily into the national income, out of which comes the living standard of all the people.

These factors are felt immediately by the various groups directly affected. But the toll that the present wave of strikes and compulsory wage increases will take in the future of the buyer of manufactured goods cannot be calculated.

Let's look at it calmly. From 70 to 80 per cent of the cost of manu-

factured products is labor cost. As these costs go up and up, the selling price of goods must go up too. That is when the consumer begins to feel the effects of an economy dictated by violence rather than by peaceful consultation. And the farmer, caught in the squeeze, finds himself pinched as the goods that he buys in the city become dearer and dearer.

FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY

The "Glorious Fourth" can be just as glorious as we choose to make it. This year the long week-end created by the holiday will intensify the hazards which the Fourth always produces. The watchword should be, "Take care!"

Independence Day celebrates the independence of a nation. The coming week-end will demonstrate vividly the modern interdependence of people. Great streams of traffic pouring over the highways will show how essential are mutual regard and courtesy among drivers. Fireworks will demonstrate it too. A "firecracker thrown by another" is, according to the National Conservation Bureau, the greatest single cause of the tremendous number of fireworks accidents every Fourth of July. At the beaches and lakes, imprudent swimmers will again remind us that human life must be fished to save the life of a drowning person.

Reasonable care divides a happy holiday from the tragedies which mar it. Reasonable care will insure you, your family, and the other fellow against mishap. For instance:

If you drive—see that your car is in good mechanical condition. Check tires, lights, brakes, steering mechanism, windshield wiper, rear-view mirror, horn. Drive skillfully, at a reasonable speed. Observe the rules and courtesies of the road.

If you must use fireworks—give yourself plenty of space. Keep away from children and animals and buildings. Throw firecrackers away from people and inflammable materials, not at them. Never hold an exploding firecracker nor set them off under a bottle or can. Cauterize the smallest wound immediately—tetanus poisoning works fast and kills.

If you go swimming—swim in safe and protected places. Beware of strong tides and currents. Know your limits as a swimmer. Wait two hours after eating. Avoid shallow places.

PROSPECT ITEMS

June 18, 1937
Mr. and Mrs. George L. Jantzer made a business trip to Medford Monday.

A baseball game was played Sunday between Prospect and Medford. The score was 3 to 5 in favor of Prospect.

The W.C.T.U. local Institute was well attended. It was held at the church of the Nazarene beginning at 2:30 p. m. The program was as follows:

2:30 Devotionals by Rev. Leonard Hannon.

2:50 Introduction of leader, Mrs. Ellen Thrasher of Grants Pass, who is the County President.

2:55 The Children's Farm Home, a talk by Mrs. Wayman and Mrs. Pratt.
3:00 "Narcotics", by Mrs. Thrasher.
3:10 Congregational hymn.
3:15 Solo by Mrs. Phipps with Hope Clark at the piano.
3:20 L.T.L. Circus parade.
3:45 Recitation by Delpha Clark and Mary Lou Neville.
3:50 Duet by Miss Dolores Dole and Mrs. Velma Dunagan.
3:55 Greetings from Hope Clark, manager of L. T. L.
4:00 The W.C.T.U. Literature by Mrs. Thrasher.
4:15 Offering, music
4:20 Reading by Mrs. Phipps.
4:30 Reading by Grace Wayman.
4:35 Questions Discussed.
5:00 Dismissal.
6:00 Covered dish supper.
7:30 Devotionals by Rev. James Dole.

7:50 Quartet by The Dale 4, members of the Y.T.C.
7:55 Offering—music.
8:00 Address by Senator Johnson.
8:30 Solo by Mrs. Zoble, with Dolores Dole at the piano.
8:35 Greetings by Mrs. Pierson P. T.A. president.

8:40 Declamation contest by the Y.T.C.'s on peace, narcotics, alcohol and others. The judges were Professor Ray Zoble, Senator W. A. Johnson and Mrs. Ellen Thrasher, with the first prize ribbons going to Mrs. Wayman and Ivan Nye; second prize ribbons going to Dolores Dole and Wilmer Wheeler.

8:50 Congregational hymn.
8:55 W.C.T.U. Benediction.

The ones attending the Townsend Conventio at Roseburg Sunday were Waldo Nye, Hope Nye Clark, Marion Bean, Dee Hedgpeh, Wilmer Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Chancy Arant and Clifford Arant.

Among those who visited Medford Monday were Dolores Dole, James Dole, Rev. Leonard Hannon, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dunagan and family, Mr. Ivan Smith and family who used to live here has moved to Gold Hill and purchased a meat market and is running a Meat Truck up here Miss Elaine Fett of Los Angeles, Calif., is visiting her aunt and family, Mrs. Elmer Clemens.

June 23, 1937
Among the Medford visitors over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Jantzer and sons Teddy and Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Johnson and others.

Eugene Dunagan who is attending summer school in Ashland was home over the week end.

A party of young people enjoyed a picnic lunch and visit to Crater Lake Sunday. The young people were Wilmer Wheeler, Emory Moore Irene Nye, Velma Fowler, Dolores Dole, Floyd Dole, Waldo Nye, Horace Wilson and Paul Dole.

The logging outfit of the Jantzer's Mill have moved to the Woodruff Meadows where they are logging choice Sugar Pine.

This office is the proud recipient of two beautiful bouquets of sweet peas and baby breath, one bouquet composed of large ruffled lavender sweetpeas the other mixed shades of pink and rose.

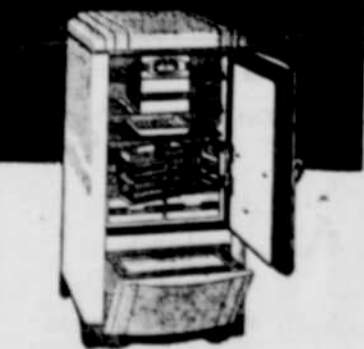
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NOTICE
The Humane Society asks that consideration be shown all animals over the 4th of July, in shooting off fire crackers.
Many dogs have been maimed thru the careless tossing of a firecracker. Many valuable bird dogs as pups have been made gun shy in this manner.
Try and keep your dog confined on your own property over the 4th that he may not be frightened and run away or get hurt or possibly ruined for your future use.

Pioneer Lady, 92, To Last Reward

Mrs. Mary Ellen Mitchell, one of Oregon's earliest pioneers, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. V. Perry, in Sams Valley, early Saturday morning, at the age of nearly 92.

She was born in McDonald county Missouri July 22, 1845. She crossed the plains with her parents by ox-team in 1852 and settled in the Willamette valley after a six months' journey. Two years later the family moved to Douglas county and resided near Roseburg until 1868, when she moved with her husband and children to Sams Valley, where she has since resided.

She leaves two sons and two daughters, R.L. and A.L. Nichols of Lookout, Cal., Mrs. R. V. Perry of Sams Valley and Mrs. Orpha McLaughlin of Salem. Also seven grand children and six great grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at the graveside in Sams Valley cemetery by Rev. Sherman L. Divine, at 3 p. m. Monday. Conger's Funeral Parlors was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright To Visit Relatives

Arriving on Saturday are Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wright of Riverside, California for a visit with relatives and friends among whom are Mrs. Frank Cochran, who is a sister of Mr. Wright, and brothers Joe, Will and George Wright and their families. Mr. Wright is a teacher in the Riverside school and hopes to try out the fishing in Rogue River during his vacation.

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WRESTLING NEWS Elmer Merritt Wins Extended Free Trip

In one of the most spine-tingling wrestling cards presented by Promoter Mack Lillard this year, the Black Dragon whipped Frankie Taylor in the main event, Frank Sojack knocked off Monte LaDue in the middle affair, and Pete Belcastro licked Dale Haddock in the opener after the six huskies had hammered themselves into various states of exhaustion in a great battle royal. Nearly a capacity crowd turned out to see the continuance of the famous Belcastro-Black Dragon feud at the armory Monday night and although the two didn't meet in the main tangle, the customers more than got their money's worth in that opening free-for-all.

Mr. Elmer Merritt, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Merritt of Central Point, who is in the employ of the Sperry Flour Co. of Klamath Falls won an extended trip with all expenses paid by the Company. Leaving on June 15 traveling by train from San Francisco to New York thence by boat to Miami Florida and Galveston Texas. Other winner being picked up along the route and all enjoying a stop at the main plant in Lansing Michigan where they were shown the entire working system. Visits in other cities included Chicago, Detroit, New York Miami, Galveston and others. The group then returned to the coast and their various homes.

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