

Your Money's Worth

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NEW YORK TOP CITY FOR OFFICE WORKERS

The office worker in New York City stands at the top or just below the top of the scale compared with the rest of the United States in terms of average weekly earnings, starting pay, hours worked per week, paid holidays, paid vacations, many fringe benefits.

The office worker in Dallas stands at the bottom of the scale in terms of most of these bread-and-butter fundamentals—with an average pay level not only far below that of New York City but also well below the national average.

In between New York City and Dallas are other major cities of the nation. As an illustration, average earnings of office workers in Houston and Chicago are only slightly below New York City's peak while Baltimore and Philadelphia have the mixed distinction of nudging Dallas at the bottom of the scale. ("Mixed" because while this may be all bad from the employee's point of view, employers may consider a comparatively inexpensive office labor force a great advantage.)

The U.S. Labor Department has just released its final report on wages and supplementary benefits of office employees in the home offices and regional head offices of life insurance companies across the nation.

In addition to submitting a breakdown of wage-benefit patterns by regions, it gives detail on 12 top cities. Since the financial setup of a man or woman working in an insurance office is surely some indication of the financial setup of men and women in other white collar office jobs, here are the key facts.

Average earnings: With the average pay level for the United States considered as a base of "100", here is how the cities rank. New York, 110; Houston, 109; Chicago, 109; Los Angeles-Long Beach, 107; Hartford, 106; Jacksonville, 98; Boston, 97; Des Moines, 95; Minneapolis-St. Paul, 93; Philadelphia, 91; Baltimore, 90; Dallas, 89.

Earnings of women typists doing routine work range from an average of \$30 a week in Minneapolis-St. Paul to \$68 in Hartford and of women clerks doing routine filing, from an average of \$48 in Dallas and Des Moines to \$61.30 in Hartford.

Starting pay: Beginning salaries go from \$40 to \$60. In New York City, the common starting pay for an inexperienced typist is \$55 to \$60 while in Minneapolis-St. Paul, it's \$45 to \$50.

Weekly hours: In eight of the 12 cities, the majority are scheduled to work 37½ hours. In Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia, the scheduled work week is shorter—in the 36 hour range. Only in Dallas is the scheduled work week for the majority longer than 37½ hours a week.

Paid holidays: All the offices provide paid holidays but the variation is wide—from five or six days a year in Dallas to 11½ days in New York and 12 to 13 days in Philadelphia.

Paid vacations: All also offer paid vacations. With the single exceptions of Baltimore, most receive two weeks' vacation after one year on the job and most get three weeks' vacation after 10 or 15 years of service. The most liberal cities on four weeks' vacation after 20 years of employment are Boston, Houston, Jacksonville and New York City.

Health, insurance and pension plans: These benefits are widespread but New York City doesn't appear to rank at the top here. A breakdown might be misleading, though for life insurance companies may not suggest practices of other offices on insurance benefits.

Nonproduction bonuses, typically paid at Christmas or year-end: On this one point, the positions are reversed—with Dallas showing up as the most generous and New York City as the least. Other cities in which bonuses are common are Chicago, Hartford and Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Of course, this only takes on real meaning when it's placed against the background of living costs in these cities. Another study a while back of what it costs a typical family of four to maintain a "modest but adequate" living level disclosed that of 20 selected cities, Houston was the cheapest place to live, Chicago was the most expensive and New York was seventh from the bottom. (Houston, \$5,370 a year; New York, \$5,970; Chicago, \$6,567.)

With Houston close to New York on a number of scores, this could help throw the dollars-and-cents laurel to Texas after all but when all is added up and broken down, I'll wager the New York office worker still would come out at the top.

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

CHARLES DICKENS had a favorite after-dinner story that he trotted out for all occasions. It concerned a bitter argument between an Englishman and a Frenchman who agreed to fight a duel with pistols right where they were, with guests cleared from the room, and candles extinguished. The brave but humane Englishman (remember this is Dickens' story!) was unwilling to shed blood, so he groped his way to the fireplace, and discharged his weapon up the chimney. Whom did he bring down but the craven Frenchman, who had crept there for safety! Dickens admitted that when he heard this story in Paris, it was the Englishman who climbed up the chimney.

It is not unusual for an author to disdain his publishers, but William Makepeace Thackeray was more vociferous on the subject than most—possibly because his master-piece, "Vanity Fair," had been turned down by eighteen publishers before one was found willing to take a chance on it. Thackeray found himself, with a friend, in the drawing room of a publisher's home, awaiting the publisher, one morning. The carpet in the room was a gaudy design of red and white. When the publisher appeared, Thackeray announced, "We have been admiring your carpet, sir. It is most appropriate! You made in the blood and brains of authors!"



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Dennis the Menace



"IF YOU DIDN'T LIKE YOUR COCOA, WHY DIDN'T YOU TAKE IT BACK TO THE KITCHEN?"

Candidate Speaks In Four Counties During Week End

World peace, and the liberty of over half of the people of the world depends on each individual citizen of the United States; it depends on you and your neighbors," Robert B. Duncan, speaker of the Oregon House of representatives and candidate for Congress for the Fourth district, told an audience of International Woodworkers of America and their families at a picnic at Coquille Sunday afternoon.

Duncan pointed out that the entire world looks to the United States to provide the leadership and direction in our 24-hour a day struggle against the forces of Communism and philosophy. And to provide that leadership our country must remain strong, and continue to progress.

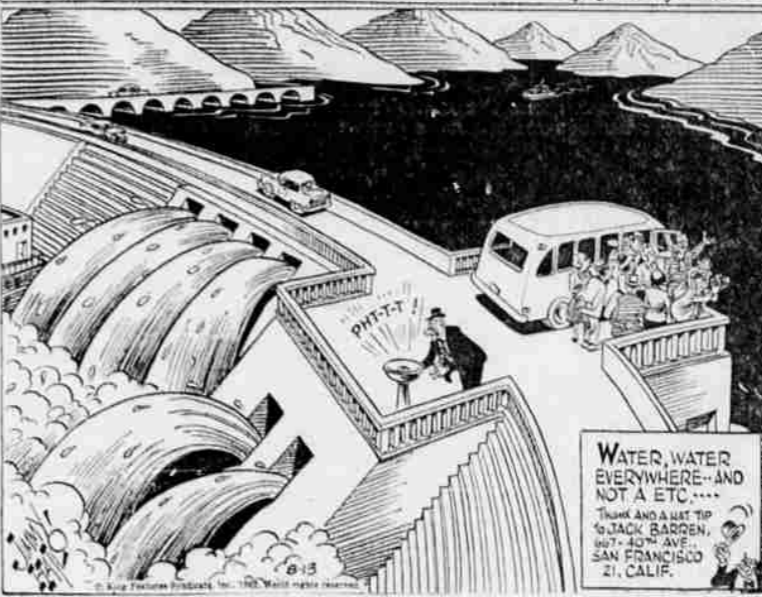
"Citizenship is not a privilege of birth, but it is a duty and obligation; to ourselves, future generations, and our neighbors in other lands," Curry Audience.

Friday the candidate spoke before a Curry county audience at Harbor on the relationships of governmental agencies and legislative bodies.

"Administrators of our various agencies need to and should vigorously present the recommendations of the legislative bodies. It is then up to members of such legislative bodies to evaluate and weigh the demands and needs of that agency against all other programs and needs," Duncan said.

Duncan spoke to Curry county audiences on Friday and Saturday, and continued his campaign in Coos, Linn and Lane counties on Sunday. Among the places visited were the Curry County fair, the IWA picnic in Coquille, Democratic picnics in Eugene and Brownsville during the week end.

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State Police Check Accidents

State police reported three minor accidents occurred on Highway 99 in the southern part of the county Saturday and Sunday.

The first occurred about 4 p.m. south of Ashland when a northbound car driven by Howard Doyle Baker, 28, of Lahabra, Calif., stopped short behind a nother car, then skidded into the southbound car driven by Robert Joseph Sloan, 32, of Fremont, Calif., police said.

Thirty minutes later, north of Phoenix, a two car accident occurred as Glen Minahan Corbett, 20, of Portland, attempted to change lanes and was hit by a car driven by John Jacob Hamblin, 37, of 169 Lincoln st., Ashland. No injuries were reported and only minor damage resulted, state police said.

About 2:30 p.m., Sunday cars driven by Harris Virgil Holsapple, 51, of box 107, Talent, and Gerald Raymond Reed, 26, of 175 Church st., Ashland, collided as Holsapple attempted to make a left turn onto Fourth st., Phoenix, according to police reports.

Marriage-wait laws are in effect in 19 states.

Placement Institute

Four local teachers are attending two advanced placement institutes at the University of Oregon this month.

Mrs. Roland D. Smith, John Smock, James J. Backen, and Mrs. Marjorie Miehoff Lining are teachers of honors classes in the valley. The two-week training institutes are in English and European history, and teachers participating will teach advanced classes in high schools.

Russia Pressed for Four-Power Talks

Washington (UPI)—Secretary of State Dean Rusk today pressed Russia for four power talks on reducing tension between East and West Berlin.

This was the only concrete development officials would discuss after Rusk and Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin met for 23 minutes at the State department.

The State department said the talk "produced no significant change" in the over-all Berlin situation.

The United States and other Western powers proposed June 25 that representatives of the United States, Britain, France and Russia meet to discuss ways of reducing the number of incidents of violence which have occurred at the Berlin wall and ways to ease the barriers to commerce and movement of people between the two sectors.

Russia formally rejected the proposal July 14, Last Saturday, the State department urged the Kremlin to "reconsider."

Crane Falls Onto Train; Six Injured

New York (UPI)—A high-way construction crane toppled from an overpass onto Long Island Railroad tracks today, badly damaging the first of a five-car train and injuring six passengers, five of them critically, police reported.

The injured were taken to St. John's hospital by police and hospital disaster units that were called to the scene in the Woodside section of Queens. All power was cut off on a major portion of the Long Island's Queens Line at the order of fire officials, but there was no fire.

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Milwaukie Teacher, Son Found in Wilds

Detroit, Ore. (UPI)—A long 21 hours in the rugged, chill Cascades ended Sunday afternoon for a Milwaukie school teacher and her small son.

Mrs. Gordon A. Clapp and Leonard, 3, were sighted by a search helicopter as they waded from a small field in Brietenbush canyon in the mountains northeast of Salem.

The rescue ended a search by more than 70 Scouts and mountain rescue teams who had fanned out along the Skyline Trail area.

The helicopter lifted Mrs. Clapp and her son with ropes and carried them to a forest ranger station. Both were in good shape.

Mrs. Clapp and Leonard had roamed five miles during the night from the spot where they became separated from their party during a wilderness outing Friday.

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Student Arrives From Turkey

Ashland—A 16-year-old student from Istanbul, Turkey, has arrived here to attend school under the auspices of the American Field service foreign exchange program.

The teen-age boy, Ali Saner, will be a senior at Ashland High school this fall. He is living with Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Kreisman and family, 455 Liberty st. Dr. Kreisman is a member of the Southern Oregon college faculty.

Saner, who arrived late last week, is the second foreign exchange student to live with an Ashland family. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fries Jr., 808 Harmony lane, hosted Yvonne Nicholson of Pretoria, South Africa, last year.

Dr. Kreisman said Saner is interested in math, e. m. t. c. s., physics and chemistry. He also enjoys football, swimming, basketball and ping-pong. By religious affiliation he is a Mussulman.

Reports Awaited On Marilyn Monroe

Hollywood (UPI)—The coroner's office expects a toxicologist's report early this week on the drugs that caused the death of screen star Marilyn Monroe, 36.

Coroner Theodore Curphey also said he was waiting for the report of a suicide team which was trying to determine whether the beauty took her own life or died accidentally.

Curphey said the toxicologist had determined the actress, who was found dead in her Brentwood home Aug. 5, died of a "lethal overdose" of barbiturates, but had not ruled out the possibility she may have taken more than one drug.

Eddie Cantor Said To Be Improving

Beverly Hills, Calif. (UPI)—Comedian Eddie Cantor, grief-stricken by the death of his wife, is much improved today, according to his physician.

Cantor collapsed upon hearing of the death of his wife, Ida, Aug. 8 and was in a state of shock with a nurse constantly in attendance. He has been under treatment a number of years for a heart ailment.

He was allowed out of bed Sunday for the first time.

"His heart is doing all right now," explained the physician, "but he is very sad and depressed and will have to continue resting."

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Monkeys, Hamsters Lost in Manitoba

Sunnyvale, Calif. (UPI)—A wide area search was in progress today for two monkeys and four hamsters, lost over northeastern Manitoba when the giant research balloon from which they were suspended in capsules drifted away from its tracking plane.

Brad Evans, information director of the Ames Research center, which directed the experiment to test radiation effects on the animals, said planes were searching a wide area for the four capsules which contained the animals and other experiments.

The balloon, part of a National Aeronautics and Space Administration experiment, was launched Thursday from Goose Bay, Labrador. It became lost in a storm sometime Saturday night, Evans said.

HORSE TRADER

Farmstead, Eng. (UPI)—Stanley Morris said he was just another unsuccessful used car dealer until he came up with a new sales twist. Recently he has traded cars and small trucks to farmers for cows, horses, and, in one case, 100 turkeys.

AIRPLANE FOUND

Kathmandu, Nepal (UPI)—A Nepali airliner missing since Aug. 1 with 10 persons, was found at the foot of a mountain with no survivors, unconfirmed reports reaching here said Saturday.

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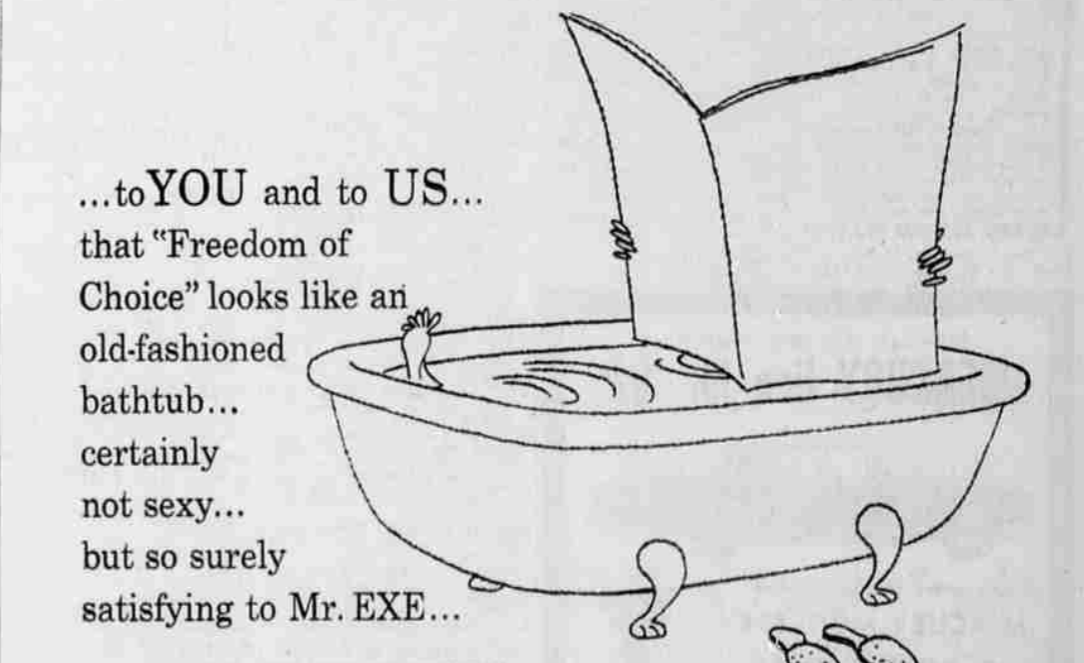
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