

MAY RATE OF INCOMES HITS 86 BILLIONS

Income payments to individuals in the United States in May reached an annual rate of 86 billion dollars, the highest on record, the department of commerce reported today. The rise in the adjusted income payment index from April to May, 1941 was the largest advance in a single month recorded by that series. It reflects not only continued increase in business activity generated by the rearmament program but to some extent a recovery from the temporary slackening of industrial production occasioned by the shut-down in the bituminous coal fields in April.

In comparison with the May figure, the revised total of income payments to individuals for 1940 was \$75,754 million. For 1929 the comparable total was \$32,374 million.

The department of commerce has now revised its monthly income payment series covering the period since 1929. On the basis of the revised figures, it appears that by February, 1941, income payments had surpassed their 1929 monthly average and by April, 1941 had approximated the previous record figure of \$84 billions attained in August, 1929.

Income payments during the first five months of 1941 aggregated \$33,889 millions as compared with \$29,911 millions for the first five months of 1940, an increase of 13 per cent. The increase is attributable in large part to the rise of salaries and wages, which increased 18 per cent over the same period a year ago. Wages and salaries accounted for 68.4 per cent of total income payments during the first five months of 1941 as compared with 65.8 per cent of the total for the first five months of 1940.

The rise in employee income has become particularly rapid in recent months. The department of commerce's adjusted index of salaries and wages advanced from 121.1 in November, 1940 (1935-39 equalling 100) to 136.9 for May, 1941, when it was 12 per cent above the 1929 average of 122.7.

The advance was most pronounced in the industries directly affected by the defense program. Commodity-producing industries, which have received the bulk of defense contracts, account for two-thirds of the rise since last November, although they represented but 40 per cent of all salaries and wages in that month. The rapid expansion in industrial output since the summer has carried payrolls in these important industries fully 15 per cent above the high-points of 1929.

Reflecting expansion in the armed forces and in defense construction, governmental payrolls are also substantially higher than in November, 1940. Employee incomes in other private industries have shown moderate increases in recent months, but for the most part continue below their 1929 levels.

ALL'S WELL
BRAZIL, Ind., (P)—Virginia Strong is only 20 months old but she knew what to do when she fell into a well.

The tin lid on the well gave way beneath her and she plunged 20 feet into chilling water.

She caught hold of the pipe from the pump and held on tight for 30 minutes until firemen could let down a man to save her.

"Torture Test" for Dodge Logging Truck



Picture shows Dodge logging truck of Chas. E. Berry, Dairy, Ore., taking on 35 tons of logs at loading station on Bill Raymond holdings 64 miles southeast of Klamath. Two weeks of warm weather have meant a lot to the truckers and loggers of the Klamath valley who are getting top prices for logs and hauling.

21 KLAMATH MEN GO TO ROBERTS

Word has been received that 21 men from Klamath Falls have been transferred from Fort Lewis, Wash., to Camp Roberts, Calif., where they will be placed in the infantry replacement training center.

Those who were transferred are as follows: Donald M. Sheely, Leo R. Moulton, Gholston N. Noah, Warren D. Kness, Harold C. Douglas, Robert T. Edwards, George W. Merick, George A. Chamberlain, Gordon W. Van, Chester A. Muselman, Clifford L. Phillips, Howard C. Gentry, Hilbert Herzog, Ival C. Knox, George Campbell, Ronald Morgan, Barney V. Childens, Woodbert E. Dexter, Woodrow Eggate, Vernon F. Lonsignat, Elbert Mathis and Arthur Woolley.

Medford NYA Man Goes to Eugene

Earl I. Rice, Medford, is being transferred to new NYA area headquarters at Eugene, effective July 21, following consolidation of such offices from five to three, stated NYA Administrator Ivan G. Munro of Portland today.

Chester I. Nelson of Salem, will become area director and Rice will supervise all work projects from Eugene. Activities in Klamath and all counties from Marion into the southwestern part of Oregon, will be managed from the university city.

Temporarily, offices will be located in the Hampden building in downtown Eugene until the administrative building at near-

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DEFENSE DIRECTORY COMPILED BY WPA

As a part of the work of the office of civilian defense, Washington, D. C., headed by Mayor LaGuardia, field workers of the WPA historical records survey projects throughout the nation are interviewing officials of non-profit community organizations engaged in civilian defense activities or conducting training, or available or usable for any form of civilian defense activity if and when an emergency arises.

Such organizations include chambers of commerce, luncheon clubs, social agencies, PTA's, women's clubs, Red Cross, county medical societies and other professional associations, agricultural organizations, certain labor and industrial bodies, and all community or group service agencies who could marshal their members in any way to serve the interests of civilian activity related to national and local defense.

The OCD at Washington will build up a national reference file based on the reports. Each state through the historical records survey project will publish a descriptive directory. It is estimated that in Oregon this inven-

tory will include more than 2000 organizations. All county seats and all towns over 2500 population are to be covered.

The office of civilian defense and the state council request the fullest cooperation on the part of local officials, as all field work must be finished by August 20 and the publication date is set for September. The directory will prove most valuable to all county committees of the state

civilian defense council. Copies will be furnished also to heads of all state-wide organizations.

The survey is under the direction of T. J. Edmonds, assisted by Verne Bright, chief editor, and Hildegarde Enke, business manager. Harold D. Gray of the state WPA is in general charge of all defense research and records work for that organization. In this community, the civilian defense organizations are being

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