

Farm Workers Outnumbered By Government Jobholders

There are more people on public payrolls in the United States than there are farmers employed on all the farms in all the states in the entire nation, it is reported by the Tax Foundation.

Total public employment in Federal, state and local government reached a new high of 7,983,000 persons in fiscal 1964, compared with 6,683,000 in farm employment, according to figures contained in the new eighth edition of the Foundation's biennial reference book, Facts and Figures on Government Finance, 1964-65.

Put another way, the number of people in public employment is greater than the total population of Chicago, Cleveland and Portland, Me.

Public payrolls increased by nearly 20,000 in fiscal 1964, again reflecting a steady increase since the postwar low in 1946, said the Foundation. A sizeable increase in state and local employment counteracted a slight decline in Federal employment, which at 2,348,000 was smaller in 1964 than in any of the preceding three years.

The 251-page book, which contains charts and tables describing taxation, spending and debt aspects of Federal, state and local governments, showed the following growth in public employment:

In 1946, the total of employees of all types of government was 5,263,000; in 1950, 6,360,000; in 1951, 6,678,000; in 1952, 6,925,000; and in 1953, 7,061,000. In 1961, there were 2,386,000 Federal employees; in 1962, 2,599,000; and in 1963, 2,519,000. Meanwhile, the book shows state and local employment (including school and non-school) climbed from 4,541,000 in 1963 to 4,785,000 in 1964, the highest point in progressive increases dating back to 1950.

What it cost to pay this vast labor force is shown in one of the 173 tables in the book. The monthly payroll of all civilian employees in 1964 was over \$2 billion, highest

in history. Federal government payrolls were down slightly from \$328 million per month in 1953 to \$289 million per month in fiscal 1964, but state and local monthly payrolls rose in fiscal 1964 by about \$100 million over the figure for fiscal 1963.

10 Commandments For Real Sportsmen

The hunting season is often almost as dangerous to the hunter as it is to the hunted. County Agent C. W. Overman cautions that with more hunters in the field than ever before, common sense should be the by-word in handling guns and that consideration of the rights and safety of others should always be observed.

Mr. Overman points also to this important reminder—the true hunter displays both sportsmanship and safety. He knows how to use the right gun for the right game. He hunts only in season and does not take the limit unless he can use the meat or trophies.

For bird hunting, the hunter takes a trained dog to retrieve cripples. He puts out campfires and cigarettes carefully, breaks matches before dropping them, and in other ways shows that he is "using his head."

The County Agent calls attention to these "10 commandments" of the true sportsman:

- 1—Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
- 2—Carry only empty guns, taken down or with the action open, into your auto, camp, and home.
- 3—Be sure that the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.
- 4—Always carry your gun so that you can control the direction of the muzzle, even if you stumble.
- 5—Be sure of your target before pulling the trigger.

- 6—Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.
- 7—Never leave the gun unattended unless unloading it first.
- 8—Don't climb a tree or a fence with a loaded gun.
- 9—Don't shoot at a flat hard surface or the surface of water.
- 10—Do not mix gunpowder and alcohol.

State Ports Gaining In Volume Business

The labor payroll for handling cargo through the Wilmington State Port has exceeded \$100,000 for the third consecutive month. This is announced by Colonel Richard S. Marr, Executive Director of the North Carolina State Ports Authority. He also states that during the last one hundred days, with the exception of about eighteen of these days, the Wilmington State Docks were always busy working at least one ship and many days during this period two ships were either being loaded or unloaded.

Marr also said, "During this period, more than 1,500 railroad cars were loaded or unloaded at the State Docks. These, combined with hundreds of motor transports, have of tons of tobacco, scrap iron, jute, burlap, wood pulp, cotton, steel products and other items of general cargo."

"The economic value of this activity to the state is far-reaching, for in addition to the labor payrolls of \$100,000 per month, transportation costs on this cargo have been considerable, and the millions of dollars exchanged in the buying and selling of these goods have benefited many people."

"Present information indicates that this trend will continue on into next year, for more and more people are becoming conscious of the great economic value of the State Ports to them."

Progress needs the brakeman, but the brakeman should not spend all his time putting on the brakes. —Elbert Hubbard.



MULE TRAIN—Six of the Army's indispensable members take off on a training exercise with mountain climbing troops at Camp Carson, Colo.

Interview With Rayburn RAYBURN OUTLINES MAJORITY PARTY PLAN IN NEW CONGRESS

By HARRY DENT (Washington Correspondent) Democratic leaders in Congress will wait for President Eisenhower to place his legislative program before the 84th Congress in his January State of the Union message before initiating a plan of their own.

Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.), Speaker-to-be of the House, and Senator Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.), who is expected to be the next Senate majority leader, have agreed on taking a wait-and-see attitude after a series of conferences on the subject.

They have even overruled a suggestion that top Democrats from both Houses meet in Washington on December 15 to map plans for a detailed Democratic legislative blueprint.

According to Rayburn, such a hard and fast program may never be formulated, although the Democrats will lose no time in putting forward their own bills and objectives once the new Congress gets underway. He said: "Our record will be our program. On domestic policies, of course, it will be a partisan record. We will have bills and policies of our own to advance. But when the President is right we will support him. That is more than Republicans did for a Democratic President in the 80th Congress."

The Texas lawmaker expects to find a large area of agreement between the Democrats and President Eisenhower if his legislative recommendations follow the pattern of 1963-64. Speaking of this,

he said: "Eighty per cent of his (Eke's) program represented extensions in one form or another of laws passed by prior Democratic administrations. Naturally we supported much of it."

Rayburn has stated that Democratic efforts will be directed largely toward: (1) a three-year extension of the reciprocal trade agreements act, (2) a review of the tax structure to make it "fair to all rather than a few," (3) a return to high, rigid farm price supports, and (4) a reasonable increase in Federal salaries.

In only one of these fields—reciprocal trade act extension—will the Democrats move right ahead, without waiting for the President's message, and this is a field in which Democratic thinking is in line with the President's.

On foreign policy, the Democrats are reported to be anxious to develop "true bipartisanship," but they have no desire to be included, along with Republican leaders in the weekly White House talks on



Question: If the cotton referendum December 14 does not carry, will allotments end?

Answer: No. The object of the referendum is to set the support level of next year's cotton. Acreage allotments have already been established for 1965 and will be in effect regardless of the outcome of the election.

If the election carries, how will it affect me?

Answer: If you plant within domestic legislation. They would be glad to consult with the President on any special domestic problems, but believe the President, through his Republican leadership, should be allowed to advance his own domestic proposals.

Flocks Impaired By Incurable Blindness

Aside from colds and roup, chickens may have definite eye troubles, according to R. S. Dearstyne, head of poultry science at State College which impair their usefulness and often render them uneconomical.

These troubles include total or partial blindness or the disease known as ocular leucosis. All of the factors causing blindness in chickens are not known. Ocular leucosis is one of the five types of this disease which is probably caused by a virus.

your allotment, you will be entitled to price supports ranging between 82 1/2 to 90 per cent of parity, or about 33 cents a pound. Cotton produced in excess of allotments will be subject to marketing penalties.

Question: What will happen to cotton supports if the election fails to carry?

Answer: Cotton will be supported at only 50 per cent of parity, or around 17 cents a pound.

A tabulation of blindness and leucosis taken from the autopsy sheets of the poultry diagnostic laboratory at State College shows that in birds through 10 weeks of age there were 16 instances among 11,028 birds which had these troubles. In range stock birds, 134 of 3,441 birds sent in had blindness or leucosis, and in 3,948 adults there were 580 birds showing either of these troubles.

This does not indicate the extent of eye troubles in the entire poultry population of the state but merely that of birds sent in for laboratory examination, Dearstyne says.

"It seems advisable that poultrymen in routine examination of birds should carefully examine the eyes. Should any bird show definite indication of any eye abnormality it should be promptly culled as apparently there is little chance of recovery," according to Dearstyne.

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