

1940 Accident Toll 96,500, Reports Show

Fourteen thousand men of draft age—the equivalent of a full army division—were killed in accidents in the United States during 1940, the National Safety Council reports.

The council said the total number killed by accidents in the nation was 96,500, an increase of four per cent over the previous year, but still below the record year of 1936, when there were 110,052 deaths.

Key to much of the 1940 increase was stimulated activity in all fields which could be attributed to national defense, the council said. However, the council warned against a rising death and injury total as an inevitable accompaniment of national preparedness and said successful accident prevention often has been achieved despite increased exposure.

The number of deaths resulting from occupations increased 10 per cent, more than any of the five council classifications. The total for 1940 was 17,000, compared with 15,500 the previous year. Accidents also caused the injury of 9,100,000 persons last year which, the council said, was equivalent to the disablement of one out of every 15 persons in the nation.

Cost of the 1940 deaths and injuries was estimated by the council at \$3,500,000,000.

INCREASE

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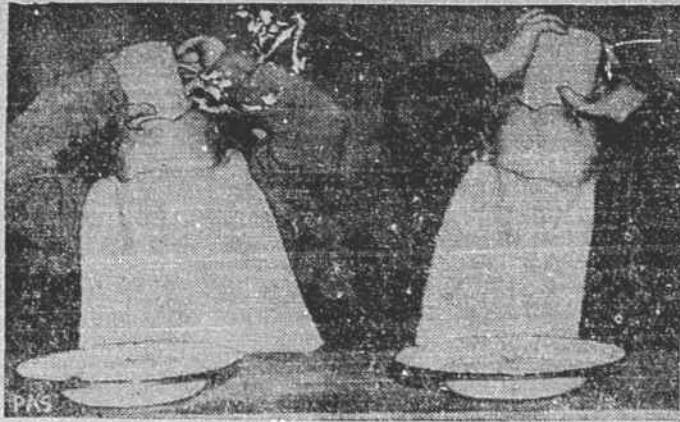
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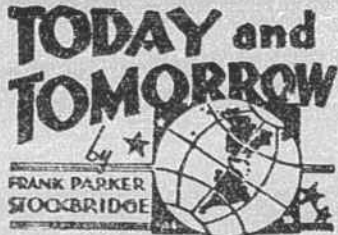
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Keeping Their Chins Up



London.—In line with the evergrowing "Save the Children" movement in London, the playwright and author, J. B. Priestley and his wife, have opened a "Save the Children" shelter home on the outskirts of the city. These children, aged four, are being fed hot broth, and seem to be enjoying every mouthful.



UNEMPLOYED 1,110,270

For the last ten years it has been anybody's guess just how many people there were out of work at any particular time.

No actual count was made until last March, when the census takers presumably counted every nose in the United States—and found out just how many noses were being kept to the groundstone and how many people were looking for work.

The government adding machines haven't yet finished the huge job of getting exact totals, but when the final figures are available here is what they are expected to show:

Seeking work 5,110,270
On public emergency work 2,380,065

Those are the figures for last March, however. Since then many of those seeking work have found jobs in defense industries. So, by the time the final figures are released, they will already be outdated and the extent of the unemployment situation will still be anybody's guess.

STATISTICS impersonal

While I was analyzing the cold, statistical records of unemployment, a man came in to see me about a job. When the census takers checked him they marked him down as "unemployed." Thereafter he became just one little digit, under that head, in the census bureau's statistical department. If it hadn't been for him the figure on those "seeking work" would be 5,110,269 instead of 5,110,270.

But he wasn't interested in figures on employment. He said that during his year of being unemployed he hadn't felt that he had gained any solace from the fact that there were

a lot of others in the same boat.

Now, however, he is getting panicky over reports that the nation's huge defense program has the employment problem pretty well licked.

"I didn't get any comfort out of the fact that a lot of others were out of work when I was," he said, "but I'm plain scared now when I hear that everybody's getting a job and I'm still adrift."

There are plenty of others who must feel the same way as this man. The answer for most of them is that skilled workers are the ones who are in greatest demand, that factory workers in general have gone back to work in droves, but white collar jobs haven't opened up at the same pace. They probably will, since greater production means more supervision and clerical work—but that will be a secondary phase. Right now all attention is centered on getting all of America's machines humming.

WOMEN jobs

Did you know that, in this country, there are three times as many men working as there are women?

That census figure surprised me, because in so many businesses the women seem to far outnumber the men. But in our biggest factories most of the work is man's work—and that's where the bulk of employment is these days.

There are over 37 million women in the country who don't try to get jobs. The great majority of them, of course, do housework, but the government doesn't count them as part of the "labor force." Taking care of a house, cooking the meals, raising a few children and doing the washing puts them under the statistical classification of non-workers—wives' opinions notwithstanding.

And speaking of wives—the census shows that there aren't enough to go around. If every girl in America had a husband, there would still be 256,412 men left over. Husbands, it would seem, are becoming a drug on the market.

TOWNS namesakes

There are towns all over the United States which are named after towns in England—Londons and Dovers and Bradfords and Cambridges and Oxfords and Hamptons and hundreds of others.

This fact gave Mrs. Barbara Spencer an idea. Mrs. Spencer came over here from England last summer, and ever since she's wanted to do something to really help that stricken nation.

Now she's doing a grand job of it, through the organization she started called "Namesakes Town Committee, Inc."

The idea is to persuade the people who live in a town here, which is named after a town in England, to help the people in that English town.

Mrs. Spencer finds out what things are needed most by the various towns in England and reports to the namesake towns here. They, in turn, work out a plan to fill those needs, for clothes, food, blankets and other necessities.

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Boone High Swamps North Wilkesboro 49-10

The Appalachian high "Blue Devils" turned loose their high scoring forwards, Tom Beach and Roy Coffey, who scored 35 point between them, to hand North Wilkesboro of the season in the local gym Wednesday night. The final score was 49 to 10. The Wilkesboro team was completely outclassed, but was hampered by the sickness of two of their best players.

The game started slow with the Boone boys missing several shots. Wilkesboro jumped into an early lead with a one-handed cast and two foul tosses. However, their lead was short as Beach, Coffey and Greene sank three straight baskets. From then on there was no doubt about the game. The score at the intermission was 20-5.

The Blue Devils opened the second half with a "swishkreig" of baskets that ran the score up too 37-7. This rally was led by the deadly sniping of Coffey, Beach and John Bingham. Appalachian played its second and third teams most of the second half and they piled up 12 more points.

The North Wilkesboro team was able to score only two field goals throughout the game. The Boone boys sank 21 goals out of 56 tries for an average of 37 per cent.

In the preliminary the Appalachian "B" team downed the North Wilkesboro juniors 24-8. The "B" team was paced by the "mighty mite," Finley Penick who made 12 points for the winners.

Technical High Here Friday

The basketball fans of Boone will have a chance to see basketball at its best this Friday when Tech high of Charlotte comes to Boone.

Tech high will be led by Captain Black, who not only plays basketball but is also one of the outstanding football players in the state.

The Boone boys will be led by Beach and Coffey who have scored 240 points between them in the ten games so far this season. No North Carolina team has come within 11 points of the Blue Devils yet this year. Their only defeat of the season was met at the hands of Mountain City, Tenn. However, this defeat was suffered without the service of Pete Coffey and was later avenged by defeating the Tennesseans in a return engagement on their own floor.

The preliminary game Friday will

bring together Coach Cartwright's Mighty Midgets and Cove Creek's second team.

High Girls Lose to College "B's"
The first of the three games Wednesday night was Miss Hapgood's Blue Devilettes playing the college "B" team. They used girls from the first string for substitutes. The Appalachian high girls lost this hard-fought game 21-18.

Amie Lee Angel was high scorer for the Blue Devilettes with eight points and closely followed by Martha Hamby with 5 points.

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