

Dependency Age Groups Increasing

Only 4½ Workers For All Over 65 Years By 1960

Contrary to the long-termed trend, the number of persons in the dependent ages—the very young and the elderly—is now rising faster than the increase in the working population.

Estimates compiled by the U. S. Bureau of the Census forecast a rise of 7.8 million in the labor force between 1950 and 1960. As against this, the medium population projections of the Census Bureau anticipate an increase of 7½ million in the number of children under 15 in the period and of 3.4 million in the 65-and-over group.

How Groups Compare

The combined rise of these two groups in the so-called dependency ages, therefore, would be 10.9 million in the current decade if the forecasts materialize, or about 3 million more than the increase in the working population. If this figure is added the estimated increase of 3.2 million between 1950 and 1960 in the teen-age group between 15 and 20, where labor force participation is usually relatively low and these days is far under that of the past, then the increase in the dependency ages will be nearly twice the rise in the working population.

A survey of the records of the past 70 years shows only two decades when the increase in the working population failed to top that of the dependency ages. In the 1940-50 period the net gains in the two groups were roughly on a par. Back in the 1910-decade, the dependency group showed a rise about a third greater than the increase in the labor force.

The current trend has a number of significant implications for the economy and for the nation as a whole. For one, it clearly suggests a larger burden on the working population in the years immediately ahead and the need for more effort, higher efficiency and increased productivity if the rise in American living standards is to be maintained. It likewise indicates a necessity for a continued high rate of capital investment to keep costs down and to increase output.

New Demands on Production

There is an added factor today that did not exist prior to the last decade as far as the demands on production are concerned. That is the need to maintain a large military establishment because of world conditions and the tremendous rise in the cost of all Government in general. For example, combined Federal, State and local expenditures in 1952 added up to the equivalent of about \$1,500 for every person in the working population. The comparable figure in 1940 was only about \$325.

The most marked change in the dependency groups, as far as relationship to the working population is concerned, has occurred among the elderly. A half century ago there were nine workers for every person 65 and over. The ratio had fallen to six by 1940. By 1960, according to the estimates, there will be only about 4½ workers for everyone 65 and older. Labor force participation by those 65 and over has been in a long-term downtrend.

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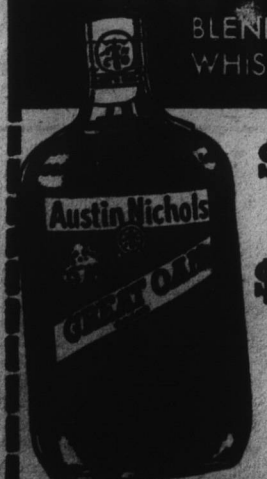
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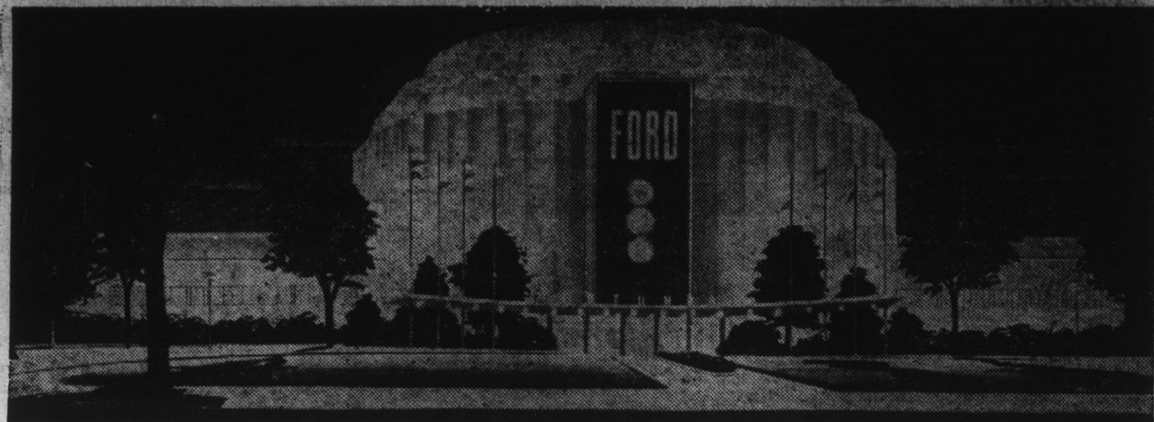
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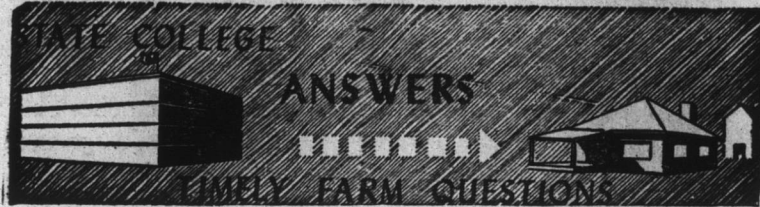
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Austin Nichols



This is the famous Ford Rotunda with its redesigned exterior. Inside, the entire building, long Detroit's principal tourist attraction, will have a completely new series of displays and exhibits to show the progress of the automobile industry and its effect on American life. This artist's conception shows how the building will look when it is reopened to the public about June 1 as part of the company's 50th anniversary observance.



Question: "What are the basic steps in tobacco blue mold control?"

Answer: Since weather conditions have a great deal to do with the spread of tobacco blue mold, the selection of a plant bed site should be considered carefully. Excessive moisture should be avoided. Heavily shaded, poorly drained plant bed sites with excessively thick stands only tempt blue mold.

When the plants are about the size of a dime applications of recommended dusts or sprays should be begun. The plants should be treated throughout the season, as often as twice a week, until plants free of the disease are assured for transplanting to the field. And applications of either dust

or spray that are washed off by rain should be repeated promptly.

Blue mold spreads more readily at night temperatures of 50 to 60 degrees, particularly if such temperatures are accompanied by rain, fog or heavy dew. If night temperatures are below 45 degrees, however, the disease does not develop rapidly.

Recommended Chemicals: Sixty-five per cent zineb and 76 per cent ferbam are the chemicals now recommended for tobacco blue mold control in North Carolina. For spray treatments, you should obtain the full strength materials containing 65 per cent zineb (Dithane Z-78 or Parzate), or 76 per cent ferbam (Ferbate, etc.)

"Horn In West" To Open On June 26th

Boone, March . . . "Horn in the West," Kermit Hunter's outdoor drama, will open its second summer season at Boone on Friday, June 26, it is announced by William Hardy, general manager.

The play will be presented in the Daniel Boone Theatre every night except Mondays through September 7. A special performance is to be given on Labor Day.

In its first season last summer, "Horn in the West" played to an audience of more than 55,000 persons and was acclaimed a success by critics throughout the area.

RECORD EGG PRODUCTION

Estimated egg production in North Carolina totaled 122 million during February, 1953, the highest of record for the month. This compares with 112 million produced during January,

1953, and with 118 million produced during February of last year.

Farm flocks in the Nation laid 5.3 billion eggs in February—6 per cent less than in February last year, but 9 per cent above the 1942-51 average.

was recorded during a 20-day survey of the 66 offices that was conducted for planning and budgetary purposes.

The survey revealed that the 800,000 visitors paid a total of nearly 1,000,000 visits to all divisions of the regional offices during the 20-day period.

Of the nearly 1,000,000 visits, more than 800,000 were made by veterans, their dependents or beneficiaries concerning benefits available to them, and the remainder were made by home builders, lenders, salesman, job applicants, and school officials on administrative matters.

Nearly 800,000 of all visits were made to the medical divisions of the regional offices—about 285,000 for medical or dental examinations or treatments, or to apply for hospitalization, and the remaining 15,000 on administrative matters.

The next higher number of visits was made to the contact divisions. These totaled approximately 288,000 and were made primarily for the purpose of seeking information or assistance in filing applications for benefits.

The remainder of the visits were made to divisions handling compensation for service-connected disabilities; pensions for total and permanent nonservice-connected disabilities; GI Bill education or training; GI loans, and other VA benefits handled by these offices. The survey did not include the volume of mail or telephone calls also handled by these offices.

VA's 66 regional offices are the so-called "one-stop" stations where veterans

trans, their dependents or beneficiaries may apply for all VA benefits except Government life insurance and death benefits.

EASTER POEM TRIBUTE TO KOREAN HEROES

Be sure to read the inspiring Easter poem by Francis Cardinal Spellman in which the well-known prelate channels the hopes and prayers of our heroic soldiers in Korea. One of the many features in the April 5th issue of

THE AMERICAN WEEKLY Magazine in Colorgrave with the BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN Order from Your Local Newsdealer

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Large Volume Of Business Done by VA

Over 800,000 Visit Regional Offices During Month

Over 800,000 persons streamed into the 66 regional offices of Veterans Administration throughout the country during January to do business with the VA.

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NOTICE!

The following prices for dry cleaning will prevail in Edenton and Hertford, on and after March 30, 1953:

Men's 2 or 3-piece suits	75c
Pants	40c
Overcoats, lightweight	75c
Ladies' 2-piece suits	75c
Dresses, plain	75c
Ladies' Coats, lightweight	75c
Skirts, plain	40c
Skirts, pleated	40c

(PLUS 2c EXTRA, EACH PLEAT)

Other Prices Slightly Advanced Proportionately

This small increase in price is a vital necessity to your dry cleaners in order to meet heavy expense demands of plant operation under today's trying conditions, and will enable your dry cleaners to continue the quality of cleaning and services that you and your clothes deserve. Present prices are the same as in effect in 1942, while your cleaner's operating costs have advanced tremendously, and are still going up.

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