

Ninth Of Working Population Is Now On Public Payroll

Federal Jobs Greatly Reduced In Drive To Cut Expenses

State and local government has become the expansionary force in the public civilian payroll in recent years, more than offsetting the drop in the number of Federal jobholders in the period, according to data compiled by the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

Over the last year, for example, the figures show that Federal civilian employment declined by about 200,000 as the result of the Administration's drive to cut out waste and inefficiency in the Federal establishment and to help bring the budget closer to a balance. State and local employment rose by a comparable number and held the total public civilian payroll at a record level above seven million jobs. Part of the State and local rise was in school systems to meet the needs of an expanding population.

Contrasting Post-War Trend
Since the end of World War II, the number of Federal civilian jobholders has shown a net decline of approximately one million but the number of State and local employees combined has expanded by a half million more than this. As a result, the public payroll now accounts for one out of every nine civilian jobs in the country, exclusive of the Armed Forces. This is a higher proportion than at any time on record except for 1944 and 1945, and it compares with a ratio of one public jobholder for approximately every 13 in the civilian work force in 1940.

Figures compiled by the Census Bureau show that last October there were 7.1 million persons on the civilian public payroll—Federal, State and local combined. This is virtually the same number as the year before, but it is several hundred thousand above the World War II peak and it is two and one-half million higher than the number of public civilian jobholders in 1940. Over the last 13 years the public payroll as a whole has grown by approximately 60 per cent as compared with a rise of 14 per cent in the civilian work force.

The payroll cost has shown an even greater rise, reflecting the upward adjustment in pay scales to meet increased prices and living costs. The Federal, State and local civilian payroll combined ran at an annual rate of nearly \$25 billions a year last October. This is some two-thirds greater than the World War II peak and is more than three and one-half times the cost of the public civilian payroll in 1940.

Role in Cost of Government
The public payroll is a big factor in the cost of government, particularly at the State and local level. The civilian payroll cost now represents about 60 cents of every dollar that State and local communities combined spend for goods and services, and this proportion has been quite consistent over the years. The comparable proportion is considerably lower in the Federal area, where military and defense costs are the dominant budget item.

Education represents the biggest source of public civilian employment with the Federal defense establishment ranking second.

Health Officer Calls Attention To Law For Diphtheria Vaccination

Dr. B. B. McGuire, district health officer, reports that a 5-year-old boy of Elizabeth City was recently removed to Maryview Hospital in Portsmouth, dangerously ill with diphtheria.

"State law requires every child in North Carolina be immunized against diphtheria before the first birthday," says Dr. McGuire.

"Be sure your doctor or the Health Department where the child is immunized gives you a certificate stating that your child was immunized, and bring this certificate to the Health Department for recording. State law requires that your doctor give you this certificate, a copy to you and a copy to the Health Department.

"Please bear in mind that about five per cent of children do not react to diphtheria immunizing agents. The only way to be sure your child is safe from diphtheria is to have a Schick test about six months after the immunization is complete.

"If your child has sore throat, with or without fever, or if the child develops croup, be sure to call your doctor early. Your child may be one of the five per cent who will not react to toxoid. Be on the safe side—call your doctor early."

Vets Question Box

Q—May I get a GI loan to buy an apartment building, if I intend to live in one of the apartments?

A—Yes, so long as the total number of separate units is not more than four, if you're buying the apartment yourself. If more than one veteran buys, one additional unit may be added to the basic four for each veteran participating.

Q—I applied for disability compensation from VA, and I feel that the VA's rating should be higher than it is. Can I appeal?

A—Yes, you may appeal within one year from the date an official determination was made in your case.

Q—My wife and I are both World War II veterans. May we buy a business together, with a GI business loan, and thereby increase the amount which may be guaranteed? It would not be a real estate loan.

A—Yes. However, the guaranty may not exceed 50 per cent of the loan, up to \$4,000, which is the maximum for your combined business loan guarantees.

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Cotton canvas traditionally used for awnings has entered the world of high fashion this year. Here, White Stag designers use striped canvas awning cloth for tapered calfskinners. The patio pants are topped with a classic shirt of cotton broadcloth.

SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kesting

Keeping warm is the No. 1 winter problem of most outdoorsmen in this country. So let's consider how it can best be done without carrying along some heated bricks.

We can start by disposing of two

fallacies. One, drink is a fine social practice but it is of no value in keeping a person comfortable outdoors. Two, a small fire will not keep you as warm as a big one. If I want to get warm quickly in cold weather, I increase the size of the fire as quickly as possible.

Now one thing sportsmen too often overlook is the importance of food in heating the body. I have seen deer hunters take only a cup of coffee for breakfast and then wonder later why they were so chilly even in moderate weather. The reason was plain: they hadn't stoked the furnace, they had failed to put fuel in the stomach.

To keep moving also means to keep warm. Certainly, no one has ever frozen to death in our temperate zone while moving. Therefore, all winter clothing should be worn with one purpose in mind—keeping warm when not on the go.

Veteran outdoorsman Bill Wolf thinks two things are most essential—to have warm cloth next to the body, and an outside shell of some-thing windproof and, preferably, waterproof. The best materials are wool.

Next most important is dressing in layers. That is, it is warmer to put on two or three light shirts and a light hunting coat than it is to don one heavy shirt and one heavy hunting jacket, even though these weight more

than several light garments.

As for socks, I don't agree with those who advise wearing a pair of silk or cotton under woolen hunting stockings. I much prefer soft wool athletic socks. Wear a clean pair daily if possible; clean wool is warmer. Follow the insulation-by-layers principle here, too, by using two or more pairs of socks. As for the outer boot, leather is warmer than rubber. But in wet country or when snow is on the ground, wear rubber-bottomed shoes or all-rubber pacs.

If you use down bags or blankets, get down to earth when sleeping outdoors in winter. Cots, or anything

that raises you above the ground admits air underneath and this can chill the marrow in your spine and associated regions.

A Quick Thinker

"Mrs. Biggs," said the new boarder at breakfast. "Who owns those ferryboats I tripped over coming down the stairs just now?"

The landlady shot him a fierce look. "Ferryboats, indeed," she cried. "I'll have you understand they're my shoes."

The boarder smiled uneasily. "I didn't say ferryboats," he hastily replied. "I said fairy boots."

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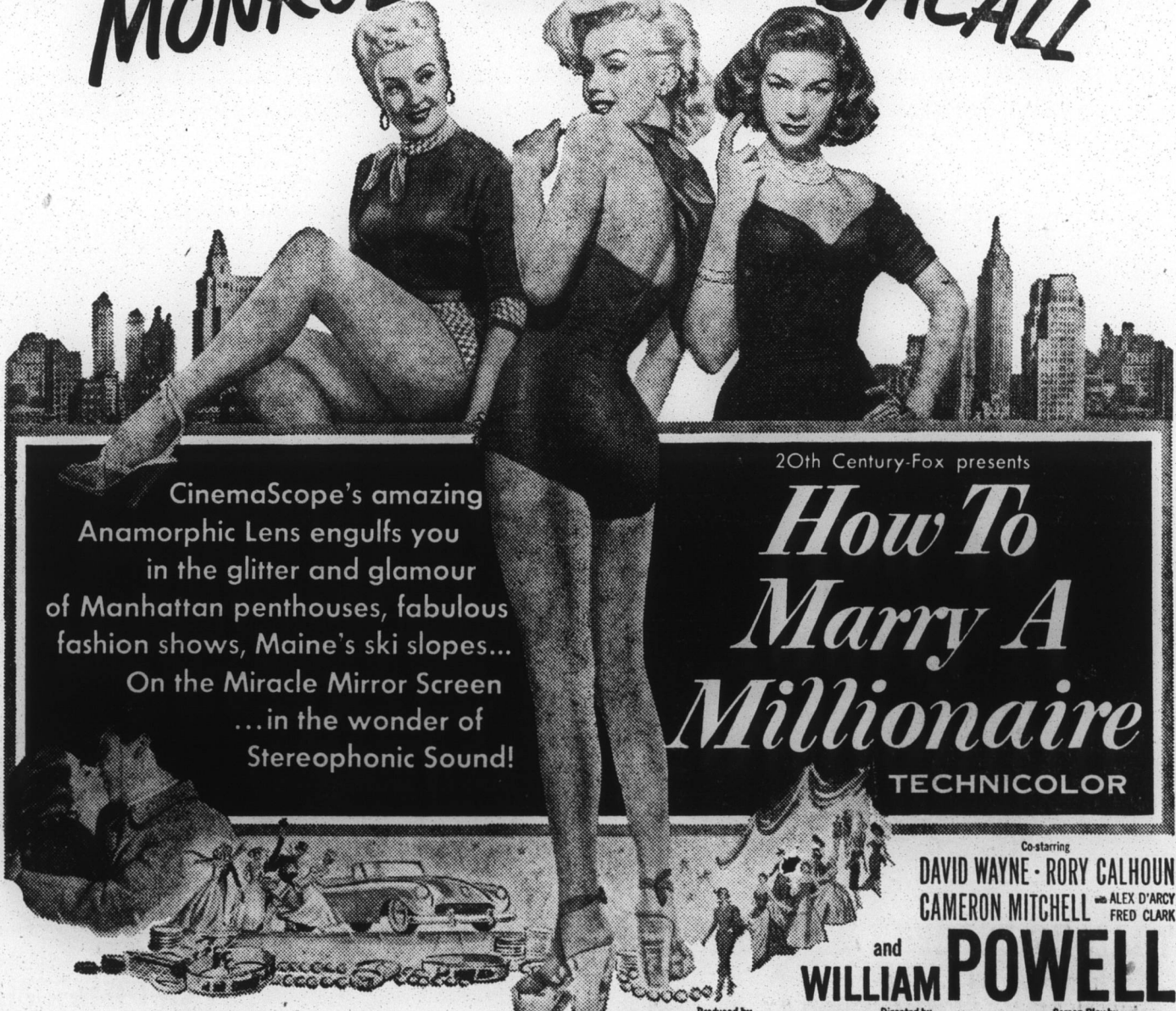
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