

HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN IS OFFERED IN ARKANSAS

Little Rock, Ark.—The Arkansas Medical Society and the Arkansas Hospital Association have announced that a joint plan for pre-payment of hospital and medical care has been offered, covering four types of insurance to be provided by commercial insurance companies and approved by the State Insurance Department.

A comprehensive hospital contract plan, the same contract plus surgical and obstetrical benefits, a limited hospital contract only, and the limited hospital contract plus surgical and obstetrical benefits will be offered. The plans represent nearly a year of joint work of committees of the two groups and have been approved by the House of Delegates of the Medical Society and by the Hospital Association's Board of Governors.

Approved companies will be invited to submit proposals, including scales of rates on all four types of contracts. The successful company will be named by a 16-member committee representing both sponsoring groups and the public and this company will be authorized to use the name of the Medical Society and the Hospital Association in promotional advertising.

SOME WOMEN'S PAY ENTIRELY TOO LOW

New York City.—The State Labor Department disclosed in a report that between half and three-quarters of the women working in the confectionery, beauty service and cleaning and dyeing industries in New York State still earn less than enough to maintain themselves. The survey shows that real wages have risen for the 40,000 workers in the three industries, but not enough to give most of them a "minimum adequate standard of living." An "adequate minimum" here is considered to be about \$39 a week today.

The Department of Labor's Federal Wage and Hour inspectors cover the nation's industry out of 13 regional offices, with branch offices in more than 100 cities.

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HERE'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND THE UNION LABEL IN A UNION-MADE HAT: IT IS SEWN ON THE HAT, UNDER THE SWEATBAND.

12 DAYS
A YEAR ARE LOST BY THE AVERAGE INDUSTRIAL WORKER THROUGH ILLNESS.

STATE AGENCIES SAVE U. S. MILLIONS IN VET TRAINING

Washington, D. C.—Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine, Administrator of the Retraining and Reemployment Administration, has declared that the work of State and local agencies in reintegrating veterans and displaced war workers has saved the Federal Government and local communities millions of dollars and recommends that Federal agencies continue active co-operation with all State and county veterans' service offices and community advisory centers.

In a year-end report to the Advisory Council of RRA, the Labor Department official declared that the need for State and local services and for Federal co-operation with them will continue for at least another year and a half. Authorization for the RRA will expire on June 30 and no further legislation for extension of the agency beyond that date has been introduced in Congress, and a request for a small deficiency appropriation for this fiscal year has not been granted.

350,000 JOBLESS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
San Francisco, Calif.—A report from the California Departments of Industrial Relations and Employment shows that for December, 1946, unemployment increased from 35,000 to an estimated 350,000. This increase in unemployment is due primarily to seasonal layoffs in agriculture, food processing and lumbering. Veterans made up a large portion of the unemployed and some 80,000 World War II veterans filed claims during the week ending December 19, an increase of 10,000.

TEACHERS' UNION GROWS
Louisville, Ky.—The American Federation of Teachers (AFL) here has grown in less than a month from 85 members to 403. In addition, 17 members of the local have transferred to the newly chartered local at the University of Louisville.

PRINTERS WIN RAISE
Rochester, N.Y.—Printers' scales were raised from \$63 to \$79 for night work and from \$58 to \$74 a week for day work under terms of a new agreement reached on daily papers here.

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RESTAURANTS, GAS STATIONS ATTRACT VET BUSINESSMEN

Washington, D. C.—No. 1 and No. 2 choices of veterans who want to go into business for themselves are restaurants and filling stations, according to a special study conducted by the Retraining and Reemployment Administration of the U. S. Department of Labor. Next on the list which have attracted veterans in large numbers during the past year are garage and repair shops, electrical appliance and radio shops, and grocery stores.

The study of business-minded veterans' desires was initiated by RRA through its national cross-section panel of Community Advisory and Information Centers located throughout the country. Thirty centers, keeping a systematic monthly check of trends and activities in the field of veterans affairs, submitted information on veterans who had visited the centers with problems related to establishments of businesses.

The study also revealed that successful local business men are the principals source of advice and assistance. In nearly all of the communities studied, the local

businessmen organized themselves into panels to discuss with veterans personally and at length the problems involved in establishing a retail business.

LABOR PRODUCTIVITY RISES IN GAS-ELECTRIC FIELDS

New York City.—The National Bureau of Economic Research states that labor productivity in the electric and gas utilities industry has increased more than twice as rapidly in the last 40 years as any other major sector of the economy. According to Dr. Jacob M. Gould, author of

"Output and Productivity in the Electric and Gas Utilities, 1899-1942," labor efficiency in the utilities "has risen at the remarkable rate of 4 per cent a year."

LIVING COSTS CLIMB

Washington, D. C.—A release from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Labor Department, issue January 30, stated that in August, 1939, the cost-of-living was 55 per cent cheaper for the average family in the United States than on December 15, 1946.

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