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Mechanics and Service Men Are Needed

Competent mechanics and service men constitute a more critical labor problem for the inter-city bus industry than drivers, Otto S. Beyer, Director of the Division of Transportation Personnel, Office of Defense Transportation, reported today.

Mr. Beyer's report was based on a survey of labor requirements in the industry conducted by the United States Employment Service, which revealed that the trend of the inter-city bus employment has followed an upward trend of traffic. The 153 carriers reporting to the Interstate Commerce Commission carried over 34 million passengers in which was 80.2 per cent greater than in July, 1942. Although July traffic is normally high, many carriers reported that the usual decline at the end of the summer vacation season did not occur, and traffic is expected to continue at the present high rate of increase, or possibly go even higher.

The 101 companies included in the survey, representing 63.7 per cent of employment in the industry, predicted that a five per cent increase in personnel would be required by September, 1943, as compared with last September. This would bring total employment in the industry to 46,783 employees. The employment last September already was 32.8 per cent greater than in September, 1941.

Although half of the reporting companies had no labor turnover, the overall rate was 3.4 per cent every month. New workers hired accounted for one out of six persons employed in the industry.

Five companies reported a critical labor shortage.

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Relax Legal Barriers

Relaxation of legal barriers which now restrict the complete mobility of labor between states was listed this week by Paul V. McNutt, war manpower commission, as one of the steps to be taken to provide record agricultural production in 1943.

Plans for the organization of a highly mobile army of experienced all-time farm workers, aided by corps of local volunteers to meet peak-season demands, are being made by the war manpower commission and the department of agriculture.

"The program will be worked out in detail during the winter months and launched as soon as spring planting begins," Mr. McNutt said.

Relaxation of legal barriers to the mobility of labor between states was listed as one of six points in the program. At the present time, labor mobility is restricted in most southern states by immigrant agent laws. These laws were brought to public attention recently with the arrest of a white man in South Carolina on charges that he had attempted to recruit Negro workers for factory jobs in New Jersey.

The laws vary in different states, but most of them contain licensing provisions. In one state, an "immigrant agent" is required to pay \$1,000 for a license for each county which he visits.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.



Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judeah in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

American Shipyards Turning Out Ships Fast

American shipyards, engaged in building merchant ships for the Victory Fleet, delivered into service 81 vessels totaling 890,700 tons deadweight in October, the Maritime commission announced today. The October figure brings total ship production for the year to approximately 6,000,000 deadweight tons.

The month's deliveries were 12 vessels short of the record breaking production of 93 merchant ships in September. This was due, the commission stated, to the temporary diversion of a considerable amount of the merchant shipbuilding capacity to emergency construction of special craft for the armed forces.

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Bennett College Choir Gives Xmas Concert

With the fineness and beauty of tone, which is a singular accomplishment of fresh, young voices under expert guidance, the Bennett college combined choir of 100 voices, conducted by Orrin Clayton Suthern, organist and conductor, told in song and with a varied program of carols, the story of the birth of Christ at the annual Christmas concert held yesterday afternoon in the Annie Mercer McFerrer chapel.

A beautiful but impressive candle-lighting ceremony preceded the program by the choir. Lighting the candles for the ceremony were Miss Betty Wade, of Winston-Salem, and

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Mr. Peters Turns Over Typewriters To U. S.

Another world's champion went to bat for the army and the navy this week.

Cortez W. Peters, holder of several world's records in typewriting and present world's champion portable typist, has turned over ten of his latest model standard-size typewriters to the government to assist the current drive for 600,000 machines for the army and navy.

The machines, taken from three Negro business schools operated by Mr. Peters in Washington, D. C.; Baltimore, Md., and Chicago, Ill., were purchased by the government through the Washington office of the Royal Typewriter Co.

A combat plane requires one to

Christmas Will Be Holiday for War Industries

Donald M. Nelson, Chairman of the War Production Board, today issued the following statement:

During this year of war there have been no full holidays in war production. With patriotic zeal, management and workers in our mines and factories have made even such traditional holidays as Independence Day and Labor Day days of steady unbroken production. It has been necessary to do this, because of the overwhelming need to turn out munitions and essential equipment in the greatest possible volume without delays or interruption, and the country has recognized this need and has met it.

Now we come to the Christmas holiday. I believe that this day should be the one exception to the rule which has been observed thus far.

More than ever before in our lives, I suppose, we need this year to pause from our labors on Christmas Day and think deeply and humbly about the faith by which we live, in order that from the profound promise of this day we may draw the hope and the vision which we must have. On the birthday of the Prince of Peace we can and should rest from the production of the weapons of war.

Therefore, except for such maintenance and stand-by operations as are necessary for best productive efficiency, I hope that in all war plants where it can possibly be done Christmas Day this year will be observed as a full holiday. After the holiday, we must drive ahead with renewed energy for the increased production job of 1943—a bigger job than we have ever faced before.

Don't Forget Glow From Fireplace

Don't forget the glow from your fireplace," the office of civilian defense warned this week, in calling attention to a blackout problem common in residential districts on chilly nights. Homeholders who turn out the lights and leave a fire burning on an open hearth it was pointed out, may destroy the effect of a blackout.

No fire producing light visible from the outside should be left unattended, the OCD advised, and where coal, wood or other solid fuels are used, it is not always possible to eliminate a dangerous glow immediately. In such rooms all outside openings must be blacked out or the light must be obscured by a screen or in some other manner so that it is not visible outdoors, Defense Councils were told.

"In general," the instructions added, "no control of chimney sparks need be attempted as these are of low brightness and short duration."

All Meetings Should Be Abandoned

Negro civic, social, religious, fraternal and labor organizations were urged this week by Joseph B. Eastman, director of defense transportation, to abandon all meetings and conventions that will not contribute in an important way to winning of the war. "A number of Negro organizations have already taken this step