

# STATE FACTORY JOBS AND PAYROLLS INCREASE FOR MAY

## Trend Turn Noted; Big Decline Shown Against 1937 Figure

City Firms Report Fall in Employment for Month But Slight Uptick in Wages; Net Loss Found For All Companies Reporting.

Indiana factory employment and payrolls in May showed small gains over the preceding month for the first time in seven months. Martin F. Carpenter, Indiana State Employment Service director, said today.

Non-manufacturing industries, however, lost enough for the month to cause a net loss for all industries studied, he said.

The report was based on statements from 2400 manufacturing and non-manufacturing establishments participating in a monthly survey conducted by the Employment Service in co-operation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Preliminary May indices for Indiana manufacturing industries indicated decreases of 30.6 per cent in employment and 42.3 per cent in payrolls as compared with May, 1937, the survey showed.

### 512 City Firms Report

Five hundred twelve Indianapolis establishments reported a decrease of .6 per cent in employment in May this year over April, but an increase of 1.7 per cent in the average weekly payroll.

The totals for all establishments covered showed a decrease of .9 per cent in employment, but an increase of .6 per cent in payrolls from April 15 to May 15.

The upturn in factory employment followed a succession of decreases for a period of seven previous months. Durable goods manufacturers showed a decrease of 2.1 per cent in employment, but an increase of 2.1 per cent in payrolls, while nondurable goods manufacturers reported employment expansions of 1.5 per cent and payroll gains of 1.8 per cent.

### Seasonal Trend Noted

Most of the changes in manufacturing employment were of a seasonal nature. Mr. Carpenter said. The exceptions were contraseasonal increases in the important machinery group, not including transportation equipment, where employment and payrolls increased 2.6 and 4.4 per cent, respectively, he said.

Employment in the chemicals group increased 3.7 per cent, and payrolls gained 5.2 per cent, he said. Other increases, he added, were foods and kindred products, employment 3.7 per cent, payrolls 5.2 per cent; rubber, employment 3.8 per cent, payrolls 9.9 per cent; and lumber, employment 2.2 per cent, and payrolls 2.3 per cent.

The nonferrous metals products group, by increasing the length of the work week, increased payrolls 14.1 per cent, but decreased employment 2.3 per cent, he said.

### Some Heavy Decreases

The most important decreases in manufacturing industries from April to May, Mr. Carpenter reported, were transportation equipment, employment 4.6 per cent, payrolls 2.1 per cent; iron and steel, employment 3.1 per cent, payrolls .8 per cent; paper and printing, employment 2.4 per cent, payrolls 3 per cent; and leather, employment 8.9 per cent and payrolls 10 per cent.

Employment and payroll changes in Indiana cities during May this year were:

	Employment	Per.	Payroll	Per.
	Per.	Cent of	Per.	Cent of
	From	From	From	From
May	From	May	From	April
Emp.	Apr.	Per.	Apr.	Per.
Anderson	1,088	10.2	\$142,178	10.5
Bloomington	229	10.2	17,678	10.7
Chicago	13,330	2.2	380,510	2.2
Elkhart	2,397	6.5	52,545	6.2
Evansville	2,702	6.5	23,297	6.8
Fort Wayne	9,702	2.0	238,119	2.0
Grand Rapids	2,008	4.5	45,384	4.0
Hammond	2,908	4.5	73,384	3.4
Indianapolis	24,426	4.6	670,288	4.6
Indianapolis	1,057	6.8	32,379	6.6
Indore	2,914	2.6	58,283	2.1
Marion	3,322	7.0	65,227	7.1
New Albany	1,328	20.3	30,732	18.7
Richmond	2,283	2.0	49,522	2.0
South Bend	12,782	2.0	278,779	2.0
Terre Haute	3,736	2.1	54,380	2.0

## SPONSOR ART DRIVE IN RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 4 (U. P.)—A project to stimulate creative interest in the arts among residents of towns and villages lacking galleries and museums is being sponsored by Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design.

A series of varied exhibitions are displayed in store windows, libraries, schools and manufacturing plants of a dozen communities. Each community has a special weekly exhibition.

Material for the so-called "art caravan" is contributed by Rhode Island professional artists, art teachers, painting and sculpture connoisseurs and art enthusiasts.

Exhibits include specially selected oils, watercolors, pastels, pencil sketches, woodcarvings, block prints, jewelry, textile designs, pottery, hand-loomed rugs, stage sets and dolls.

## ASK STATE AID IN DECATUR FIRE QUIZ

DECATUR, June 4 (U. P.)—The State Fire Marshal's office today was asked to assist in an investigation of the \$30,000 fire which destroyed the Central Hoop Co. plant here. Officials reportedly blamed a "firebug" for the blaze. Decatur's second large fire loss in the last two months.

The Krick-Tyndall Tile Co. was destroyed by fire on April 6. Damage at that plant was estimated at \$200,000. Eighty men were thrown out of work by the blaze.

BOURBON MAN DROWNS

WARSAW, June 4 (U. P.)—The body of Ward Harmon, 26, Bourbon, was recovered from Tippecanoe River early today after a two-hour search. Harmon drowned when the rowboat in which he was riding overturned. The widow and a child child survived.

## APPOINT 40 TO PLAYGROUNDS

### City Recreation Department Names Instructors And Matrons.

Appointment of matrons and girl instructors at local playgrounds and pools for the summer were announced today by Wally Middleworth, City Recreational Director.

All appointees will receive \$50 monthly for two and one-half months. Forty-one playgrounds, 22 wading pools, five swimming pools and one beach will open June 15.

Matrons are: Mrs. Nora Brown, Babbitt, Mrs. Margaret Bright, Mrs. Billie O. Bugger, Joann Clark, Elizabeth Cosby, Minnie Conner, Mrs. Sue Chadwell, Lillian Day, Esther Dreher.

Lois R. DuValle, Georgianna G. Francis.

Martha A. Horn, Mary Jefferson, Reba Johnson, Sally Hogg, Agnes Lamb, Mrs. Florence McFeevers.

Esther Noonan, Miss Alyce M. Oland, Cora Perry, Mrs. Helen Rafalco, Mrs. Lenora Scriven, Margaret Taylor, Effie Vincent, Susie Vance, Alice Wheatcroft, Cora Wilson.

Girl instructors are: Margaretine G. Winant, former New Hampshire Governor, was elected director of the International Labor Office today to succeed Harold Butler of Great Britain.

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## ICKES IS ISSUE IN HAGUE CASE

### Civil Liberties Attorney Asks If Cabinet Member Could Speak.

NEWARK, N. J., June 4 (U. P.)—The question of whether Interior Secretary Ickes would be permitted to make public speech in Jersey City, raised yesterday in Federal Court, was left unanswered over the week-end.

Before the witness, Daniel J. Casey, Jersey City public safety director, could testify, Federal Judge William Clark adjourned court until Tuesday morning.

Charging that the Jersey City administration of Mayor Frank Hague has curtailed constitutional rights, the Committee for Industrial Organization and the American Civil Liberties Union are arguing for an injunction to prevent interference with their rights to assemble, speak freely, circulate handbills and to guard them from illegal search and seizure.

Mr. Casey directs Jersey City police who have refused permits for liberal organizations' meetings, broken up unauthorized meetings and deported speakers including Rep. John O'Connell (D. Mont.) and Norman Thomas, Socialist Party head.

The new unopposed Indiana nominees will be formally elected at the national convention to be held at San Francisco, Cal., June 19 to 24. The new state setup is to become effective July 1.

The Rev. A. E. Cole, who retires July 1, will be the last Governor to administer over Rotary affairs of the entire state. The three new districts will contain an equal number of clubs.

Indiana delegates to attend the national convention will be the Rev. Cole and the three new district nominees.

## EXTORTION LETTERS NET MAN 7 YEARS

ST. LOUIS, June 4 (U. P.)—Austin Thorncilfe Poe, 35, of Clarkton, Mo., was under sentence today to serve seven years in prison after pleading guilty in Federal Court to charges of sending extortion notes through the mails.

He admitted writing one letter to Dr. John E. Cochran of Holcomb, Mo., demanding \$100, and another to Harlan Skidmore of Clarkton, demanding \$300. Both letters threatened the recipients with death unless the sums were paid.

Poe's arrest resulted from an anonymous letter he had written to Col. John O'Conor, minister. The minister had objected to Poe's attentions to his daughter to Poe, intending to improve his status, wrote the letter, pointing out his own good points. The letter was turned over to the police and the writing was found to be identical with that in the extortion notes.

## FISH SEES F. D. R. AS RECOVERY OBSTACLE

LAKE MAHOPAC, N. Y., June 4 (U. P.)—Rep. Hamilton Fish (R. N. Y.) said today if Franklin D. Roosevelt "were removed," the chief obstacle to recovery "would disappear."

Rep. Fish spoke at the annual luncheon of the Women's Republican Club of Putnam County.

He said the only way to put the unemployed back to work was to "restore business confidence by putting an end to the bitter attacks and punitive laws that hamper and harass business and prolong the depression."

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## Seeks 'Miss Aviation' Title



Times-Acme Photo.

Dorothy Quackenbush, who is an aspirant for title of "Miss American Aviation for 1938" in contest at Birmingham, Ala., air carnival. She represents the TWA Air Lines.

## AMERICAN ELECTED DIRECTOR OF I. L. O.

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## VETERANS OPEN MEETING HERE

### Rainbow Division's Annual Convention Attended by 200 Members.

Two hundred members of the Rainbow Division Veterans Association gathered at the Hotel Washington today for the opening sessions of their annual two-day convention.

Indianapolis veterans were to be guests of honor at the convention which was headed over there by Maj. Gen. Robert H. Tyndall of Indianapolis.

Registration of delegates opened at 10 a. m. and informal reunions were held during the luncheon hour.

The Rainbow Division Room in the Indiana World War Memorial Building will be formally dedicated at 10 a. m. tomorrow, followed by a trip through the Scottish Rite Cathedral at 11 a. m. and a picnic dinner.

Appropriation now must wait until the Council's regular meeting Monday night.

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Mr. Eby asked how the saving would result. Mr. Steeg replied

## REVISED PLANS FOR SEWER CUT WPA JOBS HALF

### Boetcher Believes Tunneling Proposal of Steeg is Cheaper Way.

The construction of the proposed 38th St. sewer by a tunneling method as recommended by City Engineer Henry B. Steeg would reduce by more than half the number of WPA men who would be employed on the project, Carl Kortepeter, Marion County WPA supervisor, said today.

Under the original plans, he said, about 200 men would be employed. Under the tunneling plan, he said, only between 7 and 10 men would be employed at each of the drilling points. There would be about six such points, he estimated.

Mr. Kortepeter said it was his opinion the new method would prolong the work and increase the number of man hours.

Meanwhile, Mayor Boetcher said the Works Board would act soon on Mr. Steeg's proposal.

### Called Cheaper Method

"I personally am satisfied that the tunneling method recommended by Mr. Steeg would be feasible and cheaper than the surface-cutting method originally planned," Mayor Boetcher said.

He and Mr. Steeg inspected a similar project near Crawfordsville yesterday. "It was a revelation to me," the Mayor commented. "However, of course I have asked Mr. Steeg to let us have more definite figures on the saving."

Mr. Steeg's 11th hour decision yesterday caused the Works Board to return unopened the only bid it received on the project. He recommended the change in plan because, he said, the substitute method of tunneling under the street "would save the City from \$50,000 to \$70,000."

Major Boetcher said he thought the proposed method would eliminate piling up of dirt on the street to the damage of 38th St. business establishments.

City engineer Henry B. Steeg will head the delegation, which probably will be comprised of the same works board members and county commissioners who made a previous trip to Chicago for the same purpose recently.

Application for the grant, which would cover 45 per cent of the City and County shares of the \$3,500,000 cost, cannot be made until President Roosevelt's recovery bill is passed by Congress.

### Little Delay Seen

He did not think the change would result in much delay since, if ordered to do so, Mr. Steeg could draw up new specifications "in a few days."

The project has been under consideration several months. A \$25,000 bond issue to finance it was sold. But the City Council failed twice to vote the necessary two-thirds of its membership for special meetings called to appropriate proceeds of the bond sale.

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