

Cost of jobs is not cheap

American business and industry spent \$18,000 for each new worker added to private payrolls over the past two decades. This figure, developed by Tax Foundation, represents the total investment by private industry in producer's durable equipment and non-residential structures during the period (1953-73). This figure is expressed in 1973 dollars and is divided by the increase in private employment during the same period. Estimates of the cost of a new job frequently are based on an industry's total assets per employee, and usually there are wide variations from industry to industry.

Among the Fortune 500 largest industrial companies, the median figure for assets per employee range from \$20,000 in textiles to more than \$177,000 in petroleum refining.

One oil company has \$200,000 total assets per employee.



Members of the forensic team of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus proudly display their trophies won in the spring tournament of the Michigan Intercollegiate Community College Speech League. In the front row (from left) are: Shirley Rehn, Detroit; Kathy Kidd, New Hudson; Coach Joan Leininger, Royal Oak; Susan Reed, Farmington Hills; Frances Gunderson.

Now, in the back row (from left) are: Andrew Moses, Orchard Lake; Roger Williams, Detroit; William Rodgers Jr., Ferndale; Jerry Burrows, West Bloomfield; Sam Iman, Orchard Lake. Later this spring the team will compete at Western Michigan University and the state tournament at Eastern Michigan University. They also hope to send a representative to the Phi Rho Pi national championships.

Safety guide lists protections

Homeowners and other concerned citizens now may obtain a new guide to fire prevention and home safety. This guide is designed as a practical resource for combating the more than 700,000 home fires that plague the nation annually.

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