

Wage-Price Ratio Changes Sharply, Statistics Show

Factory employees, on the average, have received wage increases far in excess of the rise in the cost of living since the Korean War outbreak, according to governmental statistics as prepared by the National Association of Manufacturers.

The chart shows that the percentage gain in hourly pay amounted to more than 23 times that of consumer prices. To be exact, for every dollar of increase in the cost of living, wages went up \$2.67.

During the first eighteen months of the six-year period shown on the chart, wages increased sharply. However, the average worker obtained little benefit through out that period, because the rapid rise in wages was accompanied by an almost equal rise in the price level.

Since the middle of 1952, prices have remained remarkably steady while the trend of hourly wages has continued upward. During this period, the spread between the hourly pay received by manufacturing workers and the cost of goods and services they buy has widened very rapidly.

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Alta Loma Sub Happenings

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Residents on Alta Loma Drive will now have the opportunity to become acquainted with Martin Seng. He has just returned to his home from Western University in Higgins Lake, where he was a junior counselor. Martin will be home only a short time, however, as he plans to leave August 24 for a visit to Seattle, Washington.

On Friday, August 3, Roberta Ann Howard celebrated her eleventh birthday with a party. Her guest list consisted of Sheryl Gates, Donna Francisco, Jackie Jackson, Sheryl Jean Williams, Sue Moshammer, and Karen Scholz, who is visiting the Howards for a week.

This same group of girls last week put on a show under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Howard for the benefit of the neighborhood children. The performance was attended by a surprising number of parents also, and the girls were delighted with the amount of the financial profit.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Nagy of Moore Drive arrived home Saturday evening at the height of the storm with tales of wonderful weather, fishing and swimming. The Nagys, with daughters Linda and Nancy, have spent the past two weeks at a cabin at Cedarville, Michigan, in the Georgian Bay area.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murtland last week entertained as overnight guests Mr. and Mrs. William Sullivan of Ebersburg, Pennsylvania. The Sullivans were enroute home from a tour of the Great Lakes region, and boasted of having had a swim in each of the Great Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Howard wish to publicly thank their neighbors and friends who called to express concern over their son Richard's accident. Playing in a bunk house, Richard tore his knee on a nail, necessitating several stitches.

Park Attendance Down Slightly From Last Year

Attendance at Michigan's 58 state parks is below the pace set last year.

A recent check of Conservation Department figures shows that 7,272,000 persons visited state parks through July 16 this year. Last year through July 16, 9,048,000 had visited parks.

State officials say rain and generally cold weather cut into park attendance thus far this year.

No piece of work should be called completed until it can not be improved upon.

'Paint Your Wagon' To Be Staged At Melody Circus Through August 17

Frederick Loewe and Alan Jay Lerner, authors of the musical hit "My Fair Lady" are the penmen of the current production at the Melody Circus Theatre. The attraction, "Paint Your Wagon," opened Monday, August 6, and will continue through Saturday, August 17. Featured are James Norbert (of last season's "South Pacific" at Melody Circus) and a brilliant supporting cast led by Higgins Lake, where he was a junior counselor. Martin will be home only a short time, however, as he plans to leave August 24 for a visit to Seattle, Washington.

"Paint Your Wagon" is the story of a gold-fueled boom town, mad with lust for the glittery stuff, and of the people who founded it, the restless seekers of fortune, the adventurers, the scoundrels, the lawless, and the dreamers.

Especially it is the story of Ben Rumson, played by Norbert, who named the town, and of his 16-year old daughter, Jennifer (Julie Cousins), who was the only girl in a mining camp of 400 men. Bent sent Jennifer back East to school, partly to solve this troublesome problem and partly to separate her from a young Mexican boy (Tony Bavaar) who loved her.

As with many another 49er, it was as much the effort to escape as it was the search for gold that drove Ben on. He founded the town of Rumson and he loved his town. He loved it when only a rough mining camp, a cluster of crude shacks for the men to come to at night, and a place for them to buy supplies for their lonely diggings. Ben took great pride in his town when it proudly displayed a sign "Rumson — Pop. 4,000" — and boasted a shiny new dance hall with a troupe of dancing girls from the East. He even set up a new home with a new wife that he "bought" from a man who had two.

And then the gold ran out in the Rumson lode and Jennifer returned in search of her sweetheart. The cry of "Strike!" came again... but this time from far away.

In lyrics and telling dialogue, "Paint Your Wagon" brings to the stage an epic of America, one of the most colorful chapters out of our pioneer history... and with it, a love story of tenderness and beauty.

"Paint Your Wagon" is presented at 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and twice on Saturdays at 9 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are available at box offices at Grinnell's, Kinney's, Northland Center, and at the Circus, GR. 4-8160.

BRUSHING METHOD, NOT TOOTH PASTE, CUTS TOOTH DECAY

For years beauty and health experts have stressed the need of frequent brushing to maintain healthy teeth and a beautiful smile.

Modern toothpastes and powders are helpful but dental authorities maintain that no dentifrice is so good that it eliminates the need for brushing at least twice a day.

Dentists will tell you that it is the act of brushing, and not the quality of a toothpaste, that prevents tooth decay.

The proper steps to follow in brushing the teeth are as follows:

1. First brush the chewing surfaces of the upper and lower teeth.
2. Then brush the inside surfaces of the upper and lower back teeth.
3. Next brush the inside surfaces of the upper front teeth.
4. Now brush the inside surfaces of the lower front teeth.
5. Move the brush to the outside surfaces of the upper and lower back teeth, brushing vigorously.
6. Finally, brush the outside surfaces of the upper and lower front teeth.

And, most important, be sure that the toothbrush is clean and has firm, undamaged bristles.

State Forest Fires Being Held At Minimum

Only five forest fires were reported in Michigan during the last week, with damage totaling less than one acre.

Three fires in the upper peninsula burned about one-third of an acre and two fires in the lower peninsula damaged one-half acre.

The latest fires brought the season total to 415, with damage to date totaling 2259 acres.

Frequent rains have helped to hold fire losses down this year and the state's record for the 1956 season is well ahead of last year's rate. Damage to state and private forests and grasslands last year at this time amounted to almost 4,500 acres.

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