

Farm Wage Rates Rise 10% In Year

Farm wage rates have risen 10 percent in the last 12 months, USDA reported on July 10. The U.S. average cash rate per hour without board or room was \$1.58 on July 1. A year ago it was \$1.45.

This understates the average hourly earnings because no data are reported by USDA for the higher earnings of piece rate workers.

The average hourly rate in California was \$1.80 on July 1—up from \$1.69 a year earlier. The rates in Alaska (\$2.30) and Washington (\$1.87) were higher than in California while those in the three Southern New England states were equally high.

In the majority of the continental states the average wage exceeded \$1.50 per hour on July 1. For the nation as a whole the index of farm wages was over ten times higher than during the 1910-1914 period.

During the June survey week, there were 1,581,000 hired workers on U.S. farms—eight percent below a year earlier. These workers had an average work week of 34.5 hours—four percent longer than a year earlier.

In June, 1968, there were 1,709,400 hired workers on U.S. farms. The 1969 total is only 57 percent of the 1957-59 average.

There were 3,675,000 farm operators and unpaid family members at work on farms last month—four percent less than a year earlier.

Total June farm employment was 5,256,000—down five percent in a year.

Immigration Laws

There are about 700 different grounds in the immigration laws for deporting or expelling aliens from the United States.

Geiger Attends EPDA Workshop

William H. Geiger, Jr., Teacher of Industrial Education, in the Conestoga Valley District is participating in a four-week workshop sponsored by the Education Professions Development Act at the University of Kentucky in Lexington from July 7 to August 1, 1969. The purpose of the workshop is to improve the competencies of persons to prepare instructional materials for programs in vocational education.

The workshop is conducted by the staff of the Instructional Materials Laboratory for Vocational Education in the College of Education at the University of Kentucky. The program features out-of-state consultants,

vocational teacher educators, state department of education personnel, other specialists in instructional materials for vocational education, and the staff of the Instructional Materials Laboratory.

Geiger is one of thirty persons from fourteen different states who is participating in the workshop. He was selected by the staff of the Instructional Materials Laboratory from persons recommended by leaders in vocational education in Pennsylvania and thirteen other states.

During the four weeks of the workshop, the morning programs will include presentations, panel discussions, and questions on selected topics dealing with the preparation of instructional materials. The afternoons will be devoted to small-group discussions and individual work.

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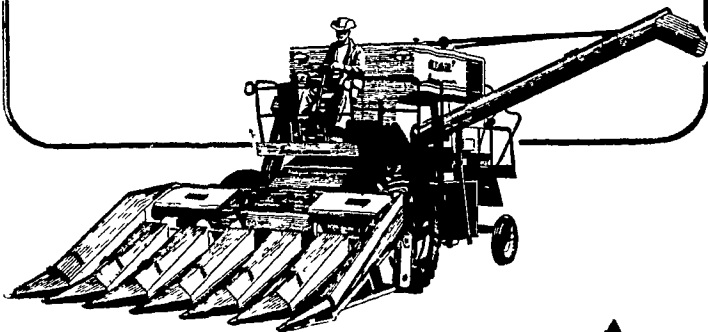
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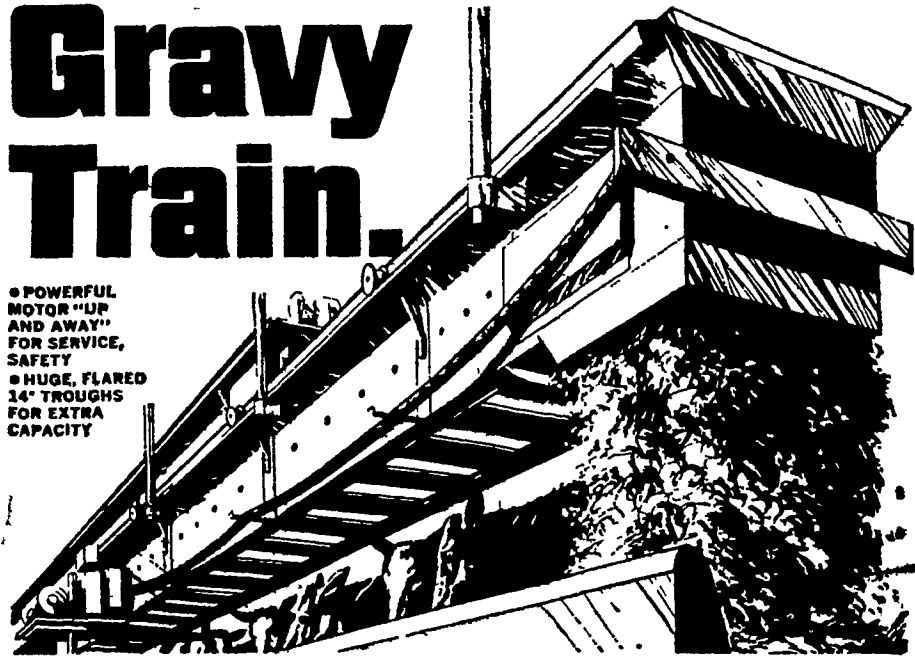
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