

**Employment Drop After Vacations**

Factory hiring and separation rates eased off in October from the high levels reported in September. The changes in turnover rates were largely seasonal reflecting the usual drop-off in rates following completion of model changeover in the automobile industry and withdrawal of temporary workers at the end of the summer vacation period.

Accession rate dropped from 5.5 per 100 employed in September to 4.8 per 100 employed in October, the month-to-month decline occurred because of a sharp reduction in recalls by the automobile industry and cutbacks in new hires in lumber and furniture industries. Accessions also slackened in the miscellaneous manufacturing group as toy production for the Christmas season neared completion. Changes in hiring rates in the nondurable goods industries were largely seasonal during the past thirty days.

**Survivor Benefits To SS Youngsters On the Increase**

More than 900,000 children are now receiving social security survivors benefits. Under the 1960 amendments to the social security law, more than 8700 of these children will receive some increase in their monthly benefits. More than 8700 of these children reside in the Long Beach area, J. G. Bretherton, District Manager of the Social Security Administration, announced today.

The new law provides that the monthly social security benefit of each child of a worker who has died will be three-quarters of the amount the worker would have received if he had lived to draw retirement benefits. The old law provided that each child would get one-half that amount with an additional one-quarter of the total amount divided among all the children.

**Rose Planting**

Ask six rosarians how to prune a rose and you might get half a dozen different answers. But ask them how to plant one and there's little disagreement. Rose planting is an all-important step; but there is nothing mysterious about it, nothing at all.

The first and foremost thing to remember is that roses like a sunny spot and a good workable soil, rich in nutrients and properly drained. Where these are present when the rose is planted it will thrive during its life. And where they are lacking, no amount of future care will ever make up for it.

It behooves the gardener, therefore, to supply these ingredients in his proposed rose garden. The soil should be worked deeply — mixed with humus, steer manure and/or one of the planting mixes you find in a California Association of Nurserymen showroom. Deep cultivation can't be over-emphasized, and even a good garden soil should be turned deeply before planting a rose in it. Addition of bonemeal will supply nutrients.

This done, the gardener is ready to select bareroot stock from the local C.A.N. nursery. Here your effort should be directed toward moving a rose from nursery to permanent planting site without delay. The less time it is exposed to the air, the happier it will be.

Inspect each rose shrub as it is planted. If one of the roots is broken, use a sharp pair of shears and snip it off above the break. Next, assuming the planting hole is already dug, mound a pyramid of loam in the bottom and set the rose on top of it. The pyramid should be tall enough to hold the rose's bud union (that swelling from which the canes grow) at least an inch above the final soil level.

Holding the brush steady, fill in all around the roots with soil, water and add more soil, then firm it. A basin to hold water should be fashioned and filled to settle everything. But remember—roses are heavy feeders and should be fed with a good begins in spring and regularly during the growing season.

**WAGE INCREASES**

The Bureau of National Affairs reports that wage increases becoming effective in 1961 under "contracts now in force" will average just over eight cents an hour.



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