

County Employment Up This Summer

Total employment in Los Angeles and Orange Counties reached an all-time high of 2,780,000 as local employers added 16,300 to their payrolls between July and August. In making this announcement this week, Irving H. Perluss, director of employment, also reported that during August unemployment in the area dropped below the 200,000 mark for the first time this year.

The July-to-August increase in employment resulted from the combined influences of seasonal expansion and recovery trends. Seasonal gains were widespread among the major nonagricultural industries, with particular strength shown in trade, construction and apparel.

The outstanding development of the period, however, was the fact that the important aircraft industry posted its first increase in two years. General upturns throughout the durable goods manufacturing sector, moreover, supported this development.

The over-the-year loss in aircraft, of course, continued to be substantial, and this held total manufacturing employment below a comparable year-ago level for the fifteenth straight month although the loss margin was down to a fraction of one percent.

Negative trends over the year were also evident in agriculture and construction, but the record-breaking employment total was up by \$45,800 from the 2,734,200 reported last August, and included new peaks in the finance and service groups.

Unemployment fell from 206,000 in July to 199,500 in August, while the rate of joblessness moved down from 7.0 to 6.7 percent. Both the volume and the rate were the lowest for the year, but unemployment was still a major problem.



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Adult School Class in Civil Defense Offered at Various Local Areas

A systemwide civil defense program offering classes for adults in "Individual and Family Survival" will be offered by Assistant Superintendent J. Richard Smith, adult education chief.

The program — to be conducted in 13 schools — consists of 12 hours of class instruction over a five-week period beginning in early September.

"Every area of the world is subject to major catastrophes, whether they be produced by nature — such as floods or earthquakes — or whether man made."

"In the event of a sudden and very great emergency, individuals and families must know what to do and be prepared to act with expediency. These classes are designed to prepare persons for such emergencies," Smith emphasized.

Training offered in the systemwide program, the adult education chief continued, will also give persons a background to permit them to act for themselves, in case of major catastrophe, until such time as community and nationwide agencies organized for the purpose of helping to handle these emergencies are fully functioning.

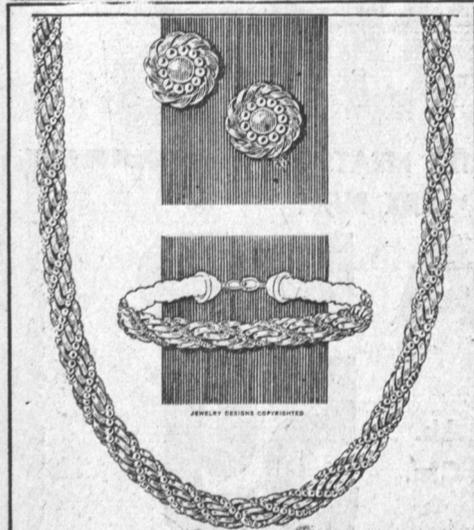
"It is essential that heads of families know what to do before catastrophe strikes, that the individual and his family know what not to fear, and that the family head understand realistically the dangers which sudden disaster may present in order that he may assist his family to survive," Smith added.

The Los Angeles program in "Individual and Family Survival" is part of a nationwide program under sponsorship of state departments of education, initiated in 1958 at the request of the United States Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

The 12-hour course is divided into four basic units which include: (1) Orientation to "Individual and Family Survival"; (2) man's need to understand the hazards of his time; (3) the countermeasures to natural disasters, and (4) defensive and protective measures against modern hazards.

The classes in "Individual and Family Survival," conducted at the 13 Los Angeles adult education schools will begin during the week of September 11 when the City school system opens its fall semester.

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Bradbury To Address Writer Club

Ray Bradbury, American novelist, short story and science fiction writer, will be guest speaker of the Southwest Manuscripts, Friday, Sept. 15, at 8 p.m. Clark Stadium, 861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach.

Acclaimed for such books as "Dark Carnival," "The Illustrated Man," "The Golden Apples of the Sun," "Fahrenheit 451," "The October Country" and "Medicine for Melancholy," Bradbury has recently been working on the screen version of "The Martian Chronicles."

He will be remembered for his co-authorship with Director John Huston of the motion picture script, "Moby Dick."

Of his book, "Dandelion Wine," the Saturday Review said, "No other writer since Mark Twain has caught the vitality and innocence of small-town American youth with as fine and mature perception."

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