

Number employed at present time.

Number of workers who have gone into the armed forces.

Number of workers now employed who are not likely to seek employment after the war.

Number of jobs which will be available after the war, based on plans now being made by owners and managers of local industrial plants.

Employment figures obtained as a result of the survey do not include public utilities owned and operated by the city of St. Petersburg or transportation companies.

A condensed table of the figures obtained as a result of the survey follows:

	Men	Wom.	Total
Employed in 1940 (monthly average)	2,239	421	2,660
Employed at present	1,945	749	2,695
Former employees now in armed forces	764	7	771
Now employed who would not likely seek work in a post-war year	173	69	242

Estimated monthly average employment in post-war year

Adding to the foregoing figures the employees of 24 local plants which are closed for the duration of the war, and assuming they will be reopened and employ at least the same number as in 1940, the total employees in 1940 is increased to 2,844, and the post-war total to 4,717.

An analysis of the figures in the above table, and data from individual report sheets, discloses the following interesting facts:

At present there are 328 more women employed in the 136 plants than in 1940.

Women filled 16 per cent of total jobs in 1940, 28 per cent at the present time, and an estimated 23 per cent will be employed in the post-war period.

Local industries are employing 35 more employees now than in 1940; 65 firms reporting fewer employees, 34 reporting more employees, and 28 reporting the same number of employees.

Nine firms which were not in business in 1940 report a total of 200 employees.

Thirty-four per cent of the men, and 17 per cent of the women employed in 1940 are in the armed forces.

Submitting his survey to Chairman Higgins, Dunn stated that St. Petersburg employers displayed the finest sort of co-operation in providing statistics.

Dunn found a number of industries that said they would announce impressive enlargements of activity as soon as war restrictions are over. These plans, not yet ready to be made public, quite justified, he said, the high percentage of employment increase predicted.

The committee will soon start a mail survey which will cover retail establishments, professional men and service organizations. This will seek to establish not only prospective employment figures,

at Fernandina, in both salt and fresh water. . . Seems the fish crowd into a deep hole for some reason or other by the thousands and either "smother" or exhaust whatever element it is a fish "breathes" . . . Kind of a hard idea to get used to . . . but it is a fact, they found, that the fish had not been poisoned (they were safely edible), dynamited or "concussed" by bomb practice . . .

One other local sea product, we learn, also is likely to be smothered, but in the kitchen and not under water. . . This is the Florida oyster, reported this year to be of the finest quality ever taken locally. . . One reason suggested is that they were beneficially freshened by the unusual amount of rain water poured into the bayous and inlets last summer. . . Several folks work oyster beds (often called "bars") in Pinellas county, but the oldest and probably best-known is the business established more than a quarter century ago by the late Tom Harding on Pappas bayou near the Weedons Island-Shore Acres bridge, now burned out and unusable. . . The first shore location was on the island side, but for years now the oyster sheds have stood on the opposite shore of the bayou. . . Most of the oysters are taken from the deep water of the main channel, through which flows such a brisk tide that the bivalves find plenty to fatten on. . . There is no need to feed them as is frequently done in Chesapeake bay and other northern growing areas. . . The "beds" are operated on lease from the state and poaching on them is something that just isn't done. . . Besides it's hard work "tonguing" them up from the bottom. . . Better buy them by the pint for stews or by the bushel for outdoor roasts, or content yourself (where there's no danger of pollution) with the little "coon" oysters that, clinging to bars out of the water half the time, don't have a proper chance to eat and grow up. . .

IT'S A SMALL WORLD department: For a number of years Mrs. E. F. Porter and Mrs. Elsie M. Duffey lived in Beverly Hills, suburban Chicago. Their sons, Edward and Allen Porter and Donald Duffey, were intimate friends. Ten years ago Mrs. Duf-

fey moved to St. Petersburg and the boys lost track of each other. Eight years ago Allen Porter met Donald Duffey in Nashville, Tenn., where both were employed. Allen and Donald took an apartment there which they occupied until Allen married in 1941.

Then came the war and in May, 1942, Allen and Donald met each other in San Antonio, Tex., where they were in the Air Corps. Then in the summer of 1943 Edward Porter, also in the Air Corps, met Donald Duffey in Brazil. Edward was flying an Army transport plane. Porter upon his return from Brazil to the United States wrote Mrs. Duffey, telling her that her son Donald was in Brazil. Mrs. Duffey wrote, thanking Edward for the news of her son, and Edward enclosed Mrs. Duffey's letter to his mother who had just moved to St. Petersburg in September.

And then Mrs. Porter, who lives at 166 Nineteenth avenue southeast, found that Mrs. Duffey lived at 532 Twenty-sixth avenue south. Edward Porter is a navigator with the air transport command. Allen Porter is a lieutenant and bombardier in the Army Air Corps.

IF FORMER MAYOR R. J. McCUTCHEON is ultimately elected a state senator, as some of his friends are predicting, the senate scene in Tallahassee will not be altogether new to him.

The former local executive in 1909 served one term as a senate clerk on appointment from Pasco county where he was then a resident, a friend of his revealed yesterday.

The former mayor also comes from state representative stock, as his father served one term as a state representative from Pasco county in 1907.

It was through this connection that the younger McCutcheon received his appointment as a senate clerk two years later.

Speeding Brings Fine of \$20

It cost Sam Hicks Jr., 400 Ninth street north, \$20 in city court yesterday when Judge H. L. Peterson found him guilty of speeding at a 38-mile-an-hour rate on west Central avenue.

Thomas Gordan, 1011 Sixteenth avenue south, paid a \$10 fine for failing to, "obey the commands," of a traffic policeman.

Patrolman LeDuc testified that Gordan refused to stop his car when traffic on Ninth street south was being halted at Second avenue for the approach of a Seaboard train.

Gordon said he could not understand what the patrolman wanted him to do, although he admitted that all Ninth street traffic had stopped when he turned south on that street from Second avenue.

Government to Pay For Bombing Damage

Col. James B. Carroll, commandant at MacDill field, yesterday advised Mayor George Patterson that any local property owners who sustain damage to their property through practice bombing at Mullet Key are entitled to payment from the government to cover the damage.

Claim applications, Col. Carroll said, are available at MacDill field.

Mayor Patterson recently contacted Colonel Carroll on the matter of damage claims when residents in the Pinellas Point and Lakewood areas reported that their property had been damaged as a result of the Mullet Key practice bombing.

In a letter to the local executive, the MacDill field commander said that instructions have been issued to use smaller projectiles in future practice bombing.

This is an intensification of an exploration activity that has been going on quietly for the last two or three years. It was held to mean a meticulous and competitive re-examination of oil possibilities in Florida, with the entire coastal and considerable inland area from Sunniland north to the Mississippi basin under scrutiny.

It was made plain by Mr. Wells, however, that, while speed was the essence of the surveys, no quick findings were to be expected. As the oil companies now work, the old diving rod days behind them, the field data has to be studied, corrected, justified and plotted. What it indicates may necessitate a variety of new field studies.

The final plotting goes to the head geological office for authoritative interpretation—in the case of Humble, the headquarters at Houston, Tex. If it is decided that a test well at any given spot seems a likely gamble, the company still has to bring on \$150,000 worth of hard-to-get apparatus, and spend months boring down a mile, two miles, and maybe more, before it can announce that the result is a trace of oil, lots of oil, or just a "dry hole."

So far, with one exception, "dry hole" has been the answer in Florida, and Mr. Wells emphasized that exploration is afoot here now not because anybody is sure of what lies under Florida but precisely because nobody

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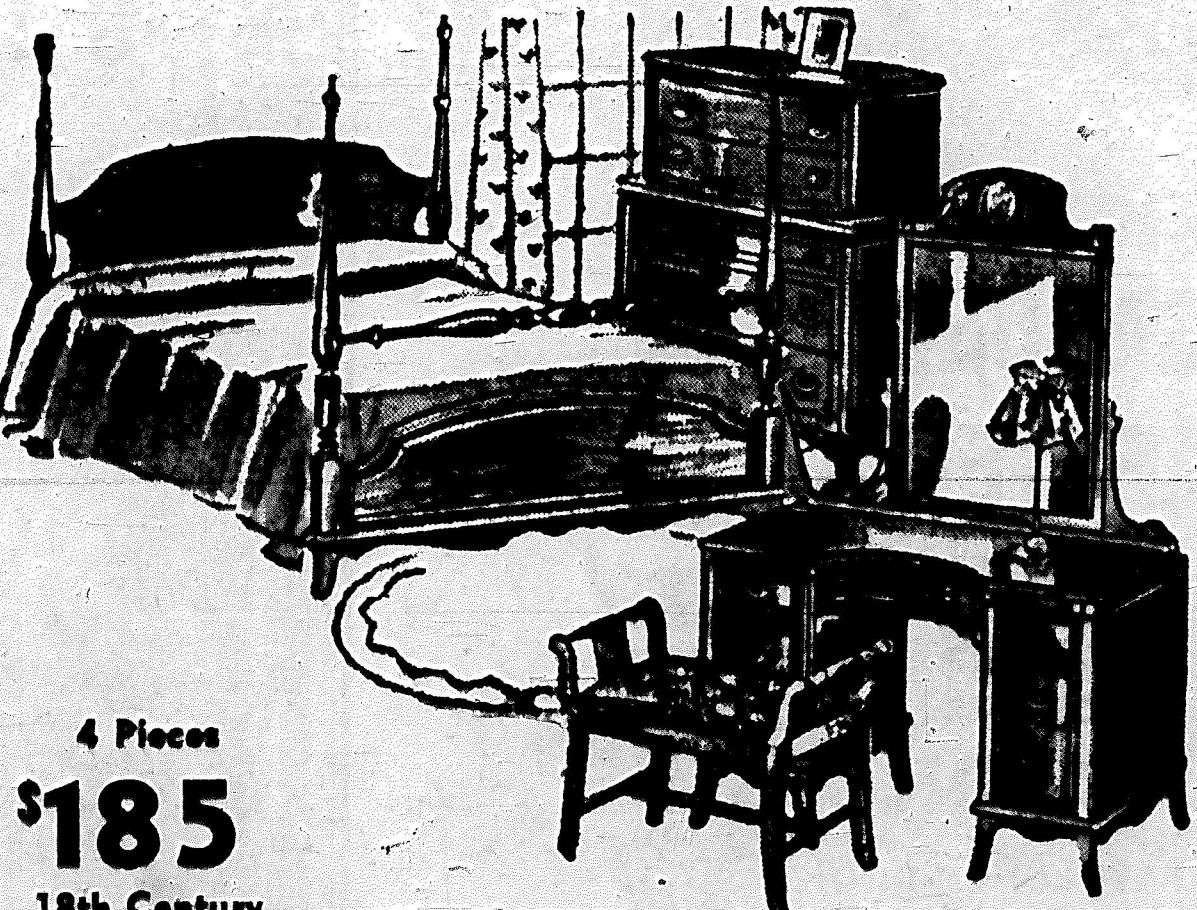
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