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Taxeaters

But it's the U. S. Civil Service Commission report this week that turns out 1,394,447 civilian employees on federal payrolls within the United States as of August 31. That's an increase of 11,242 during the month, whereas 111,790 more than in August, 1947.

In all, the report stated, there are 1,000,000 civilian employees stationed outside the country, making a total of 2,394,447.

While the axe has been over three years, federal payrolls still increase. The active taxeaters grown and grow at the expense to be met by the taxpayers.

A nonspending in Washington is its past over-due. The New Deal spenders have been in the saddle for sixteen years and appear every effort by Senator Harry Byrd and a few others to reduce the great army of government employees, many of whom are unnecessary.

Candidate Dewey says he is for a nonspending, but he will eliminate unnecessary governmental expenditures, and reduce our unprecedented national debt. It is only through such drastic action that burdened taxpayers will get relief and a free and enlarged enterprise for capital investment will come.

Lewis the Kingfish

John L. Lewis is still the "kingfish" with his miners union. Four years ago the miners voted to give him a salary of $25,000 a year, two years ago he voted a cost-of-living bonus estimated at $10,000 a year. Last week the 5,000 miner delegates at their convention in Cincinnati voted to raise their president's salary to $50,000 annually, "in return for his great services." There is no way to get a true estimate of the value of perquisites he receives in addition to his pay check. This increase gives the Czar what is believed to be the highest salary of any union executive in the country. All the "boys" then proceed to increase dues from $2 a month to $4. One of the Santa Claus struggles said: "When you want a T-bone steak, you have to pay more for it today." And this declaration by the spokesman, "the next time Mr. Lewis fights the government, we want him to have plenty behind him."

This means the consumer is now paying an enormous price for coal, and will pay more.

John Lewis, the defiant dictator, who knows at the same time how to take care of himself, is a menace to the American people. He should be exterminated as a public protector.

Dual Office-Holders

Governor Thurmond had much to say, amongst his election, and properly so, about dual office holding. He says it is direct violation of the Constitution. He has made the progress in breaking up the practice, for which he is to be commended.

William Johnston, brother of Senator Olin D. Johnston, was recently elected mayor of Anderson. The governor asked for his resignation as a member of the Clark's Hill power project which aspires to be a rival of the great Santee-Cooper political-albeit project in which no business man in South Carolina would invest a dollar. So far as the public knows, the Anderson mayor has ignored the governor's request that he abide by the law.

Someone suggests that while the governor is writing Senators Edgar Brown and Richard M. Jefferies, both dual office-holders of high degree, he included for mandatory communications. If these two senators, of Clark's Hill and Santee-Cooper fame, can evade the law and get by with their defiance, nothing should be said against minor office-holders. The governor and the law should have one yardstick applicable to all who are guilty of dual office-holding.

From where we sit it appears that there is a political or some sort of alliance between Thurmond, Brown and Jefferies. Politics makes strange bed-fellows.

Two State Amendments

When voters of this state go to the polls on November 2 they will be given twenty-six amendments to the state Constitution upon which they will vote "yes" or "no." Twenty-four on the list, all of which appear in an election notice in today's paper, are purely local, relating to towns, cities and school districts.

There are two amendments of state-wide importance with which voters should familiarize themselves before—when they should express their opinion.

The first is an amendment which would amend the Constitution and empower the General Assembly to enact a law allowing divorces in this state for certain causes.

The second amendment is one which would repeal the practically unlimited pardon power of the governor of South Carolina.

The first amendment, to which there are two sides, in our opinion should be rejected. Its passage would result in breaking up still more home in this state grounds, would increase business for attorneys who specialize in such practice, and would destroy respect for the marriage contract.

The amendment to curb the governor's pardon power should have been passed long ago. We hope the voters will approve it now that the opportunity is given. It is a long overdue reform, for no governor should hold the power the present law vests in that office. Look at the outrageous abuse of the pardoning power we have witnessed in this state the past twenty-five years by a number of governors, which is a direct slap at our courts, a travesty upon justice, and a detriment to law enforcement and respect. And we have too many easy and suspended sentences by weak-kneed judges. Why have courts and sentences for law violators who are a danger to society when a governor at the stroke of his pen can wipe out the work of solicitors, judges and juries. No governor should hva esuch power which is dangerous. Abuse should not be so this relic of the past ages which detests justice and raises a big question mark in the minds of the people concerning governors who open wide the doors of the jails and penitentiary. There are several names we could call but it will do no good now. The important thing is to amend the law now to make such abuses impossible in the future.

And it should be said to the credit of Governor Thurmond that he has an excellent pardon record, entirely different from several of his recent predecessors.

Election Forecasts

November 2 is big election day, with predictions that the vote will greatly exceed the 48,000,000 total cast for presidential candidates Roosevelt and Dewey in 1944. Some of the forecasters are even setting the peg at 55,000,000, but this is hardly a possibility. The biggest registration figures come from the big cities, many setting new records due to organization and activity of both major political machines in large population centers.

A popular pastime now is publishing pole forecasting the election, with both President Truman and Governor Dewey claiming victory. The President, just back from a six-state campaign, says he is confident of winning and that some pollsters are going to be startled by the November vote. From the Republican camp predictions likewise come that Dewey will be the winner. Both sides are spending enormous amounts of money on the campaign, one of the most expensive in the country's history.

The latest Gallup poll shows that Dewey is leading in 28 states, Truman in 10, Thurmond in four, and 14 doubtful states now a lively battleground.

Both the Republican and Democratic headquarters also are making predictions and sweeping claims. The Dewey forces claim as certain for the Republicans 28 states with a total of 304 electoral votes—68 more than the required 266 majority. The Truman forces claim as certain for the Democrats 24 states with 229 electoral votes and 19 eight states with 185 votes as doubtful. The Dixiecrats are claiming 100 votes. Neutral observers find flaws in the estimates, and say they are too optimistic. Candidates, regardless of the office, always expect to win. One of the big questions that will enter into the outcome is to what extent the Thurmond ticket will cut into Truman's electoral vote in the South where there is much opposition and bitterness over the States' Rights issue championed by both Truman and Dewey, and the President's probe ensor, the late Mr. Roosevelt.

Indications are that Dewey will be elected the next President of the United States. And if this happens the underlying reason will be the general feeling in the country that "it's time for a change."

Presidential Ballot For November 2

The following names will appear on Presidential ballots that will be found at the voting precincts for the general election on Tuesday, November 2.

The party designations do not appear on the ballots. Voters should familiarize themselves with the names of electors on the ticket they wish to vote.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC
(Truman-Barkley)
Senator
Burnet R. Maybank
Representative in Congress
Joseph R. Bryson
Presidential Electors
Mrs. Richard J. Allison
John B. Gorely
John V. Murray,
Robert S. Rogers
John M. Ross
Cal M. Strickland
P. L. Wiggin
Ashton M. Williams

STATES' RIGHTS DEMOCRATIC
(Thurmond-Wright)
Senator
Burnet R. Maybank
Representative in Congress
Joseph R. Bryson
Presidential Electors
Eugene S. Blease
Charlton Durant
Harry M. Arthur
Irving M. Fishburne
Leon Harris
J. K. Mayfield
Thomas R. Miller
J. Cityborn Wilson

REPUBLICAN
Senator
J. Bates Gerald
Representative in Congress
James B. Gaston
Presidential Electors
Mrs. G. J. Cherry
Bynum Davis
J. C. Hambright
Joseph E. Hines
Mrs. John E. Messervy
George Norwood
C. B. Ruffin
C. M. Smith

PROGRESSIVE
(Henry Wallace)
WHY BOTHER?
We Don't Know.

Tex Ritter, Singing Star, To Appear In Joanna

Tex Ritter, screen and radio star, will appear at the Gold theater at Joanna in person on Friday, October 29. Ritter, a graduate of the University of Texas and Northwestern University law school, is a noted authority on American folk music.

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Laurens, S. C.

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Twent-five models, beautiful girls from Laurens, Clinton and Joanna, will model for you the latest in fall fashions. Each girl will also show you the latest in hair styles, arranged by your local beauty shops. All shoes worn by these models are by the courtesy of Milton Shoe Department, showing the latest in fall and winter footwear.

In addition, there will be modeling of Children's Clothes by ten little girls.

Six dresses will be given to lucky holders of tickets—these to be presented at the door. Prizes will be given to the best Adult model and to the best Junior model, which are to be selected by competent judges. Be there to see your favorite model win.

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There's a thrill waiting for you at your dealer's today. With 100 new features, improvements and refinements, the 1949 FRAZER is ahead of its time . . . *out front*—trailblazing the way for all the cars to come.

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The 1949 FRAZER Manhattan

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