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**NEARLY MILLION ON
UNCLE SAM'S PAYROLL**

Estimate Is 946,885 Men and Women; Pay Total Over Billion Dollars

Uncle Sam's payroll has upon it the names of 946,885 men and women. They receive an average annual wage of \$1,575, for a total payroll of approximately \$1,494,000,000, according to estimates of the bureau of the budget, says a United States report from Washington, D.C.

This army of employees exceeds the population of the state of Oregon. It means that one in every 125 men, women and children in the United States collects a salary from the federal government.

The payroll is so large and the number of employees so great that there is no bureau in all of the governmental machinery that can say accurately just what it amounts to. The United Press, however, has gathered data from such widely varied sources as the budget bureau, the civil service commission and the library of congress, which reveal in fairly accurate figures the magnitude of the government as a labor employer.

On June 30, 1931, the end of the last fiscal year, there were 29,172 more employes of federal departments, bureaus and offices than on June 30, 1929, when the boom was at its peak.

Uncle Sam's Hired Help

The following table shows the number of employed in the different branches of the United States government service. Unless otherwise noted, figures are of June 30, 1931, the end of the last fiscal year.

Post Office Dept.	371,483
War Department	
(civil employes)	53,356
Treasury Dept.	51,744
Navy Department	
(civil employes)	48,782
Veteran's Administration	28,645
Agricultural Dept.	28,175
Commerce Dept.	23,680
Interior Dept.	19,777
Other Departments, Bureaus, Etc.	36,096
Judicial Service	16,028
Legislative Service	3,759
U. S. Army	136,500
U. S. Navy	89,709
U. S. Marine Corps	16,928
U. S. Coast Guard	11,900
Panama Canal	10,323
Total	946,885

Continued Increase

Despite reductions in the size of the army, navy and marine corps, the number of names on federal payrolls has increased every year since 1927. The number employed today is greater than at any time since the years of and immediately after the war.

The total departmental and office employment last June was 40 per cent greater than that of June 1916. The total of 946,885 government employees does not include hundreds of thousands of others who, indirectly, are paid with Federal funds. The great majority of those paid indirectly are hired by contractors, who are at work on government projects. The number is variously estimated from half a million upwards.

**Further Progress in
Organization of Lake
Co. Nat. His. Museum**

Organization of the proposed Lake County Museum of Natural History was a step nearer completion last week as members of the Izaak Walton League and a number of others interested in establishment of the museum met at the Waukegan Y. M. C. A. to discuss definite plans for forming the association.

In order to closely unify all work in connection with organizing the body, a committee of seven was named last night to handle preliminary arrangements. This group is in charge of W. I. Lyon and includes Charles W. Douglas Jr., Harold McArthur, Charles Crapo, Ed Sargent, Harold Potter and Jess Longabough.

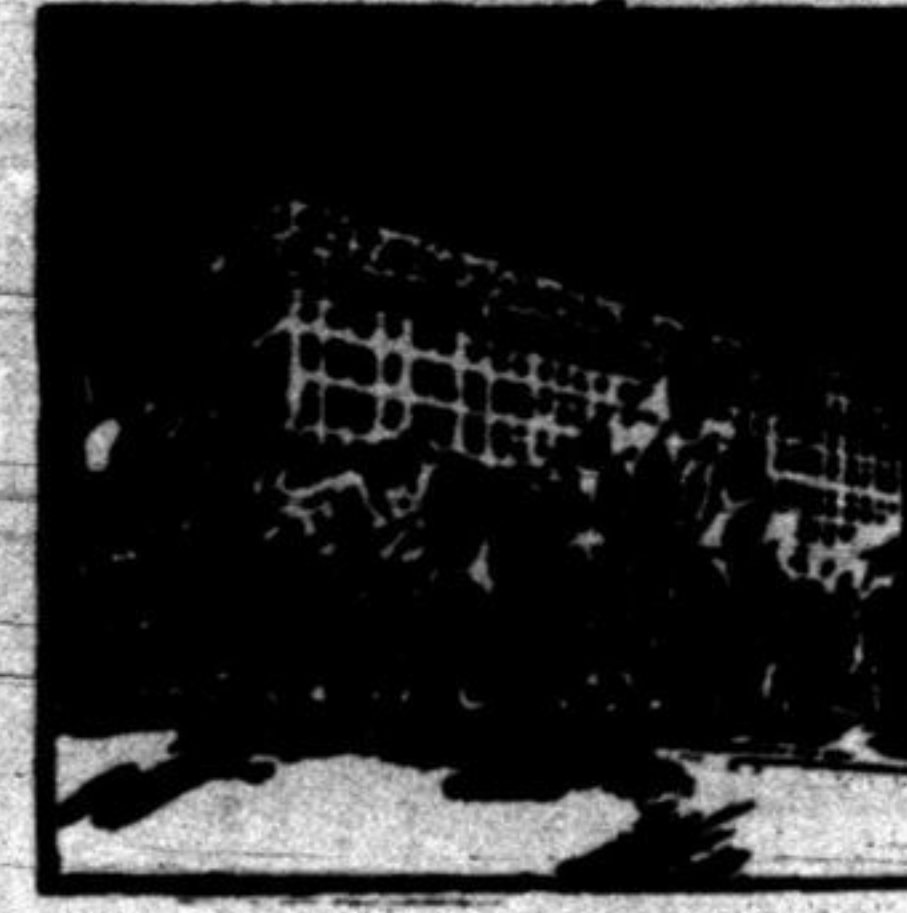
Seek Public Opinion

In obtaining the consensus among Waukegan residents regarding the museum, committeemen have asked that any person in the city or Lake county interested in furthering the plan should get in touch with committee members.

The proposed museum was given added impetus last week when Dr. Benjamin D. Lemery announced that he has a valuable collection of stuffed birds and animals in North Dakota that will be available for the organization here when it is definitely established.

In addition to these, the museum will have the Douglas collection, known as the finest and most valuable in this vicinity. It is to form the nucleus for the Waukegan collection.

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