Cost of Living Up 13. Per Cent

The Governor today reported a 1.3 per cent rise in the cost of living in the month ended February 15, the Bureau of Labor Statistics' consumer's price index hitting a new all-time high for the third month in a row.

At the sae time the bureau announced that average wholesale pri ces reached a new all-time peak with a three tenths of one per cent advance in the week ended March 20.

The jump in consumer's prices automatically entitled more than a million nonoperating railroad workers to a 6-cent hourly wage increase, under a contract put into effect by the Army on March 1.

Only 2 of the 6 cents would be permissable under the wage-stabilization formula limiting wage increases to ten per cent above January 15, 1950, levels, since the contact ,with its escalator clause, was negotiated after the January 25 wage-price freeze.

It granted workers a 12½ cent advance over the previous base pay of $1.48 an hour and an additional 1 cent an hour with each one-pint advance in the consumer's price index from a base of 178. The adjustment is to be made quarterly, with the first one scheduled April 1.

While the Army has indicated an intention to carry out the agreement there was no words as to the courses of Eric Johnston, economic stabilization administrator.

An aide said the contract had not been submitted to him, although an army spokesman said a copy had been sent to his office. The economic stabilization chief last week withheld approval of a ceiling-piercing contract negotiated in the meat packing industry, despite the threat of a strike by 120,000 CIO packing house workers.

WHAT MAKES HAPPINESS IN MARRIAGE?

Results of a college professor's interviews with married couples were somewhat startling; although one person believed his marriage a success, his mate often thought opposite. Read how these findings revealed key to martial bliss in "Secret of a Happy Marriage," in April 15th issue of The American Weekly. Nation's popular magazine with the Baltimore Sunday American. Order from your local newsdealer.

New System For Issuing Auto Tax

Thomas B. R. Mudd, Commissioner of Motor Vehciles, has inuagurated a new system of collection of ap plications and fees for 1951-51 registration of motor vehicles issued by County Treasurers who act as agents for the department.

This new procedure will expedite the work for all concerned. A representative of the Department of Motor Vehicles will pick up the receipt and applications each week from the County Treasurers, thereby having information concerning vehicles ownership in the files for quick reference.

Quite frequently, when the sale of tags reaches its peak, the County Treasurers cannot mail the application to the Department within the time prescribed by law. This is entirely due to the increased demand for new licenses being issued in the various counties.

During the current legislature pro visions were made for Treasurers to sell tags in Allegany and Anne Arundel counties. This brings the total now up to 16 agents who act for the department in the issuance of motor vehicles licenses.

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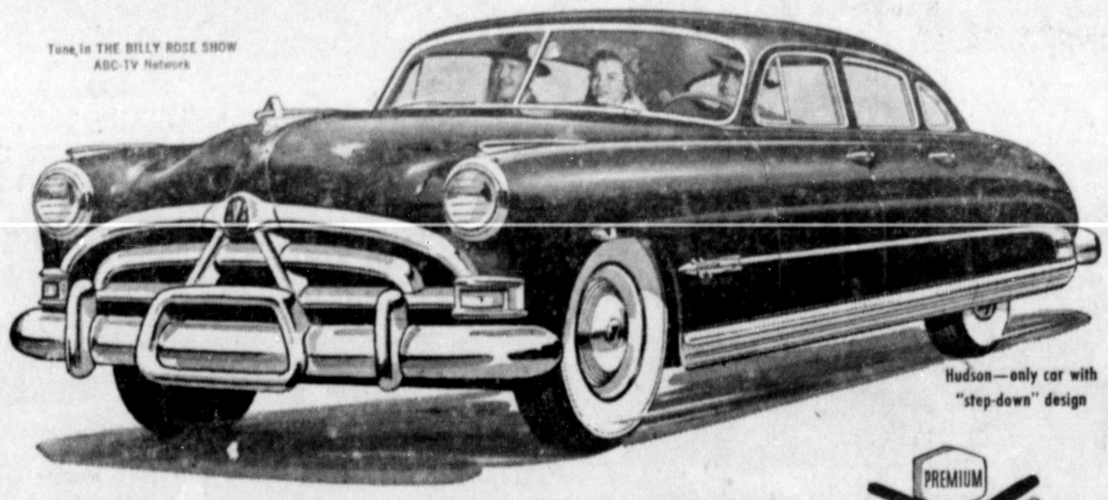

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