

UNEMPLOYMENT LEVELS IN THE 20th CENTURY



In appraising the significance of recent levels of unemployment it is helpful to place them in the perspective of a record running back to the beginning of this century.

A striking feature of this long-term is the exceptionally high levels of unemployment during the 1930's. The peak was reached in 1932, when 23 per cent of the labor force was unemployed. Starting in 1931, unemployment remained in excess of 14 per cent of the civilian labor force for a full 10 years. This level of unemployment has never been reached in any year either before or since that decade.

The unemployment level has fluctuated over a considerable range, even if the exceptional decade of the 1930's is left out of consideration. Unemployment fell to less than 1 per cent of the civilian labor force in 1907, and rose as high as 12 per cent in 1921. During the years since World War II, unemployment has ranged between a low of 2.4 per cent in 1953 and a high of 6.4 per cent in 1949. In 1954, and the

early months of 1955, it has been about 5.0 per cent.

During the twentieth century as a whole, the unemployment level has averaged 40 per cent of the civilian labor force. This is a median; that is, there were as many years in which unemployment fell below 4.0 per cent as there were years in which it rose above that figure. If the 1930's are omitted from the computation, unemployment averaged 3.7 per cent during the remaining years of this century.

The unemployment record since the end of World War II resembles, in its general character, the years prior to 1929, rather than the catastrophic years of the 1930's. Between 1900 and 1929 unemployment averaged 3.9 per cent of the civilian labor force. Between 1946 and 1954 it averaged 3.6 per cent. Although unemployment rose sharply between 1953 and 1954, the 1954 level was exceeded in 7 of the pre-depression years, and in one of the post World War II years.

Wedded Sunday



Mary Emma Perry Weds F. D. Spivey Sunday, June 19th

In a high noon ceremony Sunday, June 19, in the Warrick Baptist Church, Miss Mary Emma Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perry, Sr., of Tyrner became the bride of Francis Donald Spivey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Spivey of Hobbesville.

The Rev. Lee Phillips officiated. Mrs. Lee Phillips, pianist, and Miss Peggy Perry, vocalist, presented the nuptial music.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, J. E. Perry, Jr. She wore a white linen suit with a loose fitting coat. Her bridal bouquet was white carnations showered with gypsophila, French carnations and white satin ribbons.

MRS. DONALD SPIVEY
In a ceremony performed Sunday morning, June 19, Miss Mary Emma Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perry of Tyrner, became the bride of Donald Spivey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Spivey of Hobbesville.

Really Lazy

"Rastus, your dog seems to be in pain."
"No, suh, he ain't in pain. He's just lazy."
"But surely he must be suffering or he wouldn't howl like that."
"Jes' plumb laziness, jes' laziness; he's sittin' on a thistle."

Mrs. Marcellus Hollowell of Newport News, Va., sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a light blue fitted linen suit and carried a nose-gay of sweetpeas and pink carnations showered with pink ribbons.

Hanford Spivey of the armed forces was his brother's best man. Jshers were Glenn Perry, brother of the bride, of Edenton and Elmer Bunch, cousin of the bridegroom of Gatesville.

The bride's mother wore a navy blue dress with navy and white accessories. Her corsage was pink carnations. The bridegroom's mother wore a light blue dress with white accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.



RAMBLING THROUGH THE YEARS—Anton Zitner, 84, right, marks the years in rose-colored numerals on his garden wall in San Francisco, Calif. Parent plant for the rambling record of time is in center of his garden, and Zitner has been guiding the runners through mazes of his floral calendar since 1940.

LUCKY NINE WINS

The "lucky nine" baseball team of Winfall won its seventh game of the season as against two losses Sunday when they defeated Manteo 20-0. Joseph Riddick allowed two hits, struck out 15 Manteo hitters. Clifton Johnson and Eddie Harrell hit triples and doubles for the "lucky nine" team.

ing School under the direction of Miss Vyvian J. Harris, home economics teacher, closed June 15 and similar classes will be resumed on August 15, it was reported this week. The class just closed had a registration of 15 persons.

Male Dove Of Peace

"Jack and I have parted forever."

"Good gracious. What does that mean?"

"A five-pound box of candy in about an hour."

SHORT COURSE ENDS

A two-weeks short course on clothing construction and home economics, held at Perquimans Train-

CLUB MEETS

The Beech Spring Home Demonstration Club met recently with Mrs. Willie Lamb.

Mrs. Joe Layden, president, presided, opening the meeting with all singing "Listen to the Mocking Bird." Mrs. Willie Lamb gave the devotional, using Matthew 6:28-29, the subject being "The Simple Life," followed with all repeating The Lord's Prayer. The May minutes were read and approved; roll was called with 11 members and 4 visitors present. Both old and new business were discussed.

Mrs. A. E. Layden gave some instructions on the care of eggs during the summer season. Mrs. Joe Perry gave a book report and a reading on "Care in Gardening." Mrs. C. W. Reed gave a book report. Mrs. W. J. Perry gave a reading on the advantage of buying bonds. Mrs. Willie Lamb gave an article for family life titled "The Magic of Appreciation." The meeting was then turned over to Home Agent Kimsey Perry, who gave a demonstration on "What Shall We Eat?" She gave some very helpful advice and also showed slides on the subject. The meeting closed with all repeating the Club Collect in unison.

Mrs. Wayland Howell directed the recreation, which consisted of a stunt in which Miss Kimsey Perry won the prize. Following this the hostess served refreshments.

TRY A WEEKLY CLASSIFIED



Build In Safety — Built-ins are becoming increasingly popular today. When you build or remodel your home very likely you will include some sort of built-in equipment in your plans. But what about safety? The National Safety Council brings these suggestions to you.

Make room for safety in the bathroom. Bathtubs should be flat-bottomed in design, with grab bars for tub or shower.

Install metal soap dishes, fixtures, and towel bars, never porcelain which is dangerously breakable.

Put light switches out of reach of the tub or shower.

Floors should have non-skid surface.

Provide built-in slot for disposal of used razor blades.

In the kitchen be sure that counters and built-in furniture have rounded corners. Movable equipment in the kitchen should not protrude into the room.

Locate the stove away from windows so that curtains do not blow across the flames, and place no cupboards or shelves over the stove. Sliding doors on cabinets are safest.

Have sufficient electrical outlets and plan work areas so that you are never working in your own shadow.

Good Buttermilk Recipes — Buttermilk muffins can be made in half an hour and they are a quick bread all members of the family will like. Use 1 cup enriched flour, 1/4 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon each of salt and baking powder, 1 cup enriched corn meal, 1/2 cup melted shortening or bacon drippings, 2 tablespoons sugar, two eggs well beaten and 1 1/2 cups sour or buttermilk. Sift enriched flour with baking soda, salt and baking powder. Mix with enriched corn meal. Combine bacon fat, sugar, and eggs. Add sour or buttermilk and combine with dry ingredients. Beat only until smooth. Fill well greased muffin tins two-thirds full. Bake in hot oven (425 degrees F.) 15 to 20 minutes. Makes 12 to 15 servings.

Buttermilk sherbet as a cool, refreshing dessert for the family on a hot summer day. Ingredients: 2 cups buttermilk, 2/3 cup sugar, 1 cup crushed pineapple (drained), 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Mix buttermilk with sugar or ingredients. Freeze quickly in a smush. Turn into a bowl and mix with egg beater. Return to tray and complete freezing.

Cooking With Milk — When you are cooking with milk, be careful not to let it boil. Milk scorching easily so you may want to use a double boiler. People who do not like the taste of plain milk usually like it combined with other foods in cooked dishes.

Milk is no right in food values that it is considered a food rather than just a beverage.

BRIDGE SHOWER

Mrs. B. G. Koonce and Mrs. Ralph Wallace were hostesses at a stork shower and bridge party Friday night at the home of Mrs. Koonce honoring Mrs. J. E. Newby. Those present, besides the guest of honor, were Mesdames T. B. Sumner, W. G. Wright, E. L. Merrill, J. W. Dillon, W. J. Kandy, D. F. Reed, Jr., Eldon Winslow, R. S. Monda, Edson Harris, Tim R. Brinn, Edward Nowell, H. C. Sullivan, Herbert Nixon, Charles Murray, Robert Glover, S. S. Hollingsworth, and Miss Helen Nixon. The high score prize went to Mrs. Merrill and the low score prize was awarded Mrs. Dillon. A sweet course was served after which the guest of honor opened her many lovely gifts.

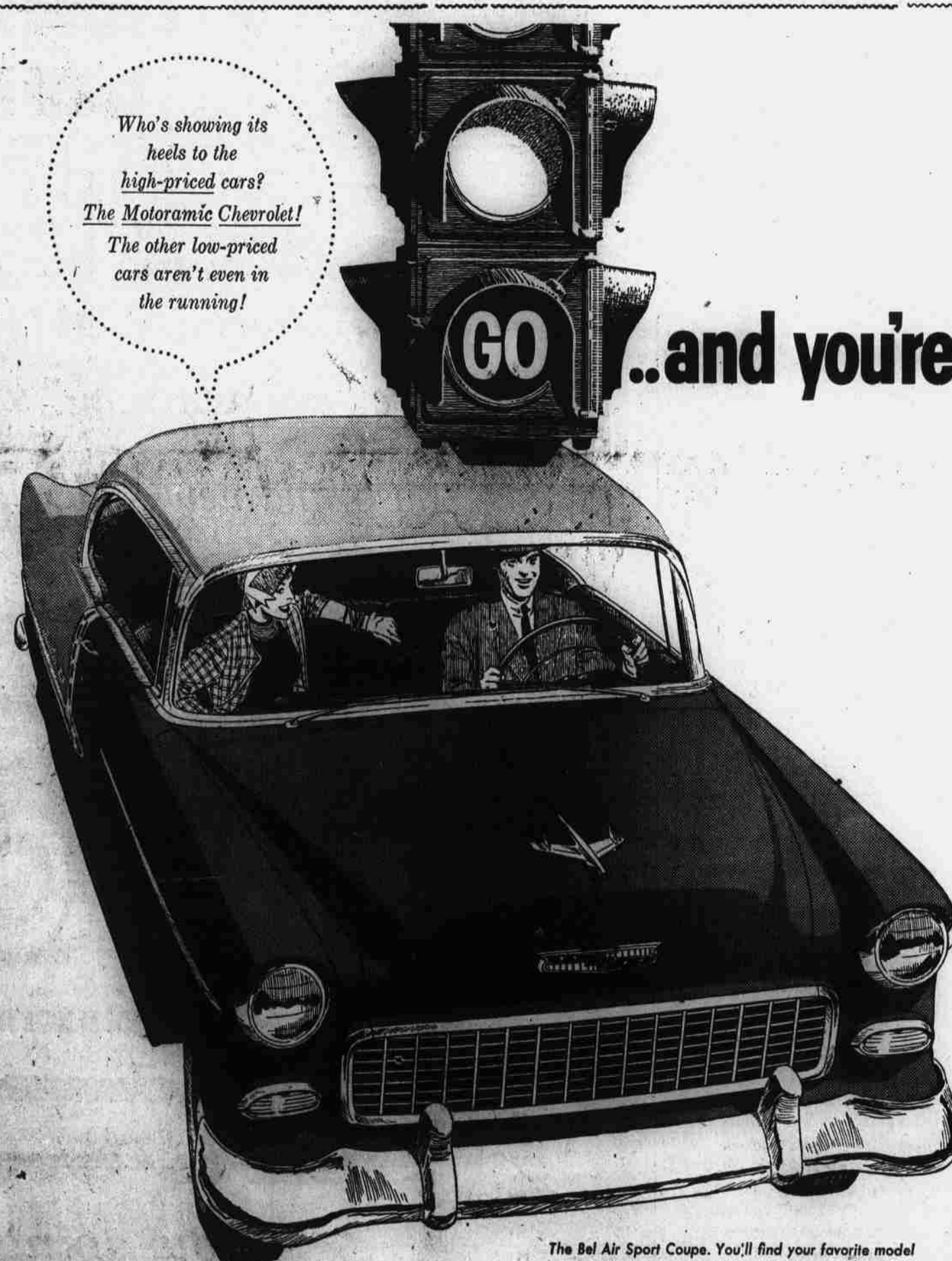
ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

Mrs. John Coston entertained the Tuesday night bridge club this week at her home on Front Street. Those playing were Mesdames H. C. Stokes, T. L. Jessup, C. E. Johnson, W. G. Barbee, C. R. Holmes, Miss Louis Chalk and Miss Thelma Elliott. The high score prize went to Mrs. Holmes. A salad course was served.

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