

SEVEN YEAR STATE JOB RECORD SHOWS 31 PERCENT RAISE

RALEIGH — Employment in North Carolina, covered by the Employment Security Law, increased 31.12 per cent, or by nearly 150,000 workers in the seven year period from 1940 through 1947 while all non-agricultural employment increased by nearly 250,000, it is shown in a study by S. F. Campbell, director of the Bureau of Research and Statistics, and announced by Henry E. Kendall, Employment Security Commission chairman.

Covered employment increased in that period from 479,872 workers to 622,636 workers and all non-agricultural workers increased from 635,000 to an estimated 882,000. Meanwhile agricultural employment decreased from 469,000 in 1940 to an estimated 330,000 in 1947.

The net increase of about 120,000 workers in non-agricultural work, coupled with the excess of births over deaths from 1940 to 1947, of 534,000, makes it hard to reconcile these figures with the government estimate as of July 1947, that the population of North Carolina had increased only 93,000 or 2.6 per cent, since 1940.

The Mountain Region of the

State, 25 counties, showed the greatest covered employment increase in the seven years 42.67 percent, considerably higher than the State average of 31.12 percent, but the wage increases in this region increased to a average of only 111.19 percent, as compared with the State average of 122.71 percent.

The Piedmont Plateau embracing 30 counties, manufacturing center of the State, made a small relative gain in amount of employment than the other two areas, 20.62 percent, in the seven years but showed the greatest gain in average wages 123.75 percent from \$17.76 in 1940 to \$39.74 in 1947.

The Coastal Plain Area, with 29 counties, increased its average employment by 33.47 percent in the seven years greater than the State-wide and Piedmont Plateau averages, but less than the Mountain Region average. The average wages gained 121.41 percent, slightly less than the State average, from \$14.41 a week in 1940 to \$33.72 in 1947.

Wake County this report shows, increased its average employment from 12,694 in 1940 to 20,182 in 1947, a gain of 58.99 percent. The country's average weekly wage in-



CHRISTMAS MORNING

CASWELL COUNTY

BY W. W. STRUDWICK
YULETIDE VESPERS

A record breaking audience of parents, friends and well-wishers braved the chill, inclement weather Sunday night and sat enthralled throughout the offering of the Department of Music at this Yuletide. The CCTS Band under the direction of John B. Debnam and the Junior and Senior Glee Clubs under the direction of B. V. Morgan were combined in a program of Christmas Vespers based on the biblical version of the birth of Christ.

The program was as follows: Prelude, The Band, "America," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Beautiful Savior" and "Silent Night," Solo, "Pans Angelicus" by Mary Lee Williamson. Then the processional Venite Adoremus by the Glee Clubs by candlelight; "Silent Night" and continuous narration by W. W. Strudwick. The Junior and Senior Clubs sang the whole chorus alternately with the Narrator. Postlude, Variations on Carol Themes by Junior Club, Recessional, "Rejoice! Glee Praise." The sustained applause swelled the

auditorium as the last notes resounded.

BANNER ATTENDANCE CLASS GIVEN TRIP

The Reverend and Mrs. C. R. Bridges were host to the Youth Club members of the Yanceyville AME Church who kept a perfect attendance record for the year. Those in the group who motored to Greensboro Saturday were: Xymena Graves, Mary Lee Williamson, Annette Dillard, Mary N. Williamson and Margaret Lowmes. While in Greensboro, they visited friends and relatives and attended a movie.

As Time Marches On

In the midnight sky Let the beauty of the story take away all narrowness, all thought of formal. Bury the indignations you feel of current injustices which flood lower American. Swallow the bitter cup of prejudices which have enlured the world since Johnny R. has toured the world. Forget the men whose blood flowed for democracy and returned to find a hellish kind of haven in some places where freedom is also supposed to reign. Disregard the doors that are closed to men of promise because their skin is black or tan.

Yes these things, and all other want, proving elements are all laid by as we enter the Holy Season.

In our hearts we all know Christmas is a good time; a kind forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; in fact it is the only time I know of, in the whole calendar of the year, when men and women lay aside all their pettinesses and look thru a glass with frankness sans fraudulent fronts and children too; their hearts seem to open with a freedom and fullness that is as fresh as the early morning dew on the rambling honeysuckle vine on a Spring morn. As Time Enters Another Decade which shall bring forth wondrous things.

FROM THE SANCTUM TINY TOTS WITH THEIR SMILES ALL AGLOW

Don't tell me there's no Santa Claus

'Cause I wouldn't have no fun at all

I rush to bed on Christmas Eve

Knowing Santa'll make it alright

Santa lives in your heart and mine

Each day we strive as we go along

To make somebody sing a happy song

That poor beggar who helped today

Knew you'd know Santa along the way

When the going gets rough and you still smile

That's 'cause my Santa's working all the while

—Without Two Front Teeth

To all our friends here and there

wherever you are: We wish you the merriest of the Yuletide season

for you and all those you hold dear,

—W. W. Strudwick

ROASTS FEELS... new engine has been develop... chamber heated by butane gas... Certain crops to be fed in and... Outfitted with a 24-horsepower... roasts them alive and blows them... mals cannot be sprayed safely with... which pull suction fans, the... insecticides. To rid them of pests, a... apparatus sucks the insects into a... out the rear of the compartment.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A Merry Christmas, friends! The wish is strong and deep and true,
To bear our greetings on this day
To envy one of you!

A Merry Christmas, friends! And may it ring with love and cheer,
A Christmas of such gladness
To last a 12-month year!

The merriest of Christmases,
A day to lift and bless
Your hours with warmth and welcome,
Your hearts with happiness!

ANNE MARY LAWLER

Carolina POWER & LIGHT Company

Greetings

On this happy day when hearts beat fast with all the joys that come only in this Yuletide season we want to extend our sincere wishes for all good things and express to one and all our sincere thanks for your patronage and kind co-operation in the past — our hope to serve you better than ever in the future.

DRIVE-IN CLEANERS

For an old fashioned
AMERICAN CHRISTMAS
Johnson & Lambe

Merry Christmas

Christmas is the time we remember our old friends and look forward to new friends. So our good wishes ring out for all... "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"; no words are richer in good cheer.

Raleigh Industrial Bank

Merry Christmas

May yours be a joyous holiday,
overflowing with happiness and
good cheer.

ELLISBERG'S
Raleigh's Smartest Shop

Greetings

We send our warmest greetings to all our patrons for a very happy Yuletide holiday.

O. K. Clothing Co.
113 E. Martin St.