

## Employment Loss In Chowan County For Fourth Quarter

### 1,117 Workers Are Now Under Covered Em- ployment

Forty of North Carolina's 100 counties showed increases in employment subject to the Employment Security Law in the first quarter of 1948, as compared with the last quarter of 1947, but the State as a whole, with total average reported employment of 644,108 workers in the first quarter of 1948, declined 0.78 per cent, Chairman Henry E. Kendall, Employment Security Commission, reports.

A compilation prepared by S. F. Campbell, director of Research and Statistics, shows that the average weekly wage declined from \$42.03 in the last quarter of 1947 to \$41.14 in the first quarter of 1948, due in part to a decrease in employment in construction. Average weekly wages in construction dropped from \$43.49 to \$40.31 and in manufacture from \$42.29 to \$41.60.

In the mountain region employment gained 2.89 per cent from the fourth to the first quarter, due largely to expanded employment in Haywood County in paper manufacturing, and in Caldwell, McDowell and Burke in furniture manufacturing. In the Piedmont Plateau, employment declined 0.29 per cent, and in the Coastal Plain the decline was 6 per cent. Principal gains in employment in the State were in textiles, in which employment increased by 15,893, and in furniture, which showed a gain of 1,588.

Wages paid to the 644,108 workers reported in the State in the first quarter of 1948 amounted to \$344,592,228, average \$41.14 a week. In the Mountain Area 82,326 workers received \$42,591,086 in wages, average \$39.80; in the Piedmont Plateau 446,443 workers received \$246,544,965 in wages, average \$42.47 a week; and in the Coastal Area 96,917 workers received \$42,953,565 in wages, average \$34.09.

Chowan County, in the first three months of 1948, had 1,117 workers in covered employment who earned \$471,596, an average of \$32.48 a

week. In construction, this county had 108 workers employed, who received \$44,826 in wages, an average of \$31.93 a week. In manufacture, 498 workers received \$248,065 in wages, average \$38.32 a week. In transportation and communication, this county had 22 workers who earned \$8,404. In finance, insurance and real estate 12 workers earned \$6,428. In service occupations and other activities 204 workers in the county earned \$55,704.

From the fourth quarter of 1947 to the first quarter of 1948, Chowan County showed a 10.21 per cent loss in employment.

### Hospital Patients

The following have been patients in the Chowan Hospital during the week of September 6-13:

#### White Patients

Miss Mary Badham, Edenton; Joseph V. Parrish, Edenton; Mrs. Veda Gay Ward, Edenton; Mrs. Elizabeth Gay Flippen, Edenton; Mrs. Alan George Bailey and twin boys, Edenton; Miss Grace Hunt, Chowan Hospital (Spring Hope); Jesse M. Wilson, Edenton; Mrs. Ernest Byrd, Windsor; Mrs. Neanie Haskett, Edenton; Mrs. Betty Cobb Perry and baby girl, Edenton; Mrs. Edna Bunch, Edenton.

#### Negro Patients

Elmara Wilson White, Colerain; Birda Spivey White and baby boy, Edenton; Reva Chesson, Roper.

### Mrs. Mary P. Byrum Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. Mary P. Byrum, 77, died at her home in the Center Hill section Thursday of last week following an illness of 14 months duration. She was a native of Chowan County and a member of the Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, William E. Byrum; a daughter, Miss Mamie Byrum; two brothers, J. E. Bunch of Center Hill, G. W. Bunch of Hobbsville, and two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Dail and Mrs. C. P. Bunch, both of Center Hill.

Funeral services were held at Ballard's Bridge Church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. John T. Byrum officiating. Burial was made in the family cemetery.

Pallbearers were Cotter Bright White, Alma Byrum, Irwin Bunch, Dewey P. McLeod, Alvah E. Gresham and Nearest Jordan.

### Minutes Of County Board Of Education

The County Board of Education met in regular session Tuesday, September 7, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the office of the County Board of Education. The following members were present: D. H. Berryman, Lloyd Briggs, J. I. Boyce, G. E. Nixon, Carey Evans and J. E. Wood, chairman.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and upon motion made and seconded, the same were approved.

The secretary read the August report of the County Treasurer on school funds, and a motion made and passed approving same as read.

The superintendent reported that the work planned for the lunch rooms had been completed, and that the grounds around the teacherage had been graded, but still lacked necessary stone for the driveways. He stated that the manholes for the sewerage line at Chowan High School had been installed, that the water pumps at both Chowan and Rocky Hock had been put in order, that all doors, windows and toilets were in good condition, that new seats for the Negro schools had been placed in sufficient number to meet the enrollments, that window shade material had been ordered and that shades would be installed as soon as this material arrived.

The superintendent reported that the architect stated that it would be another week before the proposed plans and specifications were ready. A motion was made, seconded and passed, authorizing the superintendent to advertise for bids immediately upon receipt of the plans and specifications.

The superintendent reported that the Chowan High School heating plant was not ready—that the plumber, T. W. Jones, was having trouble in getting the two sections necessary to repair the boiler. The Board of Education urged that this matter be checked into and that everything be done possible in order to have the heating system ready by the time it was needed.

Motion was made and passed to pay the enrollment fee of \$3.00 for membership in the North Carolina School Board Association, as had been the practice heretofore.

The superintendent read portions of the new regulations having to do with substitute teachers, and the Board went on record as heartily approving the regulations as set forth.

It was reported that three out of the five school buses had been delivered, and that the other two would be delivered shortly. The superintendent reported that Mr. Hobbs has stated that all school buses were in good mechanical condition, and that bus drivers had been secured.

The secretary read the bills for payment for the month of August, same were approved upon motion.

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made and passed in the amount of \$2,695.23. Vocational Teachers' salary and travel, \$497.00; veterans farmer training program, \$692.17; general expense, \$835.40; capital outlay, \$664.74, and Chowan High School

teacherage fund, \$5.92. There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made and passed.

J. E. WOOD, Chairman,  
W. J. TAYLOR, Secretary.

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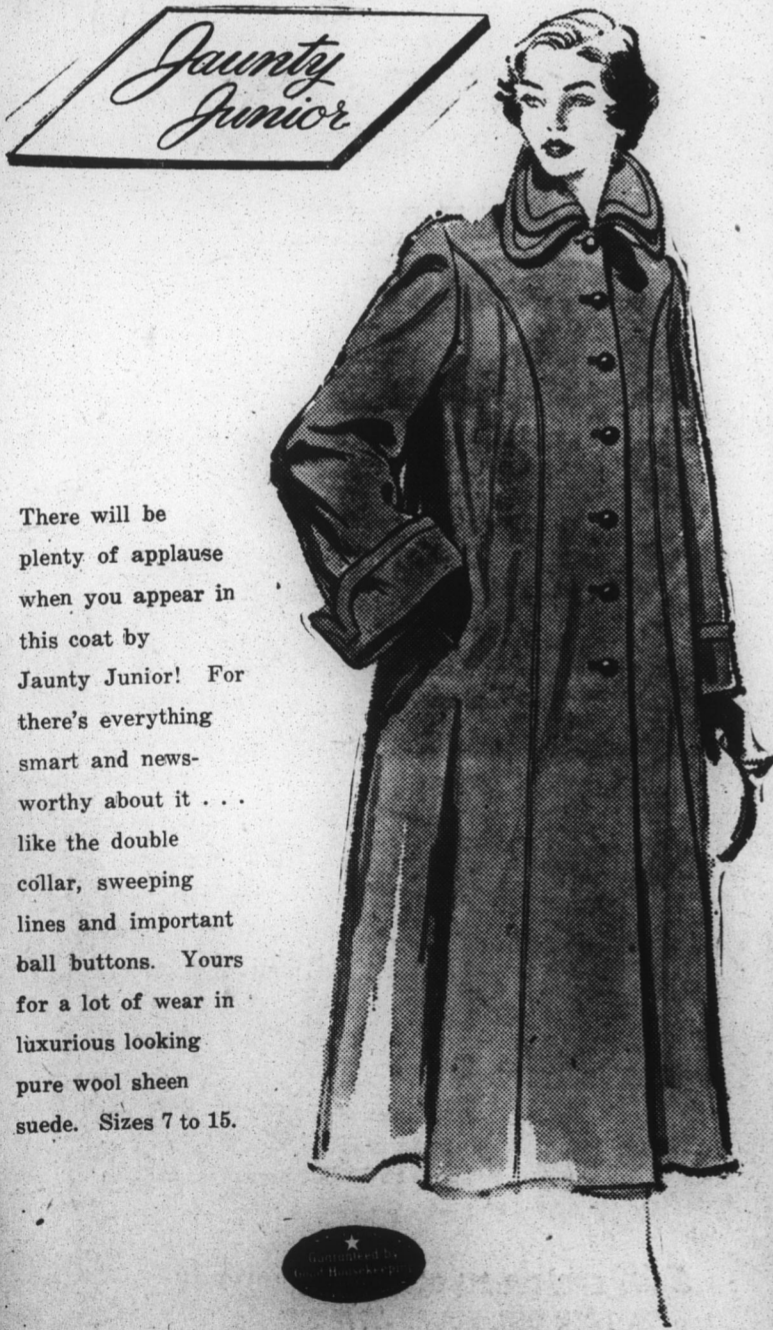
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