

# Professional Workers Set Pace For New White Collar Gains

Paced by the growth of the professional occupations, the white collar jobs classification, which caught up with the number of blue collar workers for the first time two years ago, has moved decisively ahead as the biggest single group in the civilian labor force, according to data compiled by the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

In the light of certain inherent characteristics of the majority of white collar jobs, particularly their high degree of employment stability and the above-average earnings they provide, this development in the structure of the labor force represents one of the nation's outstanding accomplishments in its progress toward widening the economic horizon of the working population and broadening of opportunity in general.

**Rates of Growth Compared**  
Bureau of the Census figures show that in April of this year there were 27.7 million persons in the experienced civilian labor force in the white collar occupational group—those in the professions and related tasks, nonfarm managers and proprietors, and clerical and kindred workers. The equivalent number on the same date two years ago was 25.4 million, indicating a gain of two and a quarter million in the period.

The number of skilled and semi-skilled workers and laborers, who make up the blue collar group, added up to 26 million in the Spring of this year as against 24.5 million in the 1956 period, an increase of just over a million. Thus the number of white collar workers in April this year topped their blue collar counterparts by one and three-quarter millions, more than three times the margin two years ago, and has shown a rate of growth twice as fast in the period.

Of particular significance in this trend is the rapid expansion of the classification of professional, technical and kindred workers. This group includes our scientists and engineers, our teachers, and the wide range of trained technical personnel needed to meet the technological requirements of a highly industrialized society plus the newly developed challenge of the space age.

**Rise in Professional Group**  
The figures show that in the last two years alone a million persons were added to this key group in the nation's work force. This brought the total in professional occupations to above 7 million for the first time, representing more than one out of every 10 in the experienced civilian labor force. This proportion has been growing rapidly in recent years. In 1950, for example, the number of persons in professional and related tasks was about one in every 12 in the civilian labor force, and in 1945 the ratio was only about one in 16.

Another important development in the composition of the labor force in recent years has been the greater-than-average gain in the classification of nonfarm managers, officials and proprietors. This group contains the administrative brains on which so much of the effective operation and functioning of our increasingly complex economy depends. The number here increased a half million between 1956 and 1958, according to the figures, reaching a total of 6.8 million in the Spring of this year. The increase since 1950 has been more than one and one-half million, a gain of almost a third since the turn of the current decade.

The marked increase in these two groups of white collar workers in recent years is of added significance from the point of view of their impact on the flow of personal income in the economy since they are at the top of the earning power scale. According to the Census Bureau, average incomes of professional workers or nonfarm managers and proprietors are markedly higher than the next nearest group. Increasing resistance of aggregate personal income to the downward pull of recessionary influences has been one of the distinctive characteristics of the economy in the last decade.

**Further Gain in Skills**  
The long-term trend toward increasing skills in blue collar occupations was manifest in a further rise in the number of craftsmen, foremen and kindred workers. This group gained 700,000 between 1956 and 1958, crossing the 9-million mark for the first time. The number of operatives showed a small decline in the period, and this group has changed comparatively little since 1950. The number of laborers showed a substantial rise in the 1956-58 period.

but still fell short of the total before World War II.  
The rest of the civilian labor force consists of service workers and those engaged in agriculture. The number of service workers has continued to increase in line with the long-term uptrend in this group and the persistent expansion in the people's demand for more and more services over the years. The combined number of farmers and farm workers fell under 6 million to the lowest level of this century.

## 20 YEARS AGO

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**At a meeting of Chowan Tribe of Red Men J. Craig Haste was elected sachem.**

J. W. Cates, superintendent of the Edenton Cotton Mills appeared at a meeting of Town Council appealing for relief in way of improvements to the streets in the mill village. The Street Commissioner was instructed to secure the cost of constructing curb and gutters to provide proper drainage.

A petition signed by 31 people was presented to Town Council requesting curbing and guttering North Broad Street between the Triangle Filling Station and the city limits.

John G. Wood was the successful bidder for the A. M. Forehand property on North Broad Street which was sold at the Court House door to satisfy a mortgage. The bid was \$13,000.

There is no little enemy.  
—Benjamin Franklin.

# Annual Savings Top \$20 Billions 3rd Year In Row

The American people have been providing the nation with an example of steadiness and confidence amid the uncertainties of the times by the prudence with which they have been handling their personal financial affairs and making their saving and spending decisions.

Their behavior is the more noteworthy and encouraging in view of the concern created by the economic and inflationary trends of the past two years, combined with the increasing pinch of rising costs on the average family budget.

## People's Thrift-Mindedness

While consumer spending has expanded to a new high and thus continued as the major prop to the economy figures compiled by the U. S. Department of Commerce show that the people at the same time are ringing up their third \$20 billion savings year in a row. In fact, personal savings in the third quarter of this year were estimated at an annual rate of \$22.5 billions, one of the best quarters in years and up substantially over the showing in the first half of the year.

The third quarter return raised the average savings for the first nine months of this year to an annual rate of \$20.2 billions. Total personal savings for all of 1957 were \$20.7 billions, according to the Commerce Department, and in 1956 added up to \$21.1 billions, the biggest annual total since the abnormally high savings rate during World War II.

This newest evidence of the people's consistent thrift-mindedness and voluntary provision for the future is in keeping with the

high degree of stability of personal savings since the turn of the current decade. Since 1951 personal savings have ranged between \$17½ billions and \$21 billions a year, and have run from the equivalent of 6½ per cent to 8 per cent of annual personal income after taxes. Consumer spending at the same time has increased steadily year after year, and in dollar terms is currently over a third higher than it was at the beginning of the Fifties.

## Savings Play Multiple Role

Savings are a traditional and time-tested anti-inflation antidote, one of the most powerful

forces working for a sound and progressive economy and a dollar of stable purchasing power. Along with helping to protect the individual and family against economic impact of death, disability and retirement, savings have become a primary source of the capital funds required by a high investment economy such as ours. Outstanding in these respects are the savings accumulated in the people's thrift institutions, particularly life insurance companies, savings and loan associations, mutual savings banks, and pension and retirement funds.

Thus savings play a multiple

role in individual and national progress, and, therefore, their adequacy and continued growth are of paramount importance.

# Burns Fatal To Ryland Woman

Miss Lena P. Eason, 68, of the Ryland section, died in Chowan Hospital Thursday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock. Death was the result of burns sustained Wednesday when her clothes caught fire while she was standing close to a stove. Surviving are a sister, Mrs.

Bettie E. Speight of Franklin, Va., and several nieces and nephews. She was a member of Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church, where funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Lamar Sennell, officiated and burial was in the family cemetery.

## POCAHONTAS MEETING

Members of Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, together with their husbands, enjoyed a Christmas party in the Red Men hall Thursday night. The group exchanged presents and sang Christmas carols, after which refreshments were served.

# Unanimity Lodge Calls Off Meetings

Due to Christmas falling on Thursday of this week, there will be no meeting of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M. Daniel P. Reaves, master of the lodge, also announces that the stated meeting scheduled for Thursday night, January 1, has also been called off due to the New Year holiday.

The next meeting of the lodge will, therefore, be held Thursday night, January 8, when new officers for the year 1959 will be officially installed.

# PROPERTY MUST BE LISTED IN JANUARY

## Notice Is Hereby Given

That the List Takers for Chowan County will sit at the following places at the times named, at which places and in which month all property owners and taxpayers are required to return to the List Takers for taxation for the year 1958 all the Real Estate, Personal Property, etc., which each one shall own on the first day of January, 1959, or shall be required to give in then. All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are to list their polls during the same time. Return of property and giving in of polls are required under penalties imposed by law.

### FIRST TOWNSHIP

Every Day Second Floor Court House  
Listers: Mrs. James Byrum  
Jeanne S. O'Neal

### THIRD TOWNSHIP

Lister: T. D. Berryman

### SECOND TOWNSHIP

Lister: Henry Bunch

January 6, 13, 20, 27..... E. R. Bunch's Store  
January 9..... W. L. Miller's Store  
January 23..... Evans' Store at Cross Roads  
January 16..... Earl Smith's Store  
January 30..... C. C. Nixon's Store  
At Home All Other Days During January

### FOURTH TOWNSHIP

Lister: Ward Hoskins

January 3, 7, 10, 14, 21, 24, 28, 31 at Harry Perry's Store. At Home Other Days.

Blanks upon which a verified statement of property is to be made by each taxpayer can be had of the List Takers. Fill these blanks and see to it that statements are free from error, thereby obviating much trouble. Only females and non-residents of Townships and persons physically unable to attend and file their lists can appoint agents to list property.

## EXAMINE YOUR LIST BEFORE SIGNING

Report Your 1958 Crop Acreage Through Tax Lister During January, 1959

Your local Tax Lister is required to make the records but Farm Owners or Tenants must furnish the facts. Therefore, call your List Taker's attention to these records and be prepared to furnish the following information: (1) Acreage for each crop harvested during calendar year 1958. (2) Number of cows, sows, and hens on farm January, 1959. (3) Number of people living on farm January, 1959. All of the above information furnished will be considered as confidential and will not be used in any manner that is detrimental to the farmers concerned. It is not used for tax purposes.

## Have Your Farm Report Ready For Your Tax Lister

# After February 2nd A 10% Penalty Will Be Imposed For Failure To List

## First Township Listing At Court House



SANITARY CLEANERS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May every shining candle bring its Season's Cheer



Chowan Storage Company