

## The National Outlook Employment Reaches All-Time High

By RALPH ROBBY

This is the time of year when employment normally increases and unemployment decreases. Both trends were reflected in the July report.

This merely means that there is a seasonal pattern in both employment and unemployment. In the case of employment the low point is January and the high point July, the variation being about 6 per cent. The unemployment pattern is more complicated and the variance of the swing is over 35 per cent. The high point of unemployment is June and the low point October. Seasonal variations must be taken into account in appraising the data for any month.

**67.6 Million Jobholders**  
In mid-July the total number of persons holding jobs was the highest in history—67.6 million. This is encouraging, although the increase from June was less than the normal seasonal rise because of a much greater decline in agricultural employment as a result of bad weather in the South and Midwest. In manufacturing the decline was less than one half the normal for this period. Increases in certain industries and other activities, however, offset the decline in agriculture and manufacturing.

As expected, unemployment dropped from the June total, but the decline was less than seasonal. The total in mid-July was 3.7 million, as compared to 4 million in June. The unemployment figures were not affected by the steel strike to any appreciable extent. That strike started the week the unemployment survey was being made, and a large proportion of the strikers had a vacation with pay which they took at the beginning of the steel shutdown. It is important to remember that in order for anyone to be counted as unemployed he must be both out of work and looking for a job. A striker is out of work, but is not necessarily looking for a job. The August report, however, will reflect steel strike unemployment, and perhaps some other major stoppages.

As a consequence of unemployment declining less than normal seasonal the total amounted to 5.1 per cent of the civilian labor force, as contrasted to 4.4 per cent in June. Because of vacations the average work week declined slightly and so did the average weekly earnings. Even so the work week is 1.4 hours more than in July 1958, and average weekly earnings were up .659 from July 1958. These hours of work and earnings refer to factory workers.

One final point deserves comment. Our total labor force is increasing more rapidly. For the past couple of years the annual growth rate has been only about 500,000, which was below the long term trend. That was fortunate from the point of view of unemployment. Our labor force is now growing at an annual rate of 800,000. It means we must have more capital investment, more new products, harder selling and better markets if we are to keep unemployment at a reasonable level.

**Grounds for Optimism**  
In summary, the July employment is encouraging. It is not as good as one would like, but at least the data shows recovery is continuing.

What is indicated for the volume of unemployment in October—low month of the year? Specifically, what of Secretary of Labor Mitchell's promise to set his hat if the total is not down to at least 3 million?

This will depend upon the rate of recovery from here on, and how many persons are unemployed at that time because of strikes. On the rate of recovery there is no cause for worry, unless the steel strike continues so long that it starts materially hurting other industries. At the moment that does not appear probable. All told, therefore, it is reasonable to expect that in October the total of unemployment will be below 3 million.

**N. C. Now Ranks 6th In Honeybees**

North Carolina is climbing near the top again in the number of honeybee colonies. And it's a good sign, both for the production of honey and the pollination of crops.

W. A. Stephen, bee specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, says the state now has about 210,000 honeybee colonies. This is the first year North Carolina has reported more than 200,000 since 1900. At that time Texas was the only state with more bees than North Carolina. In 1941 the state dropped to a low of only 164,000 colonies, while usually ranking in the top 10 or 12 states.

The 1959 figures, released recently by the Crop Reporting Board of the USDA, show only California, Florida, Texas, Minnesota and Ohio ahead of the Tar Heel State.

Stephen says one explanation for the 15 per cent increase over 1958 figures was the very low winter loss. Another reason can be found in the fact that weather during the spring build-up was favorable, resulting in strong colonies which swarmed early.

Unfortunately, North Carolina's 1959 honey crop is not proportionate to the number of colonies, says Stephen. There was a partial failure of gallberry in the southeast, and the sourwood failed to yield in the mountains.

### ON USS RANDOLPH

Robert L. Ward, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Ward of Route 2, Edenton, is serving aboard the anti-submarine aircraft carrier USS Randolph, operating out of Norfolk, Va., which won the Atlantic Fleet Battle Efficiency "E" Award for attack carriers in August.

The award marks the second consecutive year the Randolph has won the "E", competing in five departments; operations, air, gunnery, engineering and communications.

## General Scenes and Activities at King Bros. Circus



Many scenes like the above will take place in Edenton Tuesday, September 1, when Chohan Tribe of Red Men brings King Bros. Circus to the American Legion grounds for an afternoon and night performance at 3:30 and 8:00 o'clock.

## SENATOR JORDAN REPORTS From WASHINGTON

Washington — Congress recently enacted a law which will have far-reaching effects on the future production of cotton in North Carolina.

Early in this session of Congress, I introduced a bill that would permit the transfer of rented cotton acreage allotments between farms. The bill passed the Senate, but was rewritten in the House. The rewritten version was passed by both the House and Senate and the President signed it into law just recently.

Although the law, as enacted, does not permit the transfer of rented cotton acreage allotments, it accomplishes the goals and purposes of the original bill. The new law, which becomes effective for the 1960 crop year will operate as follows:

A farmer must plant not less than 75 per cent of his cotton allotment at least one year in every three years or release it to other farmers in the county in order to present the acreage

history. Those farmers who do not meet the minimum planting requirements, or do not release their allotments for other farmers to use, will gradually lose them.

Under the old law, when a farmer quit planting his cotton allotments, it went back into the national "pool" or national allotments. Under the new law,

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if a farmer decided to quit planting his allotment, it will be redistributed to other farmers in the county, on a share-and-share-alike basis.

This particular feature of the law is the real key to North Carolina and other southeastern states preserving their total acreage allotments. In past years, we have been losing a great deal of our share of the national allotments to western states because an increasing number of our farmers have gone out of the cotton production business.

Under the new law, it is possible to prevent the further migration of cotton allotments from our state to western states. Just as important, the new law will enable those farmers who do not care to plant their own allotments to voluntarily release them to other farmers in the county or get out of cotton production altogether and let their allotments be re-allocated to farmers in the county and state who want them and will use them.

In the long run, the new law should enable us to produce cotton in more economical units through the orderly transfer and re-allocation of many allotments that would otherwise be unprofitable to plant, and as a result abandoned and lost.

### PLYMOUTH LIONS CLUB TO SPONSOR CIRCUS SEPT. 2

The Plymouth Lions Club will sponsor the three-ring King Brothers Circus on Wednesday, September 2, at the old ball park on Wilson Street Extension, Plymouth. There will be both a matinee and an evening show.

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