

Tar Heel Employment Climbs To Record High In September

Raleigh — Spurred by seasonal job gains in tobacco, trade and government, total non-farm employment climbed to an all-time high of 1,179,200 in North Carolina during September, the State Department of Labor reports.

Labor Commissioner Frank Crane said the number of Tar Heels at work last month exceeded by 12,100 the previous employment peak of 1,167,100 reached in September, 1959.

Last Year

Eight major employment groups reported job decreases last month compared with September, 1959. These were:

Lumber and timber products, down 1,700; stone, clay and glass products 200; fabricated metals 300; transportation equipment 100; textile mill products 6,700; apparel manufacturing 500; chemicals 300; construction 700.

Notwithstanding September job declines in the textile, apparel and chemicals industries, said Commissioner Crane, factory employment in the State advanced by 12,800 to a total of 515,300 — the second highest month on record and only 3,200 below the previous factory job peak of 518,500 reached in September of last year.

The textile industry reported 800 fewer people employed last month than in August. All divisions of the industry except full-fashioned hosiery experienced small declines. An increase of 200 was reported by full-fashioned hosiery mills.

Nonmanufacturing employment increased 10,400 during September to a total of 663,900, Crane said. This was 15,300 higher than the total reported for September, 1959.

Employing 220,400 workers in September, the textile industry was down 6,700 compared with a year ago. Broadwoven fabric were down 2,100; broadwoven cotton, 900; knitting mills, 1,500; full-fashioned hosiery, 200; seamless hosiery, 1,000; yarn mills, 2,200.

Tobacco stemmeries and re-drying plants took on 15,400 seasonal workers last month, swelling the stemmery total to 29,900 and more than making up for the slow start of leaf processing operations which was in evidence during August. September employment in stemmeries was 2,800 higher than a year previously.

Employment levels in primary metals, dairy products, bakeries, beverage firms and paperboard containers showed no change from a year ago.

Public schools hired 12,600 clerical, maintenance and custodial employees as the fall term got under way. Federal agencies took on 1,000 additional workers, primarily in agricultural services.

Hours And Earnings Show

The average factory workweek dropped 0.3 hours in September to 39.6 hours, due primarily to the influence of textiles, in which the average fell from 39.3 hours in August to 37.8 hours in September.

An employment gain of 2,000 was registered in trade as retail enterprises took on 1,500 additional employees and wholesale firms added 500.

The decreased working hours brought average hourly earnings down a penny to \$1.53 and caused average weekly earnings to drop 86 cents to \$60.59.

Industry Gains Over Last Year

Fourteen major employment groups reported September job gains compared with their employment levels of September, 1959. These groups, and their net employment gains in September compared with a year ago, are as follows:

Club Calendar

Selection and Construction of Window Curtains will be the demonstration presented by leaders at the November Home Demonstration Club meetings.

Furniture and finished lumber products, up 1,000; machinery 400; electrical machinery 1,500; food products 100; tobacco 2,700; paper and allied products 400; printing and publishing 300; mining 500; transportation (except railroad) 600; communications and public utilities 800; trade 6,100; finance, insurance and real estate 3,100; service industries 1,200; government 5,200.

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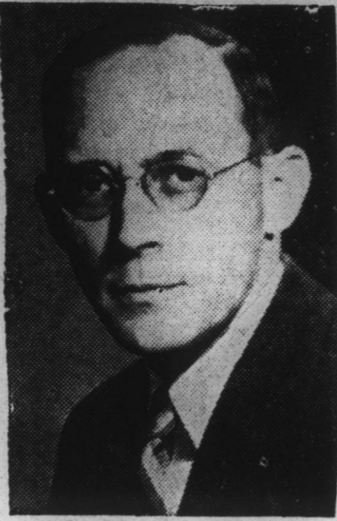
Industry Declines Below

Business items will include Husbands' Supper, November 15, Wards Community Building, Christmas Festival, November 29, 7:30 P. M., Chowan Community Building, and community development judging, November 17.

Following is the November schedule:

Tuesday, November 1, 2:30 P. M.—Ryland Club.
Tuesday, November 1, 7:30 P. M.—Oak Grove Club at Oak Grove Community Building.
Wednesday, November 2, 7:30

Seal Chairman



Carl C. Council of Durham, newspaper and radio executive, will be state chairman for the 1960 Christmas Seal Campaign. Dr. Stuart Willis, president, announced at a meeting of the board of directors of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association in Raleigh Tuesday. The 4th annual campaign to raise funds for the voluntary fight against TB will get under way November 14.

P. M.—Gum Pond Club at home of Mrs. Ellie Bunch.
Monday, November 7, 2:30 P. M.—Advance Club at home of Mrs. Phil Robey.
Monday, November 7, 7:30

P. M.—Chowan Club at the Chowan Community Building.
Tuesday, November 8, 7:30

P. M.—Beech Fork Club at home of Mrs. Jack Bass.
Wednesday, November 9, 2:30

P. M.—Wards Club at Wards Community Building.
Thursday, November 10, 3:30

P. M.—Colonial Club at Coffee Shop, Hotel Joseph Hewes.
Monday, November 14, 8:00

P. M.—Yeopim Club at home of Mrs. Oscar White.
Wednesday, November 16, 2:30

P. M.—Byrd Club at home of Mrs. Shelton Moore.
Monday, November 21, 7:30
P. M.—Enterprise Club at home of Mrs. Wallace Goodwin.
Tuesday, November 22, 7:30
P. M.—Rocky Hock Club.
Tuesday, November 29, 7:30
P. M.—Center Hill Club at home of Mrs. T. E. Chappell.

County News

By MRS. ROLAND EVANS

Stanord Perry of Suffolk, Va., visited his mother Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Keeter of Elizabeth City visited Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Keeter Sunday night.

Mrs. E. N. Elliott has been visiting her brother in Tarboro. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Nester visited Mrs. Minnie Corpew Sunday.

Will Harrell has been at the hospital and will return home this week.

Mrs. Nellie Gardner has been a patient in the Norfolk General Hospital.

A. J. Boyce son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Boyce of Tynor



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Raleigh — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M., Monday, October 24 is as follows:

Killed To Date.....937
Killed To Date Last Year.....924

has passed away.
Mrs. M. M. Nixon has gone to Halifax on business.

Home Demonstration Achievement Day was held at Center

Hill Wednesday afternoon, October 26.
Chowan Home Demonstration Club will meet Monday night, November 7, at 7:30 o'clock in the Community Building.

Correction in news last week which stated that Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nixon visited relatives in Norfolk General Hospital. It was Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Nixon who visited relatives.

The 4-H County Council met Wednesday night, October 26, at 7:30 o'clock at the Chowan Community Building.

Chowan High School PTA Halloween Party will be held Friday night, October 28, at the

will be held in the school lunch room from 6 until 8 o'clock. A Halloween show will follow at Chowan High School. A supper

about 9 o'clock in the auditorium, then a costume parade and the crowning of the Halloween King and Queen.

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