

The National Outlook Politics And Employment

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Figures on employment and unemployment always are watched closely as an indication of whether the business trend is moving up or down. This year the figures have an added significance because of the election.

Even before the September report was issued, Democratic spokesmen said that too much attention should not be paid to a possible improvement because it is clear that in many sections of the nation neither business nor employment is what it should be. Republican spokesmen, as was to be expected, took the opposite viewpoint.

Well, the report has now been issued and both sides can find some basis for claiming they were correct. The report gives the employment and unemployment for the middle of September, since these surveys always are made in the week ending nearest the 15th of the month.

First it should be noted that the civilian labor force has been growing more rapidly than normally expected. During the twelve months ending with this September the increase was 1,600,000. Some 300,000 of this results from the inclusion of Alaska and Hawaii. Obviously such an increase in the size of the labor force tends to have an effect upon the volume of unemployment, since it means that a much larger number of persons must find jobs.

None the less, the number of unemployed declined in September—declined by more than the normal seasonal number. The actual drop was 400,000. Some of the reduction was caused by a continuation of the return of students to school, and some by the pickup in the automobile industry.

The Democrats claim that this is too large a volume of unemployment. They are correct in this. Granted only a relatively small proportion of the total has been out of work for 15 weeks or more, it still is a greater number looking for work than anyone wants to see.

The Republicans, while admitting that the number of unemployed is too large, insist that the situation is getting better. That also is correct, but the rate of improvement is terribly slow. What the Republicans need to point out, but so far have not done, is the extraordinary growth in the total labor force. When allowance is made for this growth, the decline in unemployment is much more impressive.

So much for unemployment. What of employment?

Here the picture is both favorable and unfavorable. The favorable side is that the number holding jobs increased by well over a million as compared with twelve months earlier. The unfavorable side is

the character and places of the increase.

For example, agricultural employment normally declines in the September report. This time it revealed a handsome increase. The explanation is not that the trend of agricultural employment has changed, but merely that this year the survey week was relatively late and as a result closer to the peak of the harvesting season.

Further, industrial employment as a whole showed an increase as compared with a year earlier, but almost the whole growth was in the primary metal industry, and in September, 1959, we were in the midst of the steel strike. The great increases, in other words, were in non-manufacturing.

The Democrats can and will cite these employment data as proof that the nation is not moving ahead—certainly not moving ahead at the rate it should be. The Republicans admit that we are not growing as rapidly as they would like, but they insist that we have not stopped growing, and they are accurate in this contention. The survey for October has already been made. It is to be hoped that it can be made public prior to the election.

20 YEARS AGO

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Interest in the general election, two political rallies were planned, one at Edenton and the other at Cross Roads.

Thomas P. Leary died suddenly at his home on the Hertford Road as the result of a heart attack.

Joel C. Forehand, prominent farmer of the Cannon's Ferry section died suddenly at his home.

Parent-Teacher Association announced a forthcoming concert by Harold J. Lynn, organist, and the Franklin Baptist Church Choir.

Edenton's second flower show, sponsored by the Garden Club, was held in the old Booth house and attracted a steady flow of visitors all day.

Twenty Chowan young men were included in the initial call for military service by draft selections. William T. Holley, Negro, was the first name drawn.

J. L. Wiggins, a Spanish War veteran and Chairman of the Chowan County Draft Board, was speaker at a meeting of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion held in the Red Men hall.

Resuming competition on the football for the first time since 1934, Perquimans High School defeated Edenton 8 to 6 to break a deadlock of six victories and two scoreless tie games for each team.

Over 500 residents in Chowan County reported to the Health Department for blood tests.

Horace M. Barber, father of Mrs. L. H. Haskett, died at his home in Johnston County. Cotton ginning was ahead of the previous year, with 1,473 bales ginned from the 1940 crop.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

Raleigh — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M., Monday, October 31 follows:
Killed To Date..... 959
Killed To Date Last Year..... 959

Legion And Auxiliary Plan Supper Meeting

Ed Bond Post No. 40 of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will hold a joint supper meeting Friday night, November 11, Veterans Day. The supper will be served at the post home at 7 o'clock and will be in honor of World War I veterans.

All members of the Legion and Auxiliary as well as all World War I veterans are cordially invited to attend.

Peanut Marketing Cards Now Ready

All peanut marketing cards have been prepared and may be secured at the county ASC office. Any farmer desiring his card to be mailed to him may request such action by mail or telephone. Peanut cards must be returned to the county office after all peanuts are marketed from the farm.

Menus at the John A. Holmes High School lunch room for the week of November 7-11 will be as follows:

Monday: Italian spaghetti with meat balls, cole slaw, bread, apple pie, buttered corn, butter, milk.
Tuesday: Grilled bologna, sweet potato puff, chocolate cake, milk, navy beans, bread, butter.
Wednesday: Tuna fish salad on lettuce, salted crackers, cup cakes, bread, green string beans, butter, milk.
Thursday: Sliced cornbeef, buttered corn, bread, gingerbread, steamed cabbage, cheese slices, butter, milk.
Friday: Grilled beef patties with gravy, creamed potatoes, biscuits, peach halves, garden peas, butter, milk.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

Edenton Chapter No. 302, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Monday night, November 7, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Margaret Bell, worthy matron, urges all members to attend.

Children Enjoy Halloween Party

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The winner for the most original boy's costume was Tony Web; girl's most original Ginn Jones; most comical boy's, Jimmy Mills; most comical girl's, Anne and Susie Boutwell; best boy's costumes, Henry and Mike McMullan, and best girl's costume, Kay Kramer.

The "Man from Mars" float entered by the family of Sgt. Arthur Beeler won first prize in the parade.

Judges for costumes were Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Potter, Dr. and Mrs. William Busey and J. M. Robinson. Judges for the parade were H. A. Campen and Mrs. Kitty McMullan.

The Halloween party was made possible through the contribution of local merchants. However the expenses of the party exceeded the donations. Anyone, who has not contributed and would like to do so is asked to contact either of the co-chairmen, Mrs. West Byrum, Jr., or Mrs. William Billings.

Lunch Room Menu

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BUTTERFLY STROKE—Mermaid with wings, Sandy Lahun gives her own version of the butterfly stroke. She entertains visitors at Weeki Wachee Springs, Fla. With her air hose handy she stays under like a fish.

Cosmotologists Hold Meeting In Edenton

The Eastern Carolina Cosmetologist Association met at the Edenton Restaurant Saturday night. Thirty-one hairdressers attended from Greenville, Wash.

Kennedy Says:

... All appointments to the government, high and low, will be on the basis of ability, regardless of race, creed, national origin, sex, section or occupation. Kennedy said, "This will not be a businessman's administration," but neither will it be a labor or farmer's administration, only one "of, for and by the people."

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CONSIDER



"BY THE PUTTING ON of my hands"

In his second letter to Timothy, St. Paul said, "I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands." (2 Tim. 1:6)

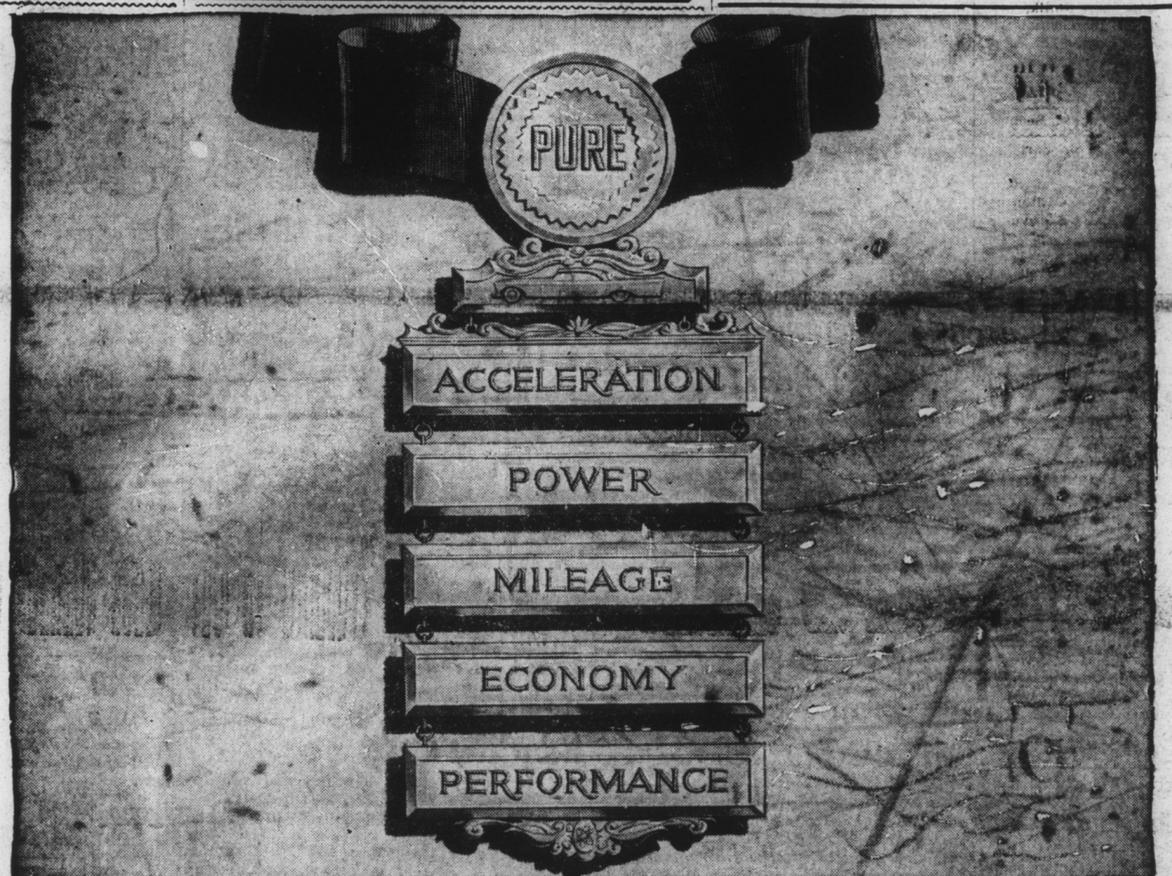
The Acts of the Apostles (8:14-17) tells of how Saints Peter and John were sent to the Samaritans and "laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

Here is the basis for Confirmation by a Bishop—the laying on of hands—as practiced in the Episcopal Church. Our Bishops, in Apostolic succession (that is, their succession traces back without break directly to the Apostles) we believe, confer upon us the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit in the rite of Confirmation.

An Episcopalian is confirmed by the Bishop after he has been baptized, possibly in infancy, and after he has reached an age of understanding.

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Republican Candidate for Congress



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