

## White Collar Workers Set Pace In Income And Employment Structure

A significant change with far-reaching influences on the economy has been taking place in recent years in the income distribution and occupational structure of the American working population, according to data compiled by the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

The dominant development is that the income of the white collar occupations taken together grew by more than 60 percent during the last decade, and now makes up more than half of the entire income received by all employed civilians in the United States. Employment gains in the professional and managerial occupations and their high average earning power were the major factor in this trend.

### How Occupational Groups Fared

In the period from 1951 through 1958, the income of all employed civilians increased from \$176.2 billion to \$252.6 billion, a rise of 43 percent, as reported by the Census Bureau. Here is how these figures break down as between broad groups of occupations:

White collar (professions, proprietors and managers, and clerical and sales)—aggregate income up from \$82.7 billion to \$134.9 billion, increase of 63 percent. The group's share of total income of all employed civilians rose from 46.9 percent in 1951 to 53.4 percent in 1958.

Blue collar (skilled and semi-skilled and nonfarm laborers)—aggregate income up from \$72.1 billion to \$92.8 billion, rise of 29 percent. This group's portion of total income of employed civilian population fell to 36.7 percent in 1958 from 40.9 percent in 1951.

Service workers—combined income up from \$9.6 billion to \$15.5 billion, increase of 61 percent. Their share of total income of all employed civilians came to 6.1 percent in 1958 versus 5.4 percent in 1951.

Farm occupations—aggregate income declined from \$11.8 billion to \$9.4 billion, drop of 20 percent. Their share of total income of all employed civilians was 3.7 percent in 1958 as against 6.7 percent in 1951.

### White Collar Growth

A number of influences, such as varying employment conditions and rising wage and salary levels in all occupations, underlie these figures. However, the major factor in the changing income pattern of the working population has been the persistent growth of white collar occupations as part of the long-term evolution in the American economy and the rising tempo of its industrialization and technology. The white collar group first caught up with the number of blue collar workers in the mid-fifties, and has been widening the margin since.

This trend is particularly evident in the classification of professional, technical and kindred workers—the group that includes our scientists and engineers, teachers, and the wide range of trained personnel needed to meet the technological requirements of a highly industrialized society plus the challenge of the space age. The Census Bureau figures show that the professional occupations led all the other classifications in the 1951-58 period with a rise of 39 percent in employment and a jump of 104 percent in aggregate income.

### Boom in Research Spending

A big factor in the growth of the professional occupations and their increasing employment opportunities has been the boom in research and development spending in recent years. These expenditures in the aggregate

more than doubled in the 1953-59 period, rising from \$3.0 billion to an estimated \$12 billion, according to the National Science Foundation. All the indications point to continued expansion in this vital area in the years ahead as the economy grows with a consequent increase in the capital requirements of business and industry. This trend thus underscores the need for greater capital formation through more saving if these and other investment needs of the future are to be met.

On the jobs front, the Census Bureau figures show that the white collar occupations as a whole had an employment gain of 4½ million in the 1951-58 period, or 21 percent. In the blue collar group, combined employment was down some 800,000, or 3½ percent with recessionary influences in 1958 a factor. Farm employment dropped by 800,000 or 16 percent in the 1951-58 period, continuing to reflect the long-term shift out of agriculture into nonfarm occupations. Employment in the service occupations increased by 1.7 million or 30 percent between 1951 and 1958.

### Paradise Road Wins Top Award

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Paradise Road community was awarded the purple ribbon. Yeopim and Hudson Grove communities were awarded blue ribbons, Warren Grove-Green Hall, Ryans Grove and Center Hill-Cisco were awarded red ribbons. No community received white ribbons this year.

Monday awards program was highlighted with a challenge presented by the guest speaker, Mrs. Minnie Miller Brown, assistant State Negro home economics agent of Greensboro. She demonstrated in her address to the group how various personalities within the community groups hinder or contribute to the community's progress. It was brought out that the maximum amount of progress can only be realized when every family and individual within the community exert all available interest, energies and efforts toward reaching the over all common goal and objectives.

Appreciation to the Chowan County Agricultural Workers Council for sponsoring the Community Progress Contest and to the Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Edenton branch, for financing the same was given by Mrs. Arizona Fleming on behalf of the six participating communities in presenting the summary of accomplishments for 1960. The awards were presented to the president of each community by Richard S. Atkinson, Jr., vice president of the Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Edenton branch. Door prizes were given by the Albemarle Rural Electric Membership Cooperation and presented by Eugene Simmons. Other bank officials attending the program were Gilliam Wood, chairman of the board; J. W. Davis, public relations officer, and George Lewis, farm relations officer, who spoke on the Community Progress Contest for 1961.

From the response and comments from the estimated 165 in attendance, who have recognized that solving the community problems can present a far greater challenge than the cold weather, will be instrumental leading and supporting the community efforts for 1961.

Tears sometimes weigh as much as words. —Ovid.



DEBRE GETS A SALUTE—Wearing sandals and pantaloons-type black trousers worn by Sahara tribesmen, French Premier Michel Debre inspects an honor guard in newly independent Mauritania. The African nation applied immediately for U.N. membership, but the Soviet Union vetoed the application.

### Large Number At Christmas Concert

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Christ Was Born on Christmas Day, German Cradle Song. Yes, The Heavenly Child Is Born, French Carol.

No Room in the Inn, Greek. Sing Alleluia! Christ Is Born, Dretks.

The Little Drummer Boy, Simeone, Davis, Onorati.

Silver Bells, Livingston-Evans. Christmas Was Meant For Children, arranged by Ades.

Whence Comes This Rush of Wings, Bar-Quercy.

The Christ Cradle, Doris Simmonds.

The accompanist was Jo Ann Leary.

Treble Clef Club. O Little Town of Bethlehem, Redner.

I Heard the Bells of Christmas Day, Calkin.

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### Local Woman's Club Awarded Certificate

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As customary, the club will assist several needy families at Christmas and each member will contribute \$1.00.

The club will receive another shipment of Claxton fruit cakes which will be for sale by club members for the holidays, it was announced by Mrs. Thomas Ward.

A most interesting program was presented by Miss Pauline Gordon, house furnishings and housing specialist of the N. C. Extension Service, on Christmas decorations. She was introduced by Miss Pauline Calloway, Chowan County economics agent.

A report was heard regarding the adult education classes at the high school, which have proved a success.

Mrs. R. J. Bovce, chairman of the 1961 Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside, reported that the committee had met and plans are progressing super having been promised to them if they won the State Class

The members voted to lead the Mother's March the fast of January for the March of Dimes Drive conducted by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A. Lyn Thomas of Richmond, president of Thomas, Inc., the company that removed the paint from the Court House, was introduced to the members. Mr. Thomas was lunching at the restaurant and spoke briefly to the club and said that some repairs will be made to the brick in the Court House.

### Aces Are Treated To Steak Supper

### Mayor Praises Result Of Physical Education Program

Edenton's Aces were treated to a steak supper Thursday night at the Colonial Restaurant, the met and plans are progressing super having been promised to them if they won the State Class

### School Cooperating In Safety Campaign

In the interest of highway safety, schools in Chowan, Perquimans and Gates counties were asked to space approximately 30 minutes for the week ending December 16, according to Corporal Lem S. Meiggs of the State Highway Patrol.

This period was used by Patrolman D. Skiles, who lectured on the importance of highway safety.

Corporal Meiggs says he is happy to report that all schools have shown complete interest and cooperation in the program.

Churches of these same counties have also been asked to participate in a similar safety campaign for the month of December.

### Open House Sunday At Methodist Church

Open house will be observed at the Methodist parsonage Sunday afternoon, December 18, from 3 to 5 o'clock. It is hoped every member of the congregation as well as other friends will visit the parsonage at that time in order to inspect recent improvements made to the house.

Later in the evening young people from the Methodist and Episcopal Churches will make a trip around town singing Christmas carols, after which they will be entertained at the parsonage by the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Fowlkes.

All over the world people are seeking peace of mind, but there can be no peace of mind without strength of mind.

—Eric B. Gutkind.

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