

The National Outlook

Extension of Unemployment Compensation

By RALPH ROBEY

Again we are in the process of extending unemployment compensation. This was at the top of the list of President Kennedy's anti-recession proposals, and it will be the first one enacted. But the bill has been significantly changed from that recommended by the President.

As suggested by the President the period of unemployment payments should be extended by 13 weeks up to a maximum of 39 weeks. Some states now provide for 26 weeks, some less, and a few for a longer period. The goal is to get all states to increase the period to 39 weeks during the present period of high unemployment, but there is no actual requirement of this. This part of the President's recommendation has been accepted.

Such payments, according to the President, were to be taken from the general funds of the Treasury and would be replaced by increasing the base upon which the unemployment tax is calculated from \$3,000 to \$4,800. The Ways and Means Committee refused to accept this and proposed instead that the tax be increased for 1962 and 1963, and that is what the House has approved. This is the significant change made in the Kennedy proposal.

Arguments made before the Ways and Means Committee were impressive and sound. To have lifted the base upon which the tax is calculated would have meant a permanent increase in the burden of this tax. In addition about half of the states would have required legislation before they could participate, and such a rise in the base would upset the experience rating tax schedules in all states.

The official estimate of the cost of this program is \$1 billion. The tax upon business for 1962 and 1963 will be 3½ percent on each covered worker's first \$3,000 of wages. And since the extension of the payments cost the states nothing, it must be assumed that all of them will participate.

It will be recalled that President Eisenhower also put through an extension of unemployment compensation in the last recession. But there was a vast difference between that and the one now being enacted. Under the Eisenhower plan a state could borrow money from the federal government for extending such payments. This meant that the states were under an obligation to pay back the loan. Since most of the states are hard pressed for funds to meet their other outlays, few of them were interested in such loans, and the unemployed got relatively little additional help. It should also be added that the program granting the states repayment of the loans, cost the federal government nothing.

It is most unfortunate, of course, that there should be occasion for lengthening the period of unemployment compensation payments. But we have serious unemployment in this nation today, and many of those out of work are in bad straits.

Giving these hard-pressed persons additional unemployment compensation payments will be of help to them, but it will not solve their basic problem. The only real solution is to find them jobs—not necessarily the same kind of jobs they had before, but at least work which will give them an income upon which they may live.

The Kennedy Administration claims that it is primarily interested in creating these additional jobs. By and large, however, about all it has had to offer in this direction is increased government spending, and that is not the fundamental answer.

The real solution is to be found through increased capital investment. To have that we must get tax rate reform and more incentive for savings and risk taking.

Roster of Company M

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promoted to Col. of 52 Regt. Killed at Gettysburg.

E. A. Small, 1st Lieut. Promoted to Capt. in 11th Regt.

E. A. Small, 2nd Lieut. Promoted to Capt. in 11th Regt.

Thomas Capehart, 2nd Lieut. Promoted to Capt. in 3rd Battalion.

Non-Commissioned Officers

J. H. Manning, 1st Sergeant.

J. M. Jones, Jr., 2nd Sergeant; promoted to 1st Lieut. in Company 8, 3rd Battalion.

William G. Britt, 3rd Sergeant.

T. G. Britt, 4th Sergeant.

William H. Haughton, 1st Corporal.

Henry Gregory, 2nd Corporal.

E. S. Hines, 3rd Corporal.

C. E. Robinson, 4th Corporal.

Privates

B. B. Asley, Settle Ansley, J. Byrum, James P. Bush, James W. Bunch, J. Bunch, T. M. Boyce, Jesse A. Cahoon, Arthur Collins (promoted to Major and detailed Staff duty), C. B. Dav-

Farm Facts

The U. S. farmer is the world's most efficient farmer. Because of this we are the best fed and best clothed people in the world and the most inexpensively in the proportion of our incomes it takes to obtain these items.

Research and its adaptation to farming have brought about a virtual agricultural revolution in this country in recent years.

A U. S. farmer produces enough to feed himself and 23 others. Only a few years ago he produced only enough to feed himself and seven others.

In Russia a farmer produces only enough to feed himself and one other. It was not by accident that Khrushchev visited an Iowa farm when he came to the United States. He knows that farm productivity is one of America's greatest sources of strength. He realizes, too, that as long as it takes one Russian on the farm to feed one worker in industry, Soviet progress is greatly handicapped.

In the past 18 years, U. S. farmers have improved their efficiency more than in the preceding 120 years. They have increased their per-acre yield of 18 leading field crops by 71 per cent in less than 20 years. Production per man-hour has almost trebled since the early '30's.



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enport, C. W. Elliott, Peter Fuller, Julian Gilliam, John M. Goodwin, J. B. Goodwin, George Gilliam, Irvin H. Harris, John Harris, William G. Hancock, John J. Harrell, James Holder, Thomas Jones, James S. Jackson, Judson T. Knapp (promoted to 1st Lieut. in 11th Regiment), William H. Leary, William Lassiter, John Morgan, Thomas Monroe, John McDonough, Nathaniel Madre, Lish Modlin, James G. Newby, John D. Parrish, J. J. Parrish, Stephen Parrish, John Perry, John Quinton, John Reely, Stephen W. Roberts (promoted to Lieut. in 11th Regiment), William H. Robinson, William D. Rea, John Riddick, David Savage, S. F. Simpson, J. D. Skinner, C. Thompson, J. A. Tillet, J. A. Walker, John Watts, William D. Welch, Aaron Ward, Augustus Ward, Edward Ward, R. Winslow, R. White.

Hock this week is Mrs. R. W. Leary, Sr.

Major H. E. Bass, USAF Hospital, Scott AFB, Illinois, is improving after an operation.

Jack White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred White, has returned to his home in Virginia after being in the hospital for some time.

A large crowd attended the Oriole minstrel presented Friday night at Chowan High School.

Chowan Home Demonstration Club met Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Chowan Community Building.

Girl Scout Week is being observed March 12-18.

Sunbeams met at Rocky Hock Church Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Youth Choir meets Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Rocky Hock Church.

A Brotherhood meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) at the Rocky Hock Community Building. A fish fry will be held and a film shown.

Junior GA's Nos. 1 and 2 will meet Friday night at 7:30 in the Rocky Hock Church.

Junior RA's will meet with Billy Nixon at 7:30.

Chowan County Farm Bureau met Tuesday night at Center Hill Community Building. A dutch supper was served. The speaker for the evening was Alonza Edwards, former executive secretary of the State Farm Bureau.

Congratulations to the 4-H Club members for a splendid job in observing National 4-H Club Week; radio programs, posters, writeups in paper and other things.

Audrey Gordon Circle met Monday night with Mrs. Ken-

County News

By MRS. ROLAND EVANS

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Perry visited Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Forehand at Suffolk, Va., over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Byrum are the proud parents of a new son, Wilbur Lee.

Sympathy goes out to the O. C. Long family in the passing of an uncle.

Calvin Keeter and sons of Elizabeth City visited Mrs. Norman Keeter on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Evans and family, Mrs. George Byrum and Bossy, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Evans visited Mr. and Mrs. Leon Byrum Sunday morning.

Extension member of Rocky

neth Worrell.

The Annual WMU Association Meeting will be held March 21 at Shiloh Baptist Church beginning at 10 A. M.

An Associational Intermediate GA Rally will be held at the Macedonia Baptist Church on March 24 at 4:30.

Associational Sunday School Training Clinic met at Sawyer's Creek Baptist Church Monday night at 7:30 P. M.

Marian Chappell visited in Rocky Hock over the week-end.

Shelia Byrum, Nancy Chappell and Johnny DuBois of Chowan High School were winners in the Soil Conservation Poster Contest.

Campus Visitation Day will be observed at Chowan College Monday, March 20.

Kathryn Tynch and Betty Bunch were home from school over the week-end.

Mrs. Edith Perry has returned home after a visit with her daughter.

Mark Bunch is on the sick list.

Wilbert M. Hare of Cross Roads and J. D. Peele of Rocky Hock community were presented "300 Bushel Club" certificates at the Yam Growers meeting in Goldsboro recently.

Mrs. Liza Elliott visited in Tarboro recently.

Mrs. Minnie Corpew visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Corpew of Portsmouth, Va., over the week-end.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Eighty-one Wingate College students made the dean's list for the first semester, according to S. G. Chappell, academic dean at Wingate.

To make the dean's list it is necessary for a student to carry at least 15 semester hours of work and maintain an average

of 3.3 or better.

Included on the dean's list was Miss Barbara Allred, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Thurman Allred of the Rocky Hock section.

Spring passes over mountain and meadow, waking up the world. —Mary Baker Eddy.

He who comes to do good knocks at the gate; he who loves finds the door open. —Rabindranath Tagore.

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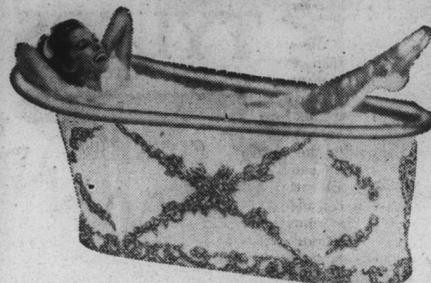
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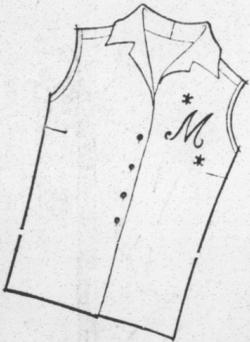
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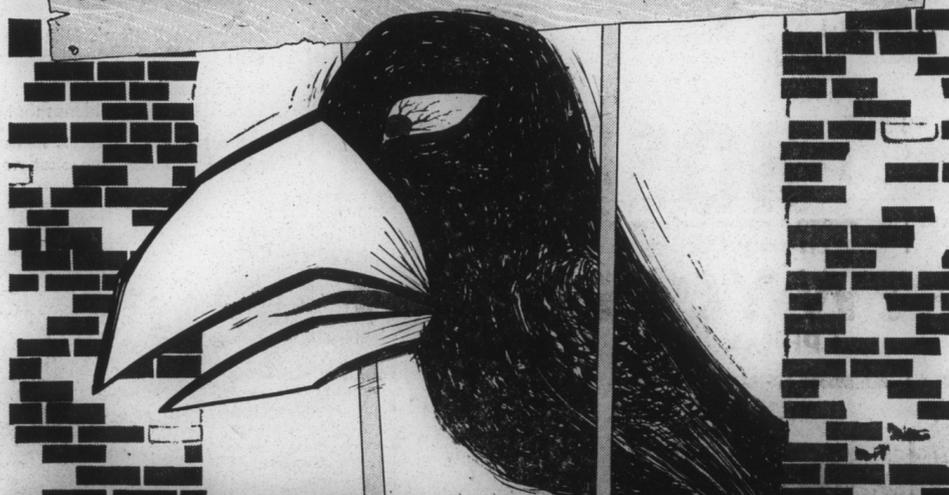


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