

OVER HALF OF NON-FARM GROUP LABOR IN MILLS

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More than half of the people engaged in work other than in agriculture in North Carolina make their

living in manufacture and the relative number of workers engaged in manufacture are increasing, particularly within recent years, it is announced by Chairman Henry E. Kendall, of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina. Employment in manufacture increased in the State from 286,245 in 1930 to 325,539 in 1940, a 10-year gain of 13.7 percent, the U. S. Census shows. By 1945 employment in manufacturing had increased to 352,306, a gain of 66,081 workers, or a total gain in the 15 years of 23.1 percent. Employment in agriculture, on the other hand, steadily declined from 500,000 in 1930 to 406,000 in

1940 and to an estimated 396,000. This comparison is complicated and does not present a true picture, due largely to the fact that 136,666 service men and women had been discharged and had not been reabsorbed into the employed-labor force in 1945. Chairman Kendall pointed out. By 1945, employment in manufacture, as reflected by employing firms covered by the Employment Security Law, accounted for more than half of the non-agricultural employment in the State and nearly one-third of all employment, including agriculture, forestry and fishing. Chairman Kendall announces that Harnett county in 1945 had 1,937 workers engaged in manufacture, or 69.1 percent of the total covered employment in this county in 1945, as compared to a State average of 66.9 percent.

Manufacturing employment in the county in 1945 represented 29.3 percent of the total non-agricultural employment in 1940, as reported by the U. S. Census, compared to a State average ratio to total non-agricultural employment in 1940 of 43.9 percent.



(By Reynolds Knight)

There seems to be a great deal of "wishful arithmetic" in the new methods the Department of Commerce is using to figure out America's "national income," chief indicator of business, industrial and agricultural activity. Many billions of duplicated income dollars apparently are included in the \$178 billion dollar national income which the Department added up for 1946.

Government, for example, claims it contributed \$23 billion dollars to the national income. This figure includes the pay of federal, state, county and municipal employees. But where did it get this money? The answer is obvious. It took the money first in taxes from the wages and salaries of individual, and from the gross earnings of business. Thus, government's "contribution" consists of taking from you to pay another. The number of "unseen guests" at your supper table each night has grown rapidly over the years.

THINGS TO COME. — Synthetics are finding increasing new uses in the sporting goods field, with molded plastic golf club heads the latest. "Make your own" business or industrial charts and graphs made possible with a new type of slotted visual control board called the "Trendicator" . . . One southwestern railroad is adding special infants' and children's menus to its dining car service . . . New adjustable all-purpose costume jewelry is designed to be useful and ornamental to the "younger set" from nursery through college age . . . Boon to busy builders is a new electronic "segregator," which sorts many articles, such as screws, nuts and bolts, into three classifications . . . New synthetic cleansing detergent developed for use in automatic washing machines works equally well with hard or soft water and requires no water softener . . . Westinghouse has introduced a new semi-circular fluorescent lamp said to provide more light than a 50 watt bulb with one-third the power consumption . . . More than 500 basic combinations are possible in a new line of 12, 14 and 16-foot all-steel truck bodies designed and built to meet individual fleet operators' requirements.

BITS O' BUSINESS.—Total U. S. farm income—nearly \$12 billion for the first six months of 1947—is 25 per cent ahead of farm cash receipts for the corresponding period last year . . . Return of worn-out military equipment from global battlefields is being urged to avert what steel experts predict will be a "grave shortage" of scrap steel next winter . . . 75,000 new urban dwellings were started and 62,800 were completed in June to establish a 20-year peak construction record . . . You will be able to travel in style on credit under a new installment payment plan which 50 major railroads will put into effect September 1 . . . It now looks as though the U. S. is sure to have another automaker. Last week the Tucker Corporation, which hopes to make the widely-publicized Tucker Torpedo, got the money it needed. Investment firms raised \$17,500,000 for the company through a common stock flotation, one of the largest equity deals in recent years.

Music is the harmony of Being; but the music of Soul affords the only strains that thrill the chords of feeling and awaken the heart's harp-strings.—Mary Baker Eddy.

I shall try to correct errors when shown to be errors, and I shall adopt new views so fast as they shall appear to be true views.—Abraham Lincoln.

PLEASE SAY "I SAW IT IN THE NEWS." THANK YOU.

WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

(Continued from page three)

An Winston-Salem food prices had more than doubled in the past five years—rising 107.5 per cent since January 1941.

The North Carolina delegation in Congress, and a lot of the congressional secretaries, have gone home for the greater part of the recess period between now and the first of the year, or to spend brief vacations before returning to Washington. Rep. Carl T. Durham, of Chapel Hill, motored out of Washington with his family Saturday morning, Aug. 2, the last Tar Heel lawmaker to go home.

Before him was Rep. C. B. Deane, of Rockingham, who motored off home with Mrs. Deane and stayed off for a few days in Richmond, Va.

The State's two Senators, Clyde R. Hoey and William B. Umstead, had gone home earlier in the week. Both have busy speaking schedules in all parts of the state during this month.

North Carolina's sleepy seashore town of Southport soon may have the mountaineer dean of the Tar Heel delegation for a summer guest. Farmer Bob Doughton, Ninth District Representative since March 4, 1911, is interested in a little bit of peace and quietude, and after more than 36 years in Congress, with his rugged constitution, he has come to learn what a lot of younger members have concluded — that Washington and your own home town are no places for rest or recreation. It might be added, also, that anywhere in a congressman's district is definitely no place for him to rest.

Anyhow, Farmer Bob has been inquiring into the Southport situation, and State Senator S. Bunn Frink of the Brunswick County capital has been advised to be on the lookout for Mr. Doughton.

Southport is noted for its quiet and natural beauty and has been referred to by Editor Carl Goerch of The State Magazine as the North Carolina town he'd best like to retire to.

If Farmer Bob goes from his native mountains to the seashore, it looks like Southport will be it.

Farmer Bob has worked hard for 33 years now, and after all, he really owes himself a vacation. If he keeps on driving so hard in Congress for eight or ten more years, he might overwork and have to take a long rest.

The Senate left behind a list of unconfirmed postmaster nominations in North Carolina.

The nominees have been the subject of a fight between Senate Civil Service Committee Chairman William Langer (R., N. D.) and practically the entire Senate. Langer said that some of the nominations President Truman sent to the Senate for confirmation were "political." So the

North Dakotan decided there would be a Republican investigation.

But the investigation never seemed to get under way, and toward the end of the session so many protests were heard concerning the holding up of the nominations that Langer gave the signal for the Senate to go ahead and act on most of the nominations.

A few, however, remained unconfirmed and some were withdrawn. In North Carolina, the withdrawn nominations include: Robert White, Dunn; Esther H. Bullock, Delco; Myrtle B. Smith, Hayes; Betty W. Wall, Pee Dee, and Samuel L. Sandorin, Shawboro.

The N. C. Democratic Club of Washington has figuratively thumbed its nose at fate and announced today it would hold its Twelfth Congressional Banquet and Ball on, yes, you guessed, Friday, February 13. Kid Brewer, formerly of Winston-Salem, president of the club, said the banquet would be held at the Mayflower Hotel.

In discussing the Friday the 13th date, Brewer chuckled when he recalled that last year the club held its banquet during a swirling snowstorm. Anyhow, he said, the storm did not keep many good Tar Heels away since more than 500 attended the banquet last year, including Kay Kyser and his wife, the former Georgia Carroll.

This midwinter affair each year honors the State's congressional delegation.

Camp Lejeune, the Marine Corps east coast base in Onslow County, will be one of the two Marine training centers under the Universal Military Training program, when, as and if Congress gets around to establishing a UMT system, it has been learned in Washington. The ENC camp would specialize in amphibious warfare.

Marion J. Shuffler, of Wilmington, secretary to Rep. Clark and 12 years in Washington, said he has never seen a Congress fumble around as much as this past one has. "It started off at a snail's pace and slowed down after that," he said.

Wedding bells will ring this Fall for a North Carolina congressional secretary and a Tar Heel girl. It hasn't been formally announced yet, but Miss Catherine Gibson, of Gibson, has yielded to the entreaties of John A. Lang, Jr., of Carthage, secretary of Representative Charles B. Deane, to become Mrs. Lang. The day has not yet been set, but the wedding will take place sometime in

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November. Miss Gibson, a War Department employee, who is walking proof of the theory that North Carolina girls are good-looking, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Gibson. She formerly taught school in Long's home town, and that is where he first met her.

Lang, a war veteran and a graduate of the University of North Caro-

lina, is well known throughout North Carolina. Before the war, he served as state director of the National Youth Administration, and he has been politically active since his campus days.

There is no mortal truly wise and restless at once; wisdom is the repose of minds.—Lavater.

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