

Wage Figures Are Given For Wilkes

Raleigh.—An all-time high in non-agricultural employment in North Carolina was reached in the third quarter of 1948, in which the average employment

covered by the State's Employment Security Law reached 651,369 workers, a net gain of 5.52 per cent, or 34,080 workers in the third quarter of 1947. A decline of 43c in the average weekly wage, from \$4.90 in the second quarter to \$4.47 in the third quarter, is shown.

These figures are included in the quarterly report of Hugh M. Raper, director of the Bureau of Research and Statistics, to Henry E. Kendall, chairman of the Employment Security Commission. Even with the decline in employment in the past few months, the conclusion is reached that employment now is as high as it had ever been in the State prior to 1948. The third quarter gain was attributed in part to the increase in seasonal employment in processing leaf tobacco, to which is also attributed, in part, the decline in average weekly wage.

In the 25 Mountain Area counties average employment declined less than one per cent (0.73) from the second quarter. In man-

ufacture the decline was 2.79 per cent, but this was largely absorbed by gains in the service group. In 36 counties of the Piedmont area employment increased 1.75 per cent, while in manufacture the increase was only 0.3 per cent. In the Coastal area the gain was 7.43 per cent over the second quarter, due almost entirely to seasonal tobacco operations.

Construction employment reached its post-war peak in the third quarter of 1948, 8.18 per cent above the second quarter. Manufacture showed a decline of 1.16 from the second quarter. Transportation, communication and public utilities reached an all-time high, while trade and finance, insurance and real estate showed substantial gains. Service industries gained slightly.

Wilkes County, in the third quarter of 1948, had 3,943 covered workers employed, a loss of 5.62 per cent from the second quarter. They received quarterly wages of \$1,558,037, an average weekly wage of \$30.39.

In Again, Out Again; In Again, Out Again

Graham, April 18.—Abe Hawkins, operator of Fairview Service Station on Highway 70, was arrested, released under bond and arrested again on a second charge in less than four hours Saturday afternoon, according to the local sheriff's department.

Officers report that they raided the service station at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon and found three quarts, one pint, and a small amount of whisky in two open bottles.

Hawkins was arrested, charged with illegal possession for the purpose of sale, and released under \$500 bond.

About 5 o'clock a second raid on the service station yielded four pints and three quarts of whisky, according to officers, and Hawkins was arrested again. Bond was again set at \$500.

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Melon Is Flown To Child Sick With Paralysis

North Robinson, O., April 18.—Maxine Rudd, 11-year-old paralysis victim, got today the watermelon she wanted for Easter.

The Red Cross, a kindly physician, two airlines, a radio station and a newspaper co-operated in making the child's wish come true.

The melon arrived by plane from Miami, Fla. last night, and was picked up in Columbus by Scott McMurray, a reporter for The Marion, O., Star. He delivered it to Maxine in this Crawford county community today.

Maxine's first words when she saw the melon were:

"It's mine."

Then she said: "I'm going to hold on to it with both hands."

She ate a large portion—the most she had eaten of anything for a week, her mother said.

Maxine is paralyzed from her waist down and does not know she will not recover.

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- SEAFOOD -

Fillet Of Haddock lb. 37c	FRESH DRESSED CATFISH 43c lb.	Dressed Whiting . lb. 19c
Medium Green Shrimp . lb. 57c		Red Salmon Steaks . lb. 49c
King Mackerel Steaks . lb. 43c		Spanish Mackerel lb. 35c

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1/4's Can POTTED MEAT . . . 9c	California No. 1 Tall Can SARDINES 17c
20 Ounce Can BEEF STEW 59c	Del Monte Tomato 14 Oz. Bottle CATSUP 17c
1/2 Ounce Can VIENNA SAUSAGE . 19c	Dixie-Home DOG MEAL 5 lb. bag 49c
2 1/2 Ounce Jar SLICED DRIED BEEF 35c	Bulk 2 Pounds BLACKEYE PEAS . 19c
	Dixie Crystal SUGAR . . 5 lb. bag 45c

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Golden Heart 2 stalks Celery . . 17c	Washington State Winesap 3 lb Apples . . 39c
Fresh Tender on the cob 3 ears Corn . . . 27c	

WESSON OIL pt. 32c

Shortening
SNOWDRIFT 3 lbs. 99c

IVORY FLAKES . med. 2 for 25c

CAMAY bath 2 for 25c

CLOROX BLEACH . . 1/2 gal. 33c

Gold Medal 8 Ounces
MACARONI 2 for 23c

SWIFT CLEANSER . . 2 for 25c

Cleanser
TEXIZE pt. 39c

1 Pound
PARD DOG FOOD . . . 2 for 29c

3 Pound Can
CRISCO SHORTENING . . . 99c

Powder Med. 3 FOR Octagon . . 23c	Cleanser 14 Oz. Ajax . 2 for 23c	Medium Ivory 9c	Snow Medium Ivory . 2 for 25c
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