

Census Shows State On Rise In Wholesaling

Wholesale sales in North Carolina were above the four billion mark in 1954—more than a third better than they were in 1948.

In Harnett County, 43 establishments figured among firms surveyed by the Department of Commerce. The wholesalers' payroll for '54 in Harnett ran to \$541,900.

That means Harnett wholesalers were putting nearly \$11,000 a week in the hands of their employees. The total of employees was 206.

The Department of Commerce, which dubbed these figures their "Preliminary Report on Wholesale Trade" for the 1954 Census of Business, summed up on the state results:

"Wholesale sales in North Carolina amounted to \$4,165,758,000 in 1954, an increase of 36.3 percent over sales of \$3,056,824,000 in 1948.

"A total of 4,750 wholesale establishments in 1954 reported 50,660 employees and had an annual payroll of \$1,622,559,000, compared with \$1,022,714,000 in 1948.

"Merchant wholesalers numbered 2,967 and had sales of \$1,514,173,000 in 1954 compared with 1,984 merchant wholesalers with sales of \$1,022,714,000 in 1948. Other wholesale establishments numbered 1,783, with total of \$2,651,585,000 in 1954, compared with 1,766 establishments and sales of \$2,034,110,000 in 1948.

The North Carolina county with the highest percentage of the state's wholesale business: Mecklenburg. In 1954 it did 21.4 percent of the merchant wholesale business for the state, and 37.7 percent of other types of wholesaling.

Other counties which rank high for wholesale operations are Guilford, Wake, Gaston, Buncombe, Forsythe, New Hanover, Wilson and Durham.



Miss Universe

PRETTY ADDITION TO OUR POPULATION—Pretty Hillievi Pannin, Miss University of 1955, has registered at the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Los Angeles to become a citizen of the U. S. A. The beauty from Sweden is one of the first of 245,000 aliens to fill out an address report card, as required by law. (NEA Photo.)

Record Roundup

OCCONEECHEE OFFICIAL—William Roth, explorer specialist of the Occoneechee Council, will be present for the Boy Scout program at Erwin Methodist Church, 7:30 tonight. Roth will explain the "explorer program" of the Scouts. All interested members of the public are invited.

SCOUT HEADS—Harnett District Boy Scout officers will be installed tomorrow night (Jan. 17) at the Erwin Episcopal Church. Homer Eggers, district scout executive, announces this will be the first meeting of the new year and plans for a full year of scouting will be made. H. H. Hamilton of Lillington, re-elected chairman of Scout activities in this area, will preside.

SERENERS MEET—The Dunn Shrine Club is expected to have a good attendance tonight, 7 p. m. at Johnson's Restaurant, as new officers are installed. Past Potentate Lester Gillikin, now serving as assistant Recorder, will make a special trip from New Bern for the occasion. Ben B. Hartsfield, Shrine secretary, said Gillikin "is a dedicated Mason, and we are sure his remarks will be an inspiration..."

CONVICTED—Smithfield's Recorder's Court has judged James Jackson Wiggins, 19, of Route 1, Angier, guilty of careless and reckless driving. He was sentenced to pay court costs. Henry Arthur Bizzell, 60, of Route 2, Newton Grove, and Young B. Stanley, 51, of Route 2, Four Oaks, were convicted of disregarding a stop sign. They also were saddled with court costs.

Benson Miffed

(Continued from Page One) and west of Benson, Broadslab cannot be pinpointed as no section admits to being the exact site. The name is thought to have derived from the wooden slabs once used in this area for roadbuilding.

Said the Chamber of Commerce directors in their letter to the TV station: the term Broadslab refers not so much to a specific neighborhood "as a type of individual, and it always has a derisive connotation."

"While there may be an element present to which the term could aptly be applied," said the directors, "this certainly isn't true of the majority of our rural residents.

"These farm folk in recent years have produced at least one college president, several outstanding military leaders, doctors, lawyers and some of the most successful farmers in eastern North Carolina."

"Since Thornton has a TV program, and Benson doesn't, it seems likely that he may get the best of the argument. Unless, that is, the Benson Chamber has something to directly counteract 'The Broadslab Drag.' Something like—

Up in the holler, and down by the lake
Everyone's sayin' that Jim Thornton is a snake.
Oh, he better wrap up warm in those long, silly flannels
For he's going to get the shivers when we tune to other channels.



PAJAMA GAME GAL TO WED—Pretty Actress Janis Paige, shown here, has announced her engagement to Arthur Stander, who produces her TV show, "It's Always Jan." The wedding is set for Wednesday in Las Vegas, Nevada. It will be the second marriage for each. Miss Paige skyrocketed to fame as the leading lady in the New York hit show, "Pajama Game." (NEA Photo.)

In Dunn, The Rev. Ernest P. Russell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the Rev. Leslie Tucker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

LILLINGTON PERSONALS

ILL AT HOME
John Ballard suffered a stroke of paralysis on Thursday around noon at his home on Lillington, Route 2. He is the father of Mrs. Duncan Ray of Lillington.

TEA AND TOPICS CLUB
The Lillington Tea and Topics club, meeting last Friday afternoon with the club president, Mrs. Joel G. Layton heard a program on government of three church denominations.

Mrs. Charles Ross, who was in charge of the program, presented Mrs. David Huffines, Jr. and Mrs. E. C. Shoaf as guest speakers, and Mrs. A. M. Shaw from the club membership. Mrs. Huffines outlined the organization of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Shoaf discussed the plan of organization of the Methodist Church, and Mrs. Shaw described the Baptist system of local church autonomy.

Beautiful arrangements of white chrysanthemums, snapdragons and carnations decorated the home and at the social hour the hostess, assisted by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joel Layton, Jr. served strawberry shortcake and coffee. Mrs. Ralph Izard was a guest of the club.

BIRTHDAY PARTY
A surprise birthday party was given for Nelson Ray Wallace on his thirtieth birthday on January 8 at the home of Mrs. J. M. Wallace on Lillington, Route 3. Several games were enjoyed during the evening, consisting of bingo, party stunts, the donkey game and balloon blowing contests. Prizes were awarded.

Afterwards refreshments of individual cakes, pimento cheese sandwiches, potato chips, mints and cokes were served to the following: Sherry Lynn Raynor, Pat Brown, Mabel Mason, Katie McDonald, Helen Holder, Frances Kelly, Master Roy Black, Weldon Peede Wallace, Tommy McDonald, Glenn Messer, Charles Black, and Nelson Ray Wallace.

The guest of honor also received several attractive gifts.

BRIDGE PARTIES
Several bridge parties were given in Lillington this week. Mrs. S. B. McKay was hostess to the Wednesday Club, and on the same night the Ace of Clubs group met with Mrs. J. A. Walker. Mrs. George Norwood entertained at bridge on Thursday night, and Friday night, Mrs. H. B. Ligon was to fete the Victory Club in an out-of-schedule meeting. Last week this same club was entertained by Mrs. Harold Morgan. At that time Mrs. H. D. Carson, Jr. was high scorer. Mrs. Ligon second high and Mrs. Lamar Simmons low scorer. Mrs. W. H. Byrd and Mrs. James Morgan were special guests and congealed salad, crackers, coffee and nuts were served. Others attending were Mrs. Hooper Bealune, Mrs. J. G.

Mrs. Sutton Was Honoree At Family Dinner

Mrs. Janet Sutton Valdez was honored with a family dinner from 6 to 10 p. m. Sunday at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Callie Tart on route five, Dunn. Mrs. Bernard Sutton, mother of the honoree, Mrs. Craven Tart and Mrs. Jack Tart were co-hostesses.

Mrs. Valdez will leave at 8 p. m. Tuesday from the Raleigh-Durham airport, for Panama, where she will join her husband First Lt. Benjamin E. Valdez. They will make their home in Panama, where Lt. Valdez is stationed with the United States Army.

The ham and chicken dinner was served from a table covered with a lovely white linen cloth centered with a beautiful arrangement of greenery.

Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. Craven Tart of Rocky Mount, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mitchell, Jr. Miss Durye Tart and Mr. Alton Clements, all of Grifton; Mr. Bernard Sutton, Mr. John Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tart, Mrs. Cora Blackman, Miss Jean Blackman, Mr. and Mrs. Crafter Tart and children, all of Dunn.

Hoover

(Continued from Page One) Woodrow Wilson suffered a stroke and was a semi-invalid before he left office. President Harding and Franklin D. Roosevelt died in office. President Eisenhower suffered a heart attack September 24.

Hoover said an administrative vice president, such as he proposes could relieve the President of 25 specific duties, plus settling conflicts among 1,900 government agencies.

BETHLEHEM, Pa.—The "iron-man" of the Lehigh University football team last fall was sophomore tackle Llewellyn Williams of Wilford, Conn. He played 421 minutes during a nine-game schedule. 1956 captain-elect Alex Maslowsky was next in minutes played with 409.

Johnson and Mrs. Jack Temple. **CLUB TO MEET**
The Lillington B. and P. W. Club has invited Dr. Clarence Poe of Raleigh, long time editor of the "Progressive Farmer" to speak on "Rural Industries" on Monday night, Jan. 16 at 7:30 p. m. at the Lillington Community center. Mrs. Hubert Byrd and Miss Mamie Haigwood will be the hostesses.

Manager

(Continued from Page One) ranks among the top 15 variety store organizations in the U. S. will switch over to self-service stores almost everywhere, he knows of no immediate plan to do so in Dunn.

Moss checked into his new job Friday. He has not yet had time to move his family here, but will do so in the near future. The family consists of his wife, Louise, and twin boys, Bobbie and Rickie, three years old.

That means both Moss and Walker are somewhat in the position of advance scouts, for Walker, too, left his family behind when he left for Henderson; he will make a place for them, and the family will move from Dunn a little later.

Walker's job at Henderson is assistant personnel supervisor for the entire chain of 138 retail outlets. Moss, who golfed in the eighties (he hit an 85 at Lumberton this weekend), hasn't had a chance to try out the local course yet, but he is looking forward to it. He said he didn't mind at all moving from big Columbia (pop. about 100,000) to Dunn.

"I think there's an entirely different attitude in a small town," he said. "I expect to enjoy it very much here."

GM Plans

(Continued from Page One) leaders at a luncheon that outstanding leadership" of the Eisenhower administration was one of the "fundamental" reasons for expecting continued prosperity.

"That leadership has produced widespread public confidence not only in this nation but throughout the free world," he said.

Curtice said the billion dollars General Motors will spend this year is 65 per cent more than the capital expenditures for the company in 1955.

NEW YORK—Light heavyweight Tony Johnson of New York is favored at 11-5 to beat England's Johnny Sullivan, former British middleweight champion, tonight in their TV 10-rounder at St. Nicholas Arena. Johnson, heavier and stronger than Sullivan, was impressive in his last bout on Nov. 28, when he knocked out Billy McNece in the eighth round. Earlier last year, McNece had held him to a draw.

POSTMAN SNOWED UNDER

TOYO—A 50-year-old Japanese postman who insisted on delivering his mail during a blizzard has been rescued from a snow bank where he was trapped for almost four days. It was reported today.

46 DROWNED
BOMBAY, India, AP—Forty-six women were drowned when a ferry carrying them across the river Godavari capsized in the Ahlabad district of India, officials reported today.

IN DUNN HOSPITAL
Mrs. Louise Jernigan who recently underwent an operation in Rex Hospital in Raleigh has been transferred to the Dunn Hospital.

TO RALEIGH
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. Corkey Cretini, Mr. and Mrs. Landon Barefoot and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Page enjoyed supper at the Canton in Raleigh Saturday night.

STILL ALIVE — MUST PAY TAXES

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., AP—The Internal Revenue Bureau today served notice on prison author Caryl Chessman to pay up \$3,433.62 in delinquent 1954 income taxes or he'll be in trouble.

Chessman is appealing a death sentence from San Quentin prison.

WASHINGTON—Herbert Hoover says nation's presidents must be relieved of some of their burdens.



MAY QUIT CAREER—Ursula Thiess, lovely wife of actor Robert Taylor and mother of a six-months son, Terence, has just finished making "Bandido" with Robert Mitchum and it may be her last movie. She says her husband wants her to retire from acting to become a fulltime mother and housewife. (NEA Photo.)

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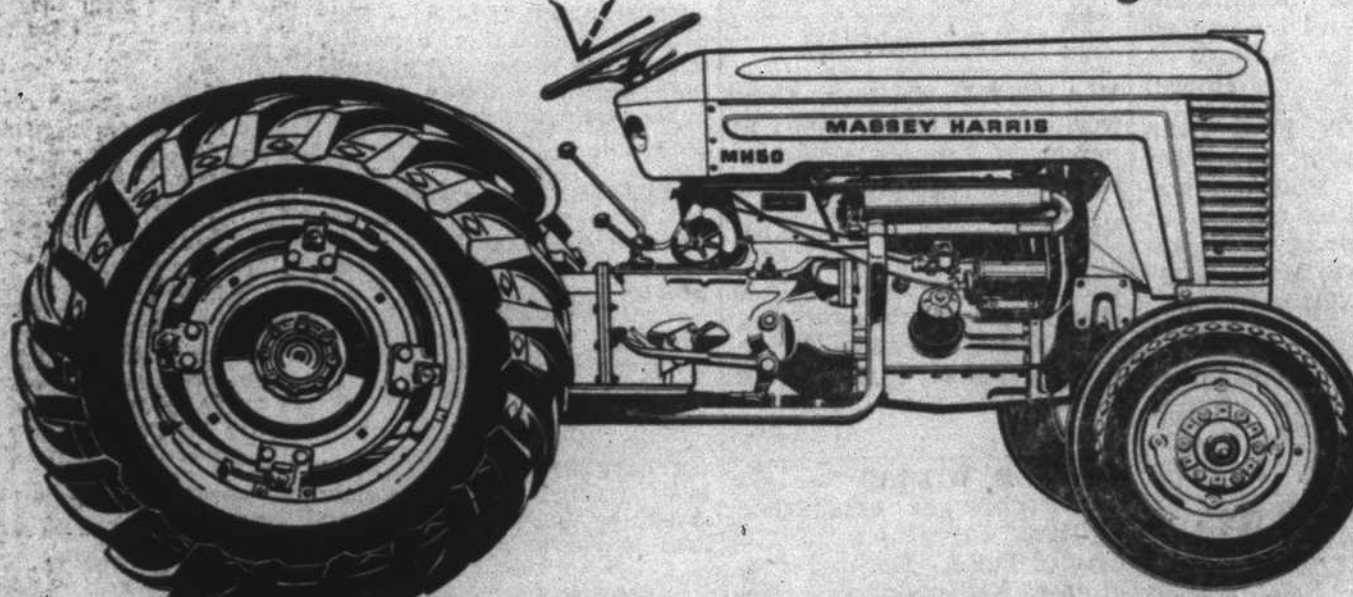
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