

## N. C. Has Shortest Workweek Recorded

RALEIGH — Hard hit by recession, Tar Heel manufacturing industries reported the shortest workweek on record in mid-January and employment of 75,700 fewer workers than a year ago, State Commissioner Billy Creel reported today.

The factory workweek dropped to 35.8 hours in January as all manufacturing industry groups except cigarette factories reported employment declines, Creel said.

January working hours dropped 1.7 hours below those of December and were 4.1 hours below the 39.9-hour average of January, 1974, he stated.

Commissioner Creel said employment in all of the State's nonfarm establishments dropped 39,100 between December and January to a total of 1,969,300. This was 53,000 below the 2,022,300 level of a year ago.

Manufacturing jobs totaled 726,800 in mid-January after dropping 18,800 from December. Nonmanufacturing employment, totaling 1,242,500, was down 20,300 from December but despite recessionary conditions was still 22,700 higher than a year ago.

Creel said textile mill employment, totaling 252,300 in January, was 38,000 below the 290,300 reported for a year ago.

Electrical machinery jobs, totaling 41,800, were down 8,800 from year-ago levels.

Furniture industry employment, at 75,300 in January, was 8,500 below a year ago.

Apparel manufacturing firms, employing 73,000 in January, were down 8,500 over the year. Food products declined by 1,900.

Even retail trade showed

the effects of recession, dipping 1,900 below the January, 1974 level.

Weekly earnings of the 726,800 Tar Heel factory workers dropped by \$5.09 from December levels to a January average of \$122.79, and were \$2.50 below the January, 1974 figure.

Hourly earnings averaged \$3.43 in the State's manufacturing industries in January — up two cents from the \$3.41 December average. Layoffs of lower-paid employees having less seniority was partly responsible for the apparent two-cent increase, Commissioner Creel pointed out.

Most nonmanufacturing employment groups registered January job declines, with trade construction, transportation, services, finance, and education registering the largest decreases.

### Mrs. Mull's Rites Held

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Sadie Beddingfield Mull, formerly of Brevard. Mrs. Mull, wife of Charles Lee Mull, died February 6 in Seattle, Washington.

She is survived by her husband, Charles of Maple Valley, Washington; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Beddingfield of Maple Valley, Washington; three brothers, Ray Beddingfield of Brevard, Roy and Charles Beddingfield of Philmoth, Oregon; and two sisters, Geneva Paxton of Brevard and Ruby White of Sumner, Washington.

Funeral services were held at Hobart Community Church in Maple Valley and burial was in Washington Memorial Park.

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## Hints From The County Extension

### Chairman

By - Jerry Purser



#### YOUR 1975 VEGETABLE GARDEN GUIDE

##### Location and soil

Your family garden should be located near the house. Here are some important points to consider in selecting a garden site:

1. It should be convenient to the house, water, and tools.
2. The best soil possible should be chosen.
3. The garden should be located where power machinery can be used.
4. It should be away from trees and buildings.
5. Choose any area where the soil is well drained.

Many farm and country gardens are in one unit, within easy reach of the house. Practically all vegetables, including potatoes, sweet corn, and vine crops, may be grown in this one area, often a half acre or more in size, and planned so that most of the work on it can be done with power tools.

Other gardeners, however, may have one in two more areas. A fairly small kitchen garden close to the house is planted to beets, beans, carrots, onions and other vegetables that can be grown intensively, usually with hand tools. Another plot in a more spacious location is planted to potatoes, sweet-potatoes, sweet corn, vine crops, tomatoes for canning and other crops that require more space.

This plan has many advantages. The greatest is that labor can be reduced by using standard farm tools. It also permits planting individual

crops in new places each season. It is particularly attractive to large growers of sweet corn, beans, peas, tomatoes and other vegetables for marketing or for preservation by canning or freezing.

The size of the family garden will depend on the size of the family, the amount of time you have to care for it, and the amount of canning and freezing planned. It is more practical to do a good job with a small garden, than a poor job with one that is too large to care for adequately.

##### Soil, Drainage, Sunshine

Fertile, deep, friable, well-drained soil is one of the first essentials for successful garden. The exact type of soil is not so important as that it be well drained, adequately supplied with organic matter, retentive of moisture, and have a suitable subsoil.

The character of the subsoil is of vital importance. However, an infertile soil that has favorable physical properties may be brought into high productivity by incorporating organic matter and liberal use of soil amendments, such as lime and commercial fertilizer.

Proper drainage of the soil is essential. Soil drainage may often be improved by properly installed agricultural tile, open ditches, and in some cases, by subsoiling to loosen the soil. The garden should be free from low places where water might stand after a heavy rain. Water from surrounding land should not drain upon the garden and there should be no danger of flooding by overflow from nearby streams.

Air drainage is important in



CHARLES HIMES's bald pate is shown getting a "cob combing" by John Ed Davis, humorist and speaker of the evening for the annual banquet of the Brevard Chamber of

Commerce Friday evening. Dressed as a hobo or beggar, Mr. Davis brought gales of laughter from the 205 persons present.

The Federal Wage Garnishment Law limits the amount of an employee's disposable earnings that may be garnished in any week and protects an employee from firing because of garnishment for any one indebtedness, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

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lessening the danger of damage by frost. A garden on a slope with free movement of the air to lower levels is most likely to escape late-spring and early-autumn frost damage.

The garden should receive the direct rays of the sun all day long. Certain crops can stand some shade, but no amount of fertilizer, water or care will replace the sunshine needed. Even where trees do not shade, their roots may penetrate far into it and rob crops of moisture and plant food.

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