

Employment In Surry Averages 9,184 For First Quarter Of 1949

Average Wage Report Shows \$36.98 Week

Surry County had an average employment of 9,184 for the first quarter of this year, a loss of 4.76 per cent when compared with the last quarter of 1948, it was announced yesterday by the North Carolina Security Commission.

Total wages paid in the county in the first quarter of 1949 amounted to \$4,311,772, or an average weekly wage of \$36.08.

In construction work, Surry had average employment of 235 in the first quarter of 1949, with total wages of \$115,978 and average weekly wage of \$38.

In manufacturing, the average employment, with total wages of \$3,392,664 and average weekly wage of \$36.46.

In transportation and communication, the average employment was 247, with total wages of \$119,016; in trade, average employment was 902 and total wages \$394,150; in finance, insurance and real estate, the average employment was 53 and total wages \$35,557; in service and other activities the average employment was 587 and total wages \$254,407.

Average non-farm employment in the State, covered by the program, was 606,623 in the first quarter, a drop of 5.1 per cent from the fourth quarter of 1948 and a drop of 6.2 per cent from the first quarter of 1949.

This decline of 32,600 workers from the last quarter of 1948 to the first quarter of 1949 is more than the usual seasonal decline, it is pointed out by Hugh M. Raper, director of the Bureau of Research and Statistics of the Employment Security Commission, made the report to Chairman Henry E. Kendall.

Average weekly wage of covered workers in North Carolina during the first quarter of 1949 was \$41.92, which was a drop of \$3.86 from the fourth quarter of 1948, but an increase of 78 cents over the average for the first quarter of 1948. Total wages paid in the State in the first quarter of 1949 amounted to \$330,822,428.

The reports show that 21 of the 100 counties in the State had gains in average number of workers employed in the first quarter of 1949 over the last quarter of 1948, while 79 counties showed declines in employment. The figures for individual counties show the trend of the employment in the 100 units of the State.

Elkin Merchants' Secretary Resigns

Mrs. Willie Mae Stanley, for several years secretary of the Elkin Merchants Association, has resigned her position effective November 15.

Mrs. Stanley has devoted part time work with the Town of Elkin, but will now spend her entire time to her duties at the Town Hall.

E. S. Spainhour, president of the Merchants Association, said that no successor to Mrs. Stanley's position had yet been named.

The apple tree thrives in all temperate climates.

Tribune Ads Get Results; Here's Proof

Tribune advertising gets results.

That's the little filler line that your eyes occasionally find themselves focused on throughout the paper, but maybe you don't know how true it is.

Now, Johnny Kidd of Turkey Ford Road, Dobson, wasn't advertising, but he got results.

A feature which appeared in the September 15 issue of the Tribune extolled Johnny's unusual qualifications as a farmer, musician and housekeeper which would have made this bachelor the apple of any eligible lady's eye.

Asked by Kermit Lawrence, Surry Clerk of Court, how he liked the feature, Johnny replied, "Fine . . . I've already received a proposal."

Correspondents Urged To Send In News Twice Weekly

Effective October 31, The Tribune will be published on Monday and Thursday of each week. In order that correspondence from near-by communities may be carried, the correspondents are requested to send their news as follows:

For the Monday issue, all correspondence must be at The Tribune office not later than Friday.

For the Thursday issue, all correspondence must be in the office not later than Tuesday.

The Tribune wishes to take this opportunity to thank its correspondents for their cooperation through the years and for services rendered to their communities and to this newspaper. Your efforts in the future in sending in your news letters will be sincerely appreciated.

CLUB MEMBERS ORDER PLANTS

6,000 Forest Tree Seedlings Requested From North Elkin, Mountain Park

FREE TO 4-H, F. F. A.

Eight 4-H club members from North Elkin and Mountain Park have indicated their interest in entering the timber thinning contest, sponsored by the Elkin Kiwanis Club. Orders for 6,000 forest tree seedlings have been received from these two clubs.

Neill M. Smith, Surry County farm agent, yesterday urged 4-H club members and F.F.A. members who are interested in planting trees to place orders at once.

Mr. Smith explained that the State Forestry Nursery at Hendersonville has only 300,000 white pine seedlings available this year and orders must be placed immediately to be assured of an appreciable amount of trees.

Orders are filled on a "first come first served" basis, Mr. Smith said. The county agent added that due to an extremely poor seed crop from pines this year, the outlook for next year's supply of seedlings is very poor. "Therefore," he concluded, "if anyone plans to do forestry planting, now is the time to place his order."

ELKIN ANNEX OPENS HOUSE

Inspection of New High School Addition To Be Feature of Tuesday PTA

JOINT MEET OF GROUPS

Open house and inspection of the new High School annex, will be one of the features of the October meeting of the Elkin High School Parent-Teachers Association scheduled to meet Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., at the high school building.

The Elkin Elementary Parent-Teachers Association will meet with the high school group at this time.

N. H. Carpenter, superintendent of the Elkin City Schools, will make a talk, after which the parents will be invited to visit the new addition to the school.

Mrs. Frank Bivins, president of the high school P. T. A., will preside over the meeting. Other officers are Mrs. Van Dillon, Sr., secretary and Miss Doris Cline, treasurer.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Program — Mrs. Earl James, chairman; Mrs. Van Dillon, Sr., and Mrs. Henry Butner; Membership — Mrs. James Atwell, chairman; Mrs. Charles Ashby and Mrs. N. H. Carpenter; Publicity — Mrs. Adrian Nixon, chairman; Mrs. Charles Ashby and Mrs. T. F. Cooley; Hospitality — Mrs. French Graham, chairman; Mrs. Raymond Harris, Mrs. Claude Farrell, Mrs. Carl Boyles and Miss Mary Holland; Finance — Mrs. Tat Davis and Mrs. Clyde Hall.

LOVEBUG BITES ARE LIMITLESS

Three Couples Ranging From 48 To 76 Years Old Obtain Licenses At Dobson

ISSUE PERMITS TO 18

Love knows no limit . . . in age that is.

Here are three good reasons that you don't get too old to be immune to the omnipresent lovebug:

During the past two weeks licenses were issued by Surry County Register of Deeds Mrs. Bertha M. Shinault to Henry Wood, 76, and Mary Alice Johnson, 60; to Walter Hillyard, 58, and Ora H. Britt, 48; and to Arthur Cook, 66, and Ila Jones, 50, all of Mount Airy.

Fifteen others received permits to wed during this two-week span: Harold Venable, 18, Ararat, and Peggy Sulphin, 18, both of Mount Airy; Crowley Hamlin, 19, and Beatrice Johnson, 18, both of Dobson; Graham C. Johnson, 23, and Peggy Lineberry, 22, both of Elkin; Eva Adams, 20, Winston-Salem; Roland Moore, 27, Dobson, and Elberta Privette, 21, Winston-Salem; Frederick D. Holbrook, 18, and Betty Jean Combs, 16, both of Elkin; Dennis Murphy, 32, and Agnes Sipple, 25, both of Barboursville, Ky.; and Herbert Atkins, 19, Mt. Airy and Lena Ruth Johnson, 16, Dobson.

Alison Jackie Scott, 19, Elkin, and Dorothy Jean Badgett, 17, Ararat; Franklin Branch, 17, Dobson, and Helen Christine Shelton, 18, Mount Airy; Tommy Smith, 19, and Mildred Badgett, 18, both of Mount Airy; James Tucker, 19, and Treatha Wall, 22, both of Mount Airy; Harold Parks, 20, Thurmond, and Margaret Andrews, 17, State Road; and Raymond C. Eaton, 23, and Mary Claude Jarrell, 20, both of Mount Airy.

SURRY SCHOOLS SHOW INCREASE

Average Daily Membership For 21 Schools Shows Five Per Cent Over 1948-49

7,463 PER DAY ATTEND

The average daily membership for Surry County's 21 schools increased five per cent over last year's average during the first month of the 1949-50 school year, Superintendent John W. Comer announced this week.

The average membership totaled 7,463, according to reports turned in to the superintendent's office October 1.

Dobson School led the list with an average of 797 per day while Pilot Mountain showed an average of 784. Flat Rock School had a 709 average.

Shoals School, on the recommendation of their daily average, was awarded an extra teacher. The school's attendance had been under observation to determine the need of another teacher.

Other daily averages were as follows:

Copeland 621, Little Richmond 167, Mountain Park 24, Low Gap 360, Franklin 985, Green Hill 121, White Plains 500, Sheltontown 52, Westfield 450, Shoals 257, Siloam 140, Eldora 165, and Beulah 575. Negro schools in the system were Pisgah 13, Sandy Level 95, Combstown 20, Ridge 109 and Pilot Mountain 19.

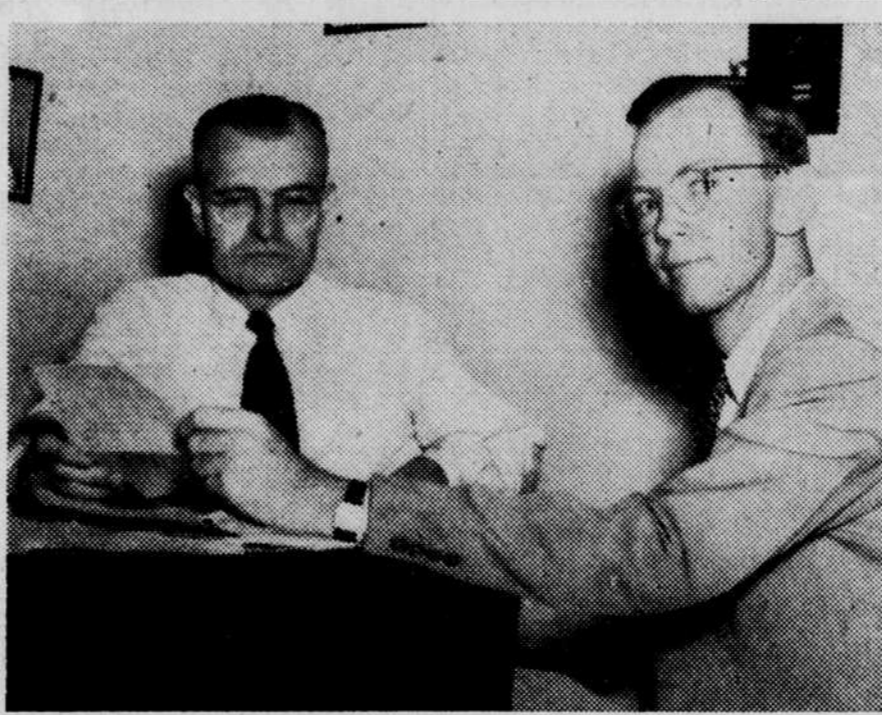
Ten Rules On How To Grow Old Gracefully

New York—Ten commandments for a person to grow old gracefully, as listed by Dr. Herman Seidel of Baltimore:

He should continue to work at his vocation and retain his accustomed position in society as long as possible.

Avoid sedentary habits and inactivity, continue with whatever open air activities or hobbies he may be accustomed to; if he has none he should acquire some.

Engage in systematic daily exercise, designed to prevent or



SPEARHEAD ELKIN DRIVE — Linville Hendren, left, and the Rev. Ralph Ritchie, right, are leading the Boy Scout fund campaign in this district along with the Rev. Howard Ford, head of the entire Old Hickory Council, and Hubert Parker, who is chairman of solicitations at Chatham Manufacturing Company. The Elkin-Yadkin district quota has been set at \$2,600. (TRIBUNE PHOTO)

Boy Scout Fund Drive Seeks Goal Of \$2,600

Campaign Now Under Way In Full Force

\$925.00 GIVEN FOR SCOUTING

Sum Will Be Used To Finance Girl Scouts of Elkin And Jonesville

The Boy Scouts campaign for funds is on in full force in Elkin this week. Hubert Parker and Ralph Ritchie, chairmen in Elkin, announced yesterday that the Elkin-Yadkin District goal had been set at \$2,600.

Howard Ford of Elkin, head of the drive for the entire Old Hickory Council, said that the budget for the council, which embraces Stokes, Surry, Forsyth, Yadkin, Alleghany, Wilkes, Watauga and Ashe counties is \$31,496.97.

Advance gifts will consist of 60 per cent of the total solicitations, and the remainder will be from general canvassing.

Heading the campaign for advance gifts and general solicitations are Hubert Parker, at Chatham Manufacturing Company; Ralph Ritchie, in Elkin; Bill Sturdivant, Howard Ford, in Sparta; Bill Rutledge, in Jonesville; Carter Dickson, in Jonesville; Odell Church, in Pleasant Hill.

The Old Hickory Council consists of about 4,000 boys. Officers include a Scout executive, two field executives and one Negro field executive.

Each district consists of a chairman and an operating committee. In the Elkin-Yadkin District, Linville Hendren is chairman. Under him are Charles Utley, organization and extension; Dick Smith, Jr., leadership; Buck Hines, advancement; Fred Eldson, camping and activities; and Dr. Moir Hall, health and safety.

In a letter from R. J. Atkinson, Elkin mayor, to Charles Utley, publicity manager of the Scout drive, the following message is relayed:

"I believe that, with the exception of the church, one of our greatest organizations for the building of character and citizenship is the Boy Scouts of America. Many of our outstanding citizens were Scouts in their youth and vouch that the training and guidance received as a Scout was invaluable throughout their lives. In the forthcoming drive for this worthy cause, every citizen is urged to contribute generously and for every dollar you invest, the town, state and nation will receive dividends that cannot be measured by monetary standards."

Surry 4-H Council To Meet October 31

A Surry County 4-H Council will be held Monday, Oct. 31, at the Dobson courthouse, it was announced this week.

Assistant County Agents Henry O. Dunbar and Donald A. Halsey, with officers of the council, will demonstrate parliamentary procedure to the group, which is composed of officers of the 23 4-H clubs of the county.

TO BUY EQUIPMENT

A total of \$925.00 was raised to finance Girl Scouting in Elkin and Jonesville in a campaign conducted last week in the two communities, under the direction of Mrs. Hubert Parker and Mrs. Tat Davis.

The Girl Scouts wish to express their appreciation to everyone who contributed in any way to the drive.

The money raised in the campaign will be used to purchase out-door equipment and other supplies for the troops. At present, there are nine troops of Girl Scouts, five troops in Elkin and four troops in Jonesville.

Troops in both towns have been busy during the past week organizing for the year's work. Plans are now being formulated for Girl Scout Week which will be observed from October 31 — November 5. During the week an out-door cook out has been planned and the Girl Scouts will attend church in a body.

YADKIN STOCK BARN PLANNED

Livestock Producers Vote To Build Livestock Show And Sale House

OUTLAY ABOUT \$35,000

Yadkin County livestock producers have voted to build a livestock show and sale barn in Yadkin County, D. D. Williamson, county farm agent, announced last week.

A representative group of dairymen and cattlemen from all sections of Yadkin County attended a meeting called by Mr. Williamson in the county courthouse to act on the proposal.

Tentative plans for the building call for an outlay of between \$30,000 and \$35,000, including a show ring and bleachers to seat 300 persons. The plans for the barn list a capacity of 62 animals.

The livestock producers will be requested to donate \$25 each toward the building.

The building would be used for the annual county dairy show and by the Guernsey Breeder's Association, the Yadkin Jersey Parish, beef cattle growers, and other cattle groups.

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Co-Chairmen Named By Little Theatre

Mrs. Eugene Molsinger and Clay Watts were named temporary co-chairmen of the Little Theatre at a re-organization meeting held last Thursday night here.

Plans for future theatre work were discussed and the group decided to meet again tonight (Thursday) at 8 p. m. at the Gilvin Roth YMCA.

Persons interested have been invited to attend. Games and contests pertaining to drama will be featured.

Elkin Coal Piles Low As No Supply In Sight Due To Miner Strikes

FARM HELPER STILL MISSING

First Search Made By Sheriff For Man Missing For More Than A Week

NO TRACE IS REPORTED

The first official search for Walter Flasher—missing for more than a week—was made Tuesday.

A spokesman from Sheriff Sam Patterson's office in Mount Airy said yesterday that a hunt was made for the Pittsburgh coal miner for the first time Tuesday and that papers and other bits of information relating the missing man's history were extracted with the intention of continuing the search later.

Flasher, who was a hired hand on the farm of Decatur Gentry, farmer of the Elkin vicinity, left the residence last Monday to dig potatoes. He failed to return to the house when expected and an investigation showed only a bucket of potatoes he had dug and a potato digger that he had used lying nearby.

Flasher had left his car with keys in the switch parked in the yard. Leaving the keys in the car was described as "unusual" by members of the Gentry family. Other articles in the car included some wearing apparel and a banjo.

An informal party of searchers on horseback began combing the nearby woods which extend from the Gentry farm to the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, but no trace of the man was found. Neighbors expressed concern that no action had been taken by proper law enforcement officers.

Members of the Gentry family said that Flasher had worked on the farm before, but had returned from the mines only Saturday before the Monday that he disappeared. They suggested possible amnesia as the explanation for his disappearance since he had told them of a blow on the head received in the mines when an electric drill fell on him.

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Elkin's Oldest Citizen Passes At Home Here



MRS. JOHN HAMPTON BALL
(PHOTO BY REDMON)

Mrs. Emily Clark Ball, 94, widow of John Hampton Ball and Elkin's oldest resident, died early Tuesday morning at her home on West Main Street following an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Ball was born in Iredell County, a daughter of Francis and Jane Buchanan Clark. She was educated at the old Jonesville Academy and Davenport College. Mr. Ball, a Confederate veteran, died in 1924.

Mrs. Ball was a member of Elkin Presbyterian Church and, until her health failed, was active in church work. Funeral service was held yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Elkin Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Ralph Ritchie and Dr. Joseph H. Carter officiated and burial was in Hollywood Cemetery.

Survivors include three sons, Finley, Reuben and Wade Ball, all of Kansas City, Missouri; four daughters, Mrs. R. L. Kirkman of Elkin, Mrs. B. L. McEachern of Rowland, Mrs. R. F. Joyce of Sanford and Miss Ned Ball of the home; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

AUXILIARY NOW ON GIFT DRIVE

Christmas Presents To Be Sent To Gift Shops At Veterans Hospitals

GIFT LIST SUGGESTED

The American Legion Auxiliary is now collecting Christmas gifts to be sent to the gift shops at the veteran hospitals at Swannanoa and Fayetteville.

All the gifts sent the hospitals must be new. From the gifts sent, the veterans may choose gifts to be sent to their families for Christmas.

Anyone desiring to send gifts to the hospital are requested to place them in a receptacle for this purpose at the Surry Hardware Company.

The following gifts have been suggested: For men, shirts, socks, books, shaving sets, handkerchiefs, the bars and clasps. For women: hose, underwear, dress lengths, bath powder, cosmetics (boxed), aprons, towels, kid gloves, costume jewelry, plastic table cloths. For children: clothes for children from 1 to 12 years of age, socks, underwear, dresses, dress lengths, baby clothes, toys (boxed for mailing), dolls (boxed for mailing), stuffed animals and stuffed dolls.

Board of Education To Meet November 7

The Surry County Board of Education will meet Monday, Nov. 7, to discuss insurance in the county school system, John W. Comer, superintendent said yesterday.

Also, proposed plans for building throughout the state will be discussed and a treasurer for each school in the county will be affirmed.

The meeting will be held at 2 p. m. in the Dobson courthouse.

Dealer Says Supply Could Last A Month

Elkin residents this week hoped that the coming Winter would spare its chilly Blue Ridge winds in the Yadkin Valley. The reason: There will be no coal to replace that already in the bin unless mines are put into operation again before December.

Coal dealers in Elkin are without coal in their stockpiles, and there's none in view. However, Gilbert Meed of the Carolina Ice and Fuel Company, explained that most of the heavier users of coal had enough to operate until December if they applied thriftiness.

Since first talk of strikes was mentioned, Mr. Meed said, orders were placed for more coal, and at the time of the strike the company had more than 60 tons on hand. Later customers were rationed to one ton per order.

Elsewhere in the state, however, the North Carolina Retail Coal Merchants Association warned that cold weather will bring suffering to the state.

H. M. Davidson of Greensboro, president of the association, termed the available supply of coal for domestic consumption "dangerously low."

The weather bureau, in the meantime, said that no severe cold spell is immediately expected, but the forecasters—noting that the state's first heavy frost usually occurs about the middle of October—wouldn't go beyond that in their predictions. Cooler weather is foreseen for the week-end, but it could not be told as yet how low the temperatures will be.

Mr. Davidson pointed out that his survey showing depleted coal supplies did not cover the situation among the state's industrial coal consumers.

The large industries which use coal do their own buying and are not threatened with immediate shortages, he reported.

Two Charged After Boonville Accident

Two young Boone men, Conley Greene and Paul Edmondson, who were driving a 1949 Chevrolet convertible, collided with a car driven by Mrs. Fred Snow of Boonville near the intersection Saturday night about 11:30. No serious injury occurred to any of the occupants, but both cars were damaged considerably.

The wreck was investigated by Patrolman Sam McKinney of Elkin, Sheriff Bill Moxley, and Patrolman Stewart of Yadkinville. The two Boone men were charged with reckless driving and were placed under bond. Howard Cottrell of Boone signed bond for their appearance in court.

Streets To Get Weekly Washing

Hard surface streets in Elkin's residential sections will be washed once a week beginning immediately, Mayor Richard Atkinson said yesterday. Also, the town will work with the State Highway Department in keeping the Hugh Chatham Memorial Bridge clean.

A night man will continue to clean the downtown area and wash the streets. New trash cans will be purchased and placed on the streets soon, it was said.

Unless you repent you will all likewise perish—St. Luke 13:3.

Elkin-Dobson Star Route Bids Opened

Bids were opened this week for the delivery of mail on a star route between Elkin and Dobson which will begin operation November 16, it was announced this week by Roscoe Poplin, assistant postmaster.

Acceptance of bids will remain open until October 27. Mail will leave Elkin between 2 and 3 p. m., and be in Dobson in 45 minutes. Mail will leave Dobson at 4:30 p. m., and will be in Elkin at 5:15 p. m.