

Employment Offices In State Get Jobs For 119,326 During 1947

Jobs were found in 1947 for 119,326 workers in local non-agricultural employment, 40,061 of them veterans, 40,247 of them women and 6,276 of them physically handicapped, through local employment offices in the State, it is revealed in a report made to Chairman Henry E. Kendall of the Employment Security Commission by Director Ernest C. McCracken of its North Carolina State Employment Service Division.

Figures on activities of the local employment offices show a slight drop in most respects, but this is taken as an index to improvement in labor conditions in the State, reflecting a more stable employment condition. Most of the drop from 1946 in local office activities comes from relatively smaller numbers of veterans using the facilities, indicating that more veterans had steady jobs in 1947 than during

the previous year. At the end of 1947, local employment offices had 6,904 unfilled orders from employers for workers, the smallest number carried over in any year. This is only four per cent of the total of 175,782 jobs listed for workers in 1947. Local office personnel made 233,282 referrals to these jobs, resulting in 119,326 placements, or 53 per cent of the referrals.

Also at the end of the year, 25,906 active applications for jobs were on file in local employment offices, 12 per cent less than at the end of 1946.

About 33 per cent of the non-agricultural placements made in 1947 were in manufacturing, primarily in tobacco, textile, food, lumber, furniture and apparel industries. In the non-manufacturing groups, most of the placements were in construction, trade, private household service and business services, the report showed.

CENTER HILL METHODIST YOUTH GROUP MEETS

The Center Hill Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold its regular third Sunday night meeting Sunday night, February 15, at 6:30 o'clock in the Center Hill Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.



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REV. R. W. WOLFE

The Rev. R. W. Wolfe of Indianapolis, Indiana, is the guest evangelist who has been secured to conduct the series of revival services which begins at Bagley Swamp Pilgrim Church on Sunday, February 22. Services will be held every evening at 7:30 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Manteo Man Urges An United Effort To Benefit Fishermen

Bigger Oregon Inlet and Deeper Channel Being Urged

A. H. Ward, owner of the Dare County Ice & Storage Company at Manteo is attempting to provide a bigger and better Oregon Inlet and a deeper channel leading into Pamlico Sound in order to bring maximum benefit to the seafood industry of the whole region from Edenton to Beaufort.

According to Mr. Ward, the lack of waters of proper depth for the entry of fish and for accommodations of vessels engaged in the industry has become a matter of much concern as leaders in the seafood industry have noted a serious decline in income during recent years.

Mr. Ward says that while the problem directly affects fishermen, it indirectly affects many other business men, so that a movement should be organized to work for the desired improvements in the waterways. He has, therefore, sent letters to numerous persons in about ten counties which have heavy fishing interests to join hands in a united effort to do something for the fishermen. He urges an early meeting at some central point for a discussion of the matter and the possibility of forming a plan to pursue these objectives.

In his letter last week, which went forth to citizens in Edenton, Plymouth, Columbia, Englehard, Beaufort, Swan Quarter, Wanchese and other places, Mr. Ward had this to say:

"The fishermen of our section of North Carolina are suffering a decline in revenue and the livelihood of many people is threatened by a factor which in the opinion of leading citizens who have talked to me might be overcome by organized, consistent effort.

"Our fishermen have concluded from years of experience that unless Oregon Inlet can be improved, there will be a continued loss to the industry.

"They believe that the deepening of this inlet and the dredging of an inlet into Pamlico Sound and to safe harbor at Wanchese, at least, will not only permit the entry of a vast number of fish which are now deterred from entering our waters, but would also admit many vessels from fishing at sea, but which have no safe harbor, nor access to source of supply or discharge of cargo between Norfolk and Beaufort.

"It seems to me that this is a matter of vital importance to any citizen in any of the counties of Bertie, Chowan, Washington, Tyrrell, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Dare, Hyde and other sections of Northeastern North Carolina as well. The fishing industry of these counties is dependent entirely upon having open waters adequate for the volume of fish to enter which would be necessary to support our now dwindling industry.

"I suggest it would be a good idea for us and other interested persons to meet soon at some convenient point to discuss these matters fully, to get advice and information from competent sources, and if we then consider it feasible, to form an active group to continue working for the improvement of these waterways. It seems most appropriate that those of us whose business interests are most directly concerned with the welfare of the fishing industry should be the ones to take the lead in advocating these improvements, and personally being interested in the welfare of our fishermen, whose patronage and good will has meant so much to many of us, I am writing you, and will appreciate your reaction in the matter at your earliest convenience."

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank our many friends for their kind thoughts and deeds in my recent sickness, for lovely cards and flowers, and all expressions of love.

—Mrs. F. W. Wilson and Family

Defective Lighting Equipment Reason For Many Wrecks

Motorists Urged to See To It That Lights Meet State Requirements

Safety experts say that one out of every five cars has defective lighting equipment.

The importance of good headlights for the prevention of accidents is emphasized by the fact that in 1946 550 fatal accidents and 12,540 non-fatal accidents in the United States were caused by either glaring headlights or cases where the headlights were missing or too dim.

When you take your car or truck to one of the State's mechanical inspection lanes this year for its "physical check-up," certain headlight requirements must be met—or the car will be disapproved.

The Manual of Motor Vehicle Mechanical Inspection Requirements has this to say about headlights:

"All motor vehicles shall be equipped with two headlights, the assemblies of which shall be of an approved type and in good working order. Each headlight shall be capable of producing at least 3,750 apparent beam candlepower on the high or driving beam.

"On symmetrical, multiple beam headlights, the highest, or driving beam, of each headlight shall be so aimed that the center of the high intensity portion shall not be above headlight center level nor more than 7 inches below same at a distance of 25 feet; not more than 7 inches to the right or left of straight ahead at a like distance.

"On asymmetrical, multiple beam headlights, the high or driving beam of each headlight shall be so aimed that the center of the high intensity portion shall not be above headlight center level nor more than 7 inches below same at a distance of 25 feet. The center of the high intensity portion of the driving beam of the headlight which does not regularly depress upon operation of a driving beam switch, shall be aimed not less than 13 inches to the right nor more than 19 inches to the right of straight ahead at a distance of 25 feet. The center of the high intensity portion of the opposite headlight beam shall not be aimed more than 7 inches to the right or left of straight ahead at a distance of 25 feet.

"On single beam headlights the center of the high intensity portion of the beam shall not be higher than 8 inches below headlight center level nor more than 13 inches below same at a distance of 25 feet, nor more than 7 inches to the right or left of straight ahead at a like distance."

The headlight requirements doubtless seem very complicated to the average layman. But when you take your car for its inspection test, a testing apparatus will be able to tell in a few seconds whether your lights are capable of being approved.

To make sure that they will meet requirements at the State inspection, the Motor Vehicles Department is urging motorists to have a mechanic give them a prior check-up. Most garages will give a free inspection.

Storm Sidelights

Local mail service was disrupted completely on Tuesday with only one mail arriving in Hertford. Carrier service was suspended on that date and rural carriers were unable to make their rounds on Wednesday. Town delivery was resumed on a one trip per day basis. Postmaster S. M. Whedbee stated he hopes to resume full service again in a day or two.

As Mayor V. N. Darden said, "Who would have thought the Town of Hertford would ever need a bulldozer to clear the streets of Hertford of snow in order to make them passable?" Anyway, it happened. The Town Board employed a bulldozer owned by Dr. T. P. Brinn to clear the streets sufficiently to permit traffic around the town.

Kids had a heyday following the storm. Most of them enjoyed snow-balling but several, with an eye to financial gain, hired themselves out to clear sidewalks and paths for local residents. They also enjoyed the holiday from school but no doubt will regret that joy when they are required to make up the time next spring. County schools will remain closed for at least the rest of this week. An announcement on the reopening will be made by F. T. Johnson, superintendent.

Despite the efforts of the Highway Department to clear the main highway, motorists were still unable to travel far Wednesday. A traffic tie-up between Edenton and Windsor stopped traveling on Route 17. Highway officials continued to urge motorists to stay at home unless it was absolutely necessary for them to travel.

TO HOLD FOOD SALE

The St. Catherine's Auxiliary of the Holy Trinity Church will conduct a food sale on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

The High Priest
According to mountain country custom, everyone gathered to speak the highest tribute they could when the old feudist was laid away.

as-cursed oratory as he was a times."

Poor Dad!
Mother announced that a would be given every Saturday to most obedient member of, the during the week.

Removing his battered hat and hesitating a little, he said, at last: "Now, I tell you—Dave weren't allus fair. Daddy will win every time."

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