

Largest Second Biggest Employer

CHARLOTTE.—The American textile industry, historically the nation's provider of jobs, is again surging to the front in employment after having been crowded out of the lead by industries which mushroomed during the war.

That is the picture presented in the second printing of "Economics of the Cotton Textile Industry," a fact and statistical study just released by its publisher, the National Industrial Conference Board. Although during World War II the transportation, machinery, and iron and steel industries forged to the front in employment records, the

volume shows that the textile industry is now in second place, giving employment to 1,200,000 persons in September 1946.

The iron and steel industry, with 1,450,000 employees, maintains its lead of the past several years, but the textile mills are gradually overtaking it. The food industry, with 1,150,000 workers, is in third place, followed by machinery with 1,070,000.

The Conference Board study, copies of which have just been received here by The American Cotton Manufacturers Association, shows also that in September, 1946, average hourly earnings in the cotton goods industry, a sub-group of textiles, were 88.8 cents. Since that time increases of approximately 10 percent have been announced for most Southern mills.

Additionally, it is shown that employment in the cotton goods industry was 455,000 in September, 1946, and that most of the plants were located in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Massachusetts and Alabama.

State J.H. Club Week, formerly called "Short Course," will be held at State College, Aug. 18-23, it has been announced.



Bugs in the Budget

Did you know that income of the federal government for the next fiscal year will be nine times, maybe ten times, what it was in the boom period of 1929? It will be at least seven times the receipts the federal government had in 1939. Weak nation it would be, indeed, that could not balance a peacetime budget with the receipt side of the ledger at enormous peacetime highs.

Just to balance the budget during boom times, however, is not enough. We must retire debt and reduce taxes. Looking at another angle, the federal government wants to spend more than four times as much as it did in any year of the Thirties, when deficit spending was in the habit-forming stage. Has it now become fashionable for our government to spend all it can get? Have we forgotten that the more we spend the more we want?

Pet Projects
If we cannot, under favorable conditions of high employment and trade, get hold of ourselves long enough to retire our national debt and cut our taxes, at what future time do we expect to do so? Is our budgeting so out of hand that Congress cannot gain control over it? Or is the public thus unmindful of the trouble we're in for under a tax load required by the spending of \$37,500,000,000 annually.

Both the President and the Congress have given evidence of honest desire to keep the expenditure side of the budget down. But the pressures that are applied from every direction call for spending more money. As a people, we shall have to exert great moral fortitude at this time if we expect an about-face in a spending philosophy grown almost traditional. We need not complain to the government for being spendthrift, if at home we insist upon being spendthrift about our pet projects. Economy begins first at home.

Examine Everything
Although the war has been over nearly two years, your government wishes to spend more in the next fiscal year alone than was spent during the whole of World War I. Of course, this is a dangerous era, and no one wants to hamstring our national defenses. The whole nation wants the occupation program to succeed. But more efficiency and the least possible waste of manpower and money should be the order of the day.

As late as November the War and Navy Departments were still employing more than a million civilians. Spending in every department, military or non-military, should be studied carefully. Everyone knows it is easier to keep on spending government money than to retrench. This is just as true of the national defense. Despite warnings of what may happen, Congress will do well to examine these expenditures.

Trimming down expenses is not an easy task for Congress. Snail's progress will be made unless the people make themselves heard. A big and wasteful budget now, carrying with it a tax penalty upon the enterprises of the people, could do much to start us down hill toward the kind of economy Russia has. Most Americans, I believe, would rather be allowed to spend their own money than have the government spend it for them.

NOTICE OF ELECTION
Pursuant to provisions of the Charter for the City of Kings Mountain and of the State relative to the conduct of Municipal Elections, and to a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners on April 8, 1947, an election is ordered to be held Tuesday after the first Monday in May, being May 6, 1947, for the election of One Trustee for the Kings Mountain School District to be elected from Ward No. One for a term of six years.

The Voting place shall be as follows:

Ward No. 1—City Hall.
The Registrar and Judges for Ward No. 1 shall be as follows:
Ward No. 1—C. L. Black, Registrar; Judges, Howard Jenkins and C. E. Warlick.

The registration books shall open at the aforesaid voting place for four successive Saturdays next preceding the election, beginning on Saturday, April 12, 1947, between the hours of 7 A. M. and 7 P. M. for the registration of persons eligible to vote in said election, and the registration books shall be open for public inspection and challenge on Saturday, May 3, 1947.

The polls shall be opened at 7 a. m. and held open until 6 P. M. Eastern Standard Time, Tuesday, May 6, 1947.

Any person desiring to run for School Trustee shall at least five days before the election in which he or she desires to run, file his or her announcement in writing with the City Clerk and pay a filing fee of \$5.00.

This notice shall be published in a newspaper published in Kings Mountain for four successive weeks and a copy of this notice shall be posted in the aforesaid ward.

By order of the Board of Commissioners.

KARL S. SAWYER,
City Clerk.

Birthday Party



In a Navy station hospital at Aberdeen, Maryland, a Red Cross worker brings a sailor's birthday celebration right to his bedside.

World War II veterans who do not have the maximum \$10,000 of Government life insurance and saw active service between Oct. 18, 1940, and Sept. 2, 1945, are eligible for

Miss Kiser Nominated For ASTC Campus Post

BOONE.—At a meeting of the Future Teachers Association of Appalachian State Teachers College held last Thursday in the Administration building, Miss Emma Gene Reynolds, president, presented the names of those chosen by the nominating committee to serve as officers for the coming year: Rebekah Boone, president; Boone; Doris Clifne, vice president, Kernersville; Lou Rankin, secretary, Greensboro; Ruth Hester, treasurer, Belew Creek; Zola

Grey Dixon, program chairman, Yadkinville; Ruby Lee Kiser, social chairman, Kings Mountain; Helen Helton, librarian, Gastonia. These nominees were unanimously elected and assume their new duties at the next meeting to be held early in April.

A study of consumer preferences for sweet potatoes in North Carolina indicates that quality yams must be placed in the market if growers are to develop greater consumer acceptance of the state's principal vegetable crop.

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The number of beds available for use in Veterans Administration hospitals during January 1947, increased four percent over the number for December 1946, with the opening of another former Army hospital.

Davidson County farmers are expected to enter nine animals in the State Holstein Sale to be held at the Greensboro Fair Grounds April 16.

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