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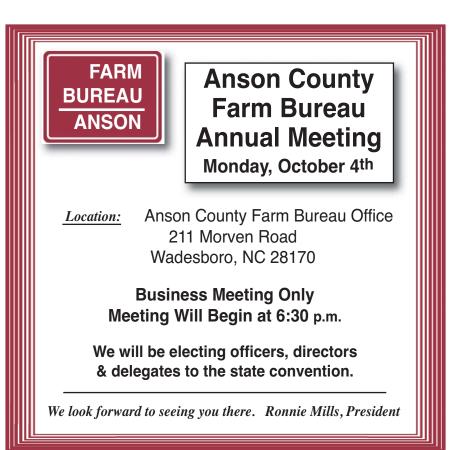


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Some of you remember the location of Edna's Tea Room, many, however, do not. On the north side of the Edna's (on the corner of Rutherford and Wade Streets) was, for many years, Gray's Grocery (Edna's father and family). Next door to that was Ada's Beauty Shop and Bill's Barber Shop (note their signs in the photo).

The glass reflection shows the Shell Service Station across the street. It was in the former location of the First Baptist Church, which was organized in 1849, built in 1889.

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Further down, across Rutherford Street, was Valley Lowe's Printing and still another Shell Service Station - also selling gas for about 20¢ per gallon.

Back on the Edna's side of Rutherford Street, south of her Tea Room, among many other business places was the Ansonia Theater - with admission prices of 10¢ and popcorn for a nickel...that is, if you had "that amount!!" Further down the street, where presently there is parking for J. B. Watson Company, was the Wadesboro Post Office, McInnis Electric Company and others...an area that has loads of Wadesboro history.

#### North Carolina's August Employment Figures

The state's seasonally adjusted August unemployment rate was 4.3 percent, decreasing 0.1 of a percentage point from July's revised rate. The national rate decreased 0.2 of a percentage point to 5.2 percent.

North Carolina's August 2021 unemployment rate decreased 2.5 percentage points from a year ago. The number of people employed increased 17,609 over the month to 4,794,967 and increased 215,224 over the year. The number of people unemployed decreased 5,848 over the month to 216,607 and decreased 114,951 over the year.

Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm employment, as gathered through the monthly establishment survey, decreased 13,200 to 4,517,700 in August. Major industries experiencing increases were Financial Activities, 900; and Information, 500. Major industries experiencing decreases were Government, 6,700; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 4,800; Leisure & Hospitality Services, 2,300; Construction, 400; Education & Health Services, 200; Professional & Business Services, 100; and Other Services, 100. Manufacturing and Mining & Logging employment remained unchanged.

Since August 2020, Total Nonfarm jobs increased 161,400 with the Total Private sector increasing by 175,900 and Government decreasing by 14,500. Major industries experiencing increases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 58,200; Professional & Business Services, 39,800; Manufacturing, 23,200; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 23,000; Construction, 14,300; Information, 6,500; Financial Activities, 4,900; Education & Health Services, 2,900; Other Services, 2,900; and Mining & Logging, 200. The only major industry experiencing a decrease over the year was Government, 14,500.





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