

Unemployment Rate Up

RALEIGH — The total unemployment rate increased to 8.7 per cent in May moderately above April's 8.2 per cent, according to figures announced today by Glenn R. Jernigan, Chairman of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission (ESC). The rate represents 255,800 jobless state residents.

Jernigan said, "In 1975, comparable unemployment rates were recorded, and after a high in March of that year, a steady decline followed. In May 1982, however, the level rose above the May 1975 rate of 8.4 per cent and may continue to rise unless economic conditions improve significantly."

The national unadjusted rate of unemployment dropped in May to 9.1 per cent from April's 9.2 per cent.

Jernigan said, "The rise in North Carolina's unemployment rate as well as the increase in the labor force is primarily due to the numbers of students now seeking work either permanently or for the summer. We have added 30 youth coordinators in our offices across the state as a special supplement to youth employment."

Manufacturing jobs overall showed a net loss of 3,500 jobs as declines were experienced in both durable and non-durable goods. Most losses occurred in the categories of furniture and

fixtures, electrical machinery and other durable goods. Non-durable goods sectors which lost were: tobacco manufacturers, textile mill products, paper and allied, and printing, publishing and allied.

The only decreased in nonmanufacturing jobs occurred in finance, insurance and real estate as well as government. Jernigan explained, "As school systems cease operations for the summer, many support personnel become unemployed temporarily or permanently."

On the positive side, construction, trade and service division showed modest gains again in May.

The average hourly earnings of production workers in manufacturing in North Carolina were \$6.28 in mid-May unchanged from mid-April and up 44 cents from May 1981.

The average weekly hours worked by North Carolina's production workers were 37.6 in mid-May, up 0.3 hours from the mid-April average and down 2 hours from the average in May 1981. ESC suggests that employers continue trying to sustain operations during the economic crises by reducing hours worked, maintaining staff and decreasing inventories.

Nectarines were first grown in China many centuries before the birth of Christ.

Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:
I was dismayed, but not surprised, that Senator Helms and his clone, Senator East, voted against extension of the Voting Rights Act. Other southern senators seem to have had no problem in voting for the Act, and even the President favored a somewhat watered down version.

We have come to expect this kind of radical right wing bigotry from Mr. Helms, who tells us he wants smaller government (who doesn't), but with most of the cuts to be made at the expense of the disadvantaged poor and minorities. He espouses the celestial pipe-line preaching of the electronic evangelists, while pushing the nuclear brinkmanship created by trillion dollar military excesses. Mr. Helms sponsors a bill to ban all abortions, but wants to eliminate funds for family planning, thus regressing to the death-dealing days of back alley abortions. He supports the environment-raping policies of Secretary Watt, opposes legal services for the poor, and favors gutting the food stamp and related programs, ignoring the disastrous part played by Reaganomics in greatly enlarging the need for such assistance.

North Carolinians should be embarrassed to be "represented" in Washington by this self-righteous and grossly insensitive senator. I'm sure he has a strong following among members of the Congressional Club and assorted zealots. But the rest of us should do all we can to remove the pompous Mr. Helms from the U.S. Senate in 1984. It could be North Carolina's quadricentennial gift to the United States.

N. B. Bullard
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PREMIERS IN STRAVINSKY CANTATA—Monica Lynn Williams, 14-year old operatic find at the N.C. School of the Arts, has been selected by Robert Hickock, Dean of the School of Music, to sing with the newly formed college Contemporary Chamber Ensemble "Onyx." She is shown here at the ensemble's premier at Crawford Hall with George Trautwein, director of Orchestral Studies and conductor of the Piedmont Chamber Orchestra. Onyx performed a Stravinsky cantata in tribute to the composer's 100th birthday. Monica is the youngest ever invited to perform with such a group. The gifted soprano is the daughter of photographer Jack Williams and soprano Lynda Williams, Route 4, Elizabeth City.

Air Force Range Tour Set

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB — The 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, in conjunction with Lockheed Support Systems, Inc., will sponsor an orientation tour of the Air Force Range for local civilian pilots July 8 from 3 to 5 P.M.

The orientation is designed to brief the local civilian flying population about the operations, flying activity and the dangers associated with the heavy flying traffic area. The meeting will place special emphasis on the Air Force and Federal Aviation Administration safety regulations aimed at eliminating the possibility of mid-air collisions between civilian and military aircraft.

Civilian pilots interested

in attending the orientation should contact Harry Zahn at 473-2201.

Visitors are required to meet by the Air Force Dare

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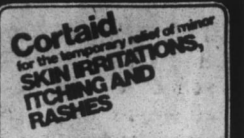
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"Cricket In The Hearth Craft Show"

The fourth annual "Cricket in the Hearth Craft Show", sponsored by Xi Alpha Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will be held July 16, 17 and 18 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

The times will be Friday and Saturday from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. and Sunday from 12-noon to 6 P.M. The cost will be \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens and children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult.

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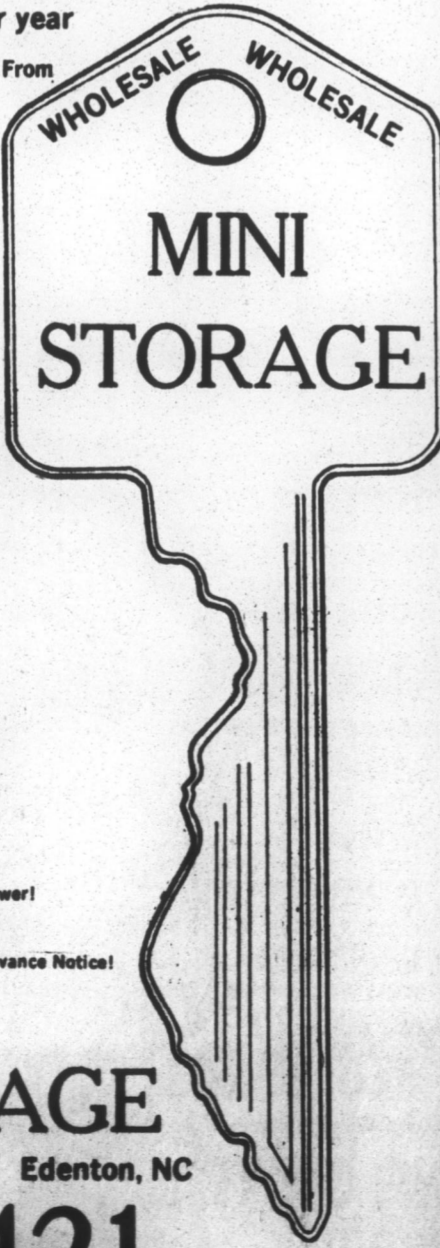
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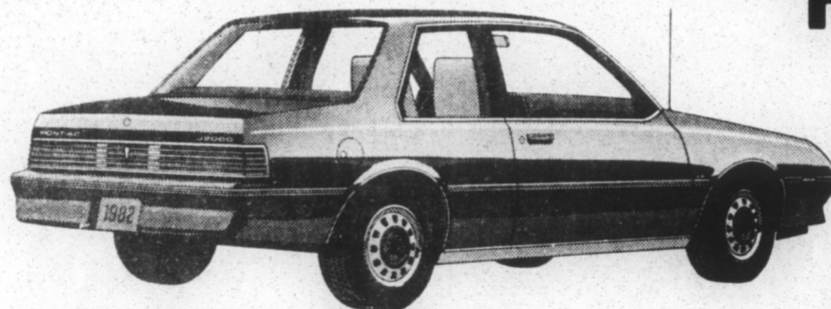
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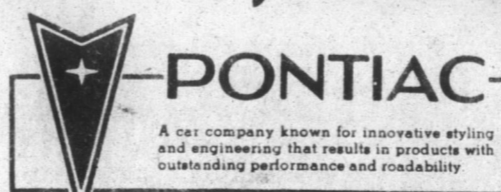
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