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Mrs. Artanzia Jones at recent Grand Lodge Convention in Miami.

Local Lady Receives Highest Elkdon Award

by James Smith
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Mrs. Artanzia Jones, a member of the Camel City Elks Garden of Iris Temple No. 220, recently received the highest honor of Elkdom during the 77th annual Grand Lodge Convention of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World.

The convention was held at the Fountainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Jones and two other North Carolinians received their Past Grand Daughter Ruler honors. The other two who received the award were Daughter Margaret Flowers of Tarboro and Daughter Willie B. Vaughn of Ahoskie.

The three women were recommended for their awards by their Grand District Deputy, Mrs. Henrietta K. Yeates of Ahoskie.

The Dinner Session was held August 14 and the public presentation and Collaring of Daughters who were receiving the highest honors were held

the next day.

There were over 500 daughters throughout the nation who qualified and received the Past Grand Daughter Ruler honors.

The Fountainebleau served
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Although the number of bicycle accidents has been somewhat constant during the past two years, there is concern that there will be an increase this year. With the emphasis on energy conservation and physical fitness the number of bicyclists using the highways is rapidly increasing. The age of cyclists is also on the rise. In 1975, for example, of the 32 bicyclists killed, 10 were in the age group of 20 to 44.

The increase in the number of bicycles is not the entire problem. The cause for concern according to Patrol Commander, Colonel E. W. Jones, is the failure of cyclists to comply with the laws of the

7,000 Out of Work But

Job Picture Improving

by James Smith
Staff Writer

More than 7,000 people in Forsyth County were still looking for jobs at the end of July. That is 6 per cent of a total work force at 113,380.

"Although this percentage seems rather high, the job situation is getting along a little better than it has been," Grover Teeter said recently.

The Director of the Employment Security Commission stated that during the month of June the unemployment rate was a little higher due to so many of the summer kids looking for work.

"But even with the opening of schools, there are still a lot of persons out of jobs," he continued.

Teeter contended that many of those persons who are out of work were those who were specialized in different fields of employment -- such as engineers.

"Also, another group of persons who are having a hard time finding work are those who are inexperienced."

He said that an inexperienced worker could be a high

school dropout or a college graduate without any kind of specialization.

"Too many employers are now hiring their former workers back rather than hire the young workers," he stated.

Teeter said one of his biggest concerns were for those specialized workers who had almost exhausted their unemployment compensation money.

"For those people, there is now hope in sight. There is nothing new in the way of alternatives for them, however, there legislature pend-

ing which would help the situation," he said.

But, that legislature will have to wait until the new session begins.

He did state that of the more than 6,000 applicants which are on file, not all of them are out of work. Some of those persons are seeking transfers from one job to another, but for the time being, are willing to work where they are.

But, for the most part, many people are still unemployed and Teeter says the situation should change eventually.

Young Mother Finishes Program - Gets Off AFDC

by James Smith
Staff Writer

A young woman with two children to support, and who ended up relying on the Forsyth County Department of Social Services as her only means of support, dreamed of

the day when she could be self-supporting.

And today she is.

Ms. Willette Conrad, a resident of the Kimberly Park Housing Project, completed a five-week course at Baptist Hospital in June and as a

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Bicycle Accidents Continue To Increase

state. He said that the bicycles and cyclists were not required to be licensed; but, lights and reflectors are required at night. Additionally, he said certain safety laws are applicable. Riding on the right side of the roadway, complying with stop signs and obeying traffic signals are only a few examples.

Colonel Jones stated that the Patrol will begin immediately observing bicyclists across the state and when violations are observed appropriate action will be taken by troopers. He said that some citizens may not welcome this approach, but a warning or citation by a trooper today, may enable a cyclist to be alive tomorrow.



Scenes like the one pictured are increasing. Patrol warns bicyclist of the hazards of improper biking habits.