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ESC Foresees New Jobs In 1978

by Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Reporter

"I have nothing but optimism for the new year," says Grover Teeter of Winston-Salem's Employment Security Commission.

The job situation has improved considerably since the recession days a few years ago, when the whole country's unemployment rate sky-rocketed.

Forsyth County's worst period came in 1975 when unemployment rose to 12%, and the Employment Security Commission had 10,000 people per week thronging to their offices to file for unemployment.

"We're going back to where we were before the recession," Teeter explained.

The unemployment figures for November shows a rate of 3.9%, which is 3600 less than in November of 1976. These days only 1,000 to 1,500 persons file in a week - 90 per cent less than in 1975.

There are jobs available at all levels, says Teeter, and the outlook should be even better in the future. With several new companies locating in the area, and some of the present companies planning expansion, there should be more jobs created, and unemployment will drop even more.

Most of the people without jobs at this time are 'seasonal' workers, for example construction workers who have been slowed down by inclement weather, or factory workers temporarily laid off.

Forsyth County's unemployment rate is considerably lower than the national average, and is even lower than the overall average for the state of North Carolina, which is over 4%.



Photo by Hugh Smith

Coach Bighouse Gaines accepts banner commemorating his 600th career win as wife Clara stands by his side. Football coach Bill Hayes makes presentation as player Billy Diggs holds banner.

Gaines Clinches 600th Career Victory Here

By Robert Eller
Sports Editor

They served slices of cake and gave flowers and banners and plaques in Whitaker Gymnasium last Saturday night after the Rams had beaten Fayetteville State University 97-79 presenting the nation's winningest active basketball coach with his 600th victory over his 32 seasons as the Rams head coach. With 2:45 seconds left in the game Assistant Athletic Director Cleo Wallace could wait no longer and had the rout stopped just long enough to inform the fans of what they already knew that a celebration would follow.

A celebration was in order and not just because of the coach's 600th win but in the way it came. The 1976-77 team had wanted to give the coach the win but fell eight victories short. The 77-78 team saw no need to wait until 78 to put their coach in yet another elite circle and proceeded to win all eight of their games as they turned the pre-season slogan of "Carlos and who?" to "Carlos and everybody". That type of

guarded optimism has become a trademark of the 6-5, 290-pound Gaines in his coaching career since leaving Morgan State in 1945.

Through the years Gaines has always held a good hand but he never told anyone just how good

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N.C. Minimum Wage Increases January 1 To \$2.50 per Hour

January 1 will be a red-letter day for many employees of small retail and service businesses in North Carolina.

That's the day on which the Tar Heel State's required minimum wage will move up from \$2.30 an hour to \$2.50 an hour.

On the basis of a 40-hour workweek, the increase will bring an extra \$8.00 a week for thousands of North Carolina's lowest paid workers who make no more than the minimum wage at their jobs.

It will be their second "raise" in six months. By action of the 1977 General Assembly, the required State minimum wage was raised from \$2.00 an hour to \$2.30 an hour on July 1, 1977. That increase, plus the additional 20-cent rise

slated for January 1, add up to a 25 percent increase over the old \$2.00 minimum.

"The \$2.50 statutory minimum wage will apply to all non-exempt employees in establishments having four or more employees who are not covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Wage-Hour Law)," explained N.C. Commissioner of Labor John C. Brooks. "Many North Carolina employees are covered by the federal minimum, which will advance from the present \$2.30 an hour to \$2.65 an hour on January 1, 1978, in those businesses having a gross annual income of \$250,000 or more. However, there are thousands of other North Carolina workers in small establishments to whom

the federal law does not apply. These workers are often employed in small retail, wholesale, food service and service industry establishments. These people are indebted to the foresight of our General Assembly which built in the additional increase in the State minimum wage in anticipation of the increased federal minimum."

"Without making a comprehensive Statewide survey, for which there is neither budget nor personnel, we have no reliable way of estimating either how many workers are covered by the State minimum wage at present, or how many of those who are covered are currently being paid less

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UNC Under Fire

Alumni Group Blasts Desegregation Plan

The N.C. Alumni and Friend Coalition has joined the host of individuals and organizations criticizing the new desegregation plan of the University of North Carolina.

Lawrence G. Cooper, president of the Coalition, wrote to federal officials, charging the UNC is making little effort to recruit minority students, hire black employees, and upgrade the predominantly black schools.

The Department of Health Education, and Welfare Civil Rights Office called for a 150% increase in black freshman and transfer enrollment for the university's white campuses, within the next five years but UNC president William Friday stated that there were not enough academically qualified black students to meet the goal, and HEW then relaxed its requirements.

This compromise brought forth a storm of

criticism from black educators, protesting the half-hearted attempt at desegregation.

"HEW should stand

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pat on its figure," said Dr. Albert Spruill, dean of the graduate school at A&T. "One hundred fifty percent is not a great deal if you spread it over the traditionally white institutions of the university." In his letter to federal see Alumni page 2

Suicide, Alcohol Major Factors

Prison Deaths Preventable

Approximately 40 people die each year in the North Carolina prison system, and of those deaths half could be prevented, according to Dr. Page Hudson, of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

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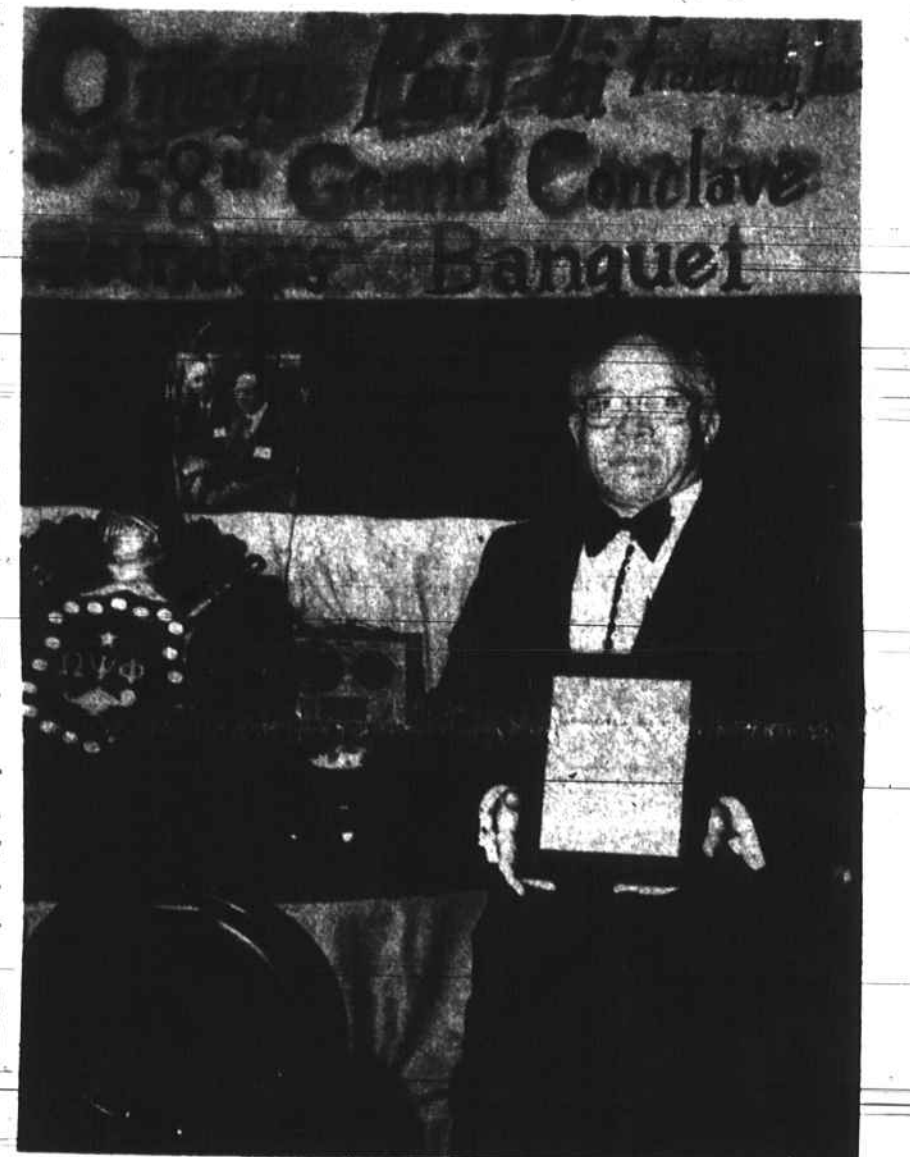
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Dr. Charlie B. Hauser

Omega Psi Phi

Two Honored At Grand Conclave

Winston-Salem -- Two Winston-Salem men were honored at the 58th Grand Conclave of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on December 28, 1977 at the Founder's Day Banquet. The Conclave was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana December 26-29, 1977.

T.C. Tillman of 506 NW 26th Street was awarded

the Fraternity's coveted Fifty-Year Pin and Dr. Charlie B. Hauser of 2072 K Court Avenue was given the Forty-Year Plaque for devotion and service to the organization.

Attending the conclave from Winston-Salem were Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Tillman, Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Shaw and Dr. and Mrs. Charlie B. Hauser.

Girl Is Charged With Manslaughter

Sixteen-year old Judy Carol Glenn will appear in court Tuesday, January 10, on charges of manslaughter in connection with the December shooting death of Clinton Stephon Crawford.

The Forsyth County Ambulance Service arrived on the scene at 1654 23rd Street shortly after the shooting, and called in Officer Roscoe Pouncey of the Sheriff's Department.

He was met by the girl who was screaming that she didn't mean it, he reported. He found the body of 16-year-old Clinton Crawford lying on a

bed, with a bullet hole near the hairline.

Ms. Glenn showed Pouncey the .22 caliber pistol, telling him that she did not realize that the gun was loaded. Apparently she had pointed the gun at Crawford playfully and pulled the trigger.

She has been released on \$10,000 bond pending trial.

The charge of manslaughter carries a punishment of not more than ten years imprisonment and a fine.

Crawford was a student at South Park High School.

Aid For Dropouts

70001 Finds Jobs For Teens

by Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Writer

For young people who cannot get jobs because they have not completed school, 70001 Ltd. offers assistance.

The organization, a project administered by the Experiment in Self-Reliance, is located at 605 N. Liberty Street, and is part of a national non-profit corporation offering a program of unsubsidized employment, on-the-job training, education, and motivation to dropouts between the ages of 16 and 21.

Aldrenia Gaither, who has been with ESR for 10 years, serves as program director for the organization, which is in its second year of operation.

The Winston-Salem Chapter has just returned from the Eastern Regional Conference in Boston, where it was named third most outstanding chapter in the Eastern Region. One of its participants Sylvester Nettles received the National Recognition Award for most outstanding associate in all the 70001 programs, while Shelby

West, Tjwana Conrad and Elvis Stewart also received awards.

On the 22nd of this month, the group leaves for Washington, D.C. to compete in national SEVCA competition.

While 70001 provides jobs for young people, with such employers as Sear's, MacDonald's, ESR, and Thalheimer's, it also gives them classroom instruction so that they can pass a high school equivalency test, and thus receive credit for high school.

The organization be- see 7001 page 2



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Aldrenia Gaither, director of Winston-Salem's 70001 program, displays the organization's motto: "Help Employ Youth."