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The level of business activity in North Carolina rose a marginal one-tenth of a percent during July, according to the Wachovia Business Index. Compared to July 1977, the business activity level was up 3.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in July, compared to 3.7 percent in June. The national rate for July was 6.2 percent, compared to 5.7 percent in June. The unadjusted unemployment rate for North Carolina was 4.5 percent in July.

Car and truck sales were down during July; however, year-to-date car sales are 2.1 percent above 1977 and truck sales are 15.5 percent above the total for the first seven months of 1977.

The Wachovia North Carolina Business Index measures the level of activity in North Carolina on a monthly basis using indicators of employment, production and spending in the state's economy. All figures are adjusted by Wachovia calculated factors for expected seasonal fluctuations.



Family Affair

ROOTS author Alex Haley is fond of saying that when a black youth goes to college, every member of that family walks a little taller. The opening of school at Winston-Salem State University bore out the import-

ance of higher education to blacks as many entire families, like the one pictured above, turned out to help the students get off to a good start.

RALEIGH--A statewide conference on children in Winston-Salem September 29 will focus on "Raising a New Generation in North Carolina," according to Governor Jim Hunt, who has called for the conference.

Co-sponsored by the State Goals and Policy Board, the day-long public conference in September will be held at Winston-Salem's Benton Convention Center. Educators, day care operators, health experts, parents and others in North Carolina interested in child development are invited to attend.

Governor Hunt will preside over the conference, which will begin with registration from 8 until 9 a.m. Four workshops will be held concurrently throughout the day on the topics of the family, child care, child health and basic skills education.

Registration for the September 29 conference is \$6, which covers luncheon and materials. Those who plan to attend are asked to call toll-free 800-662-7952 by September 22 so that plans for food may be made.

WASHINGTON--Vernon Jordan, president of the National Urban League, Gov. Jerry Apodaca of New Mexico and Newark Mayor Kenneth Gibson will be among 36 principal speakers who will address the three-day symposium sponsored by the National Research Council's Committee on Minorities in Engineering (CME), September 14-16.

The announcement of the agenda for the symposium, which will be held here at the National Academy of Sciences, was made by Dr. Thomas Martin, president of the Illinois Institute of Technology and chairman of CME.

The symposium is being sponsored by CME in conjunction with the National Advisory Council on Minorities in Engineering (NACME), an organization consisting of corporations, colleges and universities, professional organizations and foundations.

The objectives of the five-year-old CME are to achieve parity among engineering school freshmen by 1982 and among engineering school graduates by 1987.

RALEIGH--Rest areas along North Carolina's highways are getting a face-lift, including a fresh coat of paint in designer colors, improved lighting, additional sidewalks and new toilet fixtures.

Tom Bradshaw, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, said work began in late July to renovate 41 older facilities of the State's 57 rest areas on interstate highways and primary roads.

Most of the rest areas were built around 20 years ago," Bradshaw said, "and are badly in need of repair. Not only will this program improve the appearance of these facilities, but it also will mean that travelers will get more service and added convenience from them."

RALEIGH--The State Wild Life Commission has recommended that a license fee increase proposal be brought before the next session of the legislature. The increases will have to be passed by the General Assembly before becoming law.

"We regret having to recommend license fee increases; but if we're to maintain our present level of services, we've got to have additional sources of revenue," said Bob Gordon, chairman of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. "There's very little in the budget we can trim without cutting back on essential services."

The proposed license fees are as follows: The resident sportsman's license would be increased to \$30, the non-resident sportsman's license would be \$60, the resident combination hunting and fishing license would be \$12.50 and a game lands use permit would be \$10.

A resident hunting license would be \$10, a resident county hunting license would be \$5, a resident big game license would be \$10, a primitive weapons license would be \$6, a non-resident hunting license would be \$35 and a non-resident six-day hunting license would be \$30, and a non-resident big game hunting license would be \$22.50.

A resident fishing license would be \$10, a resident county fishing license would be \$5, a resident special trout license would be \$8, a non-resident State fishing license would be \$15, a resident one-day fishing license would be \$1.75, and a non-resident one-day fishing license would be \$3.25.



Instant nonfat dry milk can be sprinkled over partially set gelatin and the mixture whipped into stiff peaks.

By Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Writer

North Carolina factory production workers earn less money on the average than their counterparts in 7 southern states, according to a study released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The average hourly

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earnings of a North Carolina worker in June 1978 was \$4.42 per hour, the lowest of the eight states. Kentucky had the highest average hourly wage--\$6.18, followed by Alabama with \$5.38 and Tennessee's \$5.09.

The average weekly earnings for North Carolinians in factories was \$176.80, the lowest of the region. Kentucky again placed first with \$245.96;

Alabama had \$224.88, followed by Tennessee with \$206.14. Florida \$204.27; Georgia \$200.33; South Carolina \$186.41; and Mississippi \$181.60.

Average earnings are computed on a gross basis reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such variable factors as premium pay for overtime, late shift work, etc. Average weekly hours are

scheduled hours but represent the number of hours worked or paid for and are affected by such factors as absenteeism, turnover, overtime, etc.

The greatest increase in average hourly pay from June 1977 to June 1978 was fifty-five cents in Kentucky and Alabama. North Carolina's increase was thirty-six cents per hour. Florida was the state with the smallest increase: thirty-five cents.

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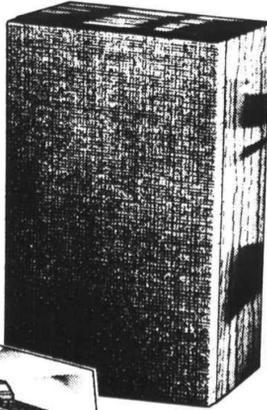
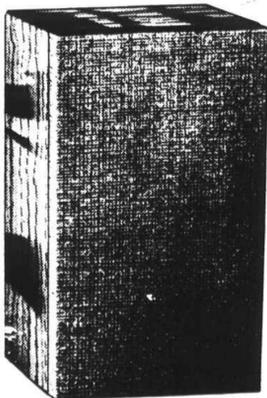
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