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HEW Says Nations Welfare Rolls Reach Record Level

11.2 Million Receiving Assistance

WASHINGTON-The nation's welfare rolls reached a record high of 11.2 million in February as unemployment continued its upward climb, according to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

HEW officials said that a sharp increase in the number of fathers receiving public assistance during February helped to push rolls to its current high.

Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) rolls reached a previous record high of 11,155,959 in March 1973 and then began declining until August when the economy continued its nose dive. The February increase was the seventh straight month of rises.

California topped all states with nearly 1.4 million AFDC recipients, followed by New York with more than 1.2 million. Eight states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands recorded increases in February and January.

The number of unemployed fathers receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children rose 8.5 percent or 8,937 to a total of 114,431 in February, when the unemployment rate was 8.2 percent.

HEW said that 3.4 million families with a total of more than 8 million children were receiving AFDC payments in February, the last month for which figures are available.

The average payment was \$216, about \$17 higher than the same month in 1974.

The AFDC program benefits families headed by unemployed fathers as well as mothers in states.

Total state and Federal expenditures for welfare, including Medicaid programs were \$1.95 billion in February, about \$4.5 million more than in January.

AFDC payments, financed half by states and half by the Federal Government, totalled \$736 million in February this year, a 9 percent increase over January and a 15.6 percent increase over February 1974.



MISS BARBARA BROOKS
...Barber-Scotia College Senior

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Studious Barbara Brooks

Is "Beauty Of The Week"

"I must admit pledging Delta is the most important thing that has happened to me since coming to college," replied Miss Barbara Brooks, The Charlotte Post "Beauty of the Week."

"It was sixteen of us on line and it was really rough, but also interesting and kinda fun," continued Barbara. "During the school year we as a sorority visit children in the hospitals and take them toys, help needy families, and go in the community and try to help people. That is our main ob-

jective, trying to help others."

Barbara attends Barber-Scotia College in Concord, where she is a rising senior majoring in Economics. When asked of her plans after graduation she replied that she wasn't sure, but she is "interested in a position with an insurance company or bank."

"I chose Scotia because going away to school was my first time ever really being away from home. I wanted to attend a school close to home, but not at home so I ended up in Concord." At Scotia our beauty is a member of the Gospel Choir, Delta Sigma

Singer Barry White

Cancels Concert Here

Charlotte music lovers will not get the opportunity to hear Barry White and the Love Unlimited backup group here Friday night.

White, who rose from a relatively unknown arranger two years ago to one of the nation's most prominent male vocalists, was originally scheduled to appear at the Charlotte Coliseum on Saturday night, June 28. That concert was postponed, however, when it was announced that the singer was suffering with a "severe throat disorder." The concert was rescheduled for Friday night, July 18.

According to Quentin Perry, president of Taurus Productions of Atlanta, Ga., White has decided he does not want to make any more one-

nighters, and has canceled the remaining 14 dates on the current tour.

Perry reports that White left the tour to go fishing in Florida during the June 28 weekend he was to appear here and at Columbia, S. C. and that he currently is finishing up a week's engagement at the Music Premier Theatre in West Chester, N.Y.

"If it is a fact of illness, it's very strange to me that he can fulfill a seven-day engagement in New York and can not perform in one-nighters for us," Perry questioned.

"We (promoters) don't have any protection against this type of action from the famous artists," Perry said from his Atlanta office early Tuesday, adding that "the only recourse we have is to go after him legally."

Perry said that he, promoter Teddy Powell and "some musicians" are in the process of filing a joint suit against White to recover "financial losses incurred" from the expenses of promoting the proposed concert in Greensboro and Charlotte, N. C., Columbia, S. C. and Memphis, Tenn.

"It's just incredible that the big named performers can get away with this sort of action," Perry continued.

Perry said he has information that White is currently finishing up a seven-day engagement at "an elaborate room that caters to upper and

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Snorton To Address Graduates

By James Cuthberton
Post Staff Writer

A graduation ceremony for participants in the Metrolina Regional Minority Purchasing Council's 13-week salesmanship training program for minority businessmen will be held Monday night July 24 at the Excelsior Club.

Cocktails, a steak dinner, and an address by Matt Snorton, an NCNB Executive, will highlight the ceremony for the graduates and their wives and friends.

The certificates will be given by Donald Bryant, president of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. The graduates are Clarence Wall, owner-manager of Wall's Welding and Fabrication; James O. Appling, president of Appling Commercial Building and Maintenance Corporation; manager of John Barnes Insurance Agency; Reginald Clark of Tricia Painters, Inc. and Donald R. White.

The graduates met for 13 weeks for 3 nights a week in the Xerox Corporation offices on St. Albans Street.

The course, according to Chuck Lent executive vice-president of the Business Resource Center which sponsors the Council, was designed to teach students how to be more professional in selling their products and services to major corporate buyers.

The instructors were members of the corporations who make up the Council.

They were William Eubank and James Looper of Xerox Corporation, Theron Alston of Sears Roebuck, J. B. Cook of E. I. Dupont Corporation, and Wayne Anderson of Armour Foods.

Eight students started the course.

Theta Sorority, a Liberal Arts Counselor, and was Barber-Scotia's candidate for "Miss UNCF" last year.

"The UNCF convention was held in Washington, D. C. last year. It was very interesting and exciting. The others girls and myself attended a lot of meetings, luncheons, and had several get acquainted hours. The most exciting moment was the big Pageant that was held to choose "Miss UNCF" from the many girls representing various schools. I was really proud to be named second runner-up although I didn't win."

Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks of 1516 Dunn Street. She is a 1972 graduate of Garinger High School. While attending Garinger she was a member of the Newspaper Staff, the Journalism Club, the Honor Society, Red Cross, and Y-Teens. "I joined the newspaper staff See Beauty on page 6

Gov. Holshouser Appointee

Byers Named To Council On Aging

Governor Jim Holshouser Tuesday announced the appointment of eight members to the Governor's Coordinating Council on Aging.

Mrs. Grace Emma Hampton of Jonesville was named for a term expiring June 30, 1976.

Charlie Brown of Carthage was appointed to the Council for a term expiring June 30, 1977.

Three members were given terms expiring June 30, 1978. They are Mrs. Beulah Bagwell of Brevard, Walter G. Byers of Charlotte, and the Rev. H. L. Mitchell of Gatesville.

The remaining three members will serve terms ending June 30, 1979. They are Mrs. Viola Beavers Martin of Winston-Salem, Mrs. William R. Muller of Charlotte, and Mrs. Helen Driver Jacobs of Cherokee.

Mrs. Hampton, a Wilkes County native, is a retired cosmetics worker. She is a member of the Piney Grove United Methodist Church. Her husband is deceased.

Brown, a Carthage native, is a self-employed farmer. He and his wife, Bonnie Jean, have one daughter.

Mrs. Bagwell is a retired teacher. She attended Western Carolina University. She has served on the Advisory Council for Senior Citizens, and as a member of the Regional Council for Nutrition. A Brevard native, she and her husband, Augustus, have two children.

Byers, a native of Union, South Carolina, is a volunteer director of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Helping Hand Scholarship Program. He is a retired school principal. He received his B.S. degree from Shaw University and his M.A. degree from Columbia University. Byers has served on the Board of Directors of the Community Health Association, as a member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council on Aging, and as a member of the Social Action Committee of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He and his wife, Thelma, have one daughter.

Rev. Mitchell is a pastor of three rural churches, and serves as transportation coordinator for the Albemarle Regional Planning Commission's Aging Unit. He received his B. Th., A.B. and D.D. degrees from Shaw University. Reverend Mitchell serves on the



THE LAS ELEGANTES SOCIAL CLUB front row, left to right Ms. Carolyn Moore, Vice President; Ms. Jacqueline McElrath, President; Mrs. Anita Stroud, Ms. Rebecca Sullivan, social committee chairman. Back row left to right Ms. Sadie Barksdale, treasurer; Ms. Daisy Roberson, social committee; Ms. Barbara Warren, assistant secretary; Ms. Jackie Peters, social committee; Ms. Dorthea Roddey, social committee; Ms. Iderlie Bland secretary.

Les Elegantes Contributes

To Anita Stroud Foundation

The Las Elegantes Club presented a donation to The Anita Stroud Foundation on Sunday June 29, at Friendship Baptist Church.

Mrs. Stroud graciously accepted the donation and said it will be used towards a summer camp for the Anita Stroud Foundation.

The Las Elegantes Club which is in its 15th year of operation also contributed to the Anita Stroud Foundation in 1974. This was the first one of the many charitable duties performed by this group of young ladies this year. One of the goals of the club is to make "great contributions to the community in many unselfish

ways," said a group spokeswoman.

A fund raising attic sale will be held Saturday at the Rent Office in Dalton Village at 10

a.m. They will use these funds to give to Sickle Cell Anemia Funds and to operate a free lunch program and free nurseries in the area.

Friday Is Final Day For

School Reassignments

Friday, July 18, is the final day students can make requests for reassignments for the 1975-76 school year, school officials said today.

The deadline applies to students who have not moved but who are dissatisfied with their school assignment for next year.

Pupil assignments for 1975-

76 were mailed out June 13 along with student report cards. Each assignment card noted that the student had 30 days in which to make a request for reassignment.

School officials allowed five days for the assignments to be delivered in the mail, or June 18, then began the 30 day period.

Rev. Campbell "Mum"

On Last Mind Meeting

Mum is the word according to Howard Campbell one of the "Meeting of the Minds" organizers on the group's activities.

The group met Thursday July 10 on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University and divided into their task forces to decide what actions to implement and how to implement them.

Campbell said the idea first occurred on Sunday July 13, when a group of Blacks took over Edgehill Park to demonstrate the lack of recreational facilities located in or near Black Communities.

"Unlike the first one. We did not spend time discussing broad issues. We spent 30 minutes of opening and explanations. Then each of the task forces met in a separate room."

The task forces in the group are transportation, hospitals and health care, parks and recreation, housing, police



Rev. Howard Campbell...NWCAA President and the Black community, neighborhood problems, youth, and voter registration participation.

The Taks Forces are designed to plan actions, to solve specific problems identified within their area of concern and will report their decisions to the entire group.

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