

ABOUT 150 FILE —

Macon's Unemployment Pay Totals About \$3,000 Weekly

By Sam Colville

"For the first time during a normal week since last November, continued weeks of benefits claimed have fallen below the 40 thousand figure," Henry E. Kendall, chairman of the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina announced recently. Mr. Kendall referred to claims for the last week of August, 1958.

This figure does not reflect the number of unemployed workers who are not entitled to unemployment benefits or have exhausted their benefit rights nor the num-

ber who are filing claims on wages earned in other states.

Well, you ask, how does this apply to Macon County? During the last week in August, 1958, approximately 150 persons filed claims for Unemployment Insurance. However, over half of these claims were against other states, therefore, only 75 were filing on North Carolina and would be included in the 40 thousand mentioned by chairman Kendall. During the last week of November, 1957, there were approximately 150 persons filing claims in Macon County with about one-third filing on other states. This would make the county's portion of the 40 thousand somewhat larger last November.

The average weekly benefit check is about \$20 during either of these weeks, and a total of approximately \$3,000 each week brought into the county for food, clothing, and other necessities for approximately 150 unemployed Macon County residents.

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District P.-T. A. Conference Set In Robbinsville

CANTON—The 30th annual conference of District No. 1 of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be held Thursday, October 9, at Robbinsville.

Mrs. Edwin Hyatt of Canton, district director, will preside over the meeting, which will have representatives from Buncombe, Clay, Cherokee, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Swain, and Transylvania counties.

State P.T. A. leaders who will participate in the program include Mrs. J. Z. Watkins, of Charlotte, president, who will speak on "The Role of the P.T.A. in Today's World", and Ray Wilkinson, of Rocky Mount, legislation chairman, who will talk on "Building For Maturity in a Democracy Through Legislation".

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Robbinsville High School, with the program starting at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served in the school cafeteria.

OFFICIAL WATCHES PANTHER BACK MAKE TRACKS



His penalty flag flapping from his hip pocket, an official at the Franklin-Hayesville game September 26 watches as Ted Clark (14) carries for a short gain for the Panthers before being stopped by an unidentified Hayesville player (28). Franklin lost the game, 6 to 0. (Staff Photo).

Miss Whelan Semifinalist For Scholarship

Miss Linda Beth Whelan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Whelan, of Franklin, has been named a semifinalist in the 1958-59 National Merit Scholarship competition, it was announced this week by The Sister Rachel, O.S.H., principal of Margaret Hall School, where Beth is a senior this year.

Margaret Hall is a boarding and day school under the direction of the Order of St. Helena, a religious community for women in the Episcopal church.

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Western Carolina Slates Homecoming November 1

Cullowhee — "Seventy Years Mountain Style" will be the theme of this year's "Homecoming Day" at Western Carolina College Saturday, November 1, it was announced this week by Tyree H. Kiser, Jr., chairman of arrangements.

Registration for alumni and guests will be held at Hunter Library from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and again later in the afternoon. The actual celebration begins at 1:30 p.m. with a parade in Sylva, sponsored by the Student Senate. Bill Ballard, student president, said that present plans indicate the parade will be the largest and most colorful one to date, and that every float will be decorated in keeping with the theme of the school's 70th anniversary. Prizes will be given to first, second, and third place winners.

The college band, as well as bands from several surrounding high schools, will set the tempo for the parade.

At three o'clock the new men's dormitory will be dedicated in honor of Harry E. Buchanan, of Hendersonville, at ceremonies in Hoey Auditorium. The parlors of this dormitory will be the scene of a tea at four o'clock, sponsored by Alpha Phi Sigma honorary scholastic fraternity for alumni and guests.

Open house will be held in all dormitories from 3:30 to 4:30, and trophies will be awarded for the best decorations.

Alumni will gather for a business session and election of officers at 4:30 in the parlors of Reynolds Hall, with President Claire K. Olson, of Franklin, pre-

siding. This meeting will be followed by the traditional barbecue at 5:30, on the field back of McKee Laboratory School.

Distinguished Service Awards will be presented in pre-game ceremonies at 7:45. These are awarded annually by the Alumni Association, one to a person outstanding in the field of education, and one to an alumnus in some other field of endeavor. These names are not announced publicly until time for the presentation. The "Homecoming Queen" and her court will also be presented during this time.

At eight o'clock the Catamounts will meet Elon College in the traditional homecoming football game. The day's festivities end with a dance in Breese Gymnasium.

Curriculum Changes

The honor roll has been discontinued at F.H.S. this year, and more emphasis is being placed on learning and less emphasis on grades. Also, students have been placed in special college preparatory classes. These students were chosen on the basis of scores they made on a "seat" test last year. In these classes, the students are given more responsibility, advanced work, and an idea of what they can expect in college. The English, math, and science courses have been divided in this manner.

Driver training is now being taught full-time by Frank Ramsey. Also, Miss Frances Winstead is serving as a guidance counselor for students.

Clubs Organized

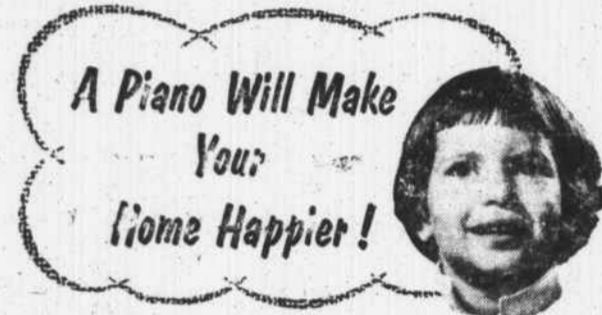
School clubs organized last Friday include Monogram, Future Teachers, Future Homemakers, Dramatics, Safety Patrol, Library, Beta, 4-H, Spanish Club, Future Farmers, Chorus, and Explorer Scouts.

'College Day'

Congratulations to the senior committee who were in charge of "College Day". Congratulations also to Mrs. Marie Stewart and Miss Frances Winstead for their assistance, and to Mrs. Merle Dryman for donating the roses for the decorations.

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