



Miss Karri Ann Byrum

Try Miss Pageant Miss Byrum Wins Top Honors

ROANOKE RAPIDS — A four-year old Roanoke Rapids girl was recently named the 1980 America's Tiny Miss of North Carolina. Karri Ann Byrum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Byrum of 1108 Charlotte Street here, received the honor at the 1980 North Carolina Miss and Master Pageant, held in Nashville, Tenn. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Frances Nixon of Edenton and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Byrum of Tyner.

Miss Byrum competed in interviews, modeling (sportswear and formal wear) and most photogenic. In the pageant for the national title, held at the same location, she competed against 10 other girls in the same categories and was judged 'best personality'. As the state America's Tiny Miss winner Miss Byrum will travel throughout North Carolina in the coming year to make a number of public ap-

pearances including a meeting with the governor. Miss Byrum was sponsored in the event by Industrial Electric of Rocky Mount, the Northampton News, Wakeo Lumber in Weldon, Travel World in Halifax and Photo Unlimited, Rufin B. Hux and Son Inc., Clark's Oakland Cleaners, Virginia Carolina Furniture, Dixie Auto Supply, Branch Funeral Home and J. P. Stevens and Co., all in Roanoke Rapids.

Report On Unemployment

Editor's Note: With the current high rate of unemployment in North Carolina, the Employment Security Commission thought citizens in our area might be interested in knowing how unemployment insurance works to the benefit of the jobless as well as the economy.)

RALEIGH — "Joe Worker" is among the ranks of the 8.1 per cent unemployed in North Carolina in July. But thanks to an insurance program his former employer contributed to during his employment, Joe received \$98 in weekly unemployment benefits.

Joe is one of an average of 86,590 jobless Tar Heels filing for weekly benefits through the Employment Security Commission's unemployment insurance program. The maximum weekly unemployment benefit was recently raised from \$130 to \$139. However, only 20.3 per cent of the 87,156 people establishing benefit years in July were eligible to receive that amount.

Joe and many others forced out of their jobs by the pressures of decreasing job opportunities during a recession use the unemployment insurance benefits during their job search. Although Joe spends his days looking for a new job, the same economic conditions which forced him out of his job are making it very difficult to find new employment.

In 1935, unemployment insurance was established to help counteract economic or industry downturns by collecting funds from businesses during prosperous economic periods and disbursing them during slow periods.

Funds are collected through both a state and a federal tax on employers.

The federal tax is equal to .7 per cent of the first \$8,000 of each employer's annual earnings. The state tax on employers varies from .1 to 2.7 per cent according to the number of unemployment claims filed against the employer during previous periods.

Within pre-established limits, state taxation related to "experience ratings" allows the burden of unemployment insurance taxes to be born by the employers who have been involved with the greatest number of claims.

In this way, unemployment taxes are comparable to life or health insurance premiums which require the high-risk participants to pay higher rates. However, the rates paid by all employers shift upward or downward in response to economic trends.

Also similar to other types of insurance, benefits of unemployment insurance are only payable to "damaged" employees. Individuals are considered "damaged" when they lose a job because of industry layoffs, termination of their position or other reasons not due to personal misconduct.

Claimants must be willing and able to work and must be actively seeking employment to qualify for benefits. Both the length of employment and the amount of earnings of the claimants affect the level of payments he is entitled to receive.

Since Joe earned \$2,535 in wages during the quarter of his base period in which his earnings were highest, he is eligible for a weekly benefit amount of \$98. Benefit amounts range from \$15 to \$139 per week.

Because Joe was employed during the entire period on which his

payments are based, he is eligible to receive unemployment insurance for the maximum period of 36 weeks. The minimum period of eligibility is 13 weeks, although benefits stop as soon as the individual becomes employed.

A program of extended benefits went into effect when the nation's insured unemployment rate reached 4.5 per cent during the week ending August 9. Under this program which became effective on August 24, Joe will receive an additional 13 weeks of benefits.

These benefits are provided because Joe exhausted his normal benefits without finding a job. Those who qualify for extended benefits are eligible to receive checks for 50 per cent longer than under their original entitlement.

While North Carolina's total unemployment rate climbed 2 per cent above the national unadjusted rate of 7.9 per cent in July, the Employment Security Commission expects employment prospects in North Carolina to begin improving in September.

Meanwhile, Joe's \$98 weekly unemployment benefit check will help tide him over during his job search.

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Mrs. Blanchard, 70, Dies

HOBBSVILLE — Miss Eddie Mae Blanchard, Route 1, Hobbsville, died Saturday morning in Chowan Hospital in Edenton. She was 70.

Miss Blanchard was a native of Chowan County and the daughter of the late George Walter and Annie Howell Blanchard. She was a member of Warwick Baptist Church, the Ethel White WMS Circle, and the Adult 13 Sunday School Class.

Survivors are five brothers: O.M. and Lyman Blanchard of Hobbsville; Marvin Blanchard of Philadelphia, Pa.; Ellsworth Blanchard of Tyner; and Julian Blanche of Portsmouth, Va.

The funeral was held Monday at 11 A.M. in Warwick Baptist Church with Rev. Joseph Willis officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Palbearers were: Elsie Brinkley, Donald Spivey, Charles Davis, Bernie Davis, Craig Byrum, and Billy G. Forehand.

Jack W. Harrell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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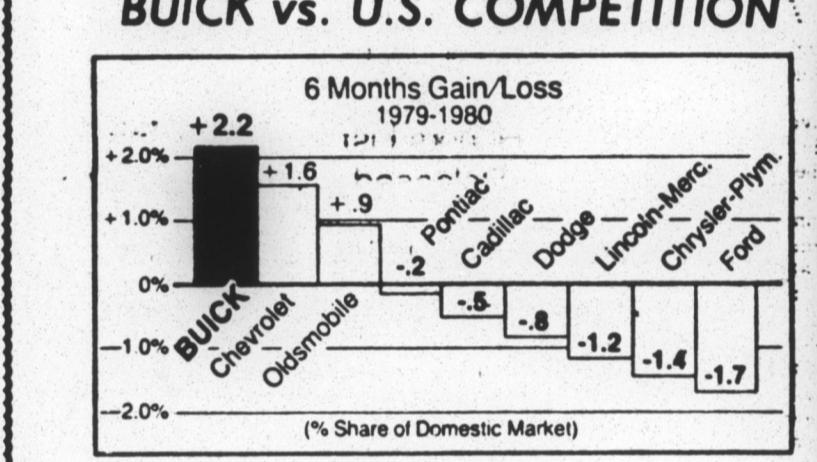
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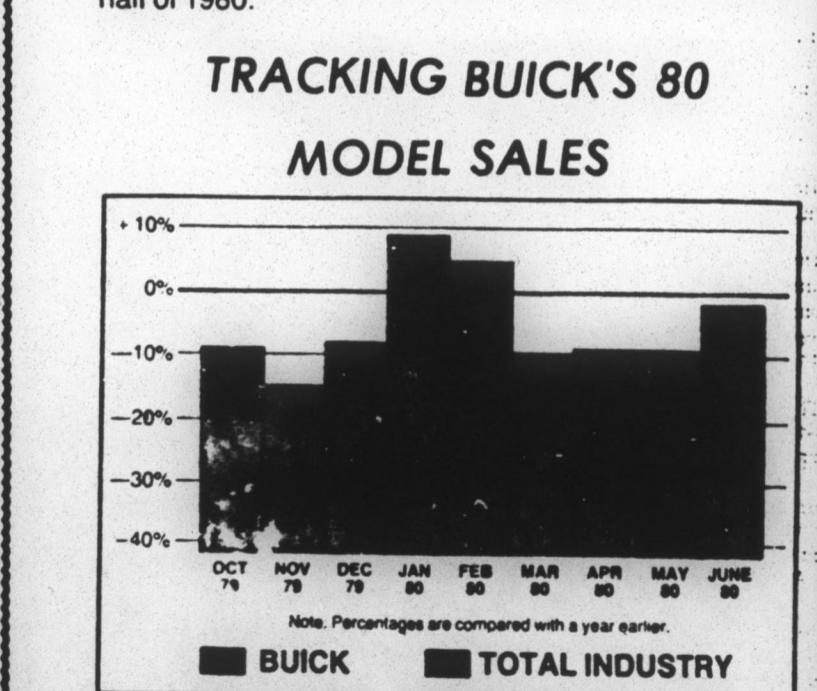
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