

For Blacks

Unemployment Rate Drops

WASHINGTON - The unemployment rate for black workers, which had been essentially unchanged since

January, edged down from 9.4 to 8.7 percent in April, returning to about its average level for 1973, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor announced.

The rate for white workers, at 4.5 percent, was not significantly changed over the month.

Employment and unemployment for all workers showed little movement from March to April, but unemployment was lower than in January and February. The Nation's unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in April; it had been 5.2 percent in both January and February. The Nation's unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in April; it had been 5.2 percent in both January and February and 5.1 percent in March.

Total employment (as measured by the monthly sample survey of households) at 85.8 million in April, was essentially unchanged from March. Total employment has been at about this level since October 1973.

Non-agricultural payroll jobs (as measured by the monthly survey of business establishments) rose slightly in April and have shown little growth since last fall.

The number of unemployed persons and the unemployment rate showed little change from March to April. However, both have receded slightly from the levels of the first two months of the year.

At 4.5 million, seasonally adjusted, the level of unemployment was about 200,000 lower in April than in January and February, although still 130,000 higher than in October 1973 when joblessness reached a 3 1/2 year low.



MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS pose for picture before enjoying delicious food at their annual banquet last Saturday in the basement of Gethsemane Baptist Church. Approximately 46 people attended the 6:00 p.m. affair which was sponsored by The Young Adults of church pastored by Rev. C.E. Dewberry. Photo by Peeler

Final Rites Set For Mrs. Sturgis

Final rites will be held here Friday afternoon for Mrs. Earo Sturgis of 1516 Russell St.

Mrs. Sturgis died early Tuesday morning following an accident in which she was hit by an automobile while walking up Russell St. She was 69.

WORKERS PARENTS - The Mecklenburg County Social Services Department would like to remind young people seeking employment that worker's permits are now being issued from an office in the Cole Building, 207 Hawthorne Lane.

Services will be held at Simpson Gillespie United Methodist Church at Winston and Grimes Streets, beginning at 3 o'clock. Rev. James McCallum will officiate and interment will be in York Memorial Park.

Survivors include one son James Fulson of 1701 Irma St.; a brother, W.H. Fulson of St. Albans, N.Y.; and two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Frances Fulson and Miss Cleo F. Matthews both of Charlotte.

The family will receive friends at Alexander Funeral Home tonight. Alexander Funeral Home is in charge of arrangement.



MRS. EARO STURGIS ...Died Early Tuesday

The family of the late Mrs. Zetta Davidson Henderson wishes to extend their thanks to the church of God and pastor W.O. Bailey, the staff of Alexander Funeral Home, Mr. Jerod Green pianist, and the many friends during our hour of bereavement.

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