

ANDREE WILSON ... North Meck sophomore

# Wilson, Barbee Crowned

### "1976 Band Queen, King"

By Melvetta Jenkins Post Staff Writer

The North Mecklenburg High School's students, members of the 120 piece Viking Marching Band, and parents of the band members have launched a giant fund raising drive to purchase additional uniforms for band members presently without them. The goal of the fund raising group is \$10,000.

One project that the group has already sponsored is a contest among the band members for the 1976 Band King and Queen. The King and Queen were chosen on the basis of who raised the most money. The winners were Tim Barbee and Andree' Wilson. Miss Wilson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarance Wilson of 4244 Hyde Park Drive. She is a member of First United Presbyterian Church and a sophomore at North Mecklenburg where, in addition to playing the flute in the band, she is a member of the Science Club and the Students in Ac-

Club and the SAE Club. Her hobbies include reading, dancing, and meeting people. She plans to enter college later and major in Psychology. Miss Wilson and Mr. Barbee were crowned in a ceremony held during the half-time at North Mecklenburg's October 22 game. The runners-up were: First place - Mark Huffstettler and Myra Gilbert; Second place - Phane Black and Laura Williams: and a third place tie for King between Rodney Hammond and Frank Spencer, and Wanda Robinson

tion for Education Club. Her

Presently the fund raising group is sponsoring a candle and jewelry sale, with other projects in the planning stage.

'North Mecklenburg is one of the most outstanding schools in the system," according to North Mecklenburg faculty members and stu-

"We urge the public to support us in obtaining uniforms so that we may accomodate our band members who are without uniforms," said a spokesman for the group.

#### Garden Club

#### Plans For Annual

#### Christmas Party

New appointments for committee chairmen and the annual Christmas Party of the Washington Heights Garden Club was discussed at the Tuesday, October 26, meeting.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jessie Lee Hamlin, 5301 Elderbrook Drive.

Mrs. Lula Gilespie is president of the club.

Members present were Mrs. Lois Scott, Mrs. Ethel Choate, Mrs. Willet Patterson, Mrs. Carrie Pitts, Mrs. Cora Gaither, Mrs. Lillie Mae Carter, Mrs. Viola Allison and Mrs. Essie Stovall.

Mrs. Lillian Jordan of 2005 Renner St. will host the next meeting.

#### **Dance Contest**

#### Date Changed

New Reflections Dance Theatre Concert originally scheduled November 6, 1976 at Central Piedmont Community College as listed in the Charlotte Arts and Science Council Calendar has been changed.

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# ESC Is Stepping Up Investigation Of Fraudulent Insurance Claims

Chiselling-cheating-fraud-"red flags" to those who feel that entirely too many people are receiving unjustified aid at the honest taxpayers' ex-

In Charlotte, Job Service Manager Dwight Leonard of the Employment Security Commission says his agency is stepping up its investigation of fraudulent unemployment insurance claims.

'We don't feel a great number of workers are filing fraudulent claims for unemployment payments," Leonard reports, "but it is our responsibility to find those who do and

### Sacred Heart Sets Workshop

Reading, writing and spell-ing are the most basic and, therefore, most important skills taught in school. To assist elementary and secondary school classroom teaching, the Institute for the Study of Exceptional Children and Adults will conduct a six-part workshop in applying the con-cepts of multi-sensory, alphabetic and phonetic approach for reading, writing and spelling. This approach is beneficial for use with all students and especially effective in meeting the needs of the majority of children with learning disabilities.

The workshop will be con-

take the necessary steps to stop these payments."

The Employment Security Commission, that state agency administering the 40-year old system of employer-financed payments to jobless workers, has always maintained a fraud investigation unit but it got sidetracked during the recession.

"In normal times the instance of fraud in the UI program is probably no greater than in any other social program," says the ESC manager, "but what we've experienced hasn't been normal

ducted by the Institute staff in six sessions from 4 to 7 p.m. November 2 through November 10. One point eight (1.8) certificate renewal credits will be awarded. The major

cost of the workshop is being

defrayed by the Institute. The

\$15.00 per person registration

fee will cover the cost of six sessions and provide a fivepart manual, The Course in Reading, Writing, Spelling and Phonics. The manual, which is published by Education Publishing Company, was developed by Sister Eugenia Hartman, a member of the Institute.

Leonard refers to the UI claims avalanche that befell the Employment Security Commission during the 1974-75 recession. In the 16 months following August, 1974, claims for jobless payments in North Carolina increased 1,000 percent, payments topped \$404 million, and statewide unemployment averaged nearly nine percent.

Because of the unprecedented claimsload, the ESC had to divert practically all its claims resources to payment of benefits to the unemployed. Neither time nor manpower was available to investigate fraud as most ESC workers were processing UI claims and attempting to find jobs for claimants.

Local office claims takers, the agency's first line of defense against UI cheating. now have more time to question claims, and the Commission computer time at its central office in Raleigh, is available to cross check claimants' statements against wage asnd payroll records.

Leonard says that before the recession the ESC estimated that less than one-half of one percent of all claimants were filing improperly. This number probably increased during the recession simply because

the overall number of clai-

mants increased. He is convinced that the most common example of fraud is the claimant who says he or she is available for work when they are not, or they report they are not working when actually they have a job without ESC

To be eligible for unemployment, a jobless worker must sign a claim attesting that he is unemployed through no fault of his own, that he is able to work, available for work. and actively seeking work. People not in the labor market are not eligible for unemployment payments under any

According to the ESC manager, the big majority of claimants meet these qualifications and file honest claims. Claims suspected to be fraudulent are turned over to ESC claims deputies for investiga-

There are currently approximately 400 claims being investigated in Charlotte. Currently about 2,000 claims are being investigated statewide,

according to Leonard.

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