

Jobless Rate Rises

The North Carolina unemployment rate increased to 9.3 percent in June, according to figures announced last week by Glenn R. Jernigan, Chairman of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission (ESC). The June rate represents 274,400 jobless state residents, up from 255,800 in May.

Jernigan said, "While total unemployment has risen for the second consecutive month, the increase was anticipated. Annually we experience additional unemployment during June when graduates of schools and colleges as well as youth seeking only summer jobs enter or re-enter the labor force. The overall civilian labor force increased 34,900 (1.2 percent) from May to June for a total of 2,985,900."

The national unadjusted rate of unemployment in June was 9.8 percent, up considerably from 9.1 percent in May.

Manufacturing jobs overall showed a net loss of 1,700 jobs as declines were experienced in durable and nondurable goods. In the durable goods sector, furniture and fixtures lost 2,000 jobs and primary metals were down 200. Nondurable goods losses were most significant for textile mill products, down 2,300 and chemical and allied down 500.

All categories in non-manufacturing jobs posted gains with the exception of construction which had minimal losses of 100 jobs. Jernigan said, "Service and miscellaneous jobs grew by 2,200 over the previous month as seasonal activities develop increased demand for workers in this sector."

On a further positive note, agriculture added 17,700 workers from May to June, an increase of 24 percent.

The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's production workers in manufacturing increased to \$6.31 in mid-June, up 4 cents from mid-May and up 46 cents from June 1981.

The average weekly hours worked by production workers rose to 38.0 over mid-May's 37.6 hours per week. For the same period in 1981 the figure was 39.6.

Jernigan concluded, "As uncertainty persists, employers continue to retain workers on a reduced hours basis in attempts to wait out the economic crisis."

Local unemployment figures were to be announced this week.



Madison Manor Fetes Aides

Madison Manor gave an appreciation party in the courtyard for its 38 nursing assistants on July 20. The courtyard with its flower gardens, rabbits and laying hens was set up with a beautiful table of hor d'oeuvres and a piano.

David George, the administrator, told the nursing assistant's how important they were to the care and happiness of the residents.

Each nurse assistant was given a corsage while Faye Uffelman, head nurse of the skilled nursing unit, expressed her feelings of gratitude to a "great bunch." Fay told the Aides, "If it weren't for you, we couldn't have a nursing facility. I appreciate what you are doing. What help we are for families in this community. Many residents would die alone, away from home, if this facility wasn't here. As long as we have nurse assistants like you, we will continue to serve."

Pop Story played the piano beautifully while staff members lingered, enjoying the music, food, and sun.

Ruth Carter, Audrey Edmonds, Ruth Gardner, Helen Jacobs, Beulah Payne, and Cindy Walsh Rice have been with Madison Manor since the facility opened in May of last year. The nurse assistants at Madison Manor Nursing Center are: Norma Anderson, Bernice Banks, Stephanie Baldwin, Billie Caldwell, Rene Cole, Regina Dayton, Roger Edmonds, Jo Edwards, Kim Elkins, Wilma Franklin, Becky Glenn, Sharon Hall, Brenda Hensley, Kathie Hoyle, Lamar Hyatt, Sherry King, Tammy Laws, Terri Ledford, Janice Lisenbee, Jill Maiera, Darlene McCurry, Alma Metcalf, Peggy Metcalf, Lucy Norton, Lib Patton, Brenda Payne, Darlene Payne, Joyce Payne, Joyce Rice, Shirley Rice, Chris Robinson, Deborah Tweed, Carol West and Robbie Winker.

The 1981 Session of the General Assembly enacted legislation during June 1982 which created a Select Committee "to study the fiscal and operational functions of the Department of Public Education." The Committee will also "consider the effect of placing the fiscal functions of the Department under the Office of State Budget and Management," and submit a report, including proposed legislation, to the 1983 General Assembly.

Representative Charles Beall of Haywood County was appointed today by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey to a legislative committee to study nursing and other specialized programs in the North Carolina Community College System.

Named to serve with him were Representatives J.P. Huskins of Iredell County, who was designated co-chairman; Anne Barnes of Orange County; Bob Etheridge of Harnett County; and Wilma Woodard of Wake County.

By ROBERT KOENIG

Madison County senior citizens celebrated Older Americans Day last Wednesday with festivities at Madison High School.

The 147 elderly county residents enjoyed companionship, gospel singing, a luncheon a prize drawings in celebration of their day.

The occasion also allowed the seniors to have their blood pressure checked while socializing with friends. Sponsored by the six county nutrition sites, the celebration has become an annual event in Madison County.

Local area businesses contributed a number of gifts which were given to the seniors in a drawing. Prizes were also awarded to the oldest man and woman attending the celebration. Mark Williams, 90, was given a \$5 prize for being the oldest man, while 91-year old Rhoda Shook won the prize for being the oldest woman in attendance.

Each of the ladies attending the celebration was presented with a carnation courtesy of Mars Hill Florists, Sunshine Florists and Shady Side Florists of Marshall.

Prizes awarded included a set of towels donated by Penland's of Marshall, toiletries provided by Robert's Pharmacy, cornmeal donated by the Glendora Store, a frying pan presented by Bowman's hardware and hand cream compliments of the Boston Beauty Shop of Marshall.

Other prizes were an air compressor donated by Ledford Enterprises and paint supplied by the Home Electric Co.

Mrs. Nettie Chandler, 70, of Ivy Hill Rd., Marshall won the grand prize of a quilt created by the senior citizens at the Marshall Nutrition Site.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Senior Citizens Celebrate

OLDER AMERICAN'S DAY
BY DIORA B. RICE

"Six Madison County Senior Citizen Sites, Celebrated Older American's Day At Madison High School July twenty first, Where 190 or 200 people gathered with their staff.

Marcia Cox, Nutritionist and Food Supervisor For the six Madison County Senior Citizen sites, Site Supervisor, Marshall, Josephine Goforth; Mars Hill, Marilyn Rice; Greater Ivy, Betty Metcalf;

Hot Springs, Chris Schaffer; Upper Laurel, Evelyn English; Shelton Laurel, Anita Shelton. Older American's Day enjoyed. Without Older Americans what would we do? They help keep us all out of a stew.

Together at 11:30, enjoy visiting while they lunch, Come to Madison County, we're a great bunch. Group entertained with singing, reached out far, Led by Quentin Ramsey, with his guitar.

Also enjoyed by the group, were speakers, Along with them were teacher and preachers. Also delicious food they ate and ate, Older Americans are never late.

United States counties are all in this line Being an Older American, I think it's fine. This being the nineteen eighty-second year, To see this decade, I'm glad I'm here.

Buses to ride, they enjoy celebration and fun, Enjoy life not always on the run. Enjoy visiting with a chatter, chatter, chatter, Enjoying life with nothing the matter.

Oldest person present an Older American's Day, Ninety-one year old lady with a pleasant way. Mrs. Rhoda Shook, yes, yes, ninety-one year's old Such a fine lady, worth more than gold.

Some think older people are dead. No, No. Very much alive in their dear ole head. Some like to dance with mischief in the eye, Wonderful time of life without a sign.

Christian fellowship goes a long way, As many enjoyed Older American's Day. As we go out into the air, Let us know that God is there."



DEBBIE CHANDLER AND QUENTIN RAMSEY sang a duet at the Older Americans Day Celebration.

Mrs. Rice is a senior citizen who participates at the Marshall Nutrition site.

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VA Head To Visit Asheville

Robert P. Nimmo, head of the Veterans Administration, will visit Asheville on August 2 for a day-long schedule of activities with area veterans. Western North Carolina Congressman Bill Hendon has announced.

Nimmo and Hendon are scheduled to arrive at Asheville Regional Airport around 10 a.m. and proceed to the VA Medical Center at Oteen. They will tour the medical center and receive briefings on the facility's needs, including a proposed new Nursing Home Care Unit.

Following the morning tour and briefing at Oteen, a dutch-treat luncheon sponsored by the Buncombe County Veterans Council will be held from 12:30 until 2 p.m. at the Grove Park Inn Country Club. All Western North Carolina veterans are invited. The cost of the luncheon is \$6 per person, and reservations may be made by phoning Hendon's district office in Asheville at 298-9437 or (toll-free) 1-800-323-5840.

For area veterans who cannot attend the luncheon, a reception for Nimmo is planned from 5 until 6 p.m. at VFW Post No. 881 on New Leicester Highway in Asheville. Nimmo will return to Washington following the reception.