

Madison's Unemployment Rate Drops Slightly In November

The unemployment rate in Madison County dropped slightly in November, while jobless rates in 77 of North Carolina's 100 counties.

According to figures supplied by the N.C. Employment Security Commission, the unemployment rate in Madison County for the month of November was 7.3 percent.

Of the county's workforce of 6,850 workers, 6,360 were employed, leaving 490 people out of work, according to recently released ESC figures.

Those figures are down from October's unemployment rate of 7.7 percent.

Statewide, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 5.4 percent from 5.1 percent. November figures show the state's labor force at 3,194,100, with 3,021,000 employed and

152,100 unemployed. In Western North Carolina, Yancey County saw a 1.2 percent increase in the unemployment rate. That rate rose from 3.9 percent in October to 5.1 in November.

The jobless rate in Buncombe County rose slightly, from 5.3 percent in October to 5.4 percent in November.

Graham County once again led the state's 100 counties in unemployment, with a jobless rate of 27.1 percent in November.

Community Calendar

Weaverville Council To Meet

The Weaverville Town Council will meet at 7 p.m. in Town Hall.

Merchants To Discuss Chamber

The Marshall Merchant's Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Marshall House to discuss the possible formation of a chamber of commerce.

Hot Springs Merchants To Gather

Hot Springs Mayor Kenny Ramsey has called a meeting of town merchants at 7 p.m. Tuesday to discuss the formation of a business association.

County Commissioners Set Meeting

The Madison County Board of Commissioners have continued its meeting of Jan. 12 until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Madison County Courthouse.

Nuclear Waste Rally Planned

Residents of Madison, Buncombe and Haywood counties will meet at noon Friday to mark the one-year anniversary of the announcement that the U.S. Department of Energy had placed Western North Carolina on its list for a nuclear waste repository. A rally will be held at Asheville's City-County Plaza, and speakers from citizens groups against the dump will be present. For more information, call Lou Zeller at 656-2773.

Rape Crisis Center To Meet

The Rape Crisis Center will hold its January Advisory Committee meeting Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at the center in Marshall.

Auditions Set

The Asheville Choral Society will hold auditions Friday for its spring production of Mozart's "Requiem," to be presented in March. Auditions will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church. For additional information, call Mary Berger at 253-5905.

Church News

Ski Services Begun

The French Broad Baptist Association, in conjunction with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, has started chapel services each Sunday morning at 9 at the Wolf Laurel Ski Lodge. Skiers, employees and Wolf Laurel community members are invited to attend these chapel services. The Rev. John Bussard from Mars Hill will be conducting these services.

Salvation Army To Have Guest

The Salvation Army churches of Bonnie Hill and Sleepy Valley will have the Rev. Lattie Henderson as special guest speaker at Bonnie Hill at 9:30 a.m. Sunday and then at Sleepy Valley at 11 a.m. The Redeemed Singers will perform a special singing at Bonnie Hill at 1:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., the Rev. Lattie Henderson will speak at Sleepy Valley once again.

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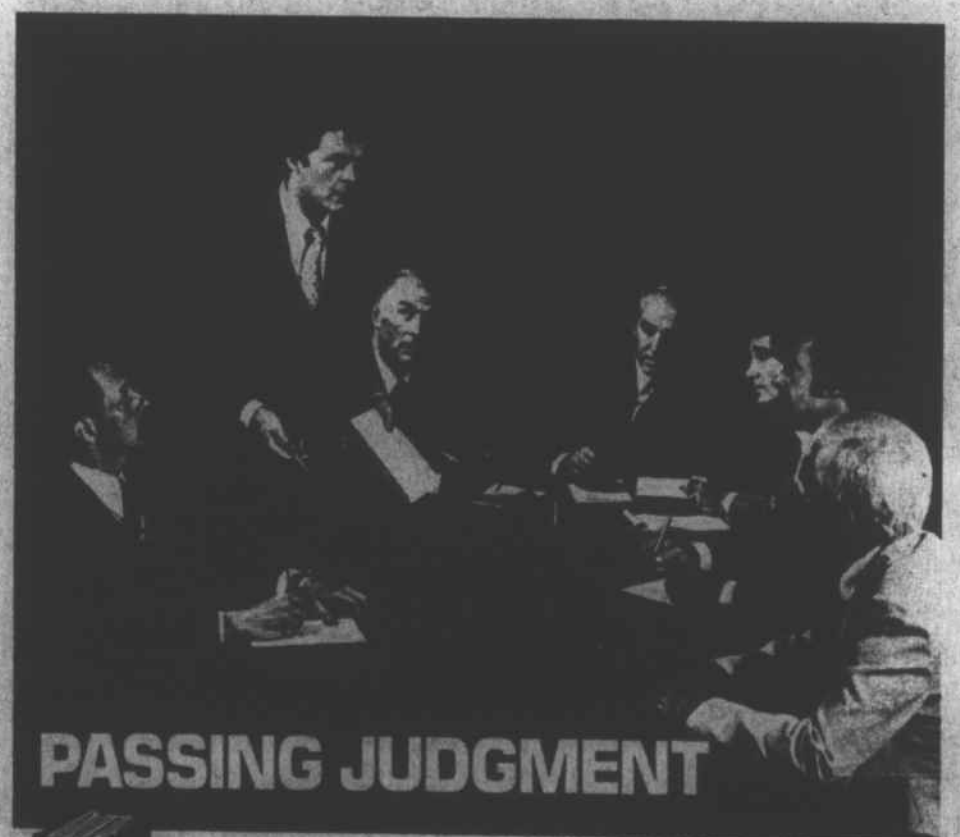
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T. R. Glover reminds us that "Whatever thine hand findeth to do, do with all thy might," but then added, "someone will think differently."

Don't they? There's not much in this life that you can do but that someone will think you should not be doing it. We live in a world where "second guessing" and "Monday morning quarterbacking" is a way of life, a way that often discourages even the most hearty among us.

Every great achievement in life has opponents lying in its wake, people who thought it shouldn't have worked; even worked against it.

But there's nothing wrong with someone differing with you. Differences of opinion and belief have been the greatest stimuli to progress.

Differences can divide or multiply, add or subtract. It all depends on your own beliefs and your attitude about what you believe and your attitude toward those who don't believe like you.

Paul encourages us both in our tendency to criticism of others and when we are criticized by them: "Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand." (Romans 14:4)



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Sunday Luke 18:1-14	Monday Luke 21:29-35	Tuesday Acts 1:12-26	Wednesday Acts 4:23-37	Thursday Acts 10:1-21	Friday Acts 10:22-33	Saturday Acts 12:1-19
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