

Unemployment Drops In April

Although 120 county residents found work during the month of April, figures released this week by the state Employment Security Commission show that the jobless rate here decreased only slightly from 11.7% to 11.4%.

However, the April figures are the lowest for the year.

The highest unemployment mark for 1983 was reached in January when the jobless rate increased to 15.4%. During that month over 200 fewer county residents had jobs.

Of the 8,040 workers in the April labor force, 7,120 persons in the Hoke area were among the employed for the month, while in March there were only 7,930 area residents in the work force and 7,000 working.

Four of the five surrounding counties saw decreases, and one county remained the same with Hoke and Cumberland having the lowest decrease for April.

Of the adjoining counties, Robeson had a 2.2% decrease in their jobless rate, the largest decrease for the six counties, coming in at 14.7% in April and 16.9% in March.

Moore County's unemployment figures remained the same at 8.7% for both months.

The statewide unemployment rate dropped from 9.7% in March to 8.7% in April while the national unadjusted toll fell from 10.8% to 10.0%.

It takes 26,500 Eastern White Pine seeds to make a pound, but only 120 acorns to make a pound of White Oak seeds.



What an honor!

Assistant Superintendent John McAllister pays tribute to West Hoke principal Milton Williams during a ceremony held in honor of Educational Bosses Week. McAllister, former Superintendent Raz Autry and members of Williams family applauded his achievements and focused on his time spent in the education field. The event entitled, "This is your life," was sponsored by the Cultural Enrichment Committee.

Hoke NC Symphony Seeks Support

Fund raising efforts for the 1983-84 season of the North Carolina Symphony in Hoke County are expected to kick off in June.

Last year the program reached approximately 3,600 Hoke County students and hundreds of adults.

The symphony season is scheduled to begin here November 3 with a Pops Concert under the direction of Associate Conductor James Ogle.

The concert will be held in the

Upchurch Junior High School Auditorium.

There is also a children's concert scheduled for November 4 at Hoke High School.

The children's concert will be for fourth, fifth and sixth graders and should reach approximately 1,300 students.

Fund raisers hope to garner enough money for a Symphony brass quintet that will work with Hoke County students.

The brass quintet is expected to reach 1,600 students in grades kindergarten through third and all band students.

The goal for this year's campaign is \$6,850.

Advance ticket prices for concerts will be \$5 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens and \$3 for students.

Fund raisers will also be seeking contributions from businesses and individuals during the months of June and July.

A membership drive dinner will be held September 19 at the Antioch Presbyterian Church.

One well-watered shade tree has the same cooling effect as 10 room-size air conditioners running 20 hours a day.

...Lab Test Linger

(Continued from page 1A) nothing can really be done, Horne said.

According to Horne if any action is taken it will have to come from the state level and "there are many remedies possible."

Local level concern has to do with the "clean-up and removal" of the toxic chemicals, Horne said.

State laws say that low to mid levels of PCB's and lead must be disposed of in an approved dump site.

At present, there are no approved dump sites open for low level poisonous chemical waste in North Carolina, Horne said.

County health officials are aiding the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development (NRCD) and the state Department of Human Resources (DHR) with the investigation into the matter.

State officials are remaining tight-lipped about the situation until the results are complete, Horne said.

According to Horne, the only thing that he is fairly sure of, is that the sites will have to be cleaned up.

"That is our main concern on the local level," Horne said.

...Scouts

(Continued from page 1A) in our search for a scout master," he added.

If something is not done within the next 30 days, the Scout Troop 401 will cease to exist, according to Connell.

The deadline was recently extended from June 1 until June 30 by Senior District Executive John G. Cabeza so that the Kiwanis would have more time to locate a leader.

If the Kiwanians do not locate a troop leader within the next 30 days, they will have to re-apply for

a charter and possibly lose the number the troop has carried for many years.

To obtain a new charter, the Kiwanians will have to locate a new scout master and submit a roster with at least five boys names and two adults.

According to Connell, the work is not a real problem, but the possibility of losing the first scout troop formed in Hoke County is a major concern.

"There is a real need for the troop in this area," Connell said.

"I would really hate to see it just die out," he added.

Two Hoke Teens Nabbed For Purse Snatching

Two Raeford men were arrested shortly after they allegedly attempted to snatch a purse from its owner.

Willie Orlando McKinnon, 18, and Jimmy Lee Jackson, 17, were arrested and charged with attempted larceny Friday, May 20, Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins said.

The two men had allegedly tried, unsuccessfully, to grab a purse from a woman at the Department of Social Services office, Wiggins said.

In other action, the following reports were filed:

--A work trailer on North Fulton Street was apparently broken into on May 29, nothing was reported missing, but some damage was done to a trailer window.

--Rims and tires were stolen from a car parked at Gentry's Tire Service on May 28.

Both of these crimes are still under investigation by the Raeford Police Department, Wiggins said.

Faberge Garners Award

Faberge Industries, one of Hoke County's most prosperous and volunteer-minded companies, was awarded the Industry Volunteer Involvement award.

This award was one of eight given as part of the Governor's 1983 statewide Volunteer Awards presentation.

Faberge, which was chosen by the Hoke County Selection Committee, was awarded the honor for its contributions to the Little League teams, charities and civic organizations, the prison system at McCain and particularly for the

\$25,000 raised annually for Camp Easter in the Pines.

Other volunteer winners were: Jimmy Wood - Individual Human Service Volunteer, William T. Connell - Individual Community Volunteer Leader, Julian Butler - Administrator-Coordinator of Volunteers, Terri Lynn Bethea - Youth Volunteer, Mrs. Grace Andrews - Senior Citizen Volunteer, Charles Hottel - School Volunteer, Mrs. Ruth Ansley - One-to-One Volunteer and Sandhills Youth Center - Community Volunteer Organization.

...Hunt's Woes

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sioners, has been plagued with financial troubles since early January when he was charged with passing bad checks totaling \$13,543 in Robeson and Hoke counties. Those charges were dropped when Hunt repaid two of the debts in full and one in part.

In February, Hunt was again charged with passing worthless checks in Scotland and Union counties totaling over \$200.

Attempts to reach Hunt for comment were unsuccessful Tuesday because his telephone had apparently been disconnected at his home and grocery store, both located in Huntsville.

The three Huntsville tracts owned by Hunt, which are being foreclosed on, total nearly 35 acres.

Two weeks earlier, Hunt had commented that he was planning an August grand opening for his funeral home which is not yet completed.

Hunt, 40, who is serving his third term as a county commissioner, operates a truck and rental firm, a grocery store, and the garage which is part of the foreclosure. All of these businesses are located in the South Hoke area.

Hefner Backs Textile Bill

Eighth District Rep. Bill Hefner has co-sponsored House Resolution 172, which recommends that the President roll back the level of imported garments sold in the United States.

"Forty-two percent of apparel products consumed in this country are foreign-produced," Hefner said.

"We are asking the president to seek a level of 25%, which will not completely close out our trading partners, but will more fairly distribute market opportunities to our domestic producers," he added.

"The tide of apparel imports has steadily risen over the past 25 years. The rate of imports in this time has risen from 4% to 42%, and this resolution, which is supported by labor and management, is a means to readjust the scales in our favor."

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