

### Employment Security Commission Of N. C. States Amendment

Raleigh, Dec. 22—Federal civilian employees who are unemployed after next January 1 will be entitled to file claims for unemployment of this program has been delegated to this and similar agencies in the 48 states, District of Columbia, Alaska and Hawaii by agreement between these units and the Secretary of the U. S. Department of Labor.

Payments of unemployment benefits will be made from funds appropriated by the Congress. The Federal employees filing claims under this program will be subject to the requirements of the laws of the various states and

units paying the benefits. Chairman Kendall states that the necessary organization and methods for processing and payment of these claims are being formulated and his agency will be ready to take applications or initial claims for unemployment compensation for Federal employees on Monday, January 3, the first work day in 1955.

Before the claim of an unemployed Federal employee can be processed, Kendall points out, the claimant must have or obtain a Social Security account number issued by the Social Security Administration through one of its 13 district offices located in the larger cities in North Carolina. The employee must file his claim in the state in which he is living, regardless of whether he was employed in that state, another state

or abroad, and is not eligible to receive benefits for any period covered by terminal leave pay from the Federal agency.

If the unemployed Federal employee lives in North Carolina the claim may be filed in the nearest local Employment Security office, of which 66 are located in larger towns and cities. When reporting to file a claim the Federal employee should have his Social Security card, Form No. 8, Notice of Separated Federal Employee (Unemployment Compensation Program), and Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action, which is given to the employee by the Federal agency by which he was employed. These documents are to be presented to the interviewer in the local office taking the claim.

After the claim has been taken and the necessary wage informa-

tion obtained from the Federal agency, the amount of the weekly payment will be determined. This amount ranges from \$7 to \$30 a week, depending on the total amount of wages earned in the base period, which, for claims filed from January 1, 1955 to March 31, 1955, inclusive, will be the last six months of 1954 and the first six months of 1955. The Federal employee may be paid as many as 26 weeks in the 12-month period following the filing of the initial claim.

To be eligible to receive these payments the Federal employee is subject to the eligibility requirements and penalties set forth in the State law for other unemployed workers, which are:

1. Be unemployed.
2. Register for work at the local Employment Security office.
3. Be physically able to work.

4. Be available for work, which means that the individual must be willing to take a suitable job, have no home restrictions or lack of transportation that would prevent acceptance of the job, be interested in obtaining work by making an earnest effort to find work on his own initiative each week; and female claimants are not considered available for the 3-months period prior to and after the birth of a child.

5. Be subject to a disqualification of from 4 to 12 weeks with the maximum benefit amount reduced by the number of penalty weeks multiplied by the weekly benefit amount, if it is found that the employee voluntarily quit his last employer without good cause discharged by his last employer attributable to that employer, was because of misconduct in connection with his work, or refused to apply for or accept suitable work when offered, either through the local Employment Security office or by an employer.

6. Be subject to prosecution for any false statement, misrepresentation or withholding facts in order to obtain benefits, and if convicted, be imprisoned or fined.

Federal employees desiring any additional information concerning this program may obtain it from any of the local Employment Security offices, Kendall advises.

### Wilson County Wins "County of the Year In Rural Progress"

RALEIGH—Wilson County has won the "County of the Year in Rural Progress Contest," sponsored by the N. C. Board of Farm Organizations and Agencies.

D. S. Weaver, director of the Agricultural Extension Service at State College and chairman of the board's contest committee, yesterday announced that Wilson will receive \$1,000 in prizes.

Winners in the five "Challenge" areas of the state, in addition to Wilson, are Madison, Forsyth, Union and Pitt counties.

Eighty counties entered the contest and were judged by district supervisors of each of the eight agricultural agencies having such personnel. Wilson won top state honors by having the highest rating among the five area winners.

Each area winner will receive \$500 and the state winner will receive an additional \$500.

This is the third year of the contest, originated to help implement North Carolina's Challenge Program for agricultural development. Previous state winners were Rockingham and Orange counties, Pitt and Forsyth

have previously won district prizes.

Donors of prize money are Progressive Farmer Magazine, \$1,000; Farmers Co-operative Exchange, \$1,000; Gordon Gray, president of the Consolidated University of North Carolina, \$500; and the News and Observer, Raleigh, \$500.

Clarence Poe, founder of the contest and chairman of the board of Progressive Farmer, has donated \$500 to be given to the county making the most rural progress among Negroes. Winner, which will be selected at A. and T. College, Greensboro, has not been announced.

berries that are firm, and that have a bright, dark red color. A pound of fresh cranberries will yield three cups cooked berries. A 16 ounce can yields two cups. Specialists recommend buying fresh berries for cooking or use raw in salads and relishes. Buy canned sauce or whole berries or jellies for sauce. Cranberry juice is what you'll need for making holiday punch.

Celery is a favorite of the relish tray. It can be stuffed with sharp cheeses, fruit and nut pastes for a special holiday touch. When you buy celery, look for fresh crisp leaves, crisp stalks (preferably green) which are free of damage. The inside of the stalk should also be smooth and the stalks should hold together.

From bunches of celery weighing 1 1/2 to two pounds you will get 3 1/2 servings per pound, cooked, and nine servings per pound, raw. In addition to using celery for relishes, you might want to try it cooked - buttered or creamed celery adds zest to soup, stews, Christmas turkey stuffing, and casserole dishes.

U. S. demand for farm products is strong and agricultural exports are up a little from a year ago but prices to farmers continue about three per cent below a year earlier.

### Know Qualities To Look For When Buying Extras

Christmas is the season of rich, colorful foods. But it's also the time of year when the homemaker must do a little extra planning to make her foods dollar buy those foods she needs to complete her special menus.

State College extension specialists advise you to know what to look for when you go about buying your holiday extras.

If you're cranberry shopping, look for fruits that have a fresh, plump appearance, high luster,

## Season's Greetings



Have fun this Christmas!  
And may your pleasures and good cheer last throughout the Holiday Season and the coming year.

### DR. F. M. HOUSER

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



We're not going to fiddle around with a string of lyrical Yuletide wishes. All we want is to put in a note—and a sincere one—to all our friends, hoping that their Holiday Season will be a happy one... warm with the presence of family and fellows, peaceful with the presence of hope and faith.

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## Season's Greetings



Accept our wish for a Merry Christmas in the spirit with which it is offered—a spirit of kindness and good will... a spirit that hovers over us all at Yuletide... giving promise of a better world for the future for all.



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Lewis D. McCurry  
Agent  
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Cherryville, N. C.



Merry Christmas!  
Happy Noel! Season's Greetings!  
No matter how you phrase it... it all comes down to our Very Best Wishes for a wonderful holiday, jam-packed with all the good cheer of the Yuletide season. Have a grand time, everyone!

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