

More Unemployment Is Shown In January In North Carolina

January unemployment insurance payments amounted to \$3,159,000 during January, compared to a total of \$2,415,000 in December, it is revealed by Col. Henry E. Kendell, Chairman of the Employment Security Commission.

The benefits paid in the past five Januarys were as follows: \$1,603,300 in 1950; \$980,325 in 1951; \$2,316,025 in 1952; \$1,876,230 in 1953 and \$3,159,000 in 1954.

Payments for the twelve months ending January 31, 1954, amounted to \$22,282,600 as compared with \$19,765,850 for the similar period ending in January, 1953.

The difference in the payments for the two periods is explained by the unemployment increase that occurred in the November-January period with the payment total this year exceeding that for the same three-month period last year by more than \$3,000,000.

Benefit claims representing weeks of unemployment have remained relatively constant in recent weeks and considerably below the peak level reached in the week ended January 9. Here are the counts for the past five weeks:

Week Ended	Weeks of Unemployment Claimed
January 9	69,050
January 16	52,000
January 23	53,900
January 30	54,825
February 6	54,000

North Carolina usually has its highest load of jobless benefit claims in the first three months of each calendar year.

4-H Notes

POLLOCKSVILLE

The Pollocksville 4-H Club held its regular meeting February 3, in the school auditorium at 11 a. m.

The meeting was called to order by the president and she led us in the 4-H Pledge and Motto after which the secretary gave her report.

The president asked if there was any business and Mr. Shackelford told to us again about planting cedar seedlings and the mailbox supports.

The secretary gave a report on the previous county council meeting. We discussed the matter of our 4-H Clubs having a square dance at the fair this year.

Since our song leader has quit school a new one was nominated. She is Ann Arthur. The meeting was turned over to the program chairman. Those participating in the program were: Carolyn Batts, Betty Bell, Ann Arthur, Billie Parker.

Reporter: Carolyn Barrow.

TRENTON

The Trenton 4-H Club held its monthly meeting, February 2, in the school auditorium. Delores Heath, president, presided over the meeting. We stood and re-

peated the 4-H Pledge, after which the meeting was turned over to the program chairman. The following took part in the program—Sue Boyette, Joyce Jones, Dorothy Stalley, and Joyce Whaley. The secretary gave a report

on the last county council meeting. Mr. Shackelford took charge of the meeting, then, since Miss Owens did not attend. He talked to us about the support for mailboxes. He also said that very little progress was being made. He had a poster with budget plans on it, and he explained how to work out a budget and ways to save money. We were all given some budget plans. The meeting was then adjourned.

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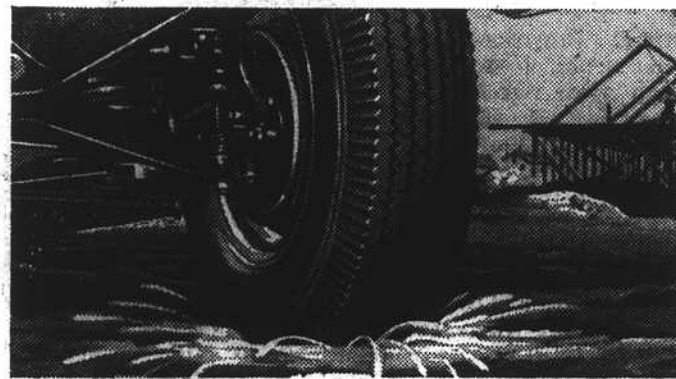
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