

Deadline for benefit is June 30

Michigan women who were forced from their jobs because of pregnancy for any period from June 30, 1963 through July 27, 1974 have until June 30 to file retroactively for unemployment benefits.

The June 30 cut-off date stems from a U.S. District Court order issued in December 1973 which expands upon the initial order issued in July 1974, according to S. Martin Taylor, Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC) director.

In 1974 the MESC was ordered by the District Court to consider any claim filed by a woman who was forced from her job because of mandatory maternity leaves imposed under employer policies or union contracts.

The December 1973 order stated that the MESC also must allow retroactive filing for a woman if she was discharged or required to quit because the company or union contract would not allow her to work beyond a certain time of pregnancy.

The court order applies to women who may have filed before May 31, 1974 and received a denial and to women who never filed at all while unemployed because they believed they were ineligible.

Claims may be filed at any MESC Job Service office. Women retroactively filing an unemployment benefit claim should try to provide proof of employment and wage information. This proof can be in the form of income tax returns, W-2 forms or payroll stubs.

Those wishing to file a claim should report to their MESC Job Service office on their next reporting day which is determined by the last digit of their social security numbers. Those with zero or one report on Monday, two or three on Tuesday, four or five on Wednesday, six or seven on Thursday and eight or nine on Friday.

Book sale planned

Southfield resident Doris Gaston has been named chairman for the Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) annual book sale for 1976. The sale will be held in Livonia Mall Sept. 23-28.

Mrs. Gaston, who is a recipient of the honor of a named gift to the AAUW Educational Foundation Fellowships program, will work with co-chairman Margaret Wright, of Farmington Hills.

Farmington Hills residents on the committee are Perle Briggs, Nancy Davis Lucile Rogers, Mary Lou White, Carol Tomasz, Ellen Harper and Betty Braesl-gam.

Farmington residents serving this year are Gretchen Peterson and Dee Schoenrich.

From Northville, Betty Ritchie and Fortna Seybold. Livonia residents Barbara Medwedoff is in charge of picking up large amounts of books for the sale. Betty Huffman, of Southfield, is in charge of hospitality duties.

SEVENTY PERCENT of the proceeds from the sale go into the AAUW Fellowship Fund which aids women in studying for advanced degrees.

Twenty percent of the proceeds will be earmarked for special projects in the community, and the remaining 10 percent is allocated as a gift to the Farmington Public Libraries.

Most recently, the group gave a special collection of books on the arts to the Farmington Libraries, and a gift of money to the Farmington Community Center.

In 1973, the special projects fund was used to provide tuition scholarships at Oakland University for mature students with family responsibilities who have experienced interruption in their pursuit of a baccalaureate degree.

THE SALE CONSISTS of a variety of books, which range from sets of encyclopedias through cookbooks, mysteries, children's, textbooks, paperbacks, fiction and nonfiction for special areas, such as Michigan history, career opportunities, and the popular collectables.

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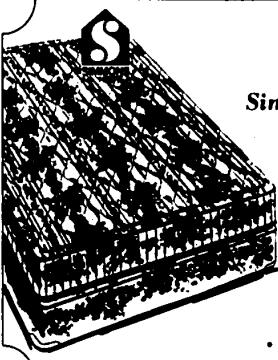
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