The number of unemployed in Evangeline Parish continued its upward climb in October, according to figures released by the Louisiana Department of Labor. The unemployment rate in Evangeline Parish was 18.2 percent — up .03 percentage points from the 17.9 percent level in September.

Louisiana apparently ranks number one again, having been first from February through June 1986.

The overall unemployment rate in Louisiana for October was 12.9 percent, up from 12.6 in September. The revised October 1985 rate was 11.3. The comparable national rate for October was 6.6 percent, compared to 6.8 percent in September and 6.8 percent a year ago.

According to the figures, a total of 2,750 parish workers were employed in October — up 25 from the previous month's total of 2,725. A total of 12,375 people held jobs during October, out of a labor force put at 15,125.

Secretary of Labor Dudley J. Patin, Jr., said that 1,733,400 parish residents were employed and 256,200 jobless in October. He also said that Louisiana oil and gas industry, was up 400 jobs from September, but dropped 22,000 jobs from October 1985.

Construction dropped 1,200 jobs from September and is still down 16,000 jobs from October 1985. Transportation and public utilities employment was down 200 jobs, and is still down 11,300 from a year ago. Manufacturing employment gained 100 jobs from September, but is down 8,800 jobs from October 1985.

Four parishes reported unemployment rates of more than 20 percent Assumption, 23.9; St. Mary, 23.6; Catahoula, 20.5; and Vermilion, 20.1. Lincoln Parish reported the lowest jobless rate with 6.1 percent.

Unemployment rates of neighboring parishes were: Acadia, 18.3; Allen, 16; Avoyelles, 17.3; and St. Landry, 19.7.

Louisiana's unemployment rate will probably show a decline in the upcoming months due to hiring for the holiday season, according to Department of Labor officials.

Unemployment rates for the major labor market areas were as follows: Alexandria, 10.3 percent in October, up from 9.7; Baton Rouge, 10.3, up from 10.2; Houma-Thibodaux, 18.8, up from 18.5; Lafayette, 15.4, up from 14.9; Lake Charles, 13.9, down from 14.3; Monroe, 10.1, up from 9.4; New Orleans, 10.9, same as in October; and Shreveport, 11.6, up from 11.3.

Talent Show

The Ville Platte High School talent show will be held on Dec. 18 in the high school gym. Tryouts will be held in the auditorium on Dec. 4 after school for grades 7-12. Must bring own music and cassettes, etc.