

LRDA IN ACTION

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DO YOU NEED HELP PAYING YOUR HEATING BILLS?

LRDA's Low Income Energy Assistance Program is now accepting applications from low income families who need assistance paying their heating bills this winter. Applications will be accepted through December 10, 1982. Those families meeting eligibility requirements will receive a one-time payment to help defray the cost of their heating bills. The amount of the one-time payment will be contingent upon the size of household, type of fuel used, and income for the month of October. Eligible recipients will receive their assistance payments in February, 1983. Anyone wishing to apply is encouraged to bring proof verifying their income for the month of October, informa-

tion concerning savings and checking accounts, information concerning property owned, and social security cards. Food stamp recipients are encouraged to bring identification cards.

If you wish to apply come by LRDA's Education Building, LRDA's Evans Neighborhood Service Center, LRDA's 1-95 Neighborhood Service Center, LRDA's Smithtown Neighborhood Service Center, LRDA's Food Co-op in Lumberton. Or call 521-9703 and ask for Bobbie Oxendine.

EDUCATION IS THE KEY!

1970 U.S. Census statistics reflect that 45% of the Robeson County Indian population 25 years and older had less than an eighth grade education. 1980 Census data has not been released to the

public as of yet. But, sad to say, the educational plight of Robeson County Indians has not significantly changed in the last decade.

Also, in 1980 Robeson County schools experienced a dropout rate of 9.3%, as compared to the state average of 7.8%. As much as 1/4 of the dropouts who reach the compulsory age of 16 drop out of school to seek employment. Many are saddened to realize that Robeson County has an extremely high rate of unemployment. The factors cited above can all be said to significantly influence the fact that reported crimes in Robeson County in 1981 increased 12% while reported crimes state-wide decreased by 2%.

The writing is on the wall, proclaiming in clear, distinct and legible letters: "Education is the Key."

Lumbee Regional Development Association has been analyzing and providing the solutions to educational problems facing Robeson County Indians for over a decade now. And, as in the past, LRDA continues to do something about the problem other than talking about it.

Educational Talent Search Project
To combat the problem of

the high percentage of dropouts in Robeson County. LRDA developed the Educational Talent Search Project. The key word in the Educational Talent Search Project is "Education."

Talent Search offers counseling to students in the schools on a one-to-one basis, encouraging them to remain in school, return to school if they have dropped out, and to further their education. Besides counseling, Talent Search arranges campus visits for students interested in furthering their education, providing them an opportunity to explore the many aspects of campus life. Financial aid assistance is also provided to students applying for financial aid from various loan, grant or scholarship programs. And there are many more services provided by LRDA through the auspices of the Talent Search Project.

Indeed, the Educational Talent Search Project is a viable and most effective component of LRDA. For more information call 521-9703 and ask for Belinda Harris, Project Director.

Lumbee Adult Education Project

The Lumbee Adult Education Project (LAEP) was specifically designed to cater to the needs of the high percentage of adults in Robeson County who do not have a high school education. LAEP assists Indians 16 years and older in Adult Basic Education which consists of reading, writing and mathematics. The project also works with students in an endeavor to equip them to earn their General Equivalency Diplomas (GED).

The project operates three Developmental Learning Centers that hold classes every Tuesday and Thursday night from 7 until 10 p.m. Transportation is available and the services are free of charge.

The Centers are located at:
-Smyrna Baptist Church in Lumberton,
-Evans Crossing Fire Department in Maxton, and
-The Rex Rennert Day Care/Community Building in Shannon.

For further information call 521-9703 and ask for Marilyn Locklear, Project Director.

The Educational Talent Search Project and the Lumbee Adult Education Project are only two of several projects operated by LRDA. However, they prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that Lumbee Regional Development Association is responsive to the needs of the Lumbee Indian Community.

Cherokee Homemakers Meet

Wakulla, NC-The Cherokee Homemakers Club met with Mrs. Shelia Locklear for their October meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the president. The group sang "America." Mrs. Mary Bullard led the devotion.

During the meeting the group made plans for an outing at the beach.

Leader talks were on getting beds ready for fall planting of bulbs and the transplanting of trees and shrubbery during the autumn and winter months.

Mrs. Ann Fall, Robeson County Home Economics Extension Agent, gave a detailed report on the activities for the remainder of the 1982-83 year.

Announcements were about the homemakers county achievement program Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. at the O.P. Owens Building and also the Christmas Craft Show and Sale Nov. 13, 1982 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The meeting adjourned with the club collect. Members attending the meeting were Mrs. Lillie Bullard, Maude Locklear, Annie Bell Everleigh, Fancy Locklear, Dovie Scott, Luellen B. Lowery, Ann Fall and Glenn Locklear.

Those enjoying a fish fry at the beach were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Locklear and daughter Shene, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Locklear, Mary Bullard, Dovie Scott, Annie Bell Everleigh, Maude Locklear, Mae Bryant and Luellen B. Lowery.

Pembroke E.H.C. Meets



Mrs. Dorothy Marie Byrd displays one of her many beautiful Bromoloids to Pembroke EHC members.

Members of the Pembroke Homemakers Club met Tuesday for their October program.

Mrs. Dorothy Marie Byrd gave the program on "Durable House Plants." Explaining that there are many hardy plants that require very little care, she exhibited several varieties of the bromoloid family, also the care and culture requirements that render lush healthy plants.

Mrs. Lucy Locklear, club president, presided.

Mrs. Lucy Belle Brooks gave the devotional from the Book of Psalms followed with the group singing, "Onward, Ever Onward."

Mrs. Theodore Lowry read the minutes and called the roll. Mrs. James Brewington gave the treasurer's report.

Business consisted of plans to contribute donations to the Easter Seals program and \$50 to the Pembroke Rescue Squad.

Mrs. Woodrow Cummings made and contributed a cake

that was raffled off with a profit of \$50 for the club treasury.

Plans were made for the Christmas Party with Mrs. Evelyn Cummings, Mrs. Helen Sampson and Mrs. Hazel Brewington as the committee in charge.

Mrs. Marshall Locklear was named to select the Score Sheet Committee who will name the club member of the year.

Mrs. Sadie R. Blanks and Mrs. Theodore Lowry tied for the recognition for the most ribbons won at the county fair.

Mrs. Daisy H. Dimery was commended for having contributed the most stamps collected.

Announcements were made of the county achievement program Nov. 4 and the Christmas Bazaar Nov. 13th.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Rea Beauty Martin and Mrs. James Brewington to eighteen members.

"If a man is gracious and courteous to strangers, it shows he is a citizen of the world."
Francis Bacon

Hero Students attend District Meet



Attending the FHA/HERO Leadership Meeting from Robeson County Career Center from left to right are: Rhonda Jacobs, Janell Graham, Annette Hunt, Barbara Locklear, Lorie Locklear, Be-

ky Sanderson, Imogene Sanderson, and Connie Strong. Standing left to right are Mrs. Patty Thompson, Advisor, Sylvester Chavis, and Darryl Martin.

allowed two minutes to present an original speech on the theme, "REACH OUT AND TOUCH." Each candidate was also asked two questions, one thought and one opinion. Stephanie Bullard from E.E. Smith High School in Fayetteville, NC was elected to fill this position.

The highlight of the Leadership Meeting this year was the mini sessions.

Each school present had representatives in each Mini session which provided opportunity for FHA'ers and Advisors to: "Reach Out and Touch Involvement," "Reach Out and Touch Personal Growth," "Reach Out and Love," "Reach For New Images," and "Reach Out To The Future."

Laurie Haigler, State Treasurer, of Richmond Sr. High School, presided at the Leadership Meeting, which had as its theme, "REACH OUT AND TOUCH."

Mrs. Martha Webb, Home Economics Teacher, Rockingham Jr. High School, is District IV FHA Adviser.

District IV elected the state FHA/HERO Secretary. Each candidate for this office was



Apples, grapes, cranberries, plums and cherries should be stored in the refrigerator immediately after purchase and are best eaten within a week.



Connie Oxendine [far right with back to the camera] is shown administering a mini-workshop for students at Prospect High School to prepare them for taking the college entrance exam. [Garry Barton photo]



Donald Locklear [left] was guest speaker at LRDA's staff meeting Monday, Oct. 18, 1982. Mr. Locklear is head of the Title IV Indian Education Project in Robeson County. His presentation was most informative as he explained about the many facets of the Title IV Indian Education Project. Said Kenneth R. Maynor, LRDA's Executive Director: "I would like to thank Mr. Locklear for taking the time out of his busy schedule to enlighten us concerning the many services available through the Title IV Indian Education Project. LRDA and Title IV have maintained a good working relationship in the past and we look forward to a close working relationship in the future." [Garry Barton Photo]

SMITH'S JEAN OUTLET

Cozy Corner (Corner of College Road and Highway 710)
HOURS: 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Big Yard Sale Friday & Saturday

- *2 Tables.....\$1 Items
- *Ladies Skirts & Pants...\$5.99 to \$7.99
- *Ladies Pullover Sweaters.....\$9.95
- *Longsleeve Blouses.....\$5.99-\$9.95
- *Childrens Jeans.....\$3 to \$11.95
- *Mens & Ladies Jeans...\$12.98-\$13.95
- *Girls & Boys Coats.....\$19.95 and up
- *Barkis *Ceramics *Small & Large Statues *Fred and Barney *Pigs *Dogs *Cats *Indians *etc.

LOTS OF \$1.00 ITEMS FOR SALE!

- WE HAVE MACRAME CORD AND ACCESSORIES:**
*Cord (large) \$3.29 *Cord (small) \$1.75 *Macrame Boards \$2.00
*Beads: 4 cents - 50 cents *Rings: 10 cents to \$1.95
*Clutch Handles \$2.20 - \$2.50 *Men's Short Sleeve Shirts: \$6.98
*LOTS OF 11.00 ITEMS IN STOCK!

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SMITH'S JEAN OUTLET [Cozy Corner]
Corner of College Rd. & Hwy. 710

WHO DOES CHARLIE ROSE LISTEN TO IN ROBESON COUNTY?

[Answer]

- E.B. Turner
- Knox Barnes

•Does he listen to you?

Let's Send ED JOHNSON

to Washington. He is a Robesonian

that will Represent ALL Robesonians.

He Will Work to Bring Us Jobs.

**-VOTE-
ED JOHNSON**

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