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15th Annual N.C. Social Studies Conference

The Robeson County School System was well represented by Kathy Chavis and Jill Graham, Indian Education Specialists; Larine Legette, Ruth Locklear, Lawrence McDuffie, David Evans, Steve Locklear and Bessie Lewis, Social Studies Teachers; and Jackie Sherrod, Social Studies Supervisor, at the 15th Annual North Carolina Social Studies Conference February 23-24 at the Holiday Inn Four Seasons in Greensboro, N.C.

The conference was sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina Council for Social Studies. Approximately 1200 persons involved in Social Studies from across the state attended the conference.

Four staff members from the County School System served as presenters at the conference. They were: Kathy Chavis and Jill Graham; the topic was "Integrating Indian Studies Into The Social Studies Curriculum," which demonstrates an Indian Studies Curriculum for grades K-5 and 8-9 focusing upon lifestyles, history, customs, government and tribal differences. The other two presenters were: Larine Legette and Ruth Locklear. The topic

was 'The Social Studies Skills Express.' This session was geared to help provide teachers with strategies, methods, and materials on teaching 8th grade North Carolina History.

According to Social Studies Supervisor for the County School System, Jackie Sherrod, the two sessions conducted by the Robeson County Staff received high applause as being two of the best sessions by many of the participants at the 15th Annual North Carolina Social Studies Conference.

Migrant Education Opens The Doors to Success

This was the theme of the 15th Annual Eastern Stream Migrant Education Conference held at the Baltimore Hilton in Baltimore, Maryland February 26-29, 1984.

The Conference Planning Committee stated that eighteen years have passed since the inception of a National Migrant Education Program and during this time many changes and significant accomplishments have been witnessed in the education of Migrant children. The key to the success has been the high degree of collaboration among the states to develop and deliver services effectively to a mobil population. Therefore, the purpose of the 15th

Annual Eastern Stream Migrant Education Conference was to focus on the many ways that Migrant Education opens the doors to success for children who move with their families following the seasonal crops.

Representing the Robeson County School System at the Conference were: Johnny Bullard, President and Naomi Hines, Secretary of the Chapter I Parent Advisory Committee; Chapter I Teachers: Vivian Esters, Jerlene Hunt, Barbara Hunt, and Gloria Martinez; Chapter I Supervisors, Earlena Lowry and Alphonzo McRae, Jr. and Migrant Education Records Clerk, Sally Mitchell.

According to the participants from the County School system, the 15th Annual Eastern Stream Migrant Education Conference was very educational and provided information from the sessions and workshops that will assist greatly in providing a better Chapter I Migrant Education Program for the Robeson County School System.

ECIA Staff and Parents Attend NCCIRA Conference

A total of thirty ECIA staff and parents attended the North Carolina Council International Reading Association (NCCIRA) sixteenth Annual Conference at the Hyatt House/Benton Convention Center in Winston Salem, N.C. on February 29-March 2, 1984.

The ECIA staff attending the conference were Deborah H. Brooks, Doretha Butler, Betty Coville, Nelia A. Crain, Mary H. Hinson, Sandra L. Lewis, Kathann D. Locklear, Kathy Locklear, Lummie J. Locklear, Rosa McDuffie, Judy A. Oxendine, Marilyn O. Pierce, Barbara H. Thompson, Georgetta Watkins, Lucille Watson and Annie Hardin, all ECIA Chapter I Reading and Math teachers.

ECIA Supervisors, Earlena Lowry; State teacher, Shirley Carley, and K-8 Supervisor Cathy A. Maples; ECIA parents: Jacqueline Roberson, Helen Lambert, Theresa Locklear, Minnie Miller, Janice Oxendine, Janet Jones, Myra Hagins, Linda Carter, Catherine Williams, Delois Locklear and Patsy A. Hunt.

The theme for the NCCIRA Conference was "Reading: Brainstorms For A Computer Age" and the theme reflects concerns with the technological revolution and its effect on reading and other communication skills.

The purpose of the conference in planning the program: efforts were employed to provide a variety of topics to meet the diversity of interests which naturally exist.

All of the ECIA staff and parents enjoyed and benefited from the NCCIRA Conference, and all agreed that more time was needed to take in more of the interesting sessions and workshops pertaining to reading and communication skills.

Central Regional Mathematics Conference

The 12th Annual North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Central Regional Mathematics Conference was recently held on March 2, 1984 at Scotland High School in Laurinburg, N.C.

The Robeson County School System was represented at the Mathematics Conference by Chapter I Math Teachers: Junior Bullard, Annie R. Drake, Linda B. Jessie, Etta B. Jones, Earlene Locklear, Myrtle Locklear, Verdice O. Locklear, Mary C. Lowery, Fannie M. Oxendine, Lee Helen Thompson, Michael Sanderson, Thayne Sanderson and Josephine Lucente, and ECIA Chapter I Supervisor Alphonzo McRae, Jr.

The NCTM Conference schedule consisted of Registration, Hospitality Room, Commercial Exhibits, Mathematics Fair Exhibit, a luncheon and workshops.

Workshops consisted of Math, Music and Drama; High School Math Lab, Management, organization and utilization; and Let's "Divide and Conquer." ECIA Supervisor, Alphonzo McRae was the president at the session on Let's "Divide & Conquer."

All of the participants at the NCTM 12th Annual Central Regional Mathematics Conference enjoyed the conference very much and gained teaching skills and knowledge that will assist them in doing a better job in teaching mathematics in the county schools.

Career Center Produces 14th Regional Winners



Marty Brayboy, 1st place winner, Regional VICA Electrical Competition.



Vickie Locklear, 1st place winner, HOSA Regional Competition in Medical Terminology.



Lisa Oxendine, Chairperson for Activity Book that won first place in HOSA Regional competition.

The Robeson County Career Center at Hilly Branch had one of their best years yet in Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) and Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA). Regional Competition in the center's history.

Regional Competition was held at Fayetteville Technical College in Fayetteville, N.C. on February 29th, with fourteen regional VICA and HOSA Chapters competing to determine the contestants for the state VICA competition to be held in Greensboro, N.C. April 12-14, and the state HOSA competition to be held May 3-5 in Asheville, N.C.

The 14th Regional winners from the Career Center are as follows: VICA Competition-Electrical, 1st place, Marty Brayboy, a senior at West Robeson; 4th place, Berry Watson, from West Robeson; Michael Wayne Hunt, a junior at South Robeson placed 3rd in Job Interviews and James Ray Hunt, from Littlefield placed 3rd in the Job Development contest. Automotive-Phillip Ivey, a senior at Orrum, placed second in the Automotive competition; and Ardeen Hunt, a senior at South Robeson placed fourth in the Automotive Job Demonstration; Welding: Mitchell Bullard, a senior at West Robeson placed third in the Welding competition, and Gary Hunt, a senior at South Robeson placed fourth. Small Air Cooled Engine Competition: Jimmy Strickland, a senior from Orrum placed fifth. Brick Masonry: Billy Ray Brown, a senior from Orrum placed third, and Randy Bell from South Robeson placed fifth. HOSA Competition: First place in Activity Book, Lisa Oxendine was the chairperson and Lisa Jolly, Roniece Strickland and Tronda Brayboy served on the Activity Book Committee. Tranda Brayboy and Tonya Locklear were fourth place winners in the First Aid and CPR competition; and Vickie Locklear, a junior from South Robeson won first place in the Medical Terminology Category. This is the same area that Lisa Locklear, a junior at West Robeson, after winning the regional competition last year, went on to win the State Competition and then became the first student in the school system to become the first individual National winner, by winning the National competition in Medical Terminology in San Antonio, Texas last summer.

Kiwanians hear of Indian Recognition effort locally

Program Chairman Marshall Locklear presented Attorney Jeffrey Mangum of the Lumbee River Legal Services Agency. Attorney Mangum's duties include work on behalf of the Robeson County Indians of receiving legal recognition by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The History requires information from the very beginning to the present time. The Indian group has continued to exist with autonomy but its membership must be documented. Congress has funded the research process in working with the Coharie, the Waccamaw, the Haliwa-Saponi, and the Robeson County Indians. All four tribes are recognized by the State of North Carolina. The research phase is completed and writing may take twelve or fifteen volumes. A Committee, including a Historian and Anthropologist and two genealogists will make a determination and present it to the Department of the Interior. The by-product has produced a wealth of history of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Department of Agriculture, the Archives in Raleigh, Newspapers, Magazines, and even private letters

of Indian Leaders of early times have come to light as a result of the research.

Attorney Mangum requested Ira Pate Lowry to have a copy of his Masters Thesis to be added to the documents of the early history of the Robeson Indians and of their music achievements.

Announcements-John Rimborg, Chairman of the University Circle K Club, made a report of the very successful sports program involving 25 students followed by a cook-out which involved over 500 students and a Disco Dance as an introduction of the Circle K Club to the Campus.

Visitors at the meeting were James Chavis and Dobbs Oxendine of the West Robeson Kiwanis Club and Lt. Governor Harold Gillis from Raeford who spoke briefly to a the Club Members concerning the visit of Governor James Jackson on March 29th. He also complimented Secretary Marshall Locklear for his prompt monthly reports.

President Dobbs Oxendine announced to the Club that the West Robeson Club meetings are to be held at the Old Foundry Restaurant on Saturdays at 8 a.m.



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