



Madie Rae Locklear

Hospice of Robeson Receives Rufus Locklear Family Donation

The Rufus Locklear Family of Union Chapel community recently made a special memorial gift to Hospice of Robeson, the donation was given in memory of Vivian Locklear, a former Hospice volunteer and patient before her death in September 1991.

The families of Mr. Locklear and his siblings including Vivian, Barrie Locklear, Stella Mac Jacobs, Ruth Spigle and Albert Lockett decided at a recent family reunion to make a special contribution to a local charity in the name of the family members. When Vivian's name was chosen, they all knew that Hospice of Robeson would have been her choice of worthy causes in Robeson County.

Not only was Vivian a faithful Hospice volunteer, she inspired two of her daughters, Cynthia Locklear and Connie Oxendine, to continue her work helping the terminally ill and their families.

"We appreciate this memorial gift from the Locklear family," said Miriam Edwards, director of Hospice of Robeson and Health Horizons Home Health. "We have had so much support from this family--not just in money--but in time, energy, and dedication to the mission of Hospice in our community."

Hospice of Robeson has moved from its location on Pine Street back to

its original location at 2002 N. Cedar St. in Lumberton. Once again Hospice is located in the same building as Health Horizons Home Health/Personal Care. The new telephone number is (910) 671-5655.

The Bereavement Support Group, designed to offer support to grieving individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one, will meet weekly each Tuesday evening, beginning Sept. 15 through Oct. 13, at the Health Horizons Building, 2002 N. Cedar St. in Lumberton. There is no charge for these sessions which begin at 7 p.m. and last until 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call Chaplain Dean Carter at Hospice of Robeson, 738-1905.

Hospice's annual fundraiser, Festival of the Tree's, is moving to a new location this December. The Festival will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6 - 8 at the Holiday Inn on I-95 near Fayetteville Rd. intersection in Lumberton. This holiday event will underwrite the costs of caring for uninsured Hospice patients, bereavement care for local residents who request it, and Camp Care, a summer program for children ages 8 - 16, who have lost a loved one.

Sponsors, decorators and craftpersons are encouraged to commit their support for this important program by Sept. 15. For information about Festival of the Tree's, call 671-5577



Members of the Rufus Locklear family presented a check for \$150 to staff members of Hospice of Robeson. Shown from left are: Diane Goins, Connie Oxendine, Hospice Patient Care Coordinator Cathy Hardee, Cynthia Locklear, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator Anne Crain, Bonnie Locklear, and Hospice Director Miriam Edwards.

Singing Bird Clock is a big hit at our house.

Imagine bringing the joys of outdoors, indoors. For those of us who mark the seasons by the chips and trills of our feathered friends this clock is a real joy and pleasure. The world renowned Ornithology Department of Cornell University furnished the bird songs for this unusual singing clock. Each song is a completely realistic rendition of a North American bird song selected and approved by Cornell University. Beautiful full color bird portraits are displayed around the dial and the clock automatically turns off the songs at night. The clock has a hunter green rim and is available from DutchGuard Co. Dept. EV98E PO Box 411687, Kansas City, MO 64141 for \$29.95 and \$5.00 shipping. A portion of the sales go to promote the study and care of wildlife.

Madie Rae Locklear Seel's Re-Election to LREMC Board of Directors

Madie Rae Locklear, Secretary of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation's Board of Directors for the past seven years, announces her bid for re-election to that board. Locklear is seeking her fourth term as a member at large.

In addition to her duties with the LREMC Board, Locklear serves as the Supervisor of the Red Springs Neighborhood Service Center. She has been employed with the Four Community Services program for more than 30 years. In making her announcement, Locklear released the following statement:

"My service to the consumers of LREMC has served as an enhancement to my natural gift of helping people. I am a people person, and feel an obligation to help others. I am first of all concerned about the needs of the elderly and the physically impaired. Anytime there is a natural disaster and we have to be without electricity, I always get in my vehicle and am visible, making sure that electricity is restored as soon as possible, especially when there is a person with a life-threatening ailment, such as dialysis, oxygen, and other machines that are necessary to the life of a consumer. This has been my main concern.

"During my nine years of service, I have worked diligently

to keep our electric rates from increasing. We had a rate decrease of 3.25% in March of 1998. And in February 1997 there was a rate reduction of 8%. In June 1996 there was a 4.5% rate reduction. I am proud of the part I played in approving these reductions and rate decreases. Maintaining reasonable rates and efficient service was one of my goals when I first decided to seek a seat on the LREMC Board.

"In addition to recent rate reductions and decreases, I have been a part of the decision which approved returning Capital Credits to the consumers. After all, the business is owned by the membership. We recently approved returning all the Capital Credits of 1978 to the members. We also agreed to return 30% of the Capital Credits for 1997. This will result in a significant payment to the members during the first of October, 1998.

"As recently as 1995 the board approved a policy change in capital credits for surviving spouses of members. Up until that time, both husband and wife would have to be deceased, the estate was then entitled to receive all the Capital Credits earned during the years they were served by LREMC. In 1995 we reconsidered that policy. We realized that when all the capital credits were returned to the es-

tate, that the members did not have an opportunity to actually receive these Capital Credits personally, although their heirs would automatically receive the capital credits through the estate. We decided that it was much fairer to return half the Capital Credits to the surviving spouse when a member was deceased, and leave half of them in escrow for the surviving spouse. That way, the surviving spouse has a base of Capital Credits as they begin life without their partner. I believe we have, therefore, given something tangible to the members while they can enjoy the ownership of LREMC.

"I encourage all consumers, when faced with the loss of a spouse, to contact the LREMC and request the Capital Credits that are due the surviving spouse.

"These and many other decisions have been made during my tenure as your representative at-large. I am honored to have been allowed to represent the at-large district for the past nine years. I have been a part of the fastest growing cooperative in the state of North Carolina. This goal has been reached, I believe, by making sound financial decisions, and I have decided to seek re-election because I believe that I can continue to assist in making the right decisions for our cooperative."

RCC and Smart Start to sponsor classes birth-5

The Robeson County and Community Center, in partnership with Smart Start, is offering classes for children ages birth to 5 years old. These free classes will better prepare your child for school. They will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at the following times and sites:

- 11:00 am -- 12:30 pm - Household of Faith Church in Maxton, N.C.
- 4:00 pm -- 5:30 pm - Country Bible Baptist Church in Lumberton, N.C.

Room is available at both sites and transportation is provided if needed. Contact Karen Doyle at (910) 738-5204 to enroll your today.

Congressman McIntyre's Mobile Office to be in Pembroke

The mobile office of 7th District Congressman Mike McIntyre will be located at the Town Hall in Pembroke, North Carolina, on Tuesday, September 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. A member of Mike McIntyre's staff will be available at that time to assist residents of the 7th District who have problems dealing with Federal agencies. Constituents wanting to voice comments, or express opinions about current legislation in The United States Congress are also welcome.

The purpose of the mobile office is to serve constituents who are unable to travel to a district office of Congressman McIntyre.

Hubbard Lowery seeks re-election to tribal council



Hubbard Lowery has announced his bid for re-election to the Tribal Council, representing District 10. In making his announcement, he released the following statement:

"One of the greatest callings today is the ministry of helps. That is helping other people. That is one of the last lessons that Jesus taught His disciples. In St. John 13, after He had finished the last supper with His disciples, Jesus took off His garments and laid them aside, wrapped a towel around Himself and began washing His disciples' feet. He told them that if He had washed their feet then, they ought also to wash one

another's feet. "Some take this literal but the thrust of Jesus' message was not just feet washing but servanthood. The gift of serving.

"Over the last 15 years as a minister I have learned one of life's greatest joys comes from serving and of giving to others. Not many buy into his philosophy today. There are those who will serve for a price. That price tag too often is for more than we can afford.

"Since I was elected to the Tribal Council it has been my honor to serve with one of the most dedicated and committed group of individuals that I have ever served with. Their sole purpose has been and still is to serve the Lumbee people.

"It has not been easy, the progress has been very slow and very hard to come by. We've very little or no money for most of the time, but we have had something that money can't buy, commitment and dedication and love for our people. Sometimes that love had to be tough and firm but in the end this often is the best kind.

"The Lumbee Constitution has been and will continue to be our role of law and the standard by which all our deeds and actions are to be measured.

"We are not yet in the promised land, but when I stand on my

feet I can see it on the horizon. As of this date the last remaining hurdles are being removed to bring into Lumbee land 7.8 million dollars in HUD Block Grant for Lumbee Housing. Also there is a bill that has been introduced in Congress now on the suspension calendar for September that if passed will open the way for Lumbees to aggressively pursue federal recognition. We hope to go to Washington to lobby for that bill's passage soon.

"This is not all, many other issues are scheduled to be resolved in the next couple of months.

"I just didn't decide to run for office because somebody asked me to, I ran because I wanted to make a difference in the Lumbee community. I ran because I want to equip our people to enter the 21st century, not in a slow crawl but in a run.

"If we will but learn to work together not just for the few but for the masses, federal recognition for the Lumbees will be but the tip of the iceberg or the proverbial drop in the bucket for our people.

"I need your vote to continue the good work that we on the council have begun. Don't get mad and fuss, get mad and vote to re-elect Hubbard Lowery to the Tribal Council, District 10, on September 26. Voting site is the former Pembroke High School, now the IEA Resource Center."

New Business Department chair

PEMBROKE---Dr. Kenneth E. Clow, the new chair of UNC Pembroke's Department of Administration, used to spend 70 - 80 hours a week toiling at his own business.

"Some weeks, I was making less than my employees," Dr. Clow said of his contract cleaning business. "It was good experience, but after my first marketing class in MBA school, I realized what I wanted to do."

For the past nine years, the former business owner, minister and elementary school teacher has enjoyed a career on the academic side of business. Dr. Clow comes to UNCP from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan., where he was an associate professor of marketing and director of the Master of Business Administration program.

"I believe having a varied background is very helpful," he said. "Of all the things I have done, this is the most enjoyable."

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Charles Jenkins said Dr. Clow is right individual for this post.

"Dr. Clow is an excellent choice for the highly important position of Business Department chair," Dr. Jenkins said. "The Business Department is one of the most important depart-

ments at the university, with several undergraduate programs and an MBA, and we are glad to have someone with Dr. Clow's background and philosophy in that leadership role. He is off to an excellent start, and we look forward to his leadership."

Dr. Clow, a Taylor, Mo. native, said he is in the learning and listening stage of his new role leading the Business Department.

"There is a lot to learn, but I find this to be a very good school with a fine faculty," Dr. Clow said. "I came from small regional university, so this is a very similar environment," Dr. Clow said.

"I will continue to talk to the faculty to see what direction they see for the university, and that will be the basis of the planning process," he said.

The formation of a School of Business to replace the Business Department is one goal that Dr. Clow has already set.

"Being a school of business will add credibility to our business programs for prospective students and employers," he said. "Beginning the accreditation process by the AACSB (American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business) could begin once we become a school of business."

Both of these steps would lend

prestige to the university, its business programs and its graduates, Dr. Clow said. Also, he said the Business Department should be active in the community.

"As a Business Department, we must develop a role for the university in the community and become more involved," he said. "I will support and work with the Regional Center for Economic, Professional and Community Development in this area."

Along with continuing his research and writing, Dr. Clow is teaching two classes in retail marketing in the fall semester.

Dr. Clow has co-authored one textbook, "Services Marketing," published in 1998 by John Wiley & Sons. He has a long list of journal publications to his credit and is currently working on an article for the Journal of Marketing Education entitled "Interactive Distance Learning's Impact on Student Evaluations of Business Instruction." He has received numerous honors, including the Faculty Excellence Award for Research from the Kelce School of Business and the Outstanding Paper Award from the Allied Academy of Entrepreneurship Studies.

Revival planned at Friendship

Pastor, Coolidge M. Cummings invites the public to attend the Fall Revival at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, September 20-25, 1998. Service will begin Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Monday-Friday at 7:30 p.m. The evangelist is Rev. Charles Locklear, Pastor of Smyrna Baptist Church.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is located on Pembroke-Prospect Road, Pembroke, North Carolina.

Free poetry Contest

The Bards of (beautiful downtown) Burbank, one of America's foremost poetry societies, is at it once again. As annual tribute to the muse of poetry, they are sponsoring a free poetry contest. The deadline for entering is October 19, 1998.

To enter send one poem on any subject, using any style, 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 2219 W Olive Ave., Suite 250, Burbank, CA 91506, or enter on-line www.freecontest.com.

"Our contest is open to everyone who has ever written a poem," says Poetry Director Dr. Kevin Scribner. "We especially encourage undiscovered talent and to this end we are offering a whopping \$1,000.00 grand prize....."

Reaves Tennis Tourney October 1 - 4 In St. Pauls

The Tenth Annual Jamic Reaves Memorial Tennis Tournament will be played in St. Pauls October 1 - 4, 1998.

The tournament to be played on newly constructed, hard courts, is open to players in all divisions. Singles, doubles and mixed doubles are scheduled. A limit of two events, please.

T-Shirts go to all entrants and trophies will be presented to finalist in each division.

Entry fees are \$15, singles, \$25, doubles, and all proceeds go back to the community through the St. Pauls Area Tennis Association. Please make checks payable to SPATA.

For entry information, please contact Kathy Hedgepeth, Tournament Director, 865-4610, SPHS tennis coach George Lepore 738-3064, or Paul Terry 865-4179.

Entries are now available and entry deadline is September 21, 1998.