

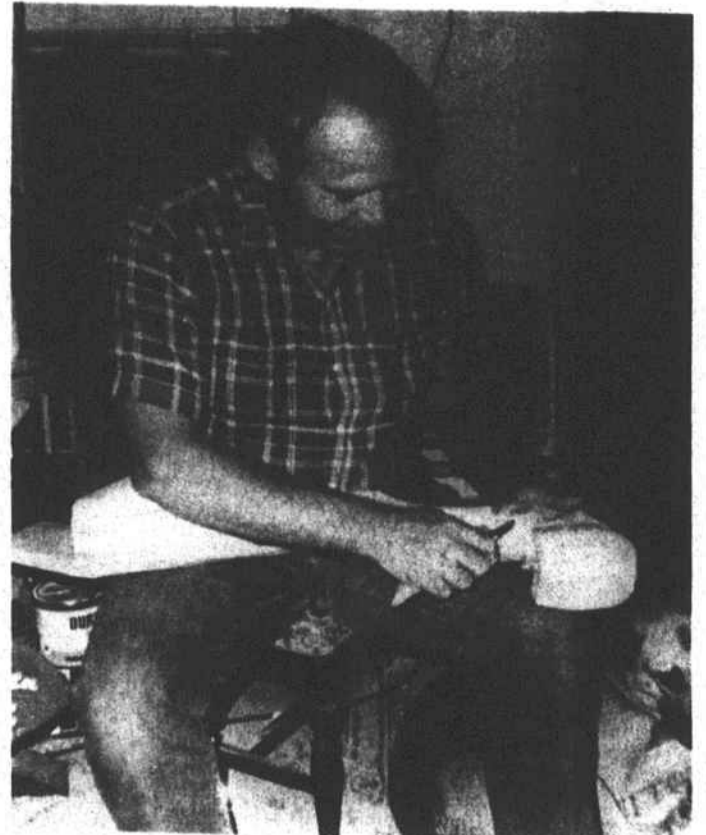
LREMC offering reward for info on stolen wire

By Ed Miller
A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons stealing copper wire from the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (LREMC). "It's kind of an unusual crime," said Jerry Spivey, Public Relations Specialist for the corporation. According to Spivey, thieves have been taking the neutral strands of wire off poles with three strand conductors.

Corporation owned lines in Hoke, Scotland and Robeson counties have been robbed, he said. "We have lost over \$20,000 worth of wire this year," he said. "It's pretty dangerous what they're doing," said Spivey. If thieves were to cut the wrong wire, the results could be fatal, he said. In one incident in Scotland County, the neutral wire was cut only to fall across the other two

wires in the circuit causing a short circuit that blacked out an entire neighborhood. "These lines are under tension and coil back when cut," he said. Most of the thefts are occurring on rural roads at night, he said. Whenever wire is stolen, it costs members of the corporation, he said. "Apparently, what these people are doing is melting it (the wire) down and selling it for scrap copper," said Spivey.

According to the spokesman, information given the LREMC will be kept confidential. Spivey is asking that anyone seeing strangers around poles to call them at 875-4249. All LREMC employees wear uniforms and can be easily identified, he said. If there is any question about a person, call them. "We would rather send someone out to check and be sure than lose more wire," he said.



Working on leg
Glenn Snow carves on a leg destined to be attached to a carousel pony he is constructing, while his dog looks on.

Hoke County suits wood carving life

By Sonya Falls
Upon entering Glyn Snow's wood carving shop, a visitor is told to "excuse the mess." But what else is expected in a shop where one man is busy crafting a full scale wooden carousel horse, clay figurines, his own tools, and other special crafts from wood? Snow, a tall sandy-haired man, is the owner of "Rooster Run Woodworks", a small shop off of 211 in Hoke County. He describes himself as "just a woodcarver, sculptor," but his talent and skill belie his modest description. A native of Knox County, Kentucky, Snow served in the Army for 21 years. He settled in Hoke County seven years ago after a stint at Fort Bragg and now considers this area home. "The people are great; that's why I'm staying," he explains. His craft sales are also flourishing. Snow is especially pleased with sales of his clay figurines. He carves various figures which are then molded by Great American Ornament Company in Aberdeen and mass produced for sale. Snow explains that his figurines, which are currently sold nationwide and into Canada, may soon be sold in Japan, also. Nothing could please him more. "This is what I've always wanted to do," the craftsman says. Although he has had no professional training, he has been carving since he was eight years old. His uncle, a woodworker and cabinet maker, introduced him to woodcrafting. Even during a busy Army career, Snow found time for carving and refining his skills. Snow's crafts include a variety of subjects, but right now, what seems to be very popular is a series of wooden and clay carvings of teddy bears. Bears with bow ties,

clothes or no clothes, with children or without, all reside in Snow's little paneled shop. Beautifully carved and detailed ducks of cherry, Victorian figurines and unique bear-bedecked light switch plates are also evidence of Snow's talents. Snow and his wife, Marcia, have recently returned from a trip to Germany, where they visited and talked with master woodcarvers in Oberammergau. Snow returned with a few new woodworking tools and a healthy respect for these master woodcarvers. Their work on huge religious pieces fascinated him, and, he admits, they in turn were fascinated by the fact that he carved teddy bears. Sandwiched between the time Snow spends in creating his figurines and other works, he has found time to begin work on a carousel horse for his wife. This magnificent beast stands half-finished in a back room of the shop. Crafted from basswood and layered for strength, Snow works patiently on a leg, or the intricately carved tail when time allows. He admits that all he needs is a picture and the right tools. Snow's hand-made tools are an interesting story in themselves. He relates that he creates tools for a specific purpose that he has in mind. For instance, instead of a regular draw knife which he found too big and clumsy to use on small objects, he found an old file and adapted it for his own use. Although he buys many machine-made tools, he prefers to work with his own. After a visit to this little shop, one comes away convinced that the talents of Glyn Snow seem to be limitless. Yes, by gosh, we've got an artist living amongst us. Quite a feather in anyone's cap.

Hoke FFA members honored

Two Hoke F.F.A. members received their State Farmers degree at the 57th Annual North Carolina F.F.A. State Convention in Raleigh. They are Robert Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Wright of Raeford, and Donald Lindsay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lindsay of Rockfish. The F.F.A. State Farmers degree is awarded to those students active in local, district and state

F.F.A. activities. Students must have worked at least 500 hours toward their proficiency program and completed at least two years of vocational Agriculture classes. These students are the first Hoke students to be awarded their State Farmers degree in 10 years. Donald and Robert both plan to attend N.C. State University after graduation and study agriculture.

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