

# Literacy Volunteers Honored For Services To Youngsters

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Working one-on-one with at-risk youngsters. Storytelling sessions, a rhythm band and introduction to art for HeadStart preschoolers. Books on tape that demonstrate for parents techniques for reading aloud to their children.

These are examples of the efforts that have won volunteers with the Brunswick County Literacy Council's Calabash Satellite one of the first Governor's Awards for Volunteer Services to Children.

The group will be among winners from 70 counties invited to participate in a recognition ceremony Monday, Aug. 30, at Meredith College in Raleigh. Gov. Jim Hunt will present the awards in a 2 p.m. ceremony in Jones Auditorium, following a reception at 1 p.m. in Johnson Hall.

Given this year for the first time, the awards honor and recognize those who have given outstanding service to children in their communities on a volunteer basis.

The Brunswick County Literacy Council was already working with adults who needed to improve their reading skills. But, recognizing the importance of sharing the love of reading at an early age, Calabash Satellite volunteers, on their own initiative, spearheaded three programs for children.

At Union Elementary, 19 volunteers spent two to two and a half hours each week last year working one-on-one with high risk students, helping with improve reading and comprehension skills. The program grew out of a reading project the volunteers had started a year earlier.

Also, last year for the second year, 14 volunteers visited the Longwood Head Start Center once a week to work with students. Twelve volunteers conducted storytelling or reading programs, tying their activities, props and stories to the center's curriculum. One volunteer, for example, brought gardening tools and seeds as visual

aids for one lesson.

Volunteer Peg Brown, a retired greeting card artist, used her skills in art to work with children on identifying colors and shapes, while volunteer Inky Remais specialized in music, organizing and equipping a small rhythm band.

The third project, aimed at children and their parents, brought new volunteers "out of the woodwork," said satellite organizer Maryn Hall, past vice president of the literacy council.

Using 100 or more audiotapes, books and other materials donated by publishers and local merchants, Calabash area residents recorded children's books on tape. The tapes were bundled with copies of the books for distribution to parents.

Volunteers didn't simply read the story aloud directly from the book noting when the page should be turned, said Hall, but instead used the books as they would when reading to their own children. The voice on tape might ask a reader to count the children in the picture, or identify "the color of the balloon in the first child's hand."

The tapes are being distributed to parents through area community service agencies, with the hope of each tape getting used by at least five households.

"The idea is to show the parents how to do this kind of thing when reading aloud to their children," said Hall. "If the parents were never read aloud too, or are not very good readers, they don't know how to do this."

The tapes also feature a plug for the literacy council at the start and end of each story, encouraging listeners who need help with their own reading skills to contact the council at 743-7323.

In another project for children, the council sends volunteers into all area primary and elementary schools during National Literacy Week in September to read aloud to students and tell them about the council's services for adults.

# Area Deaths And Funerals

JAMES SMITH

James Smith of the Snowfield community, Leland, died Aug. 7 in New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington.

The funeral was Aug. 13 at New Hope Free Will Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

DELBERT PAIT

Delbert Pait, 57, of Ocean Isle Beach and formerly of Bladenboro, died Aug. 12 in New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington.

The funeral was Aug. 14 at Lewis-Bowen Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Thomas Lee officiating. Burial was in Rising Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Linda White Pait of Ocean Isle Beach; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Pait of Bladenboro; three brothers, Charles Pait of Sumter, S.C., Raeford Pait of Lumberton and Joe Pait of Bladenboro; and three sisters, Alice Biley of Aurora, Mary Lewis of Bladenboro and Sandra Garner of Dublin.

JAMES WILSON FURR

James "Jim" Wilson Furr, 51, of Ash, died Aug. 11, in Carolina Medical Center, Charlotte. He had been a

band director with the Brunswick County Public Schools for 13 years.

The funeral was Aug. 14 in Calvary Baptist Church, Shallotte, with the Rev. Charles Hause officiating. Burial was in Brunswick Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Furr was born in Wilmington on Jan. 11, 1942, and was the son of the late Max Franklin and Gladys Todd Furr.

He earned his bachelor of arts degree at East Carolina University and taught school and was a band instructor for 25 years, including 13 in the Brunswick County Schools.

Survivors include five children, Keith Furr of Holden Beach, Susan Furr of New Bern, Kathy Furr of Ash, Jonathan Furr and Brian Furr, both of Midway; two brothers, C. Franklin Furr of Charlotte, Max Todd Furr of Richmond, Va.; and two grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the James Furr Sponsor a Child for Band Fund, c/o Security Savings and Loan, P.O. Box 247, Shallotte, N.C. 28459.

CARRIE P. BROOKS

Carrie Parker Brooks, 86, of Autumn Care in Shallotte, died Aug.

11 after an illness.

A graveside service was held Aug. 14 in Carolina Memorial Park, Kannapolis, with the Rev. Victor Trivette officiating.

Born Dec. 12, 1906, in Davidson County, she was a daughter of the late John and Rosie Parker. She was employed with Cannon Mills Company Plant for about 40 years and was a former member of Trading Ford Baptist Church in Spencer.

Survivors include a son, Charlie Brooks Jr. of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

ARTHALIA MARSHBURN STANLEY

Arthalia Marshburn Stanley, 80, of Ash, died Aug. 12 in New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington.

The funeral was Aug. 16 at Little Prong Baptist Church, Ash. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include four daughters, Ruby Williams, Juanita Duncan, Vestere Evans and Sandra E. Young; and three sisters, Thelma James, Irene Johnson and Estella Collins.

## Commodities Distribution Is Scheduled Sept. 17-18

The Brunswick County Volunteer and Information Center (VIC) will make the third-quarter distribution of U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities Sept. 17-18 at Republican Headquarters in Supply.

The site will be open at 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17. It will reopen at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 and remain open until the food supply is exhausted.

Commodities allocated to VIC include butter, cornmeal, peas, peanut butter, applesauce, canned pork, orange juice, raisins, rice, apple juice, peaches, fruit cocktail and vegetarian beans.

The commodities program is a supplement to other available services in Brunswick County. VIC is unable to order specific amounts of food because the state Department of Agriculture divides the available food supply from the USDA between all counties.

"There are no guarantees that there will be enough of the above-mentioned foods to supply everyone eligible for this program. The food is distributed on a first-come, first-

served basis, and once all the foods are given out, there will be no more available until the next quarter," said Angela Fisher, executive assistant at VIC.

To qualify: Persons from food stamp households must bring their white commodity authorization cards and their green identification card. The white cards should be delivered through the mail by Sept. 5. A household is considered a food stamp household if they received food stamps in August 1993.

For households which do not receive food stamps, the person apply-

ing must appear at the distribution site in person or send a statement by their designation person authorizing VIC to release commodities to that person. The note must include the applicant's name and social security number, household income, number of people in the household, address, and person's name authorized to pick up commodities. It also should state that no one else from the household is applying.

Everyone receiving commodities must bring a box or container for their food.

For more information, contact Angela Fisher at VIC, 754-4766.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### Operation LAMB Begins August 26

The local Knights of Columbus, Council No. 9039 of Brunswick County, will hold its annual fundraising program, "Operation LAMB" starting Thursday, Aug. 26.

Proceeds from the campaign go to the Brunswick Interagency Program (BIP) at Brunswick Community College, a compensatory education program for persons diagnosed as having mental retardation.

Operation Chairman Harry P. Rober said volunteers will be distributing free Tootsie Rolls and accepting donations in front of area stores the weekend of Aug. 26-28 and possibly the following weekend as well.

BIP works to enable students to develop to their fullest potential and achieve some level of independence.

#### Aglow Speaker

Southport Women's Aglow will have Elizabeth Watkins for its August speaker. Watkins is the wife of the Rev. John Watkins of Christ Body Ministries of Southport.

The meeting will take place Saturday, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Building, Atlantic Street, Southport. Coffee and cake will be served from 9:30 until 10 a.m.

All women and teenage girls are welcome. For more information, call Tuddie Dixon, 842-6565, or LaWanda Radford, 845-2968.

#### Music Clinics Set

Two identical music clinics for adult choir members will be offered through the Brunswick Baptist Association Aug. 23 and 26.

"How To Be An Even Better Choir Member" will be the focus of the sessions led by Eddie Hicks, associational music director. Participants will discuss, learn and practice ideas that will increase one's effectiveness as a choir member.

Sessions will be offered at 7 p.m. Town Creek Baptist Church Monday, Aug. 23, and at Shallotte First Baptist Church Thursday, Aug. 26.

#### Freeman At Chapel

The Rev. Dr. Tom Freeman, a Baptist minister from Dunn, is the pastor of the week at The Holden

Beach Chapel, a nondenominational house of worship on Rothschild Street in Holden Beach.

Freeman will lead the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Aug. 22. A nursery is provided and Sunday school is offered at 10 a.m.

#### Village Point Fundraiser

Village Point United Methodist Church will hold a special fundraiser this Saturday, Aug. 21, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the church.

The church will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks as well as baked goods. The church is located on Shallotte Point Road.

#### Burlingames Coming

Judy and Al Burlingame will be at Faith Full Gospel Church on N.C.

130, Ash, Sunday, Aug. 22, at 6 p.m.

The two evangelists will sing and Judy Burlingame will minister in the Word.

Pastor William Chappell invites the public.

#### Homecoming Planned

St. Mark Church of Shallotte, formerly St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church, will hold homecoming Sunday, Aug. 22, at 5 p.m.

The speaker will be the Rev. James Nichols of Wilmington. There will be visiting choirs and special guests will be the Jinwright family of Supply.

The public is invited to attend. The church is located at the intersection of N.C. 179 and Shallotte Point Road.

### Gift Dinner For Mt. Olive College Set

The planning session for the 1993 Brunswick-Onslow counties' gift support dinner for Mount Olive College will be held at Folkstone Free Will Baptist Church on Friday, Aug. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

During the session, the pastor and members of the college dinner committee from each church will hear a report on the work of Mount Olive College. Literature for the dinner will be distributed and final plans made.

Jean F. Ackiss, director of church

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