

Smithtown Senior Citizens End Summer Activities With a Cookout

Although the first cool winds of autumn have arrived, it wasn't enough to end the summer activities for some of the senior citizens of Robeson County. The accompanying pictures are proof that such fun times are far from over.

A fine group of senior citizens from the LRDA sponsored Smithtown Neighborhood Service Center spent the day cooking out, playing games and swimming Tuesday at the Livingston Johnston Recreational Park in nearby Hoke County.

People often picture older adults as whiling away their time in a rocking chair watching the world go by. Yesterday's activities by these Senior Citizens proved that such notions are nonsense. It was a job by the younger staff just to keep up with these sprightly people once they get going.

The day started with a cook out of the usual fare of fried chicken, bar-be-que, potato salad, slaw and sweet peas, and ending with some delicious sweet potato pie and chocolate cake. It took every one nearly an hour to recover from a pleasurable case of over indulgence.

Some of the center's staff members finally got up enough energy to set up a volley

ball net and they and some of the ladies joined together for a short game. The ladies played with the enthusiasm that would have been the envy of any olympic team. As the day wore on, the sun reached overhead and the air had warmed a bit, someone suggested that a dip in the river would be appropriate. Again, these charming senior citizens proved their mettle at active participation; they marched right in, clothes and all. The chill of the water was soon forgotten in the ensuing horse play as can be seen in one of the pictures, before it was over, the ladies in showing their appreciation, managed to dunk one of the young staff members, much to her surprise. The swimming concluded the day's activities.

The Smithtown Neighborhood Service Center is the latest one to be established under the sponsorship of LRDA. It has a staff of three and serves the Indian communities located in the western most part of Robeson County. The center is operated by Melba Lowry, director, with staff members Brenda Locklear and Eldon Bell. Any person interested in knowing more about the services offered there may call 844-3903 between the hours of 8:30 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. Monday through Friday.



The Smithtown Senior Citizens enjoyed a cook out recently at Livingston Johnston park in Hoke County. Pictured above are some of the senior citizens from that group. Left to right,

they are: Annie Jones, Carlee Chavis, Eva Locklear, staff member, Georgie Locklear, Lillie McGirt. The staff member who is being ducked remains unidentified.



Shown above are members of the Smithtown Senior Citizens group. They are, left to right: Georgie Locklear, Penelia Scott, Annie Jones, Mrs.

Richardson, Lillie McGirt, Luzanna Locklear, Melba Lowry, director, Carlee Chavis and Hattie Mae Locklear.

REFLECTIONS

By Alta Oxendine

STAFF MEETING

Wednesday is Staff Meeting day at the Robeson County Church and Community Center. On this day each week the close-to-fifty staff members come together to share experiences and make reports, evaluate progress, coordinate efforts, and plan for the coming weeks. As we revise our program and plan our activities from week to week, we are reminded that the over-all objective of the Center is to help persons in this area from all backgrounds to build a better life for themselves and their families.

Last Wednesday I was involved in several meetings. It was late afternoon when I stopped by the Voice office to leave my copy for this column.

When I got home around 6:00 I was relieved to see that preparations for supper were already underway. (One of the advantages of being married to an expert cook!)

So I rushed to the washer to get a load of clothes going before stopping to eat. I noticed one of the children complaining that there was no ice for the tea. About the time I had half the clothes thrown in the washer, my husband called to me to get some ice from his mother. I was really aggravated! But, somehow the children suddenly seemed to have disappeared. So I reluctantly made my way across the vacant field to my mother-in-law's, got the ice, and rushed back to put the rest of the clothes in the washer.

As I came in the door, I saw the colorful cake on the dining room table! In the rush of the

day's activities I had almost forgotten that this was August 25—our special day!

Can it really be 17 years since we "tied the knot"? It's hard to believe—until I look up at my nearly 6-foot tall son, or until I trade clothes with my ninth-grade daughter. I do still have one son smaller than I am "holding the fort" at the "graded school."

The delicious anniversary meal prepared by Leon and the children reminded me of our first anniversary. Donny, six weeks old, loded up at me and smiled that afternoon. Judy Bohrer dropped by with a bouquet of flowers. Even though it was rainy and dreary outside, I wanted us to have a family picture for our anniversary.

So Leon took "the baby" and me by the church parsonage, where Bob and Neila Mangum, and young daughter Phyllis, were living. As it turned out, the flash bulbs did not work.

But I do have a picture in my mind of Neila inviting me to the table, of a delicious meal. For dessert we had the top tier of our wedding cake, which Leon had managed to slip out of the freezer that afternoon.

And then, of course, there is another picture in my mind, a picture of that Tuesday night the year before when I wore a white ballerina-length wedding gown, marched down the church aisle on my brother's arm, shared in sacred vows at the altar, and walked back down the same aisle with my husband, as "Mrs. Oxendine."

Seminar on Astronomy Planned at Planetarium

During September and October, the Robeson County Planetarium will offer a unique experience for the public—a seminar on astronomy in sequence.

James A. Hooks, Planetarium director, who will conduct the programs, states that the four evening presentations will be entitled "The Four T's," signifying "Truth Through the Telescope." Held on two consecutive Tuesdays and two consecutive Thursdays, the programs will demonstrate the techniques of the Planetarium and how it can be used to locate difficult objects in the night sky. The presentations will begin with finding the most prominent constellations in the heavens and will then proceed to the celestial coordinate system.

The seminar will be held at

Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney of Kalamazoo, Michigan announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Linda Courtney, to Ornie Keith Bullard of Southgate, Michigan. The wedding is planned for October 9, 1976.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reese Bullard of Southgate, Michigan. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chavis of Route 6, Lumberton and Mrs. Presious

the Planetarium at the Robeson County Education Resource Center which is located near the Robeson County Board of Education and the N. C. Cancer Institute.

The four evening programs will be presented at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, September 28; Thursday, September 30; Tuesday, October 5; and Thursday, October 7. Additional information may be had by calling 919-738-3302.

Each year, Director Hooks presents daily programs of an educational and informative nature for students from all the schools in this county and surrounding counties. In addition, he schedules adult programs from the general public who may be interested in knowing more about astronomy and its related fields.

Locklear of Route 3, Maxton, NC.

The bride-elect and groom-elect are both graduates of Western Michigan University.

Linda has been employed at a day care center this summer and plans to substitute in the schools this fall. Keith is employed at Wyannotte Chemicals as a Research Lab Technician.

Lord, Help Me To See The Light

Lord help me to see the light, to change from wrong and do what's right. Been too long in the dark, Satan made me play the part, now I want you in my heart.

Chorus: Lord help me to see the light, to see the light, to see the light, to see the light, to see the light, to see the light.

Lord help me to know that my life to you I owe, to you I owe. All my life to you I'll give, if you'll only let me live with your name and with your love.

Chorus: Lord, help me to see the light, to see the light, to see the light, to see the light, to see the light, to see the light.

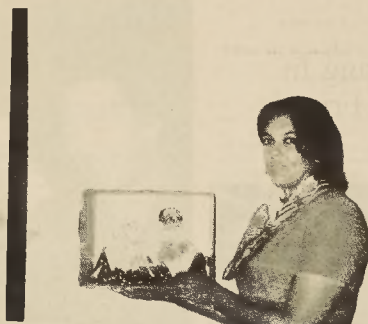
I won't ever go astray nor forever or a day. Because I know I've found my way when I see the light.

Chorus: Lord help me to see the light, to see the light, to see the light, to see the light, to see the light, to see the light.

Old man Satan won't hang around me now because I'll always be putting him down. Then someday I'll wear a crown when I see that I've been found.

Chorus: Lord help me to see the light, to see the light, to see the light, to see the light, to see the light, to see the light.

The above song was written by Pvt. Lynn Maynor, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Maynor.



At the Native American Workshop sponsored by LRDA's Indian Education Project, two methods of storytelling were demonstrated. They were shadow box and flannel board. Pictured above is Treva Jones

of the Fairgrove Center who demonstrated the form of storytelling known as shadow box. Mrs. Annie Grace Brewer of the Magnolia Center demonstrated the form of storytelling known as flannel board.



Mrs. Annie Grace Brewer displays another way [flannel board] of telling the same

story. Both ways are thoroughly enjoyed by the students at the center.

LRDA's Indian Education Project Sponsors Native American Workshop

The early childhood staff of the Indian Education Project of LRDA sponsored a Native American workshop at the Annex August 23 and 24. Participating in the workshop were center instructors, teacher aides, and CETA workers from the three early childhood centers.

The first presentation was given by the staff of the Magnolia Center. It included a flannel board story entitled "The Visitor"—a tale of two small Plains' Indian boys who dropped in for an unexpected visit and found a home. Next the group was given an opportunity to create pictures through the art media of sand etching. Afterwards, bracelets and necklaces were made from brightly colored macaroni.

There were displays of film strips, records and books to be viewed by the group.

The Fairgrove Center presentation began with a rice pudding cooking experience. The group then became involved in making shadow boxes with emphasis on Native American groups or activities. Afterwards, the group received instructions on how to make

collages. All the activities presented by the three groups will be used to make the upcoming school year a very educational and interesting one for the pre-schoolers. The last activity was to sample the chilled rice pudding. For some of the participants it was a sheer treat, but for others they would have managed just as well had they never tasted rice pudding.

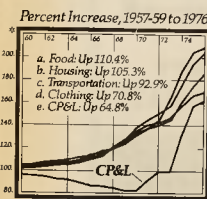
The workshop concluded with the presentation of the Pembroke Center. The first activity was sand etching of vegetables and fruits. A display of transparencies that showed the life styles, dress and activities of many of the Native American tribes from different parts of the United States was made available to be browsed through by the group. The next activity was dancing and songs. The most popular of which was the Indian War Dance. The program concluded with a serving of Brunswick stew for all.

The workshop was considered a success. If it can be used as a precedent to measure the success of our school year, the students have a wonderful year to look forward to.

The cost of electricity has gone up faster than the cost of food, clothing or shelter. True or false?

Lately, your pocketbook has been feeling the pinch from every side. Inflation has driven up the cost of nearly everything you buy.

But the cost of electricity,



as the chart will show you, has been rising a lot more slowly than the cost of most other necessities.

From 1957-59 through 1969-70, in fact, the average price of a kilowatt-hour of electricity actually dropped. So, when price increases in electricity finally did come, they were just that much more noticeable.

Especially considering the fact that electricity, unlike other items such as food and clothing, is billed to you every month in one lump sum.

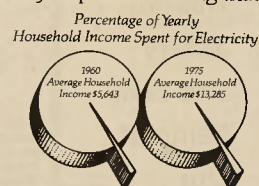
So, in short, we certainly aren't saying that electricity hasn't gone up. It has.

But, if other necessities had gone up as slowly, the economy would probably be in much better shape.

A kilowatt-hour of electricity is now taking a proportionally bigger bite of my income than it did in 1960. True or false?

The total amount you pay for electricity is obviously higher than it used to be. But, on the other hand, so is your usage of electricity. For the average family, usage rose by 119 percent between 1960 and 1975. Average household income went up 135 percent.

Yet the percentage of household income that goes to pay for electricity rose only 51 percent during that



In 1960, the average family in the CP&L service area spent 1.73% of its income for 5,067 kilowatt-hours of electricity. In 1975, the average family spent 2.62% of its income for 11,094 kilowatt-hours of electricity—over twice as much.

time. In spite of the fact that usage more than doubled.

In short, while the cost of electricity has admittedly risen, it hasn't risen nearly as much as your income has.

And that, in today's economy, is saying something.

There's nothing you can do to help change the situation. True or false?

Okay. We've tried to tell you what's been happening to the cost of electricity, in relation to other costs.

Now we'd like to tell you what you can do about it.

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* Consumer Price Index 1957-59 to 1976. Base Period: 1957-59 = 100. Sources: United States Department of Commerce, "Survey of Buying Power," and CP&L.

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