



### Robeson County Church & Community Center and New Life Action Club Join Hands

A stated purpose of The Robeson County Church and Community Center, Inc. is "To involve people across racial, class and denominational separateness in confrontation with facts, feelings, and our fellows in the identification of social problems and in cooperative endeavors to move as Christians toward solutions."

Pictured are persons who recently received training as volunteers in one of four areas of service: Casework, Literacy, Housing, Community Development. They represent the New Life Action Club of Fairmont with participants from the following Baptist Churches, First of Oram, First of Fairmont, Star of Bethlehem, Hilly Branch, Antioch, Rose Hill and First of McDonald; and from other churches, Chestnut Street United Methodist Church; St. James of Pembroke; and Shoehill Methodist Church. Pictured also

is the Rev. Charles McDowell, Robeson County Church and Community Center staff person, presenting a certificate of recognition to Mr. Belleser Cambell of Fairmont, president of the New Life Action Club, upon completion of volunteer training in Community Development. All trainees were awarded certificates. Other Robeson County Church and Community Center staff members pictured presented certificates in their areas of training: Mrs. Carol Oxendine-casework; Mr. Gilbert Vereen-housing; and Mr. Bill Cadle-literacy.

A follow-up meeting will be held for the trainees Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at the Center. Persons, churches or clubs interested in participating in the next training session should contact Ms. Nancy Ford at 738-5204 or visit her at the Center in Lumberton.

#### PEMBROKE CLASS OF '67 PLANS CLASS REUNION

The Pembroke High class of 1967 is making plans for their 10 year class reunion July 4, 1977 at the Pembroke Jaycee Clubhouse at 7 p.m.

The class has expressed concern that they have been unable to contact some of the class members. They ask that anyone needing further information contact any of the following: Dianne Shepherd 521-9065; Kay Locklear 521-2378; or Jerry Chavis 521-2488.



### NEW VISITING HOURS POLICY AT SOUTHEASTERN GENERAL

To provide a quieter, more comfortable place for patients, Southeastern General Hospital will change its visiting hours beginning June 6. Hospital President, Donald C. Hiscott has announced an increase in visiting hours with general visiting to be observed continuously from 2 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Special Maternity Ward hours for fathers and grandparents will be from 2 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

problems faced by the staff include noise; crowded rooms, halls and elevators; lack of concern for patients; interference with treatment or therapy; and cleaning up after visitors have left.

The administration wants it made clear that they believe visiting is very important. "The patient needs the contact with visitors," explained Hiscott. "However, people need to realize that visiting is a privilege, not a right." The first consideration must be the well-being of the patient. "Administrators are people too. We have even been patients. We understand that visitors want to show their concern. On the other hand, we have to be concerned about the care of patients who sometimes have no control over who visits them."

In July, 1976, after many complaints about visiting had reached the administration, Hiscott appointed a committee to study the problems and seek a solution. This committee, chaired by Welsh, was made up of doctors, nurses, the personnel-security director, the Chaplain, and the patient representative. Over the past months a great deal of time and study went into creating the new policy. Surveys were made of visitors, patients, nurses, doctors, hospital department heads and other hospitals. After a plan was agreed on by the committee, it was presented to the hospital Board of Trustees and was approved.

During the next several weeks, a series of articles in this paper will attempt to explain the reasons for the new policy; how it was formulated; exactly how it will work; and how the public can become better visitors. It is hoped that through these articles the public can be made aware of the problems faced by a hospital when coping with the thousands of people who come to visit friends and relatives.

According to J.L. Welsh, Jr., vice-president, administration, the hospital staff has long realized the need for a new visiting policy. Southeastern General Hospital serves a wide area in Southeastern North Carolina. There are approximately 240 beds in the general hospital with an average of 200 of these beds occupied at any given time. As one nurse said, "multiply 200 by two visitors and you get 400 visitors. And most patients have a lot more than two; sometimes five or six at a time." Visitor

On Monday, June 6, the staff of the hospital will be ready to receive visitors under the new policy. Its hoped that the public will be ready to be thoughtful and caring visitors. "We really believe most people will cooperate fully with us. We anticipate no real problems," said Hiscott. The administration hopes that by making the public aware of the new policies ahead of time, confusion and misunderstandings can be avoided.

Susan H. Pleasant

### Oxendine School Students Win Honors In Plate Sale Drive

Oxendine Elementary School recently held a plate sale on Friday, April 29. The students were competing on selling tickets for the plates. The winner were as follows:

second place, Terry Chavis, Michelle Knight, fourth graders and Anita Knight, first grader, tied for third place.

The proceeds are to be used for kindergarten playground equipment and instructional supplies for other classes.

Christopher Oxendine, an eight grader, won first place. Ronnie Dean Brewer, a fifth grader, won



Left to right: Terry Chavis, 4th grade; Michelle Knight, 4th grade; Anita Knight, 1st grade; Ronnie Brewer, 5th grade; Christopher Oxendine, 8th grade.

### OBITUARY

#### MR. LEANDER OXENDINE

Funeral Services were held on Sunday, May 8, for Mr. Leander Oxendine, 67, of New Prospect Holiness Methodist Church. Officiating ministers were Rev. Willie Scott, Rev. Steve Brewer and Rev. Julian Ransom. Burial followed in Lumbee Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Luia Oxendine of Route 3, Maxton; five sons and three daughters: Joseph Oxendine of Route 1, Pembroke; Harley W. Oxendine of Route 3, Maxton; Troleo O. Jones of Route 1, Pembroke; Lee Ward Oxendine of Route 3, Red Springs; Annie P. Strickland of Pembroke; Redell Oxendine of Baltimore, Md.; Harvey Oxendine of Pembroke; Pearlene Oxendine of Pembroke; two brothers and four sisters, Sam Oxendine, Lawrence Oxendine, Marion Hunt, Ester Locklear, Zerpha Oxendine, Cleatus Locklear, forty grandchildren, forty-nine great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Oxendine was a dedicated member of Zion Hill Baptist Church for many years. In later years he attended New Prospect Methodist Church. There he served as a devoted Christian until he departed this life.

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Business Law II	6:25-8:30
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Business Finance	6:25-8:30
Taxes	6:25-8:30
Business Insurance	6:25-8:30
Intermediate Accounting	6:25-8:30
Machine Transcription	6:25-8:30
Credit Procedures & Problems	7:20-8:35
Report Writing	7:20-8:35
Office Management	8:40-9:55
Introduction to Data Processing	8:40-10:45
Sales Promotion & Advertising	8:40-10:45
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Business Math	8:40-10:45
Accounting II	8:40-10:45
Economics I	8:40-10:45
Fundamentals of Speech	8:40-10:45
Auditing	8:40-10:45
Typewriting	8:40-10:45

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Personal Health & First Aid	8:40-10:45
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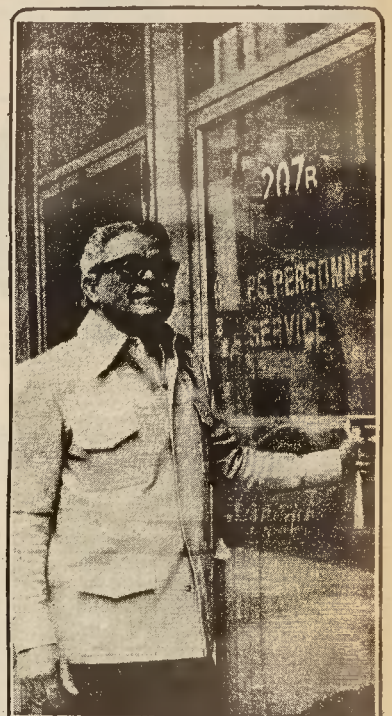
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James A. Lockett Poses at Office Door "We Are Finding a Lot of Demand for the Service"

### Home Watching Service Begun

By Jerry Lazarus

Every morning, a 41-year-old Church Hill woman leaves her home on 23rd Street, takes a bus to a tall downtown building and stations herself inside an apartment there. Her principal job for the next 10 hours is to guard the place while the owner is away. The woman has other duties and neither the apartment owner nor the woman would allow names to be used.

BUT THE work represents the first successful effort by a small Richmond employment agency to begin a new home-service — home watching. "This is new. We don't have much history, but we are finding a lot of demand for the service," said James A. Lockett, 64, owner of Human Emergency Labor Personnel Service at 207 N. Third St.



Already a half-dozen homeowners in Richmond who are going on vacation have requested the service while they are away.

The logic seems impeccable. Going away on business or vacation means an untended home. Fires, burglary and vandalism become worries. Going away also means that newspapers must be stopped, mail diverted, pets boarded and neighbors alerted.

"What we will provide is someone who will stop by the house a couple of times a day. They'll take in mail, let pets out and feed them, water plants and generally give the house a lived-in look. We'll even get someone to mow the lawn," Lockett said.

THE CHARGE for the service is \$10 a day, plus \$2.50 for mowing the lawn. Lockett said that someone can be provided to live in the house while the owners are away for \$125 a week.

Finding people to do the work hasn't been difficult either, said Mrs. Viola Coleman, Lockett's partner in the employment service.

"We have a retired lawyer, a minister, a psychologist and a list of other reliable people who want to work part-time. They are all bonded," she said.

Mrs. Coleman said the idea for the service germinated a month ago when a woman called the office asking for someone who would come to her home and stay in it while she was away.

"WE THOUGHT about it and the more we thought about it, the better the idea seemed," Lockett said.

He said that the winter season probably would produce the most demand for the service. Affluent people, he said, would probably make more use of home watching. He said that already some people who spend the winter in Florida have called to make preliminary arrangements.

Home watching is an apt sideline for the employment service, which specializes in finding people to work in homes as maids, companions, nurses' aides and yard workers.

The service's principal competition comes from the Virginia Employment Commission, which runs a free service.

Lockett said he and Mrs. Coleman started the employment service about nine years ago "because we thought there was a demand."

He is a real estate agent, principally involved in renting a dozen homes that he owns, and leaves most of the daily operations to Mrs. Coleman.

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