

Booster Club organized at Oxendine School

A meeting was held on Monday night, November 23, 1981 at Oxendine School for the purpose of organizing a Booster Club. C.A. Maynor, Principal, presided over the meeting. The following officers were elected: Bobby J. Locklear, president; Randy Scott, vice president; Jimmy Locklear, treasurer; and Henry R. Bryant, secretary. There are membership cards for sale. Single membership is \$10 family membership is \$15 and a business membership is \$25. For further information, please call Oxendine School at 843-4243 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

EXTENSION SCENE

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As a greater number of people become better acquainted with the programs and services available through the Extension Service, we continuously receive comments such as "I didn't know you folks were involved in that" or "Gee, if I had known that you had that kind of information, I would have been in touch a long time ago." These are beginning to be standard phrases that we are hearing more often. Yet, as we strive to publicize the vast array of educational information that we do have available through the Extension Service, we can only begin to scratch the surface in terms of really indicating specific items of information that we actually have.

However there is some vital information that we have available which has been utilized by a relatively large number of people. But considering the growing numbers of individuals who are utilizing our house plan service, I believe that we have only scratched the surface in terms of making house plans

available to a larger number of our citizens. Through the local Robeson County Extension Office, we have a house plan service that offers 47 different house plans that cost only \$6 per plan. Included in this group of plans are eight brand new energy-efficient plans, plus we now have a solar house plan available. Included in the booklet of plans are also storage sheds, a day-care center, and plans for several different types of cabins.

The plans available range from two to four bedrooms with the square footage ranging from 528 square feet heated area in the smallest cabin to 2,228 in a plan that has a basement and 1,933 square feet in the largest three-bedroom brick veneer plan. The designs that are available have been developed with space efficiency and cost of production keenly in mind. Many of the plans have combined kitchen and family rooms or a combined kitchen and dining room.

For those individuals who are aware of houses that the

Extension Service plans have been used, one can observe that several of the plans have a variety of elevations or facade. Yet, the basic plan remains the same.

Many local contractors have utilized the plan service rather extensively, but we have observed that only a small number of private citizens are utilizing this plan service. Therefore, we encourage anyone who is planning to build a house within the design ranges that I have mentioned previously to be sure and stop by the O.P. Owens Agriculture Building and ask to review the house plan booklet that we have available. The booklet is in a loose-leaf form and study copies can be made at no charge. Then, should one's interest continue and after reviewing many of the plans, we shall be more than happy to place orders for any quantity of plans that one may need. Yet, regardless of the quantity ordered, the price remains only \$6 per complete plan.

We realize that interest

costs have been extremely high, and that nationally, housing starts have been at an extremely low level; yet, anyone who may be planning to build at any point in the future may find it quite beneficial to stop by the O.P. Owens Building and review the many plans that the Extension Service has available.

Christmas Play

On December 20, 1981 at 6:00 p.m. Prospect United Methodist Church will sponsor a Christmas play. The play will be presented by Youth and Children of the Church and Music will be provided by various church choirs. We invite all persons to come and celebrate the birth of Christ with us.



The small metal hoop that supports a lampshade is known as a "harp."

The Story of Christmas is a four scene play and is observed by a Donkey, a Rabbit, a Fir Tree, and a Snow Man.

LREMC invites Members to Special Meeting

Member-consumers of Lumbee River EMC are being invited to meet with the LREMC staff to discuss upcoming increases and retail rates and miscellaneous service fees, according to spokesman Jim Autry.

Springs office auditorium," said Autry. "We're hoping for a good turnout of members to attend."

"To better explain the rate increase and to answer questions from our membership, we're hosting a special member meeting on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. in our

After the initial meeting in Red Springs, the staff of LREMC is going to be available to travel to other parts of the four-county service area to talk with members about their questions and concerns, according to Autry. These no-obligation meetings may be set up by calling LREMC.

Because of a 16.3% wholesale rate increase from Carolina Power and Light Company, LREMC is being forced to raise its retail rates to cover the increased costs. Payments to CP&L for wholesale power may top \$12 million in 1982, according to Autry.

"Along with the increase in costs for retail electric power, LREMC's service fees will rise too," said Autry. "The Board of Lumbee River EMC is raising the charges for deposits to place the burden of cost for these services on the member who incurs them."

Autry continued that LREMC is holding the special meetings to talk with their membership about increases because of requests for more information.

"The rate increase will take effect with the "A" cycle billing of January 10 and members are going to get higher bills than they are used to," said Autry. "We want them to know where the increased costs come from and what we're doing about them."

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