Thursday, January 7, 1982

Santa Comes to LRDA's South Hoke

Christmas came a little Lumbee Regional Develop-early to the children of the ment Association's South Santa, in all his red-suited



LRDA's South Hope Day Care Children are opening

their presents they received from Santa.

courtesy of some twenty members of the Army's Seventh Special Forces Group stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Mrs. Pearlie Brooks, director of the South Hoke Day Care Center had requested the December 21st visit. The visit was coordinated, by Captain Michael Burke, Project Office for the Seventh. The program for the children began with movies for

some and story telling for others. The children in each movies and stories.

ford, one of the visiting officers, spoke of the true meaning of Christmas while Bible verses. The children they had ever experienced. returned the courtesy with They all expressed their hugs and the singing of "We thanks as the G.I.s left and Wish You A merry Christ- hoped to see them next year. mas."

The activity then moved to behalf of the Center and the eating area of the center ' Lumbeee Regional Developwhere everyone enjoyed a ment Association, Inc. snack. Although not as tra-

splendor, came rolling up in his camouflaged jeep. The party for the children was a dies, and fruit juice were well received.

> when Santa came through the door and greeted the kids with the familiar ho, ho, ho! It took several center staff members to calm the children down to the point where Santa could call names and hand out presents from his sack. The festivities closed as Santa bid everyone farewell and a "Merry Christmas."

During the entire event there prevailed not just an atmosphere of brotherly love, group then changed places so but a special heart-felt feeling that each group enjoyed both, between adults and child. A number of the soldiers had Between movies and even gone into the nursery Christmas snacks, Col. Pitch- area 'and picked several infants to carry in there during party activities. According to several staff members, the reading several background occasion was one of the nicest

Mrs. Brooks thanked them on

Sunday School at Outreach Holiness Church begins at 10 a.m. Morning service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday night service begins at 7:30 p.m. The first and third Sunday night service begins at 7 p.m. The Pastor is the Rev. James Buddy" Bullard, Jr.

We praise God for what He has done for us at Outreach Holiness Church. God is pouring His Spirit out among His people. Our news has not appeared in the newspaper due to sickness. But God has blessed us and we are able to write this week and let you know and God is still blessing our church. We praise God for our wonderful pastor, a man that preaches the Word just like it is. Jesus is soon coming and so many are still lost. God said, Be ye also ready for such an hour you think not He is coming. So, are you ready if He should come today? Are you ready?

Pandemonium broke out News from Outreach Holiness Church

Sister Famile C. Oxendine

We didn't have Sunday Clean and Hely. Then obey chool today because our first Him. We will be having a prayer brought down the special sing Spirit of God. And about 12:30 1982, at 7:00 we closed. God really blessed the 4th Saturday night. You His people. He blessed our are invited to come and be attendance. And He blessed with us and 'let's enjoy the our offering. So God is taking Lord together. May God bless care of us at church. And we you all and let's work togethare trying to do what God er. would have us do. First live

1982, at 7:00 o'clock which

Baha'is Suffer **Continuing Persecution**

DURHAM, N.C.--Eight They have not been seen or national leaders of the persecuted Baha'i religion in Iran were executed in secret on Sunday night by government authorities, according to reports reaching the Baha'i community of Central North Carolina. These members of the Baha'i National Assembly had been abducted two weeks ago along with two other Baha'is as they met in a private home in Tehran.

It was reported that the assembly members had been held without charge in a Tehran prison, no trials were announced, no official statements about the executions were made, none of the victim's families were notified and five of the bodies were buried in the "infidels" section of a Muslem graveyard in Tehran.

"There appears to be no official intention of revealing the executions of the Baha'i leadership," said Mr. Robert Tansik, Chairman of the Baha'i district teaching Committee for central North Carolina. "The information about the nightime executions was leaked through a reliable source."

This was the second group of National Assembly members to have been seized within a year and a half. The entire first Assembly of nine members disappeared along with two other Baha'i officials on August 20, 1980.

heard from since. "The tragic news just re-

ceived suggests the first group of National Assembly members may have suffered the same fate. It removes any doubt as to the determination of the fanatics in Iran to eliminate the leadership and thus destroy the Baha'i community in that country," Mr. Tansik said.

The National Spiritual Assembly is the governing body of the Baha'is in Iran. The Baha'i Faith has no ecclesiastical hierachy of priests or mullahs. The affairs of the Baha'i community are administered by a council of nine adults of either sex elected annually by secret ballot.

Since its beginning in Iran 137 years ago, the Baha'i religion has aroused the opposition of Iran's fundamentalist Muslem clergy, who regard the new religion as a heresy. Baha'is believe that the founder of their religion, Baha'u'llah, is the most recent prophet of God. His teachings about the common foundation of the world's religions, the oneness of all the races, equality of men and women, and the necessity of establishing a world government for the maintenance of a lasting peace have stirred the violent opposition of the fundamentalist elements in Iran.

N.C. 2000 Names **Robeson Committee**

Norma J. Thompson and encourage participation in the Iommy D. Swett, co-chairerrort by other leaders citizens," Mr. Swett added. persons for the NC 2000 planning project in Robeson The Robeson County steer-County, announced this week ing committee is one of 100 the appointment of a steering groups named in each county committee to help direct the of the state, as a part of the activities of the year-long state-wide NC 2000 project. The purpose of NC 2000, effort. Named to the Robeson according to state chairman County NC 200 Steering Dr. William Friday, is to focus Committee: Mr. Mac Amos, the attention of top thinkers, leaders, and citizens on the Lumberton; Mr. George Ballnext two decades in North ard, Lumberton; Mr. Ray Von Carolina. "We will be exami-Beatty, Pembroke; Mrs. Molning where we are now as a ley Briley, Lumberton; Mr. Grady Chavis, Pembroke; Rev state; where we are likely to J.F. Cummings, Lumberton; be in the year 2000, if present Mr. David Green, Parkton; trends continue; where citi-Mr. Robert Hughes, Fairzens want to be; and how we mont; Mr. L.D. Hunning, can bring about a better life Lumberton; Mr. Robert Kefor ourselves and our children ber, Red Springs; Mrs. Caroin the years to come. We will lina Livermore, Lumberton; be submiting a report of Mrs. Mary H. Locklear, Pemrecommendations to Governor broke; Mr. Ralph McQueen, Hunt at the end of 1982," explained Chairman Friday. Red Springs; Mr. Curtis Pier-"A vital part of this effort ce, Pembroke; Mr. Lynwood Rich, Fairmont; and Mr. Tony involves citizens in each coun-Smith, Lumberton. ty actively participating thru "I am very pleased that this group of leading citizens from meetings, discussion of the issues in formal and informal our county will be working ways with other citizens, and with me on this important in involving as many citizens as possible in the public ballot which will take place next effort," said Dr. Thompson. "This group will be very spring," Dr. Friday added. important in identifying issues of particular interest to Contact Dr. Thompson or citizens of Robeson County Mr. Swett at 521-4214, or between now and the year 2000. I will also be looking to write NC 2000, 116 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27611 for additional information. the steering committee to Help 201 VFW



Even though the holidays was a busy time for most le, the Saddletree Jay-News s and Jaycettes found tin sist needy people age sale was he ceeds went to Mrs.

Lela Godwin to assist h

buying the weekly m that also has to have. O

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Pembroke VFW Post 28 43 will hold its regular thly meeting January 11, 1982 at the Post Home at 7 p.m. Special gospel matrix to be provided by George Los and singers. All members sked to attend. Bobby D. Locklear is Post Comm