Burnt Swamp/Philadelphus Fire Department Groundbreaking a Reality

It was in early spring, 1978. when a small gruop of Community Leaders met at the Philadelphus Ruritan Building to discuss the possibility of the two communities, Burnt Swamp and Philadelphus, join ing together to organize a' Rural Fire Department to serve that area of the county.

The group studied a map of Robeson County and this area/ district had no fire protection for the citizens.

At a meeting on August 30, 1978, Roger Sheats, President of the "Concerned Citizens," presented the charter for Burnt Swamp- Philadelphus Rural Fire Department with 20 charter members present for the meeting.

Many meetings were held and many plate sales and auction sales have been planned to keep the organization going. Robeson Technical College provided training for volunteers. The Robeson County Board of Commissioners provided some financial assistance. All home owners

in the district were encouraged to purchase an annual membership fee for \$5.00. The Burnt Swamp-Philadelphs Rural Fire Department experienced some hard, difficult times to keep the group active. The communities will always be grateful for the leadership of Roger Sheats, President, who would not

A used fire truck was purchased from the Pembroke Rural Fire Department in October, 1978 for \$2,500.00.

A lot consisting of .96 acre was purchased in 1979 from the Seaboard Coastline Railroad Company located adjacent to the track in Buie, for \$1,500.00.

GROUND BREAKING **A REALITY**

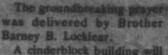
On June 11, 1982 the sun was shining brightly and in the distance one could hear the sound of the long freight train as it raced on the track, making history in the rural community of Buie. Ground breaking ceremonies were

held on the site. Speaking for the community citizens of Burnt Swamp- Philadelphus was Archie Oxendine, Coordinator of the Community Schools Program for the Robeson County School System.

Said he, "We come today to thank you for your involvement/ participation in this joint effort. People like you with your interest and dedication make strong communi-

Oxendine continued, "I know you have experienced hard times. Many times you knew the task was great and you have labored many hours to witness this ceremony today. Remember all through the history of time, it was people like you that made strong communities by planning, sharing and volunteering your time to protect the youth/senior citizens and adults of this area.

"Your reward is not in the shovel you hold in your hand, your reward is in your heart.



A cinderblock building will be erected on the site 44' z

The Fire Chief is Carson Bell, assistant chief, H.A. (Pete) Cunningham, secretary is Clyde McGugan, Treasurer is Jerry Cummings. Publicity Chairman is Archie Scott.

People helping people. Membership may be purchased for an annual fee of \$10.00. Volunteer firemen are



REPRESENTATIVES

In the Armed Forces



Caro Rosa Eddings of the U.S. Air Force has been selected as Maintenance Support Airman of the Quarter for

Carro is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Ed-

April to June, 1982. dings of Route 3, Maxton

in their own back yard. An appreciation of resources are readily available and at one's fingertips many times is over-looked while someone is reaching for something far removed from one's natural surroundings. Thus, a recognition of these outstanding resources is usually deferred to someone who is considered an outsider but who readily recognizes outstanding opportunities that have simply been taken for granted by the local populous.

One of the quirks of human

nature seems to be the

profound tendency for most

individuals to fail to appreci-

tunities that exist practically

A good example of this type of reaction has been exemplified by Sherwood Hinson and his unvielding zest to develop a keener appreciation by local citizens of the Lumber River

and its resources. Since the Lumber River has always been here, Sherwood has felt with legitimate cause that a majority of local citizens have



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A happy bridal couple in our town had just driven away from the church when they heard the angry shrill of a state trooper's siren. Embarrassed, the groom pulled over to the curb and asked what he had done.

"Nothing," said the trooper, "but I've been in front of the church for two hours directing traffic for your wedding. "Now I want my chance to kiss the

A mid-west preacher received this thank-you letter from a bridegroom he'd married: "Dear Reverend, I want to thank you for the beautiful way you brought my happiness to a con-



trying to make me pay him \$5,000 for a fur coat."

"But I saw you sign the check." "I know, but he'll never be able cash it."

"Why not?"
"I didn't fill in the amount."

ring an office "coffee break," a group of secretaries was discussing ca-pital punishment. One, asked whether she would prefer electrocution or the gas chamber, answered: "Not gast Gas



dressing down to one of his



HN G. RICHARDSON

simply not appreciated the opportunities that exist through the presence of the Lumber River traversing Robeson County.

EXTENSION SCENE

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ate their own immediate surroundings and the oppor-He has been an active member of the Rural Development Panel for several years and has represented his thoughts extremely well as at the monthly RDP meetings as well as participating in RDP special activities. As we have been able to add additional agency participation to the Rural Development Panel and some additional membership by private citizens, Sherwood has been able to continue his unending quest for a greater recognition of the

> As a result of Sherwood's influence, I personally decided to take advantage of the river to try out my skills as a canoeist. Following a few trips down portions of the river, both myself and some of my canoeing partners have gained a whole new appreciation for the river as an exciting recreational challenge. In addition, within each sources to their fullest extent.

two-or three-mile segmen that we have traversed with the canoe, no fewer than 25 to 30 individuals were observed utilizing the river for fishing. In fact, the Lumber River has the name throughout eastern of the best fishing rivers in

the state. While canoeing and fishing are only two of the numerous recreational uses for this outstanding resource, most folks are readily aware of its extreme importance to agriculture as well as to municipalities that depend on the river for their water supply.

Now that it appears that numerous additional people are following Sherwood's lead and waking up to the tremendous potential of the Lumber River, I simply encourage everyone to pause for a moment and observe the opportunities and resources that exist at each of our fingertips and then actually take advantage of some of the opportunities such as utilizing the tremendously beautiful Lumber River and other re-

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N.C. Jaycettes Local Officer's Training School

A training school for local officers and other Jaycette leaders was held in Raleigh recently at Meredith College. Betty Willis of Rocky Mount, North Carolina of being one N.C. Jaycettes President, and other state leaders were in Raleigh July 16 and 17 for their annual training school of local chapter officers. The primary purpose of this meeting is to train Jaycette Officers to be prepared to lead in their community, chapter, and with their local Jaycees to better their communities.

Courses were taught in Time Management, Public Relations, Individual Development, Parliamentary Procedure, Stress and How To Cope, Personal Growth, and Fund Raising.

Special guests for the week end were Past President of the North Carolina Jaycettes and United Jaycettes Louise McColl of Wilmington; N.C. Jaycee President Jim Cole of Sanford; Region III Vice President of the United States Jaycettes Doris Gosnell of Lexington, and Past Vice President of the United States Jaycettes Mary Lou Harris of Cary.

The involvement of women in community affairs is very important in North Carolina and the interest is growing. The North Carolina Jaycettes hope to give the training in leadership knowledge to help the officers of the Pembroke Jaycettes continue to serve their community.



Citizens of Robeson, **Hoke and Scotland** Counties:

In our county we have grown accustomed to having many privileges and freedoms; however, we must not ever forget that with privileges come responsibilities. One of the greatest responsibilities we have is choosing

responsible and capable leaders to govern us. On July 27, 1982, we will be having a run-off election in the 16th District for the N.C. House of Representatives. There are 6 candidates competing for the 3

A legislator should be a person who is responsive to the needs of all the people in his district. He should be an aggressive person who will stand firm for the welfare of those people. A legislator should also be capable of rendering sound, fair, and impartial judgment.

I sincerely hope that you will take the time to find out all you can about each

candidate and that you will vote for those you feel are most qualified. I trust by doing this you will choose me to represent you. I promise I will always listen to you and will have your best interest at heart as I make my decisions.

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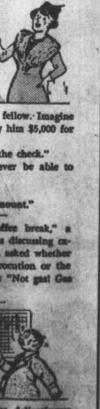
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