

NEWS AND BRIEFS



N.C. House of Representative Daniel H. DeVane presented a N.C. State Flag to Superintendent Purnell Swett.

for 4-6 teachers. Eleven concurrent sessions were presented by Carol Hunt, classroom teacher at Parkton; Carol Jackson, Science Demonstrator at Hoke County Schools; Dr. Marjorie Farris, Professor of Education at Appalachian State University; Anita Brehan, Professor of Education at East Carolina University; JoAnne Lowry, doctoral candidate at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, Professor of Education at, Pembroke State University; Dr. William H. Morgan, Professor of Math at St. Andrews College; Jean House, Educational Coordinator with Raleigh News and Observer; David Moore, Health, Physical Education and Safety Director at Moore County Schools; Jimmy Hines, Director of Health Education at Cleveland Schools; and Steve Leatherwood, doctoral candidate at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a Counseling Associate from Shelby, N.C.

Ms. Earlena Lowry, Instructional Supervisor for ECIA Chapter I programs coordinated the workshop.

A social studies workshop for 7-12 teachers was conducted at West Robeson High School. The objective of the workshop was to provide participants with an in depth study of correlating writing with social studies instruction with emphasis on concepts, memory, reasoning, and thinking skills.

Harry Stein conducted the workshop. Mr. Stein is a secondary education administrator and curricular specialist with the New Jersey State Department of Education.

Jackie Sherrod, Supervisor of Social Studies coordinated the Social Studies workshops.

Communication skills workshops for 7-12 teachers was conducted at Littlefield High School. Sessions were presented by Linda Hinson, English teacher at Magnolia; Deborah Brooks, Reading teacher at West Robeson; Linda Emanuel, Language Arts teacher at Magnolia; Judy DeVane, English teacher at Robeson County Career Center; Dr. Helen Gay, Professor of Exceptional Children at East Carolina University; Dr. Mabel Laughter, Associate Reading Professor at East Carolina University; Mr. John Brim, Computer Consultant at N.C. State Department of Public Instruction; Dr. Barbara Stoodt, Associate Professor of Education at University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and Mr. Gerard Toussaint, Foreign Language Consultant with the Division of Communication Skills at N.C. State Department of Public Instruction.

Ms. Cathy Maples, Supervisor of Communication Skills,

coordinated the workshop.

Teachers of science and math in grades 7-12 attended a workshop at South Robeson. Presenters were Dr. Peter Wish, Professor of Science at Pembroke State University; Dixie Duncan, Adjunct Instructor to the P.S.U. Summer Science Institute and a Columbus County public school teacher; Dr. Cliff Tremblay, Professor of Mathematics at Pembroke State University.

Dr. Vernon R. Thompson, Director of Secondary Education and Testing, coordinated the workshop.

West Robeson High School hosted the Health, Physical Education and Safety workshop. Eight sessions were presented by Dr. Ellen Bryan, Assistant Professor at Pembroke State University; Johnny Clements, Consultant, Health and Physical Education at N.C. State Department of Public Instruction; Lana T. Dial, Director of Nutrition at Robeson County Health Department; Wiley Elliott, Consultant, Safety and Drivers Education at N.C. State Department of Public Instruction; Jeanette Freeman, Nutritionist I at Robeson County Health Department; Allison S. Pridgen, Health Education Coordinator at Goldsboro City Schools; and George Shackelford, Consultant, Health Education at N.C. State Department of Public Instruction.

Alphonzo McRae, Instructional Supervisor for ECIA Chapter I coordinated the workshop.

Pembroke Junior High School hosted the Vocational Education workshops. Presenters included Ms. Meg Murphy, Chief Consultant for Home Economics at North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction, and Ms. Marilyn Ferguson, Education Equivalence Consultant at North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction.

Mr. Gilbert Lewis, Director of Vocational Education and Mr. Wilbur Smith, Local Director and Job Placement Officer, coordinated the workshop.

ECIA Chapter I teachers of math and reading, Migrant Education teachers and Title IV Indian Education personnel attended a staff orientation and training session at O.P. Owens Auditorium. Ms. Earlena Lowry and Mr. Alphonzo McRae, Jr., Instructional Supervisors for ECIA Chapter I programs, conducted the program after opening remarks from Ms. Ruth Dial Woods, Assistant Superintendent for Compensatory Education.

Participants were oriented on general guidelines, record

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

The Robeson County Department of Social Services will distribute surplus commodities provided by United States Department of Agriculture beginning Tuesday, September 4, at the agency. Items to be distributed are butter, cheese, flour, milk, and honey.

The commodities will be available to food stamp households who may pick up the commodities by presenting their green Food Stamp ID cards. These households may pick up the commodities any time after Tuesday, September 4.

Households that do not receive Food Stamps may qualify to receive the commodities provided they meet certain income requirements. A one-person household is allowed to have a maximum monthly income of \$540 to qualify while a two-person can have a monthly income of \$728 or less. The allowable income increases as the number of persons in the household increases.

Organizations, agencies, churches, or groups that may wish to distribute commodities to elderly persons whom they serve can pick up commodities from Tuesday, August 28, through Friday, August 31. The Department of Social Services will provide the necessary forms to be completed as well as the eligibility requirements to be followed since certain records have to be kept for the distribution of the commodities

maintenance and reporting requirements for the 1984-1985 ECIA Chapter I programs.

Betty Coble, President of the local International Reading Association and a Chapter I teacher, encouraged participants to become members of the International Reading Association.

Laubach Way to Read Course Planned

A twelve hour course in how to teach reading to adults using Laubach Way to Reading as the basic text will be held at the Scotland County Literacy Council, 401 North Main Street, Laurinburg, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each evening of September 10, 13, 17 and 20. Pre-register call 276-7007 Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; nights/weekends call 462-2943.

Instructors will be Laubach Literacy Action (LLA) certified trainers Anne G. Tindall and Deborah K. Fumage. Participants attending will receive national certification through LLA of Syracuse, N.C.

The course will include use of Laubach materials, supplemental and reinforcement techniques, speech sounds and patterns, statistical information on adult illiteracy, discussion of the adult as a learner, and the program of the Literacy Council.

The emphasis of the Literacy Council is to train volunteers as tutors working one-to-one with educationally disadvantaged adults and the volunteer need is always great. However, there is no obligation to tutor after receiving certification.

General Meeting and Inservice Workshops Fill the Week in Robeson County Schools

Approximately 1050 personnel attended the General Orientation Meeting of the Robeson County Schools on Monday, August 20, at the Performing Arts Center on the campus of P.S.U.

The Honorable Daniel H. DeVane, of the North Carolina General Assembly made a special presentation of a N.C. State Flag to Superintendent Purnell Swett and announced that state flags would be distributed to all fourth grade teachers responsible for teaching N.C. history.

Some 30 different topics of interest to teachers were discussed by Superintendent Purnell Swett and Assistant Superintendents Mr. J.C. Humphrey, Mr. Donald Bonner, Ms. Ruth Dial Woods, and Mr. Douglas Yongue.

An audio-visual slide sound presentation provided an overview of the Robeson County Schools including governance, organization, curriculum, physical and financial resources, and progress and achievement of the school district since 1977. The presentation was narrated by Superintendent Swett and followed with a comparative discussion of education in China and Russia based on his participation in the People to People Tour of these countries last fall.

All Inclusive Workshops

In-service workshops were conducted August 21-24 for all teachers and aides in the Robeson County School system. The all inclusive workshops were designed specifically to assist participants in gaining knowledge in a variety of subject areas for improved instruction and methodology.

Each Robeson Primary School hosted a K-3 workshop. Twelve concurrent sessions were presented by Dr. Arthur Grant, Dr. Reginald High, Mr. George Shackelford, Dr. Charlene Michael, Ms. Rosa McDuffie, Dr. Sandra Shorter, Dr. Deloris Wolfe, Dr. Lois Reich, Dr. Ray Pennington, Ms. Mary Brown, Ms. Charlotte Skipper, and Ms. Maxine Amos. Guest speakers included Mr. Archie Oxendine, Coordinator of County Schools; Dr. Gene Casby, Executive Director of North Carolina School Board Association; and Mr. Phillip R. Dail, N.C. Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Trudy Blake, Director of K-8 Elementary Education coordinated the K-3 workshops. Pembroke Elementary School was the site for workshops

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