

Robeson County Schools News & Briefs
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West Robeson Teachers Awarded Enrichment Studies
Three West Robeson Senior High School teachers have been selected to participate in summer enrichment programs due to their outstanding contributions and continued dedication to improved classroom performance. They are John McNeill, Dolores Jones and Ted Gaskins.

For the past five years John McNeill has served as chairperson of the English Department at West Robeson. During this time he has been nominated and selected to participate in two study seminars sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities located in Washington, D.C. "This summer I will participate in a five week study seminary at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut under the direction of a distinguished teacher and scholar, James A. Miller. I will join fifteen other teachers from across the nation to study four classic Afro-American novels: *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, *Native Son*, *Invisible Man*, and *Song of Solomon*," said McNeill.

In 1985, he participated in a four week study of the Linking Region, Genre, and Genre in the Stories of Chopin, Welty, O'Connor, and Walker on the campus of the University of Mississippi.

The National Endowment for the Humanities sponsors 53 seminars annually across the U.S. Each seminar is open to 15 eligible teachers who receive a stipend to cover travel, housing, books, and research expenses.

Dolores Jones has been accepted as a participant in a Level II Spanish Workshop sponsored at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During this 16-day workshop, she will be involved in an integrated program which combines residential language immersion, formal instruction in conversation, grammar and literature, as well as a variety of culturally enriching activities.

"All Level II Spanish Workshop participants are teachers who attended one of the previous Level I Spanish Workshops sponsored by the University or who have analogous competence in Spanish," said Jones.

Ms. Jones participated in the 1985 summer workshop which earned her graduate credit for her participation. In addition, she will earn five graduate credit hours and a stipend to cover tuition, campus housing and miscellaneous expenses.

Ms. Jones is the Chairperson of the Foreign Language Department, sponsor of the West Robeson Spanish Club which has over 150 members, and the former 1986-87 Robeson County Teacher of the Year.

Ted Gaskins is the head coach for the boys' varsity basketball team at West Robeson and has been selected the 1987-88 Robeson County Coach of the Year by the local news media.

Gaskins was honored with this title due to his confidence and teach endurance throughout the season.

"We placed second in the Robeson County Shoot-Out, in the Southeastern 4-A Conference, and in the Conference Tournament Championship Games.

"We closed the season with a 16-1 record," said Gaskins. In addition, he has been selected to represent Region 4 as an Assistant Coach in the 1988 State Amateur Sports Games June 16-19 in Raleigh, NC.

Student athletes in grades nine through 12 from each of the eight educational regions across the state will compete in over 26 sports events as patterned after the U.S. Olympic Festival.

"This is an honor to be selected from a pool of nearly 200 candidates. However, I am more elated about the honors awarded to two of my senior varsity basketball players, Donald Galbreath and Jeremy Sampson.

"Donald has been selected to attend West Point Military Academy and Jeremy has been awarded a full basketball scholarship to attend Pembroke State University," said Gaskins.

Gaskins began his coaching career in Richmond County as an assistant basketball coach ten years ago.

He credits his coaching skills for the sport with a basketball romance that began in his early teenage years which awarded him outstanding recognition in high school, college and in the U.S. Army.

Winners Names In Annual Math Event
Nearly 100 students in grades four through six participated in the 1987-88 annual Middle Grades Math Competition hosted at Fairgrove Middle School on Thursday, April 21.

Three winners were selected from each grade level based on distinguished math skills in the area of problem solving, estimation and calculations.

Fourth grade winners include Brian Martin, first place from Smiths/Allenton School; Lance Locklear, second place from R.B. Dean School; and David Hunt, third place from Deep Branch School.

Fifth grade winners include Jodie Chason, first place from Parkton School; Adeana Locklear, second place from Rex-Rennett School; and Cristy Oxendine, third place from Union Chapel School.

Sixth grade winners include Landon Woods, first place from Oxendine School; and tying for second place were James Worriax from Pembroke Elementary and Mason Bruner from Proctorville School.

Each winner was awarded a ribbon medallion and participants received certificates of merit.

Godwin Memorial Fund

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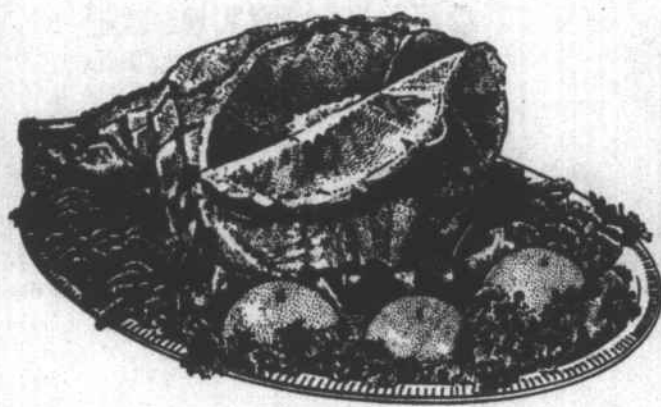
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