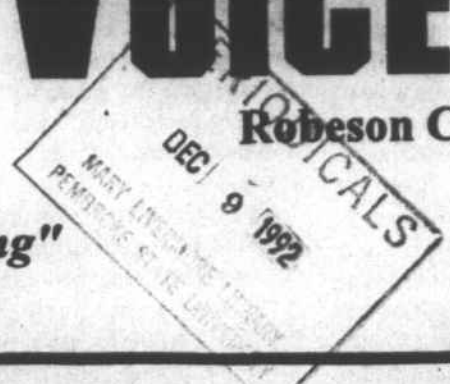


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Dexter McGirt is New Pembroke State Engineer

Dexter McGirt, a native of Pembroke, is the new campus engineer at Pembroke State University, replacing Billy Dees who retired several months ago. McGirt earned his Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree from UNC-Charlotte in '78.

Prior to joining PSU, he was assistant chief engineer for seven years with the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Charleston, S.C. Before that, he was with the Veter-

ans Administration in Alexandria, La., for four and a half years.

McGirt, 38, is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Society of Energy Engineers. He is a 1972 graduate of Pembroke Senior High School. McGirt is married to the former Theresa Lemmonds of Concord. The McGirts have three children: Eric, 13; Amanda, 12; and Whitney, 6.



Here are the 38 new members of Alpha Chi, Pembroke State University's highest academic society who were recently inducted in a ceremony at Lumberton's Pine Crest Country Club.

Want to do something Special for Christmas?

Would you like to do something special for Christmas? How about "adopting" a child by donating \$10 for Pembroke State University's Tri-County Very Special Arts Festival? The event will be the first of its kind to be held in this area of North Carolina.

The festival, which is expected to attract some 2,000 disabled children from Robeson, Scotland and Bladen counties, will not be held at PSU until March 17, but the planning committee is busy soliciting financial support for it now. All area clubs and/or organizations are especially being asked to help.

The \$10 tax deductible gifts will go toward obtaining "badly needed materials for each child," said Dr. Bob Britton, PSU professor of communicative arts who, along with his wife Anne, is coordinating the event. "The concept of this festival," continued Britton, "is to showcase the achievements in the arts by adults and children with disabilities.

They will be exposed to new experiences in the visual and performing arts—and, more importantly, it will give them the opportunity to see the unique and valuable contributions which they can make as they are mainstream into society."

A special feature of the day will be performances in PSU's Givens Performing Arts Center by the "Famous People Players", who are headquartered in Canada and have performed all over the world. These are huge, puppet-like figurers (with performers with various disabilities inside) who portray famous people. Plans are to exhibit the work by the very special people in both the lobby of the Givens PAC and the Jones Physical Education Center.

"We feel that this Very Special Arts Festival will unite people as nothing has ever done before," says an enthusiastic Britton.

Britton is asking partons to do the following: (1) Adopt a handicapped child for that day for a \$10 donation so that the child will be able to participate in the festival; and (2) attend the evening performance of the "Famous People Players" for a ticket price of \$4 for everyone. This ticket amount will also help to defray the cost of the festival for the children.

The check for the \$10 adopt-a-child program should be made out to: PSU Very Special Arts. It should be mailed to: PSU Very Special Arts, Development and University Relations, Pembroke State University, Pembroke, NC 28372. According to Britton, the Very Special Arts Festival concept was started by Jean Kennedy Smith with the Kennedy Center in the nations capital being the site of an initial program.

Principles of the festival are: (1) to provide opportunities for disabled individuals to display their accomplishments in the arts; (2) to provide opportunities for disabled individuals to participate in meaningful experiences; (3) to provide training for teachers, parents and other interested persons conducted by special arts educators; and (4) to increase public awareness of the beautiful accomplishments and needs of the disabled. For more information about this program, telephone Hope Sheppard, secretary for the festival, at (919) 521-6252.

LREMC To Pass Savings To Consumers

The more than 30,000 members of Lumbee River EMC will find a special credit in their December electric bills as the co-op returns approximately \$380,000 in wholesale power cost savings.

According to Ronnie Hunt, general manager of the co-op, the average member using 1,000 kilowatt hours will find a \$10.00 Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (WPCA) credit on his electric bill. Mr. Hunt attributes the savings of three primary reasons; first, the intensive

management efforts of the Board of Directors and staff; second, the co-op's ongoing efforts to upgrade its system, including substations and distribution lines; and finally, the participation of almost 10,000 members in the utility's load management program, which allows the co-op to control peak periods of demand.

Lumbee River EMC is a member-owned electric cooperative that serves more than 30,000 accounts in Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke and Scotland counties.

New Addition to Clark Family

Dennis and Linda Clark of Fort Washington, MD proudly announce the birth of their grand-daughter Kellie Anne Clark on November 6th, 1992. She weighed in at 9lbs. 5oz. and 20 inches long. The proud parents are Denny and Tracy Clark of Alexandria, VA. Kellie Anne is the Great Grand-daughter of Raymond L. Clark of Pembroke and Bernie and Stella Locklear of the Union Chapel Community.

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

SAFETY EDUCATION

The six main causes of accidents are: 1. Inadequate knowledge; 2. Improper attitudes and habits; 3. Unsafe behavior; 4. Insufficient skills; 5. Environmental hazards; 6. The variety of possible causes. Ex. - The lady who caught her hair in the washing machine wringer, died of head injuries, etc. lack of supervision of children.

So the challenge then is "safety education," of the interests, needs and a comprehension, including psychological considerations of the predisposition to accidents—the learning law of effect tis strengthened by pleasure and weakened by pain. The law of meaningfulness, something personally valuable. Primacy Learning Law—start early! Motivating forces are—self reservation, self enhancement. We have so many inconsistent social values but society and the individual should not be in conflict. responsibility and self government go hand in hand.

We have some legal terms: Tort—damage to person of property; assumption of risk—voluntary involvement in a hazardous situation; attractive nuisance, unguarded dangerous situation; contributory negligence, failure to use necessary prudence in preventing injury. Foresee ability prevention by prudent action in loco parentage. One who is acting in place of a parent. Last clear chance a final opportunity to prevent injury. Liability a legal responsibility enforceable by court action. Negligence failure to act as a reasonably prudent person would act and via major an act of God, an inevitable accident.

We all are prone to accident therefore this brief paper. The family of Jim Paul expressed thanks of thoughtfulness in the recent passing of Fellow Kiwanian and Chartered member Jim Paul. The annual Fall spaghetti dinner will be this Friday at 5:00 P.M., at the Elementary School and Sat. Morning Pan Cake Breakfast will be served at 6:00 to 9:30 AM. Funds raised will be for the many youth projects.

Next Tuesday's meeting will be at the Odom Home. Families are invited. Presiding, Clay Maynor, Invocation; Reggie Strickland, Program; Ken Johnson.

Pembroke Teacher Attends Seminar

CULLOWHEE- Annie M. Hicks of Maxton, a fifth grade teacher at Pembroke Elementary School, recently attended a seminar at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching. Hicks was one of 24 North Carolina teachers participating in "Young, Black, and Male in America." November 15-20, 1992

conducted by NCCAT Senior Fellow Jerry Franson.

Hicks has a bachelor's degree from Winston-Salem University and a master's degree from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro.

NCCAT, a unit of The University

of North Carolina system, conducts a year-round program of renewal seminars for the state's public school teachers. Approximately 4,500 teachers from every county and every school district in the state have participated in center programs since full-time operations were initiated in the fall of 1986.

Reflections by Alta Nye Oxendine

I hope each of you had a good Thanksgiving no matter how many problems you may be facing. Last time I should have said: "Let's see how Psalms 46 applies to our 1992 world." I wanted to emphasize the list

part of verse 10: "Be still, and know that I am God". Next time I plan to talk more about the Psalms. How about looking them over in the mean time?

Reception Honoring Billie Britt

There will be a reception honoring out-going Robeson County Commissioner Billie Britt on Sunday, December 6, 1992 at The Robeson

County Public Library Auditorium in Lumberton from 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. The Public is invited to honor Robeson County's "First Lady".

VFW to Meet

Locklear - Lowry VFW Post 2843 of Pembroke, NC will hold their regular monthly meeting at the post home on the Union Chapel Rd. Supper will be served at 7:00 P.M. and the joint business session will follow. A special guest will be in attendance for our meeting. The special guest is the voice of Democracy winner, and she will deliver her winning essay. All members who have paid their dues are asked to bring or mail them to Ardell Jacobs, Post QM Pine Street Pembroke, NC 28372. VFW is still open for new members.

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Genealogical Glimpses

by Elisha Locklear

THE TREK

But after so long a time they under such conditions, hope may be but a fleeting treasure. Aaron had never fought hungry wolves before, sure, he had faced wild dogs snakes, and even men but somehow this seemed to be different. At other times when he had to defend himself he was not looking into the faces of his family with one eye and at the enemy with the other. Many men would quickly give their lives in defense of their families, Aaron was no different. He watched his mother as she always kept herself between the "ever nearer" blood chilling sound and the children, here would be help, he could be sure. The grass began to smoke as he feverishly worked to nurse a spark to life in his cupped hands. Why were they attacking us, he wondered, when there's not even snow on the ground yet?

Rhoda's heart leaped as the spark came to life and began to glow. Her eyed began to brighten, as hope quickly returned to them all. Slowly the fire grew in the wet night on the hillside until a large area was visible. The wolves would yip a while as if chasing a prey then they would howl, but the weapons of the young Indian were by the minute beginning to look more impressive. Short

dry limbs laid across the fire were beginning to blaze up. Aaron knew that even Sabra Ann and the children could hold one of them and jab

the fire at the animal. There was no thought about where the old lady stood, she, to her son was like the sun rise, he always knew where she would be, he knew she also would give a great deal to protect her family, never mind that they were Aaron's children, they were still her family. She knew that they at any time were worth her blood.

The fire by now is blazing and crackling, can be seen and heard by the animals, but they are hungry and look with a gnawing in their stomach at the young children. Knowing that if they can but for a moment throw the human beings off guard, they will have supper. The young man settled into the circle with his hand on a fire brand lying in the blaze. He motions with his head toward the animals, by now visible with salvia and foam flying from their snouts.

A pack of seven or eight begin to rush the little group, closing, quickly looking for an opening into the small circle that is a haven for all that is precious to the young man. Reaching toward the fire for a torch, the young loses his balance and begins to fall forward.

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