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Timothy Strickland Recognized For Fifteen Years Service To Local EMC



An official of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Red Springs, has been cited for his years of service to the electric cooperative.

Director Timothy Strickland of Maxton was honored for his 15 years of service.

The meritorious service award was presented by Eugene E. Brown, Jr., general manager of Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation and outgoing president of the North Carolina Electric Cooperatives in Raleigh.

Carolina Electric Cooperatives is the network of electric cooperative organizations that provides reliable, safe, and affordable electric service to 1.6 million people in North Carolina. The 28 independent cooperatives, called Electric Membership Corporations, provide electric service to 600,000 homes, farms and businesses in 95 of the state's 100 counties. The cooperatives are customer-owned, locally controlled, and not-for-profit.

Dr. Beasley Among New Board Members at Southeastern General

Donald C. Hiscott, president of Southeastern General Hospital, announced the appointment of five new members to SGH's Board of Trustees. Garnett D. Elliott, Jr., a native of Jackson, Mississippi and vice president of manufacturing for Converse, Inc., will serve through January 13, 1994.

Fairmont native Al Lewis, an agribusinessman who owns and operates the Big Brick Warehouse in Fairmont, will serve a term ending January 12, 1995. Three trustees will

serve terms ending on January 9, 1997. They are: Charles R. Beasley, M.D., a native Robesonian and internist who specializes in pulmonary medicine at the Lumberton Meical Clinic; L. Glenn Orr, Jr., a native of Spartanburg, SC and chairman of Southern National Corporation; and Derrick Staten, a native of Clarkton and vice president of United Carolina Bank.

Other members of SGH's Board of Trustees include: Joseph R. Thompson, chairman; Albert Sharp, vice

"Our board is made up of dedicated leaders whose mission is to oversee our hospital's role in providing quality health care for our community at the lowest possible cost" said Hiscott. "These trustees serve without pay and their work at SGH is part of their service to local citizens."

chairman and secretary; John P. Barker; Mary M. Bell; W.L. Lennon; Doris McCormick; George Paris; James R. Rust; and Fred G. Williams.

Applications Now Being Accepted For Upcoming Miss Lumbee Pageant

The Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) is currently accepting applications for the 1993 Miss Lumbee Pageant.

To qualify as a pageant contestant, the applicant must be a Lumbee female, between 18 and 26 years of age, a high school graduate and be single, never married or co-

habitated, and accessible to Pembroke to Pembroke as a home base.

If you meet the criteria and are interested in competing as a contestant, please contact Patricia B. Locklear at (919) 521-8602. The deadline is May 14, 1993.

Robeson County Association of Teacher Assistants Present Awards.

The Robeson Association of Teacher Assistants (RATA) met at Pembroke Elementary School on March 25. Principal James C. Dial welcomed the 45 members and guests attending. Refreshments were served by Pembroke Elementary Teacher Assistants.

Ludahlia S. Hall, teacher assistant at Magnolia Elementary School, received the RATA Teacher Assistant of the Year Award. She was presented a plaque by Olivia Barnes, President and roses by Principal Noah Woods of Magnolia Elementary.

Woods commended Hall for her many years of services as an assistant and a volunteer.

Juda Walters, RATA Vice President, recognized Esther E. Bell of Peterson Elementary School as Rata Alternate Teacher Assistant of the Year and presented Bell with a framed certificate.

Principal Barry Harding and Assistant Principal Debbie Britt of Peterson Elementary thanked Bell for her contributions to the school and students.

Special recognition was given to Susan C. Hall, Public Schools of Robeson County, Director of Classified Personnel. President Barnes presented Hall with an honorary Associate Membership in the North Carolina Association of Teacher Assistants and a framed certificate in appreciation of services rendered to the teacher assistants of Robeson County.

Following the presentation of awards, Barnes announced that nine RATA members have met the requirements for Teacher Assistant Certificates through the Professional

Development Plan of the North Carolina Association of Teacher Assistants and will be individually recognized at the NCATA Conference to be held April 30-May 2 in Charlotte.

Approximately fifty RATA members and Associate members plan to attend.



Ludahlia S. Hall, RATA Teacher Assistant of the Year, is shown receiving ROses from Magnolia School Principal Noah Woods.



Some of the newest members of the United Saddletree Community Center are shown above. Left to right, they are: L.H. McNeill; Eva Oxendine; Pat Oxendine; Mildred Strickland. Not shown: Redell and Yvone Collins.

Saddletree United Community Center Gains New Members and Promotes Higher Education

Members of the United Saddletree Center recently involved themselves in a membership drive. They were recruiting new members into the community-based organization. The civic club is a non-profit organization and sponsors many community-oriented projects to assist the community. The club is operates on the philosophy, according to president Ronald Hammonds, that people should serve each other. "There is much work to be done in our community. Many needs to be met. We try to offer assistance wherever it is need, in sickness, and other tragedies and just practicing being a good neighbor."

The center is still recruiting new members and the membership encourages interested persons to become involved. Meetings are held each first Thursday night of the month at 7:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 6. Membership is open to anyone eighteen years of age. Both men and women are encouraged to attend.

One of the projects of the center is the annual awarding of the Harold B. Wynn Scholarship to a deserving high

Open House Planned At Swett High

Open House will be held at Purnell Swett High school on Monday, May 3, 1993 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Report cards will be issued April 30, 1993.

Oxendine Graduates From NC State

Reginald Oxendine, Jr. of Pembroke, son of Dr. and Mrs. Reginald Oxendine will graduate from N.C. State University May 8, when the university holds its spring commencement in Carter-Finley Stadium.

Chancellor Larry K. Monteith will confer degrees on about 2,800 students.

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. an NCSU alumnus will deliver the Commencement address.

NCSU holds commencement ceremonies each year in the spring and fall.

Oxendine will receive his degree in Mass Communications.

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New Play To Be Presented April 24

The Robeson County Indian Play Project is presenting a new play, Listen to the River: The Story of Our People, on Saturday, April 24, at 7:00 in Moore Hall on the campus of Pembroke State University. The play tells the story of the spirit-journey of the Native people of Robeson County. It was written by a group of writers, both Lumbee and Tuscarora, from the local community.

It is the culmination of over a year of research, discussion and writing. This initial presentation will be a reading of the first draft of the new script. The audience is invited to listen and learn, and then give their ideas and input to the writers' group who will eventually make final changes to the play.

Hopefully, the play will then live on as a vital part of the community

for years to come. Please come out in force and make history by living, seeing and writing history. Listen to the River represents the first time that the Indian people of Robeson County have had the opportunity to tell their own story in dramatic form.

Now you have the opportunity to give your input as well. Come and "Listen to the River" on Saturday, April 24, 1993 at 7:00 in Moore Hall.



RATA Members of Pembroke Elementary Hosted the March 25 Meeting.