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EMC honors memory of deceased director



The Board of Directors of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation honored the memory of deceased director Mr. J.W. Hunt at their July board meeting. Board President Lucy Cummings presided over a reception and ceremony attended by members of Mr. Hunt's family, board members and members of the co-op's staff. During the ceremony Mr. Cummings recognized Mr. Hunt's 24 years of dedication and commitment to both LREMC the community. Mr. Cummings presented a plaque to Mr. Hunt's widow, Mrs. Dorothy Hunt, and other family members. Mr. J.W. Hunt represented co-op members from the District 2 area. He was first elected to the board in 1971 and held that seat until his death on June 11, 1995. Lumbee River EMC Board President Lucy Cummings presents a plaque to Dorothy Hunt, the widow of Mr. J.W. Hunt, in recognition of her late husband's twenty-four years of dedicated service to the co-op.



Do you recognize these people?

Can you name everyone in the above photo? If you can, write the names on a post card and send it to Joe Red Buffalo, P.O. Box 1179, Pembroke, NC 28372. All correct entries will be eligible for a drawing and could win \$200.00. Please include return address. Post cards will be accepted only.

Mayor Milton Hunt files for another turn at Pembroke's helm

Pembroke -- In Pembroke, Mayor Milton Hunt has decided to file for another term. He joins current commissioners Gregory Cummings and Larry McNeill as the only people from Pembroke who have filed for re-election, as of Wednesday, July 19, 1995.

Brooks to Chair Board of Education

Paul Brooks of Pembroke was elected as Chairman of the Board of Education for the Public Schools of Robeson County on Tuesday night. Brooks, an Indian, replaces Angus Thompson, a Black. Brooks was nominated by Board member Terry Smith and the vote was unanimous. Brooks also serves as Chairman of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.

Patriotic Service planned at New Prospect

New Prospect Holiness Methodist Church will hold a patriotic service Sunday, July 30, 1995 at 11:00 A.M. The public is invited with a special invitation to the Veteran's and members of the Armed Forces. For more information call Mary Roberts 521-0918.

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Mr. Roger Oxendine, who resides in the township of Gaddys, was officially sworn in as a director of Lumbee River EMC at the co-op's July board meeting. At its June meeting, the Board of Directors of LREMC appointed Mr. Oxendine to fill the unexpired term of Mr. J.W. Hunt who recently passed away. In order to retain this seat Mr. Oxendine will be required to seek election from District 2 in October along with three other incumbents: Timothy Strickland, District 4; James Hardin, District 8, and Madie Rue Locklear, At-large. Mr. Oxendine is self employed and serves on the Board of Trustees at Pembroke State University, the Board of Directors of BB&T, is a director on the Corn Growers Association and Chairman of the Advisory Board to the North Carolina Department of Labor. He is married and has four children. Lumbee River EMC Board President, Lucy Cummings, swears in new board member Mr. Roger Oxendine.

Piney Grove Cafeteria Manager earns award



Piney Grove Cafeteria Manager Earns Awards at N.C. School Food Service Annual Conference. The 1995 N.C. School Food Service Association Annual Conference was held in Greensboro, N.C. in June. More than 1,000 members from across N.C. attended the Food Service Frontiers Food Show as well as the Education Sessions. Members of the Robeson County Chapter attended the three day conference. On Wednesday, the 9th annual Culinary Arts and Seasonal Decorations Show was held. There were 453 entries in all. The biggest Culinary Arts Show the Conference has ever had. Linda Baldwin, the Cafeteria Manager at Piney Grove Elementary School, won third place in Miscellaneous Breads, third place in Miscellaneous Desserts, and third place in Complete Breakfast Tray. Pictured is the Complete Breakfast Tray that won third place. It consist of orange juice, lowfat milk, Honey Nut Cheerios, and a slice of toast with a strawberry for garnish.



Mrs. Reece Graham Dial is shown above carrying some of the baskets made by the late Cleveland Jacobs, Lumbee craftsman. Some of these baskets will be sold as part of an upcoming auction. More information will be forthcoming on this event.

Science enrichment program challenges future health-care professionals

CHAPEL HILL-- There's more than one way for a pre-med student to gain hands-on experience in the health field. Ask 20-year-old Nedra Lewis of Madison Heights, Va. A junior biology major at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Lewis was first on the scene to assist a roommate who unexpectedly gave birth to a baby boy in a residence hall bathroom in March. In response to her roommate's cries for help, Lewis quickly dialed 911, calmed her roommate, cleaned the newborn and tied off the umbilical cord with her shoelace. "I've wanted to be a pediatrician since I was 8 years old," said Lewis, recalling the seemingly endless minutes that passed as she and her roommate waited for paramedics. "It's amazing the kinds of unexpected opportunities that arise when you really believe in what you're trying to accomplish." Lewis and 26 other pre-health student from nine North Carolina colleges and universities are spending most of their summer at UNC-CH getting a taste of what lies ahead in a health career.

Sponsored by the N.C. Health Careers Access Program, an inter-institutional program of the University of North Carolina based at UNC-CH, the Science Enrichment Preparation (SEP) Program helps prepare minority and economically disadvantaged students for the rigors of advanced health professions training programs. The program isn't easy. During eight weeks at UNC-CH, students receive more than 150 contact hours of intense classroom instruction in physics, organic chemistry, anatomy, and physiology, and quantitative skills. To help students learn how to absorb the large volumes of information required by health professions programs, and to ready them for standardized testing, the curriculum includes classes in reading speed and comprehension and preparation for admission to various health professions schools. Enrichment program alumni now enroll in health training programs are the first to explain that the process of getting into a health professions school involves a lot more than grades and admission test scores. So, beyond academics, program

participants receive help honing their interview skills through mock sessions and panel discussions. Field trips to Duke University Medical Center in Durham and Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh expose students to a variety of fascinating career options and provide an opportunity for students to discuss their career decisions with health professions role models. And during recruitment conference, students talk one-on-one with health professions school representatives from around the country -- a tremendous advantage for minority students who might not otherwise be exposed to such an opportunity. Besides their studies, students volunteer for Durham County's Community Health Project by collecting population data on Durham community's perception of the benefits of child immunization. Volunteering for the project is a unique opportunity for students to serve the Triangle community, said Charles N. Collier, SEP Program coordinator. The need to serve one's community is a belief strongly held by both Michael King and Tracy Bullard.

A junior at N.C. State University, King's study of medical technology is a prelude to a career in pharmacy. As a teen-ager growing up in a poor neighborhood in Laurinburg, King said that most people in his community didn't think he would finish high school, let alone make it to college. "Most of the kids in my town drop out of school or fall to drugs -- either by using them, selling them or falling to the violence they create," he said. "I saw so many negative things growing up that I knew I had to do something better with my life so that one day I could return to my community to educate the younger kids about drugs and hopefully prevent them from getting involved, and also try to help those who are already caught up in the drug scene." There's no mistaking Bullard's enthusiasm for establishing a private medical practice in her native Indian community of Pembroke. "I have a deep respect and love for the elders of my community," said Bullard, a junior biology major at Duke and one of four Native Americans in the program. "As a physician I will definitely cater to the elders' needs and I will make

certain that they have the best medical care possible. "There is no question that I will become a physician," she added. "That's what I want to do." Although similar programs help minority and disadvantaged students prepare for health careers, SEP is unique because it isn't restricted to students interested in one career. Program graduates are enrolled in or have completed degrees in schools of allied health, chiropractic, dentistry, medicine, nursing, optometry, osteopathy, pharmacy, physicians assistant, podiatry public health and veterinary medicine. Since 1979, 453 students have completed the SEP Program. Fifty-six percent are practicing health-care professionals who represent more than 30 major health areas. Another 16 percent are enrolled in health training programs, while 11 percent are finishing undergraduate, pre-health requirements. The SEP Program has made a significant impact on the lives of many up-and-coming minority health professionals, Collier said. Tomi Gore, a former participant and practicing public health nutri-

tionist in Raleigh, is no exception. "The SEP Program helped me to gain confidence in my abilities, provided networking opportunities for my later enrollment in the UNC School of Public Health and gave me exposure to material that was covered in the GRE (Graduate Record Examination)," she said. "I don't know if I could have made it through a health training program without it." A component of the Health Professions Preparation Program, the SEP Program is funded by a grant from the Health Careers Opportunity Program, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The federal agency has funded the SEP Program since 1979. The N.C. Health Careers Access Program, established in 1971, seeks to interest racial and ethnic minority and economically disadvantaged students in health careers and to enhance their opportunities to successfully complete health training programs. For information, contact the N.C. Health Careers Access Program, UNC-CH, CB #8010, Chapel Hill, NC; telephone, (910) 966-2264.