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Pembroke Sailor Serves In Navy's 'Silent Service'

Pearl Harbor, Hawaii -- Unseen and unheard, the Navy's fleet of attack submarines patrols the world's oceans. Lurking within striking distance of potential hot spots, these stealthy ships can knock an opponent off balance through the use of missiles, torpedoes and the element of surprise.

One of the Navy's newest silent hunters is the USS Greenville and Pembroke's Darnell C. McNeill is a member of the submarine's crew.

Petty Officer 1st Class McNeill, the 27-year-old son of David and Willa Mae McNeill of Pembroke, is part of the Greenville's first crew, or plank owners. He is proud to be a crew member of the Navy's newest Los Angeles-class attack submarine.

"It feels great, knowing that there is nothing better underwater than what we are riding on now," said McNeill, a 1988 graduate from West Robeson High School in Pembroke, North Carolina.

McNeill, a mechanic, operates and maintains the steam turbines used to power the sub. He realizes the impor-

ance of having submarines deployed overseas year round in support of national defense.

"Submarines are deployed overseas to maintain peace throughout the world and protect our interests at hand, which is freedom of the seas," McNeill said.

The submarine's primary mission is to approach and destroy enemy ships be stealth. Through the years, however, the submarine's role has diversified, from polar research to delivery of special forces teams and land attack missions. McNeill is aware of the submarine's changing role in today's Navy.

"I don't believe (the submarine fleet) is as isolated as much as it was in the past. Now we do more operations with the surface fleet and local operations. The submarine force is no longer a big secret," McNeill said.

Weighing more than 7,000 tons submerged, the 360-foot Greenville still has an underwater speed in excess of 30 knots. With a crew of nearly 150 officers and Sailors, the

Greenville packs a high tech array of sonar and weaponry, including the potent Tomahawk cruise missile and Harpoon anti-ship missile.

Being isolated from the outside world for weeks at a time may seem rough on submariners, but McNeill has ways to prepare to life under the sea.

"To me, I don't think you can adapt, because every time I go to sea, I have to prepare myself mentally. Your body will tell you if you prepared yourself or not," said McNeill, a 10-year Navy veteran.

Qualifying for submarine duty is one of the Navy's most challenging assignments. McNeill reveals his secrets on being successful in the submarine fleet.

"Motivation is the key. You have to stay motivated. You have to qualify and qualify to stay ahead of the game. Being a submariner requires a lot more time than a 9-to-5 job, therefore it requires a special type of person who still understands their loved ones," McNeill said.

Deadline for Registering Voters April 10

The Robeson County Board of Elections (BOE) wishes to remind all county residents that the deadline to register for upcoming May primary is just around the corner. All persons interested in registering to vote must complete a voter registration application. Applications can be obtained from the BOE office. The completed application must be turned over to the BOE office on or before April 10, 1998. For more information call 671-3080.

Robeson Little Theatre Presents Steel Magnolias

The Robeson Little Theatre will present Steel Magnolias on February 26-28 at 8 PM and March 1 at 2:30 at the Carolina Civic Center in Lumberton North Carolina. This is a comedy/drama that is based on the movie Steel Magnolias which featured Dolly Parton and Julia Roberts. Sponsored by Peggy's Beauty Salon of Lumberton, it is directed by UNCP Senior Amy Bass of Farmville, North Carolina who is majoring in Theatre Arts and minoring in journalism.

Tickets are \$5 for children, \$6 for students and senior citizens and \$7 for general admission.

Jones named to head EMC's "for profit" subsidiary

Red Springs—H. Thomas Jones, II, a native of Maxton, NC and a recent retiree from Carolina Power and Light Company, has been named Chief Executive Officer for Southeastern Utilities Development, Inc. Southeastern Utilities Development, Inc. (SUD) is a new "for profit" company established by Lumbec River EMC for the purpose of identifying and developing non-utility related sources of revenue, and providing additional services and conveniences for co-op members and non-members alike.

Jones was with Carolina Power and Light Company for twenty years and held several management positions. He retired as Area Manager of the Whiteville office in April 1997.

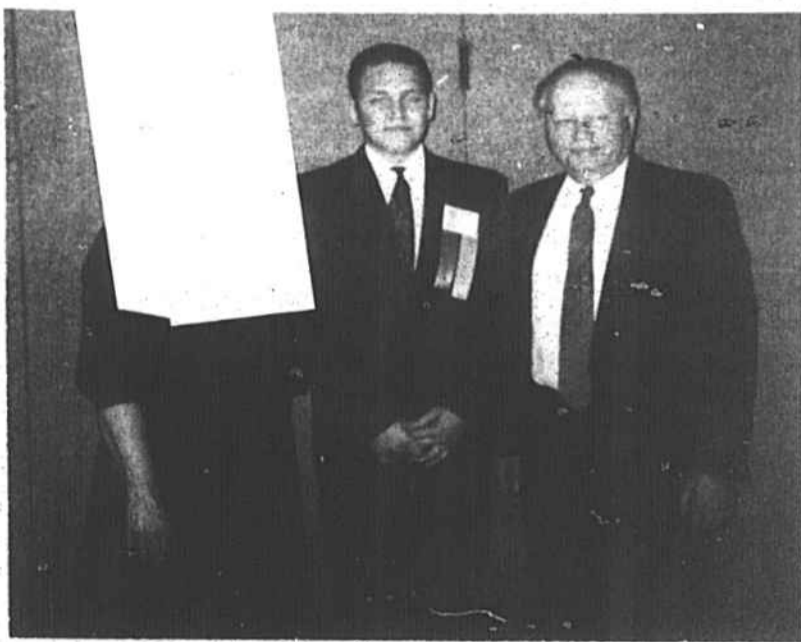
Jones holds a BS degree in Accounting from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and an MS degree in Business Administration from Central Michigan University. Jones is very active in his community and serves on several boards, including the Board of Trustees at UNC Pembroke and as President of the Greater Whiteville Chamber of Commerce. He is the husband of the late Joyce M. Jones of Laurinburg and the father of Thomasia Jones of Chapel Hill. Jones resides in Whiteville, NC.

Jones came on board January 5, 1998. His office is located at the corporate headquarters of Lumbec River EMC in Red Springs. For further information, you may call Jones at (910) 843-4131 (Ext. 270). His fax number is (910) 843-8890. His mailing address is: Southeastern Utilities Development, Inc., Post Office Box 864, Red Springs, NC 28377.

Lumbec River EMC announces another rate reduction

Red Springs—Contrary to public opinion, not every utility bill is automatically going up. As a matter of fact, electric rates are going down again at Lumbec River EMC. The board of directors, and General Manager Ronnie E. Hunt, are proud to inform members that they can look for another rate reduction on bills rendered in March, on the average of 3.25%. Co-op members have seen their individual electric bill reduced at total of 15.75% over the last three years. There have also been two additional credits for a cumulative total of about \$2.7 million during the same period of time. The most recent rate reduction follows a detailed review of a Cost of Service Study just completed by the management and staff of Lumbec River EMC.

Hunt attributes the most recent rate reduction, in part, to "a decrease in the wholesale cost of electric power, and the efficiency of Lumbec River EMC's employees, as well as the board of directors' commitment to take advantage of the opportunities presented by an ever changing market place driven by pending deregulation in the electric power industry."



Timothy Charles Jones is shown with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Jones, at the Sixth Annual National Mathematics, Science and Engineering Conference.

Saddletree Native Honored for Academic Achievement in Science and Mathematics

The Sixth Annual National Mathematics Science and Engineering Conference was held in Washington, D.C. on February 6-8, 1998. The theme was "Together We Can Make It Work." Highlight of the conference was a special tribute to North Carolina Award Recipient Timothy Jones. He was honored at the Recognition Luncheon: Celebrating Individual and Group Success in Mathematics, Science and Engineering.

Timothy Charles Jones of Robeson County, a graduate of St. Pauls High School in 1992, received the Excellence in Mathematics and or Science Student Award.

Timothy attended UNC Pembroke for two years. While he was there he received the Pre-Engineering Award. He is now a senior at North Carolina A & T University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. In recognition of his outstanding academic work, Timothy has received awards and

honors which include the Outstanding Pre-Engineering Student Award, the Native American Incentive Scholarship, and Placement on the Chancellor's List. He plans to pursue a Masters and Doctorate in Mechanical Engineering with an emphasis in Nuclear Waste Management and he wants to establish a Mathematics and Science Camp in his community. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Jones of the Saddletree community.

Another Robeson native who participated in the program was the Honorable Agnes Chavis, Member of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education. Ms. Chavis spoke on the American Indian Science and Engineering Society Program through the Public Schools of Robeson County.

Dr. Tony L. Mitchell, Assistant Dean and director, Minority Engineering Program and NC State University, spoke on the Importance of Institutional Climate

UNCP RECIEVES EISENHOWER GRANT

PEMBROKE-- Public school physical science teachers may apply to attend a two-week workshop that will be held at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke in June.

"We applied for and received a \$30,000 Eisenhower grant to instruct physics, chemistry and physical science teachers from Robeson and surrounding counties in how to interface computers to physical apparatus," explained Dr. Jose D' Arruda, chair of UNCP's Chemistry and Physics Department. Dr. Arruda said the teacher will have 50 contact hours during the workshop and receive a stipend. "The workshop will be held the first two weeks in June from 8 am to 1pm. This will give teachers the chance to see how technology can be used effectively in the learning process. "By this, we mean 'real time' data. Not only will they take data from experiments, but they will also calculate data (e.g. pressure and forces) and will graph and plot them."

D'Arruda said computers allow students to spend more time with their experiments.

The Eisenhower Grand is awarded by the Federal government to states for their public school systems. In North Carolina, the UNC Mathematics, Science and Engineering Network administers the grant.

The UNCP instructor team will be comprised of D'Arruda, Dr. Tom Dooling from the department of Chemistry and Physics, Dr. Leszek Piathiewicz from the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

Interested teachers should call D'Arruda at 910/521-6433 or E-Mail him at jose.anat@uncc.edu. You may visit their Web Site at www.uncc.edu/phy_science.

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

The weekly meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Jade Garden Restaurant. Program Chairman Carlton Mansfield presented his wife, Alicia, as speaker of the evening. Her topic was "The Alpha Pi Omega Society." The Society is made up of college graduates and under graduates. It is very social conscious in its truly "sisterhood" concerns for its membership. It now has a list of eight pledges and all will go through the initiation program." Mrs. Mansfield showed a very striking photo of its members, dressed in red formal gowns posed on a winding staircase of the Chavis Center at UNCP where they hold their weekly meetings. Truly a fine group of young women dedicated to their society and to their family concerns and community welfare.

Presiding-Brian Brooks. Invocation-Clayton Maynor. Song leader-Ed Teets. Reporter-Ken Johnson/

Purnell Swett High School News

Senior athletes chorus and ROTC student were honored at the basketball game against Richmond on February 20.

Senior Jamie Lowry, was recognized at the January 20 meeting of the Board of Education for the Public Schools of Robeson County as a Student of excellence by the chamber in cooperation with the Chamber of Coalition.

Students of Richard Arnow and Yvonne Dials classes attended the performance of "The Crucible" by Auther Miller, which is based on the Salem witchcraft trials of 1692. The performance was performed at the Carolina Civic Center.

Former baseball athlete, Brandon Warriax, unveiled his Purnell Swett jersey and retired his number in a ceremony at half-time as the Rams fought against the Lumberton Pirates in basketball on February 3rd. Warriax was drafted by the Rangers in the third round of Major League Baseball Draft.

The 97/98 Art Club have tee shirts that were designed by Richard Oxendine, a noted young artist that has

won many art contests and is trying to get in the school of Communication Arts Art Club members received their Art Club tee shirts last week.

Purnell Swett High School held their open house February 16. PTSA President, Jennings Bullard welcomed everyone. After the minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given, Felicia Hunt, shared with parents how the school is implementing a program called RPM-Ram Power Minutes, which is designed for career guidance and helping students make choices. Students completed a survey in which they chose categories as goal setting, decision making, taking tests, study habits, stress management, and interviews. Teachers will be working on lesson plans and registration to fit the students' concerns. Mrs. Hunt encouraged parents to get involved.

Natie Pierce, Jonathan McIntyre and basketball coach Thomas Umphrey received a Sportsmanship award.

Purnell Swett High School students participated in the Public Library Quiz Bowl on Saturday, February 7th. It was held at Robeson Com-

munity College and featured teams from all 6 high schools in the county. Team members were: Lashauna Deese, Millicent Maynor, Marri Brooks, Rachel I. Blue, Marianne Jacobs, Brad Locklear and Donna Bullard. Although they were defeated in the first round by St. Pauls High School, the team did a very good job in representing the school.

Learning and Earning
Seniors at Purnell Swett High School are learning and earning after school on Tuesday and Thursday with Mrs. Lac Ruth Alway as head of the Business Academy program.

This program helps students learn more about computers and they earn money while using them. One of the students made a comment saying, "The extra money helps me through my senior year."

Business Academy students also help teachers by typing their tests and programs for the teachers by typing their tests and programs for the teachers' classes. Students also have the opportunity to go on trips to Raleigh and different other places.

By: Brandy Nicole Locklear

Recovery Center to Open in Robeson

ASHEVILLE-- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the North Carolina Emergency Management Division (NCEMD) are opening a Disaster Recovery Center in Robeson County to help flood victims.

The center will be at 3025 Roberts Avenue, Lumberton, at the intersection of State Route 211 and Interstate 95 at Exit 20. Hours are 9 am to 6 PM Monday through Saturday and 1 PM to 6 PM.

At the centers, applicants can check the status of their application or update information. "People also will be able to talk face to face with representatives of federal and state agencies that provide disaster assistance," Deputy State Coordinating Officer Doug Hoell said.

Agencies to be represented in the centers are: Social Services, Crisis counseling, State Housing and federal disaster housing representatives, The American Red Cross, Local and elected and appointed officials for help with immediate needs, County Health Department.

In addition, applicant can obtain information about rebuilding to avoid future damage; turn in Small business Administration (SBA) loan applications or receive help in completing the loan form; and receive referrals to Red Cross and other voluntary organizations assisting with disaster relief.

"If you have any questions about your application and want to know how a particular program applies to you, here is the place to get those

answers." Federal Coordinating Officer Bob Gunter said. "But please register first by calling the toll-free application number."

The tele-registration number is 1-800-462-9029. The hearing or speech impaired with TTY equipment can call 1-800-462-7585.

Individuals unable to visit the recovery center and have questions about disaster assistance, or rebuilding, or preventive measures to avoid future flood damage can call toll-free Helpline at 1-800-525-0321 (TTY 1-800-660-8005).

President Clinton declared the major disaster in North Carolina on Jan. 15.

The Baltimore Experience

by Herbert Locklear
Thirty Years of Service

With over 500 in attendance in service on Sunday, February 8, South Broadway Baptist Church celebrated thirty years of service to Baltimore's Native American community. According to organizers of the celebration, Indian people from several states came to Baltimore for the occasion.

Formally chartered in 1967 under the ministry of the founding pastor, Reverend James Miller Dial (deceased), and his widow Wilma Dale Dial, the church has demonstrated stability and focus as an inner city mission to some. But, it is "church home" to many Indian people who call Baltimore "home."

As a seed for what was to flourish as a fully constituted church, the initial beginnings were humble. Native, who began migrating to Baltimore City in the early 30s did not form a "church group" until the early 50s when the first meetings were held in a store front.

The congregation bought its first church building in 1967. They moved to their current site, with a seating capacity of about 700, ten years later. Charter members are ready, at all times, to share how "God has blessed the church," evidenced by its growth.

After the death of the founding Pastor in 1983, the Reverends Charles P. Locklear, Steve Brewer, Jimmy L. Hunt, and Chester Chavis were subsequent pastors. While the Church was without a pastor at the time of the 30th anniversary, they were in prayer that "God would send the Pastor of His choice."

Reverend Tommy Haggins preached during the morning service. The Singing Revelations provided the special singing in the afternoon service. A noon-day meal was served in the Fellowship Hall.

South Board is a member of the Union and Association of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association. The Church wanted to maintain its ties with the "land of the birth of most of the members," as well as the fundamental dogma of the association.

Reverend Michael Cummings, Director of Missions for the Association, his wife, Quac, and their children represented the Association at the special event. Reverend Larry Locklear, as Association Moderator, also attended. Some elected officials came to worship and offer their congratulations. The Mayor, who frequents the Church, was not able to attend. He sent his regrets.

"It was a great day," "We had a great time in the Lord," and "May God bless and keep Broadway," were some of the comments made by those in attendance. In addition, a committee worked to produce a Souvenir booklet of twenty pages in which the history of the Church was recorded. The booklet was dedicated to the memory of Rev. James M. Dial and was presented to his widow by the Chairman Deacon and by Anderson Maynor, brother of the deceased minister. Ms. Dial accepted with words of deep appreciation.

The Church expects to make an announcement soon about who its new Pastor will be. "Meantime," says Brother Willie Hunt, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, "We want all our sister churches to pray for the success of Broadway."

Pembroke-The Indian Honor Association of Robeson County, Inc. is seeking nominees to be honored during the July 4th edition of the Carolina Indian Voice. The categories of nominees are as follows: Retired Educators; Retired Military; Retired Pastors; Lawyers; Doctors of Medicine; and our Elders.

If you or anyone you know might qualify for one of these categories, we invite you to call and submit a nomi-

nation to one of the following persons: Garth Locklear (521-2614), Lenark Harris (521-0501), Pauline B. Locklear (521-4277), Lee A. Maynor (521-0174), Rev. Welton Lowry (521-4354), or Jeannie D. Thompson (521-1114).

This is the second annual honoring of four Indian retirees and professional people. Please feel free to help us identify all those eligible to be honored.