

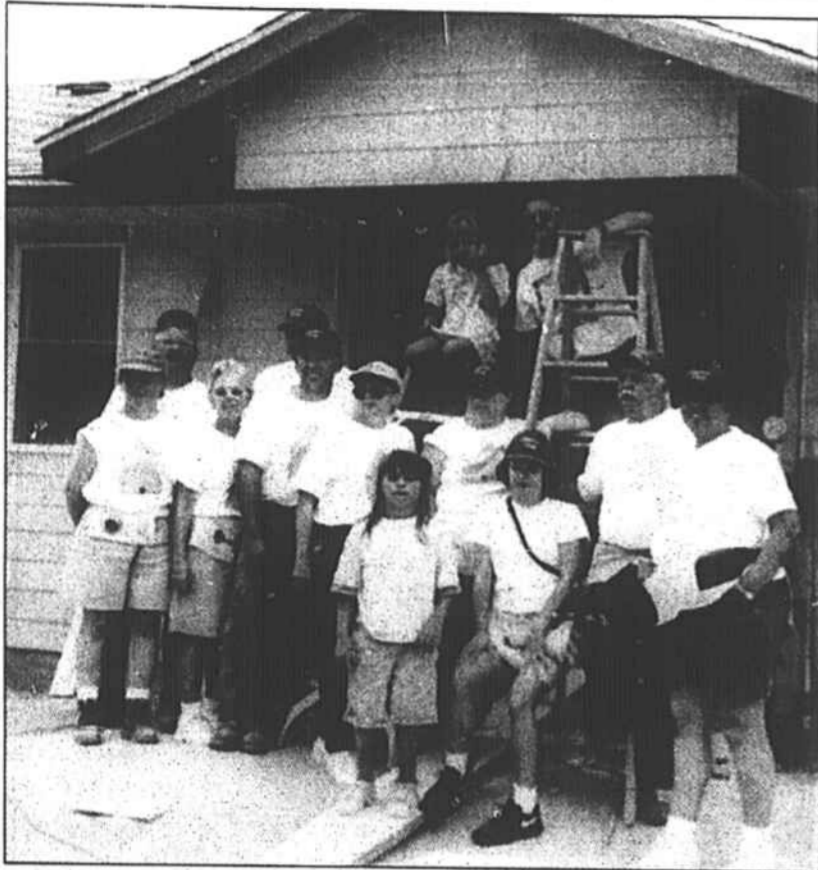
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Shown left, rear, Bill Brewington, Horace Oxendine, Liza Ferguson, Hardy Groening, Nikki Housier, Needra Housier, Duel Shepard, Peggy Locklear, Amiria Thompson, Woodrow Dial, Mary B. Hunt, Debbie K. Ferguson, Gina Oxendine.

Habitat Ministry Pine Ridge SD Summer of 1999

After many months of prayer, planning and preparation, we were packed and ready to begin our 1,800 mile journey west to Pine Ridge, South Dakota. We chose a team of eight people representing three churches, Harpers Ferry, Bear Swamp and Gray Pond, within the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association. We had committed ourselves to the Women's Missionary Union Habitat for Humanity mission project. Little did we know how the commitment was to test us.

As we arrived in Pine Ridge, we met the two other, another, a mother and daughter from Texas and New Mexico, who were to be a part of our team. The realization of what was before us began abruptly as we discovered that six women and four were to be housed in three bedrooms and sharing a common bathroom with its one shower.

There were many coping skills that we adopted to ensure teamwork in our relationship. They include learning how to solve problems, knowing how to deal with people, learning to speak up, learning to let go, learning to reframe, and choosing better ways to relate.

As we arrived at the building site on Monday morning, we discovered that the project was behind schedule because of extremes in weather conditions. We assessed the situation to see how best to proceed. We broke ourselves into work groups each day, each group being responsible for certain tasks, such as hanging sheet rock, completing outside siding, caulking outside walls, covering a ditch, plumbing, and went to work.

The realization was upon us that God has brought us here for a purpose, we resolved to let nothing stand in the way of that purpose. We learned a profound secret or an eternal truth. When people commit themselves to a common task with the right motive relying on God's help, great things can be accomplished.

Throughout the week we labored diligently in the building process and at the end of the week we had accomplished much. The circumstances of our surroundings and our living conditions seemed to be of no consequence as we adjusted our schedules to meet everyone's need.

The highlight of our experience was meeting the Lisa Ferguson family. Lisa is a single parent with five children. Lisa was excited as she would come by daily to see the progress being made on her house. The children were constantly in and out and joining us for on site lunch each day.

Mr. Hardy, who was the building coordinator, worked with us and getting the materials that we needed. He is a very unique individual. He has the patience of Job with a tremendous love for this work among Natives. We, team members, all agree that our lives have been enriched by Brother Hardy, the Ferguson family and each other. Indeed, we were helping to build God's Kingdom one house at a time.

(left to right) Bill Brewington, Horace Oxendine, Liza Ferguson, Hardy Groening, Nikki Housier, Needra Housier, Duel Shepard, Peggy Locklear, Amiria Thompson, Woodrow Dial, Mary B. Hunt, Debbie K. Ferguson, Gina Oxendine.

My Special Vegetable Garden

Today I am enjoying fresh produce from my 39th consecutive yearly vegetable garden. Slices from a vine-ripened tomato along with some recently cooked bacon stripes, crisp lettuce, and some mayonnaise sandwiched between 2 slices of warm toasted bread has no equal when talking about tomatoes. My love for vegetable gardening has its roots in Robeson County while growing up on a family farm. I thought of a garden as a place where one grew plants to produce food for the table. Later, I learn that when the subject about vegetables or flowers. On the farm, our garden was used to grow produce on a small scale throughout the year to provide food for current use. The food we used for our large canning operation was grown on other parts of the farm. Family gardens were a very important part of the design employed by small family farmers in Robeson County to provide food, without having to spend much money, during my grown-up years amongst them.

I brought the Robeson County style vegetable gardening with me to Virginia and put it into operation in 1961. The production of food was not my primary goal as was the case in earlier times in Robeson. I found gardening a great way to get outdoor activity to maintain balance and flexibility in striving for good physical fitness outcome. Sometimes when my dad felt stress doing a farming job, he would get his fishing poles and tackle, walk the half mile down the railroad to Lumber River, and fish the rest of the day. This procedure served as a natural tranquilizer to get rid of the tension, especially if he caught a nice string of fish. I used my garden in a similar way over the years as a stress

reliever. In addition to providing the freshest produce, backyard gardening is a great activity good for both physical and mental health.

In addition to tomatoes, I grow sweet corn, squash, cucumbers, green beans, filed peas, pole lima beans, and a fall crop of collards. The joy of eating corn-on-the-cob within being stripped from the cornstalks rates near that of the bacon-lettuce-tomato combinations. We received many other benefits from a corn crop down on the farm. After the corn-on-the-cob stage, we stripped blades from the cornstalks to be sun dried for winter feed for mules, and the field pea vines growing up the cornstalks had plenty of sun to ensure full maturity. The matured ears of corn were harvested and filled crib barns to be used as food for farm animals, and ground into cornmeal as a ready supply for turning into corn bread. There were times being part of a large family. When we were not satisfied with the amount of food we consumed during a meal. One way I solved this dilemma was to take some soft portions of warm cornbread baked in the oven, crumble it in a glass of cold buttermilk, and eat the resulting mixture with a spoon. We always had plenty of buttermilk and cornbread and the combination was a good filler. I never did get motivated toward flower gardening, but my wife can work her flowers with a similar zeal as I do with my vegetables. She even has some flowers which bloom only at night, called Moon Flowers. Both types of gardening can provide a natural type therapy, and keep the retirement years lively.

Ronald H. Lowry,
Virginia Beach, VA



A couple of early girl tomatoes begins a season of garden produce.



Checking out the corn-on-the-cob stage with daughter Cindy and her friend Susan.

New coordinator hired for UNCP's Community Health Alliance

Pembroke, N.C. — Linda Greaver has been named coordinator of UNCP's Community Health Alliance of Southeastern North Carolina (formerly HealthCare 1999).

Joanne Zukowski, director of UNCP's Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development, said Ms. Greaver brings diverse skills to the alliance at an important time in its history.

"Linda has an extensive background in the health care industry in a variety of settings, including higher education, non-profits, managed care and health insurance," Ms. Zukowski said. "Her first mission is to go out to meet with our partners in the region in order to refine and redefine the mission of the Alliance as it moves into the 21st century."

The six-year-old Community Health Alliance was created to promote collaboration among the health care providers and consumers to find solutions to regional health care problems.

The Alliance was absorbed last year by the larger Regional Center and began the transformation process when it received a \$660,000

federal grant to combat infant mortality in the region.

Ms. Greaver said there are many health care issues facing the region.

"We have many health care problems in Southeastern North Carolina, and I am very pleased to join the Alliance and the Regional Center as we aggressively address these problems," Ms. Greaver said. "I am very excited to be at UNCP with the resources of a regional university."

Ms. Greaver's resume includes: training manager for Harrah's St. Louis Riverport; managed care representative for United HealthCare; staff trainer for Columbia Medical Plan; director of medical and program services for the American Heart Association and program coordinator for professional and patient education at John Hopkins University School of Medicine.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications from Webster University. She is a member of the American Society of Training and Developmental and the National Society of Professional Health Association Staff.

Ms. Greaver lives in Wagram, N.C.

Paralegal Association To Hold Practical Skills Seminar

The North Carolina Paralegal Association, Inc. will hold its 15th Mid-Year Seminar and CLA/CLAS Review Course on September 17-18, 1999, at the Radisson Hotel High Point in High Point, North Carolina. The seminar is structured to develop and enhance the practical legal skills of paralegals/legal assistants and other non-attorneys who work in the legal profession. The Practical Skills Seminar will be held on Friday, September 17 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., with attorneys and other leaders from the business community giving presentations on a variety of legal issues, including Professional Conduct Revisited (a discussion on how the Revised Rules of Professional Conduct will impact the paralegal profession); a session covering facts and circumstances that can impact paralegals working with real estate; demonstrations of a computer case and a data management system for legal personnel; perspectives on the Y2K issue. There will also be a moderated panel discussion on the diversity of the legal profession from a paralegal's perspective. The seminar

will continue all day Friday, September 17 beginning at 8:00 a.m., concluding at 4:00 p.m. The CLA Review Course will be from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Saturday, September 18, 1999. Each person attending the Mid-Year Seminar or CLA/CLAS Review Course will receive a bound manuscript of materials prepared in conjunction with the chosen program, as well as continuing legal education credit. Exhibitors from the legal support services industry will also be available to discuss and demonstrate their services and materials.

Preregistration for the seminar may be arranged by contacting NCPA Practical Skills Seminar Co. Linda Reddick at 336/519-8426 or Lisa Jackson, CLA at 828/495-3030. You may also contact CLA/CLAS Review Course Chair Jackie Howell, CLA at 919/734-6595, or contact First Vice President Valerie Chaffin, CLA at 919/899-3044. Walk-in registrations on the day of the seminar will be accepted, however, a \$20 fee will be charged for late registration.

A League of their Own

by Wendy Moore-Cummings

Rarely do events happen that alter attitudes, but recently a group of American Indian youngsters accomplished the unthinkable. A tribal community rivalry, predating the turn of the century, between Prospect and Pembroke would appear to have reached "cease fire" status during the events surrounding the Dixie Youth League World Series. While there are those of us who relish the heat of competition between the two rivalries, there were eleven and twelve year olds from both Prospect and Pembroke learning the concept of team, and the reward of teamwork. These young men, both on and off the field, successfully completed a feat that has eluded many of their adult counterparts—true unity.

The Prospect Dixie Youth Champs began their quest for the World Series after clinching the North Carolina Dixie Youth Championship in Leland, North Carolina in early August. Out of over 1300 teams nationwide, this young team battled their way to be among the remaining 11 teams vying for the World Series title. Considering that this season was only the third for the Prospect Division of the Dixie Youth League, it was a great accomplishment in itself to win the state title. Who would have thought they could top that? It just goes to show you; never underestimate the determination of a young warrior. The next battle was to be in Terrell,

Texas, but they had to get there first.

When all the calculations were in, it was estimated that it would take \$5,000 for the team to make the round-trip. An article requesting donations was to be featured in the Robesonian Newspaper, but almost before the ink could dry, donations from the community and church had started rolling in. IN the Sunday service at Prospect United Methodist Church, \$3,000 was donated. The donations began to come from all over the county, and even crossed state lines. When all the wampum was counted, it exceeded \$6,000. A great thanks is due. With sirens, blue lights and a host of fans accompanying them to the county line, the team set out for Texas.

On Monday, August 16, the team, now called the North Carolina Dixie Youth Champs, unloaded with a 10-3 victory over Virginia. On Tuesday they managed to hold off a ninth inning rally, to defeat Alabama, 5-3. T...is afforded them a bye for the Wednesday round. On Thursday, August 19, there were only two undefeated teams remaining, South Carolina and North Carolina. This would be the showdown. When the last out was made North Carolina had fallen 0-3 to their southern rival. If their quest was to continue the North Carolina team would have to regroup and face a rematch with Alabama the



following day. As fate would have it, the dream was not to be. North Carolina, whose key arsenal had been an awesome defense, gave up an uncharacteristic 6 errors. With the score of 8-5 Alabama advanced in the series. When the finals were over, North Carolina had placed fourth in the nation—a monumental accomplishment.

At 7:30 a.m. Sunday, August 22, as the bus drove down roads decorated with red and white balloons and streamers, the team and their entourage were greeted home by welcoming family, friends and fans. This was a heroes' welcome. Not since bringing home the gold for baseball in the 1996 North American Indigenous Games, had there

been so much hoopla in Prospect Community. These young men, coaches and parents are to hold their heads high. Their efforts are a testament to the spirit of unity. If these native sons can alter attitudes, then surely we must all take a deep look within and re-evaluate ourselves. Then, and only then can we rise to become the people Creator intended.

Steve & Magnolia Maynor Family Reunion planned

The Steve and Magnolia Maynor Family Reunion will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Elementary School Cafeteria on Saturday, September 18, 1999. A catered meal will be served. Reservations must be made by September 7th. Please make your reservations by calling 521-9638, 521-4271, or 671-1189.

VFW Post 2843 to host 100th year dinner

There will be a 100th anniversary dinner at the Post Headquarters, Saturday, September 25th, 1999, (Saturday evening) There will be a brief fellowship period beginning around 5:00 p.m. before dinner. This is a catered dinner so please call the following people to reserve your seat. SO there will be enough food to serve everyone. Mr. Ardell Jacobs at 521-2313, Ms. Lois Chavis at 521-2188 or Mr. Daniel Jones at 521-2940 before Monday September 13th when our monthly meeting will be held. We hope there will be a good response to this notice.

Erwin Jacobs, Post Public Relations