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Crain Selected as Counselor of the Year

Mrs. Nelia Crain, counselor at Purnell Swett, was selected as North Carolina School's of the Year. Crain has been in the education business for 23 years. She taught grades 4-8 for thirteen years and the remaining ten years as a guidance counselor. Crain's chance at receiving this prestigious award was based on her portfolio, displaying her devotion to education. "I love education and working with students", replies Crain. Mrs. Crain received her B.S. and M.A. degree in education at UNC-Pembroke and her degree in guidance and counseling at Campbell University. She is married to William Crain and also has two daughters, who both are educators.

By Kala Locklear

LRDA to build Tribal Family Services Center to House all programs

The Lumbee Regional Development Association announces plans to construct a 13,000 sq. ft. Lumbee Tribal Family Services Center in Pembroke NC.

Construction is expected to begin in January 2000, and completed around August. Lonnie Locklear and Son's Construction Inc. won the low bid on the project. The building cost will be approximately \$800,000 with about \$200,000 in parking, sewer and other cost.

The building will house all programs currently ran by LRDA in four locations in Pembroke that are paying rent in existing buildings. These programs include Housing services, Job Training, Head Start,

Day-Care, Economic Development, REACH, Tribal Enrollment and tribal archives services.

Consolidation of these programs will allow for greater efficiency and technology usage in one central location and greater cost savings.

Lumbee Bank is the financial institution which is lending LRDA the funds to construct the building on land currently owned by LRDA. The building site will be on Prospect Road up from UNC-P.

A ground-breaking ceremony is planned for January, and a dedication ceremony during the July 2000 Lumbee Homecoming.

James Hardin, Executive Director of LRDA stated that "all the staff of the agency is excited about this project and the better coordination of services, and usage of technology to improve services this will provide through centralization of all programs."

Mr. Aloph Blue, Chairman of LRDA stated that "this project has been long overdue, and will mean greater benefits to clients that we service by having a one-stop location for all services provided by the agency. This is a great investment in our community."

For more information about this project James Hardin at 910-521-8602.



Jacobs Receives Top Award

Darlene Jacobs, Community Services Director with the NC Commission of Indian Affairs was honored as Member of the Year by the State Employee Association of North Carolina (SEANC). This award is one of two top awards given for service by the association.

Darlene was recognized for her involvement at the district and state

levels. She has served under six presidents in various capacities including member of the Personnel Benefits Committee, Vice Chair of Special Olympics Committee, member of the Planning Committee, Policy Platform Committee, District 44 Chair, and Area 10 Chair for Employees Political Action Committee.

Give The Gift Of Life

The Last Blood Drive of The Century

Dec. 29, 1999 from 2:30-7:00 p.m. Has been moved from Harpers Ferry Baptist Church to Elrod Baptist Church
523 Rowland, North Carolina
Please come out and make this a Special Blood Drive
Free Millennium T-Shirts will be available

Thank You for all your support this past year
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
ROBESON-COUNTY CHAPTER



Robesonians welcome friends from Bolivia, South America left- Gary Locklear, Daniela Salinos and Zulma Mendoza from Bolivia and Betty Hunt.

Dr. Jesse Lamm, former EC professor of Pembroke State University, sponsored Zulma and Daniela to visit the U.S.

Gary Locklear is involved and working on the Russian Initiative which will be held February 17-19. He will also attend the National Cooperative Leadership Team workshop in Daytona, Florida in January.

Lamm Makes Sacrifice in Assisting Others

by Yvonne Barnes Dial

Within the last five years workteams sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Agency for Native American Ministries, have demonstrated their support and ministry to the people of Bolivia, South America.

To extend their assistance, individuals of the country have been offered the opportunity to journey to the United States.

Dr. Jesse Lamb former exceptional children's professor of Pembroke State University, sponsored Zulma Mendoza and Daniela Salinos, both age twenty two, to visit the Robeson County area during the month of December.

With the Christmas Season in effect, the time for Zulmo and Daniela's visit to the U.S. seemed quite appropriate. Dr. and Mrs. Lamb displayed a warm welcomed to these young ladies with an atmosphere of Christmas spirit and cheer.

Various United Methodist Church members have graciously greeted Zulma and Daniela with delicious food, presents, visits to Myrtle Beach with Mr. & Mrs. Wade Hunt, shopping with Mr. & Mrs. Gary Locklear in Smithville, N.C., an opportunity to visit the beach home of Mr. & Mrs. James Dial, fun times and visits with friends and families of Dr. & Mrs. Jesse Lamb, and visits to different United Methodist Churches.

Zulma and Daniela also visited Prospect United Methodist Church's Christmas play and sang "Friends" and "Silent Night" in Spanish which added a taste of variety to the program.

Dr. Lamm along with other mission workers demonstrated humbleness and giving this past July 30 - August 14 in Bolivia working on an added construction to the fellowship hall of El Sombredor Church in Montero. Previously, First United Methodist Church of Hickory had worked on the construction, later allowing the team to assist in the building. Other members of the team included Wade Hunt, Steve Magnus, Rev. Robert Magnus, Casey Czaplinski, James Dial, Eddie Gibson, Sylvia Huggins, Betty Hunt, Fred and Carolyn Warriax, Dan Miller, and Stacy Locklear. Dr. Lamm has involved himself in the mission ministry for several years sacrificing and willingly making a difference in the lives of many individuals of other foreign countries.



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Mentoring 101-Purnell Swett

On Wednesday afternoon, veteran teachers and new teachers meet jointly for discussions concerning their week in the teaching profession. The discussions deal with their problems, their ideas or their discussion about the teaching arena.

Mentees and mentors converse openly and freely to help resolve problems encountered by new and sometimes veterans teachers. It is a time of sharing, caring and understanding. Veteran teachers readily advise, encourage and observe new teachers.

Topics range from discipline to strategies for motivating students. Several faculty members provided information on the following: NCAE membership, services provided by the media center (library), the school store, the school year book, and the school newspaper "The Ram Page". Each week topics are brought to the fore front and the information is absorbed by everyone present. At various times the Administration will present information for everyone present.

The most exciting event that has helped the Mentor-Mentee Program, was a retreat held recently at the "Dixie Stampede at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina". The retreat was a success, everyone and their families had a most enjoyable time. They will begin working on a second retreat to be held in the Spring. All in all Regina McPhatter, chairperson of the committee feels that the "Mentor-Mentee program is great!"

Submitted by:
Reginia McPhatter

Pilots assist needy families

EAA 1118 of Bladen and Robeson County helped four needy families for Christmas.

Herb Sanderson, President, and the members helped four families for Christmas, with \$50.00 food baskets. They assisted families in the Pembroke, St. Pauls and Bladenboro area.

They hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pembroke Business & Professional Women

The Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Organization sponsored a Christmas dance December 4 at the Pembroke JC clubhouse. Proceeds will be used to provide scholarships to women perusing a college degree. The organization will hold a business meeting at Linda's Restaurant January 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Individuals are encouraged to join the organization which serves as an advocate for women and children.

Please contact president, Annette Strickland for more information at 521-1146.

Dr. Ruth Dial Woods Appointed North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center

During the annual meeting of the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center in Raleigh on December 1-2, Dr. Ruth Dial Woods of Pembroke was appointed to the Center's Board of Directors. The Center was established in 1987 to lead the state's movement to build economic strength in the state's movement to build economic strength in the state's 85 rural counties. The center is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the development of innovative, but practical strategies to prepare the state's rural communities to prosper in the years ahead. The center conducts research into rural issues; tests promising rural development strategies; advocated for policy and program innovations; trains and informs rural leaders; secures and directs resources to rural communities, and administers business finance and community development programs.

Under the auspices of the North

Carolina Fund and the North Carolina Manpower Development Corporation, Dr. Woods served in several administrative positions in community action programs and rural manpower development, job training and employment services, and a US Department of Labor experimental and demonstration project in rural development. As a member of the advisory board of the Region N Council of Governments, she coordinated the infusion of the Pacific Institute's Investment in Excellence for the 90's, an employment skills training and preparation program for youth and unemployed and underemployed adults recommended by the National Alliance of businesses into JTPA programs.

Dr. Woods is a retired public school administrator and University professor. She currently serves on the University of North Carolina Board of Governors by appointment of the General Assembly.

Rep. Ron Sutton Supports Disaster Relief Bill

RALEIGH - Rep. Ron Sutton of Pembroke voted for an \$836 million disaster-relief package that passed the General Assembly on Thursday.

The legislation is designed to meet some of the emergency needs of Eastern North Carolina in the wake of Hurricane Floyd.

The biggest piece of the package--\$380 million--would help people move into permanent housing.

"Eastern North Carolina has many needs, but putting people back into permanent housing is the most pressing one," Rep. Sutton said. "We simply must get people out of recreational vehicles as quickly as possible."

State dollars need to match federal aid was the second largest piece of the package. That totaled \$232 million.

The aid package also would help farmers and fishermen recover from their losses, protect drinking water, and begin cleaning up hazardous waste sites.

Gov. Jim Hunt used his emergency budget powers to generate \$504 million for the package. That money will come from delaying building projects and by asking agencies to trim their budgets for this year.

Hunt asked lawmakers to appropriate \$286 million from the state's "rainy day" fund and \$40 million in available funds that were not included in this year's budget.

The House passed the bill 114-2 on the first day of a special session called by Hunt. It cleared the Senate the following day and was signed into law by the governor.

"This bill does not meet all of the needs of Eastern North Carolina," Rep. Sutton said. "But it will help fill some gaps until we see how much additional aid Congress approves next year."

North Carolina received less than half of the \$1.9 billion in federal aid that Hunt and other state officials sought to meet emergency needs. The governor will seek additional federal money from Washington next year.