

# Happy New Year!

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### Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner

Pembroke--The Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet and awards dinner on Saturday, Jan. 22 in the Chavis University Center on the campus of UNCP.

State Senator David F. Weinstein (D-District 30) is the guest speaker. The chamber's Business of the Year will be recognized and the new directors will be installed. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7. Reserved corporate tables are \$150. Individual tickets are \$20. To make reservations, call Diane Jones, 521-6175; Bob Reising, 521-6485; Ernestine Bulifant, 521-2433; or Don Gersh, 521-6330, beginning Jan. 3.

### Job Corps Provide North Carolina Employees With Trained Workers

ATLANTA -- In North Carolina, Job Corps is filling the need for qualified, ready-to-work employees by providing their students with up-to-date training in a variety of fields.

"The Job Corps program focuses on providing employers with graduates ready for the workforce," said Job Corps Regional Director Melvin Collins. "Students learn all the terminology, techniques, social skills and safety procedures widely practice in their fields."

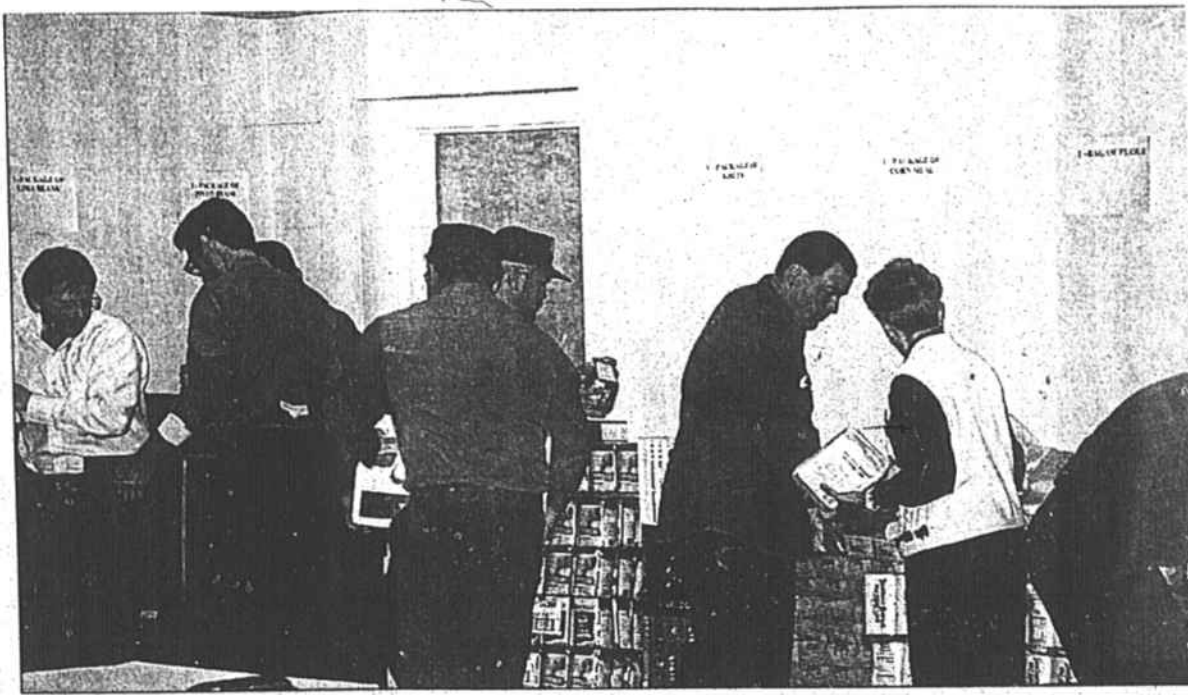
There are four Job Corps centers in North Carolina -- Kittrell Job Corps Center, Oconaluftee Job Corps Center in Cherokee, Schenck Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center in Pisgah Forest and Lyndon B. Johnson Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center in Franklin. These centers regularly graduate students prepared for entry-level positions, with training in the following careers: automotive repair, bricklaying, business retail, carpentry, cement masonry, child care, clerical occupations, culinary arts, facilities maintenance, home health aide, landscaping, painting, plastering and welding.

Job Corps works with employers who regularly need specially trained employees in fields taught by its centers. Programs are often tailored to fit the specific needs of learning in their trades.

"It's a win-win situation for everyone involved," Collins said. "Students receive excellent training, and employers feel confident about getting an employee who is ready to work."

Job Corps works with employers to keep training up-to-date. Through a program called School-to-Work, students with most of their training completed are able to gain on-the-job training before graduation.

Employers in North Carolina who need employees in the fields offered by Job Corps should call (800) 662-7948.



### EMC's Employees Participate in Company's Christmas Care Program

Lumbee River EMC's employees gathered on December 14, 1999, for a chance to give back to their community through the employee's Christmas Care program. This year LREMC was able to assist 210 families with food boxes, gift certificates to Piggy Wiggly and toys. Funds for this annual event are donated by employees throughout the year. Donations are also made by local political civic leaders. The Employee's Association coordinates the donations and the buying of food and toys as well as the application process.

### In Loving Memory of Betty "Jo Jo" Hunt

by Betty Jo Hunt (written at age 15) JUST ME

I screamed out, "Here I Come," on March 12, 1950, at about 3:15 A.M. Dur Murray Kinlaw had just delivered this beautiful baby to Mr. and Ms. Alton Hunt of Route 3, Fairmont, North Carolina. The stork came almost a month late. I was supposed to be a sweet little Valentine Day's heart, but the coming of March wind must have blown the stork off course. This happy event took place at Thompson Memorial Hospital in Lumberton, North Carolina.

Daddy had once had a girlfriend named Betty, and Mama had a boyfriend named Joseph, who is the Uncle of my friend at school. Also, my father's mother, who lived with my parents at the time of my birth and until I was almost eight years old, was named Josephine. Therefore, I was named Betty Jo Hunt. Daddy has always called me "Jo Jo" and Mama calls me Bet.

My parents brought me home about three days after my special delivery. They haven't been able yet to run me away. We live nine miles south of Lumberton on U.S. 301. We have a small restaurant and gas station. Because of this business, we don't have much home life. We rarely get to do anything together except on Sundays when the store is closed.

Mama, who is Ms. Eva Jones Hunt, is forty-one years old. She is very attractive even though she is a little overweight. She has glasses as do both my father and I. Mama quarrels with me, but I suppose I deserve all I get. She is a very clean woman and I am thankful to her for keeping me fairly dressed. Mama is a very hard-working homemaker. She works at the store all day and then cleans and mends things at the house at night.

Mama was unfortunate in that she was unable to receive an education. She almost completed the seventh grade at Prospect High School, but she had to drop out before the end of the year and she had to begin housekeeping and trying to help out with the three younger boys. Mama is from a family of six children. I have four uncles which are Thermon, Luther, Stacy and Bracey. My one aunt is in Texas. I have cousins going to Johnson High in Austin, Texas, Prospect High, and Fairgrove. Uncles Bracey and Thermon and Aunt Eunice have six children each. Uncle Stacy has only one son and Uncle Luther has three sons.

Mama came from a big family, but I think she is the best of the whole "bunch".

Daddy is fifty-nine years old. I can put more trust in Daddy to help me solve my big problems.

Daddy is an Fieldworker for the Manpower Improvement Through Community Effort ("MITCE) program. He has had this job since June. I think he enjoys his job because he has always been happy in helping others. He contacts the people and gets the case history. He also gets surplus food for the people who do not qualify for a job.

Daddy went to school at Joe Branch School, a little country one-room schoolhouse which is now used as a packhouse for tobacco. He also went to some little school near Fairmont. He said that he had to walk about six or seven miles every morning and afternoon to Joe Branch School. Daddy finished



Jo Jo Hunt



Theatre Arts student at Purnell Swett High School under the direction of Steve Tyner recently performed "The Lottery," an adaptation of Shirley Jackson. The story is a dark look at how tradition can be taken to the extreme when it is allowed to continue unchecked in a civilized country.

### Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber to be presented at UNCP

Surrender to the music that has thrilled millions all over the world as The Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke presents the national tour of the theatre event of the season, The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber on Friday, January 14 at 8:00 pm.

Since bursting onto the Broadway scene some twenty years ago, Tony, Grammy and Academy-Award winning composer, Andrew Lloyd Webber has brought to the stage some of the biggest musical blockbusters of our time. With a cast and orchestra of over 30, this musical celebration of one of the world's most famous composers features excerpts from such hits as Cats, The Phantom of the Opera, Evita, Jesus Christ Superstar as well as newer works such as Sunset Boulevard and Whistle Down the Wind.

Tickets to The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber are \$28, \$26 and \$8 for children and students. For tickets, reservations or more information, call the GPAC-UNCP box office at (910) 521-6361 or 1-800-367-0778.

### Free training workshop for teaching English

The Robeson County Church & Community Center is sponsoring a FREE training workshop to train volunteers to teach English to non-native speakers. No knowledge of Spanish necessary! Come and see just how easy it is to teach your language to others!

Training sessions will be held at the Hoke County Reading/Literacy Council, 125 West Elwood Ave. RAEFORD, NC 28376 on January 31st and February 2nd, 2000, from 6-9 pm. Attendance at both sessions is required for certification.

For more information and to register, please call the Church & Community Center at 738-5204.

### Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated by The Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 7 - 19 can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antawn Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta, and Trajan Langdon. Camp locations include: Raleigh, NC, Boiling Springs, NC, Riverside, CA, Babson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Champaign, IL, Fort Wayne, IN, Atchison, KS, Georgetown, KY, Northfield, MN, Rochester, NY, North Canton, OH, Commerce, TX, Farmville, VA. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for the most advanced players. For an evaluation form call (704) 372-8610 ANYTIME.



Mrs. Eva Thomas

school which was only to the tenth grade then. (Boy, wouldn't that be "dandy" now!)

Daddy had done every kind of job from laying crossties on railroad tracks to driving two charter busses we used to have and making hamburgers at the store. He has even done steam fitting, ever what that is.

Daddy had three brothers. They all are dead now except Uncle Jake. He lives in a trailer home in our back yard now. Uncle Jake was in Franklin D. Roosevelt Veteran's Hospital in Montrose, New York for about a year. He came home in February on this year. I only have a few cousins from Daddy's family.

I have no brothers or sisters of my own, but Dorothy Mae (Locklear) Hunt seems like a very dear sister to me. She has been helping us in the store now for about five years. She is married and has a little baby girl, whose name is Beverly Sue, and she is the cutest and sweetest baby ever. Dot's husband is in Illinois working and she lives with us during the week. On the weekends, she goes home to see her parents and baby. She can barely stay away from Bev, but her parents are so attached to that little sweetheart until they won't let Dot bring her to spend some time with us. However, this hasn't discouraged us from a constantly pleading with them to let her come.

My father's parents, Mr. and Ms. Issac Hunt, are both dead. Grandfather died in 1939 at the age of fifty-nine of pneumonia. Grandmother, who I called "Ma" just like Daddy did, died February 25, 1958 of a second stroke and hardening of the arteries. Ma had the first stroke four years previous to this and was an invalid for the entire four years. I don't remember very much about her before her illness except she would pick the bones out of fish for me to eat, but I remember a great deal about her having to lie in bed.

My mother's parents, Mr. Jasper Jones and Ms. Sam Oxendine, are divorced. They are both living and are remarried.

Autobiography of Jo Jo Hunt (Age 15)

This autobiography written by Betty Jo Hunt is lovingly reprinted here in loving memory of her short life. She went to be with Jesus on December 31, 1996. This is reprinted by her mother, Mrs. Eva Thomas and her step father, James W. Thomas.