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'Help A Needy Friend' Program

Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation once again will be helping its members who need assistance paying their electric bills this month through the "Help A Needy Friend" Program.

"Help A Needy Friend" is a voluntary program in which members of the cooperative donate either \$1.00 or \$.50 monthly to help other members in time of need during the winter months. This is the sixth year that LREMC has distributed funds to their members who are less fortunate.

Applications for "Help A Needy Friend" funds will be taken at Red Springs office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday, February 21 or until funds are exhausted for Robeson County Residents only.

- To be eligible for these funds, applicants must:
- Be a member of Lumbee River EMC
 - Be the person whose name the electric bill is in
 - Submit verification and documentation of crisis or emergency
 - Social Security Cards for all Family Members
 - Bring proof of earned/unearned income
 - Have a past due electric bill
 - Receipts of all Bills "Paid" in January
- For more information about "Help A Needy Friend", LREMC members may call 843-4131 Et: 251.



Celebrates 90th Birthday

Maggie Bell celebrated her birthday with a dinner and party at Sheff's Restaurant in Pembroke, NC on January 22, 2000. The party was attended by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, friends and relatives. Ms. Bell is the mother of James F. "Buddy" Bell of Pembroke, NC, William Ronald "Pete" Bell, Brenda Hammonds, Ruby Chavis and Glennis Hunt, all of St. Pauls, NC, Helen Locklear of Jacksonville, Fla., Catherine Robinson of Ponte Vera Beach, Fla. and Gladys "Toni" Von Feich of Virginia Beach, Va. Ms. Bell was married to the late Furman Bell of St. Pauls, NC and is the daughter of the late James and Charlotte Locklear of Lumberton, NC.

Rusty Perry Seeks Election to NC House of Representatives-District 87

Fairmont, NC--James "Rusty" Perry has filed his candidacy seeking elections to the NC House of Representatives - Robeson, Scotland, and Hoke Counties - District 87. Rusty is a Democrat and desires to be elected on Tuesday, May 2, 2000.

Mr. Perry said, "I plan to restore the peoples confidence in and regain the momentum of State support for economic growth and prosperity within District 87. My lofty expectations are to work with the delegation, constituents, and State colleagues to continue funding for economic growth, higher education, and to continue funding for local projects that are in-progress."

"I am confident that I can help to rebuild a sound government that is responsible to all people within our

District. Robeson, Scotland, and Hoke Counties--District 87 needs an effective voice, and I believe my personal traits of hard work, dedication, caring, commitment, and vision will allow me to properly address the critical issues faced by so many people. I am an independent thinker who is willing to continue my service as a public servant."

Rusty Perry is a lifelong resident of Robeson County, a member of the First Baptist Church of Fairmont and lives in Fairmont, NC. Mr. Perry is a retired Intensive Probation/Parole Officer with the NC Department of Correction. He holds an B.A. Degree in History and completed courses in criminology and Juvenile delinquency at UNC-Chapel Hill. Perry completed some graduate work in

public administration at NC State University in Raleigh.

As a public servant, Rusty Perry has been very active. He served four years on the Fairmont City Council; has been president of the Fairmont Rotary and Shrine Clubs and Jaycees; treasurer of the Civitan Club and is a member of the Masonic Lodge. Rusty was a Volunteer football coach for 15 years at the Fairmont High School. He is a member of the UNC-Chapel Hill Education Foundation.

"The people of District 87 can be assured of representation of integrity and competence. I care about the people of our House District and those who wish to move progressively in the future."

McIntyre Receives Health Award

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre recently received the National Rural Health Association's Legislative Award for his efforts to strengthen the nation's rural health care delivery system.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "Access, affordability, and availability of health care are paramount to our nation's citizens. The challenges that rural America faces in this regard are even tougher. I am honored to receive this award and will continue my efforts to ensure that both health care providers and beneficiaries have the resources necessary to provide quality care to the rural communities of southeastern North Carolina."

McIntyre is Co-Chairman of the Rural Health Care Coalition, a bipartisan caucus of 165 members of Congress who work together on health care issues. McIntyre played a critical role in the successful inclusion of rural-targeted provisions in the Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1997. This legislation was passed in response to the effect that reductions in Medicare payments mandated by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 were having on the delivery of health care.

The award was presented at the National Rural Health Association's recent convention in Washington, D.C.



Shown right is Erwin Jacobs, Post Judge Advocate, for Pembroke VFW Post #2843. He is shown with his special guests.



Members of the Pembroke VFW Post are shown at a recent hot dog dinner held at the Post on Union Chapel Road and hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. Shown right is James W. Thomas of Saddletree and his wife, Eva.

Pembroke VFW Post #2843 Report

by Erwin Jacobs, Post Judge Advocate

On Monday evening, February 14th, 2000 the VFW Post held its second meeting of the year 2000. I was looking forward to being able to attend as I was very sick and couldn't attend the first one in January. It was a welcome sight to see my fellow Post Comrades and their wives. Seems when I miss a meeting, I have missed a lot. Wish all members felt that way.

The meal of the evening was very good and tasty. Stew beef with rich juices, rice, baked ham, whole kernel corn, green beans, fresh sliced tomatoes, hot rolls, iced valentine cake, iced tea and hot coffee rounded out the menu for the evening. The food was blessed by Rev. Smith Locklear.

The Joint meeting was called to order by Post Commander Mr. Daniel Jones following dinner. The Charter was draped to honor the passing of post members Mr. Hubert Oxendine. Our condolences go out to his family. Prayer was by Chaplain Archie Oxendine. The Pledge of Allegiance tot he Flag followed.

Former Post Commander and now State Commander Shull had a guest which had been promised a National Defense Ribbon and Medal also an Expert Rifleman Badge. Mr. Burnie Banks was pinned by Mr. Shull. He wasn't eligible to join the Post due to not participating in foreign soil. We applauded him on this presentation. Commander Shull spoke briefly on the rapid decline of Veterans, stating that they are decreasing at 100 a day in the USA. He spoke of his and his aid, Rev. Hilton Deese's visits to the VA Hospitals in Fayetteville and Durham. He told us how it brightened up the spirits of the patients they visited. Encouraged members as they visit the hospital for appointments to please try and do a little kind deed to a patient. I practice that occasionally by helping someone in a wheel chair, buying a cup of coffee or somethings.

It is always appreciated. Following the auction of the red velvet cake, the meeting was adjourned and the ladies retired to their meeting room. The guests said good-bye.

The closed meeting was called to order after a brief recess. Post Adjutant Calvert Jones was to read the report of January's meeting following opening prayer by Chaplain Oxendine.

Service Officer Hilton Deese reported on he and State Commander Shull's visits to the two VA hospitals. There were discussion about how to make our Post more interesting and in bringing back our members to the meetings. Each month our attendance has fallen off at these meetings. I want to emphasize to the members. Your presence and our Post is needed very much as what's best done to help people's interest in these meetings and projects.

Quartermaster Mr. Ardell Jacobs gave his report of finances and budgets. It was also mentioned about several of our post members in nursing homes and the hospital who need our support. Mr. Floyd Locklear, Mr. Jerry Oxendine, Mr. Danford Dial, to name a few. Call or visit these people to brighten their day and let them know we haven't forgotten them.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 13th, 2000. Hope you can find the energy, and ambition to attend this meeting and her the discussions on the agenda.

The last function held at the VFW Post before the New 2000 Year was held at the Post on December 30th, 1999. The Ladies Auxiliary honored the VFW Post members with their yearly hot dog dinner. I had mentioned it lightly before, but I now have pictures to show the happy faces of many who attended and enjoyed

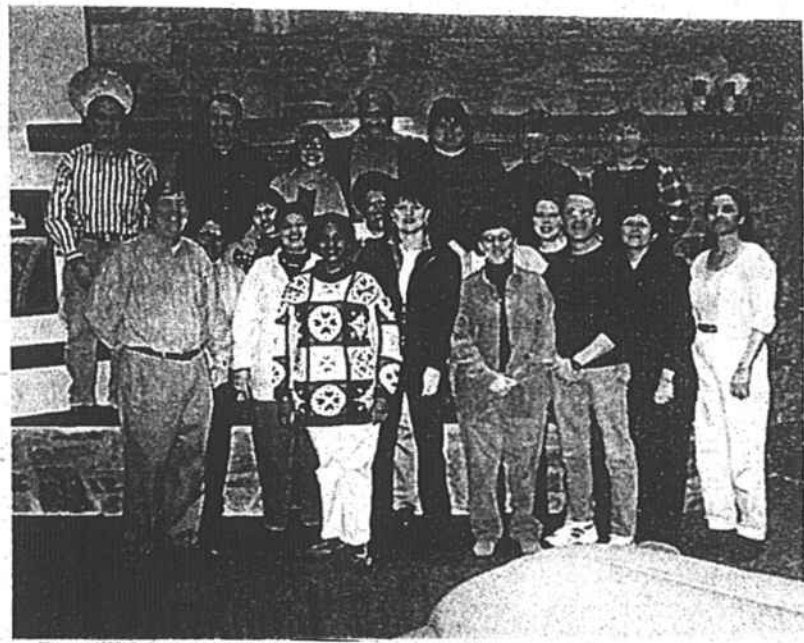
the evening of this very well accepted social. Even had some young guests attending. The photos were provided by Post Member Rev. George Locklear. The Ladies put on a good meal enjoyed by all. Left no sticks unturned. Rev. Locklear's brother and family graced us with their presence. My little guest, Joshua Simmons also enjoyed the festivities.

One may say why all the fuss? The Ladies Auxiliary plays a great part at this Post. They are wives or members of a deceased or current member of our VFW. They help with our yearly fund raiser fish fry and any other functions we have at the post pertaining to District meetings etc. Their meetings are held the same night each month as ours. They welcome any lady to join them whose husband was or is a post member.

At last evening's meeting, February 14, 2000 they brought in a very elegant red velvet cake to be auctioned to raise funds. Post members and State of NC Commander Mr. Art Shull got several members to dig deep in their pockets to purchase the cake. It "fetched" a nice price to help them out with expenses. I know many of them are talented in the kitchen at home and also making quilts and other sewing projects. Hopefully they will make and bring out some of their best work for the men to bid on and buy from them.

There are preparations underway to make the post more recognizable as people pass by on Union Chapel Road. Be on the look out for a permanent guest to arrive in the near future. I will elaborate more on this at a later date. Maybe we can get Miss Tosha Oxendine of WBTW Channel 13 to be on hand as we greet our new resident upon arrival. (Got you guessing on this one I's sure).

God bless until next report.



Purnell Swett High School faculty and staff attended a staff development workshop on integrating reading and writing across the curriculum at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching in Cullowhee, NC February 4-6.

PSHS Attends Workshop on Integrating Reading and Math

by Yvonne Barnes Dial

Purnell Swett High School's faculty and staff attended a workshop on integrating reading and math at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching in Cullowhee, N.C. February 4-6.

Math teacher, Connie Locklear, and English teacher, Ann Locklear presented the staff development workshop with the major focus in presenting ideas and suggestions on integrating reading and math in the curriculum.

Friday began with an ice breaker as participants played Hollywood Squares and various selections were shared from the inspirational book, Chicken Soup for the Soul. Afterwards, English teacher, Ann Locklear, and math, teacher, Connie Locklear, shared examples of how reading and math, as well as other subjects, are integrated. These examples included senior projects, portfolios, projects and activities revealing the numbers of casualties and deaths in various wars, and the painless assessment involved in the integration.

Saturday, Ms. Connie Locklear challenged the group to solve problems involving math, and Ms. Ann Locklear shared how art related to writing skills as the participants were requested to write their interpretation of a portrait.

After an excursion, as everyone was requested to record examples of how reading and math were related, various teachers shared their ex-

amples. Art teacher, Delora Cummings explained how art within the center and math were parallel with the measurements of the picture frame or matting of a piece of art.

Afterwards, participants were broken into groups of three and they discussed how their content areas related and they developed lesson plans and goals on a unit to teach to their students.

Sunday, Jennings Bullard delivered scripture from Genesis involving Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son to God and how God himself offered his son as a sacrifice for mankind. Boss Locklear sang "Watch the Lamb" which paralleled greatly with the message Mr. Bullard shared with everyone.

Upon completing the workshop, groups shared their units and examples of the subject areas they plan to integrate with their students to the participants.

Those who attended included: Ann Locklear, Jennings Bullard, Yvonne Dial, Regenia McPhatter, Karen Jacobs, Wenona Henderson, Deborah Lowry, Lynette Jacobs, Kathy Coble, Susan Blackman, Connie Locklear, Merle Summers, Christy Strickland, Emily Crain, Steve Tyner, Al Parnell, Felicia Hunt, Kimberly Branch, Delora Cummings and Boss Locklear.

Coordinating the event, Boss Locklear worked diligently with assistant principal, Susan Blackman, to make the achievement possible.

Pembroke Family Practice Center Breaks Ground

The Scotland Health Care System Board of Trustees is pleased to announce it has approved the building of a 7,000 square foot facility for the new Pembroke Family Practice Center. This new center will be located at 410D South Jones Street in Pembroke.

Site work begins the week of February 21, with construction expected to be completed in November this year. A ground breaking ceremony will take place on Wednesday, February 23, at 11:30 a.m. at the new site. Community members are invited to attend the ground breaking for this significant addition to the Pembroke community.

Site Planning and Design, P.A., of Matthews, North Carolina, has been selected as the project's design firm. Precision Contractors, Inc. of Laurinburg is the project's general contractor.

The new facility will provide much needed space for an on-site laboratory, continued on-site prenatal care, x-ray services, and an indigent medications program. Denis Ricard, Physician Assistant, and Maxine Blue, Family Nurse Practitioner, are excited about the new facility and the additional services which will be offered to their patients. "We've seen a tremendous increase in the number of patients requiring our services over the past few years," commented Ricard. "This new facility will help us meet the increasing demand for health care service." Ms. Blue, who joined the Pembroke Family Practice Center this past fall, commented, "We are very pleased that the board of trustees recognized the need for a larger facility. This expansion of services and increased space can better service the health care needs of our community."

Martina L. Dockery, M.D. joins the staff of the Pembroke Family Practice Center this September. Dr. Dockery, a family medicine physician, adds a new level of service to the professional care currently provided by Mr. Ricard, and Ms. Blue. Dr. Dockery comes fresh from a residency in family medicine at Duke/Southern Regional Area Health Education Center in Fayetteville. She completed her doctor of medicine studies at Hahnemann University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

For more information about Pembroke Family Practice Center and the ground breaking ceremony on Wednesday, February 23, please contact the Center at 910-521-4462.