

From the Desk of the Superintendent

by Dr. Barry Harding, Public Schools of Robeson County

Would you believe that five weeks ago tomorrow our students finished another school year? That means that five weeks of their summer vacation are already gone and, probably, for the bulk of that time, the students have settled into some kind of routine which may include a job or lying around a beach or a combination of both. For the most part, though, school is probably furthest from their minds and that's really too bad.

The reason I say that is that summertime is a good time to take stock of where they stand academically and to think about what they might do to be better prepared for the next school year. If college is in the student's fall plans, that calls for one kind of preparation. If the student will still be in public school then any plans should include a discussion with parents as to the direction that will be taken when the new year starts. It's a good time to do that while not being involved with the pressures of classes and extracurricular activities.

Beyond that discussion, there are activities that can take place during the summer that can be educational despite the fact that school is not part of the picture. Take, for example, reading. This past year, we undertook an approach to demonstrate that "Every Teacher is a Teacher of Reading". It was intended to stress the importance that should be placed on reading. The fact that students are out of school, though, doesn't mean that reading should be ignored. Regardless of age or grade level, children should be encouraged to spend some of their time in the summer reading. If getting them to do that is a problem, then the key is to introduce them to books or other reading material dealing with subjects they're interested in. Cars or music or careers are things like that. Interesting subjects are key to keeping them from becoming bored. I might add that reading to the child or having the child read to you or involving a sibling to either listen to or read to the child also is a good way to maintain interest.

Summertime is a good time to learn new skills like typing or playing a musical instrument. Since learning to play the latter usually takes a while, it makes sense to try it in the summer to see if the child likes it or not. If not, it can be dropped without affecting study time during the year. A vacation trip can offer the opportunity for learning in an entertaining way. Let them identify states by license plates on passing cars with questions about the state's location on a map and its capital. Billboards and historical markers offer information as do visits to historical places.

It's important that the break classes offered by summer shouldn't mean a break from learning. To keep learning going during the summer can provide an advantage to a student when the new school year begins on August 6th.

**3rd Annual LRDA Golf Tournament
In Memory of the Late Judge
Dexter Brooks**
When: June 29, 2002 - 8:30 Tee-Off
Where: Flagtree Golf Course in Fairmont
Why: Help support the Dexter Brooks
Endowment Fund -UNCP
What: Fourman Superball
\$50.00 per player
Two Hole-in-ones (Two 2002 GMC
Trucks; Compliments
of Bleeker's Oldsmobile of Red
Springs, NC)
Trophies will be rewarded
Lunch will be served
Contact: Phil Wallace (910) 628-9933
William Locklear (910) 522-2123

Witness Pin Helps Christians

How many Christians can be spotted among 100 people on the street? Likely none. Some clergy wear collars and other turbans. A nun can be spotted right off because of her habit. But, nothing for Christians. Now, that can change. There is help in small pin called the Witness Pin.

A preacher spoke these words in a radio sermon. God DID. God CAN. God WILL. He has put those words on a Witness Pin. When someone admires the pin, the wearer witnesses. God DID send His Son. God CAN keep us until His Son comes again. God WILL take us to Heaven if we accept His Son.

The pin lets a Christian be spotted. "And it lets him or her put Jesus out front for the world to see," says the preacher. Christians on the street, in supermarkets, at ball games don't have to be and should not be anonymous or nondescript. They can now stand out by wearing the Witness Pin everyday on a tie, lapel, dress front or on a shirt's button flap if they are not wearing a tie.

Rev. Edmond Locklear, Jr., of Pembroke, N.C., is the preacher who spoke the words on the Witness Pin.

He says his company, WEC Press of Pembroke, is going forward with getting Christians to stand out for Jesus and wear this pin.

On a blue shield about one inch across is a red cross and gold colored words: God Did, God can, God Will. A gold border surrounds the pin. Rev. Locklear says men can wear the pin on a tie or cap or between the 1st and 2nd buttons of a shirt's button flap if they are not wearing a tie. Ladies wear it as a pin. It is not obtrusive or embarrassingly large, being only one inch across.

"I'm not afraid," says Rev. Locklear about putting forth the Witness Pin. "I believe it is high time Christians should stand out in a crowd as does practitioners of other religions. I believe we are denying the Lord Jesus Christ when we don't stand up and be counted."

"Every minister should fearlessly work to get his whole

flock wearing Witness Pins and standing out for Jesus. That is the new challenge."

Rev. Locklear goes on to say the Witness Pin helps Christians put their salvation out before the world so God can bless them. Rev. Locklear believes America is coming to a time when as a 'God-fearing' nation it will have to stand up and be counted. He says we need to start practicing now. We begged God to bless America after Sept. 11. Now is the time, he says to show we are worthy of His blessing. The Witness Pin will help Christians do that.

He has prayed God to place a private Spirit on this pin. He will help wearers meet their obligations and needs and bless them abundantly for their standing up for Jesus.

Mike Wilkins, sales manager for WEC Press, urges ministries to offer this pin for donations. The Lord is ready to help ministries through this pin. He estimates ministries can bring in \$65 to \$165 million dollars in donations to

help meet their goals.

Wilkins has set up the following arrangements for ministries and churches to attract donations by offering the Witness Pin.

A. Start with the staff. Will they wear the pin and stand out for Jesus? If so, donate \$25 to \$50 for a pin. They witness and display the pin. That encourages other Christians to step out.

B. Promote in publications, on Internet, on radio and TV programs.

C. When a donation comes in, send WEC Press, Box 3187, Pembroke, NC 28372, a label addressed to the donor, a thank you note to insert with the pin and \$16.95 for each pin. They will ship to the donor.

Wilkins says the first organizations to present the Witness Pin for donations are going to reap a harvest. Not only will they draw thousands of dollars to their fund-raising, but they will get people on the street in supermarkets, wherever witnessing and standing out for Jesus.

Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass to appear at Chestnut Street UMC

TIM ZIMMERMAN AND THE KING BRASS will be appearing in concert at Chestnut Street United Methodist Church, corner of Chestnut and Eighth Streets Lumberton, N.C. on Friday, June 28, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

Tim Zimmerman and The King Brass present hymn classics with a contemporary flair. The King's Brass features three trumpets, three trombones, a tuba, percussion and keyboards. These instruments blend together to create a time of innovative worship designed for all generations.

The group, formed in 1979, is comprised of professional musicians from across the country who desire to use the instruments they love to lead others in praise to the Lord Jesus Christ. The King's Brass original arrangements are featured on ten recordings.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 739-3304

PEMBROKE LIONS CLUB

Plate Sale

BBQ or Chicken \$6.00

June 28, 2001

Pembroke Fire Department
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Weinstein pushes for tougher telemarketing regulations

Raleigh - Consumers could sign a "No-Call" list to stop unwanted telemarketing calls under a proposal introduced this week in the North Carolina Senate.

"Families have the right to enjoy dinner without being interrupted by a telemarketer," said Sen. David Weinstein, who supports the proposal. "This initiative would allow North Carolinians to take one simple step to stop those unwanted calls."

Senate Bill 1313: *Creates a No-Call Registry to prevent unwanted calls. Consumers can sign up at no cost by Internet, mail or phone. Once a consumer puts his or her number on the No-Call list, most telemarketers would not be allowed to call that number.

*Protects consumers from unauthorized or misunderstood charges on their accounts. Under the plan, all details of sales initiated by telemarketers must be

put in writing and signed by the consumer. Until the company receives a signed contract, the telemarketer cannot charge the consumer's credit card or bank account.

*Limits telephone solicitations to the hours of 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Current law allows telemarketer calls from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

*Tougher penalties for telemarketers who violate the law. Penalties would be raised from \$500 per violation to \$5,000. In addition, contracts that are in violation of the new consumer protections can be declared void.

Telemarketing complaints are the fourth most common complaints to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection office.

"Clearly, consumers want relief from relentless phone solicitations," Weinstein said. "This initiative will give North Carolinians the peace and quiet they deserve."

St. Albans scholarship grows with third installment

PEMBROKE, N.C. - A decision by St. Albans Masonic Lodge three years ago to promote scholarship in Robeson County

has now resulted in Three contributions to an endowed fund at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

"It is a decision that no one at the 250-member Lodge regrets," said Durham Lewis Jr., who along with Tony Prevatte assisted with a presentation of a check recently.

"It is a no-brainer every year we vote on it," said Mr. Prevatte, who owns Prevatte's Mobil Home, Inc. sales in Lumberton. "Our plan is to continue this scholarship indefinitely."

"We set a course, and now it is building process," said Mr. Lewis, who is a UNCP graduate and partner with UNCP Trustee Henry Lewis in Lewis and Lewis CPAs in Lumberton. "We would like to expand the scholarship to benefit even more students."

An endowed scholarship is a perpetual investment, which gen-

erates an annual scholarship from its income. The St. Albans Masonic Lodge Endowed Scholarship goes to a high achieving freshman at UNCP, and is based on the financial needs of that student.

Chancellor Allen C. Meadors said, "These are times when financial aid is critical."

"Our university is famous for educating first generation college students who are the first person in their family to get a college degree," Chancellor Meadors' said. "Those students often cannot complete their education without additional financial assistance."

"We are very grateful to St. Albans Lodge for this scholarship and for its continued dedication to the young people of our country."

For information about this scholarship or other gift programs at UNCP, please call the Office of Advancement at (910) 521-6252.

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Neighbors Caring For Neighbors.

"If I was a patient,
I'd rather have it be
here in my
backyard
than go
somewhere they
don't know you."

"As Mayor of Fairmont, I've met all kinds of people. Friends and strangers. The people at Southeastern have been a vital part of my life. A few years back, I lost my wife and daughter to cancer. Southeastern worked hard to keep them on Earth, but they had to go. The people there are some of the best I've ever met. I couldn't ask for better service.

I'm living witness that people care."