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Area ESAA Project Undergoing Change

by LORRAINE MIZE

This school year marks the seventh year of the Emergency School Aid Act (ESAA) project in Harnett County schools. For the 1980-81 school year, however, the project will undergo a complete transformation.

The program was designed originally to provide financial assistance to local school districts to enable them to implement new programs to aid underprivileged students in overcoming educational disadvantages.

According to Harnett ESAA director Dezeretta Johnson, the project is turning back towards human-relations.

"Our project began with work concentrating on remediation," she said. "Now we are working toward in-school suspension and drop-out prevention."

Within the Harnett County ESAA project for the past seven years have been three components, working together to help improve the interaction of people in the school and community.

The first component, known as priority one, consists of elementary math labs. At the

present time there are 13 ESAA Elementary math labs in the county. The purpose of the labs which involve one teacher and an aide, are to provide needed individualized instruction to bring about significant improvements in math skills.

The second component, known as priority two, consists of high school math labs. At the present time, there are three ESAA high school math labs in the county. The labs are set up so that a pupil operates at his own optimum learning level, thus enabling him to realize success.

With the changes in the ESAA project the operation of these labs will be picked up by the school itself. "We are counting on the principals in these schools to carry on the remediation programs," Mrs. Johnson said. "It will have to be a school project, though, there will be no federal money."

The third component, or priority three, of the ESAA project is the drop-out prevention program. There are two ESAA counselors in the county school system that provide necessary guidance



MEMBERS OF THE Harnett Central High School ESAA Student Committee are, back row, 1-r; Jerry Ennis, principal; Riley Williams, Jerry Winders, Levon Johnson and Dezeretta Johnson, ESAA director, Harnett

County Schools. Front row, 1-r; Vera Jones ESAA Counselor, Harnett Central; Iris Smith, Dawn Franklin and Susan Thatcher. (Photo by Lorraine Mize).



WESTERN HARNETT ESAA Student Committee members are, 1-r, seated: Carl Bennett, Cheryl Robinson, Sharon Campbell, Dennie Dezzo and Randall Greene. Standing are Karla Strickland, ESAA Counselor at

Western Harnett and Dezeretta Johnson, ESAA Director, Harnett County Schools. Not pictured is Denise Paschal. (Photo by Lorraine Mize).

around town

by Steve Plummer

SPECIAL PEOPLE, SPECIAL SUNDAY

November is the month for recognition of a special group of people, the mentally retarded, and the special people who work with them.

In recognition of these people, the Buies Creek Baptist Church is planning a special Sunday morning service this weekend. Members of the church's class for the mentally handicapped will participate in the worship service, which will be followed by a dinner at the church. The public is invited to attend.

Harnett County has over 500 mentally retarded young people. Buies Creek Baptist Church has the only church-related program, according to information supplied to us, available to these people.

The Sunday School class has six students and a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Carter, serve as instructors. Mrs. Carolyn Johnson serves as assistant.

The class meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and has been involved in such activities as Bible stories, crafts, singing, nature hikes and other outings.

Various departments in the church have assisted by providing breakfasts and dinners and parties, proving that the class is a project supported by the whole church.

Persons interested in becoming a part of the program are encouraged to contact the church at 893-4280, Paul Keller at 893-5581 or the Carters at 893-2319.

HARNETT CENTRAL ACTIVITIES

Got a couple of things going on at Harnett Central High School in the next week to which the public is invited.

The Trojan Booster Club will sponsor a barbecue dinner Friday at 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Pork and chicken plates will be available for \$2.50 each. Proceeds will go to the athletic program there.

Also, an open house will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the school. The public is encouraged to attend that affair also.

BOONE TRAIL BOOSTER CLUB

The Boone Trail Booster Club will also sponsor a barbecue from 5-8 p.m. Friday at that school.

The meal will feature the home-cooked barbecue that is well-known in these parts and the plates are \$2.50 each. The club will be cooking 10 hogs and 2,000 pounds of shoulder, so you can see that they are expecting a large crowd. As a matter of fact, a spokesman for the group said they are expecting to serve about 2,000 plates, so don't disappoint them.

SALT II BRIEFING

Lillington attorney Neill McKay Ross was the guest speaker at the Lillington Rotary Club last Thursday and he entertained the group with a talk on his recent trip to the White House.

Neill and Mrs. Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Byerly of Dunn were invited, along with about 200 other North Carolinians, to meet with President Carter and hear a briefing on the SALT II treaty.

The North Carolina delegation was entertained by U.S. Senator Robert Morgan at a luncheon prior to the briefing and at a reception by Carter afterwards.

While in Washington, the Rosses visited Mrs. Ross's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ray. As a momento of the occasion, Mrs. Ray presented to Neill and Lois the American flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol that day.

Neill said that he brought back a written summary of the SALT II briefing and has placed it at the Harnett County Library in Lillington for anyone who wants to study it.

He also received a tape of another SALT briefing, although not the one he heard, this week and has also placed it at the library.

"BLACK POWDER" SHOOT

Something unique in the way of turkey shoots for this area will be offered at the Friday night Moose Lodge turkey shoot in Dunn, starting at 7 p.m.

A "black powder" shoot will be held along with the regular twice-weekly shoot behind the lodge hall on Averasboro Road.

Bonnie Page, chairman of this year's shoot and a black powder enthusiast himself, explained that the weapon used in this type of event is a muzzle-loading rifle. A single ball-type shot is located into the rifle and propelled by black powder.

Also, the shooters Friday will have an opportunity to compete for a custom-made Bowie knife crafted by Pope, in addition to the usual prize of turkeys and country hams.

The Bowie knife, or "Arkansas toothpick," as Daniel Boone used to call them, is another hobby of Pope's.

CHITLIN' STRUT FRIDAY

Well, I'm going to make one more announcement about a place to eat Friday night and then I'm quitting for this week.

The Lee County Wildlife Club is sponsoring its annual chitlin' strut Friday at the Wildlife clubhouse, beginning at 5 p.m. (For those folks who don't think they can handle chitlin'g, as they are known properly, plenty of barbecue pork will also be available.)

The clubhouse is located about seven miles north of Sanford on old U.S. highway 1. Look for the sign marking the dirt road that leads to the clubhouse.

Metro Deadline

The period for the reduced rate tap-on fee for customers of the Northeast Metropolitan Water District will end Nov. 21. Rodney Tart, district manager, announced this week.

Users of the system have until then to sign up at a reduced rate of \$87.50. After Nov. 21, customers will be charged the full price of \$525, Tart said.



L-R: DR. H.D. IRELAND, WINSTON C. HESTER, BOB ETHERIDGE

Chamber's Directors Raise Dues

by STEVE PLUMMER

A revised dues structure for members of the Lillington Chamber of Commerce has been adopted by the organization's board of directors and will take effect in December, announced Chamber president Leo McDonald.

In a letter mailed to all Chamber members, McDonald noted that 1979 has been a "drastic" year for the organization due to the lack of operating funds.

The Chamber, which has operated at a near-deficient level for several years, suffered its biggest loss of income from a decline in the sale of motor vehicle license plates, traditionally its major source of income.

The drop in license sales has been attributed mainly to the opening of several new regional sales offices that have reduced the number of persons who come to Lillington for their purchase.

The Chamber, which has not changed its dues structure in several years, has implemented several other changes this year in an effort to cope with its current financial status.

The office staff was reduced earlier this year from two full-time employees to one and the office hours were changed so that it remained open later in the afternoon, in order to facilitate persons getting off work at 5 p.m.

The organization has also solicited additional donations

from its members to help defray expenses on special projects like the Fourth of July Festival in the Park.

Earlier this year, the association's board of directors asked the members to donate the equivalent of one year's dues in addition to the dues they had already paid for 1979. About half of the 98 registered members responded with the donations.

The previous dues structure was based on a business's location and the amount of gross income it made in one year. If a member has a gross business of \$100,000 or more per year, it paid \$100 in membership dues.

Members with a gross yearly business of less than \$100,000 paid \$50 a year in dues.

Members with businesses outside the city limits with a gross yearly income of \$100,000 or less paid \$25 a year in dues.

Association - personal memberships, persons who are not in business but are interested in the Chamber, were available for \$25 per year.

The membership and finance committee of the Chamber reviewed the previous dues structure, with particular emphasis on the income and expenses, and came to the conclusion that the dues structure must be revised if the Chamber is to continue, according to McDonald's letter.

The committee was reported to have based the new dues structure on similar plans used by other area chambers of

commerce, where members pay according to the type of business and the number of employees they have.

For some Lillington members, the amount of dues they will pay under the new plan is the same as before.

Under the new structure, associate - personal memberships will be \$25, while fraternal and civic clubs will pay \$50.

Other categories and the amount of dues owed are as follows:

-Businesses paying a \$100 minimum annually with an additional five dollars per employee over five include service (laundry, cleaners, etc.), wholesale and distributors, retailers, restaurant and cafe,

radio and television, printers and publishers, apartment buildings and mobile home parks, automotive (dealers, service stations, repair, etc.) and diversified (all businesses not classified).

-Businesses paying a minimum of \$125 annually with an additional five dollars per employee over five include insurance and real estate agencies.

-The financial category, which includes banks, savings and loan associations and loan companies, will pay a \$150 annual minimum fee with an additional five dollars per employee over five.

-The manufacturing and construction

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Bringing Back Covered Wagons

The days of covered wagons are long since past. Television offers some examples of what those times were like, but none altogether realistic.

In this day of rising inflation and rampant crime, many people feel a need to go back in time, to the days when everyone trusted everyone else and felt free to walk around the countryside without fear of harm.

One young man, with the aid of a Shetland pony and a small covered wagon, is doing just that. Jim Brooks began his journey Sept. 5 in Morristown, Tenn. On Oct. 31, he passed through Lillington on his way up the east coast to Maine.

"I plan to go up the coast to Maine," he said, "then come



JIM BROOKS

back down through Florida. I'm going to continue my journey through the Midwest, then along the west coast and

through the Rockies until I've covered most of the country."

Brooks, who is planning to write a book about his

a life-time dream. He expects experiences, says his journey is the trek to take five years.

Councilman's Brother Shot to Death in Home

The brother of a Lillington city councilman was found shot to death Saturday in his home on Rt. 2.

The body of Ragford Mitchell Darroch, a Raleigh postal service employee and a retired master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, was found about noon, according to Detective Lemuel Gregory of the Harnett County Sheriff's Department, one of the investigating officers.

Darroch was the brother of Fred Darroch of Lillington, a member of the town's board of commissioners.

Darroch, 45 who died sometime Friday night, was living alone at his home. According to Gregory, he was last seen Friday night. He had eaten dinner at his mother's

home on Rt. 2, Lillington and left there about 8:30 p.m.

His body was discovered around noon Saturday by his sister, Lucille Johnson of Raleigh. Gregory said the body was found reclined on a sofa, with a gunshot wound to the head.

Gregory, who would not comment further on the shooting other than to say that the investigation was continuing, did indicate that there were several leads in the case that were being checked Tuesday.

A native of Harnett County, Darroch was the son of the late Andrew Kershaw Darroch and a member of Union Methodist Church.

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