

Food Service Employees Take Part In Training

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During the summer of 1985 Warren County Schools Food Service employees have accepted the challenges offered for training on the state and local level.

The State Division of Child Nutrition offered a leadership seminar in Raleigh for managers on June 25th. Mrs. Mary Dillard, Mrs. Florence Somerville and Mrs. Ella Cook represented Warren County. Two or three managers from each unit attend each year.

Week-long workshops were also offered at various colleges around the state for food service employees. Three assistants attended UNC at Greensboro late in July. They were Ms. Loretta Champ, Ms. Nancy Townes and Ms. Christine Townes. "Communications" was the theme of the manager's workshop that Ms. Francine Alston completed the

first week in August, also at UNC-G. On Wednesday, August 14th, a local manager's workshop was held at the central office with all nine schools represented. The managers received training on managing their resources to make each cafeteria run smoothly.

On Friday, August 23rd, a general meeting for all Warren County School Food Service employees will be held

at Warren County High School cafeteria. Ms. Lois Meidenbauer, assistant director of Child Nutrition for the state will present a program on "Offer vs. Serve" and "The Choice Program." These two topics are extremely timely since four more schools will begin offering choices to Warren County Students this fall. These schools are Vaughan, South Warren, North Warren and Hawkins.

Richardson Family Reunion Is Held

The annual Richardson family reunion was held at the home of the J. B. Russells of Warrenton, August 9-11. The host and hostess were J. B. Russell and Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson Russell.

The reunion was a celebration of the lives of the late Jesse R. and

Emma L. Richardson who were longtime residents of Warrenton, where they reared their nine children.

For the first time in several years all of the living children and the wife of one deceased were present.

A fish-fry and spaghetti treat were the initial events Friday evening.

Saturday, the children and their families, 103 in number, and friends were treated to a dinner on the lawn. They reminisced and became reacquainted. The reunion was terminated Sunday with prayer, breakfast and a quiet afternoon of good-byes.

The crowning feature of the reunion was the presentation of the first great - great - grandchild of Jesse and Emma Richardson. She was Dana Joy, the five-week-old daughter of Carolyn Gardner, daughter of Joseph Richardson Jr., the son of Gretchen Richardson.

Short Course Set At VGCC

To help meet training demands for persons working with aged populations, Vance-Granville Community College will offer the course, "Introduction to Gerontology," to evening students this fall. To run for 11 consecutive weeks, classes will be held on Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p. m., September 11-November 20.

The course will address the needs and concerns faced by older Americans, such as income, health, disability, transportation, religion and voluntary services. Students will be taught specific problems characteristic of older persons in those areas as well as pre-retirement and post-retirement counseling. Those completing course requirements will receive three hours of college credit.

Interested persons may pre-register by calling the college's Admissions Office prior to September 10.

Wastewater Research Is Under Way

By RUTH HUTCHISON

Each year millions of gallons of dark brown-colored wastewater are discharged from paper processing plants into North Carolina's streams and rivers.

The colored wastewater is not only unsightly but also can create environmental problems. By absorbing sunlight needed for plant growth, it can cut off oxygen sources vital to aquatic life.

At North Carolina State University, two wood and paper science researchers, Drs. Thomas W. Joyce and Hou-min Chang, in cooperation with research scientist Dr. T. K. Kirk at the Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, Wis., have devised a system that could eventually clear up the wastewater problem.

Financial support for the research was obtained from the Forest Products Laboratory and the pulp and paper industry.

Joyce and Chang say their new process turns the wastewater from the color of coffee to the color of weak tea.

What is unique about the process is its use of white rot fungi, which decompose a highly complex substance called lignin.

Lignin, which gives grocery bags their brown color, also gives trees and plants their structural rigidity. It is extremely difficult to break down, say the researchers.

The first step in making paper, called the pulping process, is to break down the wood into its component fibers. Next, in the bleaching process, where white paper is made, more lignin is released. Both processes cause the color problem in wastewater.

In nature the white rot fungi efficiently decompose fallen logs and leaves by releasing enzymes which degrade lignin.

In their process, which NCSU has patented, Joyce and Chang use the fungi to decompose the lignin that remains in the wastewater.

"We're getting the organisms in nature to do the degrading," said Joyce. "We've taken what nature does and compacted it into a small volume, which is the essence of a wastewater treatment plant."

The process is carried out on prototype equipment called a Rotating Biological Contractor. Several disks, about 17 inches in diameter, are mounted on a shaft. The fungi blanket the disks, which rotate once a minute. As wastewater passes around the disks, it comes into contact with the fungi, which remove the color.

"The process also removes chemical compounds which scientists generally agree are known to be hazardous in the environment," Chang said.

He said that chlorinated compounds produced in the bleaching process and discharged into the environment are removed along with the lignin.

At present there is no national regulation governing color discharge, say the researchers.

However, Joyce and Chang believe that if color removal is required, their process would be the most cost-effective among current technologies.

State Post Filled By Local Woman

Mrs. Cora H. Hawkins of the Town 'n Country Garden Club was elected president of the Federation of Garden Clubs of North Carolina, which convened August 11-13 at the Greensboro Sheraton. Mrs. Sallye H. Brown, also of the local club, will serve as state parliamentarian.

Mrs. Hawkins has previously served the state organization as recording secretary and conservation chairperson.

The Town 'n Country Garden Club received blue-ribbon recognition for the yearbook and scrapbook.

Serving on the yearbook committee are Mrs.

L. G. Hawkins, Mrs. G. H. Fitts, Mrs. C. H. Hawkins and Mrs. S. L. Hawkins, chairperson.

The club's scrapbook committee is composed of Mrs. A. M. Alston, Mrs. C. H. Hawkins, Mrs. E. J. Hudgins and Mrs. M. H. Powell, chairperson.

Other members of the club are Mrs. E. M. Brown, Mrs. G. J. Exum, Mrs. H. A. Gardner, Mrs. E. W. Harris, Mrs. V. C. Henderson, Mrs. M. M. Jordan, Mrs. E. F. Ward, Mrs. S. M. Williams and Mrs. S. H. Brown, president.

Mrs. Mary H. Powell served as official delegate to the convention.

Ken Smith Is Winner Of Bass Tournament

For the second consecutive month, Ken Smith won the Warren County Bass Club tournament held on Lake Gaston on Saturday, August 17. Smith had won top honors in the July tournament on Kerr Lake.

Smith also won "Big Fish" honors while Tom Peele placed second.

Currently, Carl Lynch holds the lead for "Most Pounds" in 1985. Tom Peele is in second place.

Following the Saturday tournament, Pete and Rose Price, Ken and Linda Smith and Jimmy and Lynda Booker hosted a hot dog and hamburger supper for the club members and their families at Lake Gaston. Several club members and their wives won door prizes provided by the hosts. Each child attending the supper was given a "grab bag" of goodies.

The club held its annual children's tournament on Sunday, August 18. The children of club members participated in fishing competition in two age groups: 0-9 and 10-14. Those in the 10-14 group were Ken Smith, Roy Brannan, Chris Adcock, April Adcock, Casey Floyd and Jason Collier. Competing in the 0-9 group were Roger Lynch, Jeremy Clayton, Brooks Clayton, Melinda Floyd, Chris Peele and Kelly Smith. Jason Collier won "Big Fish" and "Most Pounds" in the older division; and Kelly Smith won "Most Pounds" while Roger Lynch won "Big Fish" in the younger division. The children then played games and were treated with a hot dog supper hosted by Allan and Carolyn Adcock. Each child who participated in the tournament received a trophy, a "grab bag" of goodies and a toy.

The club's next fishing tournament is scheduled for September 21 on the Chowan River.

Ruritans Hear From: Eatman

Thomas D. Eatman, executive vice president of the Tar Heel Credit Service, spoke to the Norlina Ruritans at their recent meeting at the Norlina Woman's Club building.

Introduced by Russell King, president of the club, Eatman and his assistant, Allen Costin, presented a program which included photographs taken across the nation.

Eatman discussed the plight of the American farmer and expressed hope that better days would come. He noted encouragement over the reduction in interest rates and gas prices.

The Ruritans were served a meal by the Norlina Woman's Club.

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