

Energy Saving Devices Ready For School

BY TERRY POPE

An energy saving system installed at three Brunswick County schools over the summer vacation drew praise from state education officials last week.

The comments came in response to a report aired by a local television station that claims the schools could have helped finance the \$83,000 project with state grants. The final contract with E.A. LeBlanc and Associates, an energy management company based in Raleigh, was signed in June with plans to pay for the energy saving devices through guaranteed savings on the schools' utility bills.

"I believe the contract which you have entered into with LeBlanc provides the best arrangement for financing these installations with the minimum risk to your school system," wrote Dewey T. O'Kelley Jr., director of the State Division of Plant Operations in a letter addressed to School Superintendent Gene Yarbrough last Tuesday.

After the report aired, school finance manager Samuel Adcock contacted state education officials to ask about the available funds. But O'Kelley said what funds are available are in the form of federal assistance grants under the Schools and Hospitals Program, "which provided matching funds for Energy Management Systems."

"However, these funds were available on a competitive basis and would require the expenditures of local funds for the engineering study

and to cover the cost of proposal preparations," O'Kelley wrote. "Of course, there would be no assurance that your projects would be funded within the limited available funds."

The energy saving devices have been installed at Lincoln Primary, South Brunswick High and West Brunswick High schools while students were away on summer vacation. They should be in operation when school starts Sept. 3, said assistant superintendent Bill Turner.

The schools have the option to install the devices at the remaining eight county schools at the end of a three-year trial period. The pilot energy management program also involves a team of third party financiers, Murray Financial Corporation, which put up the \$83,000 to finance the cost and installation of the equipment at the three schools.

During the past year, the division of plant operations has provided a limited number of school systems with a consultant engineer for energy management proposals.

"The funding for this project did not include monies for the purchase of equipment, but was limited only to the engineering costs," O'Kelley wrote. "In each instance the cost of

the installation was borne by the local board of education."

Mecklenburg County is presently in the second year of a contract with another energy management firm that provides service for 20 schools.

"During the course of the pilot project," O'Kelley wrote, "we will be anxious to assist you in any way we can and help you evaluate the results in order to determine if the systems are everything the vendor claims."



Sailing Champs Of A Sort

Winners in the July Rain Gutter Regatta held for members of Cub Scout Pack 227 have been announced. The Rain Gutter Regatta, according to a spokesperson, tested the cubs' skill in floating paper boats down a rain gutter. The event was held at Shallotte Park. In the photo above, Packmaster Pat Barber, at left pouring water in the gutter, supervises the last race between Gary Jones, left, and Yates Gupton. Winners of the event, one of several planned for cubs this summer, are pictured below. They are, from left, front row, Nathan Gibson, first place among 8-year-olds; Sean Hughes, second place among 10-year-olds; Yates Gupton, third place among 10-year-olds; and Jody Bowen, third place among 9-year-olds; back row, Gary Jones, first place among 10-year-olds; Scott Hill, second place among 9-year-olds; Kelly Edwards, first place among 9-year-olds; and Jason Horne, second place among 8-year-olds.



Point Sells Seafood Plates

Looking for a good seafood dinner? Shallotte Point Volunteer Fire Department will sell combination shrimp and fish plates Saturday, Aug. 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the fire station on Pigott Road.

Each \$3.50 dinner will include shrimp, fish, coleslaw, candied yams and hushpuppies, and a choice of tea

or coffee, said spokesman Joyce Land. Baked goods will also be sold.

Orders for six or more plates will be delivered. To order takeouts, call the department's business number, 754-6505, rather than the fire reporting number.

All proceeds will benefit the fire department.

Animal League Meets Tuesday

The Brunswick County Animal Welfare League meets Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Brunswick Technical College administrative building, at the old campus in Supply.

A bylaws committee will be appointed and members are to turn in their "dog house" contributions.

President Teddi Neal said that animals adopted from the shelter can be neutered or spayed at a reduced fee by Dr. Louise Piper of Cape Fear Animal Hospital, Southport. The Brunswick County Board of Health approved Dr. Piper's offer at its last meeting.

Ms. Neal thanked businesses who have allowed placement of "dog house" collection boxes in their establishments.

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