

## Brunswick ROCAME Delegates Attend Statewide Gathering

Ten Brunswick County ROCAME delegates attended the seventh annual state conference of the North Carolina Council for Minorities in Science, Mathematics and Engineering March 8 and 9 at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

"ROCAME" stands for Region "O" Council for the Advancement of Minorities in Engineering.

Theme of the conference was "Matching Talents to Ambitions." Forty-eight ROCAME students from five area school systems competed with students from three other organizations located in the Fayette-

ville, Greenville and Roanoke Rapids areas.

County delegates were Christine Lloyd of Leland Middle School, Eric Carpenter of Waccamaw Elementary School; Jocelyn Ward of Shallotte Middle; Jussani McKoy of South Brunswick Middle School; Patrice Law and Timmy Myles of South Brunswick High School; Wanda Morgan and John Gore of West Brunswick High School; and Julian Bryant and Kleist Bowman of North Brunswick High School.

Local coordinators who attended the gathering were Shirley William-

son, Ophelia Keaton, Beatrice Flythe, Lisa Brown and William Flythe.

All students at the conference participated in writing and math contests, as well as a construction competition in which straw towers, wooden airplanes and paper airplanes were built. Other activities included a banquet and dance at the UNCW student union March 8, and quiz bowls and an awards ceremony March 9.

Twenty-four four-member teams participated in the various competi-

tions at the junior and senior high school levels. The local ROCAME junior high quiz bowl team won second place. Third-place awards went to Bowman's team in the paper airplane and writing contests. Carpenter's team tied for third place in the paper airplane contest. Miss Ward and Miss Lloyd's team finished third in the wooden airplane competition.

The conference also featured March 9 tours of area industries including Federal Paper Board, Dupont, Cape Industries, Carolina Power & Light, General Electric and Takeda.



**ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS** (from left) Locke Karriker and Alicia Smith will represent Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. on the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., in June, with Kristin Jones of Yaupon Beach as alternate.

## Two Brunswick Juniors Chosen For Rural Electric Youth Tour

Two high school juniors each from Brunswick and Columbus counties will represent Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. during the annual Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., this June.

The four won an essay contest conducted by BEMC in which they described the role electricity would play in relation to their future careers.

From Brunswick County the winners are Locke Karriker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Karriker of Bolivia and a student at South Brunswick High School; and Alicia Smith, daughter of Mrs. Nora Smith of Ash and a student at West Brunswick High School. Their alternate will be Kristin Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jones of Yaupon Beach and a student at South Brunswick High School.

From Columbus County, the winners are Gary Edward Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Walker of Tabor City, and Sara Leggett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Leggett of Whiteville. Their alternate is Margaret Lombardi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lombardi of Whiteville.

The four winners will join approximately 1,000 similarly chosen

delegates from 30 states for the June 16-22 tour. They will attend educational seminars on government, rural electrification and cooperatives, as well as meeting with members of their congressional delegation on Capitol Hill.

A highlight of the trip is Rural Electric Youth Day, during which a program coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association will feature speeches by government and rural electric officials. The day also includes an "Energy Battle" competition and selection of delegates to serve on the Youth Consulting Board, a committee of young people who take part in a number of NRECA-sponsored activities during the year. Tour participants also visit places of historical interest in the capital and participate in social and cultural activities.

For several years the North Carolina delegates have participated in a "soda pop co-op," which supplies canned drinks for the Tar Heel tour participants while giving them hands-on experience in how a cooperative operates.

Also, all Youth Tourists are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice.

## Waccamaw Youth Headed To N.C. Geography Bee

A seventh-grade student at Waccamaw Elementary School in Ash will travel to Raleigh Friday to compete in the state Geography Bee.

Michael Todd was among the top 100 scorers on a 60-item written test taken by school geography bee winners statewide, said his social studies instructor, Mary Katherine Griffith. He will be accompanied to Raleigh by Waccamaw School Principal Bill Shoemaker.



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The state competition is oral, as

the school bee was, said Ms. Griffith. Five preliminary rounds involving 20 students each will be held, with the top two students from each round advancing to the final round.

State bee winners and their chaperones will receive all-expenses-paid trips May 23 and 24 to Washington, D.C., for the national finals. National winners will receive scholarship ranging up to \$25,000 in value.

The bee is sponsored by National Geographic WORLD, the National Geographic Society's magazine for children, and several corporations. It was developed in response to growing concern regarding the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States.

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