

P.S.H.S. Cheerleaders win Twice



Members of the Varsity squad posed and kneeling in front. Norma Chavis and Jackie Sweet. In back row from left to right are Sissy Revels, Sampson, Syveta Lowery, Twyla Jacobs, Sherita Hunt and Johanna Maynor.



Pictured in front row seated and kneeling from left; Kim Oxendine, Amelia Locklear and Rita Jacobs. Back row from left; Valerie Locklear, Bonita Brewer, Stephanie

The Pembroke Senior High Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleading squads captured 1st place honors in the recent Lumberton J.C.'s Annual Cheerleading Contest sponsored by the Robeson County Recreation Department October 2nd as part of the Robeson County Fair.

Placing second behind the Pembroke Varsity squad was Littlefield High School, and in the Junior Varsity division the Orrum J.V. squad captured

and Rita Jacobs. Back row from left; Valerie Locklear, Bonita Brewer, Stephanie second place. Both first and second place teams received trophies donated by Peterson Toyota of Lumberton, NC.

Squads from six different schools competed in the Varsity division while three schools feted Junior Varsity teams. Judging was based on eleven different areas: entrance, appearance, poise, agility and co-ordination, enthusiasm and pep, voice, eye contact, stunts, motion, jumps, and exit.

The competition was held at the J.C. Fairground on Highway 41.

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Food and shelter are generally accepted as the two main ingredients for the safety and well being of anyone. Naturally, when we think about food, we think about agriculture and the vastness of the food production system in this country. In 1980 alone, consumers spent \$260 billion for foods that were produced in this country. However, one of the most fascinating factors relating to that total expenditure is the fact that \$179 billion of that amount was spent in the process of getting food from the farm to your table. Therefore, when some one makes a comment about the "middleman" in agriculture, these figures surely underscore the tremendous expenses that are involved in assembling, inspecting, grading, storing, processing, packaging, and subsequently wholesaling and retailing the food products.

Even though such a vast sum is spent on food products after it leaves the farm, the American farmer is nevertheless a substantial consumer and taxpayer in this country as well as the producer of food products. It is fascinating to note that farmers pay about \$3.5 billion in farm real estate taxes annually, plus another \$606 million in personal property taxes, another \$3.8 billion in federal and state income taxes, and about \$344 million in sales taxes. But since net farm income is expected to be below the total interest payment on farm debt for this year, I seriously doubt that the figure of \$3.8 billion in federal and state income taxes will apply to 1982.

It is estimated that farm operators spend over \$130 billion for goods and services to produce crops and live stock. Some annual purchases that farmers make include \$13.2 billion for farm tractors and other motor vehicles, machinery, and equipment. About 150,000 employees are required to produce the farm equipment alone. Another \$16.4 billion is spent for fuel,

lubricants, and maintenance for machinery and motor vehicles used in the farm business. It may be interesting to know that farming uses more petroleum than any other single industry. Another \$22.4 billion is expended for feed and seed while \$8.9 billion is spent for fertilizers and lime.

About five percent of the total amount of rubber used in the United States or 360 million pounds is utilized by farmers to put tires on nearly 7 million automobiles and farm implements. A staggering figure comes in the amount of electricity that farmers use. About two percent of the nation's total production of electricity, or 33 billion kilowatt hours, is used annually on farms in this country. Additionally, 6½ million tons of steel in the form of farm machinery, trucks, cars, fencing, and building materials is used, and farm use alone accounts for 40,000 jobs in the steel industry.

After reviewing these massive figures, it is easy to understand why many of the supporting industries that depend heavily on agricultural prosperity are suffering at the present time. Certainly, as has been written in previous columns and is known rather universally, overall market prices and farm income is at one of its lowest ebbs. Therefore, it becomes obvious that a healthy agriculture could significantly improve demand for many products and, therefore, would subsequently improve the overall economic picture of this country. Certainly, we hope that the recent announcement of a willing-

ness of this country to sell 23 million metric tons of grain to the Soviet Union will ultimately provide some benefits not only to agricultural producers but to the rest of the population as work is generated to satisfy any potential increase in demand by farmers.

Chapter Night observed by Pembroke Kiwanis Club

Pembroke Kiwanis Club observed the 21st year of its Chartering Tuesday evening at the Town and Country Restaurant.

Club President Lankford Godwin welcomed members and guests and Theodore Maynor delivered the Invocation.

Kiwanian Adolph Dial presented Congressman Charlie Rose who congratulated the Club on the occasion of its 21st anniversary.

Speaker at the meeting was Tracey Ballou who was one of the chartering members from the Lumberton Kiwanis Club twenty-one years ago. He was introduced by Kiwanian Theodore Maynor. Mr. Ballou commented on the growth of Pembroke Kiwanis Club over the years and noted that the Club is the only one in this Kiwanis District to have won the Achievement Award in two successive years.

Ever Green Church News

Mrs. Lecia Brooks writes this column of news from Evergreen Holiness Church. Last week, I wrote the article for her because she was staying in the hospital with her son who was critically ill. I am preparing the article for her again this week. Her son passed away on Monday.

Mrs. Brooks has lived a number of years in a home that from time to time was not a place of peace and happiness. Often she has requested prayer for her home. She has prayed and requested prayer time and again for her family. She wanted to see all members of her family saved. So, Sister Brooks has borne many burdens and tribulations during the past few years. Now, must be added to those burdens a heavy burden of sorrow. The son who passed away on Monday was her only living son. She loves all her children very much, and over the past years she has striven to get them into church where they may hear the Word and may make a decision to come to Christ.

I visited with Sister Brooks on Saturday night in the hospital. We found her strong and still trusting faithfully in the Lord. I visited with her again on Monday evening, some six hours after the death of her son and after she had returned home following some two weeks in the hospital where she stayed by her son's bedside constantly tending to him, living in and sleeping by his bedside. She never left him. Monday night, with the new burden of his death resting upon her, she was still resolute in faith. She was bearing her burdens as a brave Christian whose faith and trust are ever established

in her Lord and God. Few women have borne, or even known, the sorrows and burdens she has borne over the past years. Many women would have yielded to Satan, would have given up their faith, or would have committed some violent act against someone or something had they gone through the valleys through which Sister Lecia trod. But, Sister Lecia committed only one act: she loved everyone she met. She cared for her church and for her Sunday School class. She loved her family, her church community. It is for this reason that Sister Lecia is well known in the gates of her community. She is loved. She is valued as a trusting friend and neighbor. Even at times when the situation in her home was so severe she could not attend church, yet has she not been bitter toward the Lord, her neighbors, her family. She has just gone on, praying, holding up her light, her faith, and even while burdened as she was, she did all she could to show her love for her community, neighbors and fellow Christians at Evergreen and other churches.

Pray for Sister Lecia. If she were writing this article, she would ask for prayer. Death is a desolate place. A person does not understand how desolate it is until he or she has walked in that place. Your prayers will strengthen Sister Lecia. Show her your love when you have an opportunity.

Remember also, Evergreen Church. Remember our homecoming. It is planned for the second Sunday in November.

by Bro. Edmond Locklear, Jr.

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