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FRONT PAGE NOTATIONS

by Bruce Barton

WAITING ON PATES SUPPLY CO.

As many of you know, I have proposed that we save and restore the Pembroke Railroad Depot. The stately building was built in two phases: the first part in 1888, and the second in 1910. The building deserves to be saved.

The railroad company (Seaboard System Railroad) has given us the building with a provision that we move it. After forming the Pembroke Historic Properties Commission, I approached Pates Supply Company and asked them to donate the piece of land adjoining the railroad depot. They graciously agreed and we propose to establish a park around the depot (when it is moved to this plot) to be named "The R.H. Livermore Memorial Park." Within the depot, we propose to establish a branch of the Robeson County Public Library, renovate offices for "Strike at the Wind," and the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce.

Pates Supply has said yes, but they have not turned over the title to the property as yet. I am not worried about it, but it has set us back a bit. As I see it, a man's word (and a company's too) is his bond, and if his word is not good...well...So, we're waiting for Pates Supply Company. As soon as the land is

appraised, and the title drawn (from them to us), and the tax write off factor figured, we'll heat up the depot issue again. I promise you!

The last time I talked to Rusty Livermore (the president and c.e.o.) of Pates Supply Company, he assured me that there was "no problem." And I believe him. These things just take time, I guess. I guess I'm going to have to learn how to be patient.

After we receive title to the building, we are going to move it next door to said adjoining property. And short ly thereafter, we are going to approach the county commissioners and ask them for some money to help us restore it. After giving grants to Maxton and Rowland, I expect them to do the same (and more) for Pembroke. After all, Pembroke is a larger area than either (especially population-wise), and the county fathers have always treated us fairly before. We will not ask for more than Maxton received, nor will we ask for less than Rowland got. More about this later. Stay tuned.

Shortly thereafter, we'll begin a public and private appeal. Surprised? I would like to see the stately building restored by the end of the year. I believe we can do it. Don't you?

PSU Finalizing Plans For Year-Long Centennial Celebration

by Gene Warren

Dates and times are being finalized for PSU's Centennial celebration during the 1986-87 academic year.

Begun on March 7, 1887, as a school for Indians of Robeson County, the school has evolved into what is now a member institution of the University of North Carolina with a record-breaking 2,346 enrollment this spring. The racial breakdown is now 59 percent white, 25 percent Indian, 14 percent Black, and 2 percent other races.

To help PSU celebrate its 100th birthday, the N.C. General Assembly granted the institution \$95,000 for that purpose—and elaborate celebration plans are underway.

Chairing PSU's Centennial Celebration Commission is Dr. Gerald Maynor, Chairman of the PSU Education Department.

Celebration activities begin Sept. 3 when a convocation will be held at 10 a.m. at the Givens Performing Arts Center with speeches by Dr. David Eliades and Linda Oxendine who are co-authoring a new history of PSU. Over 1,000 copies of the new history are being published.

Eliades is a professor in the PSU History Department, while Ms. Oxendine is director of the PSU Native American Resource Center. As chairman of the Centennial Council's Subcommittee on History, Eliades said his committee's goals include "Producing a comprehensive, quality history of PSU, reflecting its contributions and importance to both the people and area it serves." In 1975 he was co-author of a Lumbree Indian history entitled: "The Only Land I Know." Co-author with him of that publication was Dr. Adolph Dial, Chairman of PSU's American Indian Studies Department.

Following the Sept. 3 con-

convocation, a lunch will follow on the grounds at PSU.

Another big date is Sept. 20 when the 140-piece U.S. Marine Band will perform at PSU's Givens Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m.

On Oct. 15, a special program will be held at 10 a.m. in the Givens Performing Arts Center when the portraits of the chief executives of the institution will be unveiled and a 30-minute documentary film about PSU will be shown for the first time.

It is being produced by the N.C. Agency for Public Telecommunications.

From Nov. 6-8, a Native American Symposium will be held at PSU with the featured speaker being Jamaake Highwater, a noted Indian author. Helping to sponsor this is the N.C. Arts Council.

Many other cultural events are scheduled, but the climax of the Centennial celebration comes during "Founders Week" March 4-7, 1987.

On March 4, PSU's \$5.5 million University Center will be dedicated at 11 a.m., a luncheon will be held on the grounds, student activities will be held during the afternoon, and a semiformal dance is scheduled that evening.

On March 5, a formal convocation will be held at 10 a.m. in the Givens Performing Arts Center with faculty attired in their academic regalia. "Founders Day" will be celebrated on this day, March 5, rather than on March 7 because March 5 is on a Thursday when the students are on campus. The Governor has been invited to speak March 5. The PSU band will perform on that day PSU's Centennial composition, written by noted composer Elliott Del Borgo of New York. Notables from throughout the state will be invited. A statue of Hamilton McMillan, legis-

Confirming rumors that have been circulating around town, railroad officials appeared before the Pembroke Town Council Monday night and asked permission to build a railroad spur (or connector track) that will fall within the one mile zoning parameter of the town. Never mind that the railroad has already reportedly purchased certain options, and have been busily approaching others for the same for some time now.

According to Town Manager McDuffie Cummings, the connector track will skirt the southwest side of town and serve as a connector for the railroad's west and south lines. In other words, they are acting as if the matter is already settled. It seems the proper approach would have been to approach the town, then look for land after permission was granted.

by Bruce Barton

assuming of course that permission was granted.

The town council is already solidly on record against the proposal, as is this newspaper. Seaboard System Railroad needs to clean up its act, and be more responsive to the people it purports to serve. Taking options along the proposed route without prior permission to build the spur is haughty indeed.

Anyway, the council has set a May 5 date (7 p.m. in a Monday night) for a public hearing on the matter at the town hall. If you are concerned about Pembroke being hemmed in by another railroad line, it would be in your best interest to be present at this public hearing and let your feelings be known fully. Unless you raise a ruckus, you can expect another track to be built, as I see it.

Appearing before the coun-

cil were railroad superintendent E.S. Wilkes, the parapetetic Horace Barnes (local developer representing the railroad's interests in the matter), and an unnamed economic specialist. They (the railroad) brought the heavy guns out on this one.

As I see it, Pembroke needs another railroad in the area like we need another hole in the head.

Enough is enough. Two railroad lines already cut Pembroke up like an apple pie. Has any industry settled in Pembroke because of the present crisscrossing lines? No! Can we expect any additional industry with another line in the vicinity? Probably not.

We need to do what's best for Pembroke, not the railroad. I hope Pembroke officials will continue to hold the line against this intrusion.

Pembroke Needs Another Railroad Spur Like We need Another Hole in the Head

Tour to the Holy Lands USA Termed A Revival on Wheels



Shown are the many folks who recently toured the Holy Land USA and other points of interest on the Deese Coach Line. [Photos and text by Brenda Jacobs]



Shown are Mr. Hartman and Ms. Lillie Mae Brewington, the bus driver, and Mrs. Lillie Mae Brewington, the chaperone.

Recently a tour was made to the Holy Lands USA and other points of interest. The tour was made on Deese Coach Line. Mr. Hartman Brewington was the driver. Mrs. Lillie Mae Brewington organized the tour. Forty-three young, middle-aged and older persons experienced a wonderful three day revival on wheels. The group left Robeson County at 4 a.m. March 31 with 20 churches represented from Robeson and Hoke Counties. Baptist, Methodists and Presbyterians were in the group.

Sights visited were Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Va. and the Holy Land USA in Lynchburg, Va.

The good news is that several people accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior on the tour. Eunice Chavis from the Mt. Airy Community accepted the Lord, Wendy Kay Oxendine of the Deep Branch Community did also, as well as Tammy Brewer from Deep Branch. Also Debbie Chavis of Lumberton rededicated her life.

The tourists were grateful for Deese Coach Line and the driver, Mr. Hartman Brewington. Mr. Brewington sows good seed every day on his walk with Jesus.

The group returned to Robeson County on April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

SATW Gives Car Away



Sunday, March 30, 1986 was a beautiful Sunday, especially for Mrs. Clementine H. Graham of Laurinburg who won the 1985 Skyhawk Buick given away by Strike at the Wind.

Mrs. Graham is a graduate of Fayetteville State University and has studied further at Atlanta University. Her activities include serving as Past President of the Laurinburg Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, member Robeson-Scotland Branch of National Association of University Women, Member St. George United Methodist

Church, Maxton, N.C. Mrs. Graham has extensive experience in education and she is a retired school teacher. She has one son, one daughter and is the widow of the late Oscar M. Graham, former principal in the Robeson County School System and a United Methodist minister.

The present administration and board of directors of Strike at the Wind would like to thank all those individuals, firms, businesses, etc. who worked so hard to make the project a success. Carnell Locklear, general manager,

said, "We all must remember that Strike at the Wind is a part of all of us. It is full of our history and the culture of this area. It is vitally important that we preserve it for our future generations."

There was a total of 17,300 tickets sold which helped tremendously toward the 1986 season of Strike at the Wind. For more information on the upcoming season of Strike at the Wind, call 919-521-3112 or come by the office in Old Main, Room 227, Pembroke, NC.

lator from Red Springs who was one of the founders of PSU, will be unveiled. Part of the ceremonies dedicating the new University Center will be the placing of a Time Capsule in that structure. Memorabilia and artifacts will be part of the material placed in the Time Capsule. A luncheon will follow on the grounds.

On March 6, the N.C.L. Symphony will perform both in the morning and in the evening at the Performing Arts Center. An evening banquet will be held at 6 p.m. at which the featured speaker will be Eric Sevareid, former national news commentator.

PSU is making contacts with Willard Scott, weather man for NBC-TV's "Today" Show, seeking to have him here for an on-site report in the morning of March 6.

PSU has also invited President Reagan to visit the campus in October or November, but has received no commitment.

The Centennial Subcommittee on Anniversary Symbols, Themes and Commemoratives is also having made alumni centennial key rings, alumni and friends coffee mugs and logos, and centennial china. A new alumni directory is being published as part of the Centennial celebration.

One thousand copies of a special "Centennial Report on the Chancellor" is also being printed in color.

Other cultural events already scheduled during the PSU Centennial year include: Nov. 13-The Broadway musical, "Evita" from the creators of "Cats" and "Jesus Christ, Superstar."

Jan. 24-Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, an all-male company performing

classical ballet. Feb. 12-John Houseman's The Acting Company, on tour from the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., presenting the Mark Twain comedy, "The Gilded Age."

Feb. 19-The Orlando String Quartet from Holland. Feb. 21-Coloratura soprano Costanza Cuccaro.

There will be other performances by the University Theatre, PSU's student actors. And other cultural festivals are planned.

This indicates the PSU's Centennial Celebration during the 1986-87 academic year will be one to long remember.

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Shown left to right are Ms. Martha Oxendine, 75, Ms. Sadie Hunt, 80, Ms. Strawdy Cummings, 76, and little miss Kellie Yvonne Wallace, 5.



Chacy Maynor, Employee of the Street Department of Pembroke, is recognized as being the Employee of the Quarter by the Town of Pembroke. Presentation is highly reliable in emergency situations and always reports when called upon in times of need. His readiness and alertness, no matter what the job description, assures his department of effective workmanship. Observing the employee in the field, his flexibility to adjust in different job situations affords him the opportunity to perform with any group with the Public Works Department and to perform with accuracy. The care and pride taken in the efficient utilization of tools and machinery allows this department to function within minimum down time and loss of work. The special care and safety precautions used while working with and around others shows efficient use of time, performance of job well within the safety boundaries, and as always, a job well done. His personal awareness for public relations while in the field reaffirms the fact that the general public can be assured that Mr. Maynor is doing his best to make the Town of Pembroke a better place to live.