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Five sisters attending Pembroke State University at the same time are (left to right), Paulette, 24; Ruth, 22; Josephine, 21; Maxine, 20; and Delois, 18. They come from a family of 12, of whom 10 are living at home with their mother, a widow.

FIVE SISTERS NOW ATTENDING P.S.U.

by Gene Warren

Pembroke—Five sisters, all with happy faces, sunny personalities and enjoying college life to the fullest, are attending Pembroke State University at the same time.

Their ages range from 18-24. Four of them worked for a while after completing high school, but decided that they needed a college education if they were ever to improve their quality of life.

They are a joy to be around because of their happy outlook on life and obvious happiness at being from a family of 12. Their father, Stinson Locklear died in '73 at age 59 of a heart attack, but their mother, 49-year-old Pauline Locklear, is still living and definitely rules the roost, to listen to the girls. Their home is on Route 1, Pembroke.

None of the girls are married, and they all help around the house and take turns cooking.

The PSU coeds are: 24-year-old Paulette, a freshman who is interested in geography; 22-year-old Ruth, a sophomore majoring in history; 21-year-old Josephine, a sophomore who is hoping to major in both history and home economics; 20-year-old Maxine, a freshman majoring in possibly mathematics; and 18-year-old Delois, a freshman majoring in English.

Their four brothers and sisters living at home with them in a three-bedroom house are: Donna Murial, 17, who attends Pembroke Senior High; Dean, 15, and Wayne, 14, who attend Pembroke Junior High; and Winston, 10, who goes to Union Chapel Elementary.

They have two older brothers and a sister who are married. Milton, 29, works for General Motors and lives in Detroit; Ted, 27, farms and resides in Lumberton; and Geraldine, 25, lives in Charlotte.

Commenting on why she decided to earn a college degree after trying the work-a-day world, 24-year-old Paulette said, "I was bored working in a factory, doing the same thing all day long. So I decided to try for a degree and then hope to find work I would enjoy doing."

Ruth, 22, said she realized the same truth. "I knew I wasn't going anywhere at the job I was doing. So I am seeking a degree in history and hoping to do political work."

Both 21-year-old Josephine and 20-year-old Maxine also worked before starting to PSU.

Neither of their parents went to

college. In fact, their father had only a third grade education, and their mother went through the eighth grade. The girls will be the first to graduate from Pembroke State University.

They are able to make it financially through financial aid and part-time work. Each works full-time in the summer time, and their mother works on the farm.

"We have a big garden," said one. "We raise our own hogs and have had a cow. We have always economized. We sleep together in our three-bedroom house, wear one another's clothes, share our books and school supplies... and even own a '71 Mercury together."

The girls do most of their studying at night because, as they say, "There's too much work to do in the daytime."

They thoroughly love college life at PSU. "I like it so much," said one. "Something is always happening. You have to study. That's for sure. But I like every teacher I have." They others agreed in a chorus of voices. They then started naming off different professors they liked.

They are members of New Point Baptist Church, which is located some three miles from Lumberton near the new Fairgrounds. Their pastor is Rev. Sanford Locklear. The girls sing in the choir (their favorite song is "Holy Hills of Heaven") and have other church responsibilities. Josephine is secretary for the church. Ruth has served as a secretary, teacher, choir leader and activity leader. Maxine is teacher of intermediates, and Delois is her assistant. Paulette is assistant primary teacher.

The girls lift up one another in conversation, but seem to agree that the youngest of the five, 18-year-old Delois, is the smartest student. She was a member of the Beta Club and Who's Who at Pembroke Senior High, on the Student Council, and a member of the annual staff, advisory committee, Library Club, Health Careers Club, and Future Homemakers of America.

She was the only one to graduate from Pembroke Senior High. The others are graduates of Orrum High School. All were involved in many extra curricular activities in school.

On Sunday, Dec. 19, they are helping to put on a Christmas drama at their church. If the enthusiasm and love for life which they have radiated at Pembroke State University is any indication, the play should be an overwhelming success...and certainly in the Christmas spirit. For "Happiness" seems their middle name.

Lillian Faye Locklear and David R. Green Switch Terms

The official tally of the Robeson County Board of Education has accounted for a dramatic change in how the candidates finished.

After final tallies by the board of elections, David R. Green wound up finishing fifth after unofficial counting had placed him eighth. He consequently will now receive a four year term instead of a two year term as erroneously reported by the area media.

Lillian Faye Locklear fell to sixth in the official order of finish. Originally, according to unofficial tallies, she had finished fifth. She will serve a two year term instead of four years as reported the day following the November 2 balloting.

It was erroneously reported election night that David R. Green had only received 56 votes for the Back Swamp Precinct. The official canvassing showed that he actually received 456. Shirley Britt was erroneously reported receiving 14 votes from the Back Swamp Precinct. She actually received 414 votes.

The official order of finish is as follows: (1) Ralph Hunt, 9528; (2) Tommy D. Swett, 9403; (3) Laymon Poe Locklear, 9288; (4) Simeon Oxendine, 9280; (5) David R. Green, 9255; (6) Lillian Faye Locklear, 9254; (7) Robert Mangum, 9178; (8) Herbert Moore, 9041; (9) Shirley Britt, 9037.

Green bested Lillian Faye Locklear by one vote to receive a four year term instead of a two year term.

The top five finishers received four year terms; the next four high vote getters received two year terms. This, in effect, staggers the board of education in future election so that experience will always be on the board of education.

The board members will be sworn in December 14.

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MISSING FUNDS SUSPECTED IN TOWN OF PEMBROKE

The Pembroke Town Council, at a hastily called meeting Monday night, asked the State Bureau of Investigation to do a thorough study of a discrepancy discovered by the accounting firm of Preston Douglas & Associates of Lumberton in the midst of conducting an audit of the town's books.

The accounting firm found, according to reputable sources, "more than \$20,000 missing in the audit of the town's books." The period covered was from July 1975 to June 30, 1976.

According to Mayor Reggle Strickland, "We notified the appropriate county enforcement agencies as soon as we were notified of the discrepancy in the town's records. We also are asking for a complete investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation."

No further information was available at press time.

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WARRIORS PREPARE FOR THREE RIVERS CONFERENCE WARS

Head coach Ned Sampson is optimistic that several promising junior varsity players will help the Pembroke High Warriors to return to their greatness of a year ago when they finished the season with 16-7 record before bowing to West Columbus in the District 111 semifinals.

Returning lettermen are 6-3 Joey Bell and 6-1 Mike Lowry. Gone are graduated lettermen Earl Bethea, Richard Regan, Dwight Lowery and other stalwarts from last year's team. Also gone is high scoring Richard Tuck.

CAMPBELL TO HOST ANNUAL TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT

Campbell College will again host their annual Tip-Off Tournament which launches area college basketball. Pembroke State has, for the last few years, begun their eager season by participating in the popular tournament.

Other teams taking part in the tournament, scheduled Dec. 3 & 4 are Fayetteville State, and Methodist College.

ROBESON COUNTY LIBRARY TO UPDATE FILES ON INDIANS AND BLACKS

According to Library Director, Diana Tope, the Robeson County Library, in response to requests from the Indian and Black community in Robeson County, is making a concentrated effort to update material of interest to Indian and Black readers and users of the community involved library.

ATTORNEY GENERAL RUFUS EDMISTEN ADDRESSES ROBESON DEMO RALLY

N.C. Attorney General Rufus Edmisten was the guest speaker Saturday night as Robeson County Democrats gathered at the Old Foundry Restaurant in Lumberton to celebrate their overwhelming victories (both nationally and locally) November 2.

Party Chairman Rev. E.B. Turner welcomed the party faithful and introduced past party chairmen, including David Britt, Dickson McLean, Luther Britt, John W. Campbell, the late E.M. Johnson, and William Buffalo. Turner also was given a plaque of appreciation for his services to the party. Turner, a Black, is the first minority to ever serve as chairman of the Robeson County Democratic Party.

Chalmers Biggs, a delegate to the recent National Democratic Party Convention, and chairman of the Robeson County effort for Democratic President-elect Jimmy Carter, was named as Democrat of the Year.

STORYTELLING HELD AT THE THREE LILLC'S

During the week of November 15-19, 1976, the Media Specialist, Shirlean C. Hunt, held storytelling at the three (3) Lumbee Longhouse Learning Centers; Fairgrove, Magnolia, Pembroke.

On Monday, the 15th at Magnolia, the film and cassettes was "The Coming of the Corn" and "How the Indians Learned from the Animals." The children thought the films very enjoyable.

On Thursday and Friday, the 18th and 19th at Pembroke and Fairgrove, the story with films and cassettes was "Indians for Thanksgiving" and "Squanto and the First Thanksgiving." All the children enjoyed the films and cassettes and are looking forward to next month's storytelling.

The Lumbee Longhouse Learning Center, a component of Lumbee Education Project is sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. in Pembroke, North Carolina.

GENE LOCKLEAR GUEST AT MISS BLACK ROBESON PAGEANT

Gene Locklear, Lumbee Indian outfielder for the New York Yankees, was the special guest at the Miss Black Robeson Pageant Tuesday night. Gene, residing with his mother in the Mt. Airy Community during the off season, is hard at work painting a mural for Dr. Martin L. Brooks which is expected to encompass the history of the world and the Lumbee Indian experience. Said

Gene, "It is the biggest assignment I have ever undertaken but it is an exciting one and I am having a good time doing it."

TEN PASS EMT COURSES AT RTI

Ten graduates of an 85 hour course in Emergency Medical Technician have passed the state certification examination, according to Hubert Bullard, Jr., Director of Occupational Education at Robeson Technical Institute.

The EMT training program is part of a state-wide effort to meet any medical crisis with sufficiently trained personnel. These certified EMT's are equipped to provide prompt and efficient emergency care until further medical attention can be secured.

Those who received certification are Bobbie S. Bailey, Jimmie Britt, Sara Moore, George A. Small, Lumberton; Linda F. Hunt, Rowland; Maria L. Lowry, Eva Sampson, Pembroke.

Others receiving certification are: Lois A. Leininger, Joseph Locklear, Carter R. Nimocks.

PSHS PLANS TACO DINNER

Pembroke Senior High School will sponsor a Taco Dinner on Dec. 3, from 5 until 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Come to the first home game and eat tacos. Tacos are 50c and \$1.50 for a dinner. Support this school activity fund!!

Attends Blood Pressure Conference

A national conference on High Blood Pressure Control in Native American Communities was held in Seattle, Washington, sponsored by the National High Blood Pressure Education Program.

Otha Swett, a Lumbee Indian from the Pembroke area, having been selected to serve on the National High Blood Pressure Education Planning Committee, attended the conference representing the East Coast.

Mrs. Swett's concerns focused on pinpointing gaps in training and education and relevant research in High Blood Pressure Control in reference to special needs of Indians.

She also helps in establishing for the delivery of High Blood Pressure Control Programs with in the concept of Comprehensive Community Health Services.

The conference provided Mrs. Swett the opportunity to meet with a wide cross section of professionals to discuss and explore issues affecting delivery and acceptance of High Blood Pressure Control and related health care.

Have A Happy And Prosperous Thanksgiving

Scenes from D&L Gospel Singers' Third Annual Thanksgiving Sing



The Singing Rambos of Nashville, Tenn. are shown during their performance as featured singers at the D & L Gospel Singers Third Annual Gospel Sing. The event was held Nov. 20, 1976 at the Pembroke Senior High Gymnasium. [Bruce Barton photo]



Rev. T. M. Swett left, presented the Distinguished Citizen Award by the Pembroke Jaycees at the D & L Gospel Singers Third Annual Gospel Sing on Saturday night, Nov. 20, 1976. Randall Jones, External Vice-President of the Pembroke Jaycees presented the award which said: "The Pembroke Jaycees presents to Rev. T. M. Swett the Distinguished Citizen Award for his concern and untiring effort in making the Pembroke Community a better place to live, work and play, for his dedication and spiritual leadership and the Christian example he has set before all our citizens. Nov. 20, 1976." [Bruce Barton photo]



The D & L Gospel Singers are shown during performance at their Third Annual Gospel Sing, held Saturday night, November 20, 1976. The Gospel Sing was sponsored by the pembroke Jaycees. [Bruce Barton photo]

Winners of the D & L Gospel Singers Talent Contest preceding the Gospel Sing were Four in Rapture from Fayetteville. Second place winners were the White Hill Gospel Singers and third place winners were The Shannoneers.



Larry T. Brooks, left, President of the Pembroke Jaycees, presents an award to Gene Eugene Locklear, president and owner of University Sportswear for his outstanding accomplishments in the business world. The presentation was made Saturday night, Nov. 20, 1976 during the D & L Gospel Singers Third Annual Gospel Sing, sponsored by the Pembroke Jaycees. The plaque said: "A salute to Gene Eugene Locklear and University Sportswear. They have shown that jobs and economics are a vital part of achieving equality and self-respect for all people. Pembroke Jaycees' D & L third annual D & L Gospel Sing. Nov. 20, 1976." [Bruce Barton photo]



Shown above are, left to right, Buck Rambo of the Singing Rambos who were featured singers at the D & L Gospel Singers Third Annual Gospel Sing; John L. Locklear, Jr., Manager of the D & L Gospel Singers; and R. D. Sykes, the gospel music D. J. who served as master of ceremonies for the event. The sing was held Saturday, Nov. 20, 1976 at the Pembroke Senior High Gymnasium. It was sponsored by the Pembroke Jaycees. [Bruce Barton photo]