

# PEMBROKE NEWS

by Mrs. Bazie Hardin

Prayer service and Bible study is held each Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Rock of Bethlehem Baptist Church. Rev. Jimmy Hight is in charge of the Bible study. The pastor is the Rev. Harold Demery. The public is invited to attend a special invitation to attend both of the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Carter of Greensboro were over right guests Friday in the home of Mrs. Carter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lowry.

Weekend guests in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Locklear are Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Willard of Rummert, Mr. John Willard of Lumberton, Mr. Jean Locklear and daughter, Miss Myrtle Locklear of Greensboro, Mrs. Lloyd Hammonds, Sr. and children, Wendell and Lloyd, Jr. of St. Louis, Mrs. Tommie Jane and daughter, Michelle, Mrs. Addie Mae Brewington of Lumberton, Mr. Claude Bell of Lumberton, Mrs. Martha Locklear and children, Patricia and Willie Eugene Tharp. Miss Myrtle Locklear is spending this week with her grand mother, Mrs. Myrtle Locklear while he recuperating from an ear operation.

Mr. Ernest Demery was honored Sunday for his 50th birthday with a surprise dinner given by his children and held in the home of a son, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Demery. The honoree's guests were his children and children-in-law and grand children; Mrs. Joyce Newman and children; Mrs. Tom Ivey and children; and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ray Hunt and family, all of Lumberton; and Mrs. E. J. Previtt and family of Hope Mills; and Harold Demery. Three of the honoree were unable to attend. Also present was his son, Mrs. Eunice Demery. Other guests included Mr. James Walter Sampson, Howard Chavis, Mrs. Aggie Demery, and grandchildren, Mrs. Chester Lowry, Miss Linda Brayboy and her father, Mr. Wilford Brayboy.

Winter revival will begin Sunday, Feb. 13th, and continue on thru the 20th. Service begins Sunday night at 6 p.m., and at 7:30 p.m. through the week. The guest speaker will be the Rev. James Wesley Hammonds of the Piedmont area. The public is cordially invited to attend all of the services. The pastor of the Pembroke Church of God is the Rev. Jack Hunt.

Mr. Bobby R. Maynor was accompanied on Friday by her mother, Mrs. Alton Locklear, when they carried Mrs. Maynor's young son, Charles Willie, to the North Carolina Memorial Hospital of Chapel Hill for his medical check up. Doctors said Charles Willie is doing just fine now.

A gift of money was donated to the Mount Olive Pentecostal Church in home of the birthdays by Norma Jean Taylor, her 13th. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Lowry. And Lawrence Colm, his 17th, and his mother Joseph Malcolm, his 18th. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Malcolm. Bobby R. Maynor, Jr., his 15th birthday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Maynor. Judy Locklear, her 14th. She is the daughter of Mrs. Dainty O. and Felicia Oxendine.

A fund drive is in progress at the Pembroke Church of God with a different adult Sunday School member responsible for one Sunday each. The proceeds will be used in the building fund, Mrs. Doris Levy was in charge of the drive the past Sunday and presented Mrs. Theodore Locklear with a set of bowls for having the largest number of new persons present at church which was five. And Mr. Tony Oxendine won the cake for visiting the most money in the morning offering at church.

Pvt. Ray Allen Demery and Sgt. Green of Camp Lejeune were dinner guests Friday in the home of Pvt. Demery's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Demery and family.

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## The Life and Times of Henry Berry Lowry



The raids presented in the last few columns (the last one ending with the robbers on their way to Argyle Plantation) were allegedly responsible for prompting the whites of the county to gather into a huge posse whose purpose it was to put a stop to the widespread robbing of the local wealthy white plantation owners.

Whether this be the reason or not, it is a verified fact that a posse of over 100 whites gathered and arrested all Lowrys in sight and their friends and cohorts. They were successful because they broke up into several companies and struck simultaneously thusly diluting the highly successful work of mouth grapevine that existed among the close-knit clan of Indians. The Lowry Gang was the most well known band of desperadoes lying out in the dense swamps in order to evade being arrested by the Home Guard, taken below Wilmington and forced to work beside Black slaves who were engaged in building an elaborate system of forts around the mouth of the Lower Cape Fear River. Because they were the most well known band of lying out desperadoes, the Lowry Gang was charged with the majority of the raids occurring throughout the county.

There have been many versions presented about the mass show of strength by the whites which culminated in the deaths of 75-year-old Allen Lowry and his 36-year-old son William. The most popular version has the old man being executed while praying, then falling into the grave he was forced to dig himself. This is the most dramatic version, but, needless to say it is as erroneous as the others.

There has come to my attention, however, a transcript of a warrant issued ordering a number of prominent whites to appear at the Fall term of Superior Court in Robeson County, 1867 to face charges of murdering old man Allen and his son.

The said transcript reads: "After examining this case it is adjudged by the court that the within defendants named on this warrant find security in the sum of five hundred dollars each for their personal appearance at the next Fall term of the Superior Court to be held for the County of Robeson on the 4th Monday in Sept. next to answer the within charges." The warrant is dated August 22, 1867.

The reason this warrant intrigues me is because there have been so many accounts of how Allen and William Lowry met their death. It should be remembered that William Lowry was already wounded when Allen Lowry was shot.

The following warrant is witnessed by: Zack Locklear, Hector McLean, Sinclair Lowry (Allen's son who was locked in Robert McKenzie's smokehouse when the roundup of Indian suspects was conducted), George Dial (an Indian who was also locked in the smokehouse), Henry Johnson, Thomas Carter, Calvin Lowry (Allen's son who was also locked in the smokehouse), Puss Lowry (believed by this writer to also be a son of Allen Lowry), Sally Lowry (Allen's daughter, also locked in the smokehouse), Mary Lowry (also so Allen's daughter, also locked in the smokehouse), Zack McLaughlin (a member of the Lowry Gang), Robert McLean, Archibald McLean, Wilby Locklear, and John Sampson. The validity of this version of the fate of Allen Lowry cannot be so easily questioned. If sufficient evidence was not presented to the court, a warrant would not have been issued ordering the defendants to post bond guaranteeing their appearance at the next term of Superior Court.

The warrant reads, broken down into laymen's terms: The jurors for the State, upon their oath, present that Rhoderic McMillan, Robert McKenzie, Rev. John H. Coble, Rev. Luther McKinnon, Rory McNair, Angus Baker, John P. Smith, John Walker, Edward Wilkerson, Henry Alfred, Archibald McRimmon, Murdoc McRae, John C. Southerland, Robert M. Fields, Daniel McQueen, Duncan Monroe, Brown McCallum, McKay Sellers, Angus Litch, John Patterson, Malcolm McRae, John H. McLean, John Taylor, Daniel J. Gilbert, Archibald Watson, John McLaughlin, Murdoc McLean and Robert McNair then and their in manner and form aforesaid did feloniously, wilfully and of their malice aforethought did kill and murder Allen Lowry against the peace and dignity of the state. The warrant was signed by William Kay, the solicitor.

Although when the Fall term of Superior Court met, the prominent whites were not found guilty, the records of the court proceedings does present to us a fairly accurate picture as to how the 75-year-old Allen Lowry met his death. Instead of holding a military execution by 12 selected whites, Allen Lowry was shot down in cold blood, with the gun held against his left breast so that the shot would be sure to penetrate the heart. And none other than Rhoderic McMillan pulled the trigger that snuffed out the old warrior's life. Sad to say, Rhoderic McMillan later became sheriff of Robeson County. One can easily see in view of this discovery, why the time was right for Henry Berry Lowry to rise up against the many wrongs and injustices of his people. And rise he did. Although many question his drastic methods, none can deny that he was successful in bringing the plight of the hapless Lembee (River) Indians to light.

Continued next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Locklear of Pembroke are proud to announce the birth of a new baby girl, Kristy Lynn Locklear born at 6:32 p.m., Feb. 7 at Southeastern General Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds.

Kristy is the grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barnie Locklear of Pembroke, and Mrs. Mary Etta Brewer of Pembroke and Mr. Sanford Brewer of Alexandria, Va. She has one brother, Roderick, age 13.

## Third Century Artist Refunded

Third Century Artist, Lew Barton, with the Robeson County Public Library and Maxton City Schools, has been refunded through September, 1977 as the North Carolina Arts Council announces the receipt of a grant allowing this unique artist-in-residence program to continue. Since Nov. 15, 1976 Barton has been lecturing, doing research on local history, and cataloging local leaders for his forthcoming book 'Who's Who and What's What in Robeson' among other things.

The Third Century Artist Program is being funded through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), Title VI, and administered by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources. The use of CETA funds to hire artists has become the largest government-sponsored effort to put artists to work since the Federal One Project of the Works Progress Administration of 1935. Throughout the country, as in North Carolina, response to CETA artists has been enthusiastic in those communities which they serve.

In October, 1975, North Carolina became the first state in the country to administer a CETA program in the arts on a state-wide level. The purpose of the original grant was to hire unemployed or under employed North Carolina artists to benefit the people throughout the state. The term "Third Century" refers to the third century of our nation, a time when these North Carolina artists, and others like them, will be striving to integrate the arts into our everyday lives. Through this program, Third Century Artists are campaigning locally to develop an understanding and appreciation of the arts and artists as they bring the creative process into the public eye. Due to the ambitious efforts of the artists and their local sponsors, the benefits of the program have been overwhelmingly apparent. Third Century Artists are necessarily involved in community arts organization. Many have been consultants for, or organized such things as community and children's theatre, reader's theatre, various music programs, art guilds and cooperatives, and multi-art festivals.

Barton is one of 127 Third Century Artists now serving communities in North Carolina. For more information about your local Third Century Artist, contact the Robeson County Public Library or the Maxton City Schools. For more information about the Third Century Artist Program and how to apply as an artist or sponsoring organization, write to: Third Century Artist Program, North Carolina Arts Council, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, NC 27611.

## PSU's Walter Oxendine One of 5 Outstanding Young men of N.C.



Pictured above H. Duke Fentress, (left) Sr. Vice President of American Defender Life Insurance Company, presents Walter G. Oxendine and wife Connie of Pembroke, NC an award recognizing him as one of the Five Outstanding Young Men of North Carolina for 1976.

The North Carolina Jaycees and American Defender Life Insurance Company annually present the Five Outstanding Young Men of North Carolina awards.

Other winners were Frederick L. Smyre of Gastonia, William L. Hyland of Lewistown, Gus Tulloss of Rocky Mount and G. Smedes York of Raleigh.

Serving as valuable resource people, they also give lectures, demonstrations, and answer questions for civic clubs, social service groups, business and churches, as well as assist existing arts groups. In the community they may be found not only providing art shows or performances, but painting murals and doing sculpture for public places, conducting work shops in theatres, photographing local points of interest to document community history, sketching in factories and cafeterias, and providing numerous other services for the community. Hopefully, in assuming such tasks in the spirit of public service, the Third Century Artist will in turn develop his or her professional skills.

## Mrs. Dovie Locklear Honored on Birthday



Mrs. Dovie Locklear, shown far left, celebrated her 82nd birthday Saturday night at Lee's Seaford House with her children. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Willard Strickland, Mrs. Evelyn Chavis, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Locklear, Mr. and Mrs. Bill R. Locklear, Mr. William E. Locklear, Lizzie Jane Locklear, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Bullard, Mr. and Mrs. Baker Locklear, Cheryl, Nell and Jeff Strickland, Timothy and Michelle Locklear, Dwayne and Anissa Lynn Dwyane.

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