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## PEMBROKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CO-SPONSORS PSU SPRING BROCHURE



Gene Warrent (left), PSU public Information director, by John H. Sampson, president of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce, as Theodore Maynor, also a Chamber member, looks on.

just athletically inclined. I played baseball until I was 50. I like athletics—and I know we have a good athletic program at Pembroke State University."

Bruce Barton, also a member of the Chamber, was a leader in attaining the gift. "I approached the members, told what was needed and they responded. We have a good, productive Chamber of Commerce. I think in the days and years ahead we are going to get closer to PSU, which I consider our No. 1 asset as far as industry is concerned."

Barton also said he is very interested in the idea of a Braves' Boosters Club as "an offshoot of the Chamber." He noted: "With the leadership of our Chamber, we might be able to develop a Braves' Boosters Club to provide help to the PSU Athletic Department."

Other members of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce include James Brewington, A.G. Dial, Jimmy Hedgpeth, Albert Hunt, Bernard Lowry, H.D. Lowry, Weldon Lowry, Willie Von Lowry and Jim Paul.

## "Our Purpose Is To Get Minorities In Health Careers."

PEMBROKE—"Our purpose is to get more minorities in health careers—to work with high school counselors and teachers," said Bill Wilson, director of the Association of American Indian Physicians, Inc., of Norman, Okla., in addressing a workshop on "Health Career Opportunities for Minorities" held Friday on the Pembroke State University campus.

Wilson discussed the ways to achieve this goal. He spoke of how to motivate students, the suggestive formation of Health Career Clubs in school, use of politics in becoming involved with the "power structure," familiarizing students with tests for the different health career schools, etc.

He emphasized how many minority children start really "dropping out" motivation-wise as early as the second and third grade. "It behooves teachers and counselors to work as hard as we can to get the child interested in going to school. We are talking about curriculum development and motivation," he said.

Speaking of a Health Careers Club in school, Wilson used that as an example of using one's imagination in interesting youngsters in his field. "Just getting kids in a club like that would mean a lot. A kid doesn't have any reason to go to school until he sees it himself. You can preach to him all day



BILL WILSON, director of the Association of American Indian Physicians, Inc., of Norman, Okla., addresses health careers workshop at Pembroke State University.

long, but it doesn't make any difference. When he decides he's ready to go to school and ready to study and ready to learn, he's ready. So it's up to us to start motivating him in some manner," pointed out Wilson.

The AAIIP director suggested that his audience be aware of what all agencies do so they can help direct young people to summer or winter jobs. He told of how his organization had tried futilely two or three times to put first and second year medical students in a hospital during the summer. "The hospital said it didn't have time, but we kept on pushing and insisting until finally we got them in. I think counselors should be involved in getting students into such programs during the summer," Wilson said.

As for politics, Wilson made reference to remarks by Tommy Swett, director of special programs at PSU who coordinated the workshop, and Dr. E. Lavonia Allison, director of the N.C. Health Manpower Development Program.

"Mr. Swett and Dr. Allison have mentioned legislation power structure tests on local and national levels," Wilson said. "We have to get involved in politics whether we like it or not because the power structure is there. It is something you have to address yourself to because it is going to affect your job and clientele."

Speaking of a test to get in medical school, Wilson said: "If your counselors or people in health careers aren't familiar with it, you should be. We have worked on it, and it has been revised. Chicanos, Blacks, American Indians and others are affected by the revision. Become familiar with these different tests so you can tell your students what to expect from the different schools as far as testing is concerned."

The workshop also concerned retention, financial aid, outlook and other factors concerning recruitment and counseling of minorities for health careers.

Swett spoke of problems that face Robeson County Indians and others regarding self-concept, identity, etc.

Dr. Allison pointed out how excited she is over the health careers program on the PSU campus. She had spoken here several times previously about the many opportunities for minorities in health careers.

## people and places and things

### MORE PROSPECT HONOR ROLL

Due to an error the following students were left off the last nine weeks reporting period of the Honor Roll for Prospect School: Michael Chavis, 12th grade, and Phyllis Bryant, 9th grade.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

W. J. and Barbara Strickland of Alexandria, Virginia, announce the birth of a daughter, Tabitha Onawa Strickland, born on Feb. 8, 1977.

The maternal grandparents are Cassie Chavis and the late Danny Chavis of the Union Chapel area. Paternal grand parents are Willard and Lady Strickland of the Prospect area.

The Stricklands have three other children, Olavi, Carmellia and Caleb.

### DINNER THEATRE PLANNED

"Night of January 16th," a comedy drama in three acts, will be performed by the Pembroke Senior High School Players. Scheduled for production in April, the play depicts a trial in the city of New York. Karen Andre, secretary to wealthy businessman Bjorn Faulkner, is on trial for his murder. Her Defense Attorney, Stevens, and the District Attorney, Flint, involve themselves in an emotion packed trial that brings together the forces of big money and the underworld.

### CYNTHIA JACOBS JOINS THE AIR FORCE

Cynthia Jacobs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Layne Jacobs of Route 3 Box 864, Lumberton, NC, has enlisted in the United States Air Force.

Airman Jacobs, a 1976 graduate of Pembroke High School, joined under the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP), which allows her to accumulate time in the Air Force Reserve until she enters active duty on February 23, 1977.

Sergeant George M. Painter, Air Force Recruiter in Fayetteville, stated that Airman Jacobs successfully completed a series of tests which qualified her for the Morse Systems Operator field of training.

### AREA C. B. CLUB LAUDED

Mrs. Winnie Brown of Locklear Court in Pembroke is grateful to the Area C. B. Club for offering her much needed assistance. Ms. Brown's three year old son, R. J. Brown, entered Duke Hospital in Durham today for surgery to remove one of his kidneys. The Area C. B. Club heard of the impending surgery. They also heard that Ms. Brown was financially unable to remain in Durham with her son. Realizing that Ms. Brown needed and wanted to be with her son, they began a campaign to raise the needed funds for her stay. The campaign was successful and the mother, thanks to the caring C. B.'ers, now has enough money to remain with her child. Ms. Brown was moved to tears. Said she, "I didn't know that there were still people in the world who cared about each other."

### WARRIORS OUTSHOOT PIRATES

The Warrior Rifles defeated the Lumberton Senior High School Pirates in a rifle match held at Pembroke Senior High on February 17 by a score of 855 to 787. Debbie Hammonds was the high scorer for Pembroke with 236 points. Next was Hazel McGirt with 214, Kyle Clark-212, and Rodney Locklear with 193. High scorer for Lumberton was Richard Troutman with 219 points.

### JON MIKE CLARK, A PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT

Jonathan Michael Clark (Jon Mike) has recently registered as a professional architect in Virginia. Clark, a native of Robeson County, finished school at N. C. State University. He received his degree at the completion of five years of study. He also served for three years as apprentice with an Indian architecture firm in Arizona. He is presently working with the Government, Naval Facilities Engineering Firm in Norfolk, Virginia.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clark of Pembroke. He resides in Norfolk, Virginia with his wife, Gloria, and their two children.

### CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND INDIANS

The Senate has completed its reorganization, putting Indian affairs under temporary (two-year) committee which is expected to be chaired by Senator Abourezk. In the House, Indian education is under the sub-committee on primary, secondary and vocational education, chaired by Congressman Blouin from Iowa. The sub-committee on Indian affairs, responsible for everything but education, has been merged with the sub-committee on public lands. This sub-committee is chaired by Congressman Teno Roncalio of Wyoming.

### AIPRC PROTESTS HOUSE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

The American Indian Policy Review Commission has objected to the elimination of the House Sub-committee on Indian Affairs (by merging it with the sub-committee on Public Lands) and has asked for a "Temporary Select Committee on Indian Affairs for the 95th Congress in which shall be vested all legislative and oversight jurisdiction on Indian matters" with all the power of a standing committee. A resolution to this effect was sent to the Speaker of the House February 5. The resolution noted that this Congress must deal with some difficult and important issues, including the Maine land claims and the AIPRC legislative recommendations in the Commission's soon-to-be-completed final report.

### MAINE GOVERNOR ASKS INDIANS TO SETTLE FOR CASH

Governor James Longley sent telegrams to the legal counsel for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy Indian tribes asking that the tribes seek only money damages and not the return of land claimed as their aboriginal territory. An Interior Department draft report had recommended that the tribes' claim should be for everything they are entitled to, including the return of the land. Governor Longley asked the tribes to cooperate with him and "with the people of Maine whose homes and whose jobs depend on a fair resolution" of the suit.

### CATAWBA OF SOUTH CAROLINA PRESS LAND CLAIMS

The Catawba Indians of South Carolina have joined the growing numbers of eastern Indian tribes asserting land claims. The Catawbas have threatened, in a letter to the State's Governor, to file a suit for the recovery of 144,000 acres of land which could unsettle more than 50,000 people, take over two small cities and require as much as \$20 million in compensation for the past injuries. The Catawbas, however, have offered to settle for less and are scheduled to meet with the Governor to discuss the matter.

Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday

## NEWS BRIEFS Recent Hirings in Robeson County

Commissioners on a unanimous vote.

The move to hire Smith followed an earlier motion by Commissioner Herman Dial to hire Murphy Woods, an Indian, for the job. That motion was defeated by a 4-3 vote. Dial, Bobby Dean Locklear and J.W. Hunt voted in favor; voting against were H.T. Taylor, Bill Herndon, Thomas Jones and Chairman, Sam Noble, who was forced to cast the vote defeating the motion.

Hired at the same time, on a motion by Commissioner Bobby Dean Locklear, were Grady Chavis, an Indian, for the position of Federal Programs Coordinator; and Chris Antwi, a Black, for Manpower director. Both positions will carry salaries of \$11,712.

The position of director of industrial development carries a salary of \$15,000.

Earlier in the week, Tony Glenn Smith of Darlington, S.C. was chosen for the position of Director of Industrial Development by the board of commis-

## Children's Deaths Bring Out The 'Goodness' In Robesonians

Sometimes it takes an awful tragedy like the deaths of five children in a Robeson County fire to bring out the best of people—red, black and

white. According to Rev. Grover Oxendine, the people are responding to the plight

of the grief stricken families in a Christian-like manner. A Trust fund has been set up at Lumbee Bank in Pembroke for the Locklear and Woods

families. Those who wish to contribute may do so by depositing the money directly into the special trust fund. Bank officials, Ray Liles and Curtis Pierce, have been authorized to accept donations from those who wish to assist the families of the children killed in a fire last Thursday.

The five young children died in the wood frame farm house in the Raft Swamp community while Mrs. Dorothy Lee Locklear left them temporarily unattended while she went to get some meat for dinner, according to her father, Herman Chavis.

Rev. Grover Oxendine, pastor of Oak Grove Holiness Church, where funeral services were held Sunday for the children, said, "people have been so kind and helpful since the tragedy struck. People do care. It is just so sad that it sometimes takes an awful tragedy like this to bring out the best in all of us." It was estimated that more than 1000 friends and relatives attended the mass funeral.

Rev. Oxendine's church, Oak Grove, has set the trust fund up in the name of the church for the Locklear & Woods families.

The five children were funeralized together. They are Shenell, 4, Rachel, 3, and Doretta, 2, the daughters of Landis and Dorothy Lee Locklear; and twins, Amanda and Amy, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Woods. (See Obituaries)

The families also, according to Rev. Oxendine, expressed gratitude for those who responded to them in their time of sorrow and, especially, the Raft Swamp, Deep Branch, Pembroke, Saddletree and Lumberton Fire Departments who responded gallantly but in vain.

Those wishing to contribute to the Locklear & Woods families may also give directly to the families or Oak Grove Holiness Church. Rev. Grover Oxendine is pastor.

## Sam Dial, Father of Public Housing, Honored With Portrait Unveiling



administrative offices of the housing authority.

Special speaker was Attorney General, Rufus Edmisten, who lauded the sincerity of Dial in his single minded pursuit of low rent housing for Pembroke. Edmisten talked fondly of Dial and bragged of "their twenty year friendship." Said Edmisten, "Sam Dial

is dedicated to his fellowman, and I am honored to be here with him as he is honored by his friends and the town of Pembroke." Mr. Edmisten was glowingly introduced by PSU's Chancellor, English Jones.

Dial is presently serving as a Pembroke Town Councilman.

Dial, shown far left, with his daughter and wife, Marcella, was honored last Wednesday afternoon by friends and the Pembroke Housing Redevelopment Authority with a portrait unveiling.

The portrait, in honor of Dial, who is widely known as the father of public housing, will hang in his honor in the