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PEMBROKE NEWS by Mrs. Ba by Mrs. Bazie Hardin

I made a mistake in my news writeup last week. It was Mr. Linwood Chavis and his daughters of Stafford, Virgina who spent the weekend at home with his parents and other relatives. It was not his borther, Mr. Johnnie Chavis. Mr. Chavis' parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chavis of Pine Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Corby Deese and daughters of Paulsboro, New

Mrs. Lindburg Locklear and daughter Robin and a frield of Robin's named Susan Oxendine and Mrs. Sally Locklear and son Kelvin spent Thursday visiting at Carowinds Entertainment Capitol of the Carolinas near Charlotte.

Among the visitors attending church services Sunday at Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church were Mr. and Mrs Rudolph Seals, Mr. Lewis Curmings, Mr. Redmond Locklear, Jr., and Mr. Josephus Jacobs of Fayetteville.

A gift of money was donated Sunday to Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church in honor of their birthdays by Mis-Mattie Locklear for her 27th, Mrs. Mary Lee Oxendine for her Cond. Bobbie Gail Locklear for her 9th, Mrs. Vera Doris Malcolm in honor of her father, Rev. C. E. Locklear's, 80th birthday

Mrs. Lila Chavis of Dial Mrs. Lifa Chavis of Dial Terrace accidentally fell Saturday morning at her home on the concrete walk while she was watering her flowers in a hanging basket and injured her self. The ambulance attendants of the town of Pembroke attendad to her cuts and other injuries. Mrs. Chavis did not have to go to the doctor. did not have to go to the doct As of Monday she was report to be improving satisfactori

Mrs. John Finlaw of Fayetteville spent a weekend visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Locklear.

A singing will be held Sunday evening, June 26, at the Pembroke Church of God beginning at 2:30 p.m. featuring the Free Will Singers from White Hill Free Will Baptist Church, the Sampson Brothers of Lumberton, and the Glory Road Quarter. The pastor is Rev. Jack Hunt. The public is invited to attend this service.

Mr. Ronald Locklear has returned home from Gatesville, Texas where he attended Nation Guard Camp for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Smith, Mrs. Leonard Chavis, and Mrs. Ivene Chavis attended the funeral services of Mr. Elman Maynor, 77, held Tuesday at Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church of Godwin. Mr. Maynor's home was in Dunn.

Am n Domn Among those from the Pembroke Church of God who attended a song service held Sunday evening at the East Side Church of God of Fayetteville were the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Hunt, Mr. Winford Brayboy, Mr. Teddie Jacobs, Mr. Jarnes Bullard, Mr. Bazie Hardin, Jr., Mrs. Ernest Demery, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Nilson Locklear, Mrs. Jenry McMillian, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Locklear, Mrs. Gail Rogers and dughter, Mr. Todd Allen, Mrs. Alan Smith and Plummer. The Rev. C. C. Allen, Jr. is the pastor.

Mrs. Leonard Chavis was in charge of the Father's Day program Sunday at the Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church. Timothy Wayne Locklear recited a poem entitled "What is a Father." Rodney Jacobs led the congregation in singing "Faith of our Fathers." Gifts were furnished by Mrs. Chavis to the oldest father, Mr. Gifts were furnished by Mrs. Chavis to the oldest father, Mr. Donnie Locklear, who was 67. and to the youngest father, Mr.

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Rudolph Seals, who was 23. All of the fathers received presents. They received ball point pens and book markers furnished by the church. Mrs. Vashti Smith furnished the gifts for the pastor, Rev. Timothy Creel, the deacons, Mr. Ronnie Elk, Mr. Thomas E. Maynor, Mr. Thomas E. Maynor, Mr. Randolph Oxendine, Mr. John A. Smith, and Mr. Earle B. Maynor, who was not present due to the illness of his wife. He will receive his gift at a later date. Mrs. Dora M. Oxendine presented gifts to the fathers. Jersey, are spending this week visiting in the home of Mrs. Deese's mother, Mrs. Fannie Locklear, and Mr. Deese's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hezzie Deese.

Mr. Vernon Locklear, Superintendent of While Hill Free Will Baptist Church, was presented a Bible Sunday in honor of Father's Day by the Brotherhood of the church. Also receiving a Bible was Mr. Curtis Locklear.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks and son Jamie and Mr. and Mrs. J D. Brooks and son spent the past weekend visiting at Myrtle Beach, SC.

Fathers honored Sunday for Father's Day at Deep Branch Baptist Church were the oldest father, Mr. C.A. Sampson and the youngest father, Mr. Jimmy McNeill, and the father with the most children present at church, Mr. Billy Burns. All three received gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Locklear and daughter of Sanford spent Sunday visiting with Mr. Locklear's mother, Mrs. Lacy Dial and Mr. Dial and family and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Carnell Locklear.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Locklear. Mrs. Thomas H. (Georgia Rae) Oxendine who was hospitalized for several weeks at the Southeastern Genetal Hospital, after which she was a patient at the Extended Care Unit of the same hospital, was discharged from that hospital. She has entered the Southeast Regional Relabilitation Center of the Cape Fear Valley Hospital of Fayetteville. One June 6th it was reported that Mrs. Oxendine was improving and was able to walk with the aid of a cane. Golotions 6:8 "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap everlasting life."

### CENTRAL TRUTH

A-life committed to Jesus can ever be wasted.

## BIRTHDAY PROVERB FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Danlei 11:32 "And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries, but the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits."

## MT. AIRY NEWS By Violet Locklear

The Brotherhood and Mrs. Mary Jane Bryant rendered special music on Sunday morning at Mt. Airy Church. admitted to Southeastern General Hospital Tuesday The pastor was unable to attend church due to illness

Mr. James Oxendine is a patient at Southeastern General Hospital. He is scheduled to be transferred to North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. His condition is serious.

The oldest father present was Mr. Noman Oxendine. He was presented a gift. The father with the most children, Mr. Roy Lacy Cummings, also received a gift. The youngest father, Alex Locklear, was presented a gift. Misses Zine and Delenia Sampson are spending some time this week with their grandmother, Mrs. Libby Lowry and family of Baker Street, Pembroke.

> Mr. Clarence Griffith was able to be back in church Sunday after being out for a while due to being illness

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Locklear and daughter Vickle of Fayetteville and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Buck Locklear were dinner guests last Friday night at the Country Kitchen in Fayetteville where they enjoyed a delicious scalood dinner Alter dinner they toured different shopping centers. Mrs. Violet Locklear observed her birthday Tuesday, June 21st. Among her many gifts was a concrete picnic table and benches ordered by her children. She and her energy wielde McCeie Mrs. Cora M. Jones has returned home from the hospital. Her condition is improving slowly. her pastor visited McCain Hospital and enjoyed a delicious dinner together

THOUGHT FOR TODAY



### **UP FROM DUST** AND DARKNESS By Lew Barton 3rd Century Artist DEATH OF A BLACK SHEEP

The lovable black sheep of the herd is gone. He's dead, now. So some people are saying at last what those closest to him knew all the time. That there was never a sweeter, kinder, geniler, more helpful, more generous, more patient human being. Which is just as it should be.

But why does it take a man's **death** to bring about such a ealization about him? The realization of what he was while yet he ived? Is there no appreciation for the **living** in this sin-cursed world lived? Is the

He wos a "black sheep," that is true. He drank once in awhile. What's more, he enjoyed drinking. And people, especially middle-class people, can't stand that.

They deserted him in a very real sense, some of them, simply by avoiding him. At least, they were seldom seen about his modest home. And if they were, theyapologized profusely for his being "different." You know that it is. You can't bring off of them into onformity.

Well, they never succeeded in bringing him into their own particular style of conformity, that is true. But he was reolly more conformative than any of them--and a lot less inclined to judge his neighbor. Sinners and saints, alike, enpiyed "getting up with him just to talk." He was always a good listener, and if somene had a bef, they took it to him and ared it before him, knowing full well in advance that he was always ready to listen sympathetically to whatever they wished to tell him. Maybe he couldn't solve their own particular problem, but he sure gave them a shoulder to cryon, so to speak. He was courteous and attentive, he never betrayed a confidence, and whatever was bothering you just seemed to become a whole lot less bothersome after talking it out and talking it over with him.

But now he is gone. He is already being missed. And for the first time, people are really beginning to realize what a great friend they had in this man. They are realizing it, and because they are, they are extolling him to the high heavens.

I don't think he'd particularly care for that part of it. After all, he'd personally observed the hypocrisy of fellow humans for years, though without any vestige of condemnation in his heart. Which was what made him drink in the first place, probably.

But now that he's passed on, some people have forgotten in record time how many years they've neglected him. They've forgotten that there was any problem in the first place. They're quite willing to forgive all, forget all and let bygones be bygones. But so help me, I can't keep from wondering what possible good all this is actually going to do him now.

With his exit, some people did everything on earth possible to make people unaware of the fact that they'd even regarded him as a black sheep, the beloved black sheep suddenly became angelic and minitiv

His close acquaintances-and there were many of them-knew better. They knew that he was very human, loved him for his humanity, and wouldn't have had it any other way. Flocking out to take one last look at his pitful remains, they set a bunch of flowers here and passed out condolences there. And all the time they were thinking: If he'd been oppredicted as much in life as he seems to be in deoth, he might still be with us.

A gentle, inoffensive rebel?

Of course.

But he knew how to rebel quietly and with dignity. And he genuinely loved even those who thought (mistakenly) that they were better than he.

He died, as he lived, quietly. He left as he lived, at peace with himself and his fellowman. So much so that he wouldn't resent it right now, not even if somehow he could look down from some lofty perch and see the whole travesty.

You see, he loved people in spite of their shortcomings and hypocrisy. And when he heard something bad about something, he just smiled his knowing smile and said nothing. I never knew him to condemn anyone for anything, not even those who made him the black sheep of the flock.

black sheep or the tiock. He knew some people thought of him that way, tolorated their attitude, and might even have agreed with them Because, you see, he left the judging up to God, just as the Bible admonishes us all to do. He didn't even judge those who judged him, though he lived out most of a lifetime under their scathing judgement.

Those the black sheep with the sow-white heart somehow made it in the end. And somehow, I believe he did. If so, however, ho made it in othe golden portals only because God instead of people was his final judge. After all, it was the lost sheep of this world, black and otherwise, that Jesus came into this world to seek out and

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Miss Lumbee, a Winner

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many of the other corres perhaps even more so that new Miss N.C., Mary ka Fleming, because she has the lasting friendship admiration of many, received phone calls telegrams from people doesn't even know comme-her on her 'outstanding and beauty.' She received from talent scouts and encouraged by many, incl

encouraged by many, in Ray Hollingsworth of t Hollingsworth School of to continue her dancing.

Miss Lumbee was recognized along with thre the other contestants in an ai in the Winston Salem Jo concerning her talent.

Donna Axum, a judge v

"The Joker" during pre-entertainment said, "I have here this week in observin girls, that they are all quee that they have an enthusian spirit unmatched by any." continued with, "it is not crown that makes a quee tarnishes, it is not the tropic collects dust. and it is

collects dust, and it is no flowers; they die. But it's striving for excellence, spirit, that makes a queen.

In this respect, Linda definited must be considered a winner





developed into a cemetery. Fellowship Hall was construct in 1971 and a ten year program total church building renewal h

Other pastors serving the church after Rev. Prevatte area sfollows: Rev. J.W. Blanks, Rev. A.D. Locklear, Rev. P.R. Locklear, Rev. A.T. Taylor, Rev. L.W. Jacobs, Rev. C.E. Locklear, Rev. Percell Locklear, Rev. T.M. Swett, Rev. Davley Maynor, Rev. Charlie Warriax, Rev. Tilford Locklear and Rev. Grady Curmmings the present pastor since 1973.

Mt. Olive has a present membership of sixty-eith and a Sinday School enrollment of one hundred sixty. The oldest member is Mr. Ambrose Locklear, age 93, who serves as a deacon along with Mr. Stenson Revels and Mr. Wilbur Locklear. The youngest Sunday School member is Staey Locklear, son of Mrs. Sally Locklear, in 1946 Mt. Olive sent the following messengers to the associational annual meeting: Mr. Tommie Chavis, Mr. Loyd Lowry, Mr. Frank Locklear, Mr. AB. Locklear, Mr. AB. Locklear, Mr. AB. Locklear, and A. Staurojay, January 30, 1926, the associational churches met at Mt. Olive for the quarterly meeting. A message was preached by Rev. W.G. Hunt and prayer by Mr. S.M. Bell, Mr. W.D. Oxendiae prepared the minutes of the meeting.

prepared the minutes meeting.

Mt. Olive has always manifested strength in its leadership and vision in its goals. It has also been very consistent in support of mission efforts. To this fine congregation, the association expresses thanks and good will.

## **Future Plans** Announced

The seniors of the class of 1977 at Magnolia School are graduated and are now involved in making plans for the future.

The class membership numbers sixty-six. Of the sixty-six graduating seniors, 22.8 percent will be going on to college, 31.8 percent to technical institutes, 1.5 percent to the military, and 43.9 percent will enter the labor

Those students planning to attend college are: Foyerreville Stote University: Edmond McLean, Jr., Gladys Stokes, Gladys Ann Tyndall, Pembroke Stote University: Effic Hunt, Cindy Branch, Dennis Davis, Lorrie Chavis, Christina Cindy Branch, Dennis Davis, Lorrie Chavis, Christina Locklear; Campbell College: Karen Hammonds, Tonya Kerns; North Carolino Stote University: Deborah Hamrick, James Craig Bell; Southeostern Community College: Alfredia Oxendine, Lorraine Burnette, Rosie Delong.

Phone 919/521-2204 Route 1, Box 32-A Pembroke, N.C. Attending technical institutes are: Robeson Technical Institute: Lacy Lowery, Glora Vanderhall, Jerry Paul, Donald Locklear, Billy Jones, Betty



The scene backstage following the crowning of the new Miss N.C. at Reynolds Auditorium in Winston Salem recently was a mixture of smiles and tears.

Few people are aware of what goes on behind stage after a pageant. Those frozen smiles begin to fade as soon as the new queen is announced and the remainder of the contestants is over.

The joy for the new queen is uickly replaced by lisappointment and duckly replaced by disappointment and unhappiness. Many retreat immediately to their dressing rooms while others openly show immediately to their dressing rooms while others openly show their disappointment by shedding tears on each others shoulders.

But neither was the case for Linda Locklear, Miss Lumbee for though she offered her shoulder to many, she accepted a shoulder from no one.

Perhaps her anguish was deeper. She felt little sorrow for herself, but thought instead of her many supporters. "I did my best," she said with a soft, sad smile. She immediately added, "what I dread now is going home to face the people who expected so much from me and received nothing but disappontment."

Only Linda's supporters are not-lisappointed for they all realize

# Costume Coordinators

Costumes, their design, and upkeep, play a major role in any drama production and Robeson County's outdoor drama, Strike at the Wind is no exception. Color and style are Color and style are important than most p realize. The choice of drs color combination has tor the actors role, but at the time, it has to suit his impor-in the play. A minor part is never be dressed flashier to lead part.

"I have a theatrical book that traces dress down through history, but it shows how people dressed in London, Paris, or maybe New York," said Vanesa, "but not how they dressed in Lumbeton or Pembroke, We had to go to old local photographs and into people's closets to get the right ideas."

Vanessa, who is 20, was born in Los Angeles, California but goes to school at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Lauringburg. She is studying theatre with an emphasis in Eddie Lee Hammonds, Jr. plans to enter the Army and Timothy Spears plans to take some type of music training in Charlotte. ing.

music training in Charlotte. The following students plan to enter the labor force: Judy McIver, Vicky Whited, Cloanne McNeill, Tommy Locklear, Winford Hammonds, Gail Locklear, William Humphrey, Carlene Locklear, Keih Jones, Ira Locklear, Woodie Locklear, Vicky Locklear, Woodie Locklear, Vicky Locklear, Okodie Uncklear, Vicky Snow, James Oxendine, Locklear, Henry Grimsley, Frank Jones, and Susan Britt. According to Karen, who is a 24 year old PSU student, and Cindy, who is also a PSU student, about 75 percent of the costumes will be new this year. Both girls are art majors at PSU.

Strike at the Wind needed a costume designer, and I have a Strike at the Wind needed a costume designer, and I have a number one qualification, I can and do like to sew." exclaimed Cindy. "I don't care to act but I do like getting into the costume end of it I have to learn the end of it I have to learn the character and what he wears. Because of the very nature of the drama, the distance between the audience and action on the stage, the costume has to reinforce the character's tole in the play."

at the wind is no exception. Three young ladies, Vanessa Holdsworth, Karen Coronado, and Cindy Sampson, have taken the jobs of costume co-ordinators for the show this summer, designing, making and keeping up the costumes for 65 actors. Strike at the Wind is not an easy play to dress, according to Karen, since it is tri-racial and takes place following the Civil War in Robeson County. The truss story of the Lumber Indians and their folk hero Henry Berry Lowtre, Strike at the Wind is in its second season this summer. For this type of work, si Por this type of work, since a grass roots organization." Vanessa, "it is a lean experience and that much experience is not re necessary. But to work professional costuming, necessary. But to work professional costuming, apprenticeship period with known fashion designer theatrical designer is requir you have to build a resume za portfolio of your work, a basically you have to know right people. Once accepted, have to prove to these people have talent and will do what's say you will do." Historians have proven that Lumbee Indians are part of tribe that absorded the L Colony. This idea is introdu-into Strike at the Wind in prologue, the first scene of show

"The prologue is going tol most exciting part of the this year," smiled Cindy." we are doing with the cost will make it very dramate.] the prologue the Lumber pr view is shown and their must be an expression of feelings and heritage.

Strike at the Wind acclaimed last year as the successful new outdoor dra the nation, seen by over I people in just seven week the halton, seen of seven weeks over 25,000 persons are type to see the Robeson Co-production this sum Opening June 29, the show run through August Wednesday through Saudo the Lakeside Amphitheater a Riverside Country Clab we Pembroke on Highway Tickets are still avait according to the girfs and 3.50 and 4.00. Call 521-200 reservations.



In 1886 a building was creted on a track of land located in the Saddlettee area of Robeson County, to the west side of the aged Saddletree Swamp. The aged Saddletree Swamp. The congregation of Mt. Olive Baptist Church with the deed being recorded December 15, 1886.

Rev F.A. Prevatte, a white minister living in the arca, was very compassionate toward neighboring Indians and used his vast knowledge and experience toward organizing Indian congregations. This particular group of forty-two requested his assistance and called him as their first pastor. first past

Several programs of rennovation have little affected the traditional style of the original building still being used. Additional land has been acquired from the firm of K.M. Biggs. A portion of this property has been

Magnolia Graduates

Hunt, Annie Gail Hardin, Jerry Chavis, Renea Oxendine. Gerald Wayne Bell. Jeffrey Carter, Charles Bruce. Børbara Brewington, Shelby Jones, Audrey Jacobs, Annete Bruce. Brenda Chavis, Jance Brewer. Debra Lowery; Foyertevile Technical Institute. Linda LaClaire, Keno Carroll Locklear.

Still undecided are Joy Freeman, Sandra Britt, Audrey Davis, Jackie Locklear and Karen Byrd.