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PEMBROKE NEWS

by Mrs. Bazie Hardin

Mrs. Lindburg Locklear and daughter Robin and a friend of Robin's named Susan Oxendine...

A gift of money was donated Sunday to Mount Olive Pentecostal Holy Church...

Mrs. Lily Chavis of Dial Terrace accidentally fell Saturday morning at her home on the concrete walk while she was watering her flowers...

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...

Mr. Ronald Locklear has returned home from Gatesville, Texas where he attended National 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 Holy Church of Godwin. Mr. Maynor's home was in Dunn.

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. James Bullard, Mr. Bazie Hardin, Jr., Mrs. Ernest Demery, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Locklear, Mrs. Jerry McMillian, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Locklear, Mrs. Gail Rogers and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brewer, 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 Holy 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. Donnie Locklear, who was 67, and to the youngest father, Mr.

Rudolph Seals, who was 23. All of the fathers received presents. They received ball point pens and book markers furnished by the church. Mrs. Yashii Smith furnished the gifts for the pastor, Rev. Timothy Cruel, the deacons, Mr. Ronnie Elk, Mr. Thomas E. Maynor, Mr. Randolph Oxendine, Mr. John A. Smith, and Mr. Earlie 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.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Locklear and daughter of Sanford spent Sunday visiting with Mr. Locklear's mother, Mrs. Lucy Dial and Mr. Dial and family and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Carnell Locklear.

Mr. Thomas H. (Georgia Rae) Oxendine who was hospitalized for several weeks at the Southeastern General 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 Rehabilitation 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.

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

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 White 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.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks and son Jamie 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.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Galatians 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 never be wasted.

BIRTHDAY PROVERB FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 23 Daniel 11:32 "And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall be corrupt by flatteries, but the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits."

The Brotherhood and Mrs. Mary Jane Bryant rendered special music on Sunday morning at Mt. Airy Church. The pastor was unable to attend church due to illness. The oldest father present was Mr. Noman Oxendine. He was presented a gift. The father with the most children, Mr. Roy Lucy Cummings, also received a gift. The youngest father, Alex Locklear, was presented a gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Locklear and daughter, Vickie 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 seafood dinner. After dinner they toured different shopping centers.

Mrs. Clara M. Jones has returned home from the hospital. Her condition is improving slowly. The Brotherhood held a fellowship hour in the home of Mrs. Stella Locklear last Friday night. Mrs. Locklear was

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UP FROM DUST AND DARKNESS By Lew Barton

The lovable black sheep of the herd is gone. He's dead, now. So some people are saying at last those closest to him knew all the time. That there was never a sweeter, kinder, gentler, 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 realization about him? The realization of what he was while yet he lived? Is there no appreciation for the living in this sin-cursed world any more?

He was 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, they apologized profusely for his being "different." You know that it is. You can't bring off of them into conformity.

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.

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 saintly.

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 pitiful remains, they set a bunch of flowers here and passed out condolences there. And all the time they were thinking: If he'd been appreciated as much in life as he seems to be in death, 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 wasteway.

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.

He knew some people thought of him that way, tolerated 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 judgment.

I hope the black sheep with the snow-white heart somehow made it to the end. And somehow, I believe he did. If so, however, he made it into the 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 to save.

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MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Tony Brewington



Developed into a cemetery. A Fellowship Hall was constructed in 1971 and a ten year program of total church building renewal has been initiated.

Other pastors serving the church after Rev. Prevatte are as follows: 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. Sweet, Rev. Dawley Maynor, Rev. Charlie Warriax, Rev. Tilford Locklear and Rev. Grady Cummings the present pastor since 1973.

Mt. Olive has a present membership of sixty-eight and a Sunday School enrollment of one hundred sixty. The oldest member is Mr. Ambrose Locklear, age 93, who serves as a deacon along with Mr. Stenson Reveals and Mr. Wilbur Locklear. The youngest Sunday School member is Stacy 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. A.B. Locklear, Mr. Loy Locklear, and Mr. Henry Hammonds. On Saturday, 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. Oxendine prepared the minutes of the meeting.

Rev. F.A. Prevatte, a white minister living in the area, 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.

Several programs of renovation 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

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. 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, 23.8 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 force.

Those students planning to attend college are: Fayetteville State University: Edmond McLean, Jr., Gladys Stokes, Gladys Ann Tyndall; Pembroke State University: Effie Hunt, Cindy Branch, Dennis Davis, Lorrie Chavis, Christina Locklear; Campbell College: Karen Hammonds, Tonya Kerns; North Carolina State University: Deborah Hamrick, James Craig Bell; Southeastern Community College: Alforda Oxendine, Lorraine Burnette, Rosie Delong. Attending technical institutes are: Robeson Technical Institute: Lucy Lowery, Gloria Vanderhall, Jerry Paul, Donald Locklear, Billy Jones, Betty

Miss Lumbee, a Winner

by Cathy R. Locklear



Miss Lumbee 1976 Linda Gail Locklear

that she is a winner in her own right, more of a winner than many of the other contestants, perhaps even more so than the new Miss N.C., Mary Kathryn Fleming, because she has won the lasting friendship and admiration of many. She received phone calls and telegrams from people she doesn't even know commending her on her "outstanding talent and beauty." She received offers from talent scouts and was encouraged by many, including Ray Hollingsworth of the Ray Hollingsworth School of Dance, to continue her dancing.

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 realize that the pageant is over.

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

Miss Lumbee was also recognized along with three of the other contestants in an article in the Winston Salem Journal concerning her talent.

Donna Axum, a judge who sang "The Joker" during the entertainment side, "I have seen girls this week in observing the girls, that they are all queens in that they have an enthusiasm and spirit unmatched by any." She continued with, "it is not the crown that makes a queen; it tarnishes, it is not the trophy that collects dust, and it is not the flowers that they die. But it's that striving for excellence, that spirit, that makes a queen."

Only Linda's supporters are not disappointed for they all realize that she is a winner in her own right.

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.

Three young ladies, Vanessa Holdsworth, Karen Coronado, and Cindy Sampson, have taken the jobs of costume coordinators 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 true story of the Lumbee Indians and their folk hero Henry Berry Lowrie, Strike at the Wind is in its second season this summer.

"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 Vanessa. "But not how they dressed in Lumberton 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 Laurinburg. She is studying theatre with an emphasis in costuming.

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 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 character and what he wears. Because of the very nature of the drama and the distance between the audience and action on the stage, the costume has to reinforce the character's role in the play."