

PEMBROKE NEWS

MRS. BAZIE HARDIN

Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Locklear had as their guests over the holidays their sons and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Dosey Locklear of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Locklear and family of Locust, N.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Carey Locklear and children of Fayetteville. The group also visited with their grandmother, Mrs. Docia Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. O.H. Harding of Laurinburg.

Mrs. Mary Dial was accompanied on Friday of the past week by her daughter, Mrs. W.A. Chavis and Mrs. Frances Chavis to the North Carolina Memorial Hospital of Chapel Hill where she underwent a medical check up along with several tests due to her health. Mrs. Dial is scheduled to have surgery at the same hospital some time in January.

Mrs. Annie Locklear attended church service Sunday at the Gray Pond Baptist Church in Scotland County.

Mrs. Frank Winfree of Charlotte spent the weekend at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Revels.

Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Sampson of Rowland were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald H. Locklear and family of Rocky Mount. While there Mrs. Sampson was honored with a family dinner for her birthday. Among those present was Ms. Sylvia Locklear of Maxton.

Mr. and Mrs. Whaley Lowry of the Deep Branch area attended church services Sunday night at the Pembroke Church of God. The Rev. C.C. Allen, Jr. of Hope Mills was the guest speaker at the week's revival which closed Sunday night. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Gray and family of Hope Mills have returned home from Southern Mississippi where they spent several days visiting with friends. Mrs. Gray is the daughter of Mrs. Otis Burnette of Pine Street, Pembroke.

A singing will be held Sunday, January 15, at the Rock of Bethlehem Baptist Church beginning at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. The pastor is Rev. Winford Locklear.

Mrs. Dainty Jones of Welton Street was visited during the holidays by her two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Nehemiah Rogers of Lumberton and Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Strickland of the Deep Branch area and fourteen of her grandchildren and her eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Jones of Rowland visited the past week in the home of Mr. Jones' sister, Mrs. Dainty Jones. Mr. Jones has recently returned from the Southeastern General Hospital where he had surgery on his leg.

The Rev. Purcell Swett was the guest speaker at the morning service Sunday at the Rock of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Mrs. Alester Sampson, Mrs. Desser Graham and the Rev. Purcell Swett attended and participated in a song service at the Thompson Baptist Church. Others who participated along with the trio were Mrs. Rosa Barton, Mrs. Burnice Smith and Mr. Edmond Smith and Mr. James Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alester Sampson, Mr. Fred Deese, Mrs. Shirley Smith, Mrs. Hilda Faye Hunt, Mrs. Carla Jo Jones and Kendrick Ford Smith were dinner guests Friday night at the Shady Rest Restaurant of Laurinburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Trent Barton were hostesses Saturday evening at their home for a party for their son Joseph Bryan's second birthday. Among those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Caronado, Jr., Miss

Vibrina Coronado of Chapel Hill, Mrs. Connie Ransom, Mrs. Glenn Barton and son Chris. Special guest was the honoree's grandmother, Mrs. Carolyn Coronado and Mrs. Vashti Barton Sampson. Refreshments were served to the guests.

Mr. George Jones, a patient at the McCain Hospital of McCain, NC were visited Monday by Mrs. Vera Locklear, Mrs. Alester Sampson, Mr. Larry Barton and Mr. Bud Locklear.

Mrs. Harvard L. Chavis was visited during the holidays by her children, children-in-law, a son, Mr. Larry Chavis of Baton Rouge, La., her daughters, Ms. Thedus Chavis and Mr. Gary Harris and their son, Adam of Jamestown, NC, Ms. Donna Chavis and Mr. Mac Legerton of New York, NY, Mr. and Mrs. James Gavrell and daughter, Jamie of Clifton, NJ, Mr. Legerton and Ms. Donna Chavis also visited with Mr. Legerton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Legerton, Sr. of Atlanta, Ga. Also visiting in the Chavis home were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Filer and family of Portsmouth, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Paul Locklear, Jr. and sons have returned to their Dayton, Ohio home after spending the holidays visiting in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Jones, Sr. of Rowland and Mrs. Fannie Locklear and children. While here Mr. Locklear was taken ill with double pneumonia.

Mr. Ellis Jones was able to attend church services Sunday for the first time since his stay in Southeastern General Hospital. The church Mr. Jones returned to was his home church, Piney Grove Baptist Church. The Rev. Kelly Sanderson is the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jacobs and grandson of Sebring, Florida spent some time visiting with Mrs. Jacobs' sister Mrs. Harvard L. Chavis of the St. Annah Community. This was the first time the two sisters had seen or heard from each other in nine years. Mrs. Chavis said that was a great Christmas surprise for her and they would never lose touch with each other again. The Jacobses also spent some time visiting with his mother, Mrs. Adline Jacobs of McColl, SC.

Mr. Whiteford (Repeat) Clark was accidentally burned December 24th at the home of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Clark of the Red Banks Community. Mr. Clark is a patient at the burn center hospital of San Antonio, Texas. His twin brother, Mr. Clayton (Peat) Clark is with his brother. Mr. Clark is reported to be improving some slowly after having his right arm amputated.



Chris Chavis with his unique Panda Bear Caka.

Mr. and Mrs. Dobby Chavis honored their son, Chris, with a party for his first birthday held at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Annie Jacobs of the Deep Branch area. The birthday cake was baked and decorated in the shape of a Panda Bear by Mrs. Dorr Watts of Lumberton. Among those present were other than those mentioned above the honoree's sister Miss Tammy Michelle Chavis, Miss Anita Jacobs and Ms. Betty Jacobs and son Anthony.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

St. Matthew 13:41 "The son of man shall send forth his angels and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend and them which do iniquity."

CENTRAL TRUTH

Christ the righteous judge will reward men according to their works.

BIRTHDAY PROVERB FOR THURSDAY, JAN. 12

Psalms 4:3 "But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself; the Lord will hear when I call upon him."

Alcohol Counseling Service Now Operational

...a joint venture of Southeastern Mental Health Center and Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc.

Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. (LRDA) has broadened its scope of community services and with the help of the Southeastern Mental Health Center is now operating an alcohol counseling service.

The program officially began January 3, 1978 with the opening of offices at the Revels Motel Office Complex on Highway 711 East in Pembroke.

Historically, alcohol counseling has not been readily accepted by the larger Indian community, primarily because the services had been quartered in Lumberton.

A few months ago Southeastern Mental Health Center approached Lumbee Regional Development Association about providing services to the greater Indian community and a joint venture developed from the extended dialogue between the two agencies.

Boyd G. Sweeney, coordinator, Alcoholism Programs for the Southeastern Mental Health Center, summarized his feelings on the matter in a letter to Mr. Kenneth Maynor, executive director of LRDA.

Said Sweeney, "...it is essential that our agencies maintain a close relationship. We expect to receive extensive information and guidance from you, especially in orientating our staff to the unique sociological aspects of the community."

The program is being funded by an Alcohol Abuse Development Grant (more readily known as Hughes Alcoholism funds, federal monies set aside through the legislative leadership of the former Senator Harold Hughes, an admitted alcoholic himself).

LRDA is providing, through its CETA program, funding for the staff that is now undergoing extensive training.

The two agencies decided that the major objective of the program should be to establish a satellite clinic in the city of Pembroke with some facilities for day care and room enough to hold Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. The program also put strong emphasis on developing Indian staff members. Both of these objectives have been met with the establishment of the office in Pembroke and the naming of an Indian staff to service the community.

OFF SEASON IS A BUSY ONE FOR GENE LOCKLEAR



Gene Locklear... A Major Leaguer

Many of us who work every day might be misled into thinking that Gene "Chief" Locklear lives a life of ease in the winter time, after a season of playing baseball, a child's game, and getting paid for it. Don't believe it. Gene is a hard working painter who does not watch the clock when he is working. It is not unusual for him to spend ten or twelve hours a day working on a painting when he is inspired or painting one of the many "commissions" that come his way.

Or he might be flying to California to confer with his business manager about his unsettled baseball future. Gene, who lives in the Mt. Airy Community with his mother, Mrs. Catherine Locklear during the off season, finished out the season with the New York Yankees, although he came up too late in the season to qualify for World Series play. Gene declared himself a free agent after the last season and he has not, to date, signed with another team.

But don't count him out. He expects to sign with someone. He is still dickering with a

number of teams, including the Texas Rangers and the Los Angeles Dodgers. He expects to announce his plans for next season in a few weeks.

In the mean time he is staying busy, working hard. He just finished a very successful exhibit of his painting at Waccamaw Bank in Lumberton. He sold a number of paintings, enough to encourage him to work at his craft.

He also makes a number of personal experiences during the off season. Recently he was honored by his community and members of the Pembroke Junior Tar Heel Baseball Team. They presented Gene with a trophy with pedestals holding the four baseballs representing the four home runs he hit in one game with the Syracuse Chiefs last season. The feat tied a record held by seven other players in the International League where he spent most of the season before being called up by the New York Yankees at the end of the year.

But the off season is not all work, personal appearances, and worrying about his future. Being a major leaguer has

certain rewards too. Gene is on his way this week to visit Caracas, a West Indian Island in the Netherlands Antilles. He will be joining a number of sports celebrities, movie stars, and famous folk, courtesy of the Caracas Government, to take part in festivities heralding "Super Star City," a Tourist Attraction, featuring condominiums named after the stars.

Locklear began playing professional baseball in 1969 in the minor leagues in Tampa, Fla., moving several times before making the major leagues in 1973 when he was signed by Cincinnati. He played with San Diego for three years before being traded last year to the New York Yankees. An outfielder, he went to Syracuse, N.Y., in July to play with a Triple A team and at the end of the year returned to the Yankees. It was on July 14 that he slammed four over the fence in one game. However, he maintains he is not a power hitter.

Gene really does believe in "luck," being in the right place at the right time. But he believes that working, staying busy, moving around helps "luck" happen. Like always, the off season is a busy one for Gene "Chief" Locklear, Indian major leaguer.



Shown (left to right) Harry Locklear, Pembroke Mayor Rudy Locklear, the picture was made at Maynor's Center, where a number of Gene's friends and fans gathered to honor him and present him with a trophy denoting the four home runs Gene hit in one game last season with the Syracuse Chiefs, tying a record held by seven others.

New staff named

Named to head the satellite office in Pembroke are Leon Maynor, Albert Harding and Kathy Cummings. They are undergoing extensive training under the guidance of Boyd Sweeney, coordinator of Alcoholism Programs for the mental health center.

The program is assured of one year's funding. Plans are to hire the staff permanently at the end of one year, subject to their passing the state merit exam and securing of additional funding. LRDA, through its CETA program, is providing the training.

Both agencies express satisfaction with the program. Said Kenneth Maynor, executive director of LRDA, "This program, we hope, will serve as a model for others. We believe LRDA and the Southeastern Mental Health Center, combining their talents can begin to come to grips with the problem of alcoholism in our community."

A survey compiled by LRDA and the mental health center revealed that alcoholism treatment had not been effective in the Indian community for a number of reasons. For one thing, the availability of alcoholism counseling is not known to many Indian alcoholics and their families. Too, many Indian alcoholics tend to accept alcoholism as a way of life, feeling that nothing can be done about the problem. Too, the program has been seen as a "White man's program." There also exists a mistrust and fear in dealing with any agency outside their own community. Many Indians tend to accept alcoholism as a moral or religious issue instead of a disease.

Because of the above reasons, LRDA and the Southeastern Mental Health Center made staffing the satellite clinic with Indians a priority. Having done this, one of their next priorities is to help establish an Alcoholics Anonymous chapter in the Pembroke Community.

The Pembroke Alcoholism



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