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TRADITIONAL INDIAN TROUPE PERFORMS AT PEMBROKE STATE UNIVERSITY

Sponsored by Robeson County Indian Education Project

WAYAHSTI (Little Wolf), a five year old Coharie-Haliwa, captured the hearts of some four hundred children and adults when he performed at the Center for Performing Arts at Pembroke State University last Friday. The performance was sponsored by the Title IV, Part A, Robeson County Compensatory Indian Education Project.

Also participating in the performance were Arnold Richardson, Haliwa from Hollister, father of Wayahsti, and his mother, Ms. Patricia Brewington Richardson, Coharie, originally from Sampson County and other members of the performing troupe.

The performance was the second in a series of five planned sessions of an INDIAN IS...Youth Forum designed to increase Indian awareness and cultural pride in the Indian community. The third session is slated for March 13th when local Lumbee historian, Professor Adolph Dial will present a historical perspective of Indians in Robeson County at 7 p.m. in the PSU Performing Arts Center.

Arnold Richardson is widely known in Indian circles for his active role in Indian affairs as well as his background and knowledge of traditional American Indian culture, focusing on Eastern Indian culture. He presented cultural background of traditional songs, dances, legend and lore and was aptly applauded by the audience in his remarks challenging the Indian community to retain history and Indian culture and to promote cultural traditions and heritage through Indian youth and programs.



Wayahsti [Little Wolf] and members of the traditional Indian performing troupe presented a program of American

Indian songs, dances and legends at PSU Center for the Performing Arts. [Bill Hunt photo]



Arnold Richardson, Haliwa, is well known in Indian circles for his active role in Indian affairs and his background and knowledge of traditional Indian culture. [Bill Hunt photo]



Patricia Brewington Richardson, Coharie, rendered the traditional prayer to the Great Spirit. [Bill Hunt photo]

Senior Citizens take part in 'Strike at the Wind!'



Delora Cummings, artist for "STRIKE AT THE WIND!", listens to a group of senior citizens' ideas for dress for the show. In a project arranged through Lumbee Regional Development Association, 13 senior groups donated their experience and knowledge to improving costumes for "STRIKE AT THE WIND!"

Under the supervision of Delora Cummings, art designer for "Strike at the Wind!", and through Lumbee Regional Development Association's Janie Hunt Senior Citizens Coordinator, the Senior Citizens Clubs of the Pembroke Area are participating in a costume project.

Thirteen groups donating their time in helping sew and design ladies' costumes of the 1860 era. These groups are ladies from Mt. Moriah-Magnolia area, Antioch Club-St. Pauls, New Point Club-Lumberton, Evans Crossings-Maxton, Prospect Club-Pembroke, Pembroke Club-Pembroke, Bethel Hill-Sad-

dletree, Smyrna Club-Lumberton, Smithtown Club-Lumberton, Fairgrove Club-Fairgrove, Oxendine Club-Prospect, Saddletree Club-Saddletree, Deep Branch-Pembroke.

Each club is sewing different garments for the leading ladies in the show.

Dolly King is receiving a new dress from the New Point Club with matching accessories. Aunt Mary will be wearing a new dress donated from the Pembroke center. Many new dresses with hooped skirts and fancy hats will be seen in this year's production of "Strike At the Wind!" which premieres July 1.

Robeson Sheriff's Office Battles Strange New Grass and Tragedy

By Lew Barton
3rd Century Artist

A disheveled mother stands in the Robeson County Sheriff's Office, wringing her hands. Her face is tear-streaked and in the depths of her eyes, there is despair. "My Johnny...that grass..." she quavers. "I don't even know him any more...You've got to help me!"

A scene like this might be enacted on any typical day in the Sheriff's Office these days. In which case, the person seeking help for a "lost" friend or relative would be ushered into the office of Chief Detective of the Drug Division, Garth Locklear.

"Oh yes," said the soft-spoken officer recently. "Parents often come to me for help. Unfortunately, however, they often do not come until it is too late."

A strange new strain of grass grows in Robeson these days. As a direct result, stark, new tragedy stalks the countryside as youngsters break-and-enter, commit larceny or do even worse in a desperate attempt to support their habit.

Six-and-a-half years ago, Sheriff Malcolm G. McLeod established the drug division to combat the menace with a Federal grant. Today, it is a regular function of the Sheriff's Office, fully supported by the county, and no one with whom I talked could even conceive of being without it. It has become that necessary.

THE POT CULT

Pot's too high. Pot's too hot. Pot makes what seem right that's not. --L.B., 1975

Until Pembroke State attained university status in 1969 few people in Robeson knew what pot, or grass, or more correctly, marijuana, was. Oh, I'm sure a few people working in the industrial cities of the North had brought a few joints into the area. But it was not until 1970 that I even saw the strange, mysterious weed. My wife, working in the women's dorms at PSU along with several other women, discovered a packet of the stuff.

It looked like what we call rabbit's tobacco, but it wasn't. Marijuana, I learned from the encyclopedia, is a

drug made of the flowers of the common hemp plant. Later, I learned that pot producers grind up the whole plant, roots and all, and sell it mostly to young people who are within the age of experimentation.

"The plant is native to Asia," I read, "but had become naturalized through out the tropical and temperate zones. The flowers contain cannabin, a resin. Addicts of the drug smoke it in the form of cigarettes."

POT STILL CONTROVERSIAL

Today, pot is everywhere in Robeson. One may be able to detect a person under the influence because of the dilation of the pupils and the deadening effect of the senses, although it is absolutely undetectable by any known breath-alizer tests.

After I'd lectured against marijuana at PSU in 1972, several of the students challenged me. "Mr. Barton, I'm sure you mean well," said one, "but the truth is, you don't know anything about pot. It doesn't give you a hang-over like alcoholic beverages. You are absolutely on cloud nine after smoking it. And it is the most powerful aphrodisiac known to man. Contrary to popular belief, pot isn't habit-forming. Why, then, is everybody more prejudiced against pot than against alcoholic beverages?"

I admitted that I knew very little on the subject, but assured my young challengers that I would certainly investigate the subject for myself before any further public denunciations.

I've had ample time to do that since that confrontation, but have never tried it myself. Inasmuch as I do not inhale when smoking my pipe, the weed would have no effect on me in any event. Yet, after all these years, I can't feel that I've missed anything--except trouble. Pot isn't for me.

Yet, as a researcher operating on purely scientific grounds, I have to concur this: Alcohol isn't for everybody either. And much too little is still known about pot to fully evaluate it at this time. Like some forms of alcohol, for instance, pot has certain medical uses, as in the treatment of some forms of the killer disease, leukemia.

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PEMBROKE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB TO MEET

The Pembroke Senior High School Booster Club will meet Monday, February 27, 1978 in the school cafeteria. The public is invited.

UNC DEAN'S LIST

CHAPEL HILL--The following students from Robeson County have been named to the 1977 fall semester dean's list at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

To make the dean's list, a student must earn a 3.2 grade average on the 4.0 scale (A=4, B=3, etc.) while taking 15 or more letter grade hours of credit, or a 3.5 average while taking at least 12 but less than 15 letter grade hours.

Parkton: Debra Jo Armstrong;

Maxton: Albert Franklin Buie, Jr., Benjamin Alexander White;

Lumberton: Russell Thomas Cherry, Isaiah Thompson Cummings, Mary V. Terryn Douglas, Douglas Carmi McIntyre, Martha Ann Noble, Robin Purser Stacy, Lisa Burney Townsend;

Rod Springs: Jennifer Anne Davis, Mary Kathryn Haggins, Rita Jo Gillis;

Orram: Dana Page Ivey, Steven Toney Stone;

Pembroke: Peggy Lowry Strickland.

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION SLATED AT UNION CHAPEL SCHOOL

Pre-School Registration at Union Chapel School will be held Wednesday, March 1, beginning at 8:30 in the morning and running until noon.

Parents are asked to bring the child's birth certificate and immunization record. It is not necessary to bring the child.

Parents of children presently enrolled in kindergarten need not attend. The Pre-Registration Day is intended for those children who are entering school for the first time. The attendance is sought for parents of children entering the kindergarten or the first grade for the first time.

John E. Cummings is principal.

NEW TRUSTEES ELECTED AT SOUTHEASTERN GENERAL HOSPITAL

Three new trustees have been elected to four-year terms on the Board of Southeastern General Hospital. They are J. Mark Brooks, Pembroke, Principal of Magnolia School; Thomas E. Judy, Lumberton, Plant Manager at Converse Manufacturing; and Thomas A. Walker, Lumberton, Principal of South Lumberton Elementary School.

The hospital's Annual Report for 1977's fiscal year ending September 24, also disclosed the following figures on operations. The hospital served 13,743 inpatients, 36,797 outpatients, and provided 111,832 days of care. The average daily census was 307.2 including newborns and 2,414 babies were delivered. Beds numbered 272 in the hospital, and 80 in Long Term Care.

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION SLATED AT OXENDINE ELEMENTARY

Oxendine Elementary School pre-school registration has been set for March 3, 1978 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

In order to register a child entering school for the first time for the 1978-1979 school term, an immunization record (shot card) and birth certificate is required. He must also be five on or before October 15, 1978.

PEMBROKE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

Three students and two advisors from

Pembroke Junior High School participated in the N.C. Association of Student Councils Workshop, which was held in the Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center, in Reidsville, North Carolina, on February 10, 11, and 12th.

There were three delegates chosen from each school in the state to participate. The three students who represented Pembroke Junior High School were: Robin Brewington, Eva Jacobs, and Emery Sims Locklear. The two advisors who accompanied them were Mr. James F. (Buddy) Bell, Council Advisor, and Mr. Bobby Dean Locklear.

The purpose of the workshop is to: introduce new individual and group leadership skills; to encourage growth in NCASC; to share ideas with other councils and advisors in our state; and to build better student councils.

ROUTE FOR WALK-A-THON ANNOUNCED

The Walk-a-thon to be sponsored next Saturday by the Pembroke Senior High School Key and Keyette Club will begin at Pembroke Senior High School at 9 o'clock that morning and end at Biggs Park in Lumberton. Interested persons should contact Mr. Hampton Brayboy at Pembroke Senior High School (521-9464), or Jeff Maynor (521-4055), or any P.S.H.S. Key or Keyette Club member.

WARRIORS NAMED TO ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM by David Malcolm

Granford Oxendine and Johnny Pipkins were recently named as members of the 1978 All-3 Rivers Conference Basketball team. Team mates Eugene Emanuel and Billy Thompson received "Honorable Mention."

NATIONAL URBAN INDIAN COUNCIL ANNOUNCES CONVENTION SITE

The National Urban Indian Council has announced the site of its 1978 Annual Convention. The Convention will be held at:

The Radisson Muehlebach Hotel
Baltimore at 12th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64105
Telephone # (816)471-1400

Dates: May 15th, 16th & 17th, 1978

Registration is to begin Sunday evening, May 14, 1978. The Convention will begin Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. and run through Wednesday, May 17th at 1:00 p.m. Hotel accommodations should be made directly with the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel.

The purposes for this year's Convention are "A Time for Recognition" and "Unity for Progress" to further the theme of "Promotion of Social and Economic Self Sufficiency for Urban Indians and Alaska Natives."

Local coordinators for the Convention are: Ray Ronnie, Executive Director, Region VII American Indian Council (816)471-4899 and/or Chester (Chet) Ellis, (816)231-4736.

Additional information can be received by contacting the coordinators or N.U.I.C. headquarters in Seattle, Washington.

PROSPECT SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTIONS SET

Prospect School will have their election for Advisory Council members on Monday night, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. At this meeting parents of students at Prospect School will have an opportunity to nominate 3 persons to serve on the advisory council. Only parents will be allowed to vote and persons nominated to serve must also be parents. Therefore all parents of Prospect School students are urged to attend this very important meeting. Voting will be done by secret ballot. Conducting the meeting will be Tommy D. Sweet and L. Harbin Moore, members of the Robeson County Board of Education.

ROBESON ENDORSES MEDICAL PROGRAM

LUMBERTON--An emergency medical services program for a 15-county area costing an estimated \$898,700 was endorsed Monday by the Robeson County Board of Commissioners.

The program, proposed in a grant submitted by the N.C. Office of Emergency Medical Services, would improve medical services in southeastern counties.

Robeson County's share of the funding would be \$148,000 to improve emergency communications and emergency room care and to upgrade equipment of local rescue squads and ambulance services.

The action complemented previous board approval of a county-wide emergency telephone system which would provide county residents a telephone number for emergency services. The telephone system is expected to cost the county \$5,000 a month.

Commissioners also approved spending \$4,750 for elective abortions through the county social services department. The approval was made contingent on a 100 percent reimbursement from the state human resources department. It would pay for 20 abortions.

Also, the commissioners approved the addition of two staff members for the social services department's IV-D program, a program to track down the parents of welfare children and require them to support their children.

The commissioners supported construction of a medical complex by voting to extend sewer services to the proposed center proposed by Dr. Martin L. Brooks of Pembroke.

The center is proposed for construction one-half mile off east of Pembroke on N.C. 711 to serve rural Robeson County.

Its first phase, a primary care unit with four staff physicians, is expected to be completed in October, a 130-bed nursing home would be added within two years and a day care center would be constructed there within three years.

In another matter, the board voted to permanently place the old county courthouse clock tower at the intersection of N.C. 711 and N.C. 72 west of Lumberton.

The clock tower was purchased by the county three years ago from the contractor who demolished the courthouse.

Chairman Sam Nobles said, "It's part of Robeson County's heritage, and I would like to see it put right where it is."

Herman Dial, an Indian, said, "We should leave it where it is as a reminder of the injustices it stood for."

Historic Robeson sponsored fundraising projects to make the tower an historic shrine, and Robeson Technical Institute provided a brick foundation.

Town Council Gets Tough

On Display of Goods by Merchants On Sidewalks

The Pembroke Town Council, in session Monday night, decided to follow through on its earlier stated intention to strictly enforce Ordinance 6-2002 which states "no person shall place for display or sale any goods, wares or merchandise of any kind upon any of the sidewalks of said town, which shall extend out on the sidewalks..."

The ordinance is expected to effect a number of businesses, including Pembroke Hardware, operated by Curt Locklear. Pembroke Hardware, for instance, displays bicycles, wagons, etc. upon the sidewalk.

If the ordinance is strictly enforced, it could, according to a local lawyer, include a ban against newspaper racks, shrubbery and "anything else that extends out upon the sidewalks." The strict enforcement of the ordinance will also ban the sale of cookies, etc. by girl scouts and other civic organizations.

Many of the Pembroke merchants are expected to challenge the ordinance in court.

Councilman Sam Dial voted against following through on enforcing the ordinance, saying, "We've got enough problems in town without antagonizing our merchants."

But the enforcement of the ordinance, proposed at an earlier meeting by Councilman Bob Brewington, carried 3-1. Voting with Brewington were Larry T. Brooks and Milton Hunt.