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CAMPBELL SOUP IS COMING TO ROBESON FOR SURE

World's Worst Kept Secret Official Now

Maxton--Some officials privately called it the world's worst kept secret. Campbell Soup is definitely coming to Robeson. After months and years of studying sites and exploring possibilities, Campbell Soup Company finally settled on a tract of land approximately 2 miles outside Maxton as a distribution point and, eventually, a full fledged manufacturing facility.

Hunt said the Campbell facility would mean a "better quality of life, and opportunities for the good life for people in this entire area."

He said the Campbell plan is the most perfect example yet of his administration's commitment to "bringing jobs to where they are needed most," and "putting new emphasis on development of rural areas that have much potential."

When queried Dial would only say, "I am glad Campbell Soup is coming to Robeson County. We need the jobs that good industry can bring." But he did say the above with a seeming grin that said "I know but I'm not saying anything for publication."

At the luncheon Monday at Townsend Middle School in Maxton, Campbell Soup President Harold A. Shaub announced that the distribution facility will be built on a 340 acre site recently brought which will cost more than \$2 million.

Shaub said the Maxton site was chosen as the site of the new facility after many other cities were examined. He said a major consideration for choosing the site was that the soil is the type needed for the waste water disposal system the plant will use.

County Commissioner Sam Noble reportedly had decided not to attend the luncheon until he was seated next to Gov. Hunt. The source said Noble decided to attend so as not to embarrass the governor.

Gov. Jim Hunt joined Campbell officials here Monday in making the official announcement that the company would build here and is buying additional land for a canned food production plant.

The production plant will use large amounts of water, and the treatment system will put back into streams water more pure than when it was taken out, Shaub said.

Publicly Maxton Mayor Bill Chestnut said he had nothing to do with the seating arrangements.

The 250,000 square-foot facility will employ about 65 people and have the capacity to store about 2 1/2 million cases of canned food products.

Others taking part in the announcement ceremony were Tony Smith, director of Robeson County Industrial Development Commission; Alvah Ward industrial development representative, N.C. Department Dept. of Commerce; E. McM. Clark manager, site selection, Campbell Soup Co.; J.T. Dorrance Jr., chairman of the board, Campbell Soup Company; N.C. Agricultural Commission Chief James Graham; and Sam R. Noble, Chairman, Robeson County Board of Commissioners.

Everyone, including Chestnut, said that seating arrangements were the responsibility of Tony Smith, Robeson's director of the Industrial and Agricultural Development Commission, the county's chief industry hunter.

The Campbell Soup site selection announcement was anti-climatic. Every one had known about it for weeks and months.

Smith said, "We tried to be fair in our seating. We only had so many places. We tried to cover everyone. The county commissioners were represented by Sam Noble, the chairman."

It is expected to be in operation by early 1979.

One of the most interesting observations Monday was the seating arrangements. Who got to sit at the head table with the Campbell Soup big wigs, Gov. Hunt and Sen. Jesse Helms?

A complaint has been filed with the Equal Employment Opportunities Division of the federal government concerning the selection of the Pembroke Post Master. A White, Jacob Curtis, most recently employed with the Hickory Post Office as a distribution clerk, was chosen over four Indian applicants, including Simeon Oxendine, who has filed a complaint of racial discrimination.

Shaub said a wide variety of the company's canned convenience foods will be distributed from the facility to customers in the Southeastern states.

One who did not sit at the head table was Maxton Commissioner Herman Dial. As a matter of fact, Dial's name was hardly mentioned at Monday's luncheon.

COMPLAINT FILED CONCERNING PEMBROKE POST MASTER SELECTION

Shaub also revealed that Campbell will build its next canned food processing plant on the same site. He said the firm recently exercised a purchase option for an additional 731 acres of land which could be used for a sophisticated waste water land treatment system for the production plant.

Many insiders said that Maxton officials had taken control of luncheon arrangements from Robeson County. Maxton Mayor Bill Chestnut openly

Except for the Pembroke Post Office, no Indian, until recently, was employed in any other post office in Robeson County. Many Indian leaders, for years, have called on the post office to institute an affirmative action program in employment. To date, no affirmative action program exists.

U.S. Senator Jesse Helms joined the governor and Shaub at the announcement luncheon. Helms did not speak.



Maxton Commissioner Herman Dial shares a table with clerk of court Ben Floyd, Red Springs Commissioner Bobby Dean Locklear and former Pembroke Councilman Monroe Lowry.



Gov. Jim Hunt welcomes Campbell Soup to Robeson County. To Gov. Hunt's right (left to right) J.T. Dorrance, Jr., Campbell Soup's Chairman of the Board; Sen. Jesse Helms and Tony Smith, Robeson's chief industry hunter. (Bruce Barton photo)

Dean Chavers to Address Awards Banquet



Dr. Dean Chavers, left, President of Bacone College with Mr. Reaves Nahwooksy, Member- Board of Trustees.

One of the highlights of Lumbec Homecoming 1978 will be the Awards Banquet. This banquet will be held at the Pembroke Jaycee Building on June 29, at 8 p.m. The purpose of this affair is to present three prestigious awards to Lumbec Indians who have dedicated their lives to making the plight of the Indian people easier to bear. These awards are the Businessman Award, the Henry Berry Lowry Award and the Distinguished Service Award.

He is married to the former Antonia Navarro of Calif. and they have two children: Cynthia Christine and Monica Lynn.

Guest speaker for this affair will be Dr. Dean Chavers of Muskogee, Okla. He is President of Bacone College. Dr. Chavers holds the following degrees: B.A. in Journalistic Studies from the University of Calif., at Berkeley, M.A.

A steak dinner will be catered by the Pembroke Jaycees and Jaycettes with live entertainment provided by Gene Lowry and his Short Circuit Disco. Tickets for this event may be obtained from any LRDA staff member or by contacting Gary Deese, ANA Project Director at LRDA's Main Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Old Main Reconstruction Contracts Approved

Pembroke--The awarding of contracts for "renovations and additions" to the Old Main building at PSU as received on June 1 has been approved by the General Administration of the University of North Carolina, based on the recommendations of Chancellor English E. Jones of PSU.

exterior of the building will look the same as when it was first constructed in 1923 as the first brick building on the campus. Inside, however, the building will be modernistic in every respect.

The total project will cost \$1,600,000 with work expected to begin in the next six weeks, according to William S. Mason, Jr. PSU business manager.

Built originally with a state appropriation of \$75,000, Old Main was burned down in 1973 after a controversy arose over whether or not to tear it down and build a new performing arts center in its place. It was finally decided to construct the performing arts center at another part of the campus.

The State Division of Property and Construction must still give its approval contracts must be signed, and an official starting date be determined, with a 30-day grace period, before work begins.

The former Old Main Building was a landmark of the campus. Across its facade was inscribed in former years "Indian Normal School," "Pembroke State College," and finally "Pembroke State University."

Low bidders for the Old Main contract are as follows: general contract-- T.A. Nye and Sons, Inc. of Fairmont, \$971,200; plumbing: Town and Country Plumbing, Inc. of Fayetteville \$41,000; mechanical contract-- T.R. Driscoll Sheet metal Works of Lumberton, \$181,000; electrical contract-- Steele Electric Co. of Monroe \$144,040; and elevator contract Southern Elevator Co. of Greensboro, \$17,628.

High school classes used to meet downstairs and college classes upstairs. Graduations--and even funerals--have been held there.

The \$1,600,000 total contract includes \$110,000 in movable equipment and \$41,632 in contingency.

Funds that are making the \$1,600,000 restoration possible came from the following sources: \$800,000 in state appropriations from the 1975 voted bond act; \$500,000 under an Economic Development Administration Grant; and \$300,000 under a Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant.

The architect firm is Jordan, Snowdon and McVicker, Inc. of Laurinburg.

Renovation and addition to Old Main Building, Pembroke State University.

"Based on my recommendations, the UNC General Administration has approved the awarding of these contracts, said Dr. Jones. "Everything is set to go. This has been a long and difficult situation. I'm looking forward to the beginning of construction-- and I want to express my appreciation to all those people who have seen this project through to its fruition. When Old Main is reconstructed, it will be a tremendous asset to the academic program of this university."

Chancellor English E. Jones of Pembroke State University with approved contract figures in hand for reconstruction of university's Old Main Building.

The "new" Old Main will house the supportive services of the university and include areas for the American Indian Studies Dept., Native American Museum, media center, etc. The

people and places and things

PLATE SALE PLANNED JUNE 30

The Pembroke Rescue Squad will sponsor a chicken and barbecue plate sale on June 30, from 11 a.m. until at the Pembroke Fire Dept. Tickets are on sale by members of the Pembroke Rescue Squad. Proceeds will be used for the construction of a Pembroke Rescue Building.

PLATE SALE PLANNED

The Town of Rennert is sponsoring a chicken and fish plate sale on July 1 from 12 noon until. Price of the plates will be \$2.50 including drinks with proceeds going to the construction of a town hall.

DANCE FOR CANCER FUND

Jaycees President Steve Chavis has announced that the Hoke County Jaycees will sponsor a disco dance on Saturday, June 17th, at the Hoke County Jaycees Club House in the South Hoke Community. The dance will begin at 8 p.m. and will end at 12 p.m. According to Chairman Willie R. Jacobs, all proceeds will go to the Hoke County Cancer Fund Drive. "The goal for our chapter," said Mr. Jacobs, "is \$200 and we hope to raise it with this one project." The Jaycees would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend and help raise funds to stamp out one of the nation's largest killers.

EXEMPTION FROM PORTION OF VOTING RIGHTS ACT PROPOSED

Rep. Horace Locklear recently stated that he is considering filing a petition to the U.S. Attorney General asking for the exemption of Robeson County Indians from the bi-lingual portion of the Voting Rights Act. The proposed petition would be for no other reason than to clarify that there is no need for voting ballots to be printed in two languages to accommodate the Indians of Robeson County. Anyone who has any opposition to this proposal is encouraged to contact Rep. Locklear.

BULLARD FAMILY REUNION PLANNED

The descendants of the late John Bullard and Cattie Graham Bullard will meet for their 4th family reunion on Father's Day, June 18, at 12 noon. The reunion will be held at the "Bullard Homeplace" on Highway 710, the home of a grandson, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Brayboy. All relatives and friends of the family are cordially invited to attend and bring a covered dish.

HAMMONDS REPRIMANDED BY LABOR COMMISSIONER

The Commissioner of Labor, John C. Brooks has reprimanded Jimmy Hammonds for not reporting to them about his indictment for second degree murder, prior to coming to work for them. The reprimand will be permanently placed in Hammonds' file, however, it will not interfere with his new position as a skills training officer.

Rodger Gibson Off To Hollywood

See photo page 8.

"Strike at the Wind!" is a summer phenomenon. Work begins in May and the lights go out for the last time in August. The costumes go into storage and the actors go to their homes with memories to share before the winter fireplaces. What happens in their lives between seasons? Plenty.

I decided to fly the pictures out personally. That was the beginning of several days spent traveling around the country with Mr. Carr. We talked whenever he was available, and he offered me a supporting role in the Bruce Jenner series. I plan to fly back out there after I finish my work with "Strike at the Wind!" and maybe do a few commercials and some modeling before I start shooting the series. Upon completion of the series, Gibson plans to return to the North Carolina School of the Arts where he will be a third year drama student.

"We begin preparations for the following season the day after the show closes," explained Lane Hudson, the drama's general manager. "And we like to think 'Strike at the Wind!' is a stepping stone for some of our staff and cast." Indeed it is; for several cast members will begin other work in drama late this summer.

Rock Kershaw is another "Strike at the Wind!" alumni who has moved on to share his talents with others. After presiding over the drama as general manager for the show's first two years, Kershaw took a position with the first and most widely known outdoor drama in the United States. He is now the assistant general manager for "The Lost Colony."

Rodger Gibson, a cast member during the show's premier season, will return to do the choreography for the 1978 show. Later this summer Gibson will fly to Hollywood to begin filming a television series with Bruce Jenner. After a whirlwind visit to Hollywood last week, Gibson shared some of his experiences. "I got a call from Allan Carr (producer of "Saturday Night Fever" and "Grease") asking for some photographs of me. We had met briefly at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

"Working with an outdoor drama has given me a foot in the door at other professional theatres," explained Steve Karns. Karns, third-year lighting designer for "Strike at the Wind!", spent nine months in Alaska after the drama ended its first season. He worked as the master electrician for the Alaska Repertory Theatre at that time. Mr. Karns added, "After this season I hope to be working in college theatre as a technical director."

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"Strike at the Wind!" has several functions," said Hudson. "Our primary purpose is to portray the tri-racial heritage of southeastern N.C. through an entertainment medium, but we also help to build the confidence of our cast and crew. Their work here has, in many cases, led to other theatre opportunities. We are just as proud of that as we are of the show itself."

"Strike at the Wind!" will open June 1 and run through August 26 with performances Thursday through Sunday in July and Wednesday through Saturday in August. Showtimes are 8:00 p.m.