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Indian Unity Conference Underway in Fayetteville



Bonnie Jo Hunt

The Fourth Annual Indian Unity Conference begins today, March 29, at the Bordeaux Motor Inn in Fayetteville.

Sponsored by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, the conference features a number of workshops designed to provide information that can be used to improve Indian communities. Topics will include those of educational, legislative, and economic concern to the Indian people as well as the 1980 census, cultural arts, and Indian youth involvement.

A Native American Performers Concert will be held at 8 p.m. today and will feature Bonnie Jo Hunt, Indian opera singer, and other Indian musicians, singers, dancers and other performing artists.

Two nationally known speakers will address an expected crowd of 1,000 persons representing Indian tribes and organizations in the state and nation who will gather for the conference March 29-31.

LaDonna Harris, a Comanche Indian and president of Americans for Indian Opportunity and A. David Lester, a Creek Indian and Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans will address the gathering.

Ms. Harris will speak at 7 p.m. on Friday. And Mr. Lester will speak at 9 a.m. Friday, March 30.

Governor Jim Hunt will speak to the conferees at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 30.

Other notables will include, Kenneth R. Maynor, executive director of LRDA, Dr. Lindy Martin, dean of student affairs, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala. and Dr. Dean Chavers, president, Bacone College, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

two drug stores in Charlotte said, with feeling, "Mr. Walter was one of the best things to ever happen to Pembroke...."

Mr. Walter, who never owned a car, spent most of his free time with "his boys."

Ozendine remembered that Mr. Walter was not as appreciated as he ought to have been when he died. Ozendine said, "Let's resolve today to take time to express thanks to those like Mr. Walter...."

Henry Smith, another Eagle Scout and now assistant principal at Littlefield High School, said "Mr. Walter taught us to do a good deed daily."

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Pembroke-Recently Pembroke State University honored the late and beloved Walter J. Pinchbeck by naming their newly constructed maintenance building in his honor.

Pinchbeck was superintendent of grounds for many years and retired from PSU's maintenance staff after 28 years.

Dr. English E. Jones recalled "Mr. Walter" as one who made "men out of boys." Dr. Jones also said, "He would have loved to have worked in a facility like this."

Mr. Walter's exploits in scouting dominated the dedication service.

Three Eagle Scouts under Mr. Walter's tutelage remembered Mr. Walter. Jesse Ozendine, now a member of PSU's board of trustees and owner of



THE WALTER J. PINCHBECK MAINTENANCE BUILDING ON THE PSU CAMPUS.

Lumberton High School Damaged by Fire

Lumberton-Lumberton High School was damaged extensively by fire early Monday morning, causing the cancellation of classes.

Preliminary investigations point toward arson as the cause of the fire.

Lumberton High's physical plant was estimated at \$2 million.

The principal is William Gay. The school housed 60 teachers and approximately 1,000 students.

Relatively new, the spacious school was

occupied in 1966. Dr. Gilbert Carroll, Superintendent of Lumberton City Schools, praised the Lumberton Fire Department and Rescue Squad. "Without their dedicated effort the school would be just a mass of bare walls."

According to Carroll the damage seems to be limited to the principal's office, the portion of the library over the office and the science and home economics areas.

Many permanent records were destroyed. Damage is estimated at more than \$500,000.

"Strike at the Wind!" holds Auditions

Approximately one hundred people turned out at Lakeside Amphitheatre in cold, wet, and windy weather to audition for roles in this year's production of "Strike at the Wind!" Director David Ariail said, "I was pleased that so many would show up despite the weather." The weekend auditions are just the beginning of casting the roles. The director will call back some of the aspirants for further audition at a later date as he narrows the choices.

Because of the weather, Director Ariail has set another audition date for this Sunday afternoon, April 1, at 2 p.m. at the Lakeside Amphitheatre near Pembroke. In case of rain auditions will be held at LRDA Annex in Pembroke. The main need is for older male and female applicants of all races.

Mr. Ariail stated further, "We definitely want to cast as many local people as possible, we don't expect everybody to be great actors or actresses. If the person is interested and willing to work, we can make him or her a good performer."

Those persons who have been involved in

the drama in previous seasons are encouraged to get in touch with the "Strike at the Wind!" office or come to the Lakeside Amphitheatre on Sunday afternoon.

Willie Lowry, composer of the music for the drama, said, "This year looks like it could be the best ever. We're going to have a good production that people can be proud of. I hope we will have a large turnout for the older roles."

The drama performance will begin on July 5th with rehearsals starting around the first of June.

General Manager Bill Thompson stated, "I've been very impressed with the interest shown by the community in the drama. An effort like this is only as strong as its base of support—the local community. With continued support, including auditioning for the play, the drama can be the best in the state and a real asset to the community."

Last year "Strike at the Wind!" played to over fourteen thousand people making it the fourth largest drama in the state. Expectations are for an even larger audience this season.



YARD SALE

Hopefully many local residents, such as those in previous years, will turn out for the Sunday auditions for "Strike at the Wind!" held at Lakeside Amphitheatre at 2 p.m.

There will be a yard sale at the Billy Lackler Evangelistic Association every Saturday, beginning March 31. Money from the sale will go to the Association for construction purposes, etc. The yard sale will be located in front the Big Shoe Store on the Alamac Road in Lumberton.

PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS... C E S

KITE CONTEST

The Pembroke Jaycees are sponsoring a Kite Contest Saturday, March 31 at the Pembroke Tire Center from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Ages 15 and under may participate. Prizes will be given. The public is invited to participate.

REVIVAL SERVICES PLANNED

Revival services will be held at Prospect United Methodist Church April 1-6 at 7:30 p.m. Evangelists for the week will be the Rev. James F. Cummings, pastor of the Mt. Olive United Methodist Church of Lumberton, and also, the Rev. Simeon F. Cummings, pastor of the Sandy Plains - Branch Street United Methodist Churches of Pembroke and Lumberton, respectively.

Special music will be featured nightly and the public is urged to attend. The pastor is the Rev. Robert L. Mangum.

AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURE WEEK

Chapel Hill—The "Forgotten Minority" will be the theme of American Indian Cultural Week April 2-6 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Sponsored by the Carolina Indian Circle and the UNC-CH Human Relations Committee, the week will feature seminars on career opportunities and health, Indian dancers and a potluck dinner.

All cultural week events are free and open to the public.

Highlight of the week will be a talk by Helen Shierbeck, special assistant on the U.S. National Commission for the Year of the Child and a native North Carolina Lumbee Indian. She will discuss "Education and the American Indian Today" at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in 103 Berryhill Hall.

Adolph Dial, N.C. Indian historian and director of the Department of Indian Studies at Pembroke State University, will speak at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 2. Garry Barton, a Lumbee Indian and assistant editor of the *Carolina Indian Voice*, will speak at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Wednesday's activities include an annual health panel discussion featuring Dr. M.L. Brooks, North Carolina Indian physician; Hawk Littlejohn, Cherokee Indian and medicine man; and representatives of the UNC-CH School of Medicine and the School of Public Health.

At 7 p.m., the Carolina Indian Circle and the YMCA will sponsor a potluck dinner.

Cherokee Indian dancers, a father and his two sons, will perform Thursday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Pit on the UNC-CH campus.

Friday, April 6, will be an all-day health complex co-sponsored by the UNC-CH Health Affairs Division and featuring seminars on health careers opportunities, recruiting, scholarships and grants.

Founded in 1975, the Carolina Indian Circle is a UNC-CH student organization that aims to provide a medium for the 86 UNC-CH Indian students to relate to each other and share cultures. The circle emphasizes education as a means to eliminate prejudice and help Indians maintain their cultural pride and self-respect.

For complete information on the cultural week, contact the Carolina Indian Circle or the Carolina Union desk immediately prior to April 2.

REVIVAL AT SYCAMORE HILL

Revival services will begin at Sycamore Hill Holiness Church on April 1 and run thru April 6. Services will begin each evening at 7:00 p.m. and will feature a guest speaker each night.

The pastor, Rev. J.C. Chavis, extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend these special services.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR READING ACADEMY STUDENTS

LRDA's Right to Read program has extended their invitation for Lumbee River Legal Services representatives, Robert A. Locklear, Community Education Specialist and a staff attorney to preside as guest speakers for reading academy students. The intent of this invitation is to discuss the outline of the purposes and the functions of Lumbee River Legal Services. These meetings will better enable students to understand the ways Legal Services can help them. The meetings are open to the public and the schedule is as follows: April 3, 7:00 p.m. at the Smithtown Church of God; April 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Smyrna Baptist Church; and April 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pleasantview Baptist Church.

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC PLANNED AT OXENDINE SCHOOL

Oxendine Elementary will hold a pre-school clinic for kindergarten and first grade students on Friday, April 6. The hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Parents are asked to bring the birth certificate of the child and the immunization record. The child need not attend.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PEN WOMEN TO SPONSOR CONTEST

The Knoxville Branch of the National League of American Pen Women is sponsoring its annual national poetry contest, open to all poets over 18 years of age. Proceeds of the contest will be used for the scholarship fund.

Those wishing to enter the contest may write on any subject, in any style, up to 30 lines. Each poem must be typed, double-spaced, with only one poem on a sheet. A \$1 entry fee must accompany each poem; \$4 for five poems. The poet's name, along with the title of each poem, must be placed on one separate sheet.

Entries must reach Mae Walker, 1310 Westview Tower, Knoxville, Tn. 37919, by April 20, 1979. Those wishing return of their poems or list of winners must include a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage. First prize \$30, second \$20, and third \$10.

Ms. Walker, now retired from teaching, but seemingly as busy as ever, taught for many years at Pembroke State University.

FOUR COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET

The Board of Directors of Four-County Community Services, Inc., will meet on Tuesday, April 3, 1979, in the auditorium of the Owens Agricultural Center in Lumberton at 7:30 p.m.

OXENDINE SCHOOL TO HOLD PLATE SALE

There will be a plate sale (barbecue & chicken) at Oxendine School on Friday, April 13, 1979 from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m. The price is \$2.50 per plate. The proceeds will be used for additional equipment and instructional supplies.

SOFTBALL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Pembroke—There will be an organizational meeting for all those interested in men's softball in Pembroke on Tuesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Pembroke's Town Hall.

CLASS REUNION PLANNED

A meeting of all chairpersons and interested classmates involved with the Class of '74 Reunion preparation will be held Sunday, April 1, in the home of Mrs. Cummings. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. Anyone unable to attend should contact Robin before Sunday at 3 p.m.