

# Sumter Builders Refuse To Pay More

## Strike For Higher Wages

Maxton--Said Charlie Scott, one of the linemen, "We are asking for \$1.00 more on the hour and we are not going to return to work until we get it." Scott was one of a force of some 25 men who went on strike against Sumter Builders Tuesday morning.

The men also complained that their pay was not comparable to others in the building trade; that inexperienced workers were allowed to climb; and that there was not enough attention paid to safety by Sumter Builders.

Lee, who arrived about mid afternoon Tuesday evening, called the men into the sub office and told them that he could not guarantee higher wages, that he would have to call the Sumter, S.C. office. After meeting with Lee, and then huddling amongst themselves, the men decided not to work anymore Tuesday.

Later, after meeting with one another, the men decided to go back to work for .50 cents on the hour. The company refused to budge.

There the matter rested at press time. Most of the men said they would look for work elsewhere if Sumter did not budge.

No one at Sumter Builders would comment publicly, although a spokesman at the Maxton office did affirm that the men were striking for higher wages.

A linesman for Sumter can make top pay of \$7.60 an

hour although they contend that their pay is lower than others in comparable work, including the linemen for CP & L and other utilities.

The workers affirmed to the man. "We're in this together--use our names." Those in the photo are: Ronald Oxendine, Curtis Locklear, Charlie Scott, Earl Scott, Jack Scott, Charlie Bullard, Thomas Scott, Thomas Hunt, Bobby Scott, Harrelton Woodell, Clement Locklear, Johnson Locklear, Terry Locklear, Glonnie Scott, Jackie Locklear, Floyd Sanderson, Glenn Locklear, Harmon Jacobs, Bobby Ray Scott, O.J. Oxendine, Randy Oxendine, Clem Pierce, and Leander Locklear. Not shown in the picture but supportive are: Douglas R. Mincey, and Frank D. Locklear.

Harrelton Woodell acted as spokesman for the striking workers.



"An optimist is always broke." Kin Hubbard

They were at the sub office in Maxton Tuesday waiting for General Foreman Robert E. Lee from the District office in Aberdeen to come and talk to them. Random sampling of comment from the men were "We're going to get more money or else" and "This is the dirtiest work in the construction business."

The men are linemen and support crews on the ground. They are doing sub contract work presently in the area for Carolina Power and Light. They work with "hot lines" being called in when heavy duty electric lines must be removed or circumvented or repaired or replaced.

Said Scott, "The thing I guess touched this off was Timothy getting hurt." (One of the men in the crew, Timothy Drake Oxendine was seriously burned recently after faling across "hot" electric lines. Said another of the men, "He will probably lose a leg."



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# Saddletree on The Move by Judith Locklear

Summertime - Summertime - Sum - Sum - Summertime. Familiar words to an old song bring back childhood memories of life on the farm.

- cropping tobacco
- picking cotton
- eating ice cream on the 4th of July
- going skinny-dipping in the river
- bursting and eating water-melons in the field
- fresh vegetables cooking on the stove
- syrup bisquets at the tobacco barn
- no TV's people sitting around on porches actually talking to each other
- old fashioned church revivals in the "day time" people walking miles to church-barefooted
- "those were the days"
- and then a sudden pop from a back fire off an old truck brings you back to 1979. The days of to many taxes and not enough gasoline.
- The days when going to church means - if "I don't get a new dress I'm not going"
- The days when the old mule has been put out to pasture and the crate has been used for fire wood.
- The days when you can't pick polyester out of a field
- The days when people nod instead of speaking - call instead of writing.
- Days when parents think they know where their children are and what they are doing.
- "These are the days"

But they are good days. In years to come our children will look back on these days and think about the good times they had in the "good ole days". So lets talk about now.

Now that school is out-watch out for the kids playing everywhere. Now that teacher are out of a job-drop by with a smile and a bag of vegetables every now and then. SMILE!

Now that Vacation Bible Schools has begun - go to church more.

Now that the days are longer-take a walk and visit your neighbors.

Now that I've rambled enough on with the news:

## BETHEL HILL

Congratulation Cecil an Mazell!

The Vacation Bible School begins Sunday June 17th at Bethel Hill. Sunday night school starts at 6:00 - 8:00 Monday thru Friday 6:30 - 9:30. For more information call 739-7806.

Visiting Bethel Hill Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Strickland.

Mrs. Julia Mae Hunt was admitted to Southeastern General Hospital Sunday for surgery. Prayers went up for her Sunday keep praying.

Mrs. Marie Hammonds is back at home and doing fine. Keep praying that she'll be back in church soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Locklear, and family were back at church Sunday after a brief absence. All were glad to see them.

We're still praying for Ms. Mattie Bell hope she'll be back with us soon.

Our revival was a huge success. Good ole time preach ing from two preachers that could put it to go. Souls were saved and people were blessed

Rev. Glassie Locklear Jr. was guest pastor at the Open Bible Church in Fayetteville Sunday June 3. The Young Adult Choir and several church members went with kins. All enjoyed a good service.

## 4-H

The Bethel Hill 4-H members who won demonstrations on the county level will be traveling to district competition Friday, June 22. Wish them luck!

Attention 4-H's. A meeting will be called in the near future - be on the look out for the posters.

## PINEY GROVE

The eighth grade class at Piney Grove presented Mr. Grady Locklear with a picture of the first graduating class since he's been there.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Venus Locklear Saturday were Ms. Julie Worriax and friend, Bill Johnson.

Please say a prayer for Chris Pierce, son of Gladys and Cleemiller Pierce of Saddletree. Chris is in the hospital undergoing some tests.

See you in two weeks!

# OBITUARY

## CHARLIE CHAVIS

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 13, 1979 for Charlie S. Chavis at 3 p.m. at Berea Baptist Church.

Mr. Charlie S. Chavis was born May 14, 1906. He departed this life Monday, June 11, 1979 at Cape Fear Valley Hospital at the age of 73.

He is survived by his mother, Arctic Chavis; one son, William F. Locklear (Buddy), and daughter-in-law, Edna Fayer; three grandchildren: Margie Deese, Antoinette Locklear and Sandra Brewer; five great grandchildren: Scarlett and Amanda Locklear, William A. Deese, Jamie Margie Deese, and Chad Brewer; and a host of friends and relatives.

# Rally Scheduled For June 23 At PSHS Football Field

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dance at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The other Indian candidate bypassed is Dr. James B. Chavis, presently serving as vice chancellor for student affairs at Pembroke State.

At its Thursday meeting the Indian commission decided to take its complaints to Joseph Califano, head of HEW.

A number of Indians appeared before the commission to express its displeasure at the apparent selection of Paul Givens as chancellor. Among those appearing were Janie Maynor Locklear, Mrs. Elizabeth Maynor, Mrs. Ruth Revels, Ed Chavis and others.

Said Mrs. Locklear, "If they want to have a rally we'll have a rally. I believe people will be shocked at the bitter feelings in the Indian community about this. People do care; especially Indian people. The school is part of us. We do not pretend otherwise."

It is considered significant that the Indian Commission is supporting the views of those who feel Givens is not the best qualified candidate. Its support could lead to a confrontation with Gov. Jim Hunt and the State Democratic Party.

Said one of the organizers, "What really makes me mad is Gov. Jim Hunt. He did not exercise any muscle in this situation at all, even though Dr. James B. Chavis served as his Chief Om-

budsman for nearly a year and was considered a close associate. Hunt just let Bill Friday push him around on this; acquiescing to the fact that Friday once again has gone outside the state to pick a chancellor."

Friday has stuck to his guns, claiming that Givens is the best qualified candidate. Many Indians disagree with him, especially after perusing the resumes of the final four candidates from which Givens was chosen.

The local board of trustees sheepishly admits that Friday out maneuvered them when they agreed to support whomever he recommended to the board of governors. Several of the board members affirm that Friday told them he would choose a candidate that was sympathetic and understanding of the Indian community. Many of the local trustees took that to mean that Friday would choose an Indian as chancellor. The majority of the local trustees (especially the Indian members) expressed bitterness toward Friday saying, in essence, that they had been misled and betrayed by Friday.

Said Mrs. Locklear, "This is what the rally is about; to let people hear the truth for once about the chancellor selection at PSU. Dr. Paul Givens is not nor will he be the subject of the rally. He's not what the rally is all about. Dr. Oxendine said it best when he said recently in an interview, "I do not want to be chosen necessarily because I am an Indian and I do not wish to be passed over because I am an Indian either."

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