

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

"We cannot know where we are going if we do not know where we have been."



Letters to the editor . . .

Express Appreciation for Passage of Water & Sewer Bond Referendum

The officials of the Town of Pembroke should like to thank the great majority of our voters who supported the successful water and sewer bond referendum on Monday, April 27, 1981. The tremendous out-pouring of support can only be interpreted as an expression of confidence by our citizens in the continued growth and progress of our town.

improve our own water and sewer system.

With the federal and state grant monies we shall obtain in addition to our bond monies, we pledge our continued best efforts to preserve and enhance the reputation of Pembroke as the most progressive and fastest growing town in Robeson County. We are confident that all of our citizens, those who voted for the bond issue and those who voted against, will join in support of our efforts on behalf of our community; with such a united effort, Pembroke will indeed be the "Capitol of Robeson County."

Sincerely,
James A. Jacobs Mayor
Sam Dial Mayor Pro Tem
Milton Hunt Councilman
Larry Brooks Councilman
Rod Locklear Councilman

LOOKS FOR SISTER... A Letter from Prison

Dear editor:

I have been in the Georgia State Prison for over eight years. I came here in August of 1972. I have no family that is living except my sister. My last letter was from an old buddy of mine, and that was four years ago. My buddy told me that my sister, Karlene had gotten married and was living in Pembroke. I don't know her married name.

I have lost all contact with the outside world. I am very alone and lonely. I need to correspond with someone. I have no money to pay you to run my letter in your newspaper, but if you can, it would be really kind of you.

If my sister reads this, PLEASE WRITE ME, because I only have a year left for parole and I need some help or I won't be able to make parole. If anyone would

"Never cut what you can untie." Joseph Joubert

"We cannot be just if we are not kindhearted." Vauvenargues

...Promoted to Major



OAK RIDGE, TENN.—Mr. Thomas H. Wynn, son of Mrs. Lummie J. Wynn, and the late Honorable Chief Wynn, was recently promoted to Major in the United States Active Reserves with an effective date of January 24, 1979. Major Wynn, a highly decorated Vietnam era war veteran, has just completed a two week active duty training exercise in Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Mr. Wynn is employed with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Union Carbide, Nuclear Division, as a Senior Engineering Technologist. He is also a part time manager with a local Marketing firm.

Mr. Wynn moved to Tennessee in 1979, after serving three and one half years with the North Carolina Department of Corrections.

Mr. Wynn, his lovely wife Betty, and two wonderful children, Paula and Tommy are members of the Bethel Assembly Church of God, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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EYE OPENERS

Question: What are the most common vision problems of older adults?

Answer: By far, the loss of focusing ability to see up close for reading, sewing and other close work is the most common vision problem of older adults.

Called presbyopia, it affects nearly everyone because it is part of the normal aging process.

Others are astigmatism, nearsightedness and farsightedness. All can be diagnosed by your doctor of optometry during a thorough vision examination and corrected with prescription glasses or contact lenses.

Annual optometric examinations also are valuable in

the early detection of cataracts and eye glaucoma. Eye diseases need treatment to prevent vision loss. Certified optometrists are trained to recognize and treat eye infections, needing eye surgery. Eye specialists are referred to for more proper specializations. Eye Openers is published by The American Association of Optometrists and Dr. Harold Penbrooke Optician have edited and these columns serve the citizens of the area. The Carolina Voice is pleased to publish a column as a part

Robeson County Indian Youth Festival Underway... -Continued from page 1-

York will present Indian cultural presentations. Arnold Richardson, Indian traditionalist from Hollister, N.C. will also participate in the programs and activities, as will Eddie Benton Benai, Director of Red School House in St. Pauls, Minnesota.

Students performances will include the chorus and band students from the Title IV Indian Youth Band and Chorus each day from 1-3.

A Pow Wow was held on Wednesday evening and again on Thursday evening. An Indian Dance Contest will be held during the Thursday evening Pow Wow.

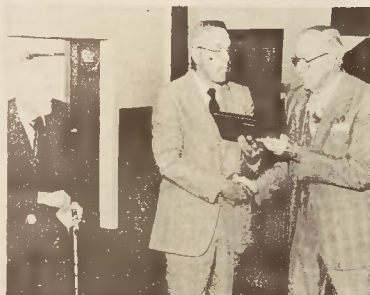
Friday evening, May 1st, an Indian Talent Performance will be emceed by Carrell Locklear, general manager of "Strike at the Wind!" and will feature Willie Lowery, performer and musician; Miriam Oxendine, composer and artist;

Miss Lumbee, Bridgette Brabson, student performances by the Title IV Youth Chorus and Band and students at the Lumbee Center for the Performing Arts. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

In addition to scheduled performances and activities, the festival will be open daily from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Arts and Crafts exhibits featuring artists and craftsmen as well as student exhibits in arts and crafts, creative writing and other student work will be displayed. "Strike at the Wind!"; the Museum of the Carolinas; the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs; the Old Main Indian Museum, Lumbee Regional Development Association; and the N.C. Department of Archives and History. Title IV Indian Education projects also been invited to exhibit.

As I See It

 by Bruce Barton



"Preacher Tommy" Swett accepts a plaque of appreciation from the members of Bear Swamp Baptist Church. The plaque was presented by Marvin Lowry, superintendent of Sunday School. Looking on is Mr. Proctor Locklear, a long time friend and member of Bear Swamp Baptist Church.

Rev. Tommy M. Swett honored at Bear Swamp Baptist Church.

It was a special day at Bear Swamp Baptist Church last Sunday as they honored "Preacher Tommy" Swett on the advent of his 83rd birthday. It was a day to "give those we love roses while they are living..."

I liked a passage of scripture which the church members used on the program denoting the special salute to "Preacher Tommy." The passage, taken from 2 Kings reads: "And she said unto her husband, behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, who passeth by us regularly."

And that is how "Preacher Tommy" is perceived by all those who know him. A man of God. He probably holds some kind of world's record for preaching the most funerals. In fact, if he outlives me, I want him to preach my funeral. I revere the man, his years, his perseverance, his standing for something of worth over a long period of time. He thinks and acts in mighty spiritual ways, believing that God will supply his every need.

Here's some words which were also on the program. I think they are appropriate and measure the man pretty well.

"There are giant trees in the forest of men, trees that tower above their fellows, sturdy oaks who challenge others with their ability to weather the storm, to dare and to do. Such a one is our pastor, the Reverend T.M. Swett."

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In the story I had noted that Ralph Hunt, the former chairman of the Robeson County

Church, Beulah Baptist Church, Deep Branch Baptist Church, Grey Pond, and Mt. Moriah Church. He also served for twenty years in the Lumbee Methodist Conference.

"Pastor Swett and his late wife, the former Ms. Bertha Strickland had six sons and two daughters. They are Bruce and Vardell, ordained ministers; Purnell, past Moderator of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association; Tommy D., Furman; and Ms. Dorothy Blakely. Presently, he is married to the former Clatie B. Oxendine. Two children preceded him in death: James and Virgie.

"In addition to Bear Swamp Baptist Church honoring Rev. Swett, he has been honored on several other occasions. On November 20, 1976, special tribute was paid by the Pembroke Jaycees. The Jaycees lauded Rev. Swett for his concern of the spiritual well-being of mankind. During the Evangelism Conference on May 9, 1980, the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association presented a plaque to him for services rendered since 1922.

"As our generation speaks of Spurgeon, Moody and Sunday with loving admiration, the following generation, if Christ delays His coming, will lovingly speak of our pastor, T.M. Swett."

A number of visitors from New Bethel, Beulah Baptist and Deep Branch also attended.

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Staff Profile:
Arlinda Locklear

"Experiencing discrimination while growing up in North Carolina and seeing the effects of discrimination on my family" was one of the reasons given by Arlinda Locklear, a Lumbee Indian from North Carolina for choosing law as a career. Now in her first year as a staff attorney for the Native American Rights Fund, Arlinda has been doing most of her time working on cases involving the rights of Lumbee Indians and other Eastern Indians. Born at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, she grew up in several East Coast cities since her father was in the Navy. "But like most Lumbees," Arlinda said, "I've always considered Robeson County in North Carolina my home. I spent three years living there with my grandparents as a young child while my parents were overseas. I've always maintained close

contact with the Lumbee people — many of whom related to me — and with the area.

After graduating from the College of Charles, 1974 with high honors, Arlinda entered law at Duke University. During her last year in law (1975-76), she was chairperson of the Moot Court Team which was the winner of that year's "National Moot Court Competition" held in New York City.

Since joining NARF, Arlinda has been involved with a variety of Indian rights issues, such as: claims education, water rights, and hunting and fishing rights. Working out of NARF's Washington, D.C. office, she is presently working on cases involving the water rights of Arizona's Navajo and Hopi Tribes, land and taxation rights of the Seminole Florida, rail-road trespass claims and reservation claims issues for the Pamunkey Tribe of Virginia, and claims of Oneida Indian Nation in New York, rights of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa Indians in Michigan, and several other cases.

Arlinda's work at NARF in just four years has been invaluable to the efforts of NARF in securing the rights of Native Americans throughout the country, however long she remains at NARF and though her commitment to the cause of Indian rights was expressed when she stated, "I believe in the American system of government and in a pluralistic society, am determined to help make that system work for people and Indians generally."

Tech keeps Sampson

Montana Tech President Dr. Fred DeMoney announced Friday that Kelvin Sampson has been named head men's basketball coach of the Orediggers. DeMoney who accepted the athletic search committee's unanimous recommendation, noted that the appointment is subject to approval by the Board of Regents. Sampson was picked from a field of more than 30 applicants from throughout the country. Sampson became acting head coach in December following the dismissal of Fred Paulsen.

"HE HAD our players' respect and we have confidence in his ability," said Forrest Wilson, Montana Tech athletic director. "Kelvin related well with our players as individuals and as team members."

"Kelvin saved the basketball program for Tech when he stepped in last December," said Wilson. "We knew what we had in ability with Sampson, and although a lot of applicants look good on paper, you don't know how they are going to relate with the players until they have been around awhile."

Sampson earned a degree in political science and physical education at Pembroke (N.C.) State University, where he was a four-year standout as point guard in basketball and as an outfielder in baseball. He went on to receive a master degree in physical education with a concentration in physiology of exercise and athletic administration at Michigan State University. While at Michigan State,

Sampson was a graduate assistant in the physical education department under Dr. Gale Mikles.

"I have every confidence that Sampson will bring stability and solidarity to the program and will produce a competitive program in 10 years ahead," said DeMoney. Sampson says, "My philosophy involves hard work with dedication and discipline. At the college level we should not need a lot of motivation."

THE NEW Tech coach feels that with the academic quality present at Tech that "we won't get the 'blue-chipper', but will get kids that will be good for us."

Expressing pleasure with the progress the Orediggers made this year in spite of adversity,



KELVIN SAMPSON

Sampson is looking forward to a good recruiting year.

"We lost our best player, Doyle Beney, but have Mike Mitchell and Eddie Williams as building blocks," said Sampson. "We will also have Jon Puckett, Ken Phillips,

Chris Riffe and Jim Hendricks returning next year. They all got valuable experience this year when they were immediately thrown into the fire.

"We will work as hard as we can to be as good a basketball team as we can," said Sampson.

Sampson emphasized that he hoped to meet more of the Butte community and wants everyone to be involved with the Orediggers next season. Sampson credits his coaching philosophy to his father, John Sampson, who coached his son through high school.

"I owe most of my personal development to my father and I will try to pass what I have learned on to the team."

Sampson and his wife Karen came to the Mining City in December. See Tech

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