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LORI ANN LOCKLEAR  
...AND 'STRIKE AT THE WIND!'  
FRIDAY NIGHT

Special  
Nights  
Upcoming  
at  
'Strike  
at the  
Wind!'

## INDIAN KIDS TO ENJOY A WEEK AT CAMP MONROE

by Bruce Barton

"Let me tell you," said an admirer of the two, "a joint venture by Helen Scheirbeck and Rev. John A. Robinson, Jr. has to be a happening, no doubt about it."

And it is. The two have combined forces to provide a week at Camp Monroe for 75 Indian children from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Helen Maynor Scheirbeck, who heads LRDA's Indian Information Project in Alexandria, Va. has long been an advocate for Indians on the Eastern Seaboard, as her father, the late and esteemed Lacy Maynor, was before her.

Rev. John A. Robinson, Jr., who heads the Pembroke Area Presbyterian Ministry has involved himself mightily in improving the plight of Indians in the area since coming to Pembroke a few years ago.

The Indian Information Project/LRDA is an outreach to and advocate for the rights, as well as needs of American Indians living east of the Mississippi River. The office in Alexandria is two years old. They work with 108 Indian organizations and tribes.

Several weeks ago, Helen Scheirbeck, approached a friend of hers, the Reverend John Robinson, about getting use of a church camp for one week to give American Indian children an opportunity to learn about nature, themselves, and others, in the fun and freedom of camping.

Through the help of Robinson an opportunity to organize such an experience at Camp Monroe in Laurel Hill, NC became a reality. The camp is accredited by the American Camping Association and owned by the Fayetteville Presbytery.

The Presbytery has agreed to let the Indian Information Project have the camp August 9-13, 1982. They expect to have 75 Indian children from Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The camp will serve students in grades four to six, and the following tribes will be represented: Chickahominy, Haliwasaponi, Coharie, Santees, Lumbee, Waccamaw-Siouan, Pee Dees, Edistos.

The organizers of the camp have identified twelve volunteers to assist them with the camp activities. All of these volunteers are American Indians, many from the same tribes as the children who will attend.

The program will stress the Indian philosophy of harmony with nature and appreciation for its beauty, crafts, swimming, canoeing, cooking, story telling, Indian singing and dancing.

The staff also will teach the students about their tribe and its history. In addition, students will get to know themselves and others and find an environment of sharing and caring from the staff.

The major goal is to find and bring to the camp Indian students who are

usually not given an opportunity for such an experience. They want to bring to the camp children that nobody wants to work with; children who do not have a family; and other children who are isolated or neglected. They want these children to know that someone loves and cares for them.

To do this, they must raise a total of \$6,000. This will cover food, transportation, and crafts.

If you would like to help sponsor an Indian child for a week at camp, you may contact Mrs. Scheirbeck at the Indian Information Project, 3902 Executive Avenue, D-12 Building, Alexandria, Va. 22305 or call 703-549-3302 or Rev. Robinson at the Pembroke Community Workshop in Pembroke, NC. telephone: 919-521-8661.

## Lumberton Tobacco Market now open

The Lumberton Tobacco Market opened for sales on Monday, July 26 with all houses selling on opening day. The customary ceremonies were conducted at Star Warehouse No. 2 beginning at 8:45 a.m. with sales starting fifteen minutes later. Dignitaries present and taking part in the Opening Ceremony were Governor Jim Hunt and the Honorable Congressman Charlie Rose. Both were among the celebrities attending the 8:45 a.m. ceremony. To add beauty to the event, Miss Kathy Smith, Bright Belt Tobacco Festival Queen, with her chaperone, Ms. Kay Warren, Manager of Flue Cured Tobacco Festival, was also in attendance.

Congressman Rose has worked diligently in Washington with other North Carolinians and other Bright Belt Congress men and Senators to preserve the Tobacco Program. Governor Hunt

along with North Carolina AGR Commissioner, Jim Graham, and others worked on the local scene.

Miss Kathy Smith, Tobacco Queen, is a native of Claxton, Georgia and represents tobacco at numerous events throughout the tobacco producing and marketing areas. Also she travels widely in other areas to represent tobacco. Generally warehousemen of the Lumberton Tobacco Market have been pleased with the quality of offerings for the first week of sales. It appears that many farmers have been participating in lower leaf disposal program and the tobacco appearing on the floors is showing the effect. It seems farmers are delivering tobacco to warehouses at a fast enough pace to assure full sales on opening day and probably for the entire first week.



Lori Ann Locklear, our own country music songstress, will be in concert Friday night at the Lakeside Amphitheatre, on the grounds of "Strike at the Wind!". In the Red Banks Community, approximately three miles west of Pembroke. Lori Ann recently won the statewide Wrangler Jeans Country Music Star Search competition in Greensboro and scored well in the national finals in Nashville. The grand-daughter of the well known evangelist Rev. Claudie Dial, and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Russell

Locklear of the Red Springs area, Lori Ann plans to enter Pembroke State in the fall in order to pursue a career in country music. The box office opens at 6:30 p.m. Following Lori Ann's concert, "Strike at the Wind!" will be performed, both for the price of a ticket to "Strike at the Wind!" Tickets are \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for senior citizens over 65 and \$2.00 for children under twelve.

A Clary Brunham Photo

As noted in earlier editions, I have gone on the proverbial limb for 'Strike at the Wind!', the popular, musical outdoor drama that depicts the exploits of Henry Berry Lowrie, the folk hero of the Lumbee Indians. The drama runs each Thursday, Friday and Saturday night through August 28 and is performed at the Lakeside Amphitheatre on the grounds of Riverside Country Club, 3 miles west of Pembroke.

The outdoor drama, now in its 7th season, has proven to be a popular attraction.

This year, as in previous years, I have looked for ways to help the drama reach a wider audience. Thus, as usual, I find myself out on the proverbial limb.

I have chosen three nights--August 6, 14 & 20--and have vowed to fill up the audience on these nights. Of course, I can only do it with your help. As the man said, dangling dangerously from the edge of a cliff, "Won't you help? PLEASEEE!!!"

August 6 is a special night for Country Music buffs. 'Strike at the Wind!' will present Lori Ann Locklear, our own lady of Country Music, preceding the regular performance of 'Strike at the Wind!' The box office will open this night only at 6:30 p.m.

Both Lori Ann's Concert and the performing of Strike at the Wind can be enjoyed for the price of a ticket to Strike at the Wind.

August 14 is being billed as "Media night." On this night the local media-newspapers; radio stations and television stations--will sponsor this night with door prizes, and special activities.

August 20 is "church night." We are offering a trophy to the church that brings the largest crowd.

Hope to see you one or all of these three nights. As I lamented before, its lonely out here on this proverbial limb. Help me get down. PLEASEEE!!!

## Pembroke Rescue Squad holds Fund Raising Dinner

by Dr. Ken Johnson

The Pembroke Rescue Squad held a fund raising dinner at Sheff's Seafood Restaurant Monday evening, August 2nd. Rescue Chief Milton McMillan welcomed the 125 guests and presented the Pierce Family Gospel Singers who presented a brief program of songs. Guests enjoyed a dinner of rib-eye steaks, seafood platters and other choices in the varied menu.

Chief McMillan introduced Hubert Oxendine who gave a brief history of the Rescue Squad. It began in 1956 with personnel from off-duty local policemen-ten of these men comprised the first Rescue Squad, among them were H.C. Locklear, Sam Locklear, Thadix Oxendine, Sim Godwin, Tom Dial and Hubert Oxendine. Later Marvin Carter and Lindberg Locklear and Alvin Mercer joined the Squad. At first the Squad was required to have Beginners First Aid which was taught by Dr. Ken Johnson and Dr. Martin Brooks gave first-aid lectures. The first task of the Squad came during the tornado of 1956 when Main Street and other areas were pretty well wiped out. Over the years the Squad has responded to hundreds of accidents. Sam Locklear supplied the first ambulance used by the Rescue Squad. James Fulton Lowry, A.G. Dial and others joined bringing the membership to 15 in 1957.

The State requirements for member certification began with a 16 hr. First Aid Course. This was increased to 48 hours, then 81 hours, and currently 128 hours of intensive training, including EMT (Emergency Medical Training) are now required. The

man-hours of service are provided to those in need free of charge. The Town of Pembroke gives the Rescue Squad \$3,000 a year toward its operations and the rest of the necessary funds are dependent upon gifts from churches, community organizations and individuals.

Charley Revels is Assistant Chief of the Squad and Alonzo Oxendine is the Chaplain. All members of the Squad were asked to stand and were given applause by the guests.

Dr. Martin Brooks was the speaker of the evening and compared the inception of the Rescue Squad to meet the needs of the people to Moses recognition of need when the voice of the Lord said "Whom shall I send" and Moses replied "here am I, send me." Service to man and service to God involves doing something for your fellowman. These squad members have given money from their own pockets when needed and have not passed by their fellow man on the other side of the road. They have had compassion for the citizenry and chosen to serve them. All of the good work the Rescue Squad has done can be summed in one word-LOVE of fellow man.

Following Dr. Brooks' remarks, Chief McMillan recognized the tremendous amount of work the wives have done in support of the Rescue Squad and thanked them for their important contribution to the work of the Squad.

Former Pembroke Mayor Early Maynor complimented the Squad and joined with Willoughby Jones in presenting several harmonica duets.

## AROUND THE COUNTY

Pembroke-Herman Dial, recently deposed as commissioner from the Pembroke-Maxton-Smiths District made a motion Monday night to abolish the independent Robeson County Housing Authority and bring it directly under the authority of the county. The motion carried 4-3 with commission chairman Carl Britt voting in favor of the measure. Commissioners Jack Morgan, Sammy Cox and J.W. Hunt demurred. Dial's term runs through December before newly elected commissioner Wyvis Oxendine takes over.

The political move seemed to be directly related to Glenn Maynor, executive director of the housing authority, and a member of the Lumberton City Council. Dial criticized Maynor "politicizing on county time" and said that Maynor repeatedly made himself inaccessible by leaving his telephone off the hook during working hours.

Maynor, in response, said he had to be out of the Lumberton office often to check sites in Red Springs and Rowland. Maynor also said there were no funds for a secretary and admitted that he sometimes took the phone off the hook if others in the office complex he shares with other agencies were not available to answer the phone for him. Maynor also denied using county vehicles for political purposes.

RECOUNT LEAVES REVELS AS BOARD MEMBER IN DISTRICT 2  
A recent request by Ronald Hammonds, who was outpolled by Ronald Revels in District 2, left things substantially as they were Monday night as the board of elections recounted the votes. District 2 includes all of Saddle-Tree and parts of Lumberton #1, West Howellsville and South St. Pauls. Hammonds had lost to Revels by a count of 545 to 515 July 27; the recount confirmed Revel's victory by a 550 to 522 margin.

## County Board Responds to Civil Rights Mandate on Teacher Assignments

Superintendent Purnell Swett, released the following information about teacher transfers in the Robeson County School System.

During the 1969-70 school year, the Robeson County Board of Education and the Office of Civil Rights, after many conversations and visitations to the school system, by the Office of Civil Rights, agreed on an integration plan. The plan agreed upon was to integrate the faculty of each school. This included the pairing of some schools and the reorganization and closing of other schools. The Office of Civil Rights realized that to integrate all schools in the system would necessitate a tremendous amount of busing, therefore, they accepted the teacher integration plan as an alternative.

The first phase of the integration plan began in the fall of 1970. During this time teachers were transferred from schools that were traditionally of their race, to schools that were traditionally not of their individual race. Complications prevented this plan from being fully implemented.

The Office of Civil Rights did not adamantly push for full implementation until the spring of 1975. From 1975 until the present, the Board of Education has integrated the faculties at its schools when vacancies occurred through teachers' resignations and retirements, when qualified teachers were available of a particular race.

In January, 1982, the Board of Education was advised by the Office of Civil Rights, that they were not satisfied with the speed of implementation of the teacher transfer plan. The Office of Civil Rights insisted that teacher transfers be done with more deliberate speed and that full teacher transfers take place by the beginning of the 1982-83 school year. The Board of Education adamantly argued that transferring approximately 140 teachers, beginning with the 1982-83 school year, would disrupt the education

process in the school system.

After three months of negotiations, the Office of Civil Rights mandated that the Board of Education implement the teacher transfer plan over three years. The Robeson County Board of Education was given a deadline to accept a mandate or the Office of Civil Rights would have initiated procedures leading to the termination of all federal funds. This would mean a reduction in funds of \$3,743,400.00 and a reduction in staff of 199 people. The major loss, ultimately, would have been the loss of services to thousands of boys and girls in the Robeson County School System. The services provided by these monies work toward meeting the individual needs of the students through enrichment and remedial activities.

In the process of implementing the first phase of this mandated plan the Robeson County Board of Education will continue to work with the Office of Civil Rights to preclude additional transfers.

## Commissioner Morgan to meet Constituents

Jack Morgan, County Commissioner for the Red Springs District (District IV) will be at the Philadelphia Precinct Polling Place Friday evening, August 6 from 8 p.m. until Citizens from the Philadelphia precinct and District V are encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss problems and concerns they may have for their district.

## Town Meeting

By Counio Gleave

The August meeting of the Town of Pembroke City Council began with the request of Mr. Harry Oxendine to change the zoning of the north side of 4th St. between Odum and Pine Streets. The change was approved.

City employees were offered an option to accept a resolution that would deduct their retirement benefits before state and Fed. taxes were taken from their pay. The motion was made and seconded.

The Community Development Budget was discussed and recommended to be approved by Town Manager, McDuffie Cummings. The motion was carried by the Board.

Another discussion of the agreement between the Town of Pembroke and the Robeson County Board of Education was held. The town attorney, Dexter Brooks was directed by the board to make several changes and the agreement will come back before the board for its final approval.

The letter of resignation of Mr. Wade Hunt was considered. Mr. Hunt served on the recreation commission and was highly regarded by several members of the council. A motion was made to adopt a resolution to send a letter of appreciation of service to Mr. Hunt and his resignation accepted. It was carried unanimously by the Board.

A Pembroke citizen, Mrs. Frances Thomas, complained to the Council of the Cablevision problems around the Town. A suggestion of a letter from the Council to the facility's main office was entertained but never adopted.

The Board then considered the request of Mr. Charles Maynor for a zoning change to permit a medical clinic to be permitted in the area of Highway 711-E. A public hearing was set on the matter on August 23rd.

On that note, the Board will Executive Session on continuing litigation on the...