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CHURCH NIGHT IS AUGUST 25 AT 'STRIKE AT THE WIND!'

by Bruce Barton
PEMBROKE—Continuing what we hope will be a tradition at 'Strike at the Wind!', a Church Night has been planned at the popular outdoor drama about Henry Berry Lowrie, the Lumbee Indians and folk of the region for the night of August 25th at 'Strike at the Wind!', located at the Lakeside Amphitheatre on the grounds of the Riverside Country Club approximately three miles west of Pembroke.

The Carolina Indian Voice is proud to sponsor this night, along with all the good Christian folk of the area. August 25, 1983 has been designated as "Church Night" at 'Strike at the Wind!' The Amphitheatre located at Riverside Country Club will accommodate 1351 persons. Let's fill it up! A mammoth trophy will be awarded to the church who has the largest number in attendance. Berea Baptist Church was the winner of the trophy last year. 'Strike at the Wind!' is the outdoor drama which depicts the history of Henry Berry Lowrie and the Indians of Robeson

County during the Civil War era. It is clean, wholesome family entertainment. Make your plans now to attend Church Night.

Call the box office early and make your reservations for Church Night. 521-3112 is the number to call for reservations. There are special discount prices for groups of ten or more. Call today. Be a part of the annual Church Night at 'Strike at the Wind!' August 25th. See you there. Let's we Christians fill up the place, and support our outdoor drama.

11 plead innocent to CETA charges

FAYETTEVILLE — The trial of 11 people charged in an FBI investigation of corruption in Robeson County's federal job-training program was set Wednesday for Sept. 19 after all the defendants pleaded innocent.

Robeson County Manager Paul Graham pleaded innocent to charges that he hired an ineligible employee and misapplied \$1,684 in federal job-training funds. He faces up to four years in prison and a \$20,000 fine if convicted.

County Attorney Joseph "Pete" Ward pleaded innocent to those charges as well as to charges that he made false statements to federal agents and obstructed an investigation. He could receive up to seven years and a \$20,000 fine.

Herman Dial, former Board of Commissioners chairman, pleaded innocent to misapplying more than \$100 in funds, aiding and abetting the misappropriation of the funds and extortion. He faces a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Also entering innocent pleas to related charges were James D. McEachin Jr., formerly of the county's Department of Human Resources; Alton R. White, a truck driver; Senna D. Locklear; Lonnie D. Coggins; Pembroke Elementary School Principal James C. Dial; Theresa C. Boudreaux; Eddie Smith; and H.E. Edwards, a minister.

The charges stem from a seven-month FBI investigation of the county's operation of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

The charges mainly concern misapplying about \$14,543 in CETA funds and making false statements to the U.S. Department of Labor concerning ineligible CETA applicants.

Robert L. Pence, special agent in charge of the FBI in North Carolina, has said that more arrests would follow. But he said Tuesday that more public action probably wouldn't be taken until the current cases were handled in court.

He would not say how many more arrests were expected. "The number of arrests will remain to be seen once we get this taken care of," he said.

Christian G. Antwi, former director of Robeson's Human Resources Department, has pleaded guilty to charges of misapplying about \$190,000 and embezzling \$259 in CETA funds.

Antwi agreed in a plea bargain to testify about the CETA program to federal officials. FBI officials have refused to comment on Antwi's role in the investigation. Antwi's sentencing has been delayed until his testimony is completed.

LRDA announces Board elections results

PEMBROKE—In keeping with the bylaws of its charter, Lumbee Regional Development Association recently held elections for five seats on its seventeen-member Board of Directors. Seats up for election were from the following areas of Robeson County: District II (Back Swamp, Britts, Smyrna precincts); District III (Lumberton, Wishart, East Howellsville precincts); District IV (Burnt Swamp, Philadelphia, Raft Swamp, Red Springs precincts); District VI (Pembroke Union precincts); District VIII (Saddletree, West Howellsville precincts).

District II held its election at the old Hilly Branch Vocational School. The meeting was attended by 133 eligible voters and two Board members—Ms. Glois Hunt and Mr. Ralph Hunt. Mr. Hunt's seat was up for re-election. Nominated for this seat was new-comer Mr. Leroy Scott and present member, Mr. Ralph Hunt. A spokesman for each candidate was allowed to speak three minutes on behalf of his candidate. Ballots were cast and counted with Mr. Ralph Hunt being re-elected by a vote of 77 to 56.

The election for the District III representative was held July 21, 1983 at Mohr Plaza in Lumberton. Board members present were Mr. Grady Hunt, Mr. D.W. Lowery and Mr. Redell Collins. Only Mr. Grady Hunt's seat was up for

election. Mr. Grady Hunt was the only nominee for the seat and when the nominations closed he was re-elected by a voice acclamation with a hand count of 62 for and 8 against.

The District IV election was held at the new Philadelphus Methodist Church. 79 eligible voters attended the meeting. When the floor was opened the following persons were nominated: Leonard Lowery, Mary Beth Chavis and Rev. Grover Oxendine. On the first ballot, Leonard Lowery and Rev. Oxendine received the most votes, but neither received a majority. On the second ballot Rev. Oxendine received a majority of 36 votes to Mr. Lowery's 32 votes. Rev. Oxendine was declared the winner.

In District VI, the meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. and the election began. Rev. James H. Woods, the incumbent member, and Paul Brooks, a new-comer, were the two nominees. Paul Brooks was elected as a new member by a vote of 147 to 67.

District VIII held its election at the Piney Grove School Gym on July 21, 1983. After voting procedures were explained to the audience, the floor was opened for nominations. The two persons nominated were incumbent James Edward Thomas and Gene Locklear. The winner of this election was Mr. Thomas with a vote of 115 to 62.

Named to Civil Rights Panel

John Hope III, Deputy Staff Director for Regional Programs of the United States Commission on Civil Rights has announced the appointment of Ms. Ruth Dial Woods of Pembroke to the North Carolina State Advisory Committee. The State Advisory Committee has adopted priorities for the coming year which include the following objectives:

1) To foster improved public understanding of and to advise the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights of the nature and extent of racial and religious motivated violence in North Carolina and to recommend to the Commissioners and appropriate state and local officials measures to prevent this form of discrimination;

2) To receive information and to enhance public awareness of the extent of police brutality and its impact on minorities by reporting suggested methods to improve police-community relations to the Commission, state and local police departments;

3) To increase public understanding of the conditions of migrant farm-workers in North Carolina and to provide the Commission with information relative to the level of enforcement of applicable state and federal laws and the availability of legal services to migrant farmworkers;

4) To receive information regarding employment discrimination in the public school systems, particularly as it pertains to the employment of minority teachers and administrators, and

5) To reinforce working relationships between the North Carolina Advisory Committee and other state and local civil rights organizations and agencies in North Carolina.

Ms. Woods will serve with fifteen (15) other advisory members including Dr. Tommie Young, Chairperson (Greensboro); Mr. E.A. Britt (Raleigh); Dr. George M. Bryan (Winston-Salem); Ms. Christine Y. Denson (Raleigh); Dr. Joseph E. DiBona (Durham); Ms. Margaret Keese Forrester (Greensboro); Mr. John J. Hawkins (Warrenton); Mr. Henry C. Hayes (Durham); Ms. Ann M. Hooper (Beaufort); Mr. Sol M. Jacobs (Greensboro); Ms. June M. Jeffers (Reidsville); Mr. Michael E. Lee (Greensboro); Mr. George W. Little (Southern Pines); Mr. Floyd McKissick (Soul City); Mr. Asa T. Spaulding Jr. (Durham).

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

PEMBROKE RESCUE SQUAD APPRECIATION WEEK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 29--Appreciation Dinner at Sheff's Seafood Restaurant, Pembroke, NC, 7 p.m. Special entertainment and dinner with guest speakers. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased from any Rescue member.

August 30--Awards Night, Revels Seafood Restaurant, Pembroke, NC Guest speaker and presentation of awards.

August 31--Demonstration and Disaster Drill in the student parking lot in front of Pembroke State University and directly across from College Exxon at 8 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

September 1--Door-to-Door Collections from 4 to 7 p.m.

CPR and Basic Life Support Class to be taught by Pembroke Rescue members at the Rescue building from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Registration will be limited. Please call Ms. Cummings at 521-8641 or 521-2418 to register.

September 2--Bar-B-Que and Chicken Plate Sale will be held at the Rescue Building from 10:30 a.m. until. Plates are \$3 each, and tickets may be obtained from any Rescue Member.

Softball Tournament (double eliminations) at Lowry's Park on the Pine Street Extension in Pembroke, NC First game begins at 6 p.m. Last game starts at 10 p.m.

Gospel Singing will be held at the Pembroke Junior High School (formerly Pembroke Senior High School) Cafeteria at 8 p.m. Featured groups will be: D&L Gospel Singers, The Pierce Family, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Strickland. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted.

September 3--Softball Tournament continued. 9 a.m. until.

Door-to-door Collections from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

September 4--Car Collections on Main Street in Pembroke from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

VISITS IN NEW ORLEANS

Mrs. Callie M. Maynor of Fayetteville, N.C. and her daughter Mrs. Eleanor Burnette spent last week in New Orleans, La. visiting her son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Maynor and daughter.

While there, they helped celebrate Mr. Tony Maynor's birthday and his little daughter, Tony Lynn's. They had a wonderful time. Mrs. Maynor reported that it was her first airplane trip and she really enjoyed it.

NC INDIAN ASSOC. OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES TO MEET

The NC Indian Association of Christian Ministries will hold its monthly meeting at Oakgrove Holiness Church in the Fellowship Hall, at 7:30 on Monday night, August 29, 1983:

This is a new, non-denominational Christian Indian organization organized to address moral and social issues as they affect Indian people. One goal is to further the work of Christ through service to the community and to unite the Indian people—all factions, groups and denominations into—into one viable force, first in Robeson and adjoining counties then eventually all Indians in the State.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

GALILEE HOMECOMING

Galilee Baptist Church Homecoming will be held the second Sunday in September. Lunch will follow the service. Singing will begin at 2 p.m. You are cordially invited to come worship at Galilee Baptist Church.

7TH ANNUAL POW WOW

The Guilford Native American Association, Inc. in Greensboro, N.C. invites all traders, crafts persons, artists, dancers and interested spectators to their 7th Annual Pow Wow to be held September 23-24, 1983 at the Uwharrie Campgrounds, Jamestown, N.C. Activities will include a Little Miss GNAA Pageant, a Junior Miss GNAA Pageant and social dancing on Friday evening. Saturday's agenda (September 24) will include competition dancing, crafts judging and a gospel sing. Refreshments will be available at the Pow Wow site on both days. Hundreds of dollars in prize money will be awarded.

A special invitation is extended to all Indian Princesses and Queens, tribal chiefs and chairmen, tribal board members, organizational chairpersons and members, and Title IV Parent Committee Chairpersons and Staff. If you need additional information, please contact GNAA at (919) 273-8686.

CO-OP GETS OK TO USE ELECTIONS STAFF, EQUIPMENT

LUMBERTON—The Robeson County Board of Commissioners approved a request Monday night by the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corp. to use county Board of Elections employees and equipment to conduct the co-op's annual election of its directors.

The commissioners scheduled a meeting with the Board of Elections to determine a price for using the machines and payment to employees.

Commissioners Sammy Cox, Bill Herndon joined H.T. Taylor in voting against the request.

Commissioners J.W. Hunt, who is also an LREMC director, Wyvis Oxendine and Jack Mogan, voted in favor of the request.

Chairman Carl Britt broke the tie and voted in favor of the measure.

PUBLIC HEARING ON COUNTY SCHOOLS REDISTRICTING PLAN

Purnell Swett, Superintendent of the Robeson County Schools, has announced the public hearing on the Board Redistricting Plan on August 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the O.P. Owens Building, Lumberton.

All interested citizens, especially parents with children in the County Schools System, are encouraged to attend.

PEMBROKE DANCE CENTER REGISTRATION

Registration for the 1983-84 Season will be Tuesday, August 23rd, from 4-7 p.m. Classes will be offered in Ballet, Tap and Jazz from beginners through advanced. The artistic director for the Dance Center is Bethann Souza and the co-directors are Mrs. Lucy Lowry and Dr. Cheryl Locklear. The new location of Pembroke Dance Center is behind Lewis' Seafood Market.

TUSCARORA INDIAN TRIBE FALL FESTIVAL

The Tuscarora Indian Tribe (Drowning Creek Reservation, Rt. 2, Box 106, Maxton, NC (Phone 919-844-3827) is sponsoring a Fall Festival Nov. 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1983. The festivities will be open to the public. No drugs or alcohol allowed on premises. Free traders booth, camping, fishing, swimming. Buy, Sell and trade. Call 919-844-3827 to reserve a space.

'A THIEF IN THE NIGHT' APPEARING AT GALILEE

"A Thief In The Night," a motion picture starring Patty Denning, will be shown at Galilee Baptist Church, Aug. 26, 1983, at 7:30 p.m.

Arson suspected in Pine Street fire



Arson is suspected and the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) has been asked to investigate the loss by fire of this home on Pine Street which was being remodeled

by Gregory Bryant, the owner, before the firey destruction sometime Sunday morning around 4:45 a.m. Billy Revels, whose home is located next door to the house

destroyed by fire, praised the Pembroke firemen who responded to the blaze. "They did a good job protecting my home," said Revels. [E.W. Hunt photo]