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TWISTERS HIT REGION

Deaths reported...more than 80 hurt

Thunderstorms, hail and strong winds battered the Carolinas Wednesday, flooding low-lying coastal roads and spawning tornadoes that left death and destruction in their wake.

Dozens of people were hurt all over Eastern North Carolina.

In Laurinburg, Fire Chief Jim Lynch said four or more people had been killed by a tornado. He said he would not have a final count of the dead until this (Thursday) morning.

A tornado struck the Robeson County towns of Maxton and Red Springs, causing 10 to 20 or more injuries and "extensive damage," said a sheriff's department dispatcher.

"We've had two reported tornado sightings, but we don't know if they were the same one or not," the dispatcher said. "There is very, very extensive damage. There are quite a few injured persons, but we don't know how many."

A nurse at Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton said that the injuries of the first people brought to the hospital were minor but that more were expected.

Downed trees and power lines prevented ambulances from getting some of the injured to hospitals. Three highways leading into Maxton were impassable. Several buildings and mobile homes were blown over, and trees were strewn everywhere.

Tornado watches were in effect most of Wednesday night for the eastern two-thirds of North Carolina and all of South Carolina.

Farm experts said before Wednesday's storms that the recent rains had forced growers to delay field and garden preparations.

The tornado roared through Robeson County from South Carolina. Most of the damage was along N.C. 71 from Maxton north to the Fayetteville area. The highway remained blocked early this

morning (Thursday) from Maxton to Red Springs. Fallen trees and downed power and telephone lines covered parts of highways, and rural roads, hampering rescue efforts.

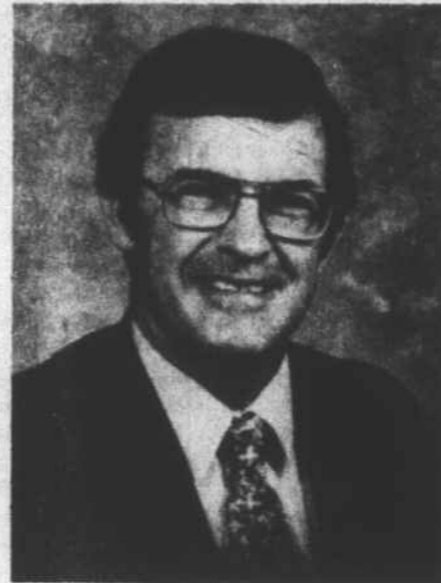
More than 200 National Guard troops were sent to Robeson County where tornadoes heavily damaged Red Springs, Maxton, Shannon and Parkton.

Robeson County sheriff's deputies cordoned off Maxton and Red Springs by 9 p.m.

More than 50 people were taken to Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton.

The Associated Press reported that at least 23 people were killed in storms that hit North and South Carolina.

Jefferson Award winner!



Rev. Bob Mangum

DURHAM, NC--Seven outstanding "Neighborhood Heros," North Carolinians who have devoted themselves unselfishly to community service, were honored by WTVD, Channel 11, during a special live broadcast on Wednesday, March 28, 1984, at 10 a.m. Receiving the 1984 Peggy Mann Award was John R. Brady of Halifax. In addition, six honorees received 1984 Jefferson Awards for Public Service. They are Jim and Kathy Johnson of Stovall, Mark C. Kendrick of Fayetteville, Rev. Robert H. Mangum of Pembroke, Charlie R. Morton of Raleigh, and Evangelist Dorothy L. Richardson of Durham.

The Jefferson Awards, named after President Thomas Jefferson to honor individuals performing significant public service in their communities, was established in 1972 by the American Institute for Public Service. The local programs are conducted in over 40 states by co-sponsoring media representatives. WTVD presented each Jefferson Award honoree with a bronze medallion of the Seal of the United States, cast and donated by the Franklin Mint. The honorees also received extensive recognition through programming and announcements broadcast on Channel 11. Each will also be eligible for the national Jefferson Award and \$1,000 prize which will be presented this summer during ceremonies at the United States Supreme Court Building in Washington, D.C. The Jefferson Award selections process began with hundreds of nominees submitted by viewers in Central and Eastern North Carolina. Seven judges from across the heart of Carolina judged the semi-finalists during the awards process.

Rev. Robert Mangum is being honored for his service to the disadvantaged of the Pembroke and Robeson County areas through his work with the community center and church. His concerns are far-reaching: encompassing areas such as civil rights, hunger, illiteracy, voter registration and rural housing. Rev. Mangum is widely admired as a minister, a citizen, and a community leader. Rev. Mangum is now pastor of Prospect United Methodist Church, and is considered the founder of the innovative and compassionate Robeson County Church and Community Center.

Indian Leaders meet Gov. Hunt at Indian Unity Conference



Indian leaders gathered with state and national officials to address the participants in the recent Indian Unity Conference. Pictured (left to right) are: Kenneth R. Maynor, Executive Director of Lumbee Regional Development Association; Governor Jim Hunt; and Jim Lowry, Chairman of the Boards of

Directors of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. In his remarks to the conference Gov. Hunt expressed his support for the North Carolina Indian Culture and Tourism Center to be constructed at Red Banks. Maynor presided at Friday's general assembly and Lowry introduced Gov. Hunt.

Lowry still with Detroit Tigers



Dwight Lowry

Lakeland, Florida--It's amazing, really, but the Lumbee Indians may have their second major leaguer in Dwight Lowry, 26, now in spring training with the Detroit Tigers.

Lowry would follow in the footsteps of Gene Locklear, Mt. Airy native, who played with the Cincinnati Red Legs, San Diego Padres and New York Yankees.

An All-Atlantic Coast Conference catcher during his collegiate career with the UNC-Tar Heels, Lowry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lowry of the Bear Swamp Community.

Lowry, a '76 graduate of Pembroke Senior High, was an All Star performer there under Coach Ronnie Chavis.

According to Detroit Tiger officials, "(His) chances look very, very good... he's still on the roster." The Tigers who hold their spring training in Lakeland, Florida will conclude their exhibition season Sunday when two final players will be cut from the major league roster.

Lowry is one of three catchers on the Tigers roster, and has had a lot of playing time for Manager Sparky Anderson this spring.

'Strike at the Wind!' telethon



The popular country and western band from Fayetteville, Southern Exposure will be among the many talented groups from the region to appear on the Strike at the Wind telethon on April 8, 1984 from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. on TV 40, WKFT, Fayetteville.

The Southern Exposure Band was formed in 1982 by Angella Dee and her husband Murel, lead guitar and Charles Watson who plays the drums. The band was so popular that David Spell joined with his talents on Steel Guitar and then along came Stony Nash on bass and Angella Basson on keyboard. The group's goal is to someday be able to make a living doing something they love and that's making music. The band plays locally and out of town.

Any questions concerning the telethon should be directed to 'Strike at the Wind!', phone 919-521-3112.

WEST ROBESON ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB TOURNAMENT SET

Entries for West Robeson High School Athletic Booster Club's first annual Ram Softball Tournament set for April 13-15 are now being accepted. Entry fee is \$70/team and the deadline for entries is April 6. For additional information contact Russ Cotton or Randy Bundy at West Robeson High at 521-3253.

ROBESON CIVIC CHORALE TO PRESENT EASTER PERFORMANCE

On Monday, April 9, the Robeson Civic Chorale will present an Easter Holiday Concert performance of Messe Solennelle (St. Cecilia Mass) by Charles Gonoud, to be performed in the Latin Text. The Chorales special instrumental guests for this concert are flutist Kevin Dove of the Sandhills Consort and cellist Bob Webber, artist in residence at the Sandhills Community College. Performance is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Osterneck Auditorium of the Robeson County Public Library. Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information, contact Chorale Director Sherry Levy or any current member.

REVIVAL AT MT. OLIVE BAPTIST

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, in the Saddletree Community, will begin revival services Sunday, April 1.

Speakers are Rev. Lindburg Chavis and Rev. Harvey Brewington. Services will begin at 7 p.m. on Sunday and 7:30 weeknights! The public is invited.

ROBESON COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS 1984 INSTALLATION AND RECOGNITION BANQUET

The Third Annual Installation and Recognition Banquet was held on February 18, at the Red Carpet Inn in Lumberton, N.C. for the Robeson County Young Democrats.

After dinner, introductions were made by Vice-President Chip Bass. Remarks were made by the 7th District Chairman, Mike McIntyre. Installation of officers was done by Past President Deborah Baldwin. Guest speaker was Dr. Gerald Maynor, Chairman of the Education Department at Pembroke State University.

Those being recognized were: Chalmers Biggs, Elizabeth Kemp, Denise Oxendine, and Ann Rigsbee for their outstanding job with the Young Democrats organization.

1984 Robeson County Young Democrats Officers are: Rose Marie Lowry, President; Deborah Baldwin, Past President; Chip Bass, Vice-President; Sharon M. Robinson, Secretary; and John Masters, Treasurer.

Academy graduation March 31st



Graduation exercises will be held on Saturday, March 31, at 12 p.m. for students in the Saturday Academy at Pembroke State University. Dr. Peter Wish, Director of the Saturday Academy, will discuss his plans to continue the program for the following year. All interested parents are invited to attend.

Political Rally planned in Saddletree

The Saddletree Jaycees and concerned citizens of the community are sponsoring a political rally the weekend of April 7, 1984.

Festivities will include a bar-b-q plate sale, a public forum at 1 p.m. Saturday and a Country and Western dance, as well as other scheduled activities.

The Rally will serve two purposes. 1-Allow candidates and community the opportunity to meet and interact; 2-Allow the community to sponsor a project with the

TV 40 TECHNICAL CREW VISITS PEMBROKE AREA

PEMBROKE--The technical crew of TV 40 was in the Pembroke area on Tuesday. They were at the Amphitheatre at Riverside Country Club where they were shooting various scenes from 'Strike at the Wind!', the local outdoor drama. The scenes will be shown on "Carolina Spotlight," hosted by Harold Tyndall on Thursday, April 5, 1984 on TV 40 at 12 Noon.

For more information about the exciting outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind!", call 919/521-3112.

Support Urged for Pembroke Little League

Editor's note: This article was submitted by Vernon Oxendine, Chairman of the Pembroke Recreation Department.

I want to talk about our Little League Baseball Program in Pembroke. We have had the Program for several years and it is almost time to get started this year. We have turned out several good ball players, to name a few, Dwight Lowry who is with the Detroit Tigers; Devy Bell who is with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Johnnie Dial and James Byrd who are with Pembroke State University. Coach Ronnie Chavis tells me that thirteen of West Robeson's baseball team came out of our Little League Program. I had the pleasure of watching Pembroke Junior High's baseball team a few days ago and all but one player came through our Little League Program.

This year we will have seven teams in the League: Deep Branch, Union Elementary, Union Chapel, and four teams from Pembroke.

The coaches in this program are due much appreciation for spending so much time with these children. Earl Dimery, Ronnie Locklear, Veril Brooks, Sam Jacobs, Rudy Locklear, Lacy Jacobs, Timmy Jacobs, Donnie Carter, Wade Hunt and Larry Morgan, along with their assistants, spend a lot of long hours, without pay, with young children from teams of the four schools. The coaches tell me that they get their pay from the children playing and enjoying it so much. They are also encouraged when parents and the public come to the games and give their support.

It's quite expensive to operate the program. On Friday, April 20th, the Recreation Department is having a plate sale in the Town Park and will be selling chicken and barbecue to raise money for the Little League. I urge each of you interested in the guidance of our young children to take the time to come out and support this endeavor on April 20th.

Before my retirement, I worked with the Town of Pembroke as a police officer and later as Police Chief for almost twenty years. During my tenure, I do not remember having to take one juvenile to court that was involved in the Recreation Program. This encourages me to work harder in support of this program. I feel that the \$3 you spend for this dinner on the 20th of April will be the best \$3 you ever spent for a meal. Thank you.

proceeds providing a recreation program for seniors citizens and youth.

The Rally will be held at the Saddletree Community Building. Ronnie Hammonds, publicity chairman, expects a large turnout and notes that commitments have already been received from candidates ranging up to the governor.

All candidates are encouraged to contact Mr. Hammonds for scheduling at the public forum by calling 739-4973.

The Amazing Kreskin is shown performing before a throng of 608 Tuesday night at PSU's Performing Arts Center. Among the mentalist skills he displayed was finding his own check in the audience. He had students and faculty taking part in his act which proved very popular.