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## \$11,580 Pledged to 'Strike at the Wind!'



Harold Tyndal (left), Hope Sheppard (second from right) and Ducky Garner were among the many volunteers who



John Braxton of Radio Station WFLAB in Fayetteville is shown above during the telethon that aired over TV Station 40,



Volunteers are shown manning the telephones during the successful telethon that raised \$11,580 in pledges.

### WKFT TV & 'STRIKE AT THE WIND!' TEAM UP FOR SUCCESSFUL TELETHON

The "Strike at the Wind!" telethon that appeared on Channel 40 Sunday, April 8, from 1 to 7 p.m. was very successful, according to Carnell Locklear, General Manager. "Strike at the Wind!" needs a lot of financial help, and we're going to the people for it," said Locklear prior to the telethon that appeared on Fayetteville TV station WKFT. And the people responded to the challenge, pledging \$11,580.00 in tax-deductible donations.

This year production of 'Strike at the Wind!', Robeson County's very own outdoor drama depicting the life and times of Henry Berry Lowry, will begin July 7 and continue through Sept. 1. Locklear, who portrays Boss Strong in the drama in addition to his duties as general manager, released the following letter to supporters of "Strike at the Wind!":

Dear Supporters of "Strike at the Wind!":  
 What can I say that I haven't already said before to all the supporters of "Strike at the Wind!?" Honest to God, I really appreciate everyone and thank them from the bottom of my heart; especially my wonderful mother for birthing me, my wife for marrying and putting up with me all these years, and all my kids whom I hope see me as an example and therefore strive to be somebody.

The telethon we had on TV 40, WKFT in Fayetteville, was a success. This was because of the following people who were willing to sacrifice their time, talent and/or resources: my office staff—Gale Hunt, Fiscal Affairs Director; Virginia Locklear, Administrative Assistant; Steve Moore and all the technical crew of TV 40; John Braxton, WFLAB Radio Station, Fayetteville, NC; Ruby Wiant, Fayetteville, N.C.; Fonda Broadway, Fayetteville; Willie Lowery, Pembroke, NC; Angela Dee, Fayetteville; Maurice Lowery, Lumberton; Randolph Umberger, Chapel Hill; Adolph Dial, Pembroke; all the telephone operators; Ducky Garner, Fayetteville; Dale Ed-

wards, WLNC Radio Station, Laurinburg; Mrs. Mildred Evans, Member of City Council, Fayetteville; Honorable Bill Hurley, Mayor of Fayetteville; Hope Sheppard, Pembroke; Robert Bryant, Lumberton; Jackie Jacobs, Hope Mills; Javie Locklear, Pembroke; Bruce Atkins, Pembroke; Timothy Strickland, Pembroke; Miss Lumbee, Sandra Locklear, Fairmont; Ronald and Donald West, Lumberton; Mrs. Mary Chavis and son Larry Chavis, Lumberton; Locklear Trio and father, Rowland; Dan Royals, Chapel Hill; David Oxendine, Pembroke; Lumbee Bank; Piggly Wiggly Stores; Woods Sign Company; Dial Insurance Agency, Pembroke; Ted Pittman, Lumberton; Soul Illusion, Lumberton; Bruce Barton, Pembroke Chamber of Commerce; Bill Hennessee, Radio Station WDU, Fayetteville; David Nicholle & Sythe Camerson, Fayetteville; Mr. and Mrs. Kenis & Teressa Batson, Fayetteville; Kim Williams, Fayetteville; Little Miss Lumbee, Miss Cox, Pembroke; Garry Barton and the Lumbee Pride Band, Pembroke; Wilbert Locklear, Pembroke; Nake Pittman and Paul White and Charmica Thompson; and anyone else who might have been overlooked.

Thank God for them all. People like these are the backbone of "Strike at the Wind!"

Again, thank all of you and I do hope God blesses us all.

Sincerely,  
**Carnell Locklear**  
 General Manager

Public response to the "Strike at the Wind!" telethon was so great that plans are tentatively being made to make it an annual fund raising endeavor.

Anyone wish to make a tax-deductible donation to "Strike at the Wind!" may do so by calling 521-3112. Or simply make check or money order payable to "Strike at the Wind!" and mail to: "Strike at the Wind!", Old Main, Pembroke State University, Pembroke, N.C. 28372.

### Changing of the Guard at Pembroke Post Office

SIM OXENDINE NOW RETIRED,  
 PHYLLIS FREEMAN-NOW DELIVERING  
 MAIL ON ROUTE 1



Dosey Chavis, Pembroke Post Master, is shown above with Mrs. Phyllis Freeman, the new Route One Rural Mail Carrier, passing on some mail for distribution.

PEMBROKE—Sim Oxendine retired as the rural mail carrier for Pembroke Rural Route One on January 3, 1984.

His replacement is a woman—Phyllis Freeman—from the Smyrna area near Lumberton. She assumed her new duties February 18, 1984 and affirms that there are "very nice people on Route One." She is married to Jimmy Freeman, a Coca Cola salesman who works Pembroke too. They have two children.

Mrs. Freeman previously had a Lumberton route but says she came to Pembroke for the experience of working in a small post office. She likes varied experiences in the postal service and is ambitious and hoping for future advancement within the system.

Mrs. Freeman is the first to be hired at the Pembroke Post Office under a July '81 contract between the U.S. Postal Service management and the Rural Carrier's Union. The '81 contract removes substitute mail carriers from consideration as possible replacements when openings now occur within the rural carrier ranks, although they can take the postal exam when open like anyone else.

Sim Oxendine, now retired, was the last rural mail carrier answerable under the old system. Oxendine was part of a grandfather clause that

protected all those hired prior to the '81 agreement.

Rev. Simmie Barton, the substitute carrier for Route One, was not considered for Oxendine's replacement because of the '81 agreement, according to Dosey Chavis, Pembroke Post Master.

Barton seemed miffed when by-passed for the position but remains as the substitute carrier for Route One.

Post Master Chavis claims nothing can be done for those like Barton who are not permanent rural carriers when an opening occurs like the one in Pembroke.

When queried about Lumberton's lack of Indian mail carriers, for instance, Chavis affirms that the same rule applies to Lumberton. Chavis said, "As I understand it Lumberton has one person left who would be eligible under the old system. After that position is exhausted all rural mail carrier positions will be posted and rural mail carriers throughout the 116 offices in the district will be given preference—and that includes Pembroke."

Said a wag at Town and Country Restaurant, one of Pembroke's favorite watering holes, "Maybe they are taking politics out of the post office. I just don't know if that's good or not..."

Elery Sampson continues as the Rural Mail Carrier for Route 2; his substitute is Carlton Brayboy.

### Deep Branch Principal and Treasurer suspended

Treasurer Percy E. Shaw, Jr. Suspended Too

LUMBERTON—Interim principal Archie Oxendine was at the helm at Deep Branch Elementary School Wednesday as the Robeson County Board of Education placed long-time principal John Norman Sampson on suspension Tuesday morning following a special meeting of the County Board of Education.

Sampson and Shaw were suspended without pay and an investigation was ordered at the financially-troubled school following the meeting.

The action follows a special audit of the school by school auditors S. Preston Douglas and Associates of Lumberton that was conducted following complaints brought by Deep Branch citizens Rufus

Burns, Tim Sampson and others who were concerned by seeming irregularities at the school.

Superintendent Purnell Swett did not rule out further action, including a possible SBI investigation and criminal indictments, if warranted.

Deep Branch School, located generally between Pembroke and Lumberton on Rt. 4 is K-6, and has 400 students.

According to the audit report, the Deep Branch School records showed a fund balance (deficit) of \$29,669.13, with total liabilities listed at \$37,705.54 and assets of \$8,036.41, including \$4,430.51 cash in bank, \$2,732.90 undeposited receipts and \$873 in advances to teachers for dues.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

#### EASTER PLAY AT SADDLETREE CHURCH OF GOD

An Easter play, "Go Ye Into All Nations," will appear at Saddletree Church of God April 22, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The pastor is the Rev. Millard Maynard.

#### LITTLE MISS LUMBEE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Little Miss Lumbee Pageant Committee will begin issuing and accepting applications on April 16, 1984. Requirements for little girls wishing to enter the pageant are as follows:

1. Must be Lumbee Indian (either one or both parents must be a Lumbee).
2. Child must be between 4 and 6 years of age by July 4, 1984.

There will be a limit of 20 contestants this year and the deadline for accepting applications will be May 14, 1984. If 20 applications have been received in our office before this date, no further applications will be accepted. This is based on a first come, first serve basis.

In order for an application to be accepted the following criteria must be met:

1. Application must be completely filled out (especially talent category with specific song titles).
2. Recent picture attached to application (wallet size).
3. Registration fee of \$15 must be paid. Applications will be picked up at the LRDA Annex building located on Highway 711 east in Pembroke.

Call 521-2401 if you have further questions.

#### LEMC HOLDS "MEMBER INFORMATION MEETING"

Lumbee River EMC is holding a "member Information Meeting" tonight (Thursday, April 12) at 7 p.m., at the Robeson County Agricultural Center in the O.P. Owens Auditorium.

All members of the four-county electric cooperative are invited to attend. A 15-minute presentation will be made by the staff followed by an informal question-and-answer session.

Another "Member Information Meeting" is scheduled for May 3, 7 p.m., at the Wagram community Building, one block from main street. The Lake Rim member meeting that was scheduled for March 29 was cancelled because of the tornado. It will be rescheduled in the near future.

Questions regarding the "Member Information Meetings" should be directed to the Red Springs headquarters, Member Services Department.

#### "NEW GAMES FESTIVAL" SCHEDULED APRIL 17 AT PSU

Mrs. Barbara Locklear, a member of Dr. John R. Bowman's sociology class at PSU, reminds everyone that the class has planned a "New Games Festival" on the PSU Soccer Field from 2-5 p.m. on April 17, 1984. Everyone is invited, especially community people. The festival is a class project.

#### YARD SALE FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The retired teachers, Dutch Lunch Bunch will sponsor a Yard Sale Saturday, April 14, at the home of Mrs. Lin Jones on the Union Chapel road. Proceeds will go to a college or technical school scholarship. The sale begins at 8 a.m.

#### PEMBROKE LITTLE LEAGUE PLATE SALE APRIL 20

The Pembroke Little League will host a Plate Sale in the Pembroke Town Park, April 20, 1984, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. There will be chicken and barbecue plates for sell at \$3 each.

#### EASTER BASKET RAFFLE

The Annual Easter Basket Raffle, sponsored by the Pembroke Jayettes, is underway. The Easter Basket (value at \$50 plus) is being displayed at Lowry's Pharmacy. Drawing will be held on April 21, 1984. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Pembroke Jayettes.

#### PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC AT UNION CHAPEL APRIL 13

Union Chapel School will hold its Pre-School Clinic April 13, beginning at 9 a.m. at the school. Parents with children who will be starting to school need to bring shot records and birth certificate of students.

#### N.C. INDIAN MINISTERIAL ASSOC. TO MEET

The N.C. Indian Ministerial Association will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 23, 1984 at the Baptist Building in Pembroke.

This meeting will be the kick off campaign for membership. Everyone is invited to attend and join the association.

#### ROBESON COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS HOST MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

The Robeson County Young Democrats will be hosting a Meet The Candidates Night, Monday, April 16, 1984, at 7:30 p.m., in Courtroom Number One, on the second floor of the Robeson County Courthouse, Lumberton, N.C. Candidates participating will be those running for the North Carolina Legislature and those running for District Court Judge in Robeson and Scotland Counties.

Each candidate will be given a chance to discuss his/her candidacy and his/her qualification for the office for which they are running. Candidates will then be asked to respond to questions the audience ask.

The public is invited to attend. For further information contact Rose Marie Lowry, President, Robeson County Young Democrats, at 521-4354.

#### QUARTERLY SINGING AT HARPER'S FERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Quarterly Sing will be held Sunday, April 15, 1984 at 2 p.m. at Harper's Ferry Baptist Church. All singing groups are invited to attend and participate.



David Oxendine, Director of "Strike at the Wind!" is shown during the telethon, along with Hope Sheppard who portrays Ebuda in the drama, and Dale Graham Edwards of WLNC Radio Station in Laurinburg.