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PEOPLE 'D PLACES AND THINGS

SPECIAL PROMOTIONS PLANNED AT 'STRIKE AT THE WIND!'

"Pembroke Chamber of Commerce" and "Church" Nights

by Bruce Barton
PEMBROKE-The Pembroke Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday at Sheff's Restaurant in Pembroke and finalized plans for its upcoming "Pembroke Chamber of Commerce Night" at "Strike at the Wind!"

At the suggestion of Chamber president Bruce Barton, the Chamber accepted the challenge to fill up "Strike at the Wind!" this year. The Chamber decided to ask each member of the Chamber to be responsible for 28 people attending "Strike at the Wind!" the night of August 10.

Barton explained that the popular drama averaged 460 in attendance last year, and that 1395 represents a full house. That would mean 28 in attendance times 40 members (Chamber total) of the Chamber would add up to 1,120. And adding the average from last year would guarantee a full house. Barton exclaimed, "It's exciting to think about just how easy it is to fill up the audience at 'Strike at the Wind!' And we're going to do it!"

It was suggested that businesses treat their employees, families, and favored customers to a night out at "Strike at the Wind!", the most exciting drama in America, complete with heroes and bad guys and more. "Strike at the Wind!" encourages families to attend the outdoor drama, and guarantees good and wholesome entertainment.

Barton promised to contact as many businesses as possible in the area and encourage them to participate in the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce Night at "Strike at the Wind!" on August 10.

AND 'CHURCH NIGHT' IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 24

Continuing what has become 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 24 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 24, 1984 has been designated as "Church Night" at "Strike at the Wind!" The Amphitheatre located at Riverside Country Club will accommodate 1395 persons. Let's fill it up!

A mammoth trophy will be awarded to the church who has the largest number in attendance. Westend 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 24.

See you there! Let's we Christians fill up the place, and support our outdoor drama.

Pembroke Planning Board Recommends Apartment Complex

PEMBROKE-The Pembroke Planning Board met Monday night at the Town Hall chambers and considered a request by Earl Antone, and Associates, of Lumberton for permission to build a 48 unit apartment complex on the River Road (Road #1339 leading into Deep Branch Road) near Pembroke.

Antone, in his presentation, said, "We want to be annexed into town...and build 48 units." Antone said that 40 of the apartments would be 2 bedroom, and 8 additional one bedroom apartments.

But Antone's selling was not easy. A number of citizens from the general area adjoining the property where the apartments would be built appeared in opposition. Mrs. Coree B. Oxendine said, "I am 72 years old... and I don't know how long I'm going to be here... but I want to live in some peace."

Mrs. Oxendine said, "I don't think we need a complex, duplex or anything else in our community. Our taxes will go up...AND WE JUST DON'T WANT IT!"

Mrs. Oxendine remembered how it was when Chavis Park, one of Pembroke's Public Housing projects, was being built. Speaking directly to Clinton Thomas, Jr., the Chairman of the Planning Board, and executive director of the Pembroke Housing Authority, she said, "You remember visiting me... don't you Mr. Thomas? You and (then Mayor) Juddie Revels. And I was told elderly people would be there. Now I hear shooting at night, and children unsupervised. I know what's behind me (Chavis Park)!"

Pembroke notable Sim Oxendine and a number of other citizens also spoke in opposition to the proposed apartments. Oxendine opined that it would overload the school system and possibly bring undesirable into the area.

But not everyone was in opposition, including, of course, the Planning Board. Former Mayor Pete Jacobs, tax supervisor for the county, spoke in favor of the proposal.

Jacobs said, "We need decent housing in the Pembroke area. And we ought to encourage it, whenever possible." Jacobs also said it was unfair to compare Antone's proposed apartments with local public housing. Jacobs said, "It's just not fair to compare public housing with private investment. It's like comparing apples with oranges..."

Mrs. Adeline Maynor, a local realtor, also encouraged the project. She said, "We need decent housing in Pembroke... badly."

It is estimated that Antone's property, if annexed into Pembroke, would mean between 5 and 6 thousand dollars in the town's coffers in the form of taxes each year, as well as generating other revenues.

Antone, if given permission, would build the apartments under a special loan arrangement with Farmers Home Administration. For providing housing in the \$12,000-\$18,000 salary range, Antone would be allowed to borrow the monies at 8% interest. The special relationship with FHA also includes a rental level that probably would range in

the \$250 per month level, and includes a provision that Antone and his Associates keep the units at least 20 years. Maintenance requirements are also built into the agreement.

Antone promised to be "a good neighbor," and "part of the community." Antone also provided information on other similar apartment complexes he owns in the county, including Oakwood Apartments and Briarwood Apartments. According to information from the tax supervisor's office, Oakwood, a 48 unit complex, is valued at \$651,610, and Briarwood Apartments (64 units) is valued at \$823,650.

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Douglas Affirmed as Winner Over Hunt

RALEIGH, N.C.--The N.C. Board of Elections met Monday and ordered Robeson County election officials to declare Henry Douglas the winner over incumbent J.W. Hunt in the disputed June 5 Democratic runoff for a Robeson County commissioner's seat in the Rowland Commissioner District.

The state board upheld the results of the runoff, in which a hand recount showed Douglass defeated Hunt by 33 votes.

Hunt, an Indian, had appealed the June 5 results, claiming that 54 ineligible voters had cast ballots in the election. After an investigation, the county elections board ruled that 24 ineligible votes were cast.

The state board affirmed the county's findings, but Brock said the state board found "there were not enough alleged irregular votes to cause the results of the election to be different than they were."

Besides his claim that ballots were cast by unregistered voters, Hunt had alleged that some ballots were cast by registered voters who live outside the district. He also alleged that some who voted were convicted felons who did not have the right to vote.

Hunt can appeal the state board's decision to the Wake County Superior Court, but he could not be reached Monday for comment.

Douglass, also could not be reached. But his attorney, Willie Swann, said Monday night that "we're very happy for it to come to an end."

Douglass will be the first Black County commissioner in Robeson Co., making a board of 4 whites, 2 Indians and 1 Black.

MEETING OF PEMBROKE PRECINCTS PLANNED

Wyvis Oxendine has called a meeting of the north and south Pembroke Precincts, Thursday night, August 2 in the Pembroke Courthouse at 8 p.m. Purpose is to receive input from his constituents in his district.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

To all friends, relatives, From Abner Nash Locklear, Rt. 3, 202 A. Maxton, N.C. 28364. You are invited to attend my sixty-fifth birthday celebration August 11, 1984 from 10 a.m. until, at my home.

SPECIAL SINGING AT THOMPSON

Thompson Baptist Church will host a special singing on Saturday, August 4 at 7 p.m. The singing will be held in behalf of Mrs. Mable Dial who has been hospitalized since February. There will be no admission charge, but a love offering will be lifted for her. For more information call Mrs. Pansy Sampson at 738-3446. The pastor, Rev. Wilton Cummings and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public.

MAC'S VACUUM WORLD OPENS

A second vacuum store (the first one in located in Lumberton), Mac's Vacuum World, located beside the Sweet Thing Bakery in Pembroke, opened in December. They will sell new and used cleaners including such brand names as Electrolux, Hoover, Eureka, Kenmore, and more. Supplies (including bags for all cleaners), parts and attachments will also be sold. In other words, Mac's Vacuum World is a complete service center, open from 10-6 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (will be closed Wednesday).

Corner Pawn Shop and Mac's Vacuum World in Lumberton is located across from K-Mart.

Pete Clark Wins Again

LUMBERTON-According to unofficial returns incumbent Pete Clark, who is presently the chairman of the Robeson County Board of Education, won again in a special election called for in District 6. According to news reports, Clark won 401-366 with less than a 25% voter turnout.

District 6 encompasses parts of Lumberton Precincts 4, 5, 6 & 7, and Thompson, Back Swamp, and Gaddys Precincts.

The new election Tuesday was ordered by the state board of elections following revelations that 141 ineligible persons in Lumberton's mostly Black Precinct #6 voted in the June 29 election won by Clark by a 40 vote margin, 567-527.

Clark expressed satisfaction noting, "It's about what I expected. I feel good about it." Chavis, on the other hand, did not seem bitter at all about the outcome, about the same margin as before. Chavis said, "I see no need to appeal. I didn't notice any irregularities."

Chavis added, "I believe elections in the future will be better managed because of this new election."

FOOD GIVE-AWAY PLANS

The Robeson County Dept. of Social Services will distribute surplus food beginning Tuesday, September 4. Organizations, groups, churches, and various agencies that wish to pick up the food for persons they serve should contact the agency immediately. In order to pick up the food, the organizations will need to provide the Department of Social Services the name, address, and phone number of the person in charge of the food distribution. This requirement is due to new Department of Agriculture regulations for distribution. The organizations will also need to be provided the distribution procedures to be followed during the September distribution. A representative should contact the Department of Social Services during office hours which are Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. until 5:15 p.m.

PRESTON AND EMILINE LOCKLEAR FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of Preston and Emiline Locklear will hold their Family Reunion August 11 at 12 Noon. Relatives and friends are asked to bring a covered dish. For more information contact John Pat Locklear (919) 521-9024 or Bertha L. Sencenbough (919) 521-2216.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NC!

The Robeson County Public Library's Summer Reading Program Party is scheduled for Friday, August 10th, 3-4:30 p.m. in the gym.

The theme this year is "Happy Birthday North Carolina 1584-1984." The children were required to read three books, and as an added incentive to participate in the program prizes were donated by McDonald's of Lumberton. Each year there are three winners from each participating library in the county and the bookmobile. The winners will be selected from each age group (4-7); (8-11) and (12-up). They will receive either a \$10 donation, gift certificate, or a \$10 saving account open in their name at a local bank. There will be three overall winners, one from each age group. They will receive trophies.

The party will consist of many activities including puppet shows, games, refreshments and a special visit from a Carowind Character. OSCAR the GROUCH will M.C. the program. Come out and talk to your friend and mine. OSCAR!!!

WATER DEPARTMENT'S PHASE II TAP ON FEE OF \$25 EXTENDED UNTIL AUGUST 6

PUBLIC NOTICE: The Robeson County Water System Phase II deadline notification has been extended from August 2 until August 6 when the County Commissioners are expected to meet and discuss the matter further. Further clarification will be published following the August 6 meeting.

Until said time, residents of Phase II can pay a tap on fee of \$25, instead of the regular fee of \$175.

The Water Department is located on old 301 S. (Service Road) adjacent to I-95. Office hours are from 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. More information is available by calling 739-6184.

CURTIS R. PIERCE NAMED ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PEMBROKE-The Board of Directors of Lumbee Bank met recently and accepted the resignation of James A. Hunt, President and Chief Executive Officer of the predominately Indian-owned bank since 1977. Hunt's resignation was effective July 27.

The Board, led by its chairman, Rev. C.W. Maynor, expressed their gratitude to Hunt for his years of service.

Named Acting Chief Executive Officer was Curtis R. Pierce, Senior Vice President and affiliated with the bank since its inception.

Hunt cited health and personal reasons for his resignation. Organized in 1971 Lumbee Bank, quartered in Pembroke, has assets in excess of \$11 million.

YARD SALE

Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church will sponsor a Yard Sale Saturday, August 4, under the tower at Pembroke Fire Station, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

UNC Press to publish John White's Drawings

America 1585

The Complete Drawings of John White by Paul Hulton



The original drawings and maps of the first English colony in North America, and the first English map of the continent, are being published by the University of North Carolina Press in association with the British Museum Publications in association with America's Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee, features 186 illustrations, including 80 in color. It has a list price of \$24.95 and may be ordered c/o UNC Press, P.O. Box 2288, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

The University of North Carolina Press is publishing the complete drawings of John White this fall. White, governor of the ill-fated "Lost Colony," was the first Englishman to paint the people and the natural life of the American continent. "America 1585," edited by Paul Hulton and co-published with British Museum Publications in association with America's Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee, features 186 illustrations, including 80 in color. It has a list price of \$24.95 and may be ordered c/o UNC Press, P.O. Box 2288, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

Indictments Follow Investigation at County Commission Chairman's Warehouse

From AP and Staff Reports

Two federal tobacco graders were indicted by a federal grand jury Tuesday on charges of falsifying tobacco inspection certificates at a Fairmont warehouse.

Russell Ray Hatchett of Horse Cave, Ky. and William Allen Kinslow of Glasgow, Ky. were each charged with one count of conspiracy to make a false statement and six counts of making false statements. The two men are employed by the federal Agricultural Marketing Service.

Named as unindicted co-conspirators by the grand jury, which met in New Bern, were Carl Linwood Britt, Richard Clemon Britt, Richard Wendell Britt Jr. and Beasley Strickland.

The warehouse, Big Five People's Tobacco Warehouse, is co-owned by Carl Britt, chairman of the Robeson County commissioners, and Richard W. Britt, said William D. Delahoyde, an assistant U.S. attorney handling

the case.

Carl Britt could not be reached for comment Tuesday. But an individual answering the telephone at Big Five People's Tobacco Warehouse said Britt "won't comment on that. If you want news, you'll have to call the authorities."

Carl Britt told The Fayetteville Times Monday that he was unaware that Kinslow and Hatchett had been arrested. He said he was aware of the investigation but had

no comment on the criminal complaint.

The complaint said the two graders received \$100 from a warehouse employee for illegally entering grades, dates and their initials on inspection certificates for tobacco they had never seen and that had already been sold and shipped.

The criminal complaint, filed July 25 in U.S. District Court in Raleigh, charges that the two graders "unlawfully agreed and

conspired with partners of the Big Five People's Tobacco Warehouse, Fairmont, to falsely enter USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) tobacco grades and inspection dates onto approximately 530 USDA tobacco inspection certificates." The complaint said Britt and two partners, Richard C. Britt and Beasley Strickland, told federal investigators of the arrangement.

Delahoyde did not know if the Britt were related.