

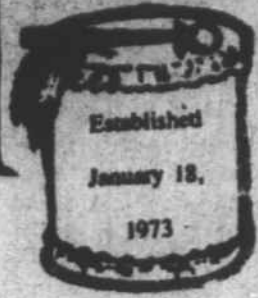
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'SAVE THE PEMBROKE RAILROAD STATION' MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 27

by Bruce Barton

Pembroke-I have decided to call for a meeting of those interested in saving the Pembroke Railroad Station, now abandoned by the Seaboard System Railroad. The meeting is sponsored by the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce, of which I am presently serving as president. It is one of the stated goals of the newly activated chamber of commerce.

I have called for the meeting after corresponding with officials of the Seaboard System Railroad, and after receiving much encouragement to do so by the citizenry. I probably have received more calls, and correspondence and visits, in favor of saving the railroad station than anything that has appeared in the Carolina Indian Voice in recent years. Every inquiry, every telephone call, every letter has been positive and encouraging.

The meeting will be held September 27 at the Pembroke District Court, beginning at 7:30 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend and help us organize this important adventure.

The railroad system has agreed to give us a six month moratorium to come up with a feasible plan of action. Time is short, and I hope you will make plans to attend this very important meeting. We have until January 31, 1985 to save the historically significant building.

The railroad officials have also agreed to give the railroad station, now in a woeful state of abandonment, to a responsible party like the town, or the chamber, if said parties will move the structure from its present site.

There is property fronting the original site, if the land can be secured. One of the pieces of land that would be suitable is behind Lumbee River Legal Services on Union Chapel Road, and also owned by the railroad system. Another nearby plot, according to unconfirmed information, belongs to Pates Supply Company.

Some suggested uses of the building have been to turn it into a municipal library, quarters for Strike at the Wind, Pembroke Chamber of Commerce head quarters, a municipal building for the town of Pembroke, and other significant

uses. What do you think?

In a recent issue of the Carolina Indian Voice I accused the Seaboard System Railroad of "benign neglect" in abandoning the Pembroke Railroad Station. The railroad company has refused to put security lights on the property to discourage instances of vandalism that has occurred in the past. No effort has been made to clean up the unsightly site, and the railroad station has refused to extend any energies in helping to save and restore the historical building.

The station is historically significant because it is located in the only town on the railroad line that is inhabited mostly by American Indians, and it is also a stop on the longest, straight stretch of railroad line in America. The line, of which Pembroke is a vital part, runs from Hamlet to Wilmington in a straight line, some 78.86 curveless miles.

The Pembroke Railroad Station is also significant because Pembroke's history is tied to the railroad. Legend has it that Pembroke was even named after a railroad engineer who used to run trains on the line in the early days. His name was Pembroke Jones. Pembroke was laid out, and partitioned and sold by the railroad company. As a matter of fact, Pembroke's original town limits run a half mile each way from where the old Atlantic and Seaboard Railroad lines cross in front of the Pembroke Railroad Station.

Organizers are also interested in any pictures you might have of the railroad station or any historical data connected with the stately building.

Don't forget! The meeting will be held September 27 at the Pembroke District Court, beginning at 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Already committed to saving the Pembroke Railroad Station, of course, is the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce. Others who have expressed an interest in saving and restoring the stately building are the Town of Pembroke, Pembroke State University, the Pembroke Kiwanis Club, the Pembroke Jaycees and others. The only ingredient missing is you! Hope to see you on September 27. We need you!

Helen Maynor Scheirbeck Not First Choice of NACIE for Indian Education post

By Bruce Barton

It shows you how far Indians from Robeson County have come in their struggle for self sufficiency. Recently the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE) met in Washington, D.C. to come up with a proposed candidate for the important post of Director of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education.

One of the candidates was Helen Maynor Scheirbeck, the daughter of the late and esteemed Lacy Maynor, and Mrs. Sallie Maynor of Pembroke. One of those doing the selecting was Bob Brewington, a local businessman, and chairman of the Republican Party in Robeson County. And a member of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

But that confrontation in Washington, D.C. seems to be part of the problem confronting Indians of Robeson County and elsewhere too. Ms. Scheirbeck, one of the final three candidates from an original list of 16, was rebuffed in her effort to become head of Indian Education. Although she was in the final list of three considered by NACIE, she was not the first choice, according to sources close to the selection process. The first choice was Hakim Khan, a Pakistani native, and a naturalized American citizen and acting head of Indian Education.

Brewington, when interviewed by this reporter, insisted that his remarks be off the record, and his request is honored. But other sources close to the selection process insist that Brewington did not support Ms. Scheirbeck in spite of the fact that both are Indians from Robeson County. Brewington presently lives in Pembroke, and Ms. Scheirbeck was reared in the same town where her mother and many relatives and friends still live.

Lincoln White, executive director of the National Advisory Council in Indian Education, confirmed in an interview via telephone that Ms. Scheirbeck was one of a final list of three submitted to Theo Bell, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, for his consideration. White noted too that "the candidates were ranked but I cannot disclose the ranking until Secretary Bell makes his decision." White also insisted that the selection process was conducted according to the Civil Service Senior Executive Personnel regulations. White also claimed that the balloting was done by secret ballot.

Brewington was one of five members of the 15 member National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE) who screened the applicants, and submitted a list of three to Secretary Bell to consider in making his final decision.

Hakim Kahn was, as noted, reportedly the first choice of NACIE. Although obviously qualified, and ranking in the final three, Senator Jesse Helms did not intervene or recommend Ms. Scheirbeck for the post although Senator John Warner (R., Va.), Senator Strom Thurman (R., S.C.) and others did. When queried, a Helms staffer, Bob Booth, down played the matter saying Senator Helms did not get in the matter at all, even though most of Ms. Scheirbeck's roots are in North Carolina. An observer called it "strange politics" by Senator Helms and chastised him severely for his disavowal of Ms. Scheirbeck.

Ms. Scheirbeck, presently head of the Indian Division of the Save The Children Federation was on assignment working with the tribes in Arizona and New Mexico and unavailable for comment.

Youth Places High in Modeling Competition



Bradley Sherrill Harris

Hollywood, California--Bradley Sherrill Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harris, Jr. of Pembroke, recently returned from a national modeling competition in Hollywood, California where he placed high in competition with other youth throughout the United States. He was accompanied by his mother on his exciting adventure.

Bradley, an appealing five years old, placed in the top ten in the national competition, based on the modeling potential of the youngsters.

The pageant, featuring categories for boys and girls, was held at the fabulous Sheraton-Universal in Hollywood, Calif. Bradley was selected to participate from his photo which was submitted as part of a promotion by People Magazine. He was chosen state winner. As state winner he received the trip and accommodations to the national finals. Bradley represented the state of North Carolina.

Master of ceremonies for the pageant was Barry Williams, star of "The Brady Bunch" and Ricky Schroeder of "Silver Spoons." Judges included Burt Reynolds and representatives from major modeling agencies. Contestants were judged in formal wear, sportswear and state costume-modeling.

Sponsors for Bradley included Jamestown Satellite Sales, Ted Parker Satellite Sales, Fleetwood Mobile Homes, Lumbee Regional Development Association, Dixon's Warehouse of Mullins, SC, the Carolina Indian Voice, Paul Moore, Charity's Hairstyling Salon, Ted's Lock and Key, Billy Ray (Dollar Bill) Oxendine, The Car Company, R.S.V.P. in Fayetteville, Debra and Greg Bryant, Lumbee Food Services, Harold Locklear, Pembroke Skateland, C.G.'s Busy Bee, TBS Service Company.

Indian Firm By passed

Pembroke-Some onlookers expressed consternation but the newly formed Indian firm of Jacobs, Oxendine, Brooks and Associates was bypassed Monday night when the Pembroke Town Council met and considered bids for administering Pembroke's Community Development Grant of \$669,247 for the general Jones Street area.

The firm of Talbert and Cox and Associates was chosen, even though their bid was considerably higher than one submitted by Jacobs, Oxendine and Brooks. Talbert and Cox submitted a bid of \$97,930.00 (including \$51,500.00 for planning and administration, and \$46,430.00 for engineering services).

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ST. JUDE'S BIKE A THON IN PEMBROKE

About 200 people are expected to gather Saturday morning, Sept. 15 at Pembroke Junior High School for the action and fun of the Bike-a-Thon fundraising event for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Local children, youths and adults will ride their bikes in the event which will start at 10 a.m. According to Mrs. Vera Lowry, Chairperson of the event, the Jolly Jeepsters, a popular motorized clown show sponsored by the Shriners Lodge will be there to entertain the crowd.

The bikers will follow a circular route of about 10 miles going from Pembroke Junior High to Deep Branch School and returning to Pembroke. There will be water stops and check points along the route. Small children will ride a circular route on the Pembroke Junior High School yard.

Bike riders and sponsors participating in the event are urged to collect donations prior to the event. Registration forms should be completed and submitted to the Registration booth at the event. Participants are urged to register early.

The event will be supported by the Pembroke Rescue Squad and the local law enforcement officials.

Along with the bike-a-thon, a motorcade will be held going from Pembroke to Lumberton, N.C.

FUND RAISING MONTH AT PEMBROKE RESCUE SQUAD

The Pembroke Rescue Squad will be sponsoring the following activities from Sept. 2-30, 1984 in observance of "Fund Raising Month."

Sept. 8, 1984--Door-To-Door Collections, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sept. 9, 1984--Car Collections, Sunday, 4-6 p.m.

Sept. 15, 1984--Rescue Demonstration, Saturday, 7 p.m.

Sept. 21, 22, 1984, Softball Tournament, Friday (7 p.m. until) and Saturday (9 a.m. until).

Sept. 28, 1984--Appreciation Dinner, Friday, 7 p.m.

POST SECONDARY OPPORTUNITY SESSION PLANNED

South Robeson, Littlefield, Magnolia, Orrum, Parkton, Fairmont, Red Springs, St. Pauls High Schools and Flora McDonald Academy will host a Post-Secondary Opportunity Session on Thursday, September 20, from 9 until 11 a.m. at PSU Auxiliary Gymnasium, Pembroke, NC.

Representatives from more than 75 public and private, two-and four-year, colleges and universities will be available to speak with high school students and parents about the programs offered by, and requirements of, their institutions. Most North Carolina colleges, as well as many from out of state, will be in attendance.

These representatives will have available a variety of brochures, applications and financial aid information.

This program is sponsored by the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACRAO), and by the high school hosts, as a service to high school students and parents interested in post-secondary education.

The primary purpose of these sessions held across the state annually, is to allow students to explore a wide variety of alternative sources of further education.

DR. LARRY SCHULTZ TO SPEAK TO VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE SUPPORTERS

Dr. Larry Schultz, assistant professor of education at PSU, will be the guest speaker for a meeting of the Very Special People Supporters, a parent support group which will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 at the PSU Baptist Student Union (The House) across the PSU Performing Arts Center.

Topic of his talk will be: Special People's Self-Esteem: Working on Self-Concept Skills in the Home.

Parents of the handicapped are particularly invited to attend this meeting, which is open to the public.

The regular monthly meeting of this group will be held immediately following the talk and the question and answer session.

Dr. Schultz is starting his seventh year at PSU. He earned his B.S. at Bowling Green State University and both his M.A. and Ph. D. at the University of South Florida.

MAYORS PRAYER BREAKFAST

Indian Heritage Week has been proclaimed for Sept. 16 through 22. The Pembroke Jaycees/Jayettes and Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. will be sponsoring the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Sept. 16 at 7:30 a.m. Sunday at the Pembroke Jaycee Club House.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Ron Anderson, pastor of Berea Baptist Church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT PLANNED

Project GAP (Northern Robeson County Community Pool Project Organization) will sponsor a softball tournament Sept. 14, 15, 16 in St. Pauls, NC. Entry fee will be \$85.00 per team. Furnish your own balls (Blue Dot or Dudley Thunder). Sixteen teams, Round Robin Tournament. For more information please call Dr. A.L. Bradford at 919-865-5170. Hot dogs, soft drinks and other refreshments will be available throughout the tournament.

A double elimination horseshoe tournament will be held concurrently with the softball tournament on Saturday only. Trophies will be awarded in singles, doubles and ringers competition. Anyone interested in finding out how good they are please call as noted above.

I RUTH MARTIN TO SPEAK AT BEREA BAPTIST CHURCH

Berea Baptist Church of Pembroke invites everyone to come to its fellowship hall on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. to hear professor I. Ruth Martin tell us the word and display about mission work in Liberia, West Africa.

Prof. Martin recently returned from a six week mission trip to Liberia. She was there as a guest of Missionaries, Lawrence and Alice Hardy. Lawrence is a former pastor of Berea Baptist Church.

Ms. Martin has some exciting experiences to share. Please come and hear of her adventures and bring a friend.

PLATE SALE PLANNED

A plate sale will be held Friday, Sept. 21 at the Pembroke Church of God beginning at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The proceeds will be used for helping on the new fellowship hall which has already been started. The pastor of the Pembroke Church of God is the Rev. C.C. Allen, Sr.

COLLEGE YOUNG DEMOCRATS MEET AT PSU SEPT. 20

An introductory meeting of the College Young Democrats of Pembroke State University will be held at the PSU Baptist Student Union (The House) at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. This will be a joint meeting with the Robeson County Young Democrats Club.

The speaker will be Kelly Best, state president of the College Federation of Young Democrats.

Helping to coordinate the arrangements are Mike McIntyre of Lumberton, chairman of the Seventh Congressional District of Young Democrats, and Rose Marie Lowry of Pembroke, president of the Robeson County Young Democrats. Free refreshments will be served.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO MEET

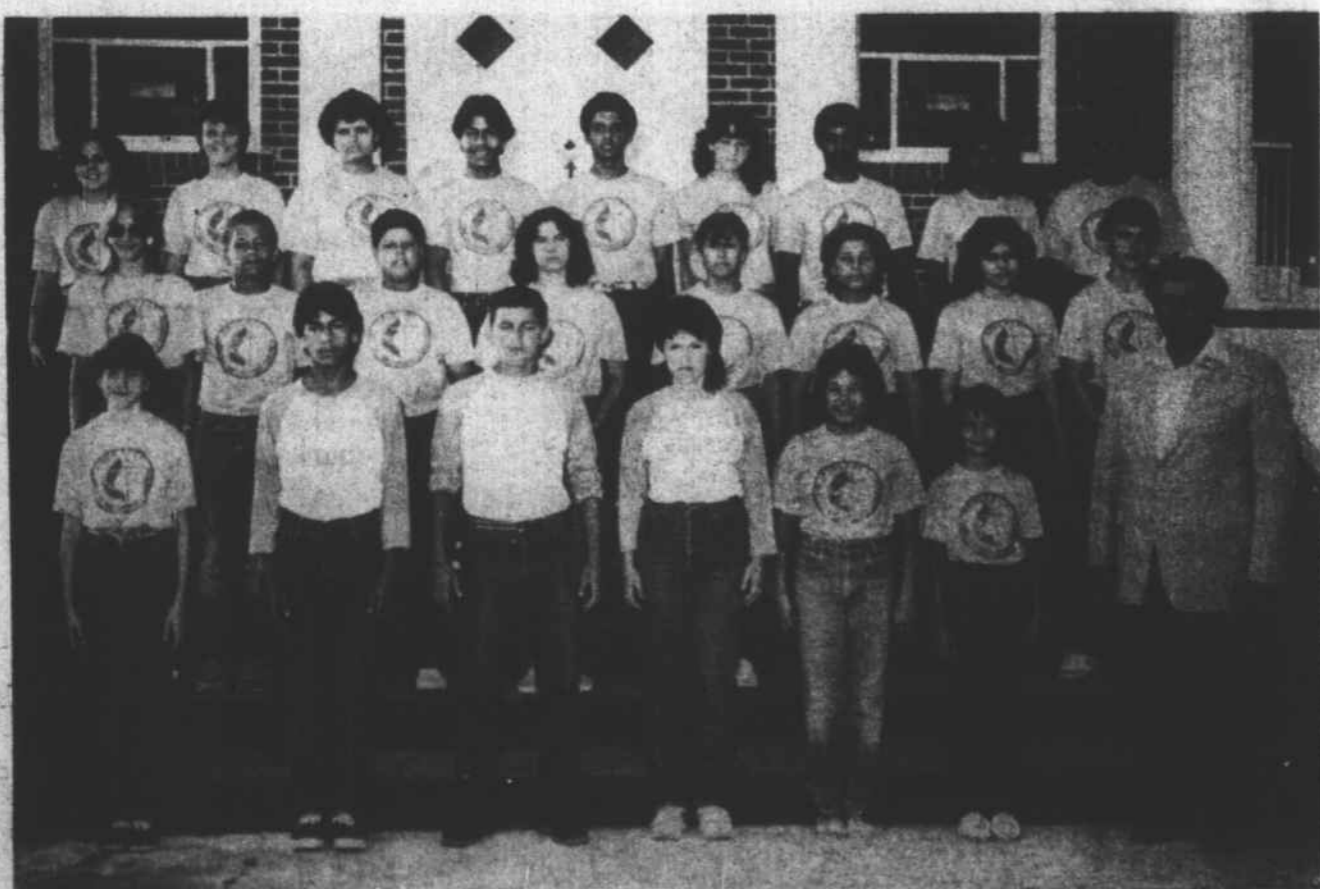
The Robeson County Young Democrats will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at "The House," PSU's Baptist Student Union Building. "The House is located on the Red Springs Road across from PSU's Performing Arts Center.

The purpose of the meeting is to help charter a YDC Club on the campus of PSU. All good Democrats are invited.



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PROSPECT YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY



The Prospect UMFY (grades 7-12) performed the musical drama Runaway by Grace Hawthorne and John F. Wilson at the North Carolina Conference Junior High Workshop on the campus of Lenoir College, Lenoir, NC, June 27 and then traveled to Buckhannon, West Virginia to perform the same show at the West Virginia Wesleyan College, June 28 for the Youth Congress of the West Virginia Conference. The youth were well received at both events and inspired many young people and adults in both North Carolina and West Virginia.

The musical drama [Runaway] is based on the book of Philimon in which

the runaway slave, Onesimus, is introduced to Paul who is in prison for preaching the Goodnews. Onesimus is converted by making things "right with the Lord and everyone" thereby, becoming part of the Family of God.

This musical production was made possible through the North Carolina Conference, the Board of Higher Education (the Division of Diaconal Ministry) and the Board of Discipleship (the Division of EMLC). It was and continues to be an effort to display the talents of the Native Americans of Robeson County by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through music and drama; thereby,

making young people aware of church music as a ministry and possible vocation in the United Methodist Church and an effort to arouse interest in the area of Diaconal Ministry.

The Youth are now accepting bookings in local churches, youth activities and or district events. For a booking please write Harold D. Jacobs, Director of Music, Prospect United Methodist Church, Rt. 3 Box 196, Maxton, NC 28364 or call 919-521-2111. Possible dates are Jan. 13, 1985; Feb. 10, 1985; April 12, 1985; May 12, 1985; June 9, 1985; Oct. 13, 1985; Nov. 10, 1985. Bookings for 1984 and part of 1985 are filled.