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PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

'STRIKE AT THE WIND!' BANQUET OCTOBER 1



Secretary Sara Wilson Hodgkins

PEMBROKE--The popular outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind!" ended this year's season September 1, 1984. According to general manager Carnell Locklear, "the administration has begun to lick its wounds as we begin a new year. We hope the citizens of this state will support 'Strike at the Wind!' because that is the only hope for the continued success of the drama."

Locklear noted that the people need to realize that 'Strike at the Wind!' is a non-profit organization. The drama is not guaranteed any monies. "The weather has a great deal to do with the people's attitudes about coming out and seeing the drama," said Locklear. "But, when all is said and done, when the drama has a bad year because of the weather such as it experienced this year, people still need to support the drama." He noted that people can show their support of 'Strike at the Wind!' during the off-season by becoming involved in all fundraising activities such as buying memberships, attending auction sales, buying ads for the book, etc.

"I am personally very proud of 'Strike at the Wind!'," said Locklear. "We are planning a series of fundraising activities to raise funds in order to pay our debts. The first fundraising activity will be held Monday, October 1, 1984, at Sheff's Seafood in Pembroke. Guest speaker will be Sara Wilson Hodgkins, Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources."

Mrs. Hodgkins is a native of Granite Falls in Caldwell County, N.C. She was educated in the public schools there and in 1952 received a B.S. degree in Music Education from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. While working as a music specialist in the public schools of Moore County, she met and married Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., a banker from Southern Pines. They have three daughters.

Long active in volunteer work in Southern Pines and in Durham where she lived with her family for five years, Secretary Hodgkins served from 1971 to 1973 as vice-chairman of the North Carolina Arts Council and from 1972 to 1974 as president of the North Carolina Symphony Society.

She also has been an enthusiastic worker in many political campaigns. In 1975, thanks to her expertise, she earned the distinction of becoming the first woman elected to the Town Council of Southern Pines. She resigned that post in 1977, when Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. selected her to head the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. Gov. Hunt asked her to remain in office during his second term, which began in 1981.

One of three women in Governor Hunt's cabinet, Secretary Hodgkins is responsible for more than 400 full-time employees and an annual budget of approximately \$25 million. The Department, created during state reorganization in 1971, consists of three main divisions: Archives and History, the State Library, and the Arts Council which covers such diverse activities as community and professional arts development, theatre arts, minority arts and folklife. The Department also includes the North Carolina Museum of Art and the North Carolina Symphony.

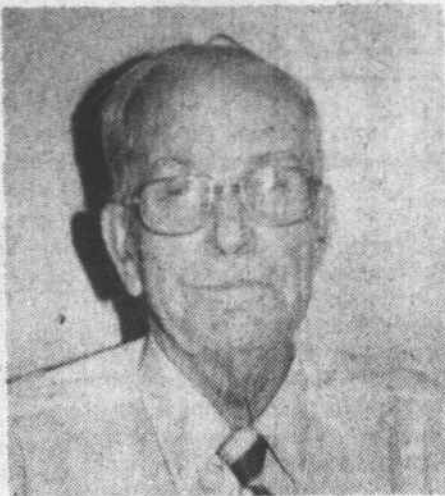
Secretary Hodgkins' administration has added several programs, including the Governor's Business Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Documentation Unit.

Secretary Hodgkins holds seats on the boards of several organizations, including Arts, Education and Americans, Inc.; the North Carolina School of the Arts; the North Carolina Agency for Public Telecommunications; and the Kellenberger Historical Foundation.

"We hope the people will continue to support 'Strike at the Wind!'" said Locklear. "And attend this wonderful dinner and enjoy some fine food and good, clean entertainment."

The tickets are \$50 each and all gifts are tax-deductible. For more information, please call (919) 521-3112.

'Preacher Tommy' Swett to be honored at Bear Swamp Baptist



Rev. T.M. Swett

Rev. T.M. Swett will be honored on Sunday, September 20 at Bear Swamp Baptist Church for 42 years of service to that church. Dinner will be held in the fellowship hall following the morning worship service. Friends and relatives are invited to join Rev. Swett on his day of recognition. Rev. Swett, 86 years old, retired earlier this year from pastoral duties at that church.

The conclusion of his pastoral duties culminates a long, illustrious career for one of the most well-known pastors in the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association.

Rev. Swett, following the call into the ministry, began preaching in 1922 in the Lumbee River Holiness Methodist Conference. In 1925 he began his trial studies. During those days pastors in that conference were assigned to what was termed "Circuits," meaning that they would serve more than one church at the same time. Rev. Swett's service with the local conference included: 1929-33-the Bethel Circuit; 1934-36-the

Union Circuit; 1937-38-the Bethel Circuit; 1939-42-the Cherokee Circuit. He served twenty distinguished years with the Lumbee River Conference.

In the fall of 1942 Rev. Swett joined the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association. His service to Bear Swamp Baptist Church also began that year as part time pastor. He also served Mt. Olive Baptist Church as part time pastor until 1947. He served in that same capacity at Mt. Moriah from 1945 until 1948.

In 1949, he returned to Mt. Olive Baptist Church where he served until 1966. Other service includes two years as pastor of Gray Pond Baptist Church and two years at Beulah Baptist Church, both on a part time basis. In addition, he served as part time pastor of Deep Branch Baptist Church until 1972 when he became full time pastor of Bear Swamp Baptist Church.

"Preacher Tommy" as he is affectionately called was born in 1898 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swett. He spent most of his boyhood in the Rowland area. He married the late Bertha Strickland August 10, 1916. To this union eight children were born.

He is now married to the former Clatie Oxendine.

"Preacher Tommy" extends a hearty invitation to friends and family to join him Sunday, September 30, 1984 at Bear Swamp Church for a special service. Members of that church will recognize him for his years of Christian leadership and dedication to the cause of Christ. They realize, of course, that words are inadequate to express the tremendous impact the life and ministry of T.M. Swett has made on the local Baptist churches, Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, and the spiritual growth of the community at large.

St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon A Great Success!

by Ben Jacobs

The Bike-a-thon fund raising for St. Jude's Children's Hospital held September 15 was a very successful and enjoyable event, according to Mrs. Vera Lowry, Chairperson of the event.

About \$2,000 was raised and about 100 people were involved in the activities which were centered at Pembroke Junior High School. Mrs. Lowry said that members of the Bike-a-thon Committee and representatives of St. Jude's Children's Hospital would like to thank the people who were involved as riders, sponsors, and supporters of the event.

While most of the riders were youths, a number were of age. All were young at heart, including Mr. Willoughby Jones,

age 85, the oldest biker in the event. The riders traveled from Pembroke Junior High to Deep Branch School and returned. The event was attended by the Pembroke Rescue Squad and there were no accidents. Branch Street United Methodist Church of Lumberton raised the most funds of any organization in the event.

Mrs. Lowry noted that the weather and the people cooperated for a wonderful event. The crowd was entertained by the Omar Imps of the Shriners Lodge of Florence, South Carolina. The sponsors also wish to thank the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Lumberton and other local businesses for donating refreshments for the event.



Bikers of all ages gathered at Pembroke Junior High School for the start of the event.



Several members of the Bike-a-thon Committee pose for a photo with the Omar Imps clown. Pictured are Rev. Deborah Sampson.

PEMBROKE JAYCEES PLAN OPEN HOUSE AND DEDICATION OF NEW FACILITY

The Pembroke Jaycees extend a cordial invitation to the general public to attend the open house and dedication of their new Jaycee facility on Sunday, September 30, 1984 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The Pembroke Jaycee Clubhouse is located one and one-half mile southeast of Pembroke just off State Road 1583.

PTA MEETING SCHEDULED AT PEMBROKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pembroke Elementary School will have PTA and Open House on Monday, October 1.

The PTA meeting begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by Open House. Teachers will give an orientation of the instructional program.

Principal James C. Dial cordially invites all parents and other interested persons to attend.

REVIVAL AT BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

Revival services will begin at Burnt Swamp Baptist Church on Thursday, October 4 and run through Sunday, October 7, with guest speakers the Rev. Jimmy Strickland and the Rev. David Hunt. Services begin at 7:30 on Thursday, Friday, and 7 p.m. on Sunday.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. Tommy Gist is the pastor.

"COMMUNITY ROUND-UP COORDINATORS NAMED"

The Easter Seal Society of North Carolina announced that Mrs. Louise Locklear of Pembroke will coordinate the local "Community Round-Up" Campaign held annually in the Fall to raise funds for disabled and handicapped North Carolinians. Donations to the campaign are used to provide special health needs such as wheelchairs, medical equipment, and rehabilitative appliances for the physically disabled. Funds are also used to operate Camp Easter-in-the-Pines, a year-round camping facility for physically and multiply handicapped individuals, located near Southern Pines. Additionally, the funds are used for Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Independent Living, Adaptive Swim Programs, Stroke Clubs, and Client Public Information Service. These services are offered free to the general public.

Edward L. Kershaw, State Executive for the Easter Seal Society of North Carolina said about the "Community Round-Up," "it is becoming a major source of income for the Society annually and is extremely important to the future services offered to handicapped and disabled children and adults in our state."

Easter Seals has the reputation for spending local dollars for local services, which makes it important for local people to support the "Round-Up" with their time and money. When your Coordinator calls you to volunteer your services to help with the "Round-Up," help the handicapped and disabled children and adults of North Carolina by saying "yes."

PETTY JOINS RACE FOR TOM RHODES

Tom Rhodes for Congress announced today that NASCAR Great Richard Petty will appear at Cannon Aviation East at Fayetteville Municipal Airport at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 27.

Pow Wow and Bluegrass Festival Planned

The Tuscarora Indian Tribe will have a Pow Wow and Bluegrass Festival on Oct. 5 and 6. There will be an admission fee of \$5 on Friday; \$7 on Saturday and \$10 for both days. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Special guest will be Bass Mountain Boys from Burlington, Josh Graves, King of the Dobro, from Nashville, Tenn., Jimbo McLendon from Miami, Fla. For advance tickets mail money order to Leon Locklear, Route 2 Box 100N, Maxton, NC 28364 or call (919) 844-3352 at night. Other bands are invited also. The public is invited to attend. The location is one and one-third miles northeast of Maxton, NC off of Highway 74.

POWER LIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Second Annual Southeastern Carolina Power-Lifting Championships sponsored by Eagle Distributing Co. of Lumberton will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Bill Sapp Recreation Center in Lumberton, NC starting at 11:30 a.m. Power-lifters from several eastern states will be competing for trophies in the Open, Women's and Master's Divisions. Several state champions will be competing as well. A concession stand, health food and weight equipment displays, plus fitness clothing will be available for purchase. A small admission fee will be charged.

PROSPECT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PLATE SALE

On Friday, Sept. 28, 1984, the Prospect United Methodist Men will hold a Chicken and Bar-B-Que plate sale for the purpose of raising monies to help with their yearly projects. Prospect is known for its good, home-cooked bar-b-que and fried chicken; therefore, you are invited to enjoy lunch/supper or both at the price of \$3.50. Bring your family for supper or take supper home to the family. Either way you will enjoy eating at Prospect United Methodist Church on Sept. 28, from 10.30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

OUTSTANDING ROBESON COUNTY VOLUNTEERS TO BE HONORED

Outstanding volunteers in Robeson County will be honored Tuesday, October 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., stated this week, "I am proud to announce the recipients of the Governor's Volunteer Awards being presented this fall. Their service has set an example for every North Carolina citizen."

According to the Governor's Office of Citizens Affairs, volunteers in 33 central North Carolina counties will receive awards.

The recipients from Robeson County are: Patricia H. McConaughy of Red Springs, Individual Human Service Volunteer; Walter L. Johnson of Lumberton, Individual Community Volunteer Leader; Archie Oxendine of Lumberton, Administrator/Coordinator of Volunteers; Selene W. Hudson of Lumberton, Youth Volunteer; Earlie B. Maynor of Pembroke, Senior Citizen Volunteer; Jesse Belle Chavis of Pembroke, School Volunteer; Willie Christie of Fairmont, One-On-One Volunteer; Robeson County Beautification Council, Community Volunteer Organization; Parkton Garden Club, Church/Religious Volunteer Group; Converse, Inc., Lumberton, Business/Industry Volunteer Involvement.

Charles V. Petty, executive director of the Governor's Office of Citizens Affairs, explained "the Governor's Awards were created by Governor Hunt in 1980 to recognize the efforts of local volunteers. Each award recipient will be presented a certificate and a special volunteer pin bearing the Volunteer North Carolina logo and the date, Governor and Mrs. Hunt will make the presentations." Refreshments will be served and music will be provided by the Varsity Men's Club of North Carolina State University.

The western counties were recognized at a ceremony held in Asheville, September 13, and the eastern counties were recognized at a ceremony in Williamston, September 25.

"Save the Pembroke Railroad Station" Meeting

A meeting of persons interested in saving the Pembroke Railroad Station has been scheduled for Thursday night, Sept. 29 in the Pembroke District Court Room. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is being sponsored by the Pembroke Chapter of Commerce. Interested persons are urged to attend and help organize efforts to save and restore the historic station.

Grand Opening Activities



Owners Gregory and Myra Cummings are proud to announce the Grand Opening of 'CG's Busy Bee' Convenient Store where they offer "Friendly Service With A smile" and "Care about our customers." Grand opening activities will run from September 26 through Oct.

6, 1984. A total of \$500 in prizes and discounts will be given away at a drawing to be held October 6, 1984, at 3 p.m. [Saturday afternoon] at the store located one mile north of Pembroke on Union Chapel Road in Cummings Square. There will be over 30 lucky winners. Prizes to be given away will include \$200 in gas; \$100 giant Pepsi water raft; discounts on Pepsi Cola and Coca Cola; hot dogs will be on sale, 2 for 80 cents with a free Coca Cola on the day of the drawing; plus other prizes and discounts. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings invite all their friends to come by and register for the drawing.

Shown above are Teena L. Cummings, Gregory Cummings, Jr. (CG) and Gregory Cummings (owner). They are shown in front of the giant Pepsi Cola Water Raft to be given away during grand opening activities.

OPEN HOUSE AT UNION CHAPEL SCHOOL

Open house will be held at Union Chapel School October 1 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. A brief business meeting of parents and teachers will be held from 7 until 7:30 p.m. All parents are invited to attend by Principal Wade C. Hunt.