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PEMBROKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET SATURDAY NIGHT

Festivities begin 7:30 p.m., Jaycee Clubhouse, Dewey Hill, Speaker

Pembroke—The first annual meeting of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce will be held January 26, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pembroke Jaycee Club House. This will be a gala occasion with food and dance which will feature the installation of the Chamber's new officers for 1985. The guest speaker is one of Pembroke's newest businessmen, Dewey Hill, the owner of Hill's Food Stores, and chairman of the board of Hilleco, Inc., which owns 38 Hill's Food Stores, a number of Parker's Food Stores, McLean's Wholesale Food Distributors, and distribution warehouses in North Carolina. Mr. Hill, a self-made man, promises to be an inspirational speaker. He should be able to relate to us the keys to his success.

In addition, the banquet will have special guest, Dwight Lowry of the Detroit Tigers, Lumbee Food Services will cater the banquet. After the banquet, there will be a dance with music provided by Lumbee Pride, a versatile band with an assortment of

music which should satisfy both the young and old at heart.

Tickets are \$25 per couple or \$15 single. It is a small price to pay for such good food and entertainment. Please support the Chamber by purchasing a ticket and attending this annual banquet.

Since it is the first banquet it is very important that they have good participation so that they can keep the spirit of the Chamber alive in '85. Please call the Banquet Committee which consists of Julian Pierce (521-2813), Dr. David Brooks (521-3431), Harvey Godwin (521-2760) and our ex officio member, Bruce Barton (521-2826) for your ticket. They will be glad to answer any questions you may have about the banquet. Further, you should feel free to purchase tickets for friends, business associates, etc., to let them know that there is an active business chamber here in Robeson County.

Newly named officers of the Pembroke

Chamber of Commerce for 1985 are: President—Bruce Barton; Vice President—Gregory Cummings; Secretary—Dr. David E. Brooks; Treasurer—Lindsay Locklear. Directors are McDuffie Cummings, George W. Lowry; John Drose; Charles Alton Maynor.

President's Committee assignments are: Membership: Arnold Locklear, chairman; Julian Pierce; David E. Brooks.

Budget Committee: Lindsay Locklear, Chairman; Frank Daughtrey; Jimmy Goins, Town and Campus; Mayor Milton Hunt, Chairman; Curtis Pierce; Adolph Dial, Long Range and Planning; McDuffie Cummings, Chairman; Carolyn Emanuel; C.A. Maynor, Annual Meeting and Annual Banquet; Julian Pierce, chairman; Arnold Locklear; Harvey Godwin, Jr. Education; J.C. Thomas, chairman; Bill Oxendine; George Lowry, Community Projects; Jimmy Goins, Chairman; Reginald Oxendine and Greg Cummings.

Pembroke Jr. High Math Winner



Pembroke Junior High School is pleased to announce that Jon Morrell Locklear is the winner of the school's math competition. More than 300 students in the 8th grade competed for this honor.

Jon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Locklear of Route 1, Pembroke. He is an honor student. Jon enjoys fishing, basketball, and soccer. His favorite subject is math, and his favorite basketball team is the Tarheels.

Jon plans to become an Electrical Engineer, and has not made up his mind where he will attend college.

Mr. Bill James Brewington is principal.



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF INDIAN EDUCATION IN ROBESON
Editor's note: Our Indian Education began with passage of 1885 N.C. Laws, Ch. 51 designating Robeson County Indians as "Creston Indians" and providing for an Indian School System. Read the Carolina Indian Voice weekly as we tell this remarkable story throughout 1985 in celebration of our CENTENNIAL OF EDUCATION.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

WEST ROBESON BOOSTER CLUB TO SPONSOR STEAK DINNER

The West Robeson Senior High School Athletic Booster Club will sponsor a steak dinner on Friday, Feb. 1 in school cafeteria from 4:30-8 p.m. Cost \$5.50 single and \$10.00 per couple. Come out and support the athletic club and see the West Robeson Rams take on the Lumberton Pirates in basketball on the same evening.

NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER AT RTC

Mable Revels, principal at Southside Ashpole Elementary School in Rowland, has been appointed to the Robeson Technical College Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Revels, appointed by the Governor, is replacing John Willie Oxendine and will complete his unexpired term, which runs through June 30, 1989.

"We're pleased to have another woman on the board and an individual who is concerned about the education of this area," said RTC President Fred Williams. "She understands the strengths and weaknesses in education and that will certainly help RTC."

Mrs. Revels, 43, earned a bachelor degree in elementary education from PSU and a masters degree in public school administration from Appalachian State University. She taught sixth grade before taking over the principalship at Southside Ashpole in 1978.

"I've always been interested in education," Mrs. Revels said. "I think one of the primary purposes of the institution is to help those whose opportunity has been delayed. It's a college that offers a second chance. Maybe there will be a little something I can add."

A THANK YOU NOTE

I would like to thank the Pembroke Jaycees for making the patients of Southeastern General Hospital Psych Unit have a merry and happy Christmas by contributing fruit baskets to the patients on Psych Unit.

Thank you
Ruby Chavis, Activity Coordinator

LRBC TO MEET

The Lumber River Basin Committee's January meeting will offer an opportunity to sharpen and to share map reading skills. Edward Lee will be on hand with his extensive collection of topographical maps, soil surveys, aerial photographs, and satellite sensings to guide attendees through a study of the Lumber River Basin. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the McLean Room of the Robeson County Public Library on Thursday, January 31st. The public is invited to attend.

CONCERT AT MAGNOLIA SCHOOL

Mr. Henry McNeill, a singer of contemporary, religious songs presented a rousing one man concert at Magnolia School January 10 in just one of his many scheduled presentations across the state.

Mr. McNeill, a native of Robeson County but now residing in Moore County, holds an earned B.S. degree in religion and has written a number of songs reflective of his strong religious beliefs and training. He has just recently produced his first album and anticipates its release very soon.

This was McNeill's second consecutive year of presentation at Magnolia School and Noah Woods, principal, reiterated his open invitation to him to please return at any time.

1885-1985: THE FREEING OF A PROUD PEOPLE: 100 Years Of Indian Education In Robeson County

by Lew Barton, Garry L. Barton, Bruce Barton

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the beginning of an exciting adventure for the Bartons: Lew Barton, and sons, Garry L. and Bruce. We have decided to put our heads together and write about the most exciting chapter in the life story of the Indians of Robeson County—the story of education or, more aptly, the freeing of a proud people, 100 years of Indian Education in Robeson County.

Education is the best story the Indians of Robeson County have to tell; and we hope you will enjoy reading weekly of the mighty efforts of your forebears. It is a wonderful story; one chock full of dignity, honor and perseverance. The culmination is Pembroke State University; the Robeson County School Unit; and Indian children enrolled in schools of higher learning throughout the country.

It is appropriate that this educational story be told in 1985, as we celebrate in 1985 the centennial of Indian education in Robeson County.

HAMILTON McMILLAN: THE FOUNDING FATHER OF INDIAN EDUCATION AND PRESENT DAY PSU

Hamilton McMillan (1837-1916) is considered the founding father of Indian education and Pembroke State University. The Honorable Hamilton McMillan of nearby Red Springs was the man who gave the Indians of Robeson County their name and provided for their education.

McMillan was one of Robeson County's outstanding citizens. He was a state legislator and local historian, who in 1885, sponsored successful legislation giving the Indians of Robeson County legal designation and the privilege of having their own public schools. In 1886 he sponsored additional legislation which upon enactment established a normal school for Indians in Robeson County—the beginning of Pembroke State University.

In 1888 he also published a pamphlet entitled *Sir Walter Raleigh's Lost Colony: A Historical Sketch of the Attempts of Sir Walter Raleigh to establish a colony in Virginia, with the traditions of an Indian tribe in North Carolina, indicating the fate of the Colony of Englishmen left on Roanoke Island in 1587.* In this work he vigorously defended the tradition that at least some of the Raleigh colonists survived and joined with Manteo's tribe migrating ultimately to Robeson County.

HAMILTON McMILLAN MEMORIAL FUND

In 1987 Pembroke State University will observe its One-hundredth Anniversary. It is appropriate to remember Hamilton McMillan during the Centennial celebration. The goal for the Hamilton McMillan Memorial Fund is \$25,000. This fund will be used for erecting a memorial in memory of Hamilton McMillan.

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

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- Mr. Lew Barton
- Mr. Clifton Oxendine, Professor Emeritus

HAMILTON McMILLAN



1837-1916

STERLING JONES INVENTS OKRA CUTTER

Sterling Jones, an enterprising fellow, who has a number of patents to his credit, including one that potentially will produce energy, has opted for practicality this time.

His latest invention is an okra cutter: a device that will do away with the stains and pricks accompanying the unpleasant task of cutting okra.

With Campbell Soup nearby, and the agricultural emphasis on produce and truck farming, Jones' device should prove useful. Jones believes his okra cutter will potentially triple production of okra and similar vegetables like peppers, and promises yet to be discovered uses.

According to agricultural sources, there are some 28 million garden growers—ranging from companies like Campbell Soup to the city dwellers who grow a couple of rows of his favorite produce or vegetable in his front yard. It is a market Jones hopes to reach as his latest invention is developed and marketed.

Jones, 49, has always been a tinkerer and fascinated with discovering new and better ways to do things. He and his wife, Nettie, and daughter, live in Union Township near Union Elementary School.

Pembroke Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday Night.

For Details Call 521-2826!

MISS U.S. TEEN FINALIST FROM N.C.



Mychalene Deese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray Deese of Route 3, Maxton, has been selected as a state finalist in the 1985 Miss North Carolina U.S. Teen Pageant which will be held March 30, 1985 at the Ramada Inn in Raleigh.

Mychalene is a junior at West Robeson High School where she is captain of the cheerleading squad, class secretary and a member of the band.

Mychalene will be sponsored in the pageant by Deese Coach Lines, Kenneth Ray Deese, Jamestown Satellite Sales, and Charles Paul Mobile Homes.

Robeson's WIC Program Celebrating 10 Years

The children of North Carolina are the state's greatest and most valuable resource. Yet each year children are born to women with nutritional deficiencies, resulting in prematurity, low birth weights and iron-deficiency anemias.

Ten years ago the state joined with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in a program designed to meet the nutritional needs of women, infants and children. The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), a preventive measure guarding against malnutrition and the problems associated with it, was begun in North Carolina.

This month the Robeson County Health Department is celebrating the beginning of its ninth year of providing better nutrition to the mothers and children of the county through its own WIC program.

"The infant mortality rate is a little on the high side in this community, also the number of women delivering prematurely, the number of low birth weight infants and the number of SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) deaths," said Lana Dial, nutrition section chief at the Robeson County Health Department.

"The need is largely related to poverty and the level of... CONTINUED PAGE 10"