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Editor's note: Our Indian Renaissance began with passage of 1885 N.C. Laws, Ch. 51 designating Robeson County Indians as "Cronan 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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NEW HILL'S FOOD STORE ANNOUNCED AT PEMBROKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET



Dewey Hill, guest speaker, is presented a plaque of appreciation by Harvey Godwin, Jr. Godwin is manager of Hill's Food Store on Union Chapel Road in Pembroke. Plans were announced for a new, 22,000 square foot Hill's Food Store to be built by Adolph Dial. The new Hill's will front Highway 711 between Wonderland Day Care Center and the LRDA Annex. (Elmer W. Hunt Photo)

PEMBROKE-The Pembroke Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet last Saturday night was the setting for an announcement of a new Hill's Food Store ticketed for the Pembroke area. The announcement was made by developer Dr. Adolph Dial and real estate broker Horace Barnes. Barnes announced, "we have commitments from Hill's Food Store to build a 22,000 square foot store, as well as a 5,000 square foot building from Rite Aid Drug Store." Barnes intimated further development saying, "there will be more announcements soon..."

Dial announced the name of the Shopping Center would be "Colony Plaza," in a way, an acknowledgment of the Lost Colony connection with the Lumbee Indians. Barnes also spoke highly of Dewey Hill, "I've done business with Mr. Hill and I can tell you that Pembroke is fortunate to have him in the business community."

Dewey Hill was the guest speaker and enthused, "one can do whatever he wants to in America." He also paid allegiance to free enterprise as the cornerstone of American society. Hill said, "I have looked forward to this chamber meeting, more so than any other I have been invited to." He promised to be a "valuable member of the business community."

Julian Pierce, chairman of the Installation Banquet Committee, served as master of ceremonies, and welcomed the large turn out at the Pembroke Jaycee Clubhouse. Robeson native, Dwight Lowry, a professional baseball player with the Detroit Tigers, was the special guest of the chamber and gave the invocation. A dedicated Christian, Lowry said, "I am not a speaker... but I know how to pray over food."

Hill was introduced by Harvey Godwin, Jr., the manager of the Hill's Food Store on Union Chapel Road. An important aside was that Godwin's wife sent word to him during the proceedings that she had given birth to a son.

Godwin extolled Dewey Hill. "We are fortunate to have Mr. Hill in our community." Godwin also presented Hill a plaque of appreciation in behalf of the chamber.

Music was provided by Lumbee Pride, a local band of repute that has developed its own voice and following in the area.

Officers presented were: Bruce Barton, president; Gregory Cummings, vice president; Dr. David E. Brooks, secretary; Lindsey Locklear, treasurer; and directors: McDuffie Cummings, George W. Lowry, John Droese and Charles Alton Maynor.

**THE PEMBROKE
MINISTRY
OPEN HOUSE
FEB. 3, 3-6 PM**

**PEMBROKE
COMMUNITY
WORKSHOP
PEMBROKE, N.C.**



Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt [second from right in rear] and speaker Dewey Hill, second from left, are shown with officers of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce: [front row, left to right] Bruce Barton, president; Dr. David E. Brooks, secretary; Charles Alton Maynor, director; and [back row, left to right] Lindsey Locklear, treasurer; Gregory Cummings, vice-president; and McDuffie Cummings, director. Not present for photo were: John Droese and George Lowry. (Elmer W. Hunt Photo)

THE FREEDOM OF A PROUD PEOPLE: 100 Years of Indian Education in Robeson Co. 1864-85: 'THE GOSPEL OF EDUCATION' BEGINS TO BE PREACHED by Lew, Bruce and Garry Barton

"For 100 years," stated Federal Judge Algernon N. Butler in a school case involving Lumbee schools fifteen years ago, "these people paid school taxes but had no access to an education."

That access really began--or the division of it--on a fateful day during the latter part of 1864. For it was then that Col. Hamilton McMillan, then a Confederate officer, was dispatched to investigate Indian unrest in Robeson County.

A great concourse of Indians had gathered, presumably in what came to be called the New Hopes area of the Indian community. The faces of the Indians were grave, their dark, piercing eyes brooding, as they contemplated the grim situation at hand.

An inquest had just been held into the death of two Lumbee braves, both close blood relatives of daring, young Henry Berry Lowry. They had been shot while resisting conscription into the malaria-infested slave camp at Fort Fisher.

"We have always been free!" thundered the uncle of Henry Berry Lowry, George Lowry, rising to his full height.

Now, he said, or implied, it had come to this!

It was not to be borne! it would not be borne!

During the course of his long, sorrowful discourse, George Lowry related many facts and traditions of our past; intriguing concepts fraught with pathos.

Col. Hamilton McMillan, whatever his thoughts, attitudes and feelings at the outset of the gathering, must have left knowing one thing: Neither his life nor the lives of the Lumbee people would ever be the same again!

Hamilton McMillan was a Confederate officer who served with distinction. He was a statesman, a lawyer, a scholar, an historian, a humanitarian. But most of all, he was a great human being.

It is worthy of note that he and Henry Berry Lowry launched careers at roughly the same time, each in his own way, seeking to correct the injustices inflicted upon the Indians.

No other man could or would have done for us what he did. He showed us all a better way. He gave us New Hopes, which is why one of our communities bears that name to this day.

The Lowry Uprising dates from 1864 to 1874. But the efforts of Hamilton McMillan on behalf of the Indians extended to the end of his life in 1913.

Indeed, they extend to this present day...and nobody knows how far beyond they will extend.

How proud he would be of the Robeson County School System and Pembroke State University if he could realize today he planted them both yesterday, largely if not completely as a labor of love!

Because one man dared to stand tall throughout fifty years of his life for what he unflinchingly believed to be right, all succeeding generations in and around Robeson County, North Carolina, must in all fairness rise to call his name blessed.

Because of him, "The Gospel of Education" began to resound throughout the Indian community--and continues even now. It was an effort that would bring us our first M.D. by the turn of the century.

To be continued in next week's issue of The Carolina Indian Voice.

FINAL RITES FOR



Rev. Thomas Mack Swett
1898 - 1985

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.

WEST ROBESON PLAYERS OF WEEK

The West Robeson Players of the Week for January 21-25 are James Blue, 6 foot 2 senior forward, who scored 15 points against Pinecrest and 8 points against Hoke County. James is the son of Annie Hines of Maxton.

And Lisa Locklear, a 5 foot 10 senior forward, who scored a total of 19 points, grabbed 15 rebounds, and had 11 steals in the loss to Hoke and the victory over Pinecrest. Lisa is the daughter of Monque Locklear of Pembroke.

CORRECTION

In last week's article concerning Mychalene Deese, contestant in the Miss N.C. Teen Pageant, we inadvertently stated that she was a junior at West Robeson and Captain of the Cheerleading team. The article should have read: "Mychalene is a sophomore at West Robeson and a member of the cheerleading team." We regret the errors.

LRDA'S HEAD START PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT

The Head Start Program of LRDA has been awarded a grant of \$900.00 from the Training and Technical Assistance Services of Western Kentucky University.

This was a competitive grant for Head Start programs in North Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Applicants were asked to submit a proposal stating their need and use for such a grant.

Mrs. Patricia B. Locklear, Director of LRDA's Head Start Program was responsible for submitting this application. Ms. Yvonne Carter, Early Childhood Coordinator in Indian Education at LRDA and Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, Education Professor from Pembroke State University assisted Mrs. Locklear in the preparation of the proposal.

This program entitled Technology Transfer is sponsored by Western Kentucky University. It is designed to disseminate good program practices, developed and tested in Head Start to other Head Start Programs.

These grant proposals and Head Start materials will be shared with other Head Start Programs from all three states at a conference.

This is the first time that the Head Start Program of LRDA has ever competed in such a competition and they were awarded.

Congratulations to LRDA Head Start. The program is to be commended for a job well done.

OPEN HOUSE AT PEMBROKE AREA PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRY

The Pembroke Area Presbyterian Ministry will be having Open House at the Pembroke Community Workshop, in Pembroke, Feb. 3, from 3-6 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and see what is being done.

LRDA'S TALENT SEARCH PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Indian Health Service and Indian Fellowship applications will soon be available to new students. For more information, contact: Ms. Belinda S. Harris, Talent Search Director, P.O. Box 68, Pembroke, N.C. 28372 (919) 521-8602, ext. 5.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Barton of Pembroke announce the blessings of God-a daughter, Ashley Marie Barton, born January 30, 1985. She weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce when born at 1:59 p.m. at Scotland Memorial Hospital, Laurinburg. Ashley has one sister, Holly Dineen Barton, 6 years old.

A SOCIAL NOTE

Family and friends have planned a covered dish 77th birthday celebration for Mr. Fred Sampson of the Deep Branch community on Sunday, February 3 at the Deep Branch Volunteer Fire Department immediately following church services.

APPLICATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIPS UNDER INDIAN EDUCATION ACT

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION has published notice in the Federal Register that applications for continuation fellowships under the Indian Education Act must be received by March 4, 1985. The purpose of these awards is to enable Indian students to pursue courses of study leading to postgraduate degrees in medicine, law, education and related fields or undergraduate or graduate degrees in business administration, engineering, natural resources and related fields. Application forms and program information may be obtained by writing to the Director, Indian Education Programs, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202. The average fellowship grant in 1984 was \$10,582.

BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST ASSOC. SPONSORS WMU FOCUS FAIR

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association W.M.U. will sponsor a W.M.U. Focus Fair Feb. 10, 1985 from 3-5 p.m. at Island Grove Baptist Church to inform the public of programs in the area like crime and drug prevention and other programs. The public is cordially invited.

PLATE SALE AT DEEP BRANCH VOL. FIRE DEPT.

There will be a Plate Sale Friday, February 8, 1985, from 11 a.m. until, at the Deep Branch Volunteer Fire Dept. Chicken and home-cooked barbecue plates will be on sale for \$3 each. Will deliver for orders of 10 plates or more. To order, call 739-2221.

Come by and see the fire truck built by the volunteer firemen for the Deep Branch Fire District which will be on display.

TOUR TO FLORIDA APRIL 9-13

You are invited to spend 3 nights and 4 days, from April 9 through April 13th in Florida, visiting such sites as Walt Disney, Cypress Gardens, Kennedy Space Center and St. Augustine. Deposit must be paid by Feb. 28th. For more information call Hazel L. Hunt at 521-0542 or 521-4892.

FINAL RITES FOR...

REV. THOMAS MACK SWETT

Funeral services for Rev. Thomas Mack Swett, born 1898, were held Wednesday, January 30, 1985, at 3 p.m., at West Robeson Senior High School, Pembroke, N.C. An estimated 1,100 people attended and listened to Special Music by the Burnt Swamp Baptist Church Youth Choir; Scripture and Prayer by the Rev. James H. Woods, Bishop, Lumber River Holiness Methodist Conference; Eulogy by Rev. Tony Bravington, Director of Missions, Burnt Swamp Baptist Assoc.; Special Music by Rev. and Mrs. Michael Cummings, Mt. Airy Baptist Church; Message by Rev. Harvey L. Bravington, Thomasville, Georgia. Interment was at Burnt Swamp Baptist Church, Pembroke, North Carolina. Committal was by Rev. James H. Woods and Acknowledgment and Prayer was by Rev. Tony Bravington.