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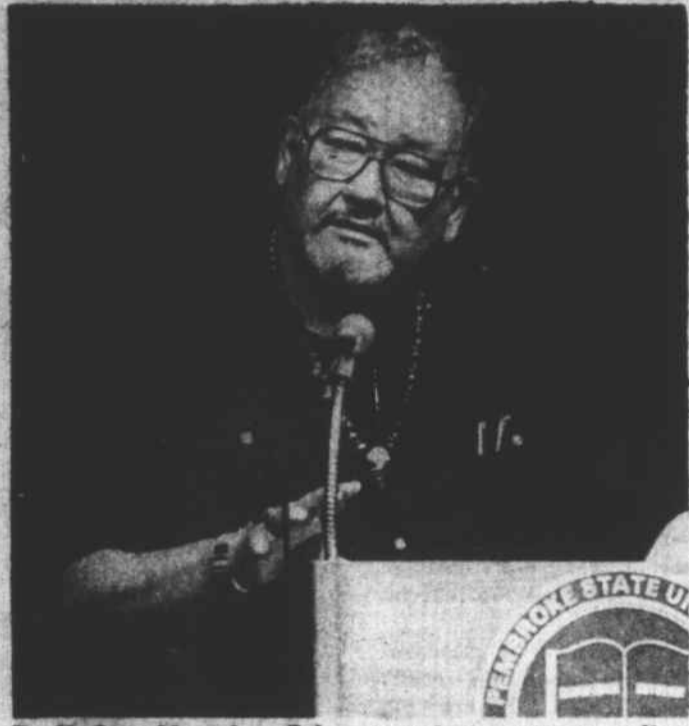


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SCOTT MOMADAY'S MAJESTIC VOICE MAKES HIS INDIAN STORIES AWE-INSPIRING



Dr. N. Scott Momaday...Pulitzer Prize winner speaking at

As he spoke and read from his work, his voice was as rich and melodious as that of Orson Wells. The diction was perfect. He gestured to emphasize certain words--and the words were like instruments in an orchestra.

Dr. N. Scott Momaday, a Kiowa Indian born in Oklahoma and winner 17 years ago of the Pulitzer Prize for literature for his book, "House Made of Prayer," was speaking to several hundred students from Pembroke State University as well as public school students from Robeson County--here Monday morning in the Paul R. Givens Performing Arts Center.

PSU during "N.C. Indian Heritage Week."

Momaday, 51, featured the opening of PSU's observance of "N.C. Indian Heritage Week."

A huge man, Momaday wore a white Indian necklace under his black habit and had bluish Indian rings on each hand plus an Indian bracelet. He was bespectacled and wore a beard--and was the embodiment of great confidence.

The stories he told evolved as he grew up, he was gaining insight into the traditions and culture of his people.

Many of the stories came from his grandmother, Koshah, who lived to be 100 years old. He told how she conjured up the past and told

about the sun dance and her love for the magic of words and names.

Momaday explained how, even after his grandmother died, she had an affect upon his writing. "That ancient one-eyed woman would step out of the language and stood before me on the pages," he said. "She would say, 'Yes, grandson, what is it? What do you want?' And I would reply, 'I am writing about you,' stammering as I said it. And she would say, 'You have well imagined me, and I am. I have seen the falling stars. If I am not here in this room, neither are you.'"

And Momaday would tell the stories, reflecting on such phrases as the Devil's Tower in Wyoming (an area where the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," was filmed) and the boy who turned into a bear.

A writer to whom nine honorary doctorates have been presented, Momaday is now writing a novel, "Set," based on the boy-transformed-into-a-bear fantasy.

A writer, artist, lecturer and college professor, Momaday was making his first trip to Pembroke, a region where some 40,000 Indians live, the most Indians east of the Mississippi River. "No, I've never been to Pembroke before," he said in an interview. "I've been to UNC-Chapel Hill and Raleigh to visit. This weather is wonderful. I appreciate your arranging this weather for me. I was recently in New York City and the weather there was oppressive." He arrived here Saturday

and enjoyed the Indian powwow Sunday at Town Creek Indian Mound near Mt. Gil-ead. It, too, was part of "N.C. Indian Heritage Week."

He said his winning the Pulitzer Prize in 1968 for literature was a "complete surprise to me." The first edition of his book sold 8,000 copies before he won the prize--and then it took off and is still in print. "The benefits were both good and bad," he commented. "Good, in that it made me more visible, but bad, in that I've been invited to speak at countless ladies' luncheons."

Asked what tips he would give to aspiring writers of any age, Momaday replied: "First of all, write. There is no substitute for practice. Write something every day. It doesn't have to be great or immortal. Get something down on paper."

He couldn't overemphasize the importance of being consistent. "Perseverance is more important than any other factor," he said.

Asked whether a would-be writer should read the work of other authors a great deal, Momaday discounted this. "I refer you to what William Faulkner said. 'Baby, I don't read,' he said, adding, 'It's not that important.'"

Momaday concluded by speaking engagements like this a year. "Speaking is very gratifying, but it is also very time-consuming. I'm speaking of the traveling aspect." But he obviously enjoyed being in Pembroke during this special "Indian Heritage Week."

LIONEL HAMPTON AND HIS ORCHESTRA TO OPEN THE SEASON



Lionel Hampton

The Season '85-'86 will open at the Pembroke State University's Paul R. Givens Performing Arts Center on Thursday, October 3, at 8 p.m., with Lionel Hampton and his fifteen piece orchestra. Prior to the evening's performance, a Champagne Gala will be held for season subscribers beginning at 6:30, and the opening of an art exhibit by six North Carolina artists will begin at 7:30.

Lionel Hampton has been a part of the jazz scene for more than fifty years. He was the first major voice on jazz vibraphone. He also plays drums and piano and occasionally dances.

In 1930, a meeting with jazz great Louis Armstrong put Lionel Hampton in the musical history books for all time. Armstrong asked Hampton to be his backup work for him at a recording studio. Hampton was asked to play the vibraphone. That was the first time jazz had ever been played on the vibraphone.

While playing with his own band in California in 1934, a chance meeting at the Paradise Club with Benny Goodman ushered in an era that will always be remembered.

They played together all night and the next morning they made some recordings. Their close contact eventually led Hampton into Goodman's group and the Swing era began.

Swing was an expansion of the jazz age. It was an up tempo that people could dance to. From within the band came the legendary Benny Goodman Quartet, with Goodman on clarinet, Hampton on vibraphone, Teddy Wilson at the piano and Gene Krupa on the drums. The female singer was a blonde named Peggy Lee.

Hampton stayed with the Goodman band until 1940. He believes that the 1930's was a most significant period in American popular music. They were playing the chords that are now considered modern.

Lionel Hampton's career has also included involvement in political and social functions. He has always been academic-minded and possesses Doctor of Music degrees from three universities: Allen, Xavier and Pepperdine. He has developed the Lionel Hampton Community Development Corporation and built the Lionel Hampton Homes in New York City with plans to add a cultural center nearby.

Mayor Koch of New York City put him on the New York Human Rights Commission and his club for children in Harlem is constantly active. Tickets for this performance are \$5.50, \$6.50 and \$7.50 and can be purchased at the box office or at Crumplers Dancing Shop located at 322 East 24th Street in Lumberton. For more information or to make reservations call the Performing Arts Center at 521-0778.

Brooks Announces Candidacy For Re-election



Larry T. Brooks

Councilman Larry T. Brooks has announced his candidacy for re-election for a third term on the Pembroke Town Council in the upcoming municipal election. Brooks is employed with the Robeson County Board of Education as Principal of Oxendine Elementary School.

He is a 1971 graduate of Pembroke State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics and earned his Masters Degree in Administration from Appalachian State University in 1976.

Prior to accepting the Principalship of Oxendine Elementary, he worked in Special Programs at Pembroke State University for nine years and taught math in the public schools of Robeson for four years. He is also a member of the US Army during the Viet Nam conflict.

Long active in civic affairs, Brooks is a past president of the Pembroke Jaycees and went on to represent Pembroke on the North Carolina Jaycees Executive Committee. He is also a member of American Legion Post #205 and various professional organizations.

Council and represents the Town of Pembroke on the Lumber River Council of Governments.

In making his announcement, Brooks made the following statement: "Serving the past eight years as your Town Councilman has been a very rewarding experience for me. I've made decisions and voted my convictions on many issues keeping in mind what was in the best interest for the Town of Pembroke and the majority of its citizens and not for any select few. I've tried to and will continue to use a 'common sense' approach to city government."

"I am concerned about our town and its residents. We are moving in a very positive direction, and I would like to see us continue to move that way. Our children deserve no less than the best we can offer."

"During these past eight years, we've made great strides in water and sewer expansion; housing rehabilitation; curbing, paving of streets, and drainage; recreation; annexation; capital improvements; and our town continues to operate on a sound fiscal budget."

"If I am re-elected as your public servant, I am committed to continue to work for the best interests of our town, our citizens, and our children. Continuing to use a 'people-oriented, common sense' approach to problem solving. Thinking 'people' and what is best for the 'people' before solutions can be sought for their problems."

Brooks is the son of Lela H. Brooks of Cherokee Street and the late John J. Brooks, long-time educator in Robeson County. He and his wife, Elizabeth, are members of the Harpers Ferry Baptist Church. They are the proud parents of four children: Devy, 20, a Junior at UNC-CH; Lela Ann, 12, and John Avery and Larry Trent II, (twins) 9, all students in the Pembroke schools.

I sincerely solicit your continued support in my bid for re-election on Tuesday, November 5."

Momaday Receives Gift From Eagle Distributing Co.



Dr. N. Scott Momaday (right), Pulitzer Prize-winning author from the University of Arizona, is presented a gift from

the Eagle Distributing Co. of Lumberton. It is entitled "Budweiser Salutes Great American Indians." Pictures

of outstanding Indians are depicted. The presentation was made at a PSU luncheon Monday by Lindsey Collins of Eagle Distributing Co.

LRDA TAKING ENERGY APPLICATIONS

Applications will be taken from October 7th to November 27th, 1985, for fuel assistance through North Carolina's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program. Low-income households that need help in paying heating bills may apply for assistance at designated offices and centers of Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc.

Eligible households will receive a check through the mail in February, 1986. Persons who think they are eligible and wish to apply are urged to contact the L.R.D.A. office or center near their home.

Social Services recipients should bring the following items when they apply: (1) Food Stamp I.D. Card. (2) Social Security numbers for household members.

Non-Social Services recipients should bring the following items: (1) Information about your household's income. If anyone works, wage stubs for the month of October should be included. (2) Information about your household's property, stocks, bank statements, bonds, and other assets. (3) Social Security numbers for household members. (4) Verification of S.S.I., Social Security, V.A., Unemployment, Retirement Check. (Bring copies or statements of checks if possible. (5) Verification of income from rental property, farm income, etc.

The LRDA offices and centers taking applications include: (1) JTPA Building 521-9761 (2) LRDA Office-Lumberton 738-7906 (In back of E.M.C. Building, Food

Town Shopping Center) (3) All LRDA sponsored Daycare centers (4) N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, Lumberton Office, 738-6272 (5) Benton's Court, Rowland 739-3032 (6) JTPA outreach center, Scotland County 276-6265 (7) Lumbee River Electric Membership, Red Springs 738-7906 (8) LRDA Talent Search Office 521-8602 (9) Cherokee Indian Mission (Hoke County) (10) Lumbee Shopping Center 844-5665

All applications will be taken from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. weekdays, unless stated differently above.

For more information about the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, contact Shirley Locklear at LRDA or call CareLine free at 1-800-662-7030.

P.H.S. Class of 1960 Holds Class Reunion

The Pembroke High School Class of 1960 celebrated their 25th reunion on Saturday night, August 31, 1985 at the Pembroke Jaycee Clubhouse.

Forty-two classmates, thirty-five spouses, and four former faculty members, and six special guests attended the reunion which consisted of registration, steak dinner (catered by the Pembroke Jaycees), Business session (with introductions, recognition of deceased faculty and class members, and presentation of gifts), and a dance.

Classmates from eight different states were in attendance, with Bruce Hunt traveling the farthest distance

from Chicago, Ill. The former faculty members in attendance were: Dr. Norma J. Thompson, Mr. Benny Sampson, Mr. Josephus (Joe) Jacobs, and Mr. Jim Cook.

A special occasion for the evening was the recognition of deceased faculty and class members with special plaques being presented to family members. Mr. Benny R. Sampson accepted for his brother Mr. Sanford Sampson, Mr. George Locklear for his brother Bobby C. Locklear, Mr. Craig Sampson, Jr. for his brother Larry C. Sampson, Mr. John Lowry for his husband William R. Lowry.

Balloon Release Demonstration Scheduled For September 21

The nation's largest, commercial, radioactive incinerator is being proposed for operation in North Carolina. The Coalition Against the Radioactive Incinerator, a coalition of organizations opposing the plans to build the facility, is sponsoring a Balloon Release on Saturday, September 21, for 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. on the property adjacent to the proposed incinerator site.

The schedule for the balloon release is as follows: 12:00-2:00 Blow up balloons, entertainment, refreshments. 2:00 Program begins. 2:30 Balloon Release as part of program.

The purpose of the Balloon Release is to demonstrate how harmful emissions from the incinerator will be carried and distributed over a wide area of North Carolina and neighboring states, depending on wind velocity and other weather conditions. The harmful emissions from incineration process include carbon 14, nitrogen, dioxide, iodine, and dioxin.

Radioactive Incinerator has recommended management

of low-level radioactive waste through a plan of super-compaction followed by above ground storage on site at nuclear power plants. The Coalition has presented scientific, economic, corporate and social data in support of their opposition to the proposed plan of U.S. Ecology that is now before the Department of Human Resources for approval.

The location of the proposed incinerator and the Balloon Release on Saturday, September 21, 1985 is on Highway #20, 7 miles east of St. Pauls. The site is also two miles west of the intersection of Highway #20 and Highway #67.

The helium balloons will be carrying self-addressed, stamped envelopes inside of them to document the direction and distance of potential harmful emissions.

RESPONSE "GREAT" TO PREVIEW SHOWING OF BILLY GRAHAM FILM

The response to the special free preview showing last Friday of the Billy Graham film, "Cry From The Mountain," was tremendous, agreed members of the Robeson County film committee.

The Cinema 4 Theatre in Lumberton, where the film was shown, has a seating capacity of 391, and almost every seat was taken.

Mike Hawkins, premiere coordinator of the Billy Graham organization, said, "This is one of the largest crowds we have had for any preview showing. I'm very pleased."

secretary of the Robeson County film committee, reported that 69 churches were represented at the preview showing along with four clubs. "We had 19 pastors present," Mrs. Johnson said. "It was a great response."

After the showing, churches picked up their discount tickets in the lobby for the regular showing of the movie Oct. 18-24 at the Cinema 4. "A total of 1,310 tickets were checked out by the various churches," Mrs. Johnson said.

For those churches not represented at the preview showing, they can pick up discount tickets and posters from now on at the Christian Book Store, 2700 N. Elm St., Lumberton. The phone number there is 738-7193.

Beginning Monday night was the first of three "Christian Life and Witness Course" offerings at three Lumberton churches on successive weeks. The first was at the Chestnut Street United Methodist Church, hosted by Jan Kennedy. The second will be Sunday and Monday, Sept. 22-23, at First Baptist Church on Walnut Street, hosted by

Pat Giles. It will be from 5-7 p.m. Sept. 22, and from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 23. The third course offering will be at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, each night from 7-9 p.m. Hostess there is Nancy Allen. All of the courses are on video cassette. Persons taking the courses will be invited to be ministers at the Oct. 18-24 film showing, but this is not a requirement.

Churches wishing to show a special promotional clip of the film can contact Richard Castleberry, minister of youth at First Baptist Church on Walnut Street, phone 739-4336.