

# PEMBROKE STATE UNIVERSITY

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## 15 RUSSIANS VISITED PEMBROKE AS IT CELEBRATED LUMBEE HOMECOMING.

Last month's Lumbee Homecoming at Pembroke will be one that 15 Russian visitors from New York will remember for years to come.

It was the first time any had seen American Indians--as they attended at Pembroke such events as the "Miss Lumbee" pageant, the Lumbee Indian homecoming parade, the season's premiere performance of "Strike at the Wind" (the outdoor Indian drama), and visited Pembroke State University's Native American Resource Center.

Their hosts were all Lumbee Indians in whose homes they lived for the weekend, but the initiative to have them visit was that of Dr. John Rimberg, PSU professor of sociology. Rimberg, who has visited Russia twice (in 1959 and 1962), has written three books on Russian films.

Rimberg was teaching a graduate course at PSU about "Cultural Difference in Education" and asked his students if they would like to meet some real Russians. They replied,

"Yes," so Rimberg arranged a flight for them on Saturday to New York where they met 50 Russians, among them students at Polytechnic University of New York.

From the visit came an invitation from the graduate students to the Russians to visit Pembroke during Lumbee Homecoming on the weekend of July 4. Fifteen of the Russians agreed to come along with six Americans of whom four were U.S. citizens now making their homes in Paris. Assisting in hosting the Russians and others for the weekend were not only the PSU graduate students, but the Lumbee Regional Development Association, Robeson Historical Drama, Inc., and several "host" families in this area.

Accompanying the Russians on their visit to Pembroke was professor Louis Menashe of the Polytechnic University faculty and his daughter, Claudia, who is a student at Guilford College.

The four Americans now residing in Paris who also visited Pembroke were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Monet and their children, Paul and Juliette. Paul is attending the University of Paris, while Juliette goes to college in Massachusetts. The father is a journalist working in Paris for an English newspaper, while the mother teaches English to French college students.

The Russians were: Alex Aklov, Eleanor Bindman, Vladimir Birmakher, Nina Dymov, Alex Fisher, Leonard Kozlov, Vadim Kustanovich, Roman Litvak, Ilya Lyubarsky, Alex Melamudov, Gene Obolenskie, Vadim Tsinker, Ella Yustin, Stanley Zaykaner and Dmitry Zevelev.

They are from large Russian cities such as Moscow or Leningrad and are studying engineering in the U.S.

Chairing the host committee of PSU graduate students was James Stanford Locklear of Pembroke. His committee members were Barbara Barton, Pembroke; Connie Graham, Fayetteville; Shirley Ann Horne, Maxton; and Lydia Locklear, Hope Mills.

PSU graduate students who traveled to New York for the initial meeting with the Russians were Audrey Chavis, Lumberton; Sherry Collins, Pembroke; Nelia Ann Crain, Pembroke; Paulette Barton Deese, Pembroke; Sylvia Ann Locklear, Maxton; Debrae Duaine Mercer, Fayetteville; and Phyllis Murray, Pembroke.

"The Russians said it was a great learning experience," said Rimberg. "It was also very pleasant, they said, learning about the Lumbee Indians on the Lumbees' home turf. Living in the Lumbee Indians' homes was especially meaningful to them."

The visitors' weekend began in Pembroke after a trip by van from New York. They had breakfast at a Pembroke restaurant, followed by a meeting with host families at PSU's Business Administration Building.

Thereafter began their attendance at the Lumbee Homecoming events: the "Miss Lumbee" pageant, Lumbee homecoming parade, tour of PSU's Native American Resource Center (conducted by center director Dr. Stanley Knick), antique automobile show, horse show, archery competition, cookout and picnic, a mini-lecture about the Lumbee Indians by Dr. Adolph Dial, chairman of the PSU American Indian Studies Department, and a dance at a restaurant in Lumberton.

The group also went to see the outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind."

Dr. Rimberg said one of his graduate students plans to interview "host" family members in collecting impressions of the visit.

"This 'exchange' appears to have been a real success," reflected Rimberg, who expressed satisfaction with how well it went. As he said, his students and others did get the opportunity to "meet some real Russians."

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*Beautiful Day!*  
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EXPECT SOMETHING WONDERFUL  
TO HAPPEN  
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## EXTENSION SCENE

by L. Everett Davis

In this column last week I mentioned briefly that the Extension Service will sponsor its Annual County Agricultural Tour on August 27. I would like to use this opportunity to discuss this tour in more detail and to invite you to join us for this activity.

It is not unusual to hear someone make the statement that agriculture is big business in Robeson County. Unfortunately, few of us realize just how big it is and the complexity and diversity of our agricultural economy. Returning well over \$100 million in gross sales most years, this segment of our economy provides almost as much income as the wages paid by all the industries in the county combined. Almost twenty percent of our population is involved in the direct production of crops, and every single citizen in the county is affected, in one way or another, with the success of our farm operations.

Few citizens, including those involved in the production of the crops, have the opportunity to be exposed to the many different crops that are growing and what is required in the production of those crops. Sometimes it is because there is a lack of awareness that certain things are happening. Often, it is because there is no time or contacts available to search out the different farm activities and gain an understanding of them.

Most producers are well aware of what is going on in their communities. Other citizens often read about agriculture in the newspapers or see short reports on the television news programs. These situations often do not provide an insight into the entire county situation.

Some citizens contact the Extension Service for specific agricultural information and others request assistance from our staff to provide tours for out-of-town visitors. In these cases, there is often an expression of amazement at what is actually happening in the county.

## Engagement Announced



dated from Prospect High School in 1980 and from Pembroke State University in 1984. She is employed by Con verse, Inc.

Her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Locklear of Route 2, Pembroke, NC. He graduated from Pembroke Senior High School in 1978 and attended Robeson Technical College. He is employed by CP&L, Weatherspoon Plant in Lumberton, NC.

The wedding is planned for August 30, 1987 in Prospect United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Locklear of Maxton, NC announce the engagement of their daughter, Miriam, to Anthony Lin Locklear, Miss Locklear gra-

No invitations will be mailed, but friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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Because of the factors mentioned above, and to help more people gain a better understanding of Robeson County agriculture, the Extension Service conducts several organized tours each year. The Annual County Tour is the most complete tour and the one most enjoyed by more people. The tour will leave at 8:00 a.m. from the parking lot of the O.P. Owens Agricultural Center. Transportation will be provided for those who desire not to drive. Those who wish to drive their own vehicles may do so and may feel free to leave the tour whenever is necessary. The tour will highlight the southern portion of the county, and a sponsored lunch will be provided at Seafood and Fish's in Farmont. Refreshments will be available throughout the tour.

Points of interest during the morning will include: a view of the waste treatment facility of the city of Lumberton as they begin to apply sewage sludge to area farms for better utilization of available nutrients; a demonstration of a wood-fired curing system for bulk tobacco barns; a purebred cow-calf operation using performance testing and the facilities needed for this operation; and a demonstration of black plastic mulch, trickle irrigation and greenhouse transplants for vegetable production. After lunch the group will visit an extensive local corn variety demonstration, a massive contract turkey production operation, and an Official Soybean Variety research test.

Those who are involved in agriculture are naturally invited to join us for this tour. I feel that this tour will help you stay abreast of what is going on in the county as well as gain a better understanding of the new technology that is being developed.

To those who are not involved in agriculture, let me extend a special invitation for you to join us. If it is possible for you to take a half day, or even a full day, from your normal activities, I am sure you will be amazed at what you see and that you will gain a greater appreciation for the agriculture in this county. This invitation is extended especially to retirees, housewives, and others who may be interested.

Since the tour will include a sponsored lunch, we must request that you call the Extension Service at 738-8111 prior to August 20 and register so we may make the proper arrangements for food.

## Faith Baptist Church Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony



Left to Right: Lester Locklear, Harvey McMillian, Noah White, Rev. Mike Cummings, Rev. John L. Locklear, pastor, and Romuel Strickland.

Faith Baptist Church held their Groundbreaking and Dedication Ceremony recently on the site for the church two miles south of U.S. Hwy. 74

on Hwy. 710. Officiating the ceremony were Rev. Mike Cummings, pastor of Mt. Airy Baptist Church and Acting Director of Missions for the Burnt Swamp Association, and Rev. John L. Locklear, pastor of the church.

Attending the ceremony were officers and members of the church.

Beginning prayer was led by Rev. Mike Cummings, followed by the song "Amazing Grace" led by Rev. John L. Locklear, Jr. The Groundbreaking and Dedication Prayer along with responsive reading taken from Genesis 28:10-22 were led by Rev. John L. Locklear.

The first shovel of soil was turned by the Deacons of the church: Bro. Lester Locklear, Bro. Harvey McMillian, and Bro. Romuel Strickland. This was followed by officers of the church each turning a shovel of soil.

The ceremony closed with the benediction given by Rev. John L. Locklear.

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