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ANNUAL ART SET JUNE 28TH

Art collectors and supporters of Robeson County's outdoor drama, "Strike At The Wind" will again be able to gather at Lumberton's Ramada Inn on June 28 for the unveiling and auction of a painting by Lumberton artist Gloria "Tara" Lowery at an annual art dinner.

The SATW Art Dinner was first held two years ago to raise funds for the 13-year-old drama whose central personality is a true historical character, Henry Berry Lowrie, whose outlaw exploits - although somewhat romanticized, according to some accounts - are chronicled in the script for the play.

The art dinner, sponsored by Robeson Historical Drama, Inc. will be the drama's largest annual fundraiser and is expected to draw 300 guests who will pay \$25.00 each and have an opportunity to examine 20 pieces of artwork by the artist during a hospitality hour prior to the 7 p.m. prime-rib steak dinner. After dinner, the commissioned five by five-foot painting depicting members of the Lowrie gang will be unveiled and auctioned.

According to Robeson Historical Drama Board Chairman, Harvey Godwin, Jr., last year's framed original painting of Henry Berry Lowrie's wife, Rhoda, brought \$9,000. The four by four-foot painting by Maryland artist Ellis W. Sampson was bought by Dr. Adolph L. Dial. It is on loan to Pembroke State University's Native American Resource Center.

The first painting commissioned by the drama board was of Henry Berry Lowrie in a river scene by San Diego artist Gene Locklear. Eugene Gene Locklear of Lumberton now owns the painting.

Godwin says Lowery, a Lumbee Indian, was selected as this year's official art dinner artist because of her excellent talent in capturing male figures on canvas.

"Not only is Mrs. Lowery an excellent artist, she's left no page or stone unturned in researching the history of the subjects appearing in this special piece of artwork," Godwin adds.

He says the board will only reveal the subject matter of the Lowery painting. Actual viewing of the work by the West Robeson School art instructor will take place at the dinner.

He says the event will give art collectors an opportunity to bid on the painting as well as buy limited printed copies of the original. Lowery will be the exclusive artist showing work at the event.

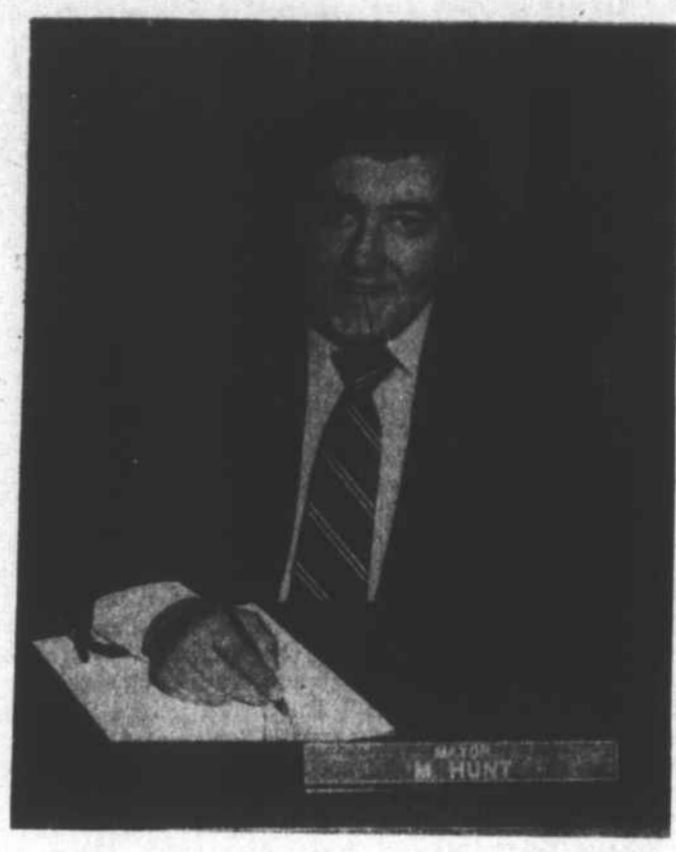
Tickets to the SATW Art Dinner go on sale June 1. They may be purchased from any Robeson Historical Drama Board Member or from the office of SATW located in PSU's Old Main building.

For Art Dinner reservations or information, call 919-521-2489 or 521-3112, or contact Ramada Inn in Lumberton.

Hunt Becomes New Rowland Commissioner



Voters in Robeson County continued to remove incumbents from the Board of Commissioners by ousting incumbent Henry Douglas and nominating Johnny Hunt. Incumbents Carl Britt, H.T. Taylor and Jack Morgan were turned away by voters in the May 3 primary. Their terms expire at the end of November.



WHEREAS, crime and its effect upon the lives and property of our citizens is of utmost concern, and the continued efforts of our local government, citizens' organizations and individuals to curb this problem is greatly appreciated; and

WHEREAS, the problems of crime touch and effect all segments of our society, and can undermine and erode the moral and economic strengths of our communities and their citizens if unabated; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and determination to maintain the faith in preservation of law and order and

the appreciation of the importance of law enforcement officers and their role in preserving social order in a democracy is everyone's responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Optimist Clubs and their members continue to sponsor and support programs aimed at combating crime and disrespect for law through year-round efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Milton R. Hunt, Mayor of the Town of Pembroke, do hereby Proclaim the day of June 4, 1988 as "RESPECT FOR LAW DAY" and ask the citizens of the Town of Pembroke to join with th

Optimists in carrying the message of respect for law to other citizens, and by example, exercise responsible citizenship.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the Town of Pembroke to be affixed, this the 25th day of May, 1988.
Milton R. Hunt, Mayor



LCPL Ronald Eric Locklear, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Locklear of Maxton, NC, is home on leave from Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Locklear is the grandson of Mrs. Louise S. Locklear of Pembroke, NC, and Mr. Claudie Locklear of Maxton, NC, and Mr. and Mrs. James R. Jacobs of Maxton, NC.

Locklear is an Aviation Specialist in the United States Marines stationed in Hawaii for 3 years. He enlisted in the Marines in July 1986. He is a graduate of West Robeson Senior High.



Flora MacDonald Academy has announced Miss Nina Nicole Locklear as valedictorian of the academy's graduating class of 1988. Miss Locklear resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Locklear, in Pembroke. She is the Valedictorian of this year's senior class, was a marshal in her junior year, Miss FMA and May Queen for 1988.

She has been a member of the basketball, softball and volleyball teams and was co-captain of the cheerleaders.

Nina has attended FMA three years and this year she is vice-president of the senior class. She also was a Morehead Scholarship nominee. Her club memberships include the BETA Club (secretary), Annual Staff, Science Club, and French Club.

She is a member of the Bear Swamp Baptist Church where she is the secretary.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

Benny Rhett & Helen Sampson

Life since retirement has been sweet as C₁₂H₂₂O₁₁ (sugar) for Benny Rhett and Helen Sampson. The Pembroke couple gave a combined total of 67 years to public service before retiring in 1976 and '77 respectively.

For 31 years, Mr. Sampson was Pembroke High School's Einstein. He joined the faculty staff there in 1944, and taught general math and science for five years before taking over the school's chemistry laboratory.

And Mrs. Sampson donated more than two decades to promoting health and child care, homelife and wildlife to people of Robeson County through Home Extension Service. During a course of 25 years, she became one that hundreds of adults and young people looked to for advice on subjects which affected their lifestyles.

It was at Cherokee Indian Normal School the couple met while students. He was a neat formal-type young man from a large Deep Branch community family. She was a shy, well-schooled-in-etiquette young woman whose mother had taught her the proper procedure in setting flatware on a dining table by age three.

After a chance meeting several notes were delivered to Mrs. Sampson from Mr. Sampson, which she ignored at first. At a school social function a few weeks later, she noticed how gentlemanly he really was. His flawless appearance in dress caught her eye, too.

A studious Mr. Sampson was doing a "sizing-up", too. "It may not have been love at first sight, but it was interesting at first sight," he laughs when remembering the first time he met his wife of 48 years.

The 1931 school session ended and Mr. Sampson graduated. The 19-year-old received his B Teaching Certificate and began teaching third and fourth grade students at his childhood school of Deep Branch for 11 years.

The following summer, at the encouragement of his school teacher and Indian Normal School trustee father, Braxton Sampson, he left for Kentucky State Teachers College where he pursued study for an A Teaching Certificate. But before he left, he worked out a formula which he figured would hold the heart of the young Lumbee maiden he'd been courting. He slipped an engagement ring on her finger.

And as he studied that summer, a particular formula remained ever in his thoughts. It became known as the "Four W's": Watching her, Working for

her, Waiting for her and Worthy of her.

He tested and tested the formula. It worked. The couple married in 1940.

After marriage Mrs. Sampson put her education on hold and became a full-time homemaker. After the birth of her son and daughter, she returned to school and graduated from Cherokee Indian Normal School in 1949. She taught school at Oak Grove School for two years before becoming the first American Indian female to be employed with Robeson County's Extension Service. Her assignment as Assistant Associate Agent working with Indian 4-H Youth and homemakers came before the enactment of the Civil Rights Bill. She was to endure years of racial prejudice from some fellow staff members. Even training for agents was segregated and mixing races of homemakers was not practiced she says.

Some positive change came about in the 1960's when her district extension office passed a resolution abolishing the separation of white, black and Indian homemaker clubs.

"In spite of the early years of racial prejudices, I was committed to staying with the Extension Service because of the joy I received in working with people. I knew my people had talent in all fields that only needed tilling," the 71-year-old grandmother says.

"I would have knocked myself out until I died to prove we could compete equally as well. Where the whites in the county had three female agents to do the job, the Indians had me," she sadly remembers.

Her hard-nose, hard-work attitude paid off when she saw and Indian 4-H Club member become Robeson County's first state officer. With welling eyes and a swelling heart she was to see an Indian 4-H youth win a local, state and national award in the health field.

And when she retired, Mrs. Sampson regretted that there had been no other Indian female employed as an agent during her long tenure.

Not only was Mrs. Sampson intent on turning out good human products during her career, her husband thrived to do the same. But what the energetic chemistry teacher found in the school's chemistry lab when he took over, left him with aghast feelings.

"The facility was extremely limited with one sink, one Bunsen burner and a couple of homemade thin plywood tables," he remembers. "And there I

was with 25-30 students and expected to teach chemistry."

Determined to build a decent lab, he gained permission from Principal Elmer T. Lowry to meet with Robeson County School Superintendent and request funds for lab improvements. With his list and speech in hand, Mr. Sampson drove to Lumberton. There he stood and argued his case persistently. He won and was given authorization to purchase \$5000 worth of much-needed supplies. Two days later on a Saturday, Mr. Sampson was on his way back from Raleigh with a backseat filled with bottles of chemicals.

"We were a bit uneasy hauling the supplies, not knowing whether they would explode or not," laughs Mrs. Sampson who accompanied her husband on the trip.

The same school year, Mr. Sampson negotiated with Pembroke State College to secure six lab tables from its science department which was relocating to another campus building. A \$300 bid made to the state won the tables for his school.

Mr. Sampson says teaching is a training process for any teacher. And he loved the process. He says he never tired of teaching chemistry. Throughout his teaching career, the 74-year-old chemist was held in the highest esteem by his students.

"Students aren't going to remember a lot of data and detail items. What most of them learn and value are principles," he comments. "You can secure as many degrees as a thermometer and still be a fool."

When Mr. Sampson retired, he wondered what in the world he'd do with his time. Afterwards, he wondered if he could develop a formula whereas there could be more hours in a day. There's been little slow-up in the lives of the couple who has had many rich experiences in traveling throughout the U.S. A 1964 visit to the World's Fair in New York sparked an interest in tour travel. Immediately after retirement Mr. Sampson contracted as an independent agent with Trailways Coach Lines in Fayetteville and conducted tours for eight years.

In retirement the Sampsons continue to broaden their knowledge through study of various subjects. They've taken woodcrafts courses at Robeson Community College. She's studied art there and at PSU. She's known far and wide for her exquisite creations in eggery. The energetic couple stays physically fit through proper diet and exercise-mostly walking two miles daily.



Benny R. and Helen Sampson enjoy a rest on their backyard patio.

Church work consumes much of their time. He is a serious student of the Bible and many hours are spent weekly in preparing for the Bible study group he teaches at Berea Baptist Church. And since retiring as long time Sunday School superintendent, he often is called on to teach Sunday School lessons.

Mr. Sampson is not a new Bible student. As a young college student he'd carry his Bible to his father's tobacco barn. There he'd read as he fired the furnace during tobacco

curing season. "A person needs to form two relationships in life-a vertical and horizontal relations. The vertical is with the Lord. The horizontal is with man," he comments.

His students would agree with their beloved former teacher on that formula. For it was during their formative years at Pembroke High School he told them, "Strive for excellence, for you are the NaCl (salt) of your community and of the earth."

New Gospel Music Program To Feature Indian Singers

Beginning June 4, 1988 a new gospel music program will be heard over WTSC-580 on your a.m. dial, Lumberton. The new program will be aired every Saturday, beginning June 4, at 1 p.m. and lasting until 3 p.m. The new program will be called the Native American Gospel Hour. The program will play gospel music by

Native American singers. Any Native American group with an album, cassette or 8-track should call Rev. Grover Oxendine at 521-9875. All Native American Gospel singers will be promoted on the program free of charge. Any church announcements and special singings, etc. will also be made on the program free of charge.

MISS INDIAN NC PAGEANT PLANNED

United Tribes of North Carolina is pleased to announce plans to crown a 1988-89 "Miss Indian North Carolina" in September, during Indian heritage Week. Applications are now being accepted. Those interested in competing for the title of "Miss Indian USA Pageant" in November.

All applicants must submit an essay on North Carolina Indians with their application and pay a \$50 entry fee.

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