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Local drummer opens for Kitty Wells

by Garry Lewis Barton
William Paul Locklear, Magnolia School alumni, of St. Pauls, has been playing drums for twenty years, starting out playing in a gospel group and going on to play a wide spectrum of music, including country, western, rock and soul.

Winning the "King of Magnolia School" crown with a solo drum performance in 1973, Locklear has studied under a number of great drummers, including Ed Shannessy, the drummer for Johnny Carson's Tonight Show band; Cliff Davis, drummer for the very popular Ted Nugent; and Terrell Santil of the Pointer Sisters and Patrice Russian.

Known in inner musical circles as one of the best drummers in the southeastern N.C. area, his expertise

has enabled him to travel extensively. Locklear played drums for the very popular and talented Lori Ann Locklear, a local recent talent competition winner, and he also played for the now defunct Lumbee Pride country music band, opening up once for Roy C.

Recently he was contacted by Rick "Big Red" Brooks, a former WLAB disc jockey and son of Dale Brooks, former owner of WLAB radio station in St. Pauls. "Big Red" presently works for K92 FM radio station in Orland, Florida and wanted Locklear to play drums in his country music band, The Country Cruisers.

Locklear traveled to Orlando and played with The Country Cruisers

in a concert May 28, 1989, being the opening act for the legendary Kitty Wells and well known country music star, John Conlee, of "Rose Colored Glasses" fame.

"Being privileged to play on the same stage with Kitty Wells, the first lady of country music, and the great John Conlee," said Locklear, "was a dream come true. I have been playing drums semi-professionally for years and am interested in playing professionally. The exposure I received from playing with two stars of that caliber was a big boost to my career."

If, indeed, people "walk to the beat of a different drummer," they could find no finer drummer to walk - or dance - to than William Paul Locklear, drummer extraordinaire.



William Locklear at work and play.



William Paul Locklear is shown with his girl friend, Nezzie, and the great John Conlee.

Pembroke Advances to State Championship: Dixie Youth Baseball



The Pembroke All-Star Team players are shown above. Kneeling on the first row, left to right: Skegee Brooks (Bat Boy). Second row, kneeling left to right: Ron Everette Locklear, Glenn Brooks, Gene Lashly, Brandon Brantley, Branlon Woodell, Quinn Lowry, Jon-Breck Sampson, Brandon Furr. Standing, third row, left to right: Coach Hilton Woodell, Corey Locklear, Matt McNeill, Corey Jacobs, Brian Oxendine, Cedric Woodell, Jeremiah Cummings, Richard Lowry, Angie Revels (score keeper), and Coach Veril Brooks.

Pembroke's All-Star Team, coached by Veril Brooks and Hilton Woodell, captured the Dixie Youth Baseball District IX Major League championship on Saturday, July 22.

Pembroke defeated five-time Dixie Youth Champs Bladen County with a split in the double-elimination tournament. Pembroke claimed a 4-1 record with first victory over Maxton 6-0, a 5-2 win over Red Springs and 3-1 victory over Fairmont.

Pembroke's All-Star Team is a first competition to advance at Bessemer City July 29-August 4. The Pembroke Team plans to depart for Bessemer City Friday accompanied by a numerous amount of supporting parents and fans. Pembroke All-Star Team would like to express much appreciation to the supporting teams, Fairmont and Maxton.

New Faces Appear in Strike at the Wind

Two new faces to the outdoor drama *Strike at the Wind!* this year are Lanie Bergin and Susan Hamburger, both of New York. Miss Bergin, who portrays Dolly King, is a student at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City. Miss Hamburger, the company Stage Manager, attends Bard College in Red Hook, New York.

Miss Bergin has found the Pembroke area an interesting place to live. "I turned down a role at the Lost Colony and chose *Strike at the Wind!* because I wanted a place where I could obtain a feeling of closeness with my fellow actors and relate to the people more freely. It's exciting to be a part of this cast and meeting the many new and friendly people here."

Miss Bergin will be a second year student at the Academy when she returns this fall. She has appeared in such productions as "Vanities," "Crimes of the Heart," "In the Boom Boom Boom," and "Come Back Little Sheba," just to name a few.

Miss Hamburger finds the story of *Strike at the Wind!* unique because it took place in this area. "I look around and the history is there and so are the many stories. It

seems the legend of Henry Bear touches every part of this land and every person." Miss Hamburger also stated that the more she learns about the Lumbee Indian history, the more intriguing the play becomes.

Miss Hamburger will be a senior at Bard College when she returns in the fall. She is seeking a major in dance choreography. Some of her credits include working with the Roundabout Theater in New York City, The John Harms Theater in New Jersey, and with the Colonial Players in Maryland.

According to Assistant Managing Director, David Thaggard, both Miss Bergin and Miss Hamburger were auditioned at the Institute of Outdoor Drama auditions in Chapel Hill in March of this year.

The added experience of the new performers along with the familiarity of the veteran performers, makes for quite a strong and powerful show.

Strike at the Wind! performs every Thursday through Saturday at 8:30 p.m. until August 26 at the Adolph Dial Amphitheater. For tickets or more information call (919)521-3112.

Steve Locklear Matchett Signs with Detroit Tigers

Steve Matchett, a former Red Springs pitcher, has been selected by the Detroit Tigers in the 35th round of baseball's amateur draft. He has signed a contract with the Detroit Tigers. Matchett was to return to Pembroke State University for his senior year, but will now instead pursue a career in professional baseball. He has been assigned to the Tigers' rookie league team in the Appalachian League.

Matchett, 6-foot-3, 205-pound right hander, first attracted the Tigers' attention after the April 24 PSU win over Wingate, 10-4. Dave Littlefield, a Detroit scout, was on hand at that game to scout Wingate infielder, Marc Tsitouris. However, Matchett impressed him instead with his live arm and five strike outs in a two and two thirds inning relief appearance.

Pembroke State Coach Danny Davis said that the Montreal Expos also showed an interest in Matchett. During his career at

PSU, Matchett compiled a 1-0 record in 10 relief appearances for PSU during his junior year. He pitched 20 and one-half innings. He gave up 27 hits, nine walks and struck out 14. He has a 5.31 ERA. During his sophomore year at PSU, he began three games, completed one and went 2-1. In 8 appearances, he worked 24 and two thirds innings and had a 4.76 ERA.

Matchett is excited about the opportunity to turn pro and sees it as a once in a life time opportunity. He expects to be used by the Tigers as a starting pitcher. He will go to Lakeland, Florida in March and expects to be assigned to another Tigers' affiliate from there. He was one of the 59 players drafted by the Tigers.

Stephen Locklear Matchett is the second Indian to be drafted into professional baseball from Pembroke State University. All-American Forace Oxendine signed with the Milwaukee Brewers in 1982.

Locklear Reunion Planned

To the descendants of the Zachariah "Zack" Locklear and Preston Locklear families of the Prospect and Preston communities: The annual family reunion is scheduled for Saturday,

August 12 at Preston Gospel Chapel. A business session will begin at 11 a.m. with lunch served immediately thereafter. All planning to attend the reunion are asked to bring a covered dish for the noontime meal.

Registration for Fall at PSU Set Aug. 21-23

Undergraduate registration for the fall semester at PSU will be held from Aug. 21-23.

Continuing students who did not register in April will register from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 21-23 in the individual academic departments.

New freshmen, transfers and re-admission students will register from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 22-23 in the individual academic departments.

Evening registration will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 22 in the Registrar's Office of Sampson Hall Administration Building.

Registration for the graduate program will be Aug. 21-23 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Educational Center.

Both undergraduate and graduate classes will begin Aug. 24.

Last fall a record 2,835 students attended PSU with 2,494 of them being undergraduate students and 341 being graduate students. This was a 7.2 percent increase over the previous year, representing the second largest increase among the 16 campuses in the UNC System.

Kelli Wallace Crowned Little Miss America

Recently in Nashville, Tennessee, Kelli Wallace won the "Grand National Little Miss of America." She is the eight year old daughter of Earl and Yvonne Wallace of Lumberton.

Kelli is a fourth grade student at Piney Grove School and attends Mt. Olive Baptist Church near Lumberton. She is a private dance student of Ms. Donna M. DiChiara and a dance student of the Charlotte Blume Studio under the instruction of Ms. Shelia Mitchell. Ms. Dehavae Drake is her piano instructor.

In the pageant Kelli competed and won the talent, "America's Sweetheart," portfolio, and all pro-am competition which included swimsuit, sleepwear, country western, street dress, and party dress. Kelli won the "Grande National Little Miss of America" title which included sportswear, interview, talent, and party dress competition.

A special thanks is extended to her clothing designer, Mrs. Jean Locklear of Lumberton. Mr. Jamie Locklear, also of Lumberton who designed a competition dress and her aunt Bonnie of Lumberton. Those who sponsor her in the pageant were: Strickland's Paint and Wallpaper, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stickland, owners; Double CA Farms, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hammonds, owners; Prevatte Auto Sales, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Prevatte, owners; Shear Expressions, Ms. Rosa Freeman, owner; Southern Home Sales, and the Learning Place, Ms. Gloria Miller, owner, all of Lumberton, NC.

Kelli has held other local titles including Little Miss Lumbee 1986, Little Miss North Carolina Charm, Little Charm, Little Miss Lumberton 1988, and Petite Miss Fourth of July of Hope Mills.

Presently she holds both state and local titles of which are S.A. Glamour Girl, Little Miss America N.C. State, Little Miss Lumberton Sweetheart, Cape Fear's Little Miss North Carolina Preliminary and Stars and Stripes of North Carolina.



Kelli Wallace Little Miss America

Thank You from Miss Lumbee Contestant



"thanks" to all her supporters for helping make it possible for her to participate in the pageant.

Among those who contributed are: Mr. and Mrs. Mary Chavis, Vernie Locklear, Catherine Locklear, Elier Locklear, Ancil Sanderson, Dr. Chamberlain, George L. Locklear, Annie P. Locklear, Dr. James B. Chavis, Harry Locklear, Mr. Atry Baptist Youth Dept, Arnold Oxendine, Linda Williams, John L. Locklear, Lucy Griffith, Dr. Ha, Donna Dial, Dr. Dalton Brooks, Harliwell Locklear, Bobby Locklear, Lenora Locklear, Alice Oxendine, Ken Maynor, Gladys Jacobs,

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Charlotte Dawn Chavis, who was contestant #5 in the Miss Lumbee Pageant would like to say a special