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Historian to Recommend Landmark Status for Massacre Site

PRESTON, Idaho—The National Park Service's chief historian says the site of one of the worst Indian massacres deserves national landmark status.

Edwin C. Bearss also said he supports renaming the event, now known as the Battle of Bear River, as the Bear River Massacre.

More than 400 Indian men, women and children were slaughtered during the little known fight between the Northwest Shoshoni Tribe and U.S. Army California volunteers on Jan. 27, 1863.

The attack took place after white settlers complained of cattle thefts and the abduction of a boy, who later was retrieved and returned to his family.

The soldiers struck before dawn as the Indians slept, going from teepee to teepee and shooting the victims. Fourteen soldiers were killed.

Bearss told some 50 residents on Saturday that he would recommend a landmark status for the site to the Secretary of the Interior, and undertake a study for the Park Service at the request of Sen. James McClure, R-Idaho.

Legislatures in Utah and Idaho have passed resolutions supporting national landmark status for the area in the northern end of the Cache Valley, which lies across the state line.

Bearss said the only thing that would stop him from pursuing landmark designation would be major opposition from the owners of the 600 to 800 acres of land in the vicinity.

During the meeting, several property owners asked about management of the property if it is designated a landmark.

Bearss said people who live and

farm in the area "can go on with their current activities, and future development directly related to farming would not be prohibited by the designation."

Although landmark status is prestigious, the Park Service gives only a certificate and plaque once it has been granted, he said.

"There is no federal funding for development, which would only occur if your congressional delegation can get legislation passed supporting National Monument status," Bearss said.

Allie Hansen, president of the Bear River-Battle Creek Monument Association, formed last year to work for recognition of the massacre, said, "All members of our committee feel it is important that the study tells the Indian side of the story."

Student Visits Chicago Board of Trade



Lori Ann Locklear (wearing badge "LAL"), a winner in the Commodity Challenge, observes the action in the corn pit at the Chicago Board of Trade.

Lori Ann Locklear, Route 1, Shannon, was among 27 high school students to travel to Chicago recently as a winner in the Chicago Board of Trade's (CBOT) Commodity Challenge, a nationwide economics competition for high school students with more than 3,000 entrants.

Locklear, who attends Parkton High School, visited the Windy City and the CBOT July 15-17 as a guest of the exchange for having submitted one of the best projects in the competition. Her instructor, James Roberts, accompanied her on the trip.

The Commodity Challenge, sponsored by the CBOT in cooperation with the Joint Council on Economic Education, is a self-study project offered in high school economics classes around the U.S. It uses commodities markets to teach the economic relationships between supply and demand, and the process of price discovery.

To participate in the Commodity Challenge, students choose a commodity and research all the factors that affect its supply, demand and price. They then hypothetically trade the product for five weeks, and write a paper analyzing their results. Students are judged on their ability to analyze the markets, rather than on making or losing money.

The highlight of the trip came July 17, when, in a rare opportunity, each student spent 30 minutes in a trading pit with a CBOT member. The students also participated in educational sessions at the exchange. On July 15 and 16, they enjoyed a whirlwind tour of Chicago, seeing a play and a baseball game, and dining at ethnic restaurants.

Each student received a U.S. Savings Bond and a certificate, in addition to the all-expenses-paid trip to Chicago.

Chancellor Promises his Institution to Make Public Schools Better

New Chancellor Joseph Oxendine of Pembroke State University promised the Lumberton Kiwanis Club at its recent evening dinner meeting that PSU "is going to be involved in the public schools" during his administration and added with emphasis, "We are going to have better public schools because the University is there."

He said he was referring not only to public schools in Robeson County but throughout the area served by PSU.

"The schools are going to be better," he said. "If they aren't, the University is not really making a difference."

Oxendine's slogan since being named PSU chancellor in April is that PSU is "going to make a difference." The public schools are one of the areas in which he wants to make an impact.

In his remarks, he praised the diversity of the PSU student body (63.3 percent white, 23.3 percent Indian and 12.1 percent black) and said such diversity is a strong point for an institution in today's diverse society.

He also said PSU is going to be a service-oriented institution and

praised the Kiwanis Club because he says "you are a service organization" dedicated to helping others.

Speaking of his Lumbee Indian heritage, Oxendine told the Kiwanians: "I'm proud of my Indian background, and I'm going to give visibility to where our institution came from (PSU started as an all-Indian school), but we are not going to go back there."

Oxendine said some people want to live in the past, but emphasized: "We are not going to live in the past. We are going forward. So watch us and watch what we do and talk to us."

Oxendine said he welcomed suggestions from the Kiwanis Club members.

"If it appears I'm heading one way or another, I want to know it and I'll listen. I'm saying to you that we are going to be an institution to serve the citizens of this county and surrounding counties, and everyone is going to have an equal opportunity to become educated. We are not going to discriminate in any direction."

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.

Local Students Study at Clarkson University

Two students from Red Springs and eight students from Pembroke are among 30 high schoolers attending the East Coast's first ever science and engineering summer camp for American Indians, held at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York.

Participants in the three week program include Joseph Fedor, son of Joseph and Elaine Fedor and Seneca Jacobs, daughter of Arlie and Venus Jacobs, both of Red Springs; and Stephannie Brooks, daughter of Jeff and Colleen Brooks; Dwan Locklear, daughter of David and Shirley Locklear; Frankie Locklear, son of Sue Betty D. Locklear; Melodi Locklear, daughter of Colonel and Cara May Locklear; Traci Locklear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Locklear; Margaret Maynor, daughter of Jeffrey and Susan Maynor; Stacy Oxendine, daughter of Henry and Susan Oxendine; and Chancellor

Strickland, son of Donald and Carolyn Strickland, all of Pembroke.

During the science camp, sponsored by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), students study biology, chemistry and environmental sciences. In addition, each student constructs a robot and participates in a "Robot Olympics." A science fair will also be held. Other activities include swimming, rappelling, theater excursion and various field trips.

Clarkson University is an independent, coeducational university located in northern New York, midway between the Adirondack Mountains and the St. Lawrence River. The University has 3,600 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in programs in its Schools and Engineering, Management, and Science as well as in its Industrial Distribution Program and its Faculty of Liberal Studies.

PSU STUDENTS SPEND SUMMER WITH SATW!

This season, the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind" has been fortunate to have four students from the theater department at Pembroke State University working both as actors and as part of the technical crew.

Paul Fitts, a native of Wendell, NC, comes to Strike at the Wind for his first season. Paul performs the role of "Rod McMillan" and is also an assistant stage manager. The characterization that Paul brings to his role is that of both strength and charm. Joining Paul in many of his scenes is Kelvin Lowry who portrays "McGreggor." The duo create tensions between characters that you'll love to hate.

Michele Hurst also joins the cast for her first season. Michele is from Pink Hill, NC and has performed in previous years at The Liberty Cart, written by Strike at the Wind's author Randolph Umberger. Michele, who portrays "Lina McNair" brings to her role a freshness of innocence coupled with deceit that only a really talented actress can portray. While at PSU Michele has been seen in such productions as Album, Bus Stop, Steel Magnolias, and Little Shop of Horrors.

New to the show this year is Denise Phillips. Denise is a native of Wilmington and is a sophomore at PSU. Denise is the sound technician for the show and doesn't miss a cue with her expertise in the field. She has been involved with such productions as Steel Magnolias, Album, A Moment in Time, and most recently, Little Shop of Horrors. Robert Ivey returns to Strike at

the Wind for his second season as that of master electrician and lighting technician. With the lighting design of technical director Bill Biddle, he seems to make the stage come alive. Robert is very active in the theater department at PSU where he has worked as a technician and also as an actor.

Jamie Oxendine returns for her second season as Rhoda Strong. Jamie is a junior at PSU majoring in Early Childhood Education. Jamie's performance must really be seen to be appreciated. The strength and power that she puts into her role gives us a sense of what Rhoda actually must have felt. In the final scene when she sings "Brown Skin," it really pulls at one's heart strings.

Also new to the show this year is Kevin Britt, who comes to us from nearby St. Pauls. Kevin portrays Sheriff Ruben King, and does a superb job which is characteristic of this fine actor. His many credits include Bye Bye Birdie, The Music Man, and at PSU the Foreigner and Album.

Another PSU student in the show this year is Sean Graham. Sean is a member of the homeguard in the show and also understudies the role of Steve. This very talented actor has been involved with Strike at the Wind for many years.

Ellen Barney also joins the company this year. Ellen is a senior at PSU where she is seeking a Broadcasting major. Ellen serves as our house manager and make-up supervisor. This very talented lady has brought a wealth of creativity to the show.



Michele Hurst



Denise Phillips



Paul Fitts



Robert Ivey



Ellen Barney



Keith Britt



Jamie Oxendine



Sean Graham

Pembroke Kiwanis News

The weekly meeting was held at the Town and Country Restaurant with President Jeff Maynor presiding. He presented Lt. Gov. Lou Joyner of Southern Pines who spoke of the new districting of Division 7, which will include Dillon, SC, Bennettsville, and Cheraw—thus making the Seventh District more compact with a 60-mile travelling distance. He also mentioned the "doing of good as fulfilling God's wish of helping others in need."

Visitors from the Sanford Golden Age Club were Joseph Lenvienx, Norb Eichelsborcher, Dan Jones, Mike Zoldak, and Bud Merritts.

The Carolinas District Convention will be held in Columbia, SC August 18-20.

Presiding-Jeff Maynor, invocation-Pete Jacobs, song leader-Ed Teets, reporter-Ken Johnson.

BY KEN JOHNSON

Fairmont Festival Car Show Sept. 30

The Town of Fairmont will present the Third Annual Fairmont Farmers' Festival Car Show at the SNB parking lot in Fairmont, NC on Saturday, September 30, 1989. Registration for cars is 8 a.m.-12 noon. The judging of cars and awards presentation will be from 1-3 p.m. Registration fee for the car show is \$10. Vendor space is also \$10.

For advanced registration, make check payable to the Fairmont Car Show and mail to: Peggy W. Chavis, Route 10 Box 618, Lumberton, NC 28358 or call (919)738-3687.

For additional information, contact Bill Greene at 628-8753 or Gaines Grantham at 628-6422.

Scheduled events include a parade at 10 a.m., a Swap Meet, games for children, and door prize giveaways.