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CHEROKEE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM VISITS PSU

For many of them, it was the first visit to PSU. After all, it is a good six-hour drive over mountainous terrain from Cherokee to Pembroke. But these young men were members of the Cherokee High School football team, which played St. Pauls Friday night in the state 1-A playoffs.

The carpet was rolled out for them at PSU where they had a good visit to PSU's Native American Resource Center.

They saw all of the Indian artifacts, paintings, and other memorabilia.

Accompanying them as they visited PSU were Dr. Ruth Dial Woods and Ron Chavis of the Public Schools of Robeson County.

Sheila Johnson, secretary of the Native American Resource Center, took them on a tour of the museum and showed them two films: "N.C. Indians: 65,000 Strong," and "It's Good to be an Indian: Proud and Free."

Hal Ivy of the PSU Admissions Office was present to hand out brochures.

PSU Chancellor Joseph Oxendine welcomed them, citing the fact that most of them were American Indians out of Cherokee and also that they were athletes. "Ten or

twenty years from now you will look back and remember your visit to Pembroke," Oxendine said.

He encouraged them "to play hard and play well--and give it your best shot."

The chancellor also pointed out the importance of education and said he would "be delighted if you like Pembroke State University and decide to come here to college."

Oxendine noted that PSU has more American Indian students than any institution east of the Mississippi River. "There are only eight colleges in the nation with more than 500 American Indians, and we have some 800," said Oxendine.

"We hope you will remember this place with fondness. If you want to go to a good university--and this is a good one--we will make you feel at home here," he concluded.

Oxendine also told the high school team they were very fortunate to have traveled as they have to represent their school in football. "Not many of your classmates get to travel as a group," noted Oxendine, himself a former college and professional athlete who knows the value of travel to one's education.



Sheila Johnson, Secretary of PSU's Native American Resource Center, gives the Cherokee High School football team, which was in the state 1-A playoffs, a tour of the PSU museum.



Cherokee High School football team visits Pembroke State University.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR IS FIRST HONOR FOR EDMOND LOCKLEAR, JR.



He has taught school for 32 years. He has taught in grades 5-12 and has taught all high school subjects except the sciences, heavy maths and home economics. He was a principal for 5 years. He has worked with year-books since 1957 and has helped design teacher-of-the-year and dedication honors for many teachers over the years. But, he, himself, has never been honored until South Robeson High School picked him to be its Teacher-Of-The-Year.

He is a minister. He has written novels, non-fiction books and TV plays. One of his career books is in the South Robeson High School library. He compiled a 672 page book of Bible questions & answers. He has written Christmas plays for churches and designed efficiency aids for teachers and principals. He received a small savings bond for a radio play some years back. But, to have been selected Teacher-Of-The-Year was a special honor. Locklear says South Robeson has a number of outstanding teachers and they were more deserving of Teacher-Of-The-

Year than he. Locklear says there are some other things of which he is proud. They are: last year's Mustang year-book received very little criticism from students, his last two teacher evaluations pointed up no weaknesses, he is teaching a number of the children of students he taught years ago, and Mr. Ardeen Hunt, whom he has known since Mr. Hunt was a teenager in high school, is his principal. Locklear is married to the former Mary Elizabeth Wilkins. They have 4 children and 5 grand-children. The Locklears live in Pembroke.

Rowland Christmas Festival Exhibits

Two main features of the Rowland Christmas Festival in downtown Rowland on Saturday, December 1 will be the Robeson County Schools Art Exhibition in the Public Library and the Arts and Crafts exhibits and sales at the Rowland Depot and up and down Main Street.

The Art Exhibition featuring paintings, drawings and sculpture will be open Nov. 26-Dec. 1 during library hours. Students from kindergarten through 12th grade are eligible to display their art work and compete for cash prizes. There will be three groups-K-3, 4-8, and 9-12 grades. First place winner in each group will be awarded \$25 and each second place winner will receive \$15. Adults, also, are invited to exhibit their art but are not eligible to compete for prizes. At 1 p.m. the Spellbinders

storytelling group from Laurinburg will give readings from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

The crafts displays and sales will begin at the Depot at 9 a.m. and remain open until after the parade in the afternoon. There will be handmade wooden items, stitchery, face painting, comic books and trading cards, Indian jewelry, Christmas decorations, food and pork skin booths, and handmade dolls. The sidewalk craft booths will include crocheted sweaters and handmade items to fill everyone's fancy. Plan to attend the Rowland Christmas Festival which is supported by a grant from the Grassroots Arts Program of the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency. For further information, call (919)422-8191.

PEMBROKE VFW ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Saddletree Church of God will host Locklear-Lowry VFW annual Veterans Day Sunday. All members and guests of the VFW Post 2843 are asked to assemble at 10:30 a.m. for morning worship and a fellowship meal will following the church fellowship hall. The invitation is extended by Millard Maynard, pastor of the church. W.E. Oxendine is Post Commander.

Locklear-Lowry VFW Post 2843 will hold their regular

monthly meeting at the post home on the Union Chapel Road on December 10. Supper will be served at 7 p.m. with the joint business session following. The membership drive is now underway for all eligible veterans.

Contact any VFW member or call Ardell Jacobs at 521-2313 for information or eligibility requirements.

Piney Grove School Happenings

Pine Grove's faculty, assistants, and parents shared in the discussion on the subject of "Developing Capable Young People," recently in a workshop at the school. Mrs. Ann Carter, Staff Coordinator introduced Dr. Paul Berghoff from the Education Department of Pembroke State University as the group's speaker.

Dr. Berghoff stressed guidelines for successfully

raising self reliant children in a self indulgent world. He also shared a very interesting video where Dr. Glenn Stephen pointed out weaknesses and strengths in developing capable young people. This workshop was an outgrowth of the School Improvement Plan to get teachers and parents working together.



In observance of Children's Book Week, November 11-17, Mrs. Mary L. Locklear, Piney Grove's Librarian encouraged students to examine books and read. A selected group of books were pulled from the shelves and displayed for the students' reading convenience. Also students in Mrs. Katherine Fisher's reading class

were strongly motivated by the unique jacket she was wearing. [Shown above] "Have You Read This One" was the question written above the transparent book pocket. Students enjoyed the opportunities during the week to read selected books from Fisher's pocket.



On this Thanksgiving Day, take a few minutes to think about what you have to be thankful for.

How's your health? Not so good? Well, thank God you've lived this long. A lot of people haven't. You're hurting? Thousands -- maybe millions -- are hurting more. (Have you ever visited a veterans' hospital? Or a rehabilitation clinic for crippled children?)

If you awakened this morning and were able to hear the birds sing, use your vocal cords to utter human sounds, walk to the breakfast table on two good legs and read the newspaper with two good eyes, praise the Lord! A lot of people couldn't.

How's your pocketbook? Thin? Well, most of the world is a lot poorer. No pensions. No welfare. No food stamps. No Social Security. In fact, one-third of the people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight.

Are you lonely? The way to have a friend is to be one. If nobody calls you, call someone. Go out of your way to do something nice for somebody. It's a sure cure for the blues.

Are you concerned about your country's future? Hooray! Our system has been saved by such concern. Concern for fair play under the law. Your country may not be a rose garden, but it also is not a patch of weeds.

Freedom rings! Look and listen. You can still worship at the church of your choice, cast a secret ballot and even criticize your government without fearing a knock on the head or a knock on the door at midnight. And if you want to live under a different system, you are free to go. There are no walls or fences -- nothing to keep you here.

As a final thought, I'll repeat my Thanksgiving Prayer; perhaps you will want to use it at your table today:

O, heavenly Father: We thank thee for food and remember the hungry.
We thank thee for health and remember the sick.
We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.
We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.
May these remembrances stir us to service
That thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and may God bless you and yours.

Love,
BY VIOLET LOCKLEAR