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## Pembroke Ladies Chorus to sing in PSU 'Gospel Music Festival'



This is the Pembroke Ladies Chorus, which will sing in the pre-concert to the third annual PSU "Gospel Music Festival" Saturday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Left to right, they are: front row—Vera Malcolm, Lestelle Oxendine, Etta Jacobs, Evelyn Cummings, Mable Oxendine, Lela Brooks, Leona Wilkins; back row—Adrene Locklear, Doris Brooks, Evelyn Lowry, Cammie Lowry, Hazel Hurt, Peggy Sweet, Annie Ruth Locklear, Barbara Locklear, Earline Locklear. Not present for the picture were: Mary Hunt, Sally Hunt and Margaret Locklear.

(This is the second in a series of articles about groups who will be performing in the third annual PSU "Gospel Music Festival" Saturday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in PSU's Performing Arts Center.)

BY GENE WARREN

The Pembroke Ladies Chorus, which has representatives from nine area churches and has been singing as a group since 1954, will present a pre-concert to the third annual Pembroke State University "Gospel Music Festival" Saturday, April 25, in PSU's Performing Arts Center.

The pre-concert begins at 6:45 p.m. The festival itself starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for everyone and can be ordered by telephoning the PAC box office at 521-0778 (local residents) or 1-800-367-0778 (long distance).

The 19-member Pembroke Ladies Chorus sings "good old time gospel songs," they say, including "What a Lovely Name," "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," and "I'm Bound for That City."

They have sung all over Robeson County and at the Veterans' Hospital in Fayetteville. They also sing the first Thursday night of each month at Kingsdale Manor nursing home in Lumberton. They practice every other Thursday night in Pembroke.

Margaret Locklear is president of the chorus, but has been sidelined recently with surgery. Vice president and spokesman of the group in Locklear's absence was Evelyn Cummings who commented concerning the group's being invited to perform: "I think it's great. Our group is excited about it."

## Sutton announces campaign committee

Ronnie Sutton, candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives, District 85, formally announced the formation of his campaign staff.

Sutton stressed that his is a campaign "representing people throughout the entire district." The Sutton for N.C. House Committee is chaired by James A. Jones of the South Smiths Precinct. Sutton said, "Jones, a retired educator and former principal of Prospect School, has the time, energy and dedication to lead staff well."

In addition to a campaign chairman, the Committee has three co-chairmen. Curmet Davis from Back Swamp Precinct is aggressively seeking support south of Highway 74. Sutton describes Davis as a "dynamic individual with a zeal to succeed."

Also co-chairing the campaign is Grady Hunt, an Attorney in the law firm of Locklear, Jacobs and Sutton in Pembroke. Grady is described as an "aggressive, enthusiastic and well respected young man with a bright future in the legal profession in Robeson County."

The final co-chairman to come on board is David Branch of Lumberton. Branch, an attorney and member of

Musselwhite, Musselwhite, McIntyre and Branch Law Firm, is an established veteran in the Robeson County Democratic Politics. He was chairman of the Robeson County Rufus Edmisten for Governor Campaign in 1986 and the Rufus Edmisten for Secretary of State Campaign in 1990. Sutton said, "considering David's background, his willingness to be a co chairman in my House Campaign indicates his strong support for me and my candidacy."

In addition to the Chairman and three co-chairmen, the Committee has points of contact in each Precinct. These persons keep the staff and candidate apprised of activities in their area and maintains a finger on the pulse of the voters.

Attorney Sutton, a Native American, states that it was his objective to bring all races into his campaign because he will be representing all races in Raleigh. He sums it up by saying, "Mine is not a one issue or one agenda candidacy nor will I be a one issue or one agenda representative." I will be in Raleigh representing all the people in the 85th House District.

## Crafters keep traditions alive

The Museum of the Cape Fear is sponsoring the Cape Fear Folk Festival on April 11, 1992 from 10 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (Rain date: April 12, 1992 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.) The Cape Fear Folk Festival will highlight crafts, or more accurately skills and household customs of the 18th and 19th centuries. Skills such as blacksmithing, wood working, rope making, basket weaving, and spinning will be featured. Candle making, soap making, dyeing, and cooking are some of the household customs that will be demonstrated for the public.

A total of 20 crafters will be set up on the grounds of the historic North Carolina Arsenal. Along with crafters demonstrating throughout the day, live gospel and folk music will be performed at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Beginning at 11 a.m., the duet of Jane Peppler and Joe Newberry, will perform gospel music. At 1 p.m. folk musician David DiGuiseeppe will perform a variety of traditional music with his accordion, mandolin, mandola,

and bouzouki. At 3 p.m. the Tar Heel Hot Shots will entertain visitors with their old-time string band music. This Chapel Hill-based band is made up of a fiddler, bass player, guitarist, and banjo player.

This event is open free to the public. Parking is available on Arsenal Avenue in the parking lot between David and Myrover Streets. Parking is also available at the museum.

Funding for this program has been provided by the North Carolina Museum of History Associates, Cross Creek Mall, and the Historic Fayetteville Foundation. The Cape Fear Folk Festival is a sanctioned event of the Fayetteville Dogwood Festival.

The Museum of the Cape Fear is located at 801 Arsenal Avenue in Fayetteville. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information please call (919) 486-1330.

## 9 volunteers trained to help Hospice patients

"These people are a really good group," said Anne Crain, Hospice of Robeson volunteer coordinator. "They were very motivated to learn because several have family members who have been hospice patients."

These nine people from across Robeson County graduated from a six-week training course designed to teach them how to help dying persons and their families. The graduation was held at the Hospice of Robeson office at 2002 N. Cedar in Lumberton on Monday evening.

An audience of more than 30 persons attended the ceremony and participated in a discussion and review of the volunteer training information. A panel of health care professionals who answered their questions included Dr. Douglas Clark, medical director of Hospice; Mirian Edwards, director of Health Horizons Home Health Agency and Hospice of Robeson; Vickie Atkinson, RN, home health patient care coordinator; Jackie Perry, home health social worker; Jennie Bass, RN, Hospice patient care coordinator; and David McGugan, Hospice chaplain.

"I don't know of many volunteer training programs that require the variety of disciplines involved in the Hospice training sessions," Mrs. Crain said of the 24-hour training course. "There is so much material that our volunteers need to understand."

After the panel discussion, Luckey Welsh, SGH senior vice president and former president of Hospice of North Carolina, outlined the history of the Hospice movement in this country and told how the local Hospice program became affiliated with Southeastern General Hospital in 1985. He then presented certificates of achievement to each volunteer graduate.

According to Mrs. Crain, Hospice staffers are developing an orientation program to take to community groups that will familiarize potential volunteers with the philosophy and goals of Hospice work. If your club or church group would like to know more about Hospice, call Mrs. Crain at 671-5601.



Nine new graduates of the hospice of Robeson training program are: front row (left to right) Shirley Bullard, Lumberton; Lois Lowery, St. Pauls; Willie Ree Chavis, Pembroke; Connie Oxendine, Pembroke; Dan Jones,

Lumberton; back row (left to right) Henderson Bullard, Lumberton; Marsha Beattie, Pembroke; and Anthony Chavis, Pembroke; and Rosa Jacobs, Lumberton.

## PEMBROKE KIWANIS

Program Chairman Clay Maynor presented Mark Locklear of the Robeson-Hoke Drug Task Force. The weekly meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Town and County Restaurant.

"Communications among the Law Enforcement Agencies of the two counties has produced a most effective structure of drug enforcement due to the establishment of the Task Force. The Sheriff's Departments of the two counties work closely with the Task Force. Membership includes deputies from all the sheriff's departments. The Governor's Crime Commission has appropriated a two year grant of \$150,000, operation costs \$315,000, meaning the sheriff's departments pay the salaries of its members on the Task Force. To keep the Task Force going the counties will need to help. It takes a trained, educated officer to apprehend offenders. The first year, 659 cases were arrested in 1989.

This year so far 559 cases were arrested. So the effectiveness in taking offenders off the street is due to the better communications between the law departments and the Task Force. The Task Force can be called by citizens, in strict confidence. Other stolen properties are recovered by the Task Force as well as over 2300 Marijuana plants, 739 plants last year, 12 oz. crack cocaine and 74 oz. of cocaine. Communication makes it work, as undercover operations are more successful. The goal is to eliminate all drugs and to educate the public. We need the cooperation of all in our efforts to protect the public."

Clay Maynor presented Mark Locklear for membership and the club voted unanimously for his membership.

Presiding Clay Maynor. Invocation- Garth Locklear. Song leader- Ray Lowry. Reporter- Ken Johnson.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AT UNION ELEMENTARY

Registration for kindergarten will be held at Union Elementary School, Route 3, Rowland, on Friday, April 10, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the school's media center.

Any child who will be five years of age on or before October 16, 1992, should be registered at this time.

Parents should bring the following information at this time:

Original birth certificate; completed shot record; social security card; and tribal enrollment card for Indian children. Students being registered are not required to attend. For additional information, please call 521-4272.

## DEESE ELECTED BY DEMOCRATS

The Robeson County Democratic Party Executive Committee met at the Robeson County Courthouse on Thursday evening, March 19, 1992 and elected Dale G. Deese of Pembroke to fill the unexpired term of the first Vice Chair which became vacant when the chairman Ronnie Sutton resigned and the first vice chair Jo Ann Locklear moved up to fill Sutton's unexpired term.

According to Jo Ann Locklear, County Chairperson, Deese is an attorney with Lumber River Legal Services in Pembroke. He will serve until the 1993 Democratic Party Convention.

## WHAT NEXT???

The election is only a few weeks ago. Signs are going up every place....Rumor has it that Sutton and Weinstien are running as a team and Sampson and Parnell.... If we interrupt signs going up together to mean people are running as a team, then it appears that some interesting "teams" are at work....For instance, David Parnell, incumbent N.C. Senator, Cliff Sampson, newcomer for N.C. House District 85, and David Green, member at large for the board of education....Sounds like smart politics to us....There appears to be a move underway by the Sutton campaign to avoid the appearance of running with David Weinstien, candidate for the Senate....We find that interesting after what began as an obvious coalition between the Sutton supporters and the Weinstien supporters....Perhaps it is too late to dispel the assumption that Sutton and Weinstien are a team....Perhaps the Cliff Sampson campaign has formed an alliance with some of the David Parnell supporters....Perhaps the election will show very few surprises.... Political observers are closely watching the house race in the 87th district also....Rumor has it that Pete Hasty has a chance of winning in that predominately Black district....Stranger things have happened in 'ol' Robeson....What ever your observations, opinions or assumptions on the various races, we urge every registered voter to exercise his/ her right to vote....Some things needed to be remembered,

however, for instance, because of the re-districting of the N.C. House of Representatives Districts, some confusion could arise. Prior to this election, three counties, Robeson Hoke and Scotland comprised the District for the House of Representatives. At election time, the highest three vote getters were elected to represent the district. During this election, there are three separate districts. That means that those people who reside in District 85, while there are only two Indian candidates running, will only be allowed to vote for one....The same in District 87 where the Black candidate, Frances Cummings, is trying to overcome

incumbent Pete Hasty....The board of education could also prove confusing. Several people have filed for the three at large positions....However, each person will be allowed to vote for only one....The assumption is that Indians will vote for the Indian, Tommy D. Swett; the Blacks will vote for a Black; and the whites will vote for a white candidate. Historically, that is the way the game has been played at election time....Voting by race. Because only one Indian filed for the at-large position, does not ensure that an Indian will be elected.... Remember, only one vote for the House and only one vote per person for the at-large seat on the board of education....Who ever your candidate is, you can not help him or her unless you VOTE.