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## "Through Native Eyes" Draws Hundreds For Auditions

By Vinita Maynor-Clark

**Pembroke, NC:** Through the corridors of the Adolph L. Dial Building on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke several hundred people both young and old came to audition for roles in the movie "Through Native Eyes," the story of Henry Berry Lowrie, on Saturday and Sunday. All shapes and sizes, all races and creeds came to be a part of the forgotten history of the Native Americans of Robeson County and the story of a great man. "When you think about it, it is only fitting and proper this building is being used for the auditions," stated several of the former Strike at the Wind cast members. The late Dr. Adolph L. Dial was the founding father of the former outdoor drama. And many former cast members who were present felt he would have been proud, if he could have been here with us.

Some of the former SATW member on hand for these auditions were Robert Locklear (who is going to play Henry), Janet Graham, Margaret Freeman, Cookie Mychalene Deese, Carnell Locklear, Stephen Pate, Marcus Locklear, Willie Lowery, Chris Hardison, Slim Harris, Robert Bryant, Doloris Steen and a host of others.

Several people auditioned that were recently in the movie "Patch Adams" with Robin Williams. Many others who were there had also been in movies like *Roanoke*, *Ernest Goes to Camp* and several others.

But, some of the most precious sights at the audition along with the small children and senior citizens were the direct descendants of the Legendary hero, including the Rev. Welton Lowry, a nephew of Henry Berry Lowrie who is over the age of seventy. Rev. Lowry stood on the stage and read his part with the pride of knowing that his uncle's story was going to be told.

Rev. Laymon Locklear and Mr. Archie Locklear who are direct descendants along with several others came to be a part of the movie. "I am glad that Henry's story is finally being told the way that it really happened," Archie said with pride.

"It will indeed be an honor to have them in this production," stated Mr. Van Coleman, the director of the movie. Another young lady who was 79 years old came from Greensboro to read for a part. There were countless numbers of those who did not want a speaking part but just wanted to be in the movie. In talking to many of them, they said they wanted to show their support for the movie and especially the people who raised the funds to bring this dream to life. "I never thought that this was ever going to happen in my lifetime," one elderly lady said. "This will work! This will work!" said former SATW cast member Randy Fields. "I'm here because of the pride I have for my people," another person stated. "I believe that there were many who wanted to be a part but could not make the audition for some reason or another."

It was apparent to everyone that since the closing of the outdoor drama that the talent in this area has nearly tripled.

The lecture room where the auditions were held stayed filled until late in the evening on both days. People lined the hallways of the building and there was not an empty seat to be found. The staff from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro worked long and hard for many hours with the dedication that is definitely going to make this movie a success. Several rooms were set up where they filmed actors on video, applied makeup to their faces and even placed some of the actors in wardrobe. With the assets of the video the final cast selection will be made within the next week. "There is no one who has been cast in the movie except for Robert Locklear who is going to play the role of Henry," clearly stated the director who went on to say "We will be contacting all of those who auditioned in the next several weeks with the filming beginning in February. We have not turned anyone down or told them to go home."

The technical crew of the movie are: Van Coleman - Director, Jennifer Speciale - Costume Designer, Dawn Shamburger - Hair & Makeup, John Shamburger - Matte Painter, Bernd Riehnart - Director of Photography, Tom Monroe Sound Designer, Jamie Cuthrell - Art Director, Camera Assistants - Jesse Knight and David Jay, Caressa Otelin, Casting Director, Jennifer Rogers - Assistant to Casting Director, Disha Coffey - Screen Writer, Sara Westmoreland, Production Unit Manager, Milissa Russo, Assistant to Production Manager, Youseff SanSour - Production Assistant, Tri Star - Screen Writer.

Security was handled by the members The Tuscarora Nation of the Kautonoh Warrior Society. These warriors aided the production team by escorting them to locations and provided security for the building. These members are Carnell Locklear, Chris Hardison, Ray Locklear, Charles Locklear, Harless Smith, Robert Locklear, Timothy Jacobs, Ronnie Dial, Kenneth Oxendine, Adam Oxendine and Donald Ray Oxendine.

## upgrades MRI Equipment

Scotland Memorial Hospital's mission is to provide high-quality, cost-effective customer focused health care services. As part of that mission the hospital is now in the process of upgrading its current magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment.

The equipment upgrade will take approximately two months to complete. The current equipment, a Philips T5-II MRI Scanner, will be upgraded to a 1.5 MRI system. This upgrade will result in a significant increase in technology and a decrease in the amount of time it takes to perform a MRI.

The new system will scan patients in thirty (30) minutes or less, a significant decrease over the hour most MRI scans take to complete on the current equipment. Because patients are not allowed to move during a MRI, this decrease in time will positively impact patient comfort and satisfaction. In addition, more patients can be scheduled, also decreasing the wait-

ing time for the next available appointment.

The Radiologists at Scotland Memorial Hospital have been extensively involved in the planning and are very supportive of the MRI upgrade. Dr. Joseph Burke, chief radiologist, commented, "This new equipment is the best you can get. Most hospitals our size have equipment the size of our current MRI scanner. We are upgrading to a 1.5 system, which most of the bigger medical centers now have. This puts us on the same equipment level as Duke University Medical Center."

Completion of the upgrade to the new MRI equipment is scheduled for March 15. During the construction process MRI patients will be scheduled in the mobile MRI unit, which will be located adjacent to the physician parking lot.

For more information concerning Scotland Memorial Hospital MRI upgrade, contact Andre Benjamin, Director of Imaging, at 910/291-7733.

## Pembroke Kiwanis

by Dr. Ken Johnson

The weekly meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Jade Garden Restaurant with President George Kenworthy presiding.

Program Chairman Ray Lowry presented Miss Peggy Hunt, Manager of the North Carolina Travelers and Visitors Center, located on I-95 in Rowland.

Miss Hunt has worked there for 25 years. "We really go all out to help visitors when they come to North Carolina," she said. "We give out road maps. We make hotel and motel reservations. We make telephone calls. We help find shelters in hurricane seasons. We have over a million visitors a year. We give brochures and booklets describing the many tourist attractions all over the State of North Carolina and the many fine eating places across the State. We meet all

kinds of people from all walks of life and in 25 years of working at the Welcome Center, I have never had a single problem." Miss Hunt makes one very proud of North Carolina.

Representative Ronnie Sutton announced that he is looking for state house pages. They must have good high school grades. The term is 30 days. They get paid and their schools excused them to work in the State House. Students interested should contact Rep. Sutton's office.

The First Annual Kiwanis Dinner Dance will be held Easter Friday, April 2nd. Tickets will be \$50 per couple. Tickets may be acquired from any Kiwanis member. Furnie Lambert is chairman of the fund raiser.

Invocation - Albert Hunt, Son leader - Ray Lowry, Reporter - Ken Johnson.



The direct descendants of Henry Berry Lowrie came out to show their support and auditioned for the movie. Left to right are shown: Rev. Laymon Locklear, Vinita Maynor-Clark and Mr. Archie Locklear.



Robert Locklear has already been cast as Henry Berry Lowrie in the movie, "Through Native Eyes." He is shown in costume.

## Recollections of Artifacts From the Family Farm

Having grown up on the family farm in Robeson County during the first half of the 20th century, I have retained possession of A FEW ITEMS USED TO KEEP THE OPERATION UNDERWAY. A small acreage could maintain a large family if managed properly. I could stand in our backyard and see all or part of farm lands supporting 4 families or sit on our front porch and see 4 more homesteads with families relying on the farm for their sustenance. My Dad was raised by his aunt Fanny Dial because of existing circumstances, and he inherited her possessions including her house. At the beginning of the 1930's he decided to have a new house built on the site occupied by aunt's old house. The contractor tore down the front half of the old house, but rolled the back half off the site to serve as our living quarters while the new house was being constructed. After we moved into the new house, the back half of the old house was used as a packhouse to store tobacco and cotton until ready for market. Some of the siding on the old house was made from the heartwood of the southern long leaf pine trees. This type wood will last a long time and resist deterioration by the weather. Along with artifacts I transported from the farm in Virginia, I included some of the heartwood siding and some burlap cotton sheets we used to hold the cotton we picked.

### License Office's new hours announced

Effective February 1, 1999 the Satellite Drivers License Office will be opened only on the following days:  
Pembroke - Tuesday; Fairmont - Wednesday; Red Springs - Thursday.

### Statewide Spay/Neuter Program

**Fuquay - Varina, NC** - January 14, 1999 - The North Carolina Veterinary Medicine Association (NCVMA) today announced that many of its members would be participating in a statewide program to offer discounted spay/neuter surgery during the month of February.

Danny T. Allen, DVM, president of the association, said that, "this voluntary program is one way for NCVMA members who want to be proactive about helping clients improve their pets health and to participate in a statewide effort to reduce cat and dog overpopulation."

Dr. Allen pointed out that the pet health benefits of spay/neuter are many. First, it significantly lowers the risk of uterine and mammary cancer in female cats and dogs. It also significantly lowers the risk of certain tumors, hernias and prostate problems that male cats and dogs have. Spaying/neutering quite often improves your pet's social behavior by lowering aggressiveness. A final important benefit

is that spay/neuter will help to reduce the number of cats and dogs who die each year because they do not have homes.

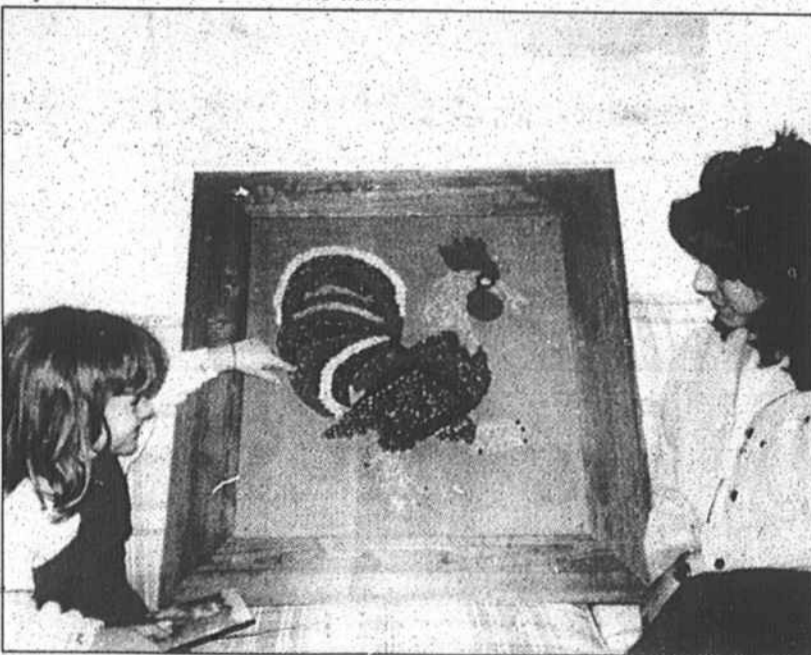
Pet owners who would like to have a pet spayed or neutered as part of this special program can call their local veterinarians to find out if and when they are participating in the program.

When one of my daughters was a pre-schooler her maternal great grandmother would come visit on occasions and help keep this very active toddler occupied. She did not exhibit any of the tranquil characteristics of her Dad. Her mother was very appreciative of these visits, because she would have some time to undertake some activities without interruptions. One of the projects my daughter and her great grandmother completed was the depiction of a rooster on a piece of the burlap cotton sheet nailed to some plywood. They used a variety of colored corn and bean seeds with different shapes glued to a diagram of a rooster drawn on the burlap. A picture frame was made from some of the heartwood siding to hold the barnyard rooster. Recently my granddaughter was told the story behind the picture of the rooster hanging on the wall at her grandpa's house by her mother.

One item which remained in my Dad's inventory from his aunt's

possessions is the homemade cornshuck scouring broom. She used this broom to scrub the wood floors in her home using hot soapy water. The cornshuck broom was never used to scrub floors in our home, but we did make use of another one of her possessions. The cast iron kettle was used by my family to heat water in front of the fireplace for our Saturday night baths. This same iron kettle sits on the hearth of my fireplace today, and usually contains a variety of nuts which I munch on from time to time. The broom was crudely constructed of hardwood for the handle, and two 2x4 pieces with slots hewn out to hold the cornshucks held together by 2 bolts. Even though we never used the cornshuck broom, I have retained ownership of it along with the milk churn, 2-man crosscut saw, and other artifacts which we used extensively on the farm to help sustain us.

Ronald H. Lowry



Janice Wardlaw showing her five year old daughter Kyndall the Barnyard Rooster picture she helped her maternal great grandmother create in the early 1960s.



The Home made corn shuck scouring broom with remnants of the last refill of corn shucks used by my dad's aunt Fannie Dial to scrub her wood floors in the early part of the 20th century.

### Local Ladies join Breeders' International

(Kingsville, Texas) It is a pleasure to announce that Deanna Brooks, Christin Brooks and Angela Brooks all of Pembroke, North Carolina has become a member of Santa Gertrudis Breeders International. (Santa Gertrudis cattle were developed in Kingsville, Texas, on the King Ranch. The Santa Gertrudis is a 3/8 Brahman and 5/8 Shorthorn cross. Developed to thrive, prosper and gain weight in the South Texas brush country, these cattle have proven their worth to far more places than South Texas.

In 1940 the USDA recognized Santa Gertrudis cattle as a pure breed. Even today Santa Gertrudis are referred to as "America's first beef breed." From a modest beginning on the King Ranch, the Santa Gertrudis breed has advanced in leaps and bounds. Today there are breeders located throughout the United States and in all major beef producing countries throughout the United States and in all major beef producing countries throughout the world. SGBI provides association services for all new members including registration, transferring, performance data and breed representation. For more information on Santa Gertrudis cattle or the association please contact Santa Gertrudis Breeders International at P O Box 1257 Kingsville, Texas 78363 or (512)592-9357.

### Funds Approved to Construct Turn Lanes at Swett High

The North Carolina Board of Transportation at its December meeting approved an additional \$100,000.00 to construct turn lanes at Purnell Swett High School.

These turn lanes were requested by Rep. Ron Sutton following input from Principal of Swett High, Wesley Revels, outlining a specific need. Sutton's initial request was made last year following numerous accidents near the school.

Outgoing Speaker Harold Brubaker provided some contingency funds and also recommended the project to the Department of Transportation Board.

Actual construction time is not known, but should be sometime this year. Rep. Sutton emphasizes that the turn lanes will improve traffic flow and increase safety for students, faculty, parents and guests entering and leaving the Purnell Swett High School campus.

### Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce to host Annual Dinner

Pembroke -- The Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet and awards dinner on Saturday, Jan. 23 in the Chavis University Center on the campus of UNCP. North Carolina Attorney General Mike Easley is the guest speaker. The chamber's Business of the Year will be recognized and the new officers will be installed.

Individual tickets are \$20.00 and corporate tables are \$120.

The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. Followed by dinner at 7. Reserved corporate tables are \$120. Individual tickets are \$20 and may be purchased from one of the banquet committee members: Ernestine Bulifant, 521-2433; Diane Jones, 521-6226; Ken Freeman, 521-9707; Bryan Maynor, 521-4206; Frank Daughtrey, 521-9776; Ron Brown, 521-4244.