

Obituaries

Carl Wilkins

SHANNON - Carl Earnest Wilkins, 77, of 12060 Shannon Road died Sunday (Feb. 20) in Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Durham. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday (Feb. 23) in Shannon Assembly of God by the Revs. Mitchell Oxendine and Montana Locklear. Burial followed in Blue's Family Cemetery.

Mr. Wilkins is survived by two sons, Billy R. Blue of Imely City, Michigan & William Blue of Fayetteville; 3 daughters, Frances Lowery of Lumber Bridge, Betty Locklear of Parkton & Christine Blue of York, S.C.; a brother, Henry B. Wilkins of Lumberton; 23 grandchildren; and 45 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Locklear & Son Funeral Home.

Sylvester O. Hunt

MAXTON - Mrs. Sylvester O. Hunt, 76, of 497 Cabinet Shop Road died Friday (Feb. 18) in her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday (Feb. 22) in Willards Chapel Church by the Revs. Timmie Woods, Dean Carter & Keith Hunt. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Hunt is survived by 4 sons, Clint Hunt of the home & David Hunt, James A. Hunt & John S. Hunt, Jr., all of Maxton; two daughters, Mary H. Bullard & Sally Strickland, both of Maxton; 10 grandchildren; & 5 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Locklear & son Funeral Home, Pembroke.

Archie Lowry

FAYETTEVILLE - Archie Lowry, 78, of Fayetteville died Friday (Feb. 18) in Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Mr. Lowry was an army veteran & also retired from Black & Decker.

The funeral services were held Sunday (Feb. 20) in Grace United Methodist Church by the Rev. Patrick. Burial followed with military honors in Cumberland Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Lowry is survived by his wife, Maria Lowry of Fayetteville; a son, Martin A. Lowry of High Point; two brothers, Elmer Burnette of Maryland and Glen Burnette of North Carolina; 3 sisters, Hazel Hammond of Charlotte, Clementine Martin of New Orleans & Margareta Locricchio of Detroit; and 2 grandchildren.

Adahlia Maynor Brewer GREENSBORO - Adahlia Maynor Brewer, 86, died Friday (Feb. 18) in Robeson County. The funeral was held Tuesday (Feb. 22) at In Touch Fellowship Ministries. Burial followed in Lakeview Memorial Park.

She was born in Pembroke to the late Rev. Arthur and Penny Jane Maynor and was preceded in death by her husband, Roscoe "Sam" Brewer. Mrs. Brewer is also survived by two daughters, Connie Brewer of Julian and Roxanne Fish of Long Island, N.Y.; a son, Don M. Brewer of Cave Creek, Arizona; two sisters, Mary Oxendine of Pembroke and Stella Brewer of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, Clamers Maynor and the Rev. Millard Maynor, both of Pembroke; and 5 grandchildren.

Agnes J. Locklear

LUMBERTON - Mrs. Agnes Jane Locklear, 87, of Lumberton died Tuesday (Feb. 15) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center. A retired employee of SRMC, Mrs. Locklear was a member of Union Baptist Church where her funeral was held with the Revs. Mickey Lowery and Grady Hunt officiating on Friday, Feb. 18. Burial followed in Oxendine Cemetery in the Saddletree Community.

She is survived by a son Woodrow Locklear of Rowland; a daughter, Betty L. Biggs of Baltimore, Md.; a brother, Wildon Collins of Lumberton; 4 sisters, Mary A. Green, Ann R. Horton and Elerise Cox, all of Lumberton, & Alethia Beechman of Tennessee; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Helen J. Oxendine RED SPRINGS - Mrs. Helen J. Oxendine, 26, of 1042 Dixie Drive died Tuesday (Feb. 15) in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. The funeral was held Saturday (Feb. 19) in Crumpler Funeral Home chapel by the Revs. Hedrick Jones and Weymon Oxendine. Burial followed in the Demery Family Cemetery in Pembroke.

Mrs. Oxendine is survived by her husband, Matthew Oxendine of Red Springs; a daughter, Sierra M. Oxendine of Red Springs; her father, James Junior Jones of Pembroke; her mother, Patsy Jones, Shannon; a brother, Tom Jones of Maxton; three sisters, Ellie Jacobs of Lumberton, & Denise & Sheila R. Jones, both of Shannon; & her paternal grandparents, James C. and Jessie Lee Jones of Pembroke.

Josephine Hunt

LUMBERTON - Mrs. Josephine Hunt, 59, of 3426 Pine Log Road died Wednesday (Feb. 16) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center. The funeral service was held Saturday (Feb. 19) in Revels Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Crites Oxendine.

Mrs. Hunt is survived by her husband, N.L. Hunt of Lumberton; a daughter, Lisa Haggins of Lumberton; two sons, N.L. Hunt, Jr. and Timothy R. Hunt, both of Lumberton; two sisters, Julie M. Locklear and Beatrice Locklear, both of Pembroke; three brothers, Jerry Lowery and Prentis Lowery, both of Pembroke, Dorman Lowery of Rowland; and 9 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Revels Funeral Home, Pembroke.

Winford Locklear

MAXTON - Winford Locklear, 63, of 3870 Missouri Road died Wednesday (Feb. 16) in Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday (Feb. 20) in Prospect UMC by the Revs. Bill J. Locklear, Dwayne Lowry & Brother Dell Harris. Burial followed in the family cemetery.

Mr. Locklear is survived by his wife, Fannie M. Locklear of Maxton; 3 daughter, Maxine Locklear of Wagram, Flora Chavis of Maxton & Teresa Lowry of Pembroke; 3 sons, Roy R. Locklear, Nelson Locklear and Kenneth Locklear, all of Maxton; a sister, Priddy R. Porter of Maxton; 15 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Revels Funeral Home, of Pembroke.

Winnie Bell Oxendine

PEMBROKE - Mrs. Winnie Bell Oxendine, 39, of 7131 N. Chicken Road died Wednesday (Feb. 16) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center. The funeral was conducted Saturday (Feb. 19) in Mount Zion Holiness Church by the Revs. W.U. Preskitt and Gregory Cummings. Burial followed in Oxendine Cemetery.

Mrs. Oxendine is survived by a son, Daryl L. Oxendine of Pembroke; a daughter, Rhonda K. Oxendine of Rowland; her mother, Jessie B. Oxendine; five sisters, Della Sanderson, Judy Scott and Billy Jean Locklear, all of Pembroke, Carol Oxendine of the home, and Peggie Bell of Lumberton.

Funeral services were conducted by Revels Funeral of Pembroke.

Tessie Marie Locklear

LUMBERTON - Mrs. Tessie Marie Locklear, 88, of 3463 Oak Grove Church Road died Friday (Feb. 18) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday (Feb. 20) at WOCN Channel 7 TV Gospel Chapel with the Revs. Billy Ray Locklear & Millard Maynard officiating. Burial followed in the family cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, the Rev. Billy Ray Locklear & Johnny Redell Locklear, both of Lumberton; 4 daughters, Lois Griffin, Brenda Lawson, Elaine Faye Oxendine and Linda Baxley, all of Lumberton; a godson, J.R. Hunt; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

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Farmer co-op endorses conservation program

Richmond, Va.--Southern States vows to help conserve the environment with its recent endorsement of the Maryland Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) for farmers.

Southern States will provide its resources to help spread the word about CREP to farmers. The program pays farmers to install streamside buffers and other conservation practices on farms.

"The program is a voluntary initiative that makes it more cost-effective to install streamside buffers and other conservation practices on farms," says Wayne Boutwell, Southern States' president and CEO. "CREP pays up to 100 percent of the cost of most practices and offers soil rental rates 50 percent to 70 percent higher than regular soil rental rates. In some cases, CREP payments may even be greater than the production value of enrolled lands. Wow, this is a great opportunity for farmers."

To learn more about CREP, call toll-free 1-877-4BUFFER.

The program is spearheaded by Future Harvest-Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture (Future Harvest-CASA), a non-profit organization based in Maryland made up of farmers, agricultural professionals, landowners and consumers that support profitable and sustainable food and farming systems in the Chesapeake Bay region.

Southern States--founded in 1923--is a farmer-owned cooperative operating in 16 states stretching from Michigan to Florida and west to Arkansas. This Richmond, Va., based firm is one of the largest U.S. farmer cooperatives that manufactures, purchases or processes feed, seed, fertilizer and fuel. It also sells farm, animal health, lawn, home and garden supplies through 745 local dealers in its operating territory. In addition, Southern States gins cotton and markets livestock, small grains, corn, peanuts and soybeans. In its fiscal year ended June 30, 1999, Southern States had sales of \$1.3 billion.

Do not offer advice that has not been seasoned by your own performance.

—Henry S. Haskins

Along the Robeson Trail

by Dr. Stanley Knick, Director, Native American Resource Center, UNCP

Over the past two weeks we have been looking at some of the different types of structures built by Native Americans in early times — on the Plains and the Plateau, in California and the Arctic. We have seen that in traditional times Native people made structures which suited their local environments.

In the Southwest the best-known type of architecture is the pueblo. Pueblos were built by southwestern farming cultures from stone and adobe (mud), and sometimes out of sun-dried mud bricks. Logs were incorporated as rafters. Rooms were built next to and on top of each other, terraced back so that the whole structure was smaller at the top than at the bottom. Rooms for living and storage were usually rectangular, and special ceremonial rooms were round (widely known by the Hopi word *kiva*). Many of the rooms had small side-entry doors, but first-floor rooms and the ceremonial *kivas* were entered from above by climbing down a ladder through a hole in the roof. Some of these massive "apartment buildings" were originally built on canyon floors, although in later years others were built into the

sides of high cliffs and on the tops of mesas.

But pueblos aren't the only type of traditional architecture in the Southwest. Outside the pueblos lived other groups of Indian people whose main source of food was hunting and gathering (and raiding) instead of farming. These Piman- and Yuman-speaking people made use of various structures depending on which group they belonged to and what season it happened to be. Many of them built domed lodges with willow poles (sometimes with cactus ribs) insulated and reinforced with earth. The Pima in particular (more properly known as Akimel O'odham) also built rectangular storage buildings from similar materials. Almost all of these non-pueblo southwestern people made open-sided, pole-and-brush, rectangular structures for daytime and warm weather activities.

The Athabaskan-speaking Apache and Navajo people were late-comers to the Southwest, and their architecture differed from group to group. Some eastern Apaches came into close contact with some Plains people, and they built tipis in the

Plains style (once Plains culture had evolved following the introduction of horses). Western Apaches built oval, domed huts from brush and grass, widely known by the Algonkian word *wikiup*.

Navajo (Diné) people built their traditional structures (their word is *hogan*) in two types. The older style was made with earth covering a framework of interlocking poles. The newer style (in areas where there was more abundant wood) was built with horizontal logs arranged on top of each other in a polygonal shape, with a roof made of dirt and logs. Navajo people also built the familiar rectangular arbors or *ramadas* for some activities.

In the next segment of Along The Robeson Trail we will turn to the structures built in the long-ago time by Native Americans in the Great Basin, on the Northwest Coast and in the Eastern Woodlands.

For more information, visit the Native American Resource Center in historic Old Main Building, on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (our Internet address is www.uncp.edu/nativemuseum).

Children's Choir Festival

Friday, March 3 and Saturday March 4, Chestnut United Methodist Church in Lumberton will host a Children's Choir Festival. First Baptist and First Presbyterian Churches in Lumberton will be joint sponsors of this event. Registration for the festival will be 6:30 to 7:00 P.M. on Friday evening and the rehearsal will begin at 7 and continue Saturday at 9:00 A.M. with the closing program at 2:00 P.M.

Mr. John D. Horman, a nationally acclaimed specialist in children's choirs will be the guest clinician for the weekend. Mr. Horman has recently retired at the completion of 26 years of teaching in the Montgomery County Public School System, Montgomery County, Maryland. He taught for 21 years at the elementary level and 5 years at the secondary level. During his tenure with the Montgomery County System, John received the Broom Award for excellence for his work in composition for children. He is presently Director of Music at Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church in Kensington, Maryland, a position he has held for 28 years. He

oversees 4 choirs and writes extensively for all of them. John's compositions are found in the catalogs of ten nation-wide publishers and his choral works, both secular and sacred and sung throughout the country. John wrote for both the Silver Burdette and Macmillan Publishing Houses for their 1988 music series. His composition have been heard on national television in the United States and Great Britain. John also travels widely as a choral clinician and consultant, giving workshops in children's and youth choir techniques and repertoire. Presently, John is a member of a partnership with an artist and Christian educator called *New Paths*. This team services churches and community groups with programs that utilize music, visual arts and drama, to assist individuals in discovering spirituality through the arts.

They will hold the final service of music at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday at Chestnut Street United Methodist Church located at the corner of Eighth and Chestnut in Lumberton. They cordially invite the public to attend.

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Card of Thanks

Words cannot express our appreciation for the kind deeds during the sickness and death of Ms. Callie M. Jones. We thank you especially for the phone calls, home visits, prayers, offerings, food, flowers, and kind words shown during this time. We would like to send a special thank you to Pemberton Hospice, Dr. Joseph Roberts, Mrs. Bernice Hammonds, the staff of Lumber River Family Practice and all family members, friends and others. Thank you for rendering your labors of love during her time of sickness. We ask that you remember us in your thoughts and prayers.

The Family of Callie M. Jones

LRDA/LUMBEE HOUSING DEPARTMENT (LHD)

SCOPE OF SERVICES

LRDA/Lumbee Housing Department programs provide for assistance to low to moderate income enrolled Lumbees who reside in Robeson, Hoke, Scotland and Cumberland counties. Programs are intended to help Lumbees to access safe, decent and affordable housing. Planned direct housing assistance programs include the following:

- ♦ Elderly, near elderly and handicapped rental units;
- ♦ Down Payment assistance for enrolled and eligible Lumbees to purchase or construct a home financed through a "conventional" mortgage;
- ♦ Lease-Purchase assistance for eligible, enrolled Lumbees to acquire a home over time with financing through HUD and the tribe's NAHASDA grant;
- ♦ Rehabilitation of existing stick-built or modular homes; and,
- ♦ Counseling services which prepare clients to assume homeownership and self-sufficiency responsibilities in addition to assistance with securing an affordable mortgage.

The LRDA/Lumbee Housing Department provides the following housing services to enrolled Lumbees:

- 1) Down Payment assistance for enrolled members to purchase a stick-built or modular home or to build a new home.
- 2) Lease-Purchase assistance, which provides for LRDA/LHD construction or purchase of a "stick built" or modular home.
- 3) Rehabilitation of existing applicant owned homes, which are taxed as real property. Note. Mobile homes are taxed as personal property and, therefore, are not eligible for rehabilitation services.