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MAYOR REGGLE STRICKLAND ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION BID



Mayor Reggle Strickland

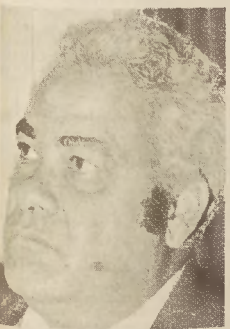
Mayor Reggle Strickland announced his candidacy for re election today. Mayor Strickland released the following statement:

"My fellow citizens, upon seeking the post of Mayor of the Town of Pembroke two years ago, I promised you good, honest government, and the leadership to which you are justly entitled. Now, I ask you to examine the record of progress which we have compiled as I seek your support in order to continue our efforts on your behalf.

After many years of disastrous inefficiency, I can now proudly say that the Town of Pembroke is being operated as a business - your business. The City Manager form of government is working well, and we have a well-qualified, business-educated local man at the helm. For the first time in our history, the Town Clerk is a college-educated person with a degree in accounting. This team, with the institution of a new accounting system featuring strict internal controls, has been responsible for the stopping of numerous revenue leaks and the developing of new sources of revenue.

"It takes a great deal of money to run a business the size of our Town; however, if we all do our fair share, the burden on any one individual is not nearly so unmanageable. Today we no longer have a privileged class in our Town; there are no 'free rides' for anyone. Your public officials, including myself, must be the example rather than the exception. We now have strict internal controls over the use of all Town supplies by employees and officials. No longer may officials help themselves at the town gasoline tank. Our tax collection rate has gone from approximately seventy percent (70%) to over ninety percent (90%); while our collection rate for waterfalls is now well over ninety-five percent (95%).

AND MAYOR PRO TEM SAM DIAL



Sam Dial

Also announcing for re-election is Sam Dial, mayor pro-tem. Mr. Dial is employed with the N.C. Transportation Department in the Highway Division.

This "tight-fisted" policy towards the use of your tax dollars has improved considerably the economic outlook for our Town. When I took office in 1975 over-drafts at the bank had become standard operating procedure; several checks had been returned for insufficient funds; and many area businesses were even loath to extend credit to our Town because of its notorious reputation for non-payment of its debts. Today, however, our Town operates well into the black, and all bills are paid as they come due.

"Many improvements have been made so as to make the lives of our citizens more enjoyable. After many years of promises by previous administrations, Pine Street has finally been curbed and guttered; furthermore, we have just completed the largest program of street paving in our history. Our utilities department has laid over two miles of new two-inch water lines to improve our delivery system to the consumers. Increased emphasis has been placed on our program of recreation. We are in the process of acquiring land to be used as parking for the Lowry Park on Pine Street, and much has been done to make the Town Park more enjoyable for our citizens. Street signs are being placed throughout the Town, and houses are to be numbered for the convenience of our citizens.

"At long last, the Town Government is showing a better attitude towards our Town's future development, and the proper respect is being shown to the state statutes in this regard. After eight years of thinking that they were within the Town, the residents of College Terrace have now been officially, legally annexed into the Town of Pembroke. For the protection of the property values of private landowners, a comprehensive land development plan has been adopted, and the Town has enacted a zoning ordinance encompassing an area to one-mile beyond the city limits. The Town's leash ordinance now prevents packs of dogs from running at large. For the convenience of our townsfolk, cablevision will soon be a reality.

"Long-standing inequities have been corrected; Pembroke now boasts a district courtroom for the convenience of its citizens. The added traffic brought into the Town by its presence has also been a boom to our businessmen. For the protection of our residents, the Pembroke Police Department now has a dispatcher on duty twenty-four hours per day.

"After long years of neglect and inept administration, the Town of Pembroke is finally beginning to make some real progress. All of us may point with pride to the emergence of Pembroke as a political, economic, social, and intellectual center within Robeson County; however, much remains to be accomplished. With your help we shall continue with our efforts to make Pembroke truly the "Capitol of Robeson County."

Dial, who has served three previous terms, is the first to announce for one of the four seats up for grabs on the Pembroke Town Council.

Because of special legislation in the last general assembly, the mayor's seat and all four council seats will be up for election so that the seats can be staggered.

The two top vote getters in the council race will receive four year terms. The next two high vote getters will receive two year terms.

The mayor's position is for two years.

Filing officially opens Friday, September 16, at noon and the books close October 7. The municipal elections will be November 8.

Incumbent councilmen Lee Neville, Monroe Lowry, and Milton Hunt have not announced their intentions for another elective bid.

Interior Asks Justice Dept. To Begin Legal Action In Catawba land Claims

Solicitor Leo M. Krulitz announced today that the Interior Department is recommending to the Department of Justice that legal action be started on behalf of the Catawba Indian Tribe to recover its 140,000 acre reservation in South Carolina.

The proposed suit would be similar to actions now pending on behalf of the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Indians land claims in Maine and the land claims of three tribes in New York State.

"The action we recommend is that the United States finally act upon its long neglected duty under the Non-Intercourse Act to nullify the 1840 Treaty with South Carolina and restore possession of the 1763 Treaty reservation to the Catawba Tribe," Krulitz said. The Tribe has sought federal assistance in the assertion of their claim since 1904.

Krulitz said that discussions between the Tribe and State officials have reflected a mutual intent to resolve the matter in a way that would satisfy the parties without endangering the state's economy or interfering with orderly real estate development.

"We should inform all concerned parties," he said in a letter to the Justice Department, "that we would prefer an amicable, orderly settlement to lengthy, disruptive litigation, and will lend immediate assistance in negotiations for a just and model settlement." However, the recommendation makes it clear that if negotiations fail, litigation should be commenced on behalf of the Tribe.

The 15 miles square area claimed by the Catawba Tribe surrounds the town of Rock Hill in the north-central section of the state.

Prior to 1763, the Tribe occupied a much larger area by aboriginal title. In 1763, the Tribe relinquished their claim

to the larger area in return for Great Britain's assurance that they would have un molested possession of the 15 mile square reservation. When the United States succeeded to Great Britain's sovereignty in 1783, our new government did not abrogate the 1763 Catawba Treaty. "Therefore," Krulitz said, "the Catawba retained a vested right in their reservation."

By 1840 the Catawba's Treaty reservation was overrun by non Indians who continually ignored the Tribe's protests. "In 1849," Krulitz said, "the Tribe finally purported to convey their remaining title and interest in the 140,000 acres to the State of South Carolina by treaty. The Federal Government was in no way involved in the negotiations and never subsequently gave its consent. The 1840 conveyance was therefore void under the Non-Intercourse Act."



Kenneth R. Maynor

Kenneth Maynor heads slate of officers For Strike at the Wind

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Robeson Historical Association, producers of the outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind", Kenneth R. Maynor, Executive Director of the Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA), was selected president of the outdoor drama for the 1977-78 season. His term in office will coincide with the third year of the drama's existence.

The September 8th meeting was the occasion for selecting other officers of the board. Adolph Dial, professor of American Indian History at Pembroke State University, was re-elected chairman of the board. Hector McLean will serve as executive vice-president with Dr. E.B. Turner serving as first vice-president. Al Dunavan of PSU's drama department was elected secretary and Mrs. Lucy Lowry was elected treasurer.

Briefly, Mr. Maynor's duties will be to supervise and control the many aspects of management of the outdoor drama.

Other matters brought before the board included the annual audit report by the general manager, Robert Kershaw. The audit showed a small surplus of funds after expenses had been paid. This was in spite of the fact that total receipts for the 1977 season was only about fifty percent of the previous season. Fundings from other sources enabled the drama to end the season in the black.

Mr. Kershaw and the board members are proceeding with the feelings that the drama is here to stay as an historical attraction and will expand its audience attendance as the play becomes better known to the public in seasons to come.

The drama depicts a period of social unrest in the history of Robeson County during the waning years of the Civil War and into the Reconstruction years. It centers around the struggles of the Indian people seeking justice and equality.

C P & L Rate Hike ruling termed "a major victory"

Raleigh - A ruling by a Federal Power Commission judge, ordering a \$13.5 million rollback in a \$33.5 million rate increase proposed by Carolina Power and Light Co. for its electric cooperative and municipal customers, was described by co-op officials today as a "major victory" for those customers.

The decision not only ruled that the rate increase was too high by about 40 percent, but also threw out a provision requiring the customers to pay for 95 percent of their summertime peak-demand all year long, whether or not they actually use that much power, said Alton P. Wall, acting general manager of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation.

N.C. EMC, the state association of electric cooperatives, represented the 18 EMCs which are served by CP & L in the FPC case.

Wall said the 95 percent "ratchet" provision "has substantially increased the cost of wholesale power for the cooperatives and, as a result, has been a real burden to the EMCs and their consumer members."

Under the ratchet, an EMC is billed monthly for 95 percent of the peak power demand recorded during the period from June through September, even if they use less.

Wall said Wednesday's decision by FPC Judge George Lewnes dismissing the "ratchet" provision could have far reaching consequences if it is upheld by the entire commission. The full body will review the ruling on an appeal from CP & L.

Meanwhile, the power company will continue to collect the higher rates pending a final decision from the federal agency, which could be many months away.

The CP & L rate increase proposal, which went into effect in May, 1976, is the second of three such propositions to be filed with the FPC in the past three

years.

An earlier request went into effect in January, 1975 raising rates by 97 percent or \$36 million a year. Negotiations between CP & L and NC EMC officials have produced a tentative agreement on the price tag in this case and the agreement has been submitted to the FPC for approval. If approved, the settlement would give the EMCs alone refunds totaling \$4 million.

The third rate proposal, calling for an increase of about 8 percent or \$10.5 million a year, is due to become effective on Dec. 29. That request was filed with the FPC in July, but its effective date was postponed for five months on a petition by the EMC.

"If Judge Lewnes' decision is upheld by the full commission," Wall said, "it'll mean the power company has been collecting excess charges from its co-op and municipal customers for more than a year. In effect, these customers have been forced to lend the company money. Of course, the excess charges would have to be returned with interest," Wall said.

In addition, such a ruling would raise some serious questions about the new rate schedule that's to go into effect in December.

"Those rates are based on an 8 percent increase over the rates that have just been declared 40 percent too high, and they also incorporate the 95 percent ratchet provision."

The 18 EMCs that buy power from CP & L are: Haywood, Wayneville; Pitt and Green, Farmville; Four County, Burgaw; Piedmont, Hillsborough; Halifax, Enfield; Randolph, Asheboro; Harkers Island, Brunswick, Shallotte; Jones-Onslow, Jacksonville; French Broad, Marshall; Wake Forest; Tri County, Goldsboro; Lumbee River, Red Springs; South River, Dunn; Carteret-Craven, Morehead City; Central, Sanford; Pee Dee, Wadesboro; and Tideland, Pantego.

Warriors win defensive battle



Gene Oxendine

It was more like a football score - 2-0. The Warriors edged the Ornum Raiders in a bruising defensive game last Friday night. The Warriors received their points when Gene Oxendine smothered the Ornum quarterback in the end zone for a safety.

The Pembroke Warriors moved up and down the field, almost at will, as junior quarterback, Kelvin Sampson, led the offense but they were unable to punch the ball over down close to the goal line.

But Ned Sampson, head football coach, was ecstatic. "I'll take it! I'm just proud of our boys. They played hard, and Ornum gave us all we could handle."

The Warriors play Hallsboro Friday night at Hallsboro. Coach Sampson expects a hard fought game.

The win, the first under Coach Sampson and his staff, evens the Pembroke Warrior record at 1-1.

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DAV CHAPTER 47 TO SPONSOR CHORUS

DAV Chapter 47 will sponsor the Strickland New Prospect Chorus on Sept. 22 at 7:15 p.m. at the VA Hospital. VFW Post 2843 will sponsor the Ladies & Men's Chorus from Pembroke on Sept. 25 at 3:00 p.m. The public is urged to attend both programs.

FORMER PASTOR TO MAKE GUEST APPEARANCE AT BEREA BAPTIST

Rev. Lawrence P. Hardee and family, Missionaries to Liberia, Africa, will visit the Pembroke area on September 16, 17, 18. Rev. Hardee, former pastor of Berea Baptist Church, will preach at the worship service Sunday, Sept. 18 at 10:30 a.m.

The pastor, Rev. Sidney Oxendine, invites the public to attend.

ROBESON COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

The organizational meeting of the Robeson County Beekeepers Association was considered a great success. At this meeting the Robeson County Beekeepers Association was organized and those in attendance also joined the N. C. Beekeepers Association.

In attendance at the meeting was William Lord of N. C. State University who is assigned to the Coastal Plains for beekeeping purposes. Everyone viewed a film on Basic Beekeeping.

At this meeting temporary officers were selected. They are: Col. Joe M. Dietzel, acting president; G.W. McLean of Lumberton, acting vice-president; Mrs. G.W. McLean, acting secretary; and Douglas Clark, acting treasurer. Plans are tentatively made to elect officers in November or December for the upcoming year.

The second meeting of the Robeson County Beekeepers Association will be held on Tuesday night, Sept. 20 at the O.P. Owens Agricultural Building, Lumberton. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

At this meeting the by-laws and constitution will be discussed. David Rately of Red Springs will be in charge of the program. He will make a presentation on beekeeping in Robeson County followed by a question and answer period.

All professional beekeepers and amateur beekeepers, as well as all persons interested in beekeeping are cordially invited to attend.

PLATE SALE PLANNED

There will be a chicken and barbecue plate sale on Friday, Sept. 16, at Cherokee Community Building, across from Oxendine School. The proceeds will be used for the Wakulla Day Care Center. Price per plate will be \$2.00. The public is invited to attend.

BRIEFS FROM CULTURAL RESOURCES

Non-profit organizations have until Oct. 1 to apply for grants for upcoming community arts projects from the N.C. Arts Council. The council will award grants at its semi-annual meeting Oct. 28 and 29 at Quail Roost Conference Center.

The state arts council consists of 24 members appointed by the governor. It allocates state and federal arts funds to individual organizations throughout the state. For information and application forms, contact the N.C. Arts Council, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh 27611, 919/733-5897.

The N.C. Museum of Art Building Commission will hold its quarterly meeting at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, in the board room of the N.C. Museum of Art, sixth floor, Highway Building Annex, Raleigh.

Professional theatre companies have until Oct. 17 to apply for grants in aid from the Theatre Arts section of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. Theatre Arts will award the grants at its semi-annual board meeting Nov. 12 and 13 at Quail Roost Conference Center.

The 12-member Theatre Arts board provides funding and management assistance to non-profit, professional theatre companies in North Carolina. Information and application forms are available at N.C. Theatre Arts, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh 27611, 919/733-2111.

WON'T YOU HELP?

Yancy Hunt, 9 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Maynor suffered from 2nd and 3rd degree burns over 65 percent of his body on March 26th. So far treatment has cost \$40,000.00 and Yancy will have to continue treatment for another seven years. He has to be wrapped in gauze bandages every day plus numerous trips to Chapel Hill and motel fees for the family.

All the local Indian Jaycee Chapters, including Fairgrove, Saddletree, Hoke County, Burnt Swamp, and the Pembroke Jaycees will be sponsoring a Car Wash at Jeff's Car Wash on September 17th to help the family in the struggle to rehabilitate young Yancy. We (all the Jaycees) are asking for your help that day. Let us wash and vacuum your car for \$3.00 or let us wax your car for \$20.00. Mr. Jeff Oxendine has consented to let us rent his car wash for that particular day and anyone wishing to have his car washed there will be charged \$3.00.

We will appreciate your contributions and so will Yancy.

Chairman, Larry T. Roberts

ROBESON COUNTY INDIAN EDUCATION...

A REPORT BY RUTH DIAL WOODS

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS TRAIN FOR NEW PROGRAM

Four new Title IV-A staff members have been engaged in a semi-orientation and training program at the Robeson County Compensatory Indian Education Office this week. During the next week, the staff will undergo more intensive in-service training and will make preparations to begin scheduling their programs at various schools within the Robeson County School System.

The Youth Development Specialists include Ms. Diane Worriax, Mrs. Merdis Oxendine, Ms. Alice F. Cummings, and Ms. Paula Kaye Hunt. The Youth Development Specialists will provide individual and group counseling services to Indian students in grades 6-12 in the various schools. These services will utilize a broad range of experiences aimed toward the development of positive self-concepts and self-confidence which will increase levels of motivation and a sense of achievement. These experiences will also be designed to develop group pride and reinforce Indian identity.

This program will provide Indian students with an opportunity to acquire a new awareness of themselves, assist them in coping successfully in the integrated schools, prepare them for social adjustments, and provide an opportunity for students to explore avenues which will enhance their own dignity, uniqueness, and worth.

Counseling services will focus on careers and alternative careers, job orientation and the introduction to the world of work as well as referrals for additional vocational and post-secondary educational counseling.