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Board of Education Hears Complaints on Misplaced Students

The Robeson County Board of Education met in regular session on Friday. Appearing before the board were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Chavis of the Prospect area. Mr. Chavis presented a listing of students who were attending schools outside the district they reside in. Included on the list were several teachers in the county unit. Purnell Swett, Superintendent, said

that he would check each child listed to ascertain whether they were in fact residing in one school district and attending schools in another district.

Mr. Swett also reported on East Robeson Primary School. He showed the board members a model and explained what phase of the building

project would be unfinished due to a lack of funds.

In other matters the board approved the recommended changes in the amendments to the by-laws of the Indian Education Parent Committee, heard a report from Mr. Donald A. Bonner, Assistant Superintendent on the student testing program.

Miss Pembroke Junior High Pageant Tonight

The Miss Pembroke Junior High Pageant will be held tonight, December 15, 1977, at 7:30 p.m. in the PSU Performing Arts Center.

The fourteen lovely ladies competing for the title are: Joanie Maynor, 9th grade; Vicky Sampson, 8th grade; Carmen Dietrich, 8th grade; Darlene Brewington, 9th grade; Terri Walker, 9th grade; Zina Strickland, 9th grade; Yonah Chavis, 8th grade; Robin

Brewington, 9th grade; Ramona Locklear, 9th grade; Charmaine Locklear, 9th grade; Shelia Revels, 8th grade; Ruth Ransom, 8th grade; Pamela Deese, 9th grade; and Gina Maynor, 9th grade.

Talent will consist of modern and free dance, gymnastics, vocals and instrumentation. Theme for the occasion will be "Babie in Toyland." Admission will be \$2.00.

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PEMBROKE JAYCEES CHRISTMAS DRIVE

The Pembroke Jaycees are holding their 10th annual Needy Family Toy and Clothing Christmas Drive, to be held from now until Christmas.

Anyone interested in donating clothing and new or used toys are asked to contact Mr. James F. (Buddy) Bell at 521-4227 from 8 until 3 each week day and at 521-4622 after 4 p.m., or contact any member of the Pembroke Jaycees.

Toys can also be delivered to the Jaycee Hut in Pembroke every Wednesday night, and all day on Saturdays until Christmas.

If you know of any families whom you wish your donations to go to, give their name and address to Mr. Bell or any of the Jaycees.

Please give your donation to make this a happy Christmas for those in need.

HARLAN COUNTY, U.S.A. TO BE SHOWN AT SCOTLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The film "Harlan County, U.S.A." will be shown at Scotland Memorial Library this Sunday, December 18, 7:30 p.m. It will be sponsored by the United Workers of Scotland County and will be free to the public.

The movie, directed by Barbara Kopple, is a record of the changes of the 13-month strike against Duke Power Company in 1973. The camera follows the miners into the depths of the mines; it records the highs and lows of the strikers' meetings, their confrontation with Duke Power Company.

Mrs. Kopple and her crew lived and worked for more than three years among the people of Harlan County. And it shows. There is no way her camera could have gotten so close to these people if she had not gotten their trust.

PEMBROKE BPW CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS STORY

In lieu of their regular meeting, the Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Club met on Monday night, December 5th, at the Planetarium in Lumberton. In keeping with their theme they enjoyed a presentation of "The Star of Bethlehem."

Following the Christmas story, the members gathered at the home of their president, Mrs. Grace Epps, for a reception. The house was decorated with Christmas decor with a special "BPW display" in the hall way. The members and guests enjoyed refreshments and fellowship. In attendance were approximately 50 members, spouses and guests.

CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNED FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The fifty-five senior citizens from Pembroke United Methodist Church Center will have a Christmas party at Maynor Manor from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. on December 22, 1977.

A cantata will be presented by the senior citizens with Rev. Welton Lowry as narrator. Miss Linda Locklear and Miss Brenda Hunt, Miss Lumbee, will perform. Felicia Maynor will give a rendition of two original compositions.

The cantata will be entitled "The Story of the Christ Child."

Mrs. Vera Lowry is coordinating the event.

MAGNOLIA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED TONIGHT

The Magnolia High School Chorus presents its Christmas program today, Dec. 15 at 9:30 a.m. Participating in the program in addition to the chorus will be the Spanish Club.

The chorus will present favorite Christmas songs. The Spanish Club will present Spanish dances and will sing a few selections in Spanish. Mrs. Sarah Bell is director of the chorus and Mrs. Lolita Blanks, the Spanish Club.

All parents and other interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

TELEVISION MUSIC OF PSU'S CONCERT CHOIR ANNOUNCED

The songs of Christmas that the concert choir of PSU will present on WECT-TV, Channel 6, in Wilmington, Friday, Dec. 16, or Christmas Day have been announced by the choir director, Dr. Harold Slagle, chairman of the PSU Music Department.

They include Fanfare for Christmas Day by Martin Shaw; Glory Be To God by Jean Berger; Begun Chant by Gregor Aichinger; Unto us A Child is Born by Giuseppe Mochetti; Hallelujah Chorus by Jan Svecelnic; Dutch Peeth O Beantons Heavenly Light by J.S. Bach and Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi.

The program Dec. 16 will be part of the Jim Burns program. The other music will be during a four-hour presentation of a number of area choral on Christmas Day.

Ozmer Lee Oxendine Invents Orthopedic Boots



Ozmer Lee Oxendine

Ideas are fleeting things. Sometimes an idea will fit by and we'll just let it go on by, unable to capture the elusive wisp. But not Ozmer Lee Oxendine.

Ozmer Lee Oxendine, a dedicated school teacher, who has taught at Union Elementary School for eighteen years, recently received a patent for developing a pair of orthopedic boots for compensation of leg length deformities.

Oxendine remembers the idea this way. His sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jacobs have a lovely daughter, Lynn, who had an unfortunate accident. The accident resulted in one of her legs ceasing to grow normally. Outfitted with a thick sole and noticeable orthopedic boot, Lynn simple refused to wear the boot.

Seemingly the major problem with those who are forced to wear an orthopedic boot because of a leg deformity is the psychological shock of wearing a noticeable and thick soled shoe.

Oxendine began to think about it and, as he recalls, "the essence of the idea came to me all at once." And he began to develop the concept that came to him in a flash of intuition.

The idea, a lesson in simplicity, is basically this: a pair of orthopedic boot that look basically the same from outward appearances. One of the boots is built around a recessed shell that allows the longer leg of the wearer to fit down in the shoe comfortably so that a level walking condition is created.

But it's not really as easy as that. Ideas are, as one of the philosophers said, "a dime a dozen." But doing something about an idea is, another matter.

That is where the Patent Office comes in. To tie down an idea, one must secure a patent on the idea and develop it so that it can be certified as the right of the patent holder. For instance, Oxendine filed his patent application December

27, 1976 and the patent was not officially received until November 15, 1977. The patent allows Oxendine to hold all rights relating to his patent for a period of seventeen years. It is his idea.

Oxendine holds the right to his idea for seventeen years. His patent excludes anyone else from making, selling or using the invention.

Oxendine, who resides in the Harper's Ferry area with his wife Cora Sue and their three children, recommends that if one has an idea, to keep it to yourself until you have filed a patent application. And, most of all, he recommends that one secure the services of a patent attorney.

Congress has established the United Patent Office to perform the function of issuing patents on behalf of the government. The patent office was established in 1802. The chief function of the patent office is to administer the patent laws as they relate to the granting of patent applications and patents.

After a patent application is obtained, it is no certainty that a patent will be granted. A search is made and if no other existing patent is listed then a patent will be issued.

The best ideas are, according to Oxendine, the most simple ones. Shown with this article is a drawing and summary of Oxendine's patent.

Oxendine hope to manufacture the orthopedic boots so that the Lynns can walk about comfortably and live happy useful lives.

Any more ideas? Oxendine says, "Well, nothing that I want to talk about. I have been working on a couple of things..." In the meantime, Ozmer Lee Oxendine continues to teach 6 and 7th graders at Union Elementary School.

A SUMMARY OF OXENDINE'S PATENT FOR ORTHOPEDIC BOOTS

Pair of thick soled platform boots are designed to provide one boot of relatively conventional construction and a second boot whose thickened sole area is hollow so that the wearer's longer leg resides in the hollowed area. A shell within the hollow provides the frame about which the invention boot is formed and secured thereto, the external appearance of both boots is substantially identical there by hiding any external signs of a deformity. The difference in the wearer's leg length is the determining factor as to the height of the shell and the depths of the hollowed out area and the invention accommodates to a wide range of differences in leg length.

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Jaycees Plan Christmas Parade Today Downtown Pembroke Beginning 10 A.M.

Pembroke Jaycees Help on Indian Memorial Cottage



The Jaycee Creed has a line which reads: "that service to humanity is the best work of life." The Pembroke Jaycees have worked hard in the past to live up to the Jaycee Creed and are continuing those efforts.

Recently the Pembroke Jaycees held a work day at the site of the Indian Memorial Cottage at the Odum Home. They worked all day on the project and put the sheeting on the roof of the cottage.

Mr. Tommy D. Swett and Rev. Harvey Brewington are co-chairing the building committee for the memorial cottage. They anticipate the completion of the cottage by Easter.

Mr. Swett stated that he had had several community organizations involved with the building project and would like to thank them and the Pembroke Jaycees for their contributions.

Participating from the Pembroke Jaycees were: Randall Jones; Greg Cummings; R.D. Locklear; Noah Woods; William Locklear; Douglas Locklear; Willie Harris; Walter Oxendine; Carnell Locklear; Lay Cummings; Carlton Dial; and Bobby D. Locklear.

Members of the Pembroke Jaycees are shown as they work on the construction of Indian Memorial Cottage on the Odum Home campus in Pembroke. (Bill Hunt, photo)

Magnolia Homecoming Queen Crowned



Sharon McNeill, Miss Homecoming

During halftime activities at a recent basketball contest, Magnolia School crowned Miss Homecoming, 1977, Sharon McNeill.

Sharon is a ninth grade student in Mr. Elmer Hunt's homeroom. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Jones of Rt. 1 Shannon. Her escort for the halftime activities was Kenneth McNeill. She was crowned by the 1976 Miss Homecoming, Janice Brewer.

Finalists who participated in the activities were: Second Runner-Up, Belinda Knights, Eighth Grade, daughter of Ms. Clara Joyce Butler; First Runner-Up, Sandra Faye Bell, Fifth Grade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bell; Jean McCall, Tenth Grade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Stokes; Cassie Lee Oxendine, Eleventh Grade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis L. Oxendine; and Demetrius Locklear, Twelfth Grade daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Fuller Locklear.

Santa Claus visits

On Monday night, December 12, Santa Claus came to visit the children at the Pembroke Lumbee Longhouse Learning Center. Before his arrival the students presented a Christmas program for their parents and visitors.

Invocation was by Mr. Bobby Ray Kerns and special music was by the children of the center and Bruce Swett.

Mrs. Verdina Locklear is the instructor

at the Pembroke Center. She is assisted by Ms. Sarah Hunt, Mrs. Theresa Locklear, Ms. Margaret Locklear and Ms. Marilyn Hunt.



The students of Lumbee Longhouse Learning Center, Pembroke, are shown during their presentation of a Christmas Program. (Elmer Hunt photo)

He is a graduate of Lumberton High School, attended King's Business College in Charlotte, and Womack-Selenia Business School in Lumberton. He has been enrolled in the Robeson Technical Institute's continuing Adult Education Program in the Business Administration Course, and will continue his education in Sanford.

At the time of his transfer to Sanford, Mundy was the president of the Rowland Normant Parent Teachers Association, secretary-treasurer of the Robeson County Toastmasters Club, and he taught Sunday school classes at the Chestnut Street United Methodist Church, as well as serving on the Administrative Board and the Commission on Worship.

Mundy is married to the former Donna Peterson and they have two children.

ORTHOPEDIC BOOTS
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1. A pair of orthopedic boots for compensation of leg length deformation of the wearer comprising:
a. a first shoe for use on the foot of the wearer's shorter leg, and first shoe having a relatively thick sole area providing built-up compensation means for the shortness of the wearer's shorter leg; and
b. a second shoe for use on the foot of the wearer's longer leg, and second shoe presenting an outward appearance of having a relatively thick sole, the sole sole material of said second shoe being formed around a shell member so provide an outward appearance of a built-up sole, said shell member providing a recessed area within said second shoe for receiving the foot of the longer leg of the wearer, whereby said first and second shoes provide a level walking condition for the wearer.