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Pembroke Board Approves CP&L Substation

The Pembroke Town Council, in action Tuesday night, agreed to allow conditional use of an eight acre tract of line CP&L plans to use for a substation. At an earlier meeting, the council had considered annexing the property which is located approximately one mile south of Pembroke City Limits.

Councilman Milton Hunt cast the only negative vote against the measure saying that he could not vote for a motion when there is a possibility of gaining tax revenue for the town.

Although the conditional use of the property was allowed, the council let it be known that they would eventually annex the area in question. Councilman Sam Dial, although allowing that there was not good reason to annex the property in question right now noted that "it will eventually be part of Pembroke because we are growing rapidly but we do not want to block any growth at this time."

Mayor Reggle Strickland noted, after the measure was acted on, that "we will get it a little later on."

CP&L (Carolina Power and Light Company) plans to use the substation to relieve the electrical use on the lines between Maxton and Pembroke and, therefore, provide better customer service.

CP&L's area manager, Charles Huffman, noted, "it is not fair to annex CP&L without considering all the other properties in the general area. All we ask is that CP&L be treated fairly."

CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS BEGUN ON A NUMBER OF SUBSTANDARD DWELLINGS

Reluctantly, but firmly, the town council

agreed to follow the recommendation of McDuffie Cummings, town manager, and begin condemnation proceedings against Beatrice Bethea and demolish a run down dwelling sitting in her front yard. Said Councilman Milton Hunt, "We have to start somewhere." The action against Ms. Bethea is the first of a number of legal actions underway against unsightly and unsafe dwellings, mostly unoccupied and unfit for habitation.

Mayor Strickland noted the difference in the look of Maxton since they began a similar campaign to rehabilitate housing and improve the looks of the town.

It was noted that Ms. Bethea had not responded to any of the town's communications and that all legal sanctions had been applied in a correct manner.

Councilman Hunt noted that it would be in Pembroke's favor in attracting federal community development funds if they showed initiation on their own.

OTHER ITEMS ACTION UPON

The town officially accepted the audit of the town's books done by S. Preston Douglas & Associates.

And Mrs. Shirley Lowry, who headed the Pembroke Town's Cystic Fibrosis Campaign which she termed "successful" presented a plaque of recognition from the Cystic Fibrosis Chapter to Mayor Reggle Strickland in behalf of all the people of Pembroke.

Mrs. Lowry suggested the plaque be hung at Town Hall to serve as an inspiration to future charitable fund raising projects.

New Savings & Loan Association Planned by Ben Floyd, Sam Noble And Others

A number of Robeson residents, including Ben Floyd, clerk of court, and Sam Noble, chairman of the board of commissioners, have filed for a charter to open a savings and loan association in the area.

Legislation permitting the organization of stockholder-owned savings and loan associations became effective July 1, 1977 as a result of action taken by the last session of the General Assembly. To date, more than 20 groups have filed applications for chartering such organizations, including an effort underway in Southern Pines headed by former Governor Jim Holshouser.

The applications, on file with the Savings and Loan Division of the North Carolina Department of Commerce, which will have to approve the application, lists the proposed name of the organization as Investors Savings and Loan, Ltd.

The initial location for the proposed savings and loan will be 408 North Chestnut Street in Lumberton.

The new financial concern proposes to sell \$700,000.00 worth of stock.

The twelve members of the board of directors, besides Floyd and Noble, include Charles F. Atkinson, Freeman A. Berne, John Wishart Campbell, Howard M. Cooper, C. Vernon Floyd, Jr., Carlton Lindsey, Jr., Lacy Carroll Nance, Chappell N. Noble, John Willie Oxendine, and Arthur J. Robinson.

Oxendine is an Indian and Robinson is a Black physician.

The application hearing for the new savings and loan is tentatively set for February, 1978, the same time as the hearing to consider whether or not Robeson Savings and Loan will be given permission to establish a branch office in Pembroke.

COMMISSIONERS VOTE 'NO' ON VOTING MACHINES

The Robeson County Board of Commissioners met Monday and voted against a request for voting machines by the Robeson County Board of Elections.

Commissioner Herman Dial made the motion against voting machines. Voting with him were Bobby Dean Locklear, Red Springs District; Thomas S. Jones, Fairmont District; J.W. Hunt, Rowland District.

Voting against the motion (and in favor of voting machines) were Bill Herndon,

St. Pauls District, and H.T. Taylor, one of the two commissioners from the Lumberton District.

Chairman Sam Noble, also from the Lumberton District, indicated that he was in favor of voting machines although he did not have to cast a vote on the matter. The chairman only votes in case of a tie.

Board of Elections Chairman Rev. Charles McDowell voiced displeasure at the outcome of the vote. McDowell had campaigned hard for voting machines.

Barnes Announces for Judge



Governor R. Barnes, Jr.

Governor R. Barnes, Jr. of Pembroke today announced his intention to seek a seat as District Judge in Robeson and Scotland Counties. He will challenge Judge Sam Britt of Lumberton.

Said Barnes in making his announcement: "I have a desire to restore equality to the courts. I believe that every citizen regardless of race is entitled to fair and just treatment. I believe that all citizens of Robeson and Scotland can see the need for a change in the present structure of the leadership of the courts.

"I feel that the court is not just a place to render persecution, but a place to try to correct and improve a person's life and way of living. Undue hardships are not necessarily the answer to the correction of problems.

"I sincerely ask the people— all people of Robeson and Scotland Counties to consider voting for a change."

Barnes has been a minister since 1968 and stated that he has worked with people from all walks of life. He said, "I have a compassion for and interested in all people. I feel that my experiences in life help qualify me as a laymen to represent all the people of our present communities. Vote for Governor R. Barnes, Jr. on May 8th."

Barnes is employed by LOF Glass Co. in Laurinburg. He is married to the former Barbara Bullard and is the father of 3 sons, who reside in Charlotte.

Income Tax Forms Mailed

GREENSBORO--Approximately two million North Carolina taxpayers will receive their Federal income tax forms packages by mail during the next two weeks, the Internal Revenue Service says.

The type of form a person receives is usually determined by what form was filed during the last year. However, the IRS expects many more North Carolinians to be able to use the short form this year, causing a reduction in paperwork for the taxpayer.

Robert A. LeBaube, IRS District Director for North Carolina, remarked, "We expect that about one-half of our taxpayers will be able to use the short form, and in most cases, they can prepare their own returns." LeBaube said that many of the calculations formerly required are now included in the tax tables, leaving the taxpayer only addition and subtraction to be concerned with.

The IRS suggests that you begin now to gather tax records so that when you receive the W-2 earnings statement from your employer, you can prepare the return right away. If a taxpayer files the Federal return in January or early February, a refund due can usually be expected in about four or five weeks.

Two things can help speed up a refund: the use of the pre-addressed label and the coded envelope, both included in the individual tax package.

N.C. Minimum Wage Increases to \$2.30 an hour Effective January 1

January 1 was a red-letter day for many employees of small retail and service businesses in North Carolina.

That's the day on which the Tar Heel State's required minimum wage moves up from \$2.30 an hour to \$2.50 an hour.

On the basis of a 40-hour workweek, the increase will bring an extra \$8.00 a week for thousands of North Carolina's lowest paid workers who make no more than the minimum wage at their jobs.

It will be their second "raise" in six months. By action of the 1977 General Assembly, the required State minimum wage was raised from \$2.00 an hour to \$2.30 an hour on July 1, 1977. That increase, plus the additional 20-cent rise January 1, add up to a 25 percent increase over the old \$2.00 minimum.

"The \$2.50 statutory minimum wage will apply to all non-exempt employees in establishments having four or more employees who are not covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Wage-Hour Law)," explained N.C. Commissioner of Labor John C. Brooks.

Many North Carolina employees are covered by the federal minimum, which advanced from the present \$2.30 an hour to \$2.65 an hour on January 1, 1978, in those businesses having a gross annual income of \$250,000 or more. However, there are thousands of more North Carolina workers in small establishments to whom the federal law does not apply. These workers are often employed in small retail, wholesale, food service and service industry establishments. These people are indebted to the foresight of our General Assembly which built in the additional increase in the State minimum wage in anticipation of the increased federal minimum.

"Without making a comprehensive Statewide survey, for which there is neither budget nor personnel, we have no reliable way of estimating either how many workers are covered by the State minimum wage at present, or how many of those who are covered are currently being paid less than \$2.50 an hour," Commissioner Brooks stated. "I believe that the new minimum wage will have a substantial impact upon the earnings of many North Carolina workers who are covered by the State law."

Tom Oxendine Featured (sic) in Hustler Magazine

Many of us remember "Tom Boy" Oxendine. He used to fly airplanes in the service. When he flew over, we felt good inside. We needed heroes more then than we do now. Oxendine, the son of the beloved Mr. and Mrs. Tom Oxendine of nearby Pembroke, was one of the first ones in the Indian community to transcend the psychological barrier and "make something of himself."

Tom Oxendine is in the limelight again. He is featured in Hustler Magazine, not as a centerfold, but as one of the focal points in a story in the January issue of Hustler Magazine entitled "THE STATE OF THE INDIAN NATION," a special report by Charles Raisch, photography by Bob Day.

Tom Oxendine is now the Bureau of Indian Affairs' public information officer. The article is not favorable to Tom. It casts him as a cautious beurocrat, who talks in long winded snatches.

The Carolina Indian Voice begs to differ with the inferences drawn by the article. Oxendine is a hero of ours who made it in a White man's world. The article caricatures him as a one dimensional character. The article captured none of the man's heroic qualities. That's too bad. Our heroes deserve a better fate.

by Bruce Barton



Tom Oxendine

Hustler Magazine did better by the centerfold spread. They showed absolutely everything about the lass. Too bad they did not do as well by Tom Boy.

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V.F.W. NEWS

Locklear-Lowry Post 2843 and Auxiliary sponsored a gospel singing at the V.A. Hospital on Sunday, December 18th 1977 at 3 p.m. The following groups rendered music for the patients: Island Grove Baptist Church Adult Choir of Route 1, Pembroke; The Lowry Family of Shannon; the Church of God, Shannon, NC; the Smith Family of Lumberton and the Cummings Family of Bolton, NC.

The following comrades and sisters were in attendance: Josh Locklear, hospital chairman; Monroe Lowry, commander; Grady Chavis, Hubert Oxendine, Lacy Collings, William C. Chavis, Grover Chavis, Daisey Dimery, Auxiliary President, Clara M. Chavis and Cynthia Chavis.

Sunday, January 8, the 8th District of Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold their quarterly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Maxton VFW Post which is located near Midway.

Monday, January 9, the Pembroke Post 2843 will hold their regular monthly meeting at the Post Home at 7 p.m. All comrades are urged to attend both of these meetings.

Submitted by Monroe Lowry, Post Commander Daisey Dimery, Auxiliary President JUDGE DAVID M. BRITT FILES FOR SUPREME COURT SEAT

Raleigh, N.C.-Judge David M. Britt of the N.C. Court of Appeals made his candidacy for the State Supreme Court official today when he paid his filing fee to the State Board of Elections. Judge Britt, a Democrat, filed for the seat now held by Justice I. Beverly Lake who will retire in 1978.

Britt, a native of Robeson County, is one of the original judges of the Court of Appeals which was created in 1967. He is now serving his second eight-year term.

At the time of his appointment to his present position, Britt was Speaker of the House of Representatives. During his five terms in the General Assembly he was very active in the court improvement program, serving for four years on the Courts Commission. In 1966 the N.C. Bar Association presented him with the Judge John J. Parker Memorial Award for "distinguished service to the cause of jurisprudence in North Carolina".

Britt attended Wake Forest College and Law School and practiced law in Fairmont and Lumberton. A Baptist, he has served as vice president of the Baptist State Convention and is now serving as a trustee of the Convention, Chairman of the Trustees of Meredith College, and a trustee of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

IEA PARENT COMMITTEE TO MEET JANUARY 10

The Title IV Indian Education Parent Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the O.P. Owens Auditorium. The meeting is open to the public.

Dr. Dennis Tafaya, Program Consultant, will discuss the analysis of information gathered by the recent follow-up to the Robeson County Indian Education Needs Assessment (RCIENA).

PSU WRESTLING TEAM NOW RANKS 20TH IN NATION

PEMBROKE--Pembroke State University's wrestling team, which has captured four district championships and three area crowns in the past six years, now ranks 20th among the nation's NAIA schools according to the latest NAIA poll.

Rated first is Grand Valley State College of Michigan with 255 points. Second is Adams State College of Colorado with 242 points. Third is Eastern Washington State.

Next wrestling match for PSU will be Jan. 12 at South Carolina State.

BRAVES' CAGERS SECOND IN NATION IN DEFENSE

PEMBROKE--Latest NCAA Division II basketball statistics have Pembroke State University ranked second in team scoring defense in the nation. The Braves have yielded only 57.7 points per game.

Ranked first in defense is Wisconsin-Green Bay with a 53.4 yield.

At the time the statistics were compiled, Wisconsin-Green Bay had a 7-0 won and lost record, while Pembroke was 4-2.

Claude Sampson honored



Claude Sampson

The Christian Brethren and Sisters of Deep Branch Baptist Church had the honor recently to choose Brother Claude Sampson as our Senior Christian. Bro. Sampson is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, living member.

We thank our Lord Jesus for Bro. Sampson's faithfulness to his church. Bro. Sampson with that ever smile on his face would say, "If no one else will, I'll try."

Proverbs, Sixteenth Chapter says, "Preparations of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord."

When Brother Sampson speaks it's always with a note of kindness and love. When he prays, it could be said that it carries a note of Jehoshaphat's "O Lord God of our father, art not thou God in heaven and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the nations? And in thy hand is there not power and might so that none is able to withstand thee." 2 Cor. 20:6.

Like so many of you, Readers, Bro. Sampson knows what it is like to have the Master to walk in your garden of beautiful flowers and to have Christ pick a rose of beauty.

To you, Bro. Sampson, we all say we love you and may our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

Yours in Christ, Deep Branch Baptist Church by Evangelist Ted Brooks