

## Two Pembroke Residents Graduate from N.C. School of Science and Mathematics

by Glenn Hicks

Two Pembroke residents received high school diplomas during First Commencement exercises at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Durham last Saturday. Stephanie Dawn Locklear, daughter of Mr. Nokie Locklear and Mrs. Joyce Thompson, and Carmen Elizabeth Dietrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Dietrich, were two of the one-hundred and thirty-five members of the first graduating class at NCSSM.

Carmen and Stephanie became interested in the School of Science and Mathematics when they were sophomores at Pembroke Senior High School. The then principal Dr. Vernon R. Thompson, brought the opportunities offered by the new school to the attention of the students and their parents. Both Stephanie and Carmen performed well there. Families and friends are extremely proud of them. In August, Stephanie will become a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Carmen will enroll at North Carolina State.

The graduation exercises began in Cameron Indoor Stadium on the Duke University Campus at 10:30 a.m. and continued for two hours. The time passed quickly, however, due to the quality of the speeches and the musical presentations. Among those on the podium were Governor James B. Hunt, who receives the lions share of the political credit for the establishment of the school. His personal interest in the students has been manifest from the beginning and, in his remarks, Hunt assured them again that he would be forever interested in their lives, individually and as a group. "You students are our best," the Governor said, "...Our best and our brightest."

The purpose and significance of the School of Science and Mathematics were perhaps best defined by writer John Ehle as he reflected upon the way things used to be in education in North Carolina and the beginnings of a turn-around suggested by the new school. Ehle noted that in the not so distant past, North Carolina schools seemed most intent on "helping students to become average." To give special attention to academically talented was thought to be "undemocratic" and "elitist." This attitude toward academics was and is in sharp contrast to treatment of athletics. "Athletics are the best taught subjects in our state," Ehle said, and remarked that teachers "need to learn from coaches." He pointed out that no one wanted an "average" basketball team or sought to bring a

track star down to an "average performance." The School of Science and Mathematics was established to give North Carolina's best students the best education they could get. Ehle concluded by urging the students to "go to college where you please, but come home," when their higher education is completed. "What we are about," he said, "is the saving of our civilization."

The main address was given by Dr. Lewis M. Branscomb who built upon the thoughts previously voiced by Ehle and Hunt. Branscomb, a member of the Board of Trustees of NCSSM, is Vice President and Chief Scientist of the IBM Corporation. He titled his address, "The Opportunity to be Best," which is the purpose of the school for its students. He linked the state of the economy to educational excellence, saying the downward trend of the economy can only be reversed through science and technology. Branscomb told the students to feel science as well as think it and ended with the admonition that they should not neglect philosophy, art and music on the esthetic side of life.

Students, too, had an active part in the graduation ceremonies. Tonya Lynette Smith, a member of the graduating class, spoke from the platform on the topic "We begin a greater challenge." The student Wind Ensemble played the Processional and Recessional, and there was a selection sung by the Student Chorus.

After the conferring of diplomas by the Director, Dr. Charles R. Eilber, the commencement exercises moved to the NCSSM campus where the first graduating class buried a time capsule to be opened twenty-five years hence. The capsule contained video tapes, notes from student talks, an empty pizza box, and a class picture, among other things. The formal ceremonies concluded with a reception on the lawn where the main attraction was a cake approximately three feet wide and eight feet long. That left only bringing out the luggage and tearful farewells among 138 young people who had lived, studied, played and worked together for two years.

Pembroke Senior High has no students in the rising senior class at NCSSM but will have three juniors transferring to become part of the class of 1984. They are Janet Chavis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Chavis; Hampton Oxendine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Oxendine; and Deon Strickland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Strickland.

## OXENDINE GOES PROFESSIONAL



David Oxendine of Pembroke has gone professional in the theater arts. Oxendine, a dean's list student, is a 1982 graduate of Catawba College, having majored in drama, with a minor in speech. While at Catawba, Oxendine starred in many performances, and has received several awards for his acting, including best actor, and most outstanding actor. While at Catawba, Oxendine was inducted into the Phi-Epsilon honor society.

In addition to Catawba studies, Oxendine has studied at the State Theatre of North Carolina in Flat Rock, N.C. for two seasons, and also the National Shakespeare Company, based in New York City. During July, Oxendine will join the Alpha-Omega Players based in Rockport, Texas.

This is a select group of professional actors, booked throughout the United States, and Canada. While there he will perform in four popular Broadway hit plays that will tour the country for 9 months. Oxendine states this tour will further his training and provide the opportunity to see all parts of the nation.

Oxendine, a graduate of Pembroke Senior High School received many awards and honors while enrolled there. He was president of the Drama Club, member of the high school band, Spanish Club, and was listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady G. Oxendine.

### BIBLE VERSE

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

1. Of what part of the Bible is this verse a part?
2. By whom was it written?
3. Where may it be found?
4. How many Psalms are there in the Old Testament?

#### Answers to Bible Verse

1. The Psalms.
2. By King David and directed to his Chief Musician to be set to music.
3. Psalm 46:1.
4. 150.



Ms. Susie Locklear and Ms. Gretchen Hatcher were honored on their 65th birthdays with a dinner at Baker's Chapel Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 6, 1982. Approximately 150 relatives and friends were present to help them celebrate this event.

The ladies received \$65 each as their gifts.

Ms. Locklear and Ms. Hatcher were both reared in the White Hill-Harpers Ferry Church community.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Where do you think the biggest chunk of money comes from for all the things that Girl Scouts do? Cookies! Last year, the 336 Girl Scout Councils across the country sold more than 116 million boxes of cookies. Here are some more interesting facts about this famous organization that you may not know:

- Buying Girl Scout Cookies is one of the tastiest ways to help support youth activities. Gross sales of Girl Scout Cookies were about \$200 million in 1981. Most of that money stayed in the local communities to finance activities sponsored by the councils.

- What are the best selling Girl Scout Cookies? Thin Mint cookies, baked with a crunchy cookie, peppermint oil and a rich chocolate coating.

- Where do Girl Scout Cookies come from? Bakers franchised by Girl Scouts USA. One of the biggest—and certainly the oldest—is Burry-LU of Elizabeth, New Jersey. The company has supplied Girl Scout Cookies for nearly 40 years—more



than 46 million boxes last year alone.

- Some of the unique cookies the company makes just for the Girl Scouts include this yummy list: Savannahs—smooth peanut butter sandwich cremes; Hoedowns—crunchy cookies topped with a smooth peanut creme and a chocolate coating; Dutch'n Such—spice cookies; and Kookaburras—golden caramel sandwiched between crisp, light wafers with a chocolate covering. All are made with 100 percent vegetable shortening and contain no artificial preservatives.

- Scrumptious Girl Scout Cookies are available only through your local Girl Scout Council.

Character is what makes individuals do more than the law requires.

Telling other people what is best for their own good is the world's least needed business.

### CORRECTION OF PRINTED NOTICE RELATIVE TO PEMBROKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING...

Published June 3 and June 10 The Town of Pembroke held a public hearing relative to application by the town of Pembroke for funding under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Amended, 1981. In the public notice printed June 3 and 10, 1982, the

Carolina Indian Voice incorrectly listed Rowland instead of Pembroke in the third paragraph from the bottom. That paragraph should have read:

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to obtain the views and proposals of the citizens of Pembroke with regard to the determination of priorities for the Community Development and housing needs of the Town of Pembroke.

## TV & Crime

The Turner Broadcasting System recently devoted much time and effort to the question whether excessive crime on TV affected the nation's young and impressionable.

The network is to be commended for telecasting the criticisms of groups like the PTA, Coalition For Better TV, religious organizations and others. The criticisms are badly needed. (Network executives also had the opportunity to defend their programming.)

The mere fact that the issue is posed as a question is a mild insult to the intelligence. Anyone with bat senses knows, and has known for a long time that TV is widely imitated by impressionables, weak minded and youth. To continue doubts, to take seriously self-serving argument that no harm is proven is itself disgusting.

The obvious need is to clean the medium up—as far as possible. The intense competition of the three commercial networks is for the largest possible audience. Therefore whatever sex, shock or violence that attracts viewers is used. This has done more harm U.S. society in recent years than any other sin; development in the country's history.

## RE-ELECT JUDGE GARDNER

DISTRICT COURT, ROBESON & SCOTLAND COUNTIES

- Dedicated to Equal Justice to all people under law.
- Qualified through Training and Experience. (15 years Practice of Law, 16 years District Court Judge, now serving as Chief Judge)
- Age 58, married, two children, Democrat
- Active in Church, Civic, and Community Affairs.
- Veteran with overseas service.



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## ELECT WALTER G. OXENDINE TO THE ROBESON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT IV

CONCERNED - DEDICATED - And WILLING TO SERVE - The Students, Parents, Teachers, & Administrators of the County System.

### CONCERNED

- About Students Reaching Their Educational Potential.
- About Getting Community Involved in Educational Programs.
- About Teachers Work Schedules and Supplements.

### DEDICATED

- Deacon & Business Mgr. at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke, N.C.
- Received B.S. Degree from Pembroke State University in 1964 and M.A. Degree from Appalachian State University in 1976.
- Taught and Coached in the County System for 6 Years - and Presently Have Two Sons Enrolled At Pembroke Junior High.
- Work Experience in areas of Recreation, Anti-Poverty, Emotionally Disturbed Children, Sales, and presently working as Director of Development & Alumni Affairs at P.S.U.

### WILLING TO SERVE

- Past Member of Town of Pembroke Planning Board and LRDA Steering Committee
- Presently Serving on Board of Directors of S.N.B. (Lumberton) and chairman of Robeson County Housing Authority, Board of Commissioners
- Have Served in Numerous Positions with Jaycee Organization

I Serve My Lord, My Family, and My Fellowman - NOW - I want an opportunity to serve on the Board of Education.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Earned Eagle Scout Award - Outstanding Young Educator - Jaycee of the Year - Rooster of the Year - JCI Senator - Outstanding State Vice President of N. C. Jaycees - Distinguished Service Award - and Recognized as One of North Carolina's Five Outstanding Young Men in 1976.

With the Help-Support-and Vote of the many fine people in District IV-I will be able to assist in many outstanding accomplishments-for the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of the Robeson County School System.

Thank You

Walter G. Oxendine  
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- B. S. - Pembroke State University
- Former Auxiliary Police Officer
- 2 Years Police Dispatcher
- Member Robeson County Democratic Party
- Chairman - Advisory Board Pembroke Elementary and Middle School
- Former Vice-Chairman - Robeson County Board of Social Services
- Member of a family long associated with Christian leadership - Son of Rev. Simeon F. Cummings
- 4 years Church School Superintendent - Sandy Plains United Methodist Church
- Married, 5 Children