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## GREEN'S VOTE BREAKS THE TIE AS BOARD REFUSES TO CHANGE MEETING TIME 6-5

Recently re-elected Chairman of the Robeson County Board of Education, David Green continued his voting ways on Tuesday when the board met in regular session. Green announced several months back that he would "from this day forward, vote on all issues before the board."

On Tuesday, Bill Oxendine moved that the board change their meeting time from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in order that working people might be able to attend. This he said was to accommodate the public they were to represent. The motion was seconded by Ronald Revels.

Those voting for the motion were: Bill Oxendine, Ronald Revels, Charles D. Locklear, Dr. Gerald Maynor and Dr. Dalton Brooks.

Voting against the motion were: J.R. Musselwhite, Rufus Graham, E.B. Morton, John A. Gibson, Pete Clark, and David Green. And Green announced that the motion was lost.

The board in unanimous action accept-

ed a \$200. bid for the fire damaged junior high building at Prospect School by Fredrick Moore, subject to the law which allows 10 days for an upset bid. They also approved the sale of a mobile unit at Fairgrove School with three sections to Hazely Hunt for \$650. subject to the same law. They also agreed to advertise for the acceptance of sealed bids for the Home Economics Building at Rowland High School.

In other matters they approved the Vocational Rehabilitation agreement, the vocational education budget and the submission of proposals for the Chapter I and Migrant Education Programs.

They learned that West Robeson High was being completed on schedule by August and they tabled action on allowing the voluntary finger printing of "non-delinquent juveniles" as requested by the Sheriff's Deputy, Bill Price. The finger printing would be used, they were told by letter, for identification purposes only!!

## Drill Sergeant of the Year!

**Ft. Bliss, Texas--Staff Sergeant Velton Locklear, Jr.,** was home on leave recently visiting his mother, Mrs. Seressie Locklear, and other relatives after winning "Drill Sergeant of the Year" competition at Ft. Bliss, Texas where he is assigned to duty, and competing in the national competition at Ft. Monroe, Virginia. His father is the late Velton Locklear.

A career soldier S/Sgt. Locklear, 28, said, "I love military life, especially the discipline and order." He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) by the secretary of the army for his meritorious achievement as a soldier and drill sergeant.

The commendation reads:  
**To Staff Sergeant Velton Locklear, Jr., United States Army.**

For exceptionally meritorious achievement as Drill Sergeant, United States Army Air Defense Center and Fort Bliss, Ft. Bliss, Texas, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, from 1 March 1983 to 30 April 1983. During this period, Sergeant LOCKLEAR repeatedly demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership. Sergeant LOCKLEAR was selected as Outstanding Drill Sergeant of the Year to represent his Army training center in competition for the 1983 Stephen Ailes Award. Sergeant LOCKLEAR'S COMMENDABLE ACHIEVEMENTS\* LOYALTY\* AND DEVOTION TO DUTY ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE PROUDEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service."

Sergeant Locklear said, "Although I did not win the national competition, I felt good about the experience gained as there were only a few of us who made it to the national level."

He continued, "I considered it an honor and a privilege to represent my

fellow drill sergeants from the 1st ADA Tng. Bde. and Ft. Bliss. I consider the competition as an opportunity to demonstrate my abilities on behalf of Ft. Bliss," Locklear commented.

Even before the national competition, Locklear already had contributed tremendously as a drill sergeant. After serving in G Battery, 4th Battalion, for one year, the Brigade selected him to work as an instructor for the Initial Entry Cadre course in 1982. His superior performance and professionalism then earned him the position of Senior Course Manager for the IET course.

In December, 1982, he was named 1st ADA Tng. Bde. "Drill Sergeant of the Quarter and in February Drill Sergeant of the Year." His work has earned him the praise of his peers, among them last year's "Drill Sergeant of the Year," SSgt. James C. Van Eck.

"SSgt. Locklear is an outstanding professional NCO. He is dedicated, hard working and thorough. Without a doubt, he exemplifies all the characteristics of a top-notch drill sergeant," commented SSgt. Van Eck.

"When I came into the Army in 1973, I was immediately impressed with the drill sergeant. I felt that it took a special individual to successfully mold a civilian into a disciplined soldier," Locklear explained.

"What finally convinced me to become a drill sergeant was that on my graduation from Basic Training, my drill sergeant told us that one day of us would be a drill sergeant. I had an eerie feeling that he was talking about me; and I saw myself one day training troops," Locklear added.

There is another side to Locklear that few people know about and that is related to his previous airborne status and love for the outdoors.

After serving as a Reconnaissance Scout for three years, Locklear was reclassified into the Redeye and assigned to the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg in 1978.

According to Locklear it was a great experience for him. He enjoyed the thrill of parachuting and spending time in the field. Locklear believes that "you earn your pay in the field," and that it is a learning experience. Finally, Locklear earned the distinction of becoming a jumpmaster.

"I enjoyed the respect that the soldiers from the 82nd gave me as a jumpmaster," Locklear reminisced.

Another side few people know of Locklear is that of the proud family man. He has a wife, Maria Del Carmen, two daughters, Lori and Julie and a son, Velton.

Proud of his career and family he looks forward to more exciting challenges as a career soldier and one who always gives his best.



Sgt. Velton Locklear, Jr.

## Spring Festival!

The First Annual Peterson School Spring Festival will be held Saturday, May 14th, beginning at 8 a.m. The day will begin with registration for the "Fun Run" at 8 a.m. The run will be 1 mile through town. The map of the course will be handed out at the time of registration. There will be two categories to register under: Individual-\$4.00 and Parent/Child-\$3.50. Each participant will receive a free T-shirt for entering. Prizes will be awarded for the first 5 individual participants and for the first 5 team winners. There will be free raffle tickets that can be used all during the day for every raffle. The "Fun Run" is just one of several contests that will be taking place during the day.

## Science Fair!

A Science Fair will be held at Deep Branch Elementary School Thursday and Friday, May 12th and 13th. The exhibits will include projects from kindergarten through Sixth Grade.

The public is invited to view the exhibits on May 13, 1983 from 9:00 a.m. til 2:30 p.m.

## Cake Sale Fundraising!

There will be a cake sale held to raise funds for the Deep Branch Baseball team on Saturday May 21, starting at 9:00 a.m. until... Anyone wishing to donate baked goods or money for this worthy cause contact Connie Gleave at the Carolina Indian Voice office, 521-2826. Funds raised will be used to buy equipment for the team.

## May Day!

Magnolia School is to present a May Day Program Friday, May 13, 1983 at 9:00 a.m. on the school athletic field. The program with a theme of "A Parade of Holidays" will feature a series of presentations under the direction of Ms. Sarah Bell, Magnolia's Choral and Music Director.

All interested parents and members of the general public are invited to attend.

## ...THE WOLFPACK'S COMING!



The NCAA National Champions will be at Pembroke State University on May 18, 1983. A tentative schedule follows:  
A Drinking Contest-7:45 to 8 pm  
A Basketball Game between the Robeson County All-Stars and the Wolfpack at 8 p.m.

Fee Wee Basketball Games at halftime (two games, five minutes each).  
Mark your calendar for this special event and bring the entire family.  
List of players planning on coming: Thurl Bailey, Art Jones, Scott Parzych,

REVIVAL

GOSPEL OF GRACE  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
Elm St. Maxton, NC  
PASTOR BUCK BOWEN

May 29-June 3

Services begin nightly at 7:30 p.m.  
COME HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

VISITING EVANGELIST  
BRO. RUDOLPH LEMMONS  
FROM GROVER NC

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS  
FOR LITTLE MISS LUMBEE PAGEANT

The LRDA Education Building is now accepting applications for the Little Miss Lumbee Pageant (1983). The child must be Lumbee Indian and between the ages of 4-6 years of age before the day of the pageant. Registration fee is \$15 which must be paid when the application is turned in. It is important that all questions be filled out completely. No changes can be made on the application once it has been submitted.

The first 20 applications received will become contestants for this year's Little Miss Lumbee Pageant. Rehearsals begin on May 31, therefore no applications will be accepted after this date.

The Little Miss Lumbee Pageant, one of the highlights of the annual Lumbee Homecoming festivities, will be held June 29, 1983 in PSU's Performing Arts Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

For more information contact Patsy Lowery at 521-9703 or Delora Cummings at 521-2401.

MISS LUMBEE PAGEANT

Application deadline for the 1983 Miss Lumbee Pageant is Friday, May 13, 1983. All Lumbee girls between the ages of 17-26 interested in entering should pick up applications from the LRDA Center for the Arts Annex, Main St. Pembroke. The first meeting of all applicants is Monday, May 16, 1983 at 7:30 at the Center for the Arts Annex. Attendance is mandatory.

MAY DAY/FIELD DAY SCHEDULED

Pembroke Middle School will hold May Day and Field Day activities on Friday May 13. May Day will begin at 9:30 and is coordinated by Ms. Angela Mercer. There will be a special performance by the Pembroke Middle School Band under the direction of Mr. Joseph M. Locklear. Visiting guests will include the Magnolia Spanish Dancers. Field Day will begin immediately after lunch. Field Day is coordinated by Mr. Daniel Ryberg. The public is invited to attend.

STATE LABOR DEPARTMENT  
WILL HONOR 84 FIRMS AT  
LUMBERTON SAFETY AWARDS  
DINNER, MAY 12

For outstanding achievement in on-the-job safety, four area firms have earned special awards from the N.C. Department of Labor, which Assistant State Labor Commissioner Charles Jeffress will present at a dinner in Lumberton on Thursday, May 12. Jeffress will recognize the companies with the department's million-hour safety award for extended operations without a lost-time or disabling injury.

Burlington Industries Inc., Burlington Menswear-RaeFord Plant, has earned a 10-million-hour award for compiling an even 10,000,000 safe employee hours, Oct. 2, 1978-Dec. 13, 1982.

WestPoint Pepperell Inc., Alamac Knitting Div.-Elizabethtown Complex, qualified for a four-million-hour certificate with exactly 4,000,000 hours from Jan. 24, 1977-Feb. 19, 1983. Assistant Commissioner Jeffress will note the unit's additional achievement in earning the labor department's annual safety award for the 10th consecutive year.

Two other firms to receive special awards are Croft Metals Inc. of N.C., Lumber Bridge Plant, 2,000,000 hours, Oct. 31, 1980-Dec. 3, 1982, and Carolina Power & Light Company, W.H. Weatherspoon Plant, Lumberton, 1,710,424 hours, Nov. 14, 1972-March 31, 1983.

Nearly 150 guests are expected to attend the dinner, which is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Red Carpet Inn, I-95 at Carthage Road.

At the program, co-sponsored annually with the Lumberton/Robeson County Chamber of Commerce, Jeffress also will honor 83 other businesses, governmental units and service establishments with the department's annual safety award. Recipients come from throughout Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke and Robeson counties.

Max Perry and Kenny Matthews.

Max Perry, assistant coach, said there is a possibility that Derrick Whittenberg and Sidney Lowe will come with the group.

Pembroke Mayor James A. "Pete" Jacobs, is shown above with Pembroke Jaycee President Larry Jacobs (far right) and Jaycees Bill "Dollar Bill" Oxendine and Greg Cummings. He is signing a declaration declaring May 18 as "N.C. State" Day in Pembroke.

PEOPLE  
AND PLACES  
AND THINGS

4TH ANNUAL TUSCARORA  
POW WOW

The Tuscarora Indian Tribe of Drowning Creek Reservation will hold its 4th Annual Pow-Wow, beginning Friday, May 13 and ending Sunday, May 15. This year the tribe's distinguished guests will include Congressman Charlie Rose, Sheriff Hubert Stone, Wyvis Oxendine--Robeson County Commissioner, Representatives David Parnell and John Pete Hasty, Purnell Swett--Superintendent of the Robeson County Schools, just to name a few.

The cultural event will feature dancing and drumming. Cash prizes will be awarded to best dancers.

According to a spokesman, this year's Pow Wow promises to be an event that will showcase the true spirit of the American Indian.

Drowning Creek Reservation is located one and one-half miles east of Maxton on the Old Maxton Road.

LOWER LUMBER RIVER  
CANOE CLUB-FIRST STREAM  
WATCH ORGANIZATION

The Lower Lumber River Canoe Club, based in Robeson County, has been designated as one of the first Stream Watch organizations by the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

The club has assumed responsibility for protecting the Lumber River.

"We are delighted to designate the Lower Lumber River Canoe Club as a Stream Watch organization," said Joseph W. Grimsley, secretary of natural resources and community development. "We know the club will do a good job protecting the Lumber River."

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ROBESON COUNTY RECREATION  
AND PARK COMMISSION NEWS

Robeson County Recreation and Park Commission ended its adult women's basketball season on April 21, 1983.

Season ended with a tie for first place between Lumberton Datsun and Proctorville. Lumberton Datsun defeated Proctorville in a one game playoff by a score of 36-30 to win regular season. Proctorville was runner-up in the regular season.

Lumberton Datsun defeated Proctorville and Jamestown to win the tournament championship. Jamestown was runner-up in tournament.

Regular season standings are: Lumberton Datsun-4-2; Proctorville-4-2; Cameo-3-3; and Jamestown Allstars-1-5.

PLATE SALE

There will be a plate sale sponsored by the Pembroke Rescue Squad on May 20, 1983 from 9:00 a.m. until... Barbeque and chicken plates will be on sale for \$3.00 each. This plate sale will be held at the Rescue Squad Building on the Union Chapel Road in Pembroke, NC.

MAY DAY

A May Day will be held at Deep Branch Elementary School Friday, May 20, 1983 at 6:00 p.m.

The public is invited to view the program.

PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS MAY 13  
AS AMERICAN INDIAN DAY

President Reagan on April 14 proclaimed May 13 as American Indian Day and called for appropriate ceremonies to commemorate the occasion. In the proclamation, the President said his administration "will take a flexible approach" in working with the tribes for economic development and increased self-government because of the "diversity among tribes and the right of each tribe to set its own priorities and goals. The tribes, not the federal government, will chart the path of their own development," he said. The President described the history of the Indian people in America as "a record of endurance, of survival, of adaptation and creativity in the face of overwhelming obstacles."

JOHN L. CARTER MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

The memory of the late and esteemed John L. Carter will be memorialized with a John L. Carter Memorial Scholarship thanks to the efforts of the Pembroke High Booster Club members Bill Oxendine, Wade Hunt, Eddie Mac Locklear, Lonnie Locklear, Jr. and others.

The scholarship will go to a deserving senior from West Robeson Senior High School in honor of Mr. Carter who served as treasurer of the Pembroke Booster Club from its inception.

Those wishing to honor Mr. Carter by making a contribution to this scholarship fund may do so by sending contributions to the John L. Carter Memorial Scholarship Fund, Post Office Box 384, Pembroke, N.C. 28372.

MAY IS SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH

May Day for all Senior Citizens of Robeson County will be held May 21, at Mohr Plaza Senior Center, East 5th Street and Fairmont Road in Lumberton from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Highlight of the day is the "Older Adult Walk for Fun and Fitness" beginning 10:15 a.m. at the plaza. Fitness certificates will be given at the plaza also for persons participating in the walk. Beginning at noon at Mohr Plaza will be singers, clowns, dancers, horseshoe pitching, craft demonstrations and May Pole wrapping, banjo and craft sales. Fun for everyone--refreshments lunch.

Come, participate, have fun. Be at Mohr Plaza at 10 a.m. sharp. Sponsors for the event are Lumberton Recreation Department, Robeson County Recreation Department, Lumberton Housing Authority, Okay Sr. Citizens Club, Silver Bell Club, Parkview Travelers Club, and Plaza Club.