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PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON PEMBROKE'S HOME RULE

Monday night's meeting of the Pembroke Town Council was preceded by a public hearing concerning Pembroke's Home Rule. No one appeared against the provision and it is expected to be mandated into law at the next meeting of the council.

The home rule provision, made earlier in the year on motion by Councilman Milton Hunt, will provide staggering terms for the council.

Beginning with municipal elections slated for November '77, the two high vote getters for town council will receive four year terms. The next two high vote getters will receive two year terms with councilmen thereafter being elected to four year terms. The measure, more than anything else, will always provide for experience on the council since two councilmen will be up for re-election every two years.

The mayor, under the provision of the motion, will continue to serve two year terms.

The board also announced that Radar warning signs are now up and enforceable. A child was recently struck at Pembroke Elementary and complaints have been registered concerning motorists speeding by the school during the morning hours when children are coming to school, in spite of the flashing caution lights in place at the school area.

The council also announced that meters are being installed at all churches and religious organizations. Henceforth, all will pay water and sewer bills.

The odd tradition was uncovered by the Concerned Water Consumers of Pembroke when they hired Raeford Attorney Phil Diehl to look into their complaints centering around, as they put it, excessive and inequitable water and sewer rates.

The rest of the findings of Attorney Diehl are presently being studied.

The board also discussed a proposal for curbing and guttering Pine Street with the lion's share of their Powell Bill monies. They decided to pursue estimates of projected costs, etc. before officially undertaking the project although, considering the sentiment expressed by the council, they plan to curb and gutter Pine Street in the very near future.

Mayor Reggie Strickland also brought the council and onlookers up to date on the town's pursuit of EDA funds to build a new municipal building. EDA head Dale Jones recently visited the town and visited possible sites with town officials. The Economic Development Funds, according to town officials, seem to be available if the mayor and council find a suitable site and present a proposal to the EDA state office.

CANDIDATE'S NIGHT SPONSORED BY PEMBROKE BPW AND JAYCEES



M. H. Vaughan used his time to lambast Charlie Rose, his Democratic adversary for the congressional seat from the 7th Congressional District.

Said Vaughan, "I am concerned about integrity in Congress...moral leadership, special interests. He gave Rose law marks in all three areas accusing him of

spending \$40,000 on his most recent newsletter, published as Vaughan said, "for political reasons." [Bruce Barton photo]

The Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Club and the Pembroke Jaycees co-hosted a Meet the Candidate's Night Tuesday night at the Pembroke Jaycee Clubhouse.

Robeson County Clerk of Court Ben Floyd and Lumberton City School Board members, Knox Barnes and Herbie Oxendine.

Mrs. Grace Epps presided and Jaycees Noah Woods and R. D. Locklear introduced the candidates.

Special music was provided by Ms. Joan Miller, Artist in Residence at RTI and Pembroke Mayor Reggie Strickland welcomed the audience and candidates.

Appearing was M. H. Vaughan, Republican candidate for the congressional seat from the 7th District. Also appearing were Representatives Joy J. Johnson and Horace Locklear. Outgoing Representative Henry Ward Oxendine appeared in behalf of John H. Ingram, bidding for re-election as insurance commissioner. Senator Luther J. Britt also appeared and spoke in behalf of Jimmy Green, candidate for Lt. Governor.

Other officials attending included

Representatives also appeared on behalf of James B. Hunt, Democratic candidate for Governor (Senator Glenn Jerrihan from neighboring Cumberland County appeared in his behalf); Asa T. Spaulding, Republican candidate for secretary of state; Henry Bridges, Democratic candidate for state auditor; Harlan Boyles, Democratic candidate for state treasurer; Craig Phillips, Democratic candidate for Supt. of Public Instruction; Jim Graham, Democratic candidate for commissioner of agriculture; and John Brooks, Democratic candidate for commissioner of labor.

Representative Joy J. Johnson, in his remarks, lauded out going Representative Henry W. Oxendine. Said Rep. Johnson, "Rep. Oxendine was a consumer oriented legislator. He represented us well in Raleigh."

Local Housing Head Completes Studies

Clinton L. Thomas, Jr., Executive Director of the Housing Authority and Redevelopment Commission of Pembroke, recently completed the "Advanced Public Housing Management Course" given by the Housing Management Institute of Norfolk, Virginia. The course which was given in Charlotte, NC was designed for housing management personnel with four or more years experience in public housing management.

The board based course covered all operational aspects of housing management through the "Management by Objectives Concept in the Federal Government," and "Goals Management System." Emphasis was placed on directing each student to become fully cognizant of those managerial skills (1. the ability to see and solve problems, 2. the ability to deal with people effectively, 3. the ability to communicate effectively, 4. the ability to organize, 5. persistent effort, 6. a good memory, 7. the quality of being a good listener;), that the institute feels is basic and compulsory to good management.

The course ended with a graduation dinner and special address from Dr. Robert Eller with Danville Virginia Redevelopment and Housing Authority on "Motivation and Communications." Each student successfully completing the course was presented a diploma.

Thomas who has been executive director of The Housing Authority and Redevelopment Commission of Pembroke since September 25, 1972 is married to the former Cathy Jean Locklear, they have one son Aaron Keith. The Thomas family resides at 711 McInnis Street, Pembroke, NC.

Fish Fry planned For Carnell Locklear

A fish fry is planned for Carnell Locklear, candidate for the Robeson County Board of Education. The event will be held Saturday, Oct. 23 from 12 noon until 5 pm at the Pee Wee Oxendine Cucumber Shed. This is



Clinton L. Thomas, Jr.

Gene Warren wins 11th Brochure Award in 8 Years at PSU

Gene Warren, public information director of PSU, has received his 11th national sports brochure award in his eight years at the university.

It is from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athlete's Sports Information Directors of America.

Warren's 1976 spring sports brochure was selected among the 10 best in the nation. His was the only brochure honored in the Carolinas or Virginia in either the printed or reproduced category.

located 7 miles west of Fairmont on Highway #30.

Plates will sell for \$2.00 each. Everyone is invited to attend.

HARBERT MOORE NAMED TO GENERAL COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE

Harbert Moore, a candidate for re-election to the Robeson County Board of Education, has been named to the General Commission on Religion and Race by the United Methodist Church.

Moore, presently serving as a member of the board of education, is a member of Prospect United Methodist. He resides in the Prospect community with his wife, Rosie and their five children. He is a farmer and, with his brothers, operate Moore's Chain Saw Company also located in the Prospect community.

Moore, a former member of the board of directors of the N.C. Indian Commission, is a life long member of the Methodist Church and has been active in voter registration for a number of years. The massive registration undertaken in Robeson County over the course of the last few years was the direct result of a grant from the commission on religion and race of the United Methodist Church.

Moore is also a trustee of the Methodist Children's Home in Raleigh; a member of the N.C. Commission on Religion and Race; a member of the Task Force on Native Americans; an associate lay leader, Rockingham District; a member of the executive commission on ministries of the N.C. Methodist Conference; and a member of the National American Indian Council of the United Methodist Church where he will be attending the national convention in Denver, Colorado October 23-25.

Since coming to PSU in August of 1968, Warren has won three national awards in basketball and eight in spring sports.

He is starting his eighth year as publicity chairman of NAIA District 29, which includes 10 universities and colleges in North Carolina and Virginia.

A native of Wilmington, Warren received his A. A. degree from what is UNC-Wilmington and his B. A. from UNC-Chapel Hill. He was employed with the Greensboro Daily News for 13 1/2 years before coming to Pembroke. As a sports writer for that newspaper, he was a correspondent for both The Sporting News and Sports Illustrated.

Warren resides in Lumberton where he has served as a deacon at the First Baptist Church. He has taught Sunday School for 18 years. He is married to the former Sharon Newman of Greensboro. They have two sons.

people and places and things

Rev. Calvin Morris Addresses Church & Community Center

Rev. Calvin Morris was the speaker Saturday night at the Robeson County Church and Community Center celebrated its seventh annual benefit dinner.

A multitude of friends turned out at the Jaycee Fairgrounds in Lumberton to hear Dr. Morris talk of the "unending search for the beloved community." Dr. Morris, now a professor of theology at Howard University in Washington, D. C. noted, as he opened his remarks, "I am moved because of the people here, people of different races, who have come together for this very special occasion." He also said that the church and community center is "the epitome of what America can be but has not yet become."

Dr. Morris talked of love and the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, who

he once served as a staff aide on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and he spoke of the churches. "The scandal of the church is the division of the churches" and noted that a Christian's role, sometimes, is "to comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable."

Special entertainment was provided by the Sandy Grove Baptist Church Gospel Choir, the Oak Grove Gospelers and the PSU production (excerpts) of "110 in the Shade" the musical show now underway at PSU's Performing Arts Center.

A slide presentation of the work of the center was also presented and Rev. Bob Mangum welcomed the friends of the center. Rev. Mangum is executive director of the Robeson County Church and Community Center.

Pembroke Chief of Police & Hardee's Treat Kids to a Day Out



The children from Bryan's Day Care Center in Lumberton line up for a treat

from Hardee's and Chief of Police Vernon Oxendine (far right).

Chief of Police Vernon Oxendine and Hardee's in Pembroke treated the kids from Bryan's Day Care Center in Lumberton to an outing last Thursday in Pembroke.

Chief Oxendine served as playmate and host and Hardee's provided the kids with a meal and cokes.

Later the kids were treated to a couple to hours in Pembroke's Jaycees Park.

Said Chief Oxendine, "This is one of the better duties of being chief of police. It was a nice day for Pembroke, Hardee's and, most of all, the kids."

Rhonda Graham is Homecoming Queen at Pembroke Senior High



Ms. Rhonda Graham was crowned as homecoming queen at Pembroke Senior High School last Friday night during half time of Pembroke's tiff with West Brunswick.

The crowning of the queen was the highlight of homecoming at Pembroke Senior High. Other activities included

special events at school, a parade through downtown Pembroke as well as the football game with West Brunswick. Rhonda represented the homeroom of Mr. Leon Oxendine and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Graham, Union Chapel Road, Pembroke. [Bruce Barton Photo]

Voting Time Again at Lumbee River E.M.C.

4 board of director slots up for grabs
October 27 at PSU's Performing Arts
Center

The annual meeting of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corp. will be held October 27, 1976 at Pembroke State University's Performing Arts Center. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the general meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Besides the fun and games and camaraderie of the membership, the highlight of the meeting is always the voting for positions on the board of directors of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corp.

This year there are four seats up for grabs on the 12 member board of directors. The races shape up this race:

AREA 1

A.F. HORNE VS WARD CLARK, JR.

A.F. Horne, the incumbent, is opposed by Ward Clark, Jr. Horne, from Rt. 3, Maxton, is presently serving as chairman of the board of directors. Horne, a white, is a farmer and merchant. Horne has said that "I believe I have worked well with the present membership and board of directors. I have always believed that LREMC is for all the people and I have tried, to the best of my ability to represent all the people."

Clark, an Indian, is making his first try for the board of directors. Clark is a building contractor and developer of Lumbee Shopping Center near Maxton. Clark is also from Rt. 3, Maxton.

Clark says, "I believe we need a businessman on the board of directors of Lumbee River Electric Corp. It is important that we try to keep unnecessary costs down. As a businessman who pays several thousand dollars a year in electric bills, I know how important it is to be businesslike about our business-LREMC."

Clark also believes there should be more minority representation at the administration level of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corp.

Area 1 includes Maxton, Alfordville, Thompson, Union and Rowland.

AREA 5

JAMES H. HAMMONDS [Unopposed]

James H. Hammonds, an Indian, is unopposed in Area 5. Hammonds, assistant principal at Magnolia School, is presently serving as secretary on the Lumbee River Electric membership Corp. Board of Directors.

Area 5 includes Lumber Bridge, Parkton, St. Pauls, East and West

Howellsville and Saddlecreek.

AREA 6

ALTON V. DUDLEY VS.
W.B. McDIARMID

Alton V. Dudley, a Black, is opposed by W.B. McDiarmid, a white.

Dudley, from Rt. 2, Raeford, was the second minority to ever be elected to the board of directors of LREMC, following Rev. Elias Rogers on the board. Dudley is affiliated with Little Giant Convenience Store in a management position.

Dudley previously was elected to the board by defeating McDiarmid.

Dudley has said "I am for the consumer and minority representation at every level at Lumbee River Electric Membership Corp. The LREMC is, and rightfully so, for all the people in our consumer area. If elected, I promise you that I will continue to work for all the people."

Area 6 represents all of Hoke County and East 211.

AT LARGE

THOMAS WADE BETHEA VS.
JOHN PAUL JONES

Thomas Wade Bethea, a Black, is opposed by John Paul Jones, an Indian from the Rex Rennett Community.

Bethea, Rt. 1 Maxton, is one of three at large members on the board.

Jones, his wife Marie and their three children, reside near the Rex Rennett School.

Jones, a farmer and concrete contractor, said, "I am running because, I honestly believe there should be representation on the board of directors from our part of the county so that the board can truly represent all the people in the consumer area. If elected, I promise to give the membership the best that is in me and to see that the LREMC reflects the thinking and aspirations of all the people."

Lumbee River Electric Membership Corp. is a member-owned corporation providing electricity and service to rural areas of Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland Counties. The membership elects 12 members to represent them as directors at regular monthly meetings. 9 directors are elected from designated service areas and three are elected at large.