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I. MURCHISON BIGGS FIRED AS SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

Replaced with Locklear & Brooks

Appearing on the agenda of the board education meeting Tuesday was a matter of the school board attorney. The matter was placed on the agenda at the request of Lillian Faye Locklear who said by saying, "I have seen a copy of contract and it is my understanding that it has expired." At that time a general discussion began in which H. Allen, Superintendent, and I. Murchison, board attorney, attempted to explain the "contract." Said Mr. Biggs, "...I have never had a tenured contract with this board...I say again, I am at the pleasure of the board. If a majority of this board feel they no longer wish to retain my services...well, we'll part as friends." He intimated that the contract was only an agreement between the board and himself to pay his retainer fee.

After the motion Shirley Britt asked to make a statement. She made an emotional speech about the reasons for Biggs' dismissal. She stated that she felt Biggs was fired simply because of his race and she felt this unfair. To which Herbert Moore replied, "...If we want to talk about race, we can go on and on. Start with six separate school units in this county. Take a good look at that." Mrs. Britt had no reply.

Ending the meeting with words of wisdom, David Green said, "...We were all elected to this office to vote our convictions. And we each did so. We each have to vote the way we feel we can live with ourselves. We should respect each other's right to vote and not question why someone voted the way he did."

IN OTHER MATTERS

In other matters, the board approved Joseph Twitty as acting principal of Rowland High School. Mr. Twitty, assistant principal, assumed the duties of the principal at the recent demise of the principal, William Colville. The board also agreed to compose a letter of sympathy and appreciation to the Colville family. They deferred action on advisory councils until the end of the action taken by the legislature on the Community Schools Act. And they heard a report on the Occupational Education Centers by Rev. Bob Mangum. The board approved the request of Pembroke Senior High School requesting funds from Advancement, Inc. Pembroke Senior High has recently been raising funds for a stadium which will cost approximately \$75,000. The community has raised approximately \$21,000. They anticipate approximately \$8,000 from Advancement, Inc.

Simon Oxendine moved that the board allocate \$16,000 to the stadium project which was followed by discussion. During which Tommy Swett said, "I am from Pembroke. I graduated from there. My children go to school there. I love Pembroke. I think they have done a marvelous job in their fund raising effort. I don't want to see their efforts fail. Therefore, I am asking, as we have no funds available for the stadium, that we table this motion until after we present our long range needs to the Robeson County Commissioners." Mr. Oxendine then withdrew his motion.

Pembroke High's Health Careers Club Places 3rd in State



Pembroke High School Health Careers Club.

The Pembroke High School Health Careers Club placed third in the State Competition for Club of the Year Award. This is considered to be an outstanding accomplishment for a new club's first entry in State competition. First place winner was Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City and second place winner was Roanoke Rapids High School. The winners were announced at the HCCNC Congress which was held at the Sheraton Inn in Charlotte, March 3-5.

Fifteen members of the club and their advisor, Mrs. Miriam Edwards, attended the Congress. Donna Dial, Club President, gave an oral report on the club's activities. During the business session, Jay Juren and Geanice Ransom made motions which serve to bring the State in compliance with the newly formed National Organization, HOSA. The motions were seconded by Cynthia Johnson and Helen Moore.

The club also shares credit for sponsoring projects which helped District IV win first place in the District of the Year Competition, and District Exhibit winning third place. They also helped with the campaign which elected Barbara Musgrove of Magnolia High School to the office of State Secretary.

Geanice Ransom, President-Elect of the Pembroke Club will serve as President of District IV for the coming year, 1977-78. Mrs. Edwards is District Advisor. District IV covers Columbus, Bladen, Robeson, Hoke, Scotland, Richmond, Cumberland, Moore, Montgomery and Lee Counties.

Tryouts for 'Strike At The Wind' slated

Auditions for the second season of "Strike At The Wind!" are to be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 19-20 from 1 to 5 p.m. Director Arthur McDonald plans to cast the 60 roles from those attending the try-outs at the Lakeside Amphitheatre located on the Riverside Country Club three miles from Pembroke.

Twenty-two major speaking roles and many chorus members are needed to present the two act musical drama about Henry Berry Lowrie and the Lumbee Indians. Whites and Blacks of all sizes and ages.

Anyone with acting, singing or dancing talent is invited to try out for a part. Previous experience is not necessary. Also needed will be numerous persons to work with costuming, lighting and sound, box office, parking, ushering, program sales and publicity. Persons interested in these jobs should attend one of the tryouts and tell of their desire to work with the organization.

The cast of "Strike At The Wind!" will be made up of many persons. Last year, there were people from seven to seventy, from students to preachers and from near and far. Each person working with the drama becomes a part of the history of Robeson County.

For more information about the auditions to be held on March 19-20, (March 26-27 is the raindate) contact

"Strike At The Wind!" at (919) 521-2401 between 9 and 5 Monday through Friday.

return to teach art & Music

Four students at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro will begin working in the Robeson County schools next week, teaching drama and music in schools where there are no regular teachers in those subject areas.

The project has been made possible by a \$7,300 grant award by the Robeson County schools to the UNC-G School of Music. It began March 7 and continues through May 6.

The students are paid for their work, and are assigned a normal class load. In addition, they do not have supervising teachers as do all other student teachers.

Heading the grant project is Mrs. Barbara Bair, an assistant professor of music. She is being assisted by Dr. Ethel C. Glenn, an assistant professor of drama and speech.

The four students involved are Miss Robin Davis of Newport News, Va.; Miss Martha Geouge of Greensboro; Miss Cynthia Wray of Eden and Miss Suzanne LaVange of Hazelwood. All are seniors except Miss Geouge who is completing requirements for teacher certification. All are music majors except Miss LaVange, who is a drama major.

The four are working with teachers and students in schools where there are no music or drama teachers. They were chosen because of their achievement and their willingness to move to Robeson County for the duration of the project. One student, Miss Geouge, participated in the program last year and was so delighted by the children's responsiveness that she requested to return there this year.

This is the third year that Robeson County schools have funded an experimental project with UNC-G. Last year nine students spent three-week periods teaching third and fifth graders. Results of tests conducted with the children showed that a brief but intensive exposure to arts instruction can have a substantial impact on student attitudes towards the arts. The children scored particularly impressive gains in the area of drama.

Mrs. Bair said the students' effectiveness will be determined through evaluations by teachers in the schools where the students work. The evaluations will be done every two weeks by 40 randomly selected teachers.

She added that the data from the teachers' evaluations will provide a valuable profile of the students' performances during the student teaching experience. "The statistical analysis will provide information for the students the University and the Robeson schools," she said.

Guiding the project for the Robeson schools are Purnell Swett, associate superintendent, and Mrs. Gladys Britt, coordinator of instructional services.

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CORRECTION

Wendy Vest, daughter of Ms. Annie Lois Vest, was third runner up in the Miss Pembroke Senior High Pageant. Ramona Maynor, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Maynor, was fourth runner. In last week's edition we had these two runner-ups reversed. We apologize to the contestants and their parents.

PROSPECT SENIOR HONORED

Jimmy Bryant, a senior at Prospect High School, was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the U. S. Army District Recruiting Command of Raleigh, NC in recognition for his outstanding contributions to the success of the U. S. Army Recruiting Mission. Jimmy has been promoted to Private E-2.

Jimmy is on the delayed entry program and will be reporting for active duty June 14, 1977. He resides with his Aunt, Mrs. Mabel Sanderson, on Route 3, Maxton.

Even though he has not reported for active duty, Jimmy has already gained the respect and appreciation of the Recruiting Command, LTC Ronald S. Savard congratulates Jimmy on his outstanding accomplishment.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Tecumseh B. Brayboy, III of Warrenton announce the birth of their third daughter, Natalie Jane, born February 15, in Nash County Memorial Hospital, Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Mrs. Brayboy, the former Barbara Lynch of Hollister, is the daughter of Mrs. Luther Lynch of Hollister and the late Mr. Lynch.

Natalie Jane's paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tecumseh B. Brayboy, Jr. of Pembroke, North Carolina.

The Brayboys' other daughters are Jennifer, age seven years, and Heather, age two years.

VFW MEETING PLANNED

The Pembroke VFW Post will have their meeting on Monday night, March 14, 1977 at the post home beginning at 7:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

CAST FOR PLAY ANNOUNCED

The cast for the play "Night of January 16th" which is scheduled for production in early May has been selected. In order of their appearance, they are: Zenetta Brewington-Prison Matron; Jackie Oxendine-Baliff; Justin Ransom- Judge Heath; Brent Juren-District Attorney Flint; Donna Sue Oxendine-Flint's Secretary; Scotty Blanks- Defense Attorney Stevens; Cathy Locklear-Steven's Secretary; Jeff Maynor- Clerk of the Court; Nancy Carter- Karen Andre; Bill Hunt- Dr. Kirkland; David Oxendine- Homer Van Fleet; Michael Scott-Binner Sweeney; Cynthia Revels- Nancy Lee Faulkner; Donna Wilkins- Magda Swenson; Ricky Oxendine- John Graham; Whitefield; Carol Graham- Jane Chandler; Donald Deese-Sigurd Jugganist; Lawrence Malcolm- Larry Regan; Tamara Jacobs-Roberta Van Rensselaer; Michael Locklear-Stenographer; Randall Cummings-Policeman.

The cast are all students at Pembroke Senior High School. The play will be directed by Ms. Carolyn Cottle and Mr. Steve Tyner, drama teachers at Pembroke Senior High. Information concerning production dates and tickets should be directed to them at Pembroke Senior High School, P. O. Box 1047, Pembroke, NC 28372, or one may call at 521-9869.

IN THE ARMED FORCES

Germany- Feb. 18-- Army Corporal Donnie Locklear, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Locklear of Route 1, Pembroke, graduated Feb. 3 from the 8th Infantry Division Noncommissioned Officer Academy near Baumholder, Germany.

Cpl. Locklear received training in leadership responsibilities, map reading and military teaching methods.

A gunner in Battery B, 3rd Battalion of the division's 16th Field Artillery in Baumholder, the corporal entered the Army in March, 1973.

He is a 1972 graduate of Pembroke High School. His wife, Harleen, is with him in Germany.

BURNT SWAMP WMU

The Anna Mae Locklear Memorial Banquet is scheduled for Friday, March 25, 1977 at Pembroke Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds from this memorial banquet will go toward furnishing a room in the Indian Cottage to be erected at Odum Home in Pembroke. Tickets are available from your church WMU. Director or call 521-4834, Mrs. Ethel O. Locklear, Associational WMU Director.

WARRIORS OPEN BASEBALL SEASON

The Pembroke Senior High Warriors, defending Three Rivers Champs, open their baseball season Friday, March 11. The opponent will be Laurinburg-Scotland at Pembroke at 4 p.m.

The Warriors, who finished 3rd in the state last year lost nine seniors, but have 9 returning lettermen for this year. Coach Ronnie Chavis says the 9 seniors, including Dwight Lowry who is starting catcher at Carolina, Mickey Strickland, Chris Locklear, and Steve Locklear who are at Sandhills, will be hard to replace.

"But," says Chavis, "we have some people returning who are capable of doing the job. Travis Sampson, all-conference shortstop and Mike Lowry all-conference pitcher are expected to take leadership roles. David Deese in centerfield and Chuck Canady behind the plate are also being counted on to have outstanding seasons. Although the Warriors have some weaknesses, we hope to iron these out by tournament time, our strong points may be pitching and hitting."

The Warriors are looking forward to another outstanding season.

PEMBROKE JUNIOR HIGH TO SPONSOR TALENT SHOW

The PSU Performing Arts Center will be the site for a talent show to be sponsored by Pembroke Junior High on March 18, 1977 at 8 p.m. The theme for the evening will be "Robeson on Parade." Talent will consist of modern and classical dance, a variety of vocals and instrumentals.

The participants are: Brenda Hunt, Miss Pembroke Senior High; Tonya Locklear; Cathy Walters, Miss Lumberton; Pamela Brooks; Dr. V. R. Thompson; Lynn Rogers, Miss Pembroke Junior High; Cindy Locklear; Lisa Stover; Sian Cadle; Belinda Oxendine; Cynthia Brown; Gloria Cononizado, PSU Athletic Department; Medra D. Dial; David Oxendine; Susan Bullard, Miss Pembroke State University; Lori Locklear; Sharon McLaurin, Miss Black Robeson County; the Green Grove Cloggers; Linda Locklear, Miss Lumberton; Pembroke Senior High Spanish Dancers; and Rudy Locklear and his gang.

The performance is Pembroke Junior High's way of contributing to the cultural enrichment of our county. Master of ceremonies will be Colonel Brooster Chavis of Pembroke; assistant master of ceremonies will be Mr. Danny Bullock, Pembroke Junior High Math Department. Admission is \$1.00.

Pembroke Chamber of Commerce Meets Tonight 7:30 P. M. at Boy Scout Hut.

PEMBROKE SENIOR HIGH CHORUS RECEIVES SUPERIOR RATING AT DISTRICT CHORAL FESTIVAL



The director of the group is Ms. Cathy Thomas.

Pictured above is the chorus. They are: first row: Twyla Jacobs, Abby Gail Chavis, Deana Bullard, Barbara Demery, Denise Strickland, Robin Locklear, Rena Locklear, Teresa Jacobs, Nancy Jones, Rhonda Locklear and Zenetta

Brewington. Second row: Donna Mellott Betty Strickland, Nannette Jones, Sally Hunt, Audrey Jacobs, Lisa Woodell, Myra Griffith, Cindy Revels, Debbie Maynor, Veronica Bryant, Beverly Sanderson, Janice Locklear and Teresa Maynor. Third row: Connie Hunt, Belinda Locklear, Valerie Johnson, Linda Wicker, Teresa Sanderson, Wanda Hardin, Marlene Clark, Michael

Wilkins, James Jacobs, John Brown, Mickey Goins and Angie Deese. Fourth row: Elise Locklear, Marie Dial, Paula Warwick, Priscilla Hubbard, Patsy Locklear, Christy Sawyer, Donna Oxendine, Tonya Thompson, Angelina Demery, Scotty Blanks, John Jacobs, Joel Brent Juren, Darlene Jones and Catherine Locklear.

Pembroke Senior High Chorus received a rating of Superior at the District Choral Festival on Saturday, March 4. The competition was in Rockingham, NC with 22 groups competing. All groups were rated on quality, interpretation, diction, intonation, balance and appearance. Their entry, the Chorus sang "The Home Butcher" by Matyas Seiber.