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## PEMBROKE TOWN COUNCIL MEETS

The Pembroke Town Council met briefly in open session then retired to executive session for more than an hour. No action was taken in executive session although an unidentified source intimated that the private session was taken up with rehashing the missing funds problem that has taken up a considerable amount of the council's time in the last few months.

The matter was tabled and Town Manager McDuffie Cummings, the town attorneys, Dexter Brooks and Arnold Locklear, and building inspector Ray Hunt were instructed to confer, confirm that the owners had indeed been notified, check the legal mandates and report back to the board before taking any further action.

Town Manager McDuffie Cummings reported on the progress of the extensive work going on at Pine Street (including paving and curbing and guttering) and the renovation of the district court house recently approved by the general assembly. Cummings reported satisfactory progress on both matters.

Town Clerk Mrs. Ruby Smith gave the board a working copy of the financial report of the town and discussed tentative work sessions for the upcoming fiscal budget for 1977-78. Councilman Milton Hunt said, "we will need at least two work sessions to keep the time table of June 1 when the budget is supposed to be completed."

The council also gave notice that advertising of 1976 delinquent taxes would be published in *The Carolina Indian Voice* beginning May 5.

An expected appearance by Bob Brewington in reference to the Pembroke Housing Authority did not take place although the matter was on the agenda. Brewington did not show up at the meeting.

Condemned buildings also provoke comments but no action

The board also talked forcefully about condemning buildings and possibly demolishing them and billing the owners. The board and Mayor Reggie Strickland heard a report from Inspector Ray Hunt concerning two buildings in question: one is a store front building adjoining Pates Supply Men's Store on Railroad St. and another building site in the front yard of Mrs. Beatrice Bethea on Jones St. Ownership of the building adjoining Pates Supply was not confirmed.

According to Hunt, both owners have been notified and given 90 days to either rehabilitate or tear down the buildings. Neither has complied with the order.

But the council members were leary of

## Strike at the Wind cast announced

The cast for the outdoor drama, "Strike At The Wind!" has been chosen for the 1977 season according to General Manager Rock Kershaw and Director Arthur McDonald.

"Strike At The Wind!" the story of the Lumbee Indians and their folk hero, Henry Berry Lowrie, is a permanent outdoor drama for this area. Cast in the show for the first time in the leading role as Henry Berry Lowrie is Melton Lowry, a 26-year-old descendant of the famous Indian leader. Lowrie's wife, Rhoda, will be played by 26 year-old Hope St. Pierre, a veteran performer from last year's show.

"Strike At The Wind!" premiered last year and was seen by over 18,000 persons in seven weeks. In a comparison of statistics released by the Institute of Outdoor Drama in Chapel Hill, the local production was the most successful new outdoor drama in the entire nation. According to Kershaw, over 400 tickets have already been sold for June 29th opening night this year, with over 25,000 persons expected this summer.

"Although last year's show was so successful, this year's show will be even better," said Kershaw. "There will be better lighting and sound, more authentic costuming and the show will be tighter and faster moving, and of course, more experienced actors."

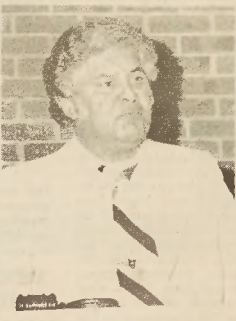
Returning actors from last year include Julian Ransom; Carnell Locklear; Lee Wiggins; Steve Pate; Justin Ransom; Isaiah Cummings; Dosey Chavis; Bruce Procter; Tom Cope; Robert Bryant; David Miller; Magdalene Lowry; Q.B. Cummings; Jeanette Oxendine; Adore Clark; Dora Chavis; and Steve Lowry.

Newcomers for this year's show are Vernie Dial; Wade Deese; Jean Bullard; Victor Lane; Thomas Edwards; David Butler; Liza Taylor; Lennart Lawson; Brenda Jacobs; David Oxendine; Larry Oxendine; James Locklear; John Oxendine; Harvey Godwin; William Hayes; Rick Lomax; Patsy Cummings; Jean Bullard; Mildred Oxendine; Connie Maynor; Essie Locklear; Robin Sampson; Lusia Sampson; Ann Marie Sampson; Kathryn Ransom; Barbara Ransom; Ramona Penia; Zenetta Brewington; Cochise Clark; David Malcom; Robert Cummings; Roderick Brewer; Delton Clark; Frank Carter; Vinita Maynor; Robert Penn; Ursual Penn; Beverly Godfrey; Anna Godfrey; Madeline King; Kay Blue; Frieda Wiggins; Cassandra Stone; and Jerric Clemons.

"We have a relatively short season compared to most other shows," said Kershaw, "but because our season is short, only seven weeks, the actors don't get tired of doing the show so every night is filled with freshness and anticipation giving the audience an exciting production."

"Strike At The Wind!" will play every Wednesday through Saturday, June 9 until August 13, at the Lakeside Amphitheatre at the Riverside Country Club three miles of Pembroke on Hwy 74. Showtimes will be at 8:30 p.m. and tickets are \$3.50 for general seating and \$4.00 for reserved, reservations can be made by calling 521-2401.

## Pembroke Jaycees hold installation banquet



Dr. Gerald Maynor, guest speaker at the Jaycee's twelfth annual Installation Banquet.



Newly installed officers of the Pembroke Jaycees are (seated, left to right) Renford Scott, treasurer; Ed K. Chavis, Internal Vice-President; Randall Jones, President; Willie Harris, Jr., External Vice-President; Larry T. Roberts, Director; (Standing, left to right) Lacy L. Cummings, Director; Gregg Cummings, Secretary; Larry T. Brooks, Chairman of the Board; Gerald Strickland, Director; Earle Oxendine, Director; and Carnell Locklear, State Director.

The Pembroke Jaycees held their twelfth annual Installation Banquet on Saturday night, April 30 at the Jaycee Clubhouse.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. Gerald Maynor, Director of Development and Public Affairs at Pembroke State University.

The new officers were installed by Scott Burriola, past District Director for District "D" of the N.C. Jaycees.

Special guests for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. M.S. "Stan" Jones, Jr.; Dr. and Mrs. English E. Jones, Dr. Jones is Chancellor of Pembroke State University; Mr. Kenneth R. Maynor, Executive Director of Lumbee Regional Development Association; Mr. Bobby Dean Locklear, county commissioner for Red Springs



Gregg Cummings, recipient of the Jaycee of the Year Award; James F. Bell, recipient of the Rookie of the Year Award; Mr. Stan Jones received the Rookie of the Year Award for his son Ricky; and Willie Harris, Jr., Keyman of the Year Award.

After the installation of officers was complete and all other business had been taken care of, the Jaycees, wives, and guests enjoyed an after banquet dance.

## RETIRING TEACHER HONORED AT MAGNOLIA

She is affectionately known as "Miss Mary" to her students and to her colleagues. She is retiring this year with forty-two years of teaching experience, all in Robeson County. Her name, Mrs. Mary Hammond Locklear of Pembroke

Mrs. Locklear was honored recently with a retirement dinner at Magnolia School. The dinner was held in the school cafeteria with a steak dinner followed by a program. Master of Ceremonies for the event was Woodrow Sampson of Pembroke.

More than half of her forty-two years in teaching have been at Magnolia. "I have seen it grow from four teachers to now. Both buildings I worked in in my earlier years here have since burned." Her first years of teaching were at Magnolia under the principalship of Frank H. Epps in 1933. After a two year absence from teaching she went to Smyrna School in 1936 and remained there until 1943. In 1943 she went to Barker Ten Mile and 1945 to Fairmont. Magnolia became her new "home" again in 1946, again under the

principalship of Epps. She is now completing her last year at magnolia teaching developmental math in the elementary grades.

During the program Mrs. Locklear was entertained with "memories." Former and present co-workers presented her with gifts symbolizing old memories, humorous moments and treasured times together. Mrs. Margaret Oxendine, her aid for twelve years, presented her with a pair of small shoes to symbolize the many times they had tied the children's shoes. The program was directed by Mrs. Dora M. Oxendine, Mrs. Nancy Hall, and Mrs. Margaret Oxendine, all co-workers of Mrs. Locklear.

Special comments were made by J. Mark Brooks, Principal; Robert Hunt, her former principal at Magnolia, now at Fairgrove; and Mrs. Grace Epps, Mrs. Epps reminisced during the program about the many years she and her husband, Frank H. Epps (deceased), long time principal at Magnolia, had worked with Miss Mary.



J. Mark Brooks presents a plaque to Mrs. Mary Locklear at a dinner honoring her on her retirement.

Mrs. Locklear is the wife of the late Harry West Locklear, well-known politician and promoter of education in North Carolina. She has two daughters, both teachers. Mrs. Glen (Elizabeth) Locklear Peters graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and received her MA from the University of Michigan. She teaches in Warren, Michigan. Mrs. John (Wanda) Locklear Sampson, Jr. is closer to home. She received her teaching degree at Pembroke State University and is teaching in the junior high at Littlefield High School near Lumberton. Wanda and her family live in the Pembroke area.

Miss Mary is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Hammond of Lumberton. Her father was a teacher and principal for forty years.

She received her education at the Indian Normal School where she finished in 1933. She returned in 1952 to graduate with an "A" teaching certificate. Miss Mary was the first in the county to teach kindergarten. "I saw the need for it in the schools and did some pleading, asking, and praying for a kindergarten." This year, the year of her retirement, marks the first year of state supported kindergarten in North Carolina schools.

Special guests in attendance in addition her children were her sisters, Mrs. Clarence (Lela) Brooks Locklear, Mr. and Mrs. Hartman (Eunice) Hammond, and her brother, Steven Andrew Hammond. Representing the Robeson County Board of Education was Mrs. Trudy Blake. Former co-workers and principals honoring her were Mrs. Epps, Mrs. Lillian T. Harris, Mrs. Betty Lou Bell, Marshall Locklear, her former principal at Barker Ten Mile in 1944, and Robert Hunt, her former principal at Magnolia.

Mrs. Locklear was recognized with a gift of luggage which was presented on behalf of the school by Principal Brooks and Harold Wynn.

"I would like to thank Mr. Brooks, the staff, Mr. Allen and the Central Office for making all the years happy."

When asked of her plans after retirement: "...to do anything that I can to make a child happy. I'm willing to do it."

## people and places and things

### THREE COUNTY STUDENTS FOR PRESTIGIOUS GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

Miss Jacqueline Hunt, a student at Fairgrove High School; Earl Stacy Ransom, Jr. from Pembroke Senior High; and Miss Jacqueline Denise Alford, a student at Rowland High School have been chosen to attend the prestigious Governor's School at Winston-Salem this summer.

The program entitled "The Year on Parade" was under the direction of Mrs. Sarah S. Bell, Music Teacher, and Miss Dehaeva Drake, student teacher from PSU. Mrs. Mary Locklear acted as narrator. Teachers for grades one through six participated in the direction and preparations for the program.

Supt. Y. H. Allen, in letters of congratulations to the students said: "I am delighted to inform you that I have just received information notifying me that you have been selected to attend the Governor's School in Winston-Salem this coming summer. This high honor is not only a compliment to you, your family and school, but will give you an opportunity to grow through relationships with a very select group of the most outstanding students in the State of North Carolina.

Some of the main characters for the program were: "Snowman," Mark Freeman; "Elf," Windell Hammonds; "Father Time," Jeffrey Locklear; "Helpers," Selenia Oxendine and Kim Shores; "Rabbit," Lora Bell; "Rose," Gina Mcclamb; and "Daisy," Selenia Hardin.

### MINISTERIAL STUDENT COMPLETES SEMINARY STUDIES

### FIRST ANNUAL BLACK DAY TO BE HELD

Ernest Ray Brooks of Pembroke, NC has completed the requirements for graduation from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will be awarded the Master of Religious Education degree at the Seminary commencement on May 14.

The first annual "Black Day" will be held all day Saturday, May 7th, at the Parkway Activity Center on Inman Street in Lumberton. This event is designed to bring together Black people for a day of fellowship, fun and games. The theme for the day is "Unity in the Community" and is sponsored by the African Cultural Center of Lumberton, NC.

Brooks, the son of Mrs. Annie Bell Brooks and the late Peter Brooks of Pembroke, is a graduate of Pembroke High School and Pembroke State University.

All Black artists and businesses are invited to come and display their talents and merchandise. For additional information call 738-7633, 738-9711 or 739-2921.

### BRAVES CLOSE OUT SEASON ON LOSING NOTE

### OXENDINE INITIATED INTO PHI DELTA KAPPA

The Pembroke Braves began play in the ninth annual District 29 playoffs as if they might have found the magic formula that had eluded them all season last Thursday. In first round action, the Braves topped Campbell 7-3 for the third time this season. Steady Kenny Hedgpeth led them to victory with yeoman like work. The Braves were led at the plate by centerfielder Tommy Lowry with two hits. Burlie Locklear, the Braves potent first baseman, delivered an RBA producing double.

Earl Hughes Oxendine, principal of Upchurch Junior High School, was initiated into the Carolina Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, a national educational fraternity, Friday, April 22, 1977. In ceremonies at the Downtown Inn in Durham, Oxendine was recognized as an outstanding educator. He is a member of the North Carolina State Board of Education, and by Presidential appointment, he serves on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education. The Carolina Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa is honored to have a distinguished member of the State Board of Education. Oxendine was nominated for membership by Dr. Waltz Maynor of Durham, NC.

### AND TOPPLED TWICE IN CC PLAYOFFS

### YOUTH REVIVAL PLANNED

The Braves had an opportunity to regain some of their tarnished glory Sunday when they encountered High Point in play off games in the Carolinas Conference. But the season ended dimly as High Point triumphed in both games 10-4 and 6-1. The Braves got homers from Burlie Locklear and Ted Craig in the first game but it was not enough. Locklear's homer was his 7th of the season. Craig's blast was his 4th homer of the season.

There will be a Community Youth Revival held May 9-13 at 7 p.m. nightly. The meeting will be held at First Baptist Church, North Main St., Fairmont, Dr. J. J. Johnson, Pastor.

The two defeats erased any hopes PSU had to qualify for the Carolinas Conference tournament which opens Thursday at Salisbury, and ended the Braves baseball season. PSU winds up with a 16-21 record and a 3-8-1 mark in its first campaign in the Carolinas Conference.

Guest Evangelist for the week will be Rev. Roscoe D. Cooper, Jr. of Richmond, Va. accompanied by Rev. James Stevie Peacock as organizer of the week.

### MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Participating churches are Aaron Swamp Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant AME Church, Antioch, New Hope, First Baptist Fairmont, Rose Hill, First Baptist Orum, St. John AME, Greenville, St. Paul AME, Macedonia Holiness, Spring Branch, Mill Branch and Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend this week of revival.

### PJH BETA CLUB SPONSORS TALENT SHOW

On Friday afternoon, April 29th, the Pembroke Junior High Beta Club sponsored the school talent show in the gymnasium of the school. First place winner was Kyla Ann Lowry. She sang "Evergreen" the theme from A Star is Born. Second place winner was the Ebony Dancers who rendered a modern dance. The Ebony Dancers are Phyllis McNair, Eva Jacobs, Camillia Pighet, Brenda Watson, and Cynthia McAuthor. Honorable mentions were Charmine Locklear, Darlene Brewington and Terry Walker.

### MAGNOLIA PRESENTS SPRING FESTIVAL

### PEMBROKE WARRIORS MEET LUMBERTON ON PSU'S DIAMOND

The Elementary Music Department of Magnolia Festival presented its Spring Music Festival today at 10 a.m. in the school gymnasium.

The judges for the event were Barbara Ransom, Kathy Ransom and Rickie Wilkie of the Music Department, Pembroke State University. A dance followed the talent show with music provided by the Low Riders.

Mrs. Locklear was recognized with a gift of luggage which was presented on behalf of the school by Principal Brooks and Harold Wynn.

Lynette Jacobs, club advisor



Sandra G. Britt, Co-Editor for the 1977 Echo, presents a copy to Joseph Brooks, CETA Project Director for Lumbee Regional Development Association. The school's yearbook was presented to LRDA for "their outstanding contribution and assistance to the total Educational Program at Magnolia School."