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## PEMBROKE POSTMASTER RESIGNS IN FOOD STAMP FUNDS CAPER

## MORE ON 'TICKET FIXING' IN LUMBERTON

### people and places and things

Confirming rumors flitting about the town of Pembroke, Jimmy McVicker has resigned as postmaster of Pembroke. According to postal authorities, McVicker resigned "for personal reasons." Postal authorities would not confirm the reason for McVicker's resignation although rumors have been rampant for a number of days concerning "the misuse of food stamp monies." McVicker himself cited the "food stamp monies" as the reason for his resignation.

comment. His office said that he was out on an inspection tour of some of the offices that report to the Fayetteville office of the U.S. Postal Service.

has a history of discrimination against Indians and Blacks in Robeson County. To this reporter's knowledge, Pembroke is the only post office in Robeson County that has Indians employed in the postal service.

Young Glenn Maynor has found himself once again in the eye of the storm in Lumberton politics. He has been accused, along with Rev. E. B. Turner, Frank Benton, and Mayor Clifford Bullard, with ticket fixing charges by Lumberton policemen who have given affidavits to the Fayetteville Times newspaper.

free hand to the policemen to talk to the press. In my opinion, the city manager is giving the policemen the signal to get certain city councilmen."

Marvin Shooter, Rowland Postmaster, has been sworn in as the temporary "officer in charge" of the Pembroke office although he will continue to supervise the Rowland office also.

Bobby Byrd, sectional center director of customer services in the Fayetteville area would not comment on the matter although he did say that the Postal Inspection Service was conducting an investigation of the matter. He would not confirm that the resignation by McVicker was because of unaccounted funds concerning food stamps although McVicker did allude to it in a telephone conversation.

The criticism of McVicker as postmaster came from the fact that he was picked over Elery Sampson and Mrs. Evelyn Cummings, two long time Indian postal employees in the Pembroke post office. McVicker was recommended by outgoing Indian postmaster, John H. Sampson. Elery Sampson now has one of the routes on the Pembroke circuit & Mrs. Cummings has since retired.

The Lumberton policemen, according to Patterson, have voided 5.8 percent of all tickets written by the force in 1975 and 1976. Patterson claims that most of the tickets have been voided because of pressure brought to bear by certain members of the Lumberton City Council through Police Chief H. C. Britt.

Turner also requested a report on the accusations by the policemen and all pertinent information, including dates, names, and the city councilmen who supposedly fixed the tickets.

Said Turner, "All I'm asking is that the city manager give me a list of the accusations made by the policemen. He has placed my reputation at public scrutiny and I have a right to know my accusers."

Maynor, according to the report in the Fayetteville Times, was quoted as saying when queried about the matter, "My philosophy has always been to help people in my area any way I can...this helps me politically because people will say, 'I know who to go to to get a ticket fixed'..." Tuesday Maynor denied that he said what he was quoted as saying, but the Times countered that they had transcripts of the conversation.

Although Mayor Clifford Bullard was also charged in affidavits by the policemen, with having fixed tickets, the Mayor affirmed that he had only interfered with a policeman who was writing tickets parked around the First Baptist Church where he is a deacon.

Most of the accusations have been lodged against Rev. E. B. Turner, Maynor, the only Indian on the board, and Frank Benton who has aligned himself with the two on numerous issues facing the board in recent months.

Other councilmen have denied involvement in the matter and two of them - Hugh Hines and Mrs. Joan Bacot - have called for an outside investigation.

Rev. E. B. Turner, the Black councilman from the sixth precinct was incensed by the series of articles and the attitude of city officials, including city manager, Timothy Woods. Said Turner, "I am shocked by the city manager's approval of policemen bypassing the chain of command and reporting grievances directly to the press instead of him." Turner added, "He has been quoted as saying he would not reprimand any officers for talking to the press and in my judgment he is giving a

Glenn Maynor was out of town on a trip to Asheville at press time in his capacity as Robeson County Housing Authority Executive Director and has been unavailable for comment since issuing his denial of the earlier statements alleged to him.

## Indian Education And Other Items Topics of Concern at Board of Education Meeting

The Robeson County Board of Education met for a lengthy session on Tuesday, May 10. Much of the time was spent in executive session discussion personnel. Mr. George Faircloth, teacher at Parkton School, will be sent a letter of reprimand for "language unbecoming a teacher."

Commission, said in his comments, "I feel we should recreate as well as educate." The motion was seconded by Mr. David Green and carried unanimously. The board also authorized the attorney to put the adjoining three acres of that land up for public auction.

On motion by Lavmon P. Locklear the board agreed to give the approximately 7.2 acres of land on the southside of the unused Oak Ridge School to the Robeson County Recreation Commission with the stipulation that the Recreation Commission pay for all legal fees and expenses incurred by surveying. Mr. Locklear who is also a member of the Robeson County Recreation

As a result of the recent audit and concerns of the Governmental Accounting Office the Office of Indian Education in Washington is taking a close look at Indian Education programs across the country. Robeson County received the second largest Indian Education grant in the nation and one of the few school systems in the nation which operates a de-centralized program. In past years individual schools have done needs assessments for each individual school. Now the Office of Indian Education is requiring the county to do a county-wide needs assessment. Mr. Lloyd Elm, Education Program Specialist from the Office of Indian Education, appeared before the board to answer questions relative to recommendations sent from the Office of Indian Education which the county unit must comply with in order to obtain funding for another year.

Said Elm, "This board is the legal grantee...you are fiscally responsible for the money. In light of the audit, the legality of administrative function is in question." And he continued, "In talking with principals and teachers I found that they didn't know about the rules and regulations. They had not read the approved application. I know because some principals did the same thing I would have done in their position. I can educationally justify everything that has been done, but that doesn't make it legal." Elm stressed the fact that academic needs were not always the special needs of Indian children. And the special needs of Indian children was the reason for Indian Education monies. He talked about inherent talents of Indian children. And he quoted, "If we can groom those inherent talents, the child will perform in the classroom as he should." He stated that thinking well of oneself is a special need of Indian children.

The Office of Indian Education found that over one-half of the needs assessments done by the individual schools were academic needs rather than special needs of Indian children. Mrs. Linda Oxendine, Mrs. Ruth Woods, and Mrs. Rose Mary Christensen will be called in to help with the county-wide needs assessment. Then the 40-member parent committee will set priorities in light of this needs assessment.

A Committee was appointed by the chairman to look into ethnic studies in the schools. This was done in response to Rev. Charles McDowell's request at the last board meeting that Black studies become a mandatory part of the curriculum in the county's schools.

## Circus Comes to Pembroke

It was a real live circus that traveled to Pembroke last Friday evening, May 6th. Complete with elephants, clowns, trapeze ladies, strange animals, clowns, jugglers and the big tent.

The circus was sponsored by the Pembroke Volunteer Fire Department. It was Hoxie's Great American Circus. They had two shows, both to capacity audiences who came to be beguiled by the circus.

The Big Event, hopefully an annual affair, was termed a success in spite of, as some of the firemen saw it, harassment by county and state officials. The circus was stopped early Friday morning in Pembroke by officials of the Weight Station on I-95 and assessed some \$600.00 for over loading.

The firemen questioned why employees of the weight station would travel to Pembroke at dawn to weigh the trucks of the circus. Also, health department officials insisted that the firemen provide temporary sanitary privys although, as one fireman put it, "no one used them."

They were assessed privilege taxes by the Town of Pembroke and the County of Robeson. Pembroke agreed to waive their fee because the volunteer firemen are a non-profit organization. Commissioner Herman Dial promised the firemen, in a meeting Monday night, to offer a motion that the county privilege license be waived. At

press time, no one had been able to contact the proper officials of the weight station which is a department of the N.C. Department of Transportation.

why they would harass Pembroke when all we are trying to do is raise money for a worthy cause - fire protection for the citizens of our town...It might not have been but it sure seemed like it was harassment against the Town of Pembroke."

Said one fireman, "I can't understand



A pretty girl and a trained seal are part of the circus performers.

## 410 Graduate from PSU

LUMBERTON — Pembroke State University's 410 graduating seniors Sunday were given an optimistic picture for their futures by a naturalized U.S. citizen who said this country is "the best hope of the world."

Dr. George Curry, a native of England, cautioned his audience, however, that the country's political well-being may be threatened by trade unions.

"Trade unions in England constitute a second Parliament," Curry, who holds four top-level posts at the University of South Carolina, said.

"They have the country at their mercy," he added, yet they do not represent the public's interest as a whole.

He said that despite its internal power struggles and the ongoing battles of minorities for representation, the U.S. remains the greatest country in the world.

"The U.S. is still, with all of its problems, all things left to be done, the best hope of the world," said Curry, who came to this country in 1946.

"This is a country in which more people are getting on, where barriers are still going down...too slowly, I know, in some areas, some situations, but going down they are," he told the PSU Performing Arts Center audience of nearly 1,700.

Curry serves as university secretary, executive assistant to the president, secretary of the USC Board of Trustees and professor emeritus of history.

Of the 410 graduating seniors Sunday, 148 exited the university with honors, having earned at least a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

There were 16 graduating Summa Cum Laude, with grade point averages of 3.8 or higher; 42 Magna Cum Laude, with at least a 3.5; and 90 Cum Laude with a 3.0 or better.



Pembroke State University graduates march into Performing Arts Center for commencement exercises. 410

Students graduated from PSU Sunday afternoon.



Marshals for Pembroke State University's commencement Sunday were (left to right) back row-chief marshal Glenda Arnette, Fayetteville; Debbie Hammonds, Reoford; Deborah Olson, Lumberton; Sharon Stephens, Orrum; Wanda Sampson, Lumberton; Lindy Jones, Claymont, Del.; Wayne

Broadhead, Goldsboro; Ken Core, Fayetteville; front row-assistant marshal Letress Jacobs, Bolton; Wanda Burns, Pembroke; Elvera Locklear, Pembroke; Mary Jacobs, Lumberton; Darlene Nader, Fayetteville; William Sanderson, Fairmont; and Richard Regon, Pembroke.

### OXENDINE COMPLETES INFANTRY TRAINING SCHOOL AT MARINE CORPS

Marine Private Ricky Oxendine, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Oxendine of Route 1, Rowland, NC has completed Infantry Training School at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Ca.

During the four week school Ricky underwent training in helicopter and amphibious operations, crew-served weapons, tactics of the small infantry unit, field communications, and combat in built-up areas.

Ricky has been transferred to Marine Barracks, U.S. Naval Station, Brunswick Marine. While there Ricky will be a part of the security force which guards the planes, ground equipment, and the station itself. This is just one of the demanding and rewarding jobs of the United States Marine Corps.

Ricky is a 1975 graduate of Pembroke High School and enlisted into the Marine Corps in November, 1976.

### SEARCH FOR CONTESTANTS FOR MISS LUMBEE PAGEANT

PEMBROKE--Every young girl dreams of becoming Miss American. The girl who is selected Miss Lumbee Pageant queen could be the next Miss America.

Now is the time to decide for any young woman in the state area who qualifies, Ms. Florence Ransom, chairperson, said in calling for candidates to enter the pageant.

Ms. Ransom also announced that the Pageant will be conducted the Friday night of July 1 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Pembroke State University Performing Arts Center.

She called for civic and social organizations in the area to sponsor candidates, and she requested that individual young women submit their own names as entries.

Applications can be obtained at the LRDA-Annex Building. All applications must be in by May 23, 1977.

To qualify, a young woman must be between the ages of 17 and 26 on the Labor Day immediately preceding the National Finals in which she will compete, must be a high school graduate, and must never have been married.

Talent will be considered in the judging and each contestant should possess some quality of talent, either trained or potential. In discussing the talent qualification, Ms. Ransom stressed that the range is varied and that no young woman must necessarily be trained in any specific field.

She pointed out that many entrants in previous pageants did not realize they possessed a quality of talent until they considered entering the contest.

She also pointed out that in almost every national Miss America Pageant conducted at Atlantic City, New Jersey, there have been state queens who have presented dramatic readings or comedy monologues as their talent presentations before a panel of nationally prominent judges.

"Any potential entrant may also have a talent unrealized," Ms. Ransom commented, adding that a young woman might be a delightful singer, for example, without ever having exhibited her singing ability before an audience.

In urging civic and social organizations to sponsor candidates, she said each member of the organization should consider the young women they know personally, relatives or daughters of friends, and should encourage the girls to enter the pageant.

Judging candidates will be based on the same values as considered at the Miss North Carolina Pageant and at the national Miss America Pageant.

Personality, poise, beauty and talent are the major requirements. Each contestant will be judged in Private Interview, in Evening Gown, in Swimsuit, and in the presentation of her Talent.

### DEEP BRANCH SCHOOL OBSERVES N.C. METRIC WEEK

Governor James Hunt has proclaimed the week of May 9-13 as North Carolina Metric Week. In accordance with this, students and teachers at Deep Branch School are participating in meaningful learning experiences relating to the Metric System.

All grade levels are conducting metric activities in a variety of subject areas, comparing the Metric System with our present system of measurement. Posters depicting the basic units of metric measurement are displayed throughout the school.

### L.R.D.A. RECEIVES GRANT FROM U.S. DEPT. OF LABOR

Lumbee Regional Development Association has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor for \$139,600.00 to sponsor a summer youth program for 200 youths. In addition, 150 summer jobs will be provided with regular CETA funds for a total of 350 summer jobs.

The purpose of the program is to provide work experience and supportive services to economically disadvantaged American Indian youth residing in Robeson, Scotland, Hoke and Bladen counties.

Eligible are students from low-income families who are 14 to 21 years old and who are in need of earnings to permit them to resume or maintain attendance in school.

For further information contact Mr. William E. Locklear, Lumbee Regional Development Association, at 521-9761.

### SOUTHEASTERN GENERAL HOSPITAL TO SPONSOR CANDYSTRIPER PROGRAM

Southeastern General Hospital will again sponsor its candystriper program beginning June 13, 1977. Young men and women entering the summer program must be at least 15 years old or entering the tenth grade in school. Volunteers will be able to work in a variety of hospital areas including X-ray, the Emergency Room, Pediatrics, as well as medical-surgical floors. Interested persons may receive applications by writing to Mrs. Fran Thrower, R.N., Assistant Director of Nursing, Southeastern General Hospital, P.O. Box 1408, Lumberton, N.C. 28358. Completed applications must be received by May 25, 1977.

### REVIVAL PLANNED AT WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH

West End Baptist Church is planning a revival May 15 through May 22 at their church located on West Drive in Lumberton.

Everyone is cordially invited to come out and worship in the spirit of the Lord with West End Baptist Church.

### JAYCEES SPONSOR GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR CANCER FUND

The Pembroke Jaycees are sponsoring a golf tournament Saturday, May 28 at the Riverside Country Club in the Red Banks Community near Pembroke. Entry fees are \$12.00 (includes cart and green fees).

The tourney will feature a shotgun start at 9 a.m., with the proceeds to go to the Robeson County Cancer Fund.

Everyone is invited to come out and play a little golf for a worthy cause. Those wishing to participate should contact any member of the Pembroke Jaycees for further information.

### AN OPEN LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS OF LUMBEE BANK

Dear Shareholders:

You will be pleased to know that on April 28, 1977 your Board of Directors declared a \$10 per share dividend to stockholders of record April 28, 1977. That dividend is being paid today.

We appreciate your patience and continued support.

W.R. Ules  
President  
Lumbee Bank