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## INDIAN NAMED TO REPLACE Y.H. ALLEN AS SUPERINTENDENT

### Purnell Swett Named New Superintendent



Purnell Swett

The Robeson County Board of Education met in a special session on Tuesday, May 17, 1977 at 10:00 p.m. On motion by Mrs. Shirley Britt the board accepted the resignation of Y. H. Allen, Superintendent of Robeson County Schools. After the resignation was accepted (letter of resignation is reprinted below), the board recessed for fifteen minutes, reconvened and went into executive session. The board deliberated in executive session for approximately two hours. Following the executive session, Laymon P. Locklear moved that the board hire Mr. Purnell Swett as superintendent for four years, pending a legal question from the Attorney General's Office. And if not four years, then for two years. The motion was seconded by Harbert Moore and carried unanimously. The Chairman of the Board, Ralph Hunt, went on record supporting the employment of Swett.

Supt. Y. H. Allen is shown shaking hands with Rev. Bob Mangum, member of the board, after giving, his resignation on Tuesday, effective June 30. Tammy D. Swett, board member, awaits his turn to shake hands with the outgoing

Superintendent of the Robeson County School System. (Bruce Barton photo)

Graduated from Pembroke High School and holds a B. S. Degree in Science and History from Pembroke State University. He received his M. A. Degree in School Administration from Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC, and has done additional graduate work in School Law at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and at UPI, Reston, Virginia in Supervision and Administration.

Robeson County School where he will continue until July 1, 1977 when he assumes the duties of superintendent.

After earning his B. S. Degree from Pembroke State University, Swett taught science and mathematics at Pembroke High School for approximately five years. He served as principal of Rex-Rennett School for six years. He was teacher-director of the Robeson County School system for three years. From October 1, 1967 until January 16, 1971 Swett served as Assistant Superintendent of Robeson County Schools. He has worked for several years at the Office of Indian Education in Washington, DC as Program Manager and Acting Program Manager for the Division of Discretionary Programs. He has served as Acting Deputy Commissioner for Indian Education, HEW and returned from that position in Washington in 1975 to accept the position as Associate Superintendent of

Swett now serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Pembroke State University is past vice-chairman of the same organization. He is past president of the Robeson County NCAE, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, a member of the Board of Directors of the Robeson County Speech and Hearing Satellite Clinic. Swett holds numerous other chairmanships and serves on various boards. He also belongs to several professional organizations which include the American Association of School Administrators, the National Indian Education Association, the Association for Curriculum Development.

Swett is married to the former Annette Locklear of Maxton. They and their two children, Anthony W. age 22, and Valeria, age 13, reside in the Pembroke Community and are members of Harpers Ferry Baptist Church where Mr. Swett is a member of the Board of Deacons.

## Dr. Hardin



James Benford Hardin

James Benford Hardin of Pembroke graduated Sunday, May 15, 1977 from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill. After his freshman year, he was awarded the King Edward VII Hospital Fund-Duke Endowment Foreign Fellowship and spent the summer studying in England. He was the recipient of the Frank Lee Dameron Award his junior year. The following summer was spent working in the Indian Health Hospital on the Sioux Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Dr. Hardin graduated from Pembroke State University in 1965, with a B. S. in Chemistry. He is a 1961 graduate of Pembroke Senior High School. From 1966-70 he served in the U. S. Navy and was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant.

Specializing in Family Medicine, he will begin his residency training in July at Duke's Area Health Education Center, Cape Fear Valley Hospital, Fayetteville, NC.

Dr. Hardin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bazie Hardin, Sr. of Pembroke. He is married to the former Gloria Shook of Brevard, NC. They have two daughters: Alicia Joy and Christie Joy.

## New Indian Recommendations

Washington, D.C.-Sen. James Abourezk (D.-S.D.), chairman of the American Indian Policy Review Commission (AIPRC), formerly presented to Congress the Commission's final report on Tuesday afternoon, May 17, in the Statuary Hall of the U. S. Capitol. The presentation was set for 3 p.m.

Abourezk, who is also chairman of the new Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, presented the report to Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill and Senate President Pro-tempore James Eastland.

In addition to the five other Congressional members and the five Indian commissioners, all members of Congress were invited to the ceremony, as well as Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus, Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs Ray Butler and Indian leaders from throughout the country.

Following the ceremony there was a reception in Dirksen Hall from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in honor of the Commissioners. All members of the press were invited.

Created by Congress in 1975, the Commission's goal was to conduct the first comprehensive Congressional review of the historical and legal developments underlying the American Indian's unique relationship with the Federal government in order to determine the nature and scope of necessary revisions in the formulation of federal policies and programs.

The Commission's final report, which contains more than 100 separate but integrated recommendations for changes in federal laws, government policies and practices, is the culmination of two years of work, which included numerous task force hearings and site visits throughout the country, questionnaire mailings and significant reports from several tribes and Indian organizations.

"While the implementation of several recommendations in the final report will require legislative action, many of the recommendations can be accomplished through federal administrative and regulatory initiatives," Abourezk said. "The over riding purpose of the American Indian Policy Review Commission is to chart a long-term direction for federal Indian policy. The report addresses not only governmental neglect, but also seeks to shape the future of the unique federal-tribal-state relationship."

## LOCAL LUMBEE INDIANS PART OF AIPRC TEAM

One of the members of the eleven member American Indian Policy Review Commission was Adolph Dial of Pembroke. Dial was one of the five Indians named to the commission in 1975 by congressional appointment.

Dial is head of Pembroke State University's American Indian Studies Department. He is also a member of Lumbee Regional Development Association's Board of Directors and is Chairman of the Robeson Historical Drama Association, the sponsoring organization of the fabulously successful 'Strike at the Wind,' the outdoor drama featuring the exploits of Henry Berry Lowry and the Lumbee Indians.

Betty "Jo Jo" Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hunt of Fairmont, headed the task force on non-federally recognized and terminated Indian tribes. She is now attempting to breathe administrative life into the moribund Coalition of Eastern Native Americans (CENA) in Washington, DC. She previously served as assistant counsel to the sub committee on Indian Affairs of the Congressional Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Helen Scheirbeck, the daughter of Mrs. Lacy Maynor of Pembroke and the late Mr. Lacy Maynor headed the task force on Indian Education. Ms. Scheirbeck is now completing requirements for her doctorate in education at Virginia Polytechnical Institute.

## Warrior Athletes Feted

Burns, and a film crew did features on Pembroke State University, Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. and "Strike at the Wind," the outdoor drama that features the exploits of Henry Berry Lowry and the Lumbee Indians.



Rev. Harvey Lowry, pastor of Prospect United Methodist Church, was the banquet speaker last Saturday night at the annual Athletics Award Banquet sponsored by the Pembroke Booster Club.

Lowry, a former athlete himself, exalted the student-athletes to pursue the Game of Life with (1) persistence, (2) confidence, and (3) knowledge.

See More Photos and accompanying story on page four.

## Allen's Letter Of Resignation

Mr. Ralph Hunt, Chairman Robeson County Board of Education Lumbeon, NC

Dear Mr. Hunt:

I hereby submit my resignation as Superintendent of Robeson County Schools effective June 30, 1977 in order to accept the superintendency of the Lenoir County Schools, Kinston, NC.

My twenty-six years in Robeson County have been most challenging and rewarding. We have seen many changes in Robeson County and I am proud to have been a part of these changes.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to the Board of Education members with whom I have been privileged to serve. The fine central staff, the principals, the teachers and support personnel with whom we have worked will always be close to our hearts. My family and I shall always love and appreciate the Robeson County people.

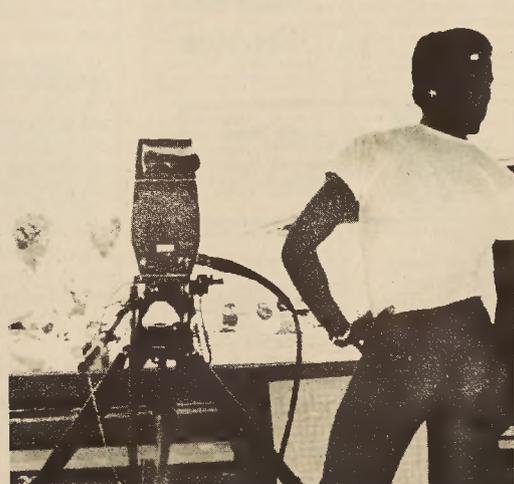
Please be assured that I will continue to fully carry out the duties of the superintendency until my departure and will aid you in any way you may request while you carry out your duties in the transition period.

Respectfully submitted,  
Young H. Allen, Superintendent  
Robeson County Schools

## Pembroke to Be Featured On 'Carolina At Noon'

TV personality Jim Burns was in the Pembroke community Tuesday filming a special show that he plans to do on the Pembroke community. The special feature will be shown June 7 on WECT-TV Channel 6 on "Carolina At Noon." Jim Burns is the popular host of the show.

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The camera dwarfs Jim Burns (right foreground) as he interviews Rock Kershaw, the general manager of "Strike at the Wind." The cast of Strike at

the Wind can be seen in the distance as they rehearse for the upcoming season scheduled to open June 30.

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#### COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

Membership drive for the Robeson County Community Concert Series is now underway. The three concerts scheduled include the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, and a third concert to be announced. All concerts will be presented at the Lumbeon High School Auditorium and will begin at 8 p.m.

Membership dues are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students grades 1-college. The family rate is \$30.

Any person interested in supporting the community concerts through membership or donation should contact Peggy Brewington at 521-2392 (evening) or Vera Malcolm at 521-4112 (evening) before Saturday noon, May 21.

#### IN THE ARMED FORCES

Army Specialist Four Robert L. Moore, 20, son of Mrs. Estella Moore, Route 7, Lumbeon, recently was assigned to the 126th Transportation Company at Fort Bragg, NC.

Spec. Moore, a driver in the company, entered the Army in August, 1974. He is a 1974 graduate of Littlefield High School in Lumbeon.

Army Staff Sergeant Samuel L. Brewer, son of Mrs. Allie B. Rogers, of Route 3, Fairmont, recently re-enlisted for three years in the Army, while serving with Headquarters Company, Special Troops at Ft. Richardson, Alaska.

Sgt. Brewer, a personnel staff noncommissioned officer in the company, entered the Army in April 1970. He is a 1968 graduate of Fairgrove High School, Fairmont. His father, Henry W. Rogers, lives on Route 3, Fairmont. His wife, Jeanette, is with him at the fort.

#### BELL VISITS THE FINE ARTS

Bobby Ray Bell of North Miami Beach, Florida attended the theater of the performing arts on Miami Beach, Florida. Bell, formerly of Pembroke, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bell of Pembroke.

Zeu Bufman presented six Broadway plays. First there was "Gypsy" with special guest star Miss Angela Lansbury. The origin of this musical is, of course, the real life experience of Gypsy Rose Lee. The second play was "The Bed Before Yesterday" with special guest star Miss Carol Channing and Elliott Reid. Third was "The Rose Tattoo" with Miss Maureen Stapleton and Cliff Gorman. Fourth was "Me and Bessie" with Miss Linda Hopkins. Fifth was "Bubbling Brown Sugar" starring Miss Patti Jo. Sixth play was "A Chorus Line."

#### To the Town of Pembroke:

I, Charlene H. Demery, Police Woman for the Town of Pembroke, do hereby submit my resignation as of May 17, 1977.

I am resigning for personal reasons. My thanks to those concerned individuals in this matter.

Respectfully,  
Charlene H. Demery

#### PSHS CONCERT DATE CHANGED

Pembroke Senior High School's Band and Chorus were scheduled to hold their concert tonight at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The date for the concert has been changed to Wednesday night, May 25, 1977 in the school cafeteria at 8 p.m.

#### PEMBROKE WINS

Mike Lowry pitched his ninth victory without a defeat last Thursday as Pembroke beat West Brunswick of Shallotte 3-2 in a Three Rivers 3-A Conference boys high school baseball game-the Warriors' 18th triumph in 20 starts this season.

#### THREE RIVERS TOURNEY BEGINS

Whiteville advanced to the second round of the Three Rivers 3-A conference boys high school baseball tournament Tuesday with a 6-3 victory over West Brunswick.

Wednesday at 6, Whiteville played Pembroke and East Bladen played West Columbus at 8.

Whiteville is 6-15 on the season and West Brunswick stands 2-18.

#### A CORRECTION...OF SORTS

John H. Sampson, former postmaster for the Town of Pembroke, called us recently in reference to the story we did last week on the sudden resignation of Jimmy McVickers, the postmaster who replaced Sampson.

In the story, we affirmed that Sampson recommended McVickers over the two Indian candidates for the job, Ely Sampson and Mrs. Evelyn Cummings.

Sampson avows that, in fact, he did not recommend McVickers over the two Indians. It seems, as best we can recollect it, Sampson wrote a letter that appeared in The Robesonian at the time of the change in postmasters detailing his reasons for favoring McVickers.

We have been unable to find a copy of The Robesonian that carried the letter from Sampson. Until such time, we are delighted to recall our unfounded assertion.

#### TOWN OF PEMBROKE MEETS

Most of the meeting of the Pembroke Town Council was taken up with preliminary budgetary matters as the council, Town Manager, McDuffie Cummings, and Town Clerk, Mrs. Ruby N. Smith went over the tentative budget that is due by June 30.

A number of tax adjustments and releases were authorized by the council and a request for a franchise from N. C. Cable TV Co., Inc. was tabled for further consideration.

The board also authorized Town Manager McDuffie Cummings to enforce the ordinance on the use of water for the Pembroke Texaco.

The board ended the meeting in executive session. Following the meeting, Ms. Charlene Demery, Pembroke's lady policeman, tendered her resignation for "personal reasons."

#### FIRST ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW SLATED

Robeson County Youth Network for the Arts' First Annual Juried Art Show is slated for June 13-26, 1977 at the Robeson County Library. Art will be received at the Robeson County Library June 6-10 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. (Special arrangements may be made with the Library for early delivery.)

The Show will open June 13, 1977 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. The Outdoor Art Show: June 19, 1977, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Art Areas eligible for competition: Fiber Art-weaving, macrame, crocheting, embroidery, etc.; Sketches/Line Drawings (no size limitations); Paintings (no size limitations); Three Dimensional Art-work, plaster, wood, paper-mache, etc. (work should be a reasonable size); Illustrated Creative Writing (500 word limit); and Creative Writing (500 word limit).

Youths age 7-16 may enter the competition. All works must be labeled with name of youth and date, and must be accompanied by an official entry form. All works must be delivered to the Robeson County Library. All artists whose work(s) are accepted for exhibition will receive a certificate. A Best-Of-Show Award will be made by an independent juror. Best-Of-Category Awards will be made by independent jurors. Additional special awards will be made at the discretion of the Steering Committee.

Entries will be considered eligible for competition if: they are recent works of the artists (works completed within the last year); they are the original work of the artists (no kits or commercially prepared materials); they are the work of the individual artists (no cooperative projects are accepted); individual artists do not submit more than four (4) entries (entries may be in one, two, three or four categories).

Entries will be accepted in any form from the artists. The Youth Network cannot accept any responsibility for the entries; however, every effort will be made to preserve every piece in its original form. All creative writing entries will be retyped for uniformity during judging; originals will be attached; no spelling or grammatical corrections will be made. Artists whose work is not accepted for exhibition must pick it up at the Robeson County Library by 5:00 p.m. June 20, 1977. Artists whose work is included in the exhibition must pick it up at the Robeson County Library by 5:00 p.m. June 30, 1977.