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BLACK REJECTED AS TRUSTEE FOR RTI BOARD

John Staton rejected by Red Springs even though he serves on its board of education

It was interesting to say the least. Guy McCormick, the white incumbent on the Robeson Technical Institute Board of Trustees was reappointed for a second term Monday night at a meeting of the RTI Board of Trustees.

He was opposed by John Staton, a Black, who serves on the Red Springs Board of Education. The interesting thing is that Staton was not supported by his own school board even though he is a member, nor was he supported by Lumberton where he teaches.

McCormick fills one of the seats that is vacated by the combined six school systems in the county. For a while it looked as if a primary right exist as a sampling of the

school boards earlier in the month had indicated that Staton and McCormick stood at 3 votes each with Robeson County, Maxton and Red Springs seeming to be in favor of Staton. Indications were that Lumberton, Fairmont and St. Pauls would support McCormick.

But when the votes were tallied (via a letter from the chairman of each school system) McCormick received votes from the Lumberton, St. Pauls, Fairmont and Red Springs School Systems. Staton was named by the Robeson County School System and Maxton.

As press time neared, the Carolina Indian Voice was unable to contact Mr. Staton who reportedly lives in Red Springs and

teaches in the Lumberton system. But conjecture would seem to infer that racism still rears its ugly head in Robeson County. The Robeson County and Maxton school systems are predominately minority and the school systems supporting McCormick are predominately white.

In other action, Maxton Commissioner Herman Dial was sworn in as a member of the board of trustees also. Dial, an Indian, was named by the Robeson County Board of Commissioners.

J.J. Williams was renamed as chairman of the board; and John L. Carter was named vice-chairman. President Craig Allen serves as secretary to the board.

Gov Jim Hunt still has to make an appointment to complete the makeup of the 12 member board. More conjecture would seem to indicate that the board was resumptuous in organizing the board before the gubernatorial appointment. The board, as it is presently constituted, has five minorities: Herman Dial, Indian; John L. Carter, Indian; Glenn Maynor, Indian; Milton Hunt, Indian; and B.C. McBee, Black. Suppose the governor named another minority to the board? Since the chairman can only vote in case of a tie, minorities, in the event the governor names a minority, could possibly name a different chairman if they wished to. But conjecture is like the rain: one never knows for sure whether it is going to rain or not.

Ruby C. Dial Memorial Scholarship

The family of the late and beloved Mrs. Ruby C. Dial, has set up a memorial scholarship in her behalf at Pembroke State University.

Those wishing to contribute should direct their contributions to the Ruby C. Dial Memorial Scholarship c/o The PSU Foundation, Pembroke State University, Pembroke, North Carolina.

Winner of "Old Main" Drawing Announced

Clayton Smith of Lumberton, a rising junior majoring in art, has won the competition for the best drawing of Old Main, the first brick building constructed on the PSU campus, and 200 copies (size 12) of his lithographed work are to be sent to special patrons of the PSU Alumni Association.

Smith's drawing captured what they saw in the building," said Mrs. Beach. "It captured their sentiments concerning this structure."

Smith took special interest in the drawing because, as he said, "This building meant a great deal to the people here because it was the first brick building constructed on campus. I tried to add trees to enhance its beauty."

This pen-and-ink drawing was Smith's third major product. He previously drew pictures of the restored one-room schoolhouse near the Robeson County Board of Education and the old county courthouse in Lumberton. Both were displayed at the Robeson County Public Library. He has had oil paintings displayed at the Robeson County Public Library of two of his favorite subjects: bird dogs and flowers.

Smith, 35, spent four years in the U.S. Marine Corps after graduating from Lumberton High School in '61. He worked for Alamac Knitting Co from 1966-67, but for the last 10 years has been audio visual technician at the Robeson County Board of Education. Beginning in '69 he began attending night classes at PSU and also went to day classes during the summer. Although it has been a long process because of being unable to attend class full-time, the persistent Smith will graduate from PSU next May.

He is married to the former Gloria Ivey of Orrum. They have two children: Candace, 7, and Tiffany, 11 months. For winning the contest, Smith receives an honorary life membership to the alumni association, three copies of the lithograph plus the original plate.

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200 lithographs of the building are being made by a UNC-Chapel Hill printer and will be available not later than September. The first 10 lithographs will be sent to those people who donate the most money to the alumni association.

Portions of Smith's Old Main artwork will also be used on special stationery, also available to donors to PSU Alumni Association.

The older members of the board said Mr.



Clayton Smith of Lumberton, winner of the art competition for the best drawing of Old Main (the Pembroke State University landmark), proudly displays his work with Mrs. Martha Beach, chairman of the project for the PSU Alumni Association. Lithographs of Smith's drawings will be sent to lifetime members of the association.

Oxendine Renamed

Indians representing a sampling of Indian groups and organizations (both civic and social) gathered at the Annex building of Lumberton Regional Development Association, Inc. in Pembroke to name an Indian from the community to serve on the N.C. Commission on Indian Affairs recently.

By acclamation, John W. Oxendine, from the Saddletree community, was renominated for the seat that he has held since the inception of the N.C. Commission on Indian Affairs.

"Strike at the Wind!"

A REVIEW BY BRUCE BARTON

Strike at the Wind!, the newest outdoor drama in America, is beginning its second season. The outdoor drama recounts the exploits of Henry Berry Lowry and the (Lumbee) Indians of Robeson County during the turbulent 1860's and 70's when men went a little bit mad from the craziness that was the Civil War.

The music, by Willie Lowry, is the central core of the drama, holding everything together. The music is strong and resonant and haunting. Lyrics are, mostly, by the playwright, Randolph Umberger. The lyrics and script have a poetical flavor that is original and philosophical.

The Leader as played by Rev. Julian Ransom, is a biblical narrator. He is resonant and stentorian, befitting his real life role as a preacher. The boy is played admirably by Steven Lowry.

There are new roles this year: the principal one being the characterization of Henry Berry Lowry by Melton Lowry, a distant relative of the Indian leader called everything from hero to scoundrel, according to one's point of view.

Melton Lowry is strong and mature and brings a measure of manliness to the role. He is more subtle than Derek Lowry, the Henry Berry Lowry of the miraculous first season.

Henry Berry Lowry's band of merry marauders is made up of strong characters, principally the audacious Shoemaker John played by Victor Lane and the delightful Boss Strong, as played by the crowd pleasing Carnell Locklear.

But the surprise of the show is Brenda Jacobs, a member of the show last year but cast as Momma Cumbo for the first time this season. She is believable and durable and weighted down with grief as her sons are slain as the show unfolds. Her tragedy is strong but subtle. She is marvelous in the role.

At the same meeting, the group voted to send Ren. Horace Locklear a letter asking him to appear before the Indian community and answer questions relative to a number of pieces of legislation recently enacted into law in the general assembly, most notably legislation bringing the previously independent N.C. Commission on Indian Affairs under the department of administration and the newly enacted legislation setting up a N.C. Indian Housing Authority. The groups also decided to send Gov. Jim Hunt a letter expressing the true sentiments of the Indian community.

Donahoe, played so deliciously evil last season by Plummer Locklear, is darker and subdued this year in the interpretation by Curd Cummings. But he handles the role well, in his own way. Donahoe does not slobber this year; he walks evil out of the shadows. There is more of a mystery about him this year.

The sheriff, Reuben King, does not have the pizzazz of Rob Von Hoy who originated the role last year. The character, as played by Tom Edwards, is more obvious in the inherent inadequacies of the man. That's the way the role was meant to be played, I think.

All of the other characters, including Rev. James Sinclair, as played by Lennant Lawson; Hugh McGregor, as articulated by David Butler; and Hector McCord by David Miller are good and believable.

But the star, the heroine, is Hope St. Pierre, as the beleaguered Rhoda Strong, who is always waiting and hoping and praying that her man will appear from out of the darkness of the swamps. She is pretty and believable and comfortable as Rhoda Strong, a woman of strength.

And Steve Pate is nasty as the evil Brantley Harris. The role is suited to his unique talents. He gloats and swaggers. Pate is heavy handed and as nasty a bad guy as ever graced (sic) a stage.

It's a good cast, neoped by locals (Indian, Black and White) who grew up hearing about Henry Berry Lowry, the baddest hero a people ever had.

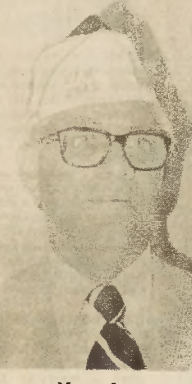
The strength of the production is the people. What is a professional? An amateur? It is in the eyes of the beholders. Contrary to the opinion of a critic from the Fayetteville Times, the cast is as professional as can be. They care about their roles, and they deliver night after night. That is what a professional is.

The outdoor drama is administered



Some of the cast members of "Strike At The Wind!", including Momma Cumbo (Brenda Jacobs) seated.

Pembroke VFW Commander & Quarter-Master Honored



Monroe Lowry



W.D. Oxendine

The Commander and Quartermaster of Pembroke's Locklear-Lowry Post #2843 of the Veterans of Foreign War were honored at the state convention of the VFW June 23-26 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The Commander is Monroe Lowry, who owns Pembroke Electric and is also a member of the Pembroke Town Council. Quartermaster is W.D. Oxendine, a staff member of the N.C. Human Relations Council.

They were named, respectively, All State Commander and Quartermaster for 1976-77.

The local post is a member of District II. The chapter realized 127-58% of their allotted membership in a spirited membership drive this year.

The chapter is located on Union Chapel Road.

locally, part of its remarkable strength and believability. Adolph Dial, head of PSU's Indian Studies Department, is the chairman of the unit's tri-racial board. The sponsoring organization is known as the Robeson Historical Society, Inc.

The general manager, who must know a little bit about everything, is the non-reticent Rock Kershaw.

Every director, who seems to get the best out of every participant in the production, is Arthur McDonald, a professor at nearby St. Andrews College. He never screams, but he prods beautifully.

It's a darn good show, and as long as those in charge realize that symbols are important it will survive and endure and become part of the local arts.

Just think about it: Indians play Indians; whites play whites; and Blacks play Blacks. It makes sense. It works. It is believable.

The authenticity is further embossed by the fact that the setting of the drama is in the area where Henry Berry Lowry and his band walked about. The production is staged and presented at the Lakeside Amphitheatre at the Riverside Country Club in the Red Banks Community, near the town of Pembroke (the original Scaufftown).

Go see Strike at the Wind! It's family entertainment at its best.

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CUMMINGS HONOR STUDENT AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL

Robin G. Cummins, son of Rev. and Mrs. Simeon Cummings of Raleigh, NC has successfully completed the past semester of work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a 4.0 All A's in all work taken average carrying 17 hours of credit. Cummings was one of 94 students out of 6000 in his area of study to obtain such a score. He has remained on the Dean's List since entering Chapel Hill in the Fall of 1974, and was chosen as a member of the freshman honorary fraternity Phi Eta Sigma which requires a first semester average of 3.5 to enter.

REGISTRATION FOR ON DUTY EDUCATION PLANNED

The Fort Bragg-Pope Air Force Base Center of Fayetteville State University will conduct registration for its On Duty Education program July 18-22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. These daytime classes, which will meet from July 25 to September 2 are open to civilians. Registration and classes will be held at the Army University Center, Armistead Street, Fort Bragg, NC. For information call 497-9111.

EDUCATION FUND SET IN MEMORY OF DRENNIA JEAN DIAL OXENDINE

Friends and co-workers of Mrs. Drenna Jean Dial Oxendine who passed away this past weekend have established an Education Fund for her children.

Mrs. Oxendine who was employed by the Indian Education Project of Lumbee Regional Development Association in Pembroke leaves to mourn her passing three young daughters.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the fund. Contributions should be sent to LRDA's Indian Education Project, P.O. Box 68, Pembroke, NC 28372.

PHYSICALS SLATED FOR PSHS FOOTBALLERS

The Athletic Department of Pembroke Senior High School has set the following dates for prospective football players to receive their physicals: July 20 and July 27. The physicals will be given by Dr. Martin L. Brooks, Highway 711 E., Pembroke. The costs of the physicals will be \$5.00 each.

The physicals will be given at 8 p.m. each night.

MEMBERSHIP BEING SOLD BY PSHS BOOSTERS

In anticipation of the approaching football season at Pembroke Senior High School, the Pembroke High Booster Club is soliciting memberships.

A membership in the Booster Club costs \$25.00 yearly and entitles the bearer to all the privileges of membership, including a seasonal pass to all football games a PSHS plus a booster club card.

Also, the athletic department of PSHS is selling season passes to all football games this upcoming season for \$8.00. To purchase a season pass, contact any member of the athletic department at PSHS. John W. Samson is athletic director and Gene Winfree is football coach.

FREE SEMINAR FOR MINORITY CONTRACTORS

The North Carolina Department of Transportation-Division of Highways will be sponsoring a free seminar for minority contractors on July 16, 1977 at the Holiday Inn South, Lumberton beginning at 9 a.m.

The purpose of the Minority Business Enterprise Program is to make minority contractors aware of construction work opportunities, to assist them in becoming pre-qualified to bid as prime or sub-contractors on highway work, and to discuss available work opportunities.

Minority construction firms performing masonry, clearing and grubbing, concrete work, demolition, truck hauling, fencing, and guard railing, painting, plumbing, excavating, electrical, landscaping, curb and gutter, general construction, grading and any other type of construction work can and should consider the opportunities available through construction contracts in highway work.

Please come out and find out about these opportunities, Saturday, July 16, Holiday Inn South at 9 a.m.

VFW NEWS

Locklear-Lowry VFW Post 2843 of Pembroke met on July 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the most home for their regular monthly meeting with 30 comrades in attendance for a delicious meal. Commander Monroe Lowry made the following appointments: Membership chairman, Lee Ancil Maynor; Asst. Membership Chairman, Jimmy Goins; Chairman of Committee Activities, Rudy Locklear; Asst. Ad. Lt., Grover C. Chavis; Asst. Officer of the Day, Grady Chavis; Hospital Chairman, Josh Locklear, gave the hospital report.

On June 26 the VFW sponsored a hospital party at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville with the following singing groups taking part: Simpson Quartet of Lumberton; The Cape Fear Gospelers of Fayetteville. The next sponsored VFW singing at the VA Hospital will be Sept. 25, 1977 at 3 p.m.

Any individual or group interested in going should contact Josh Locklear at Route 2, Pembroke or call 521-4446.

The following VFW Comrades were pallbearers at Mrs. Delbert Ammons' funerals: Archie Oxendine, Winford Jacobs, Cleveland Woodell, and Percell Revels.

The North Carolina VFW State Convention which was held in Winston-Salem with the following Comrades attending: Monroe Lowry, W.D. Oxendine, Thadix Oxendine, William L. Hunt, Parker Locklear, Reedy Samson, J.W. Thomas, and Roy Lee Samson. The Pembroke VFW was awarded all state with Commander Monroe Lowry and Quarter Master W.D. Oxendine both making all state. This honor is given to only 12 posts in the state.

The highlight of the meeting occurred when the post commander presented a plaque from the post to Comrade Archie Oxendine for being a state winner as chairman of the Voice of Democracy and his outstanding accomplishment within the post and 8th District of VFW.

IN THE ARMED FORCES

Army Specialist Four Larry Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joyce (Sic) Jacobs of Route 9, Lumberton, recently completed a primary noncommissioned officer course in Germany. The course offers increased career educational opportunities while rearing the student for leadership duty.

Upon completion of the training, he returned to his home unit in Berlin, Spec. Jacobs entered the Army in May, 1974, he is a 1973 graduate of Orrum High School, Fairmont.

STRIKE AT THE WIND INVITES ALL BOY SCOUTS TO BE GUESTS

The successful new outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind" is inviting all Boy Scouts to attend a special night's performance at a reduced cost. The date is Wednesday, July 20.

On July 29, cub scouts under 12 will be admitted for only \$1 and those over 12 including leaders for only \$2 if in uniform. Lane Hudson, promotion director for the drama, said leaders could contact Strike at the Wind to reserve seats by calling 521-2401. Hudson added, "The show will be open to the general public this night also at the regular prices. All those planning to attend should make reservations in anticipation of a large crowd."

Strike at the Wind runs every Wed. thru Sat. night at 8:30 p.m. thru Aug. 13 at the Lakeside Amphitheatre at Riverside Country Club, 3 miles west of Pembroke on Highway 74.

LUTHER HODGES, JR. TO APPEAR AT MEETING OF PEMBROKE LIONS

Luther Hodges, Jr., an unannounced candidate for the United States Senate, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Pembroke Lions.

Hodges, a democrat, recently resigned as chairman of the NCNB Bank headquartered in Charlotte. Hodges is the son of former N.C. Governor, Luther Hodges.

The Lady Lions will also attend the meeting, according to the president of Pembroke Lions Club.