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Lumbec Bank at Pembroke

FIRST INDIAN BANK NOW HAS FIRST INDIAN PRESIDENT

by Gene Warren

The Lumbec Bank of Pembroke, which is the first Indian Bank in America, now has the first Indian president of any bank in the United States.

He is James A. Hunt, a 32-year-old Lumbec Indian from Rowland who was winner of the Distinguished Service Cross for valor in the Vietnam War and has been employed for the past three years as Management Service Officer for First Union National Bank's Regional Service Center in Lumberton.

Hunt began his duties August 1 and sees this as a "challenge and tremendous opportunity. Out Lumbec Bank really has a great deal to offer," he said, sitting behind his new desk in the beautiful Lumbec Bank in downtown Pembroke.

A '74 graduate of PSU with a B.S. in Business Administration, Hunt envisions the Lumbec Bank opening branch banks in the surrounding towns of Robeson County in the next five years. "We are now a prosperous operation serving mainly the Pembroke community, but we want to expand. I see a tremendous future for us," he said.

Hunt believes he gained some valuable experience working under Marvin Burgess, vice president of Lumberton's First Union National Bank Service Center. "I trained under Mr. Burgess in all phases of banking. He is a real professional, and I owe a lot to him," said Hunt.

Burgess praised Hunt "as a very professional person, which is a high compliment in itself. He has the desire, knowledge, initiative and determination to make a good bank president. He was a very successful manager for us during the three years he worked with us, but this was an opportunity he couldn't turn down."

Hunt believes PSU prepared him well for his profession. "The professor I enjoyed most was Victor Wolf. He is a man of experience, tough but fair, and he knows what he is talking about," extolled Hunt.

The Lumbec Bank hired a dedicated young man if Hunt's record is any indication. Serving in the U.S. Army Special Forces from '64-68, he was nominated for the Congressional Medal of Honor, won the Distinguished Service Cross, plus the Silver Star and Purple Heart. His medals came because of valor in close combat in which he was trying to evacuate wounded personnel.

After receiving his discharge, he was employed at a textile plant in Laurinburg before starting his education at PSU. He then went to school on his G.I. Bill and supplemented this income by working the third shift (midnight to 8 a.m.) as a weaver at the same textile plant.

Hunt worked 56 hours a week, doing his study before reporting to work. His only campus extracurricular activity was serving his last semester in college as vice president of the Veterans Assn. on campus. "There was no time for anything else," said the solid business administration student.

However, hard work was nothing new to Hunt. A '64 graduate of Fairgrove High School near Fairmont, he didn't have time for activities at school because he and his brothers farmed tenant land after school.

Son of James D. Hunt and Sally Jane Hunt, the youthful bank president has two brothers and two sisters. One of his sisters, Mrs. Ina Jean Oxendine, graduated from PSU in '71 with a B.S. in Elementary Education.



James A. Hunt, new president poses in front of Lumbec Bank.

Hunt is a member of the American Management Assn. and vice chairman of the Postal Advisory Committee of Lumberton. He is also in Co. C of the 11th Special Forces Group Reserves and a member of the Raeford Sports Parachute Club. He has made over 200 parachute jumps. The busy, ambitious young man is a bachelor who plans to become very much a Lumberton. He is also in Co. C of the 11th Special Forces Group Reserves and a member of the Raeford Sports Parachute Club. He has made over 200 parachute jumps.

Board of Education Meets in Brief Session

The Robeson County Board of Education met in one of their briefer sessions on Tuesday.

They heard a progress report on the new Pembroke Elementary School to be constructed in the near future. The report was given by Supt. Purnell Swett.

Supt. Swett also reported on the public hearings held at Purvis and Union Elementary Schools recently to get the community's reaction to the combining of the two schools under one principalship. Mr. Swett conducted the hearing at Union Elementary and Assistant Supt. Donald A. Bonner conducted the hearing at Purvis. Said Swett, "We received no negative reaction from the people in attendance."

He explained the procedure used to inform the parents of these two school about the hearing. He made certain that a letter was mailed to each home concerning the hearing. The state has approved the combining of the two schools under one principalship. Mr. Grady Oxendine, principal of Union Elementary, will serve as principal of Purvis also.

Mr. Bonner reported on the 54 aides who will work in the county school system. He reported that there will be reading aides in all the elementary schools in the county.

Visiting the meeting was Mrs. Agnes Chavis, President of the Robeson County Unit of the North Carolina Association of Educators.

Paul Green Visits Strike at the Wind!



PAUL GREEN, the famous playwright, who is known as the father of the outdoor drama, came to see Strike at the Wind! last Thursday night. He came incognito and without fanfare. Lane Hudson, who handles promotion for Strike at the Wind!, among other duties, just happened to spot Green and tipped us off.

Green, who is most famous for THE LOST COLONY, lives in Chapel Hill. Randy Umberger, the playwright for Strike at the Wind!, is a protégé of Green's and credits him for most of his success.

Green poses, after the showing, with Hope St. Pierre, who plays Rhoda and Melton Lowry, the forceful Henry Berry Lowrie in Strike at the Wind!

Said Green, "I enjoyed the show. It's a good script and the players are exceptional. One is always waiting for Henry Berry Lowrie. That creates excitement and suspense. That's good."

Strike at the Wind! ends its second season Saturday night.

Saturday Night The Last Night of Strike at the Wind Season



Victor Lane from Raleigh plays the part of Shoemaker John, a member of the famous Henry Berry Lowrie gang in the outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind!" This is the last week of the show which plays Wednesday through Saturday at the Lakeside Amphitheatre at the Riverside Country Club. Tickets are still available and reservations can be made by calling 521-2401.

Robeson County Farm Tour Planned

A farm tour is being planned for Robeson County for Tuesday, August 23, 1977 beginning after lunch and being completed in the Maxton area about 7 p.m.

All farmers, agri-business and others interested in farming are invited to attend. Those planning to go should notify the

county agents office before the date of the tour so that adequate plans can be made for everyone.

Since transportation is not being provided, persons planning to attend may meet at the county agents office at 1 p.m. in order to ride several in a car and conserve transportation.

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VFW & LADIES AUXILIARY TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The Pembroke VFW meeting of Locklear-Lowry Post 2843 and the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW will be held at the Post Home Monday night, August 14, at 7:30 p.m. All comrades and sisters are asked to attend. Supper will be served.

"KISS YOUR BABY" CAMPAIGN CHAIRPERSONS NAMED

Mrs. Delton Lowry and Mrs. Woodrow Sampson and the Pembroke Team have been named "Kiss Your Baby" Campaign Chairpersons for the Pembroke area according to George W. Little, State Chapter, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The CF Foundation supports research in children's lung-damaging diseases such as asthma with lung damage, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis, childhood emphysema, and cystic fibrosis, the most serious of all.

More than 6,000,000 American children suffer from one or more of these lung-damaging diseases of which there are 150,000 in North Carolina alone. Many of these youngsters are treated at the Duke CF Center which is supported by the Foundation.

The signs of lung-damaging diseases are recurrent wheezing, persistent coughing, excessive mucous, pneumonia more than once, excessive appetite but poor weight gain, and clubbing of the fingertips. In addition to the above, cystic fibrosis signs may also include salty taste of the skin, persistent bulky diarrhea, and nasal polyps.

GOSPEL SING PLANNED

There will be a gospel singing featuring the Skylite Boys Quartet of McColl, SC and Freeville Gospel Singers of Pembroke at Fairview Heights School Auditorium in Hamlet, NC on Saturday, August 13, 1977 at 8 p.m. Advance admission is \$2.00 and admission at the door is \$2.50. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Door prizes will be given and refreshments will be sold. The singing will be sponsored by the Sandhills Regional Indian Association. For tickets call 997-4529 or 582-2402 (919 area code).

SBA TO PROCESS DISASTER LOANS

The Small Business Administration has been authorized to accept and process Small Business Economic Injury Disaster Loans in the county of Robeson in the State of North Carolina.

This area was declared an Economic Injury Disaster Area by the Department of Agriculture pursuant to Section 321 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. This action was taken because of excessive rainfall May 19 through May 24, 1977, and hail, rain and windstorm on June 6, 1977. Assistance can be provided if the applicant can establish that the business has suffered substantial economic injury as a direct result of a natural disaster.

Authority for acceptance of loan applications under this program will expire on March 30, 1978.

For further information, please write or telephone the Small Business Administration, 230 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202, telephone number (704) 372-0711, Ext. 441.

FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE

In Robeson County, Federal Crop Insurance pays benefits as high as \$1910 per acre for some tobacco crops. The lowest benefits in Robeson County would be \$1070 per acre. The guarantees are determined by what the farmers have harvested and sold in past years. The highest producing farms get the most coverage, the lowest get the least, and the premium for all of them is about the same. The average premium rate on tobacco in Robeson County is about \$33 per acre. Federal Crop Insurance may be applied for at any time before planting the crop to get coverage for a given crop year.

Those farmers who have Federal Crop Insurance contracts should report damaged tobacco to the Federal Crop Insurance office. Good farming practices must be followed through harvesting of the crop. If loss is expected, stalk inspections must be made before cutting the stalks. Insured farmers are cautioned to not plow up stalks until an adjuster sees them. They are further reminded to report to the Federal Crop Insurance Office by Units, 15 days from date of last sale, if guarantee is not made.

Farmers in Robeson County are fortunate to have the Federal Crop Insurance available on corn, soybeans, cotton and tobacco, and the many farmers who have contracts will find a protected investment a rewarding thing in a year such as this, with when farmers' losses are sky high.

For further information or any assistance, farmers may contact the local Federal Crop Insurance office located at 400 E. 2nd St., Lumberton, P.O. Box 721, Telephone number 739-3777.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT RTI ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Dr. Craig Allen, President of Robeson Technical Institute, will confer 396 diplomas and degrees at the Commencement Exercises to be held at Lumberton Senior High School on Friday night. A native Robesonian, Sampson Buie, Jr., Community Relations Specialist at NC A & T State University, Greensboro, will deliver the baccalaureate address. Ceremonies begin at 8 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend the ceremonies.

IN THE ARMED FORCES

West Point, NY--Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel Daniel E. Todd, Jr. of Lumberton recently attended a week-long Liaison Officers Conference at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY.

Officers attending the conference participated in several workshops, attended academic and admission briefings, toured the Academy facilities and met with cadets. Workshop subjects included admissions process, communication with today's youth, and military psychology and leadership.

The conference prepares selected Reserve officers to serve as liaison officers for the Military Academy in their home town communities.

Col. Todd received his commission by direct appointment. He received his Ph.D. degree in 1967 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The colonel is dean of academic affairs for programs and research at Pembroke State University.

DEATHS MAR WEEKEND IN ROBESON

Law enforcement officers and rescue personnel were kept busy in Robeson County during the weekend, investigating two drownings and a murder.

Samuel Ray Oxendine, 24, of Route 3, Maxton, drowned Saturday around 5 p.m. in Lumber River off U.S. 74 near White Hill Church.

A report on the drowning was made to Pembroke police by a witness to the fatal accident, and Pembroke Rescue Squad recovered Oxendine's body at 6:05 p.m. Saturday.

Paul K. Hines, 9, of 612 Hilton Heights, Lumberton, drowned Sunday around 5:20 p.m. while swimming with friends in Lumber River near the dead end of Locklear Street.

According to police reports, four young boys went to the river to swim, and Hines was caught in a strong current after venturing out into the river.

The Lumberton Rescue Unit found Hines' body at 6:58 p.m. about 50 feet from where he was last seen.

Sheriff's deputies were called to Maxton around noon Saturday to investigate the fatal shooting of John D. Oxendine, 34, of Route 2, Maxton.

By 2 p.m. Saturday, officers had arrested a "joint" on rural paved road 1382 off N.C. 71 north of Maxton.

Oxendine was reportedly shot at a "joint" on rural paved road 1382 off N.C. 71 north of Maxton.

Reports indicate the victim was inside the building and the fatal shot was fired from a .22 caliber pistol through a window of the building, from the outside.

DEHAEVA DRAKE SELECTED NC'S ALL AMERICAN GIRL

Dehaeva Drake of Lumberton, a graduate of PSU with a B.S. in music education, has been selected North Carolina's representative in the national All-American Girl competition scheduled for August 11-13 in Memphis, Tenn. First prize in the competition is a \$5,000 scholarship. Miss Drake is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Drake.

EDA Hearing Delayed

U.S. District Court Judge F.T. Dupree of Raleigh has rescheduled a hearing here from Monday to Friday, Aug. 12, at 9:30 a.m. on a restraining order blocking the Economic Development Administration from distributing public works job funds.

Judge Dupree told court officials he had a conflict of a criminal term of U.S. District Court.

The continuance was on a restraining order issued by U.S. District Court

Judge John Larkins to the EDA, prohibiting distribution of public works job funds to the counties of Cumberland, Robeson, Columbus and New Hanover pending the hearing.

The towns of Hope Mills, Maxton, Pembroke, St. Pauls, Chadbourne, Tabor City and Carolina Beach filed suit recently over their exclusion from the \$4 billion public works program to create jobs in high unemployment areas.