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## MORE CANDIDATES ANNOUNCE IN CROWDED PEMBROKE MUNICIPAL RACE

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Lee Neville

Pembroke Town Councilman Lee E. Neville today announced his candidacy for re-election. Mr. Neville released the following statement:

"I have filed and I am announcing my candidacy for re-election to the office of Town Council of the Town of Pembroke.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of the town for electing me to represent you on the town board during these past four years. I have tried to serve you in every aspect to the best of my ability and if I am re-elected to the town board as one of your councilmen in November, I will continue to represent you in the best interest of the town in trying to make the Town of Pembroke a place where we can enjoy living, working and playing a part in making our town a progressive, educational, industrial and recreational place where the people of Pembroke can be proud of its town and its leadership in Town Government.

"We have come a long way in the past four years, but we still have a long way to go in meeting all the needs of the Town of Pembroke.

"I have learned a lot about city government and I feel that the knowledge I have gained from my four years in office and the experience, I can now represent the citizens of our town with a much better understanding of city government and help accomplish more of the projects that our town is desperately in need of today.

"One of the great needs of the town of Pembroke today is to correct the flooding stage we are faced with when we have heavy rainfall in our town. This is a must and we are going to try and do something about it. I realize it has been because we did not have the funds to tackle this project, but if we are funded under the grants that we now have being processed, I am sure this need will be corrected and a new drainage system and waste treatment plant will become a reality for the town of Pembroke.

"The town board is now in the process of trying to negotiate on two acres of land for a new parking lot for the town's recreation park at the end of Pine Street. We feel that this project will be accomplished and the parking lot should be ready by next season.

"The town board has been looking at annexation of the town for sometime. I personally support annexation and have discussed this many times in our board meetings in the past. But there is a problem in some of the areas that we have taken a look at for annexation. First there is a need for lift stations and the cost of a lift station is approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000. This would have to be completed in order to take sewer lines to the residents. According to the law, the town would have to supply the residents with water and sewer lines within twelve months from the date of annexation. This can be done and should be done. It is just a matter of getting down to the nitty gritty and doing something about it and I feel under our new manager-council type of government that we now have, we will do something about additional annexation of our town.

"When the city manager, McDuffie Cummings, presented the board with his proposed budget for the new fiscal year of 1977-78, I was glad to see that he was not asking for any increases in water and sewer rates or tax increases, because last year this became a dilemma and was out of reason. Today, we have a budget for the next year that I feel the citizens can live with and not be driven into an inflation type situation.

"Our manager-council type government is working, but there is much more to be done. According to our financial statements of the town, we are now operating in the black, but this is not enough. We have to continue trying to

build a city government and making improvements whereby this town can operate on its own receipted revenue in the future and stay in the black. Today, we are receiving over \$49,000 in federal revenue sharing. A good many of our employees are paid under the county CETA program. These funds are only for one year at a time. There is no guarantee these funds will continue in years to come. These programs are made available to help a municipality to build and establish its town to be able to meet its needs in the future when these programs are no longer available.

"If I am re-elected as your town councilman, I will continue to support the town of Pembroke for the best interest of the people. You are the citizens of the town and you have a right to speak and a right to be heard."



James E. Bell

James E. Bell, a life-long resident of Pembroke, announces his candidacy for the Pembroke Town Council. Bell is the son of the late James E. Bell, Sr. and Mrs. Maretha Bell. He is a graduate of Pembroke High School and also attended Pembroke State University. He is a member of Mr. Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Bell, a political newcomer, made the following statement:

"I am not making a lot of promises that I could not fulfill. I have a deep commitment to the people of Pembroke. I will listen to all the people and make the best decisions for the town of Pembroke. Extra work will be put on all issues that come before the board.

"I believe in recreational facilities for all ages. I am in favor of improvement for the town of Pembroke that will make it a better place to live. If elected, I will be available to hear the citizens of Pembroke at all times. I will also work for the economic improvement of the town."

## LRDA Receives Indian Education Grant Award for Adult Education

Ira Pate Lowry

Ira Pate Lowry, a long time citizen of Pembroke, a farmer, and a retired educator has announced his candidacy for a seat on the Town Council of the Town of Pembroke.

Mr. Lowry released the following statement in making his announcement:

"I have done some serious thinking before making this decision. Most of you know, however, I have served on the town council for 17 years over the last several years. It was during those years I often reminded the members of the board and the mayor that we have a position of trust and that all tax money should be spent wisely and equally divided among all citizens of Pembroke regardless of race or where he or she lives.

"This fact is true more now than ever before because of inflation and the cheapness of the dollar. The average person simply cannot stand the continued pressure put upon them when their water bills, sewage bills, taxes and all the hidden revenue taken out of their pay check every month.

"The way our government has been pouring money into our town in the form of revenue sharing, the Powell Fund and the revenue tax from the sale of beer it seems that our tax should be lowered instead of raised each year. They say we only pay so much on the \$100 but someone slips around and raises the values of our property and that is bug in the wood pile.

"Do you remember the CRY when we got beer in our town then can do this and that and even lower the tax rate? Boo! Boo!"

"Speaking of inflation the average stay in the hospital in 1965 was \$1300 and now the average is \$2600. And it has been estimated that by 1980 it will be two times that, \$4200. Unless this trend is changed most of us will face some very difficult times in the not too distant future. This is why I have become a conservative in my thinking and spending. If the people don't wake up to some of the rip-offs, we are sunk. I am sure a good many of you understand.

"Even more important than anything I

Lumbee Regional Development Association, has received a grant award from the Office of Education/Office of Indian Education to administer a Part C Indian Adult Education Program in three rural Indian communities in Robeson County.

The Adult Education Program will establish three Developmental Learning Centers at New Point Church, Lumberton; Shoenel Holiness Methodist Church, Maxton; and Rex Renner Neighborhood Service Center to provide individualized and small group reading instruction to 75 functionally illiterate Indian youth and adults. Centers will be operated two nights per week, three hours per night for a period of approximately thirty weeks. Additionally, the project will provide instruction to thirty homebound functionally illiterate Indian youth and adults.

Special unique features of the Indian Adult Education Program are: 1) Cultural enrichment tours; 2) Native American Studies; and 3) units developed in life-cooping skills dealing with consumer education, management and occupational information, legal and health information.

It is the goal of this project to increase the reading level of 105 functionally illiterate Indian youth and adults by a minimum of 2.5 grade level with a minimum of ten percent of program participants obtaining a General Equivalency Diploma by the end of June, 1978.

Persons interested in participating in the project as a student or volunteer, should contact Henry W. Oxendine at the LRDA Annex or call 521-2401 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

have said, we need to strive every day to build our community more spiritually and morally because that is the way the LORD wants us to live.

"I humbly ask you for your vote and will not feel bad towards anyone who does not."



Dr. Martin L. Brooks shows the audience what an artist's conception of the proposed medical complex will look like when completed.

## Chamber of Commerce Contributes to Needy Projects



John H. Sampson, president of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce (far right), is shown presenting a check for \$1,000.00 to Dr. English E. Jones, chancellor of Pembroke State University, and chairman of the building program underway at Odum Home. Odum Home Director Larry Sawyer (left) looks on. The contribution will be used towards construction of the Indian Memorial Cottage on the Odum Home campus.

The Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Inc. met in a work session Monday night and decided to contribute toward several needy projects in the community.

After considering a number of interesting proposals, the chamber of commerce decided to help financially in the following areas of concern:

\$500.00 toward construction of a press box in the stadium field house complex being developed at Pembroke Senior High School;

\$1,000.00 toward the production of brochures heralding the phenomenal growth of Pembroke and Pembroke State University. The venture will be a joint effort by the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and Pembroke State University's Development Office headed by Walter Oxendine.

The chamber also donated \$2,000.00 to the Pembroke Rescue Squad toward their building fund and land acquisition drive. The Pembroke Rescue Squad is at work raising funds to erect a building for the rescue squad.

The chamber also decided to set aside \$2,000.00 to be used toward furnishing up to two rooms in the proposed nursing home

which is part of the Medical Clinic complex being developed by Dr. Martin L. Brooks. The nursing home, and a proposed day care center for needy children, are being developed as non-profit organizations by Dr. Brooks. The chamber also presented a letter of support at the meeting last Saturday at Dr. Brooks' medical center. Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green was the special speaker at the affair where he presented proposed plans for a medical clinic complex to Dr. Martin L. Brooks of the Pembroke community.

The chamber of commerce also decided to contribute \$1,000.00 toward the construction of the Indian Memorial Cottage on the Odum Home campus.

In an earlier meeting, the chamber paid off approximately \$1500.00 worth of debts incurred at the Boy Scout Hut in Pembroke, and decided to name the boy scout hut in honor of the late and beloved scoutmaster, Walter Pinchbeck.

Said John H. Sampson, who is presently serving as president of the chamber, "We want to show by these monetary gifts that we care about our community."

The chamber encourages all members of the Pembroke community to join the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and help make Pembroke a better place to live and work and play.

## people and places and things

### REGISTRATION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 8, 1977

Ed Chavis, Registrar for the Pembroke Precinct, will be at the Pembroke Town Hall on October 8, 1977. He will be there between the hours of 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of registering those who have not registered in the Pembroke Precinct. Those who have not registered and wish to vote in the November 8 election should come by and register. The books close on October 10th.

### ONE WEEK INSTITUTES PLANNED FOR ROBESON COUNTY SCHOOLS

The Robeson County Court Counselors and other officials of Robeson County Court System will conduct two one-week institutes, "You And The Law" in Robeson County Schools for grades 7, 8, and 9.

Coordinating and facilitating the activity will be Mr. Carey Collins, Robeson County Court Counselor and Mr. E.M. McKoy, Director of Pupil Personnel Service in Robeson County Schools. The sessions began this week at Magnolia School, October 3-7, 1977 and will be held at Pembroke Junior High School October 31 thru November 4, 1977 with area schools participating.

### ONE DAY RETREAT PLANNED FOR LOCAL METHODIST WOMEN

A one day retreat or "day apart" will be held by the Rockingham District of United Methodist Women on Saturday, October 15th at Chestnut Street United Methodist Church, Lumberton, NC.

All members of the United Methodist Women of the Rockingham District, which is comprised of Robeson, Scotland and Richmond counties, are invited to attend.

Each woman is asked to bring a bag lunch, a Bible and one of her favorite devotional books or periodicals. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Registration will begin at 9:30 and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and will last until 3 p.m. This will be a time for spiritual renewal and sharing. Leaders will be Mrs. Ruth Mundy, Rev. Herman Winberry, Miss Betty Purkey and the meeting will close with an inspirational message by Rev. Gladys Williford.

### ALUMNI COOKOUT, PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR PSU

A family cookout and picnic is being planned by the PSU Alumni Association for Saturday, October 15, with both alumni and PSU students invited. The picnic will be held from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Riverside Country Club near Pembroke.

Cost will be \$2 for all those over 12 years of age and \$1 for those 12 and under. There will be an additional 50 cents charge at the gate for those using the Riverside Country Club facilities.

During the picnic, the PSU Alumni Association will have a general business meeting to make a proposal for changes in its constitution.

For advance tickets and other information, interested persons should write Pembroke State University Alumni Association, Pembroke, NC 28372 or telephone 521-4214, ext. 252. Tickets may also be purchased at the gate.

"What better time can one have than a cookout at which old classmates and friends from college days get together, have fun and relax?" asked Wayne Bailey, director of alumni affairs at PSU. Acting as liaison between the alumni association and PSU student body is Elvera Locklear, a junior at PSU.

### APPOINTED TO COMMISSION TO STUDY TEACHER/PUPIL RATIOS

Ralph Hunt, Chairman of the Robeson County Board of Education, has been named a member of the Commission to Study Formulas and Funding Procedures of the State Board of Education and Allocations of Funds to Local Administrative Units by the State Board of Education.

Appointed by the State Board at the September meeting, Rep. Malcolm Funcher (D)-Cataret has been named chairman of the 15-member commission. The Commission will hold an organizational meeting on Friday, October 14 at 10 a.m. in the Board Room of the

Education Building. Members will be briefed by State Superintendent Craig Phillips, Controller Joe Porter and staff on the needs, relationships to program thrusts, and general program.

Dr. David Bruton, chairman of the State Board of Education said, "the intent of the legislation is for this Commission to study the pupil-teacher ratios, program costs, and the issue of equity and funding. The Commission will report to the Board as soon as possible so that the Board can make recommendations to the Advisory Budget Commission in early 1978."

### REVIVAL PLANNED AT NEW BETHEL CHURCH

New Bethel Church of Route 3, Rowland will have a revival beginning October 9 thru 15. Ward Clark, Jr., Rev. Alonzo Oxendine, Rev. Bob Mangum and Rev. James H. Woods will be the speakers. Special music will be provided and the public is cordially invited to attend.

### VFW MEETING PLANNED

Locklear-Lowry Memorial Post 2843 will hold their regular monthly meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday, October 10 at the Post Home in Pembroke. All members are urged to attend. Supper will be served.

The VFW of Pembroke will sponsor the Annual Veterans Day Parade beginning at 10 a.m. on November 11. All schools, industries, business, clubs, or any interested individual may participate by contacting Simeon Oxendine, Parade Chairman, of Pembroke.

### FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WILL BE BUSY DAYS FOR PSU ATHLETIC TEAMS

PEMBROKE--Friday and Saturday will be busy sports days for men's and women's athletic teams from Pembroke State University.

Three teams will be in action Friday. At 2 p.m. the PSU women's tennis team (0-2) hosts Campbell to whom it previously lost 7-2. At 4 p.m. the PSU men's soccer team (1-8) takes on Catawba here. And at 5 p.m. the PSU women's volleyball team (3-1) entertains both Methodist and Atlantic Christian.

The Braves' undefeated cross country team, which has captured four meets this season, is on the road Saturday to Baptist College of Charleston, S.C. Jeff Moody, sensational junior from Southern Pines, is seeking to win his fifth straight race against the strong Baptist school. That meet is set for 10 a.m.

The 10th nationally ranked PSU harriers will be minus the services of Jim Vogt, all-district from Fayetteville a year ago. Vogt has tendonitis and is out for the season. He ranked as the third best runner on the team last season.

Next Monday and Tuesday, the PSU golf team also swings back into action, playing in the Atlantic Christian College Tournament at Wilson. The Braves are led by All-American Willis (Junior) Nance of Bladenboro, who tied for sixth place in the recent All-American College Golf Classic at Foxfire Country Club in Pinehurst.

### PEMBROKE COED TO PLAY ROLE IN PSU PRODUCTION OF "GOODBYE, CHARLIE"

PEMBROKE--Debra Sue Pate, a senior drama major from Pembroke, plays "Franny Saltzman" in the Pembroke State University student production of "Goodbye, Charlie," to be staged in the PSU Performing Arts Center Thursday through Saturday (Oct. 13-15).

The curtain rises nightly on the comedy at 8 p.m. Admission is \$2 for everyone except PSU students, who will be admitted free with I.D. cards.

"Franny Saltzman" is the wife of the head of Charlie Sorel's movie studio.

"Debra has a good drama background, being involved in a lot of different things," said director Dick Smith, a member of the PSU Communicative Arts faculty.

Miss Pate is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Pate and a graduate of Pembroke Senior High School.