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## CANDIDATES SET FOR CROWDED PEMBROKE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

It's official: Pembroke's municipal election this year will be a crowded one. Three candidates—incumbent mayor Reggie Strickland, former mayor Earlie Maynor, and Sim Oxendine—have filed for the mayor's race which will be decided on November 8, 1977. The filing deadline was October 7, 1977.

Samuel Kerns, Inc. Rate Lowry, Lakun Sampson Mabe, and William L. Paul.

It promises to be one of the most active campaigns in recent history with low rent housing seeming to be the most visible issue. Sim Oxendine, who is running for mayor, has served as spokesman on a number of occasions in appearances before the town council in opposition to further low rent housing in Pembroke. Candidate Bob Brewington, who has served previously on the town council, has also been vocal in his opposition to low rent housing in Pembroke. Former mayor Earlie B. Maynor was serving as mayor when Pembroke's first low rent housing project

13 candidates are vying for four council seats. Incumbents Milton R. Hunt, Monroe Lowry, Lee Neville and Sam Dial, mayor pro tem, have filed for reelection bids. They are being challenged by Bob Brewington, James E. Bell, Larry T. Brooks, A.G. Dial, William Lloyd Hunt,

(Dial Terrace) was begun.

The Carolina Indian Voice has extended an invitation to all candidates to make a public statement in the newspaper so that the voting public will have a better opportunity to study the candidates and their positions on the issues.

The following candidates have made public announcements concerning their candidacy to date: Mayor Reggie Strickland, Mayor pro tem, Sam Dial, James E. Bell, Milton R. Hunt, incumbent, Lee Neville, incumbent Monroe Lowry, incumbent A.G. Dial, Samuel Kerns, and Ira Pace Lowry.

Still to be heard from are Bob Brewington, William Lloyd Hunt, Lakun Sampson Mabe, William L. Paul, and Sim Oxendine & Earlie B. Maynor, both vying for the mayor's seat.

The two high vote getters in the non partisan election will receive four year terms; the next two high vote getters will receive two year terms which will stagger the terms of council members in keeping with a legislative act in effect with this year's election.

The mayor's position is for a two year term.

## Newcomers vying for Seats on LREMC Board

Two newcomers to politics are vying for seats on the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation Board of Directors. They are contesting for two of the four seats up for grabs at the annual meeting of the electric cooperative October 18, 1977. The annual meeting will be held at Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium with registration beginning at 5 p.m.



TIMOTHY STRICKLAND  
Opposing incumbent Hubert Prevatte  
in Area Four

Timothy Strickland, a large scale farmer, and head of the motor pool at Pembroke State University, is opposing Hubert Prevatte for a seat on the board of directors from Area IV. Prevatte is presently serving as president of the cooperative board of directors.

Strickland, who has never run for elective office before, was troubled by the high light bills last winter. He decided to do something about it. Said Strickland, "I believe one man can make a difference. If I am elected I will approach it just like I do my farming operations: I will try to cut costs wherever possible. A businessman, in these difficult times, has to cut cost wherever he can. That is the only way to run a business and that's what the electric coop is—a business."

Strickland and his wife, Ruthie Jane, reside in the Harper's Ferry Community. They are the parents of nine children. They attend New Prospect Methodist Church where Strickland serves on the board of trustees.

Strickland is also a member of the board of directors of the First American Cooperative Warehouse. Strickland, 57, believes in trimming costs wherever possible. He said, "I will oppose any expense, if elected, that I think the coop can get along without. They (management) will have to prove a real need before I go along with it."

Prevatte, who resides in the Pine Lake Estates Development near Pembroke has served on the board of directors for 16 years and is presently serving as president.



GUS BULLARD  
Opposing incumbent Fred T. Warren  
and A.F. Horne for the at large seat

Another newcomer is Gus Bullard from the Wakulla community. Bullard, too, is making his first bid for elective office.

He is challenging incumbent Fred T. Warren. Also running is A.F. Horne who previously served as president before being defeated by Ward Clark last year.

Bullard and his wife Helen, and their six children, attend Sandy Grove Church where Bullard serves as Sunday school superintendent.

Bullard vows, if elected, "to work to cut expenses." He added, "I believe one man can make a difference. I am running because I believe involvement by the members can make the coop better and more responsive to the membership."

Incumbents Davis K. Parker, Area VIII, and J.W. Hunt, Area II, are running without opposition and are assured of election.

The thirty seventh annual meeting of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation will be held in the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium in Fayetteville on October 18, 1977. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

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### PRINTED COPIES OF AIRPC REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The final report of the American Indian Policy Review Commission, submitted to Congress May 17, is now available in printed form. The 624-page book is a vast improvement over the foot-high stack of 8 1/2 x 11 paper of the typed/duplicated version. Senator Abourezk included a note with complimentary copies he sent. He said: "The significance of this Report should not be underestimated. It is the first study ever to be conducted by Indian people themselves and is the product of hard work and efforts of hundreds of people... I hope you will review the recommendations contained in this Report and forward to us any comments or views you may have. I am committed to effecting meaningful and constructive reforms in our Federal-Indian relationship and hope we can look forward to a more sensitive era of Indian affairs. We on the Commission are proud of this document as it will be a reference to be used for decades by people interested in Indian affairs." A second volume, containing comments on the Report and appendices, is ready. Copies of the Report are for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Price is \$20 for the two volumes.

### REP. ROSE'S MOBILE SCHEDULE

Robeson County  
October 19, Wednesday: Pembroke Post Office, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
October 20, Thursday: Lumberton-Biggs Park Shopping Center, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
October 28, Friday: St. Pauls Post Office, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Cumberland County

October 26, Wednesday: Hope Mills Post Office, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
October 27, Thursday: Spring Lake Post Office, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Hoke County

October 21, Friday: Raeford Post Office 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### PARENTS OPEN HOUSE PLANNED

A parents night open house, "Meet the Teachers" will be observed at Pembroke Elementary School Monday evening, October 17, from 7 until 9 p.m., according to Principal James C. Dial.

Parents will be free to go to individual classrooms to discuss the school's curriculum with the teachers and to observe the student's work. All teachers will remain in their classrooms to give every parent an opportunity to discuss their child's work. All parents and patrons of the school are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in the school lobby.

### ROUTE OF SATURDAY'S PSU WALKATHON IS REVERSED

PEMBROKE--The route of Saturday's walkathon by Pembroke State University's physical fitness classes to demonstrate the importance of physical fitness has been reversed, it has been announced by Miss Gloria Canonizado, PSU physical education instructor who is coordinating the event.

Instead of starting from PSU and walking to the N.C. Cancer Institute near Lumberton, the classes will use the N.C. Career Institute as the starting point and walk to Pembroke. The walk will begin at 9 a.m.

Miss Canonizado says anyone else who would like to take part in the walkathon is welcome. She has arranged for free hamburger luncheons and refreshments for everyone taking part. Sponsors of the luncheons are McDonald's Hamburgers, Hardee's and Coca-Cola, she said.

### LREMC ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD OCT. 18

Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation's 37th Annual Meeting of Member-Consumers will be held in the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium, Tuesday, October 18, beginning at 6 p.m.

Registration of members will begin at 5 p.m., and the cooperative's Red Springs and Lake Rim district office will close at 2 p.m. the day of the meeting.

The business session of the annual meeting will include the election of four directors and status reports from the board president and the general manager of the cooperative.

There will be numerous attendance prizes given to members who register for the meeting with the grand attendance prize being a \$200 credit on electric bills, and entertainment will be provided by Pembroke State University's Singers and Swingers.

### PLATE SALE PLANNED

A barbecue, fish and chicken plate sale will be held October 15, from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. at Hunt's Grill, located 1/2 miles from the airport in Lumberton. The plate sale is being sponsored by the West End Baptist Church Building Committee. Rev. Welton Lowry is pastor of West End Baptist Church.

### BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The Robeson County Beekeepers Association will meet October 18 at O.P. Owens Agricultural Building in Lumberton at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will deal primarily with the constitution and by-laws of the organization. Guest speaker will be Bill Shepherd of Aberdeen, Maryland who will show a film and give a discussion on "Queen Bee Rearing."

All amateur, commercial and interested beekeepers are invited to attend this meeting.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS

A revised local School Advisory Council Policy was a topic of discussion at the Robeson County Board of Education meeting on Tuesday.

According to the policy, all present advisory council members' term will expire in January, 1978. The board will re-appoint members or new members to the respective schools. Schools with 650 or more students will have 7 members. Those with less than 650 students will have 5 members. This process will be evaluated periodically.

The board heard a report from Assistant Superintendent Donald A. Bonner on the instructional programs in the county. These include a recent class at Magnolia School which provides educational instruction for the severely handicapped students in the county. The class accommodates 8 students. In addition, five home-bound physically handicapped students are being served by the new program.

Upon request of Superintendent Purnell Swett, CETA Title I funds will be deposited in the Lumbee Bank in Pembroke. A separate account must be set up for these funds which will amount to in excess of \$400,000 over a 12-month period.

Brought to the board's attention by their attorney, Dexter Brooks, was a "Policy for Collection and Exemption From Payment of Robeson County School Fees." This agreement stems from the case of Wanda Lee Locklear, a student at Prospect School when suit was filed by her mother, Carlette Locklear, against the administration alleging that Wanda had been discriminated against by denying her an opportunity to participate in extra curricular activities because of her failure to pay local school fees.

The case resulted in the formation of a policy, reportedly accepted by the Prospect School Advisory Council, which would make Prospect School a "pilot" school. According to the policy, the parents of students at Prospect School would have an opportunity to apply for exemption from paying school fees if their family income and size falls within the poverty guidelines.

Some discussion followed the presentation during which Herbert Moore raised questions relative to a county-wide policy. Mr. Moore moved that the policy be tabled until the next meeting to allow board members ample time to study it. The motion was seconded by Sim Oxendine and carried unanimously.

In other matters the board heard a progress report on East Robeson Elementary School and other projects under construction; they discussed maintenance problems; and included recommended personnel, including David Whitfield from the resource center, who will serve as administrative assistant to Superintendent Swett.

## Travis Bell & The Scott Sisters Travel and Sing for the Glory of the Lord



Shown above, in front, left to right—Roger Strickland, bass guitar; Charles Bell, piano (lead vocalist); Rev. James Melvin Bell, guest speaker, who traveled with the group to Delaware; Harold Brewer, drummer; Bobby Bell, rhythm guitar. In rear, left to right—Travis Bell, (manager) lead guitar; Helen Scott Sampson, Brenda Scott Brewer, Linda Scott Chavis, Kathy Scott Locklear and June Ellen Scott Strickland; and Leon Young, steel guitar.

## Robeson County Compensatory Indian Education Project

A Report...by Ruth D. Woods

Several activities have spurred the development of the FY 77 Robeson County Compensatory Indian Education Project, and the staff is now stationed in various schools throughout the Robeson County School System in the various program components.

In-service training has been held for most of the professional and paraprofessional staff, and the latest additions to the staff are the craftsmen and arts and crafts teachers who began their work in the schools on October 3rd.

### EAST COAST TITLE IV-A CONFERENCE

Six members of the Title IV-A staff and members of the Parent Committee attended a three-day conference in Arlington, Virginia. Superintendent Purnell Swett, Assistant Supt. Albert Hunt, and Ruth Woods, Title IV-A Project Director, represented the LEA and Mr. Harold Wynn, Ms. Joyce Veiva and Mr. Bobby Dean Locklear, Chairman of the Parent Committee, represented the county wide Parent Committee. Mr. Locklear and Mr. Hunt served as presenters at the workshop on "LEA and Parent Committee Responsibilities" and Ms. Woods served as presenter at a workshop on "Needs Assessment."

### CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Two cultural enrichment trips have involved students from around the county. Students from Green Grove, Fairgrove, Rowland, Piney Grove, Rex-Rennett, Oxendine, Union Elementary, and Pembroke Junior High visited the Qualla Boundary Reservation in Cherokee on Childrens Day during the 1977 Cherokee Fall Festival. At this time, students visited the Museum of the Cherokee Indians and Oconaluftee Indian Village. Students from Piney Grove School were participants in the pilot Native American Studies program under the guidance of Ms. Kathy Locklear, Native American Studies Instructor for the Title IV-A Project.

A second trip to the American Folk Festival sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, DC was attended by students in the Native American Studies program at Magnolia School. During this

trip, students had the opportunity to meet personally with U.S. Claims Commissioner Brantley Blue, Mr. Thomas Oxendine, Jr. in the Public Information Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Mr. W.J. Strickland, a former Robesonian now working in Washington. Students visited the several exhibits during the Festival which included Native American folk styles and foods as well as other educational exhibits and activities. Mr. Numer Locklear is the Native American Studies Instructor at Magnolia School.

### Parent Committee To study By-Laws Revisions

An ad hoc committee appointed by Chairman of the Parent Committee, Mr. Bobby D. Locklear, will meet to study proposed revisions for the by-laws which are needed to bring the by-laws into conformity with the centralized Title IV-A Program this year. The studies are recommendations of this committee will be presented at a meeting of the full Parent Committee for final approval later this month.

### Indian Student Certification Forms

This week, parents will be receiving Indian Student Certification Forms which are required by the U.S. Office of Indian Education to determine eligibility for Title IV-A grants. These forms will be required for all new Indian students in Kindergarten and First Grade as well as new students who transfer into the Robeson County School system from other school districts and systems. Parents are encouraged to complete the forms and return to the schools with their children and to complete forms for each child enrolled in school. If a parent did not complete a form last year, it is suggested that they contact the school for a form. If a child fails to get the form home, parents are also encouraged to contact the school for a form.

The total number of Indian students enrolled in the Robeson County Schools determines the total amount of money which is forwarded to the Robeson County

Board of Education for the Title IV-A program, therefore, we will be losing federal monies if we fail to complete the forms on our Indian children enrolled in school. These forms must be returned to the Title IV-A office in Lumberton this month, and parents are encouraged to complete and return the forms as soon as possible. Assistance can be provided in completing the forms if needed by calling either the school in which your child is enrolled or the Title IV-A office at 738-1421.

### Special Display Available for Meetings

The Title IV-A Project has available a special display of this program year's components together with a slide/sound presentation on Title IV-A. This special presentation was prepared for exhibit at the recent East Coast Conference in Arlington, Va. and is now available for P.T.A. meetings and other community meetings upon request by calling 738-1421. The Title IV-A project has been explained at a recent meeting of the PTA at Green Grove School and the exhibit was displayed at the PTA meeting at Piney Grove School on Tuesday, October 11th.

### Community Support and Involvement Solicited

During the next few months, meetings of the Parent Committee and Public Hearings will be scheduled. All parents of Indian children are encouraged to attend local school functions and to attend the open public meetings of the Parent Committee and the Public Hearings which will be advertised in local newspapers. Dates for submitting the project application for next year's program have been set for January, therefore, many of these meetings will be held in November and December. Parents are also encouraged to visit their local schools and observe the activities of the Title IV-A project so they will be better informed on the program and can more fully participate in helping to guide the direction of the Title IV-A program to ensure that it is meeting the special educational and cultural needs of Indian students in Robeson County.

## A Correction in last week's "According to Scripture"

In last week's column *According to Scripture* by Evangelist Ted Brooks, a misprint occurred.

In the text of the column it was stated that "Blessed is he who standeth in the way of sinners." In actuality, as any good Christian immediately understood, it should have read "Blessed is he who standeth not in the way of sinners..."

The complete paragraph should have read:

Let me say this, be careful what you say. There are young people today who are looking for help and by your causing trouble in the church and by trying to destroy the faith and by gossip and slander and criticism, in the 1st chapter of David says: "Blessed is he who standeth not in the way of sinners." Be sure today that you are not standing in the way of anyone. Jesus said you were better off with a millstone tied to your neck and cast into the sea than to stand in the way or offend.