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William Lloyd Hunt

decision to the best of my knowledge, and vote my conviction.

"I would like to say that every decision that is made by the town council can affect each citizen in our town, even future generations, and there should be much thought given to every alternative before approving or disapproving each matter that comes before the town council.

"As an example of my feelings and concern for the citizens of Pembroke, I have worked with Bob Brewington and others in the fight to lower the water bills. (I feel with this kind of cooperation, we can get much accomplished.) In the last fifteen months, each citizen who is on the water system saved some \$75.00 or more on their utility bills. Another matter in which I had a part was forcing an audit of the town books which found thousands of dollars missing. At the present, nothing has been accomplished in this matter. We need people in city hall who will follow through on this matter.

"I am for the growth of our town, and to grow we first must give the citizens a chance to help make the decisions. The town council can and should inform the citizens of all activities in city hall.

"I will say that I support lower water rates and a responsive government. I would like to see our sewage system improved; also our town desperately needs drainage improvements because some parts of our town were under two feet of water this past spring. If I'm elected, I will work for these improvements.

"I oppose the additional 100 units of low-rent housing because we do not have a tax base that will cover them after HUD is out of the picture.

"My fellow friends and citizens, what we need is leadership that will place our town on top of all municipalities in the state, and I feel that this can be accomplished. Your support and vote will be appreciated."



Lae Ruth Mabe

Lae Ruth Mabe, an instructor at Bladen Technical Institute, has announced her candidacy for one of the four council seats in Pembroke. Mrs. Mabe is a resident of Pembroke and received her MSBE Degree in Business Education at UNC-G in 1974. In announcing her candidacy, Mrs. Mabe released the following statement:

"I am a newcomer insofar as the political arena is concerned, but there are a number of areas in our town that need attention. Our town could be an ideal place in which to live with the right leadership. There is a great potential here for growth.

"With more economic spending of tax monies, I feel that the tax rate might possibly be reduced. One can be economical without being parsimonious. In some households (especially in homes with fixed incomes), the city tax in conjunction with the county tax has become a burden. Glowing pictures were painted for the citizens of Pembroke a few years ago. They were told that with the introduction of the ABC Store and beer and wine sales that the tax rate would be reduced because of the revenues brought in by these sales. No noticeable difference, of course, has been noted although sales seem to be booming.

"The citizens of Pembroke (all age groups) need some kind of recreation program. This can be readily observed by the number of young people parked in town after hours. They are suffering from the 'nowhere to go--nothing to do syndrome.'

"Rumor has it that with the election of a new town council, the current low-rent housing units will be closed. As far as I am concerned, of course, that rumor is untrue. No one, no matter where he or she lives, should be coerced into voting for a person or persons out of fear. The housing units were built with federal tax monies, not with money of the Pembroke Housing Board or current town board exclusively.

"I can promise you that should I be elected to the Town Board my decisions will be based on what is best for all the people--not just the chosen few. My decisions will not be made on the basis of personal gain. I will be a representative of all citizens of Pembroke. Therefore, a vote for me is a vote for you. I solicit your vote and support."



Simeon Oxendine

Simeon Oxendine has announced his candidacy for Mayor of Pembroke. In making his announcement, he released the following statement:

"Vote Simeon Oxendine for Mayor of Pembroke and for honest city government. I am a lifetime resident of Pembroke and a member of Berea Baptist Church. I own and operate Pembroke Service Station and Sim's Restaurant.

"I understand local, county, state and federal laws relative to municipal government. I have served four years on the Robeson County Board of Education and am an active supporter of better schools.

"In addition I have served as Chairman of the Building Committee for the new Pembroke Elementary School. I've served thirty years with the Pembroke Fire Department, sixteen years as Fire Chief. I have served thirty years with the Boy Scouts Troop 327 and am the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. I have served as Chairman of the Robeson County Industrial Committee and served five consecutive years as VFW Commander of Post 2843. I served one year as VFW Eighth District Commander.

"I have served two years as President of the Sandhills Firemen's Association which included 74 fire departments. I served on the Red Cross Committee for a period of 20 years. And currently am serving as contact officer for the Pembroke area. I have served as assistant mail carrier for 16 years.

"As a business man, I know the issues and needs confronting our town if you the voters will support me on election day. We will work together and not against each other to resolve these problems.

"I am firmly opposed to building additional low rent houses in Pembroke. The very survival of our town is threatened by the over saturation of low rent housing.

"I solicit your support for Mayor of Pembroke on November 8th. Vote for Simeon Oxendine and vote for honest city government."



Palmer Ray Bryant

Maxton City Schools

Palmer Ray Bryant, who led the ticket in balloting four years ago, is trying for another term November 8, 1977. Bryant, a loom fixer at J.P. Stevens, and operator of his own upholstery business, lives in Maxton with his wife, Bonnisse and their four children.

He says simply, when asked his goals, "better education for all the children."

There are two seats up for grabs in the Maxton City Schools election. There are three candidates including Bryant. They are Rufus Graham, also an incumbent; and Stanley Lewis.

Bryant was the first Indian to serve on the school board and has served four years.

Red Springs City Schools

McKinley Jones is another candidate for a seat on the Red Springs School Board. Jones, an Indian, hopes to become the first Indian to serve on the Red Springs School Board.

Named to Head State IEA Desk

According to reliable sources, Mrs. Betty Jane Oxendine Mangum will be named today as director of Indian Education for the state of North Carolina.

Mrs. Mangum is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Oxendine of Pembroke.



Chosen as "most guaranteed to scare the daylight out of you" are (left to right) Wannan Dawn Chavis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dean Chavis; and Wendy Locklear, daughter of Ms. Ina Joyce Thompson and Noris Locklear. Elmer W. Hunt photos.

William Lloyd Hunt has announced his candidacy for one of the four seats on the Pembroke Town Council. In making his announcement, Mr. Hunt released the following statement.

"I am William Lloyd Hunt, a candidate for the Pembroke Town Council.

"I was born and raised in Robeson County. I received my high school education in the town of Pembroke, and also has a B.S. degree from the University of Texas. I have also served 21 years in military service. For the past 13 years I have been a mathematics teacher in Robeson County.

"I feel that we need people in city hall to represent our citizens fairly and honestly and give them an opportunity to have a voice in all decisions.

"If I am elected, I will work for the betterment of our town, and for each citizen to the best of my ability. As a member of the town council, I will weigh each

A HISTORY OF BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

by Tony E. Brewington

An effort toward encouraging Indian Baptist Churches in Robeson County to enter a cooperative effort for fellowship and the promotion of missions began as early as 1877. While the official organizational structure did not occur until four years later, this earlier date was decided upon as the beginning of what is now the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association.

In the earlier days neighboring congregations visited and supported each other on a regular basis and expressed genuine concern for their various ministries. Common hardships, neighborly assistance at house and barn buildings, corn shuckings, tobacco tyings, etc. and even the sharing of the same pastor for each church provided natural opportunities for the close associations of church groups.

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MONDAY NIGHT WAS A NIGHT FOR WITCHES, GHOSTS, GOBLINS & TRICK OR TREATERS

The Pembroke Brownies, Troops #264 and 187 shared Halloween together. They are dressed in their Halloween finery.



Here they are: Pembroke Brownies in their Halloween finery. Their leaders are Sylvia Lowry, Troop #264 assisted by Doreen Jacobs; Charity Revels, Troop #187 leader.

THE COMPANY TO PRESENT COMMUNITY CONCERT

The Company of the Dancers' Place of Pembroke will present a one-hour community concert this Friday evening, November 4, at the Pembroke State University Performing Arts Center. The program begins promptly at 8 p.m. with free admission to the public.

This performance features four entirely different styles of dance, including classical, ballet, freestyle, modern and Spanish.

The instructor, Ms. Joyce Cadle, invites everyone to share the evening with them. She encourages friends and families to come out and support Pembroke's own dance company.

YARD SALE PLANNED AT PEMBROKE CHURCH OF GOD

A yard sale will be held at the Pembroke Church of God on Saturday, November 5, beginning at 9 a.m. Items of clothing and an assortment of other items will be on sale, as well as various baked goods. The public is cordially invited to attend. The yard sale will be held at the Pembroke Church of God.

GENE WARREN NAMED PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN OF 21-SCHOOL DISTRICT 26

Gene Warren of PSU has been named Sports Publicity Chairman of the recently realigned NAIA District 26, which includes 21 NAIA affiliated four-year institutions in North Carolina. His duties begin effective with basketball season.

The District 26 schools in the new alignment are: Carolinas Conference--Atlantic Christian, Catawaba, Elon, Guilford, High Point, Pembroke State, Pfeiffer; Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association--Fayetteville State, Johnson C. Smith, Livingston, St. Augustine, Shaw, Winston-Salem State; and Independents--Barber Scottie, Belmont Abbey, Gardner-Webb, Lenoir Rhyne, Mars Hill, N.C. Central, UNC-Ashville and Warren Wilson.

For the past 8 years Warren served as Publicity Chairman of NAIA 29, which was dissolved under the present setup. Public Information Director of PSU, Warren who is a native of Wilmington, has won 12 national sports brochure awards in the past 9 years. He won both national and state sports writing awards with the Greensboro Daily News prior to going to PSU in 1968.

PSHS STUDENTS ATTEND OPEN HOUSE

Lorie Jacobs, Avery Chavis and Lawrence Malcolm, seniors at Pembroke Senior High School, attended an Open House sponsored by the School of Textiles-N.C. State University this past Saturday, October 29. Students attending had the opportunity to talk with faculty members and students of the school and to discover the many career opportunities available in the textile industry.

COUNTY FARM LEADER NAMED TO A & T BOARD

John H. McArthur, Jr., owner of McArthur Farms in Robeson County, has been elected vice chairman of the board of trustees of N.C. A & T State University in Greensboro.

McArthur was elected at the board's fall meeting Wednesday he will succeed Dr. Otis E. Tillman of High Point.

McArthur first joined the A & T board in July of 1972. He currently serves on the board's technical education committee, the agricultural education committee and the nursing school committee.

McArthur attended Edwards Military Institute in Salem, Va. He is a member of the Red Springs Chamber of Commerce, the Farm Bureau and the North Carolina Cotton Promotion Association. He is also an ASC community committeeman in Robeson County.

He is married to the former Carolyn Jeffords of South Carolina. Mrs. McArthur is a teacher at Red Springs High School. They have a son, John H. McArthur, Jr. at home.

LOCAL RESIDENTS RECEIVE CARE AT N.C. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

A total of 845 residents of Robeson County received care at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill last fiscal

year, according to hospital figures released.

Hospital records show 276 patients from Robeson were admitted to the hospital, another 569 received care in outpatient clinics.

Robeson Countians accounted for 3,368 patient days of care and 1,734 outpatient visits last fiscal year, said Dennis R. Barry, the hospital's general director.

"Statewide, the North Carolina Memorial Hospital provided care for people from all 100 North Carolina counties," said Barry. "There were 19,977 patients admitted to the hospital and the clinics recorded 180,740 visits for care by North Carolinians."

On September 2 the North Carolina Memorial Hospital observed 25 years as the state's teaching and referral hospital operated for and by the people of North Carolina. Today the hospital cares for about 80,000 patients a year.

LOCAL RESIDENTS ATTEND SENIOR CITIZENS CONVENTION

The North Carolina Association of Senior Citizens held their annual convention in the Bordeaux Convention Center in Fayetteville, NC on October 26-28, 1977. Along with the business sessions and some good eating, several entertainment activities were scheduled. The Phillippine Dancers performed under the direction of Miss Gloria Canonizado, a physical education instructor at PSU. The 82nd Air Borne Chorus also performed, directed by Sp. 4 Bruce Bullard.

Attending the convention from the Pembroke area was Mrs. Mary F. Maynor and Mrs. Lela H. Brooks.

HOMEcoming & REVIVAL

The eighth annual homecoming will be observed Sunday, Nov. 6 at Green Pine Freewill Baptist Church, Route 1, Pembroke. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship service begins at 11 a.m. The Rev. Anthony Oxendine will deliver the message. Lunch will be served following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. A singing is scheduled at 2 p.m.

The fall revival will begin Monday night, Nov. 7 and run through Friday night. Services begin at 7:30 nightly with different speakers each night. The pastor, Rev. Bobby Dean Locklear, extends an invitation to come and worship during homecoming and revival.

GREEN GROVE-HILLY BRANCH SQUARE DANCE CLUB

The Green Grove-Hilly Branch Square Dance Club is composed of students from the 4th through 8th grades. They do western style dancing. On October 18 the club participated in the Folk Festival at the N.C. State Fair. This is the third time they have entered the contest and they were state champions once and second place winners twice. The students who participated this year were: Cheryl Sawyer, Bobbie Jacobs, Ilene Oxendine, Anita Ratley, Michael Hunt, Ricky L. Locklear, Willie Von Brooks, and Timothy Scott. The director is Mrs. Laraine Leggett. Mr. Howard D. Davis, Sr. is principal.

NEWLY-ELECTED IEA PARENT COMMITTEE TO MEET

Newly elected members of the 1978-79 Title IV-A Parent Committee will meet on Thursday, November 3, 1977 at 7 p.m. in the Library of the Robeson County Board of Education.

The meeting will be an open public meeting and Indian parents and secondary students are encouraged to attend. Business will focus on recognition of newly elected and re-elected members of the Committee, an introduction to the activities of the Parent Committee, election of officers and review of revised bylaws.

ORDINATION OF BRUCE SWETT Harper's Ferry Baptist Church Nov. 6, 3:00 p.m.

Bruce Swett, a member of Harper's Ferry Baptist Church, was licensed to the gospel ministry by Harper's Ferry. He has been called for pastoral work by Thompson's Baptist Church in Lumberton. He is to be ordained Sunday, Nov. 6, 3:00 p.m. at Harper's Ferry. The message will be delivered by his father, Rev. T.M. Swett. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.