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MAYOR REGGLE STRICKLAND SWAMPS OPPOSITION IN MAYOR'S RACE

Pembroke Names Two New Councilmen



Mayor Reggle Strickland



Larry T. Brooks



Milton Hunt



Bob Brewington



Sam Dial

Two New Councilmen Named

Amid charges and counter charges, leaflets, slates, etc. Pembroke went to the polls Tuesday and named their choices to head Pembroke's town government.

Incumbent Mayor Reggle Strickland swamped his opposition to win another term as mayor. He polled 275 votes to easily out distance former mayor Earle Maynor who polled 103 votes and Simeon Oxendine, a member of the Robeson County Board of Education with 159. The mayor's term is for two years.

Brewington and Brooks Replace Lawry and Neville on Council

Two incumbent councilmen—Lee Neville and Monroe Lowry—were toppled in a crowded council race. 13 candidates vied for 4 seats, with the two top vote getters receiving four year terms and the two next high vote getters receiving two year terms.

Newcomer Larry T. Brooks, who works with special services at Pembroke State

University, led the pack with 270 votes. He was followed by incumbent Milton Hunt, a sheetrock contractor, with 246 votes.

Bob Brewington, a self employed businessman, surprised the pollsters by finishing third in the balloting with 238 votes. Incumbent Sam Dial finished fourth with 227 votes. Brooks and Hunt will serve four year terms; Brewington and Dial will serve two year terms.

Bloc voting signaling disfavor with the preponderance of low rent housing in Pembroke did not materialize. Brewington was the only candidate who identified with those opposed to a proposed 100 additional housing units in Pembroke who fared well in the balloting.

Other vote totals were: Lee Neville, 187; A.G. Dial, 170; Samuel Kerns, 149; Monroe Lowry, 123; Ira Pate Lowry, 122; Lae Ruth Sampson Mabe, 115; James E. Bell, 77; William Lloyd Hunt, 52; William F. Paul, 17.

811 voted in the Pembroke precinct.

Charges Precede Pembroke Elections

Bob Brewington, who won a seat on the Pembroke Town Council, in Tuesday's balloting, appeared before the Chairman of the Robeson County Board of Elections, Rev. Charles McDowell, Monday to level charges against other candidates in Pembroke's municipal election. Brewington charged that residents of Pembroke's housing authority had been threatened with eviction if they did not vote for a certain slate of candidates. According to news reports, Brewington also said it had been brought to his attention that Clinton Thomas, Jr., housing authority director, had bought, marked and distributed some 500 sample ballots.

Brewington also accused Ed Chavis, Pembroke registrar with assisting certain

candidates with registering voters preferentially.

Both Thomas and Chavis denied the charges categorically.

According to elections officials, the charges against other candidates have been referred to the district attorney. At press time, no disposition had been made of the charges.

Chavis appeared before board members Monday afternoon to respond to the charges. Chavis informed the board that he had offered his services to each one of the 16 candidates in the Pembroke municipal elections. No action was taken by the board.

Lumberton Results

Two incumbent council representatives—James (Monk) Bracey and Joan Bacot—were defeated in their bids for re-election, incumbent W. Frank Benton faces a run-off, and only Hubert Gore will return to office by virtue of an immediate and clear victory.

In precinct 2 Joan Bacot, the city's first female council representative, was defeated by challenger Mitchell Taylor.

Bacot was appointed to her position on City Council following the resignation of former Councilman Douglas McIntyre.

The final unofficial tally in precinct 2 gave Taylor 383 votes, Bacot 300, and Bryan 24.

Bracey, in precinct 8, also faced two challengers, Bruce W. Davis, the apparent victor, and Kenneth Fountaine. Unofficial totals give Davis 434 votes, Bracey 400 and Fountaine 33.

Mayor Pro Tem W. Frank Benton will square off against O'Neill T. Bennett in a run-off contest. Both contenders received 392 votes.

For incumbent Hubert Gore in precinct 5 it was an easy win over challengers Wilbur McCormick (7 votes) and E.L. Ward (138 votes). Gore topped the precinct chart with 210 votes.

Gene Locklear Drafted by Twins, Whitesox & Rangers

Gene Locklear, the pride of the Indian community, who finished the season with the New York Yankees, had himself declared a free agent at the end of the season.

In last week's re-entry draft, he was drafted by the Minnesota Twins, the Chicago White Sox and the Texas Rangers. The Twins drafted him 7th, the White Sox, 34th and the Rangers 33rd.

At press time, Locklear had not signed with either team although Bill Veck of the Chicago White Sox was showing the most interest in signing him.

Robeson Savings & Loan Considers Pembroke as Branch Office

citizens had until December 7, 1977 to comment on the proposed branch office in Pembroke.

A number of Pembroke businessmen have expressed some dissatisfaction with the notion that Robeson Savings and Loan Association would establish a branch office in Pembroke even though no minorities have ever been affiliated with the institution in any capacity. Opposition is expected to surface. Many citizens also have expressed concern about how the institution will effect the existing banking institution in Pembroke.

Those wishing to comment should address The North Carolina Department of Commerce, Savings and Loan Division, Raleigh, North Carolina.

According to Melvin, an answer is expected from the department by December 7, 1977 as to whether their application is approved.

Lumberton, Rowland Approve Beer & Wine

Lumberton and Rowland have approved the sale of beer and wine. The vote approves off premises sales in both towns, while Lumberton voters approved the sale of malt beverages by Grade A hotels and restaurants too.

St. Pauls continued to hold out against the sale of beer and wine, defeating the measure by a close margin.

SUCCESSION O.K. NARROWLY

Voters across the state and in Robeson narrowly approved succession by the governor and Lt. governor. Approximately 55% of the voters approved the measure.

Also approved were all constitutional amendments on the ballot and the two bond issues. See Page 2

Earl Hughes Oxendine Finds Fulfillment in Hoke County

Raeford—Earl Hughes Oxendine has found fulfillment in nearby Hoke County. He is presently serving as principal of Hoke County High School, highlighting an unusually productive career in Hoke County educational circles.

Oxendine began his career in Hoke County in 1962 when he hesitantly accepted a position as principal of Hawkeye School, formerly an all Indian school in Hoke County. He remained at Hawkeye until 1968 when consolidation occurred. Hawkeye was renamed South Hoke and housed students from the 4th and 5th grades in the Raeford area. Oxendine remained as principal at South Hoke until 1973.

He then went to Upchurch Junior High School where he remained until he took over the reins at Hoke County High School earlier this year.

During his years at Hawkeye, South Hoke and Upchurch Junior High, Oxendine has seen many Indian teachers from Robeson come to Hoke County to work, including the late and legendary Forace Oxendine who served as his coach at Hawkeye. Others who served with him over the years were Hartman Brewington; Dr. Gerald Maynor, now dean of student affairs at PSU; Roy Maynor, Jr., who now serves as general supervisor in the Hoke County School System; Pauline Locklear; Katrina Locklear; Brenda Brewington Brooks; Joyce Dial; Wilson Chavis; Rosette Locklear; Geraldine Maynor; Berniece Lowry; Macy Locklear and many others. Serving with Oxendine at Hoke County High School presently are Danford Dial; Pauline Locklear; David Locklear; Proctor Locklear; Robert Taylor; Betty Rogers and Winford Rogers.

Says Oxendine, "I was fortunate to be able to attract so many capable educators to help me provide competent education to our youngsters. A principal is only as good as his teachers."

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OTHER RACES OF INTEREST

Lumberton School Board

Elected to the Lumberton School Board were Mrs. Dorothy Powers, Knox Barnes, Herbie Oxendine and George H. Young.

Red Springs School Board

Elected to the Red Springs School Board were John A. Staton, E.K. Batchelor and Charles G. Lewis.

Maxton School Board

Incumbents Palmer Ray Bryant and Rufus Graham withstood the challenge of Stanley Lewis to win another term on the Maxton School Board.

A LOOK AT SOME INTERESTING RACES

Red Springs Mayor	
*Earle A. Watson	556
Council	
Three Seats Open	
G.W. (Billy) Johnson	192
*William Wade Lester	528
William McInnis	155
*John P. Robertson	477
Harvey Spivey	210
*Wilson J. Terry	412
Maxton Mayor	
*William S. Chestnut (I)	297
Robert E. Davis	236
Council	
Two Seats Open	
Rev. H.E. Edwards	212
*O.W. Ferriss	221
Murphy C. Malloy	174
M.L. Watson	164
*James P. Wright	224
Raynham Mayor	
*Elbert Britt	XXXXX
Barnett Mayor	
Joseph Alford	19
*Jack (Bobby) Morgan	77

Council Five Seats Open	
*Barbara Chavis	73
*Royce Locklear	79
*Emmett McRae	62
Robert L. McRae	31
A.E. Metcalf	26
*Doug Tolar	75
*Junior Wilson	73
Rowland Mayor	
*J. Donald Ballard	374
Council Two Seats Open	
*John A. Gibson	320
*Marvin C. Shooter	174
*Robert E. Bridgers	292
Fairmont Mayor	
*W.B. Webster (I)	611
Council Three Seats Open	
*Charlie Ray Ashley	394
*Sarah Haggins (I)	512
*Charles Kemp	508
*Rudolph Currie	389
*George Jamison	93
St. Pauls Mayor	
*Claude W. Fulghum (I)	XXXX
Council Four Seats Open	
Sandra Duncan	XXXX
Sarah Grantham Hay	XXXX
David Jackson	XXXX
M. Gordon Westbrook	XXXX
Durham White	XXXX
Orrum Mayor	
*Rufus Nye	12
Aldermen Four Seats Open	
*Robert Wilkes	10
*Wilton Caulder	5
*Janper Nyn	7
Gene Harris	4
Wilson Stephens	4
Blaine McPhatter	4
Dewey Nye	4

people and places and things

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED AT MAGNOLIA SCHOOL

Magnolia School, located on Highway 301, Lumberton, will have their fall Open House on Monday, November 14, from 6:30 until 9:00 p.m. At this Open House, parents and members of the community will have an opportunity to visit teachers and staff members in their child's classroom for individual consultation. On hand, too, will be members of the Magnolia School Advisory Council, members of the Robeson County Board of Education, Purnell Swett, Superintendent of Robeson County Schools, as well as various other members of the central office staff.

Refreshments will be prepared and served by the cafeteria staff. All parents and members of the community are invited by the principal, Mr. J. Mark Brooks, to attend this most important school function.

SADDLETREE JAYCEES PLAN FUND RAISING ACTIVITY

The Saddletree Jaycees are sponsoring a fund-raising drive to raise money for their club. Each member is selling tickets for \$1.00 on 100 pounds of grain-fed beef which includes all cuts. The drawing is to be December 17. Do not have to be present to win. Contact any Saddletree Jaycee member. You will be doing a lot for the club and the community.

OPEN HOUSE AT PSHS

Pembroke Senior High School will hold Open House for parents of all twelfth grade students on Tuesday, November 15, 1977 at 7 p.m. The purpose of the Open House is to give parents a brief orientation of the school, test programs, and financial aid available to students. Parents will also be given an opportunity to visit classrooms and talk with their child's teachers.

We cordially invite all parents of seniors to attend Open House. This is an opportunity for you to support your children and their school. Clearance F. Locklear, Guidance Counselor, PSHS.

MAXTON POST OFFICE NEW WINDOW HOURS

Beginning November 21, 1977 the Maxton, NC 28364 Post Office will operate the following window hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Saturday- 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

DON R. JACOBS JOINS THE AJR FORCE

Fayetteville—Don R. Jacobs, son of Mrs. Girtha M. Oxendine of Pembroke, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Airman Jacobs, a 1976 graduate of Pembroke High School, joined under the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP), which allows him to accumulate time in the Air Force Reserve until he enters active duty in March 1978.

Sergeant Bill Wannamaker, Air Force Recruiter in Fayetteville, stated that Airman Jacobs successfully completed a series of tests which qualified him for the Medical Service Specialist field of training.

8TH GRADE CLASS OF UNION CHAPEL HOLD FIRST CLASS REUNION

The 8th grade class of Union Chapel Elementary School held its first class reunion Friday night, Nov. 4, 1977 at the Shady Rest Restaurant in Laurinburg, N.C.

27 classmates were in attendance at the special occasion. Some had not seen each other in 20 years.

An informal evening of reminiscing of earlier days was enjoyed by all.

The following members attended: Earl W.

Overflow Crowd Helps Church & Community Center Celebrate

Approximately 600 persons, friends and supporters of the Robeson County Church and Community Center turned out Saturday night at the Lumberton High School cafeteria to help Rev. Bob Mangum, director of the center, and his staff celebrate the occasion. Rev. Mangum said, "It is a miracle and a blessing from God. We are grateful to those who have shown their interest and support in the center and its work."

Co-chairmen of the celebration dinner were Tommy Swett and Rev. Sidney Locks. Rev. Locks presided. Swett said, in his opening remarks, "This is how heaven will be when all God's people gather

REVIVAL SERVICES PLANNED AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Revival services are scheduled at First United Methodist Church of Pembroke for November 13th thru 17th, Sunday thru Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Al Morris, pastor of Rowland United Methodist Church of Rowland will be the guest speaker. A cordial invitation is issued to any and all who would like to attend these services.

On Sunday, Nov. 27th, First Methodist Church will observe homecoming with the following schedule: 10 a.m. church school for all ages; 11 a.m. homecoming worship service; 12:30 covered dish meal.

The pastor and congregation issues a special invitation to friends of the church to be a part of this special day.

REP. ROSE'S MOBILE OFFICE SCHEDULE

Cumberland County—Nov. 11, Friday: Hope Mills Post Office-10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hoke County—Nov. 10, Thursday: Raeford Post Office-10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 30, Wednesday: Raeford Post Office-10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Robeson County—November 12, Saturday: Lumberton, Biggs Shopping Center-10 a.m.-3 p.m. November 16, Wednesday: Parkton Post Office-10 a.m.-3 p.m. November 17, Thursday: Pembroke Post Office-10 a.m.-3 p.m. November 18, Friday: Lumber Bridge Post Office-10 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Shannon Post Office- 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

REFERRAL PERSON IN AREA

Porshia Faye Dial works with the Department of Human Resources in Lumberton and is an Information and Referral person for all of the Pembroke, Maxton and Wakulla area. She is aware of all the agencies in Robeson County which render aid and assistance to the people, in addition to being equipped with two chore workers who are available to anyone 60 years old or over who needs help with house cleaning, cooking, and various other necessary chores. They are paid thru the Department of Human Resources and will visit each house once a week. Also, for anyone who would like information concerning social security, medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, housing, or a chore worker, please call 521-2486 and ask for Porshia Dial. Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon information can be obtained from the office located in the former-Revels Motel in Pembroke (office #4).

Porshia is the daughter of Ms. Sallie Mae Dial of Route 2, Pembroke and has a B.A. degree in Sociology from Pembroke State University.

Porshia urges you to "show your concern for your elderly parents or relatives by contacting your I & R person."

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The group decided to meet again next year at Union Chapel School.

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without regard to race or color or creed."

An inspiring testimony was offered by Robert Bryant in word and song.

Rev. Jim Bailey, former pastor of Chestnut Methodist Church, and now pastoring a church in Greenville, delivered the message. He talked glowingly about the work of the center of which he was associated when he was in Lumberton. He challenged Christians to let their words speak for them.

A film was shown highlighting the center's work with the illiterate and Robeson County.