...the voice of the drum is an offering to the Spirit of the mystery and power of things. -BLACK ELK 3 Veteran's Day Speaker Confirmed Guard, to be the

principal speaker during your

November 11 in Pembroke.

use as you desire.

Veterans Day Celebration on

I am enclosing a biographical sketch on Col. Leonard for your

Thank you for remembering the

Mr. Simeon Oxendine Chairman, Pembroke Veterans

This (letter) confirms your request for Colonel Hubert M. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Leonard, Deputy Adjutant General, North Carolina Army \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

on an occasion such as Veterans Day, and please don't hesitate to call on us in the future when 'your" Guard may be of Sincerely,

Earl B. Huie Colonel, GS, NCARNG Chief of Staff



Earlier this year when Hoke County Oxendine says, "I was influenced most by the late Mrs. Ruby C. Dial and Joe Sampson who is now a principal in Cleveland, Ohio. Both were conscientious and concerned."

> Oxendine also respects Brantley Blue, a member of the U.S. Indian Claims Commission in Washington and Jim Oxendine, an attorney in Georgia and Chairman of the Georgia Commission on Indian Affairs. "I guess I admire these people so much because they left Robeson County and made their own way." He also professes admiration and respect for Lonnie Revels, Jr. and John Robert Jones, "for their accomplishments.

Oxendine, who lived in Michigan and taught for nine years before returning to North Carolina, lives in Raeford with his wife, the former Betty Hammonds. They are the proud parents of five children. One daughter is a junior at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill; two daughters are a senior and sophomore at Hoke High respectively; a son is an eight grader and they also have a daughter who is the third grade.

Oxendine says, "I have learned a lot living in working in Hoke County. The most important lesson I have learned is that color does not have to be a deterrent. I have been judged strictly on my ability since I have been in Hoke County. I am most proud of that." Oxendine also praises the former Superintendents he has served under, W.T. Gibson and Donald Abernathy, "one of the finest men I have ever known," and the present superintendent, Raz Autry, "who has supported me fully."

Oxendine remembers his father teaching him "that a man can be whatever he wants to be in life if he is willing to work at it 100%. And that is what I try to do: give 100% all the time at whatever I am doing. When a man does that...well, things just

Oxendine is also a member of the N.C. State Board of Education. His primary interest has been getting Indians and Blacks on the many commissions named by the state board, and involving his people in the educational experience fully.

He also serves on the national Advisory Council on Indian Education.

He is supervising a pilot program at Hoke County High School closely. The pilot program offers a free lunch to any child who asks for it, no questions asked. He believes the program will eventually become a part of the total educational Chrysler in Detroit, Mich. His sister, package in North Carolina. Hoke High a snack har to give the st

> Oxendine says, "I am happy doing what I am doing. I believe education is the most important thing we can give our children. I

The Late Rev. Roy Maynor

Robeson Farm Services Honors

At their recent grand opening, Roy W. Maynor who was Jim Oxendine, left, and Bill Carmical, owners of Robeson Farm Services, donated a \$25.00 check to the Indian Memorial Cottage on the

year. The shown above: Cheryl Sawyer; Jacobs: Ratley;



The Green Grove- Hilly Branch Square Dance Club is composed of students fromthe 4th through the 8th grades. They do western-style dancing. Recently they participated in th Folk Festival at the State Fair. This was the third time they had entered the contest and they were state champions once and second place winners

participated this year are Oxendine; Anita Michael Hunt; Ricky L. Locklear; Willie Von Brooks; and Timothy Scott. The director is Mrs. Laraine Leggette. Mr. Howard D. Davis, Sr. is principal. (Bruce

# Odum Home Campus in honor of the late and beloved Rev.

### foreman on the project at his death. Accepting the check in honor of his father was Freddie Maynor, center. (Bruce. Barton photo)

Thursday, November 10, 1977

### Green Grove-Hilly Branch Square Dance Club wins in State Competition



twice. They won again this

Barton photo)

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Robeson County Board of

**Education Accepts Uniform** 

School Fees Policy

The Robeson County Board of Education

met Tuesday evening and approved bids for

the Green Grove Media Center. They heard

a report on the Exceptional Children

Program from Mrs. Gladys Sawyer and set

November 15, at 6:30 p.m. for the annual

Appearing before the board were

approximately 25 parents from the Prospect

community who were there in opposition to

the "Policy for Collection and Exemption

Advisory Council fishfry.

## **Fulfillment in Hoke County Schools** -Cont'd From Page 1-

Superintendent of Schools, Raz Autry, decided to move the then principal of Hoke County High, he called upon Oxendine. Says Oxendine, "I was happy at Upchurch Junior High School. I got along well with the students, parents; and teachers, but I was not afraid of the challenge. Probably I would have rather remained where I was but one must be ready to accept challenges in life and this was no exception. I decided that I would, like I have done at every school I have been assigned to, do the very best I am capable of doing...this is usually sufficient. Besides, "he added, "I have had most of these students at one time or another since they began elementary school. I know them and they know me. That helps tremendously. I have never really had a student to challenge my authority as principal. That has helped the most in making the transition from junior high to the high school level."

Hoke County High is a big school, classified as 4-A. There are some 140 students assigned with a faculty of 75 and a maintenance crew of some 125. The student racial breakdown is approximately 200 Indians, 700 Blacks, and 500 Whites. According to Oxendine, the Indian students compete well. The students are proud of their Indian heritage and do not seem to suffer the pervasive lack of self esteem that has been evident in the Robeson County

### **DEVELOPING YEARS**

Oxendine believes strongly in education. He remembers his own four year gap between high school and college, including a brief stint in the armed forces. "I realized then the need for an éducation. He was strongly influenced by his mother and father, both educators. He estimates that there is some 250 years of teaching experence in his parents' families. He comes from a family of educators. Six of his eight brothers and sisters hold at least a college degree. His brother Joe heads the seem to work out for the best in the end. school of health and physical education at Temple University in Pennsylvania and is a doctor. A holder of an M.A. degree himself, his brothers, Tom and Ray and his sisters, Maggie and Ruth also hold M.A.

His brother, Tom, heads the Office of Information in the Bureau of Indian Affiars in Washington and is a retired commander in the Navy. Many readers remember the days when Tom buzzed Pembroke on one of his many aireal plights as a Navy pilot.

His brother, Bob, is a truck driver with McLean Trucking. Another brother, Lewis, is in Inventory Control with teaches at PSU Ruth and Ray twins, are both educators. Ray is principal of East Montgomery High School in Montogemery County, and Ruth teaches in

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom am proud to be a part of the educational

Oxendine, who resides near Pembroke, experience in Hoke County.

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# **ELECTION RACE** The story will not win the masochistically

CONDESCENSION STALKS

THE LAND AS THE

**ROBESONIAN ENTERS** 

PEMBROKE'S

MUNICIPAL

AS I SEE IT

Bruce Barton

Robesonian, or the staff writer, a Pulitzer Prize - not even a free ream of paper. It was journalism. at its dreary worst. Again, Pembroke washed its dirty linen in public And the Robesonian - deeming it newsworthy - put it on the front paper - the day before the election.

There it was - 'Candidate says Town Official Threatened Resident Eviction ' - nestled between a story on massive flooding and the demise of Guy Lombardo, fabled band leader. I could hardly believe it. The story appeared on the front page of the Robesonian Monday, Nov. 7,

The Robesonian, seemingly, has a morbid curiosity about happenings in Pembroke, especially our, as they see it; sordid and negative expressions and lurid recountings of our

The story was printed the day before elections. It seemed, as I see it, to have been a case of much ado about nothing

But, as I have noted on previous occasions, Indians, especially seem to enjoy batterings in print. It is as if they consider it expiations for their sins. They cry, loudly, 'punish us,' even though they have committed no see a 2 bredand

Condescension stalks the land, even on election eve.

Consider Pembroke. Pembroke has always been treated like a. step child in Robeson County. Until the 40's, the governor ppointed the mayor and the city council. And most of his

appointments were non-Indian Thaggards, Breeces, etc. I wouldn't know a Thaggard if one walked up and kissed me. But the governor condescendingly, as if were savages, illiterate appointed Thaggards to govern us. And the town regressed steadily until...

Now, by God, Indians are being elected to public office. They found, immediately, upon assuming office, that the town was financially in trouble. No services were offered to the citizenry. It was a rude

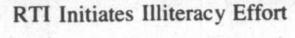
And many Indians are clamoring - "Let's enter the

# **Common Sense** Wins Out

Pembroke is growing up. In spite of a story appearing in the Robesonian the day before the election, seeming to wash out dirty linen in public, Pembroke has decided to elect Reggle Strickland as Mayor; and Larry Brooks, Milton Hunt, Bob Brewington, and Sam Dial, as Town Councilmen.

Ahem, someone took down the clothes line. Common sense has won out. Pembroke has spoken out decidedly against the mud slingers, the wild eyed ones.

The Carolina Indian Voice is proud of Pembroke. We wish our ted officials well. Common sense is the real winner. Now, watch Pembroke grow!



THE EDITOR

LETTERS TO

and Says "Thanks"

Dear Mr. Barton:

20th Century!" But some of us

do not want to grow, progress,

join the rest of the world. We

are provincial, small minded and

We are the ones, when

threatened, who run to the

Robesonian and cry madly,

save us from ourselves.

Remember the Indian maxim,

"We have met the enemy and it is

The Robesonian, my friends

will not save us. They, as I see

virtues, our saving graces. They

will hang out our dirty laundry,

they will push up our sleeves

and expose our wart-ridden

elbow. They cannot and will not

save us. History will not allow

them to champion Indian causes

and heroes. It is against their

It is sort of like impatiently

dragging the hangman to the

scaffold so that he may more

As I see it, the Robesonian

insists on treating the Indian

citizenry with condescension and

The story that has provoked this

outrage is, as I see it, tasteless

and a mere recital of anproven

charges. The reprinted ballot

means nothing. Any citizen can

secure a printed ballot (simply

mark it "sample" and remove

the name of the chairman of the

board) and encourage citizens to

vote for their choices. Afterall.

this is America. And registrars

are supposed to register voters.

Too, intimidation infers that

those who live in housing units

are inferior, illiterate folk. That is

a damnable lie. No one can

remove any person from a

housing unit for exercising his or

her democratic right to vote for

whomever they choose. The

One day, Indian people will rise

up in anger and demand equality,

respect, and a fair representation,

even in the pages of the

Robesonian. That uprising is

I am betting on the people. I do not believe the Robesonian can

effect an election in Pembroke.

Let the people speak!

Condescension shall not continue

to stalk the land unmolested.

POSTSCRIPT: This column

was written the day before the

election. It seems, to me, to be

appropriate following the

Power to the people!

election returns.

people know that.

long overdue

quickly hang you.

a lack of respect.

it, are not interested in our

backward thinking.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the agency you represent for your efforts in assisting Robeson Technical Institute with the proposal to secure funds to offer a Comprehensive Project in Functional Literacy Education for Robeson County citizens, cooperation and willingness - to give time and energy so unselfishly was noted

and appreciated. As you are

aware. I am sure, this county

received the funding. We are very excited over this special funding, and consider the task not as a burden, but as an opportunity to advance the progress of past and present endeavors in Adult Basic Education. The program, as it is written, lists a broad spectrum of activities of educational significance. The project will be

evaluated in its entirety. We

will indicate growth of the people we serve, and activities that will continue to be funded to improve our high poverty rate.

Please remember, everyone's help will continue to be needed in this effot to improve the education of our adults. Even though Robeson Technical Institute received the funding, we view the program as one in which all citizens must take part to make the advances that we all hope to accomplish.

Thanks again for your expressions of concern. Visit us when you can.

> Sincerely, Fred Williams, Vice-President for **Educational Services**

Eugene Mercer Director of **Basic Education** ROBESON TECHNICAL

### IN MEMORY OF CHARLES OXENDINE

CHARLES OXENDINE Born June 7, 1940 Died Nov. 8, 1972

Charles, we missed you, although five years have passed and the children are almost grown now. We loved you very much, but you see, God loves you most. Many times we shed tears because we love and miss you. But darling when we meet just inside of that beautiful gate, I

won't shed no more tears. I won't say good-bye no more. But it will be peace forever more. Just knowing you are by my side and hearing God say "well done." We'll be at home at last. I will see you darling in heaven some sweet

Your wife, Fannie Oxendine Children: Linda, Ginger, Belinda, Nelson & Jimmy



Earl Hughes Oxendine, principal of Hoke County-High School.

Oxendine, also a member of the state board of education and a member of the advisory council on Indian education, is shown at his desk. Bruce Barton

Thanks To All Those Who

Supported and Voted For Me.

Larry T. **Brooks** Pembroke Councilman

from Payment of Robeson County Local School Fees at Prospect School" under consideration by the board. The policy being considered contained a income schedule which would be used to exempt children in lower income families from the payment of fees. The proposed policy stated that a child who had not paid his fees and was not exempted under the income scale, could be denied extra-curricular activities at the school. Speaking on behalf of the parents was

Ms. Annie J. McGirt who voiced the parents' opposition by saving,"... May we suggest that our school be brought into compliance with what ever policy, either written or unwritten, governs the other schools in the county." She stressed their oppostion to their children being singled out in a pilot program. After her presentation, the group was questioned by board members. The board then went into executive session to discuss the pending litigation. (The proposed policy came about as a result of a law suit which had been entered by a parent of a Prospect student. The suit alleged that children at Prospect School were discriminated against by denying them participation in extra-curricular activities because of nonpayment of local school

After a lenghty executive session, Superintendent Purnell recommended that the board reject the proposed policy and accept a county-wide policy which had been basically written during executive session.

The county-wide policy adopted by the board states that school personnel 'encourage" the payment of local school fees. And that a record of how money from fees are used . is kept so that the communities may become aware of the use of such monies. The policy further stated that no child would be denied participation in extra-curricular activities ecause of nonpayment of fees.

Mrs. Dorothy Lowry thanked the board members on behalf of the group for "the concern you've shown our children and our " Said she, "What you've done tonight will be remembered in years to come. We sincerely thank you for your