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PEMBROKE TOWN COUNCIL MEETS FOR THE LAST TIME IN 1977

Annexation Approved

After lengthy discussions, the Pembroke Town Council voted unanimously Monday night to annex approximately nine acres of land on the eastern end of Pembroke. The property owners, including Councilman Larry T. Brooks, had petitioned the town for annexation.

Councilman Bob Brewington, who at one time made a motion during the discussions to take the matter under advisement, led the questioning. His motion died from a lack of a second. Brewington expressed concern about the rights of the property owners and the responsibilities of the town toward those wishing to be annexed into town.

Brewington, during the discussion, said, "All persons within city limits should have all services." Brewington raised the question of city residents being without sewer in some parts of town.

The annexation matter was aired following a public hearing when no adverse response was received from the audience. One lady did raise the question as to why there was no sewer service on her street.

A number of councilmen, including Brewington, Milton Hunt and Sam Dial, voiced concern about the matter and

intimated that complete services to all those within the city limits would receive priority attention in the future.

But Sam Dial said, concerning the area wishing to be annexed, "It was just poor government in the past. It's spilt milk and we can either deal with it or leave it spilt." His statement was directed toward the fact that one of the property owners had, in the past, been paying taxes and voting in municipal elections even though he was not a legal resident of the town.

Finally, after much discussion, the council, on a motion by Sam Dial and a second by Milton Hunt, voted unanimously to annex the property. Brewington seemingly abstained but under Robert's Rules of Order his abstention was tabulated as a "YES" vote making it unanimous.

Also appearing on the agenda was Henry Melvin, president of Robeson Savings and Loan Association who appeared to dispel, as he put it, "Misinformation" that had appeared in the press concerning a branch application for Pembroke. Melvin spoke of the advantages of a savings and loan association and, comparing figures from a merger with Red Springs, painted a pretty

financial picture. He also reaffirmed Robeson Savings and Loan's intention, if the branch office is established, to use local professional people on the staff and to facilitate loans, etc.

Jim Freeman, proprietor of Freeman's Sporting Goods, appeared before the council and asked that a barricade be placed on the left end of his building to keep cars from brushing against the building and hampering pedestrian traffic. The council agreed to erect the barricade and "see if this will take care of the problem," as Mayor Reggie Strickland put it.

The council heard also from a representative of S. Preston Douglas and Associates concerning the town's audit ending June 30, 1977.

The audit disclosed some \$41,584.72 listed as unaccounted for. The town now is in the process of a civil action, with a criminal action pending, against a former town clerk for missing funds from the town's treasury.

The town shows a budget of \$484,769.27. The council took the preliminary advisement for study and possible action at the January '78 meeting.

New Members on Pembroke Housing Board Named



Larry T. Roberts, center, is shown being sworn in by Town Clerk Ruby Smith and Mayor Reggie Strickland as the latest member to Pembroke's Housing and Redevelopment Board. Roberts who was sworn in November 23, 1977 will serve a five year term.

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THE MPH PROGRAM FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

The University of California School of Public Health is now recruiting applicants for Fall, 1978. Students must possess a Bachelor's degree and must have 1/4 or more Indian blood quantum. If accepted, students can expect tuition and fees, stipends, books and limited travel funds.

A Master of Public Health Degree is generally essential to go on to administrative, supervisory or policy making positions in the public health field.

Financial support can be provided students accepted at other Schools of Public Health also including those at the Universities of: Washington, Minnesota, Michigan, Texas, North Carolina, Loma Linda, UCLA, Tulane and the University of California at Berkeley. Doctorial candidates can also receive financial support. Application should be mailed early in the Spring of 1978.

For further information, call or write Larece Hunt, Human Relations Specialist, General Assistance Center, School of Education, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27834. (919) 757-6704.

IN THE ARMED FORCES

Ft. Bragg--Tommy D. Hunt, son of Mrs. L. Hunt, Route 3, Fairmont, recently was promoted to Army Private First Class while serving as a transportation engineer with the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, NC.

PHC Hunt entered the Army in November, 1976. He is a 1976 graduate of Fairgrove High School. His father, Bowman Hunt, lives in Conway, S.C.

MAGNOLIA'S THIRD GRADERS PRESENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TO GRADES K-8

Magnolia School's third grade students recently presented a Christmas program to grades Kindergarten thru Eight. The program was held in conjunction with the visit of Miss Grace Garthwaite. "Miss Grace" visits the schools once monthly to present bible stories to the students.

As Miss Garthwaite presented her story of the nativity with the flannel board the students presented their own nativity scene. A choir presented music of the season throughout the program.

Nativity characters were: Mary, Salina Hardin; Joseph, Dino Maynor; Angel, Tammy Chavis; and Shepherds, John Sandy Burnette, Frank Smith and David Norton.

At the conclusion of the program the staff and the students of grades Kindergarten through eight presented to Miss Grace a gift of appreciation for her unending dedication to the students of Magnolia School.

Teachers for the Third Grade are Mrs. Mary L. Lowry and Mrs. Regenia Brayboy. Mrs. Sarah Bell, music teacher, conducted the choir.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLASS OF GREEN PINE CHURCH GO CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Young People's Class of Green Pine Church went Christmas caroling Tuesday, Dec. 20. They sang songs, had prayer and left a fruit basket in each home visited. The homes visited were Ms. Charly Oxendine, Julie Clark, Athala Brayboy, Fernie Barton, Lattie McMillan, Cora M. Jones, Katie Oxendine, Leta Lowery, Francis Cummings, Mr. Hartie Carter and Mr. Larece Jones.

After visiting the homes, the group returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Crain for refreshments. Those participating in caroling were Mr. and Mrs. Jude Bullard, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. Bobby D. Locklear, George P. Oxendine, Jr., Randy Oxendine, Norma and Todd Oxendine, Andrew Oxendine, and Mr. and Mrs. William Crain.

PEMBROKE GOSPEL CHAPEL PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CONTATA

The Mixed Choir of Pembroke Gospel Chapel will present a Christmas Contata, "Night of Miracles" at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday School hour December 25, 1977. The contata is under the direction of Ms. Charles Oxendine, Jr., assisted at the piano by Miss Sherry Locklear. Approximately forty voices will be singing as they and the congregation rejoice in "The Night of Miracles."

The pastor, Mr. Charles Oxendine, Jr. invites the public to attend.

MAGNOLIA HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS PRESENTS X-MAS PROGRAM

The Magnolia High School Chorus presented its Christmas program Thursday, December 15, at 9:30 a.m. Participating in the program in addition to the Chorus was the Spanish Club.

The chorus presented favorite Christmas songs. The Spanish Club presented Spanish dances and sang a few selections in Spanish.

Mrs. Sarah Bell directed the Chorus and Mrs. Lolita Blanks, the Spanish Club.

MAGNOLIA HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE HOMEMAKERS CLUB VISITS N.C. CANCER INSTITUTE

The Future Homemakers Club of Magnolia High School recently paid a visit to the N.C. Cancer Institute.

Residents of the institute were given gifts of cards for the gentlemen and corsages for the ladies.

Each year the club gets together and visits the Cancer Institute to deliver gifts and to entertain the residents with Christmas carols. The club sponsor is Mrs. Artie Emanuel. Club officers are: Demetrius Locklear, President; Beverly Hammonds, Vice-President; Linda Locklear, Secretary; Christine Smith, Treasurer; Lana Locklear, Reporter; Melody Locklear, Historian; Edith Hardin, Recreational Leader; Barbara Musgrove, Parliamentarian; and Janal Hunt, Song Leader.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE 'PEMBROKE NEWS' CORRESPONDENT

Mrs. Bazie Hardin, our faithful and popular "Pembroke News" correspondent wishes each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas. "Pembroke News" will resume the first week in 1978.

GIRL SCOUTS HOLD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT UNION ELEMENTARY

The Girl Scout Troop 817 of Union Elementary held a Christmas Bazaar on December 13, 1977 at 6:00 P.M. at Union Elementary School. Approximately 16 girls participated in this event. They sold crafts and bake goods.

Jim Lowry Named New Chairman at Indian Commission Workshop

Wrightsville Beach, NC was the site of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs December 7-9 Workshop. The three-day workshop was planned and designed as a time to evaluate progress, share concerns, and set future objectives for the Commission which acts as an advocate for the Indian of North Carolina. A very unique aspect of this workshop was the coming together of the Commission Board and staff for the first time.

Many and varied topics, personalities, and activities were part of the program agenda. Topics were of local, state and national concern. On Wednesday afternoon, John Forkenbrock, a representative from the House, Education and Labor Commission addressed the important issue of Indian Education. He responded to the questions and statements from the audience

regarding the reauthorizing and reappropriation of funds to the familiar Title IV, Part A Indian Education Programs.

Thursday's activities not only included project workshops but also the new Administration for Native Americans (ANA) grantees (Waccamaw-Siouan, Haliwa, Coharie, Guilford Native, and Metrolina Native) along with the Lumbree Regional Development Association and Cumberland County Association came together for an information-sharing session.

A banquet on Thursday was the highlight of the day. The guest speaker, Dr. James Chavis, Governor's Ombudsman, remarked briefly the important role of the Commission towards Indian citizens of North Carolina. He also expounded on the purpose and activities of the State's Office of Citizens' Affairs.

The climax of the banquet was the presenting of an appreciation plaque from the newly appointed Chairman, Jim R. Lowry to the out-going Chairman, Chief W. R. Richardson, Chief Richardson expressed complete "surprise" in receiving the plaque.

Friday's activities included the Executive Committee Meeting, chaired by Jim Lowry. Members present were: Cliff Marty Simmons, Coharie Tribe; Viola Jacobs, Cumberland County Association; Lonnie Revels, Guilford Native Association; Chief W.R. Richardson, Haliwa Tribe; Jim Lowry, Metrolina Native Association; and Shirley Freeman, Waccamaw-Siouan Tribe. Other Commission Board Members were also present.

During the Executive Committee Meeting, special presentations were made by Helen Scheirbeck, June Lowery and Glen Finchum. Of great significance was Helen Scheirbeck's remarks concerning state and federal recognition, record keeping procedures of state agencies on North Carolina's Indians, unification of North Carolina's Indian tribes and associations, and the compilation of accurate historical data on North Carolina Indians.

The recommendations made by Mrs. Scheirbeck received full approval from the Executive Committee. In closing, Mrs. Scheirbeck charged the Executive Committee and staff and reiterated that the first and foremost issue at hand is the obtaining of federal recognition for non-reserved Indians in North Carolina.

Janie Locklear also addressed the federal recognition issue in the staff's general session.

The workshop was considered a great success by the Commission members. They felt that it was a progressive step in unifying the efforts of Indian people in North Carolina.



James R. Lowry, right, newly appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Commission of Indian Affairs, presents a plaque of appreciation to outgoing Chairman, Chief W.R. Richardson, left.

Miss Pembroke Junior High Crowned



Fourteen lovely girls vied for the title of "Miss Pembroke Junior High" last Thursday evening at PSU's Performing Arts Center. After a beautiful pageant, Charmaine Locklear was crowned "Miss Pembroke Junior High."

Miss Lumbree, Brenda C. Hunt (left), is shown with (left to right) Gina Marie Maynor, first runner-up; Miss Pembroke Junior High, Charmaine Locklear; Pamela Carol Deese, second runner-up; Robin Brewington, Miss Congeniality and third runner-up; and Terry Ann Walker, fourth runner-up.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were Danny Bullock and Miss Lumbree, Brenda C. Hunt. Outgoing Miss Pembroke Junior High is Lynn Rogers. (Bruce Barton Photo)

