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FUNDING RELEASE ASSURES OLD MAIN RESTORATION

Governor Jim Hunt today announced that the federal Economic Development Administration has approved a \$300,000 grant for the restoration of "Old Main" on the Pembroke State University Campus. The EDA grant, in turn, makes possible the release of two other grants worth \$500,000, one of which has been earmarked by Gov. Hunt specifically for the "Old Main" project. That makes a total of \$1.6 million in state and federal money available for the restoration of the historical building.

"I'm very proud to be able to announce these grants," said Governor Hunt. "Old Main" is very important to all the people of North Carolina, as well as to the people of Pembroke. We need to preserve such landmarks of history whenever possible, so that our children and our grandchildren can see how their forefathers strove to improve life for themselves and for future generations."

Gov. Hunt's office was notified of the grant's approval by Congressman Charlie Rose's office, which has followed the

grant's progress throughout the government approval process.

A study done by the Coastal Plains Regional Commission envisions that the reconstructed "Old Main" would serve multiple needs for the Lumbee Indian community. In addition to housing classrooms and university offices, the building will house a cultural center, an assembly area, and a human services center. The building will also contain a display area, which would also be open to community organizations.

Herman Dial bids to retain Commissioner Seat



Herman Dial

Herman Dial, a 12 year member of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, representing the Pembroke-Maxton District, today announced his candidacy for another term.

Dial, vice chairman of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, has also served ten years on the Pembroke State University Board of Trustees and 6 years as a member of the

Robeson County Social Services board. He is presently serving as a member of the board of trustees of Robeson Technical Institute. Dial has accumulated more seniority on the present board of commissioners than anyone else presently serving.

A member of Prospect Methodist Church, Dial is married to Carrie Mae Locklear Dial. They are the proud parents of three children: Carlton, affiliated with his father at Dial Insurance Agency; Mrs. Brenda Dial Strickland, a teacher in the Maxton City Schools for the last six years; and, Tara Ann, a senior at Prospect High School.

The Dials are life long residents in the Prospect Community.

Said Dial, in making his announcement, "I feel that my 12 years of experience will continue to be helpful to my constituents. I have been approached by a cross section of people from my district and they have encouraged me to run again for county commissioner from the Pembroke-Maxton District. I am proud of the expressions of support from throughout the Pembroke-Maxton District (including the towns of Pembroke and Maxton.) I owe it to the people to run again. And I promise to serve the people to the very best of my ability, as I have done in the past."

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IN THE ARMED FORCES

Staff Sergeant Rickey W. Talley, son of Mrs. Mary L. Talley of 820 N. Main, Roxboro, N.C. has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Security Service Non-commissioned Officer Leadership School at Goodfellow AFB, Tex.

The sergeant, who was trained in military management and supervision, is a programming technician at Peterson AFB, Colo.

Sergeant Talley, a 1968 graduate of Roxboro High School, attended the University of Maryland's extension at Misawa, Japan, and Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City, Fla. His father, Richard E. Talley, resides in Pembroke, N.C.

IN THE ARMED FORCES

Private First Class Jerry D. Hammonds, son of Leola Hammonds, P-4 Parkview Terrace, Lumberton, N.C., recently completed a metal body repair course at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Students learned to repair and rebuild metal body parts for wheeled and lightweight tracked combat and tactical vehicles. They also received instruction in gas welding on metal bodies and glass cutting.

Pfc. Hammonds entered the Army in July 1977. He is a 1977 graduate of Lumberton High School.

IEA PARENT COMMITTEE MET JANUARY 10

The Title IV-A Indian Education Parent Committee met on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the O.P. Owens Auditorium. The meeting was open to the public.

Dr. Dennis Tafava, Program Consultant, discussed the analysis of information gathered by the recent follow-up to the Robeson County Indian Education Needs Assessment.

KERSHAW HONORED ON EVE OF DEPARTURE FOR THE LOST COLONY

Robeson Historical Drama Association will host an Appreciation Reception for Rock Kershaw, outgoing general manager of Strike at the Wind. The reception will be held at the Pembroke Jaycee Clubhouse on Monday night, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. Refreshments and music will be furnished, compliments of Strike at the Wind, Lumbee Regional Development Association and the Pembroke Jaycees.

Board of Education Meets

After a lengthy hearing the Robeson County Board of Education went through a short agenda. The hearing was for Claude Winfree who has been dismissed as coach at Pembroke Senior High School. No action was taken by the board.

A High School Reading Center will be established at Fairgrove School funded by \$34,000 from the state. Fairgrove was chosen as the site because of the available space and the need indicated by achievement test scores.

Parents will have an opportunity to nominate a portion of their advisory council members. Present advisory council members' term will expire April 1, 1978. Schools which will have 7 members, the parents will be allowed to nominate 3 members. In schools where there will be 5 members, the parents will nominate 2 members. The nominations will be done by parents of students at the particular school. At least 10 parents per position must be present to nominate. Only parents or guardians will be voting and nominating. Also, a uniform letter concerning advisory council member nominations will be sent to each school 5 school days prior to the meeting.

Pupil assignment appeared again on the agenda. The board will hold a special work session to decide the best method for enforcing pupil assignment. This matter was brought up because of a list of students presented to the board at the last board meeting by Mr. Elmer Ray Chavis. The students on the list are allegedly attending schools outside of the school district in which they reside. It was indicated that these students and others who are allegedly out of their district would be re-assigned to the school district in which they reside.

Personnel approved included Archie Oxendine as Coordinator of the Community School Project; Oscar T. Blanks in the Extended Day Program; also Joyce Christine Juda and John Herbert Manthey; Rhonda Gale Godwin at Pembroke Elementary; and Jack Dowles Brown, Jr. at Pembroke Senior High.

Lowry Announces for Board of Education



Jerry Lowry

Jerry Lowry of the Union precinct today announced his intention to seek a seat on the Robeson County Board of Education, according to the Robeson County Board of Elections.

Said Lowry in making his announcement, "I have a sincere desire to upgrade educational services and opportunities for all students in the school

unit regardless of race, geographic locations, or economic status."

Mr. Lowry is married to the former Doreen Lowry of the Hopewell Community. They have two children: Elena, 5 years old, and Ana, 3. He is a life long member of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church.

A 1970 graduate of Pembroke State University with a major in Spanish education, Mr. Lowry has taught in the public schools of Robeson County and served as an assistant principal. He has also served on the PTA at Union Elementary and has served as president of the organization. He presently serves as President of the Pembroke State University Alumni Association, and is a member of the Title IV-A Parent Committee.

Said Lowry, "Having graduated from, taught in, and helped "run" the schools of Robeson County, I feel that I have a pretty good idea of what the needs of the children are as well as how these needs may best be met. I sincerely solicit your support in the upcoming election."

Lowry is presently owner and operator of Lowry's Chain Saw Service and J. and D. Grocery of Maxton.

Johnson will run to keep House Seat



Joy J. Johnson

"I hereby announce my candidacy for the North Carolina General Assembly from the 21st District, including Robeson, Scotland, and Hoke Counties for the fourth consecutive term, subject to the May 2nd Democratic Primary.

"I pledge as always to represent All the People fairly and faithfully. Also to work diligently to improve the economic educational and energy conditions in the District and State, to expand the industrial, business and agricultural employment and development and to make State Government more responsible, accountable, efficient and effective without additional taxes.

"Within the next fifteen days, I will officially file."

Brewington announces for County Commissioner

Upon announcing his candidacy for County Commissioner for the Maxton, Pembroke and Smith area, Ted Brewington made the following statement:

"My fellow citizens, I would like to take this opportunity to say that I am a candidate for County Commissioner for the Maxton, Pembroke, and Smith area.

"First of all I can say that I have no ties with any organization, group, or any one that could keep me from representing each and every citizen equally and fairly. If elected as your commissioner, I will represent you to the best of my ability, and each decision that I make will be for the interest of all Robesonians and the County.

"I feel that every citizen has a voice in government even after they vote and you can have it if I'm elected. Your district should and will be represented for each citizen. I strongly believe that the first priority should be education because our children's lives and future and the future of Robeson County depend on the decisions that we make today. No country, state, or county can be any stronger than it's leadership and long range planning plays an important role in the growth of any organization.

"I will say now that I do not have all the answers to all our problems, but I feel that with the opportunity to represent you that together we can make Robeson County one of the best counties in the state.

"I appreciate your support and vote on May 2, 1978. Thank you."



Ted Brewington

PIERCE ANNOUNCES BID FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION



Gladys S. Pierce

Mrs. Gladys Spaulding Pierce has filed for a seat on the Robeson County Board of Education.

Mrs. Pierce is married to Cleemiller Pierce, and they have five children, which are all students in Robeson County Schools. She is also a student at Pembroke State University.

Mrs. Pierce lives in the Saddlecreek Community, and has been active in the community with the youth as a 4-H leader for the past three years. She is a member of Union Chapel Community Church, and has taught Sunday School there for eight years. She is a member

of the PTA at Piney Grove School and a member of the IEA Committee representing that school.

Mrs. Pierce stated "I feel that I'm well qualified to serve on the school board, having the interest of all those associated with the school system at heart. After being a candidate in the last school board election I feel that I am more familiar with the school system and would be more able to serve well. I know that I would represent all those in the Robeson County School System to the best of my ability. I would appreciate the support of all those who have interest in better education for our children in Robeson County."

GROUND BREAKING HELD AT BAKER'S CHAPEL

A groundbreaking service was held Monday afternoon at Baker's Chapel Baptist Church for the Fellowship Hall. Baker's Chapel was established April 2, 1975. The Fellowship Hall will be approximately 2400 sq.-feet. Hopefully the building will be completed within 90 days. Rev. Davis Locklear is the pastor. SEE PHOTO PAGE 8

4-H Leader & Council Meeting Planned

There will be a 4-H leader and council meeting held Monday, January 23, 1978 at 7:00 p.m. in the O. P. Owens Agriculture Center. This is the first 4-H leader and council meeting in 1978. It is important that all 4-H leaders and council members attend.

Topics to be discussed during the meeting are Traffic Safety Poster Contest, Farm and Home Trade Show, Forestry Field Day, Public Speaking, Valentine Dance and others. Input is needed from all 4-H leaders in planning these activities for the coming months. Therefore, it is important that 4-H leaders attend with suggestions and ideas for these events.

Anyone interested in 4-H events and activities is also invited to attend the leader and council meeting on January 23rd. This would be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Robeson County 4-H program.

New 'Strike at the Wind!' General Manager Named



Lane Hudson

Lane Hudson of Rockingham, N.C. has been named the new general manager of the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind!" in Pembroke, N.C. Hudson was appointed at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Robeson Historical Drama, Inc., the organization which sponsors that drama, on Monday, January 9.

Hudson replaces Rock Kershaw, who has moved to the job of assistant manager of "The Lost Colony." Kershaw joined the drama in September of 1975 and led it through its successful premiere season in 1976.

The 25-year-old Hudson joined "Strike at the Wind!" in January of 1976 as part of an independent study project at Pembroke State University. Upon his graduation, he assumed the full-time position of Newsstand Promotion Director with the drama and held that job until October of this year.

In assuming his new duties, Hudson said he is anxiously looking forward to the July 1 opening for 1978. "With the season running until August 26, I expect the third season to be tremendously successful," said Hudson. "Rock Kershaw was instrumental in establishing 'Strike at the Wind!' as a permanent attraction in North Carolina, exceeded only by the three longest running dramas in the state. I hope to continue that trend."

In making the announcement, Robeson Historical Drama President Kenneth B. Maynor praised Hudson for his past performance with "Strike at the Wind!" and expressed confidence in his leadership.

Dr. Maynor To Begin Indian Forum

The first of a series of five sessions will begin on Wednesday, January 18, at 7 p.m. at the Center for the Performing Arts at Pembroke State University.

Dr. Gerald Maynor, Dean of Student Affairs at PSU, will share with program participants his experiences in educational endeavors with Indian students at the public school and institutions of higher learning in developing Indian Awareness. The session will be designed to motivate Indian youth to develop positive self-concepts, individual and group pride and identity, and the need for Indian youth to become aware of Indian issues and activities, all of which will assist them in more successful educational endeavors.

Dr. Maynor, a native of Robeson, completed his undergraduate education at PSU, received his Master's degree from Appalachian State University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Miami. He has served as a resource speaker on several occasions to community-based groups, social and civic organizations, and educational lecture groups.

All sessions will begin at 7 p.m. and are open to the general public at no charge for admission. Indian students, parents and adults as well as non-Indian participants are invited to attend. Indian teachers and administrators as well as teachers of Indian students will also find the sessions beneficial in their area of responsibility for Indian education.

Continuing the series will be one forum each month in February, March, April and May. Featured resource presentors will include Arnold Richardson and Troupe focusing on Indian Traditions; Professor Adolph Dial speaking on the North Carolina Indian Historical Perspective; Betty Jo Hunt, former Chairperson of the Task Force on Non-Federally Recognized Indians of the American Indian Policy Review Commission, addressing herself to North Carolina Indian Legislation, and Helen Schierbeck, former Director of the Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education, speaking on Indian Education: Past, Present and Future.