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## Oxendine to Seek Commissioners Seat

Maxton-Pembroke-Smiths District



Thadis Oxendine

Thadis Oxendine announces his candidacy for county commissioner representing the Maxton, Pembroke and Smiths Townships. He and his family reside at Route 1, Pembroke, N.C. His wife, Dora Marie J. Oxendine, is a school teacher at Magnolia School. Their children, Leland Dale Oxendine is a Civil Engineer graduate from N.C. State University and is employed in the engineering profession; Thayne Marie O. Sanderson graduated from Methodist College and is employed at Rex-Rennett School.

A World War II combat veteran, Oxendine engaged in two active battles in the European Theater of Operation, then shipped to the Pacific Theater.

He is a life time member of the VFW and DAV. He served in several VFW Post positions before being elected Post Commander for Locklear-Lowry Post 2843. Served as Post Commander then was elected District Commander representing the 8th District which included the following-- Lillington, Fayetteville,

St. Pauls, Red Springs, Maxton and Pembroke. For outstanding accomplishments, he was awarded All State Commander.

Thadis Oxendine graduated from Pembroke State College, receiving his B.S. Degree. Honors from Pembroke State College included Who's Who in Colleges and Universities, President of the Student Council, Chief Marshall, and awarded the Outstanding Senior Award.

He has taught school in Robeson County for 8 years and also served as principal. For the past sixteen years he has been in farming and business.

Mr. Oxendine is declaring his candidacy on the conviction "Denying self and serving others without selfish motives."

Said he, "I would appreciate your support, and would welcome you to consult with me on any matters pertaining to the office of county commissioner."

McNeill Smith,  
Senatorial Candidate,  
Visits the C.I.V.



Mac Smith.

PEMBROKE--McNeill Smith, a candidate for the democratic nomination for the United States Senate, visited the

offices of the Carolina Indian Voice yesterday.

An affable man, Smith, who is a native of Robeson County (his mother still resides in Rowland where he was born) barn stormed Red Springs, Rowland, Lumberton and Pembroke during his campaign in Robeson County.

Smith, who now resides in Guilford County, where he is a respected member of the North Carolina Senate of the North Carolina General Assembly, is known for legislation he shepherded through the general assembly relative to establishing state-wide kindergarten, tough drunk driving laws, and his outspoken stand against the infamous speaker ban law (now outlawed) on N.C.'s campuses a few years ago.

Says Smith, "I believe in hard work, self discipline, obeying the law, trusting in God, loving people, and enjoying a sense of humor. These are great values. They start in the home, carry on in the school, and should guide us in our public and private lives."

people  
and places  
and things

### FROM SOUTHEASTERN GENERAL HOSPITAL

Due to the outbreak of influenza, Southeastern General Hospital is limiting visiting to one visitor per patient. This is for the protection of patients, many of whom are more susceptible than usual to the disease. Donald C. Hiscott, President of the hospital, made this announcement today. He said this action was taken based on a recommendation of the Medical Staff of the hospital. Hiscott also said that the visiting restrictions will be lifted as soon as possible, hopefully in the next weeks.

### WILLIAM P. HUNT JOINS THE AIR FORCE

Fayetteville-- William P. Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Hunt, of Route 2, Pembroke, N.C. has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Airman Hunt, a 1977 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 on February 6, 1978.

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

### ROCK GROUP "MOTHER'S FINEST" APPEARS AT PEMBROKE STATE TONIGHT

In its first major concert as a headliner in North Carolina, the rock group "Mother's Finest" will appear tonight with special guest "High and Mighty" in the Jones Gymnasium on the campus of Pembroke State University. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at the door. Time of the show is 8 p.m.

According to Student Government President David McDuffie, advance tickets sales have been good and he expects a large crowd in the 4,000 capacity gym. "Knowledge of the concert is wide spread. All of us here are looking forward to a great time," said McDuffie.

"Mother's Finest", recording artists on Epic Records, were named this month as Best New Live Performers of 1977 by "Performers Magazine" a trade magazine among booking agents and management, according to Jim Stewart, Epic Records representative in North Carolina. "A strong stage show will be led by black female vocalist Joyce Kennedy," he added.

This concert is part of the Homecoming activities on the PSU campus for 1978, according to McDuffie. It is a first for the PSU students and is open to all comers, said McDuffie.

### LOCAL MAN ENLISTED IN MARINE CORPS

Aubrey Dale Swett, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy D. Swett of Pembroke recently enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He will report to active duty at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina on Feb. 20, 1978.

According to Gunnery Sergeant Max Bennett, Swett completed a battery of tests and qualified for a job program which guarantees schooling in aviation mechanized supply and maintenance.

Swett was enlisted by GYSGT Max Bennett whose office is located at 208 Chestnut Street in Lumberton.

Swett is a 1977 graduate of Pembroke Senior High School.

### GARRET LOCKLEAR

Garret Locklear, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Locklear of Route 3, Maxton recently enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He enlisted in the 270 day delayed enlistment program and will report to active duty at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina on Sept. 29, 1978.

Locklear was enlisted by Gunnery Sergeant Max Bennett whose office is located at 208 Chestnut Street, Lumberton.

Locklear is currently attending Prospect High School as a senior.

### TITLE IV INDIAN EDUCATION PARENT COMMITTEE MEET TO REVIEW FY 79 PROJECT

The Title IV-A Indian Education Parent Committee of the Robeson County Compensatory Indian Education Project will meet on Tuesday, January 31, at 7 p.m. at the O.P. Owens Auditorium.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review the proposed FY 79 Project Application for next year. The proposed budget and program components will also be presented to the Committee for review and approval.

The meeting will be open to the public, and all Indian students, teachers and parents are invited to attend.

### PSHS BOOSTER CLUB TO MEET

The Pembroke Senior High School Booster Club will meet Monday, January 30 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All members and interested persons are urged to attend.

## HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, Jan. 26--Homecoming concert, featuring "Mother's Finest" group at 8 p.m., varsity gymnasium of Jones Physical Education Center. Senior music recital (Mary Jacobs, piano; Joel Propst, tuba), 8 p.m., Moore Hall Auditorium.

FRIDAY, Jan. 27--Homecoming parade through downtown Pembroke, 10 a.m. Semi-formal dance for students and alumni, featuring "The Tams," 9 p.m.-1 a.m., South of the Border, S.C., at its Coffe Casa's Matador Room. Cost \$5 per couple.

SATURDAY, Jan. 28--PSU homecoming wrestling match, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Jones Physical Education Center. Alumni reception, 5 p.m., PSU Student Center, music by "Singers and Swingers." Alumni homecoming banquet, 6 p.m., PSU Student Center. Women's homecoming basketball game vs. Atlantic Christian, 6 p.m., Jones Physical Education Center. Men's homecoming basketball game vs. Atlantic Christian, 8 p.m., Jones Physical Education Center (a \$4,000 check from the Braves Club will be presented to PSU before the game and the homecoming

queen will be crowned at halftime. Student dance, 10 p.m., in PSU Student Center. Alumni victory party, 10 p.m., Pembroke Jaycee Hut.

Coordinating alumni homecoming activities is Wayne Bailey, in his second year as PSU alumni director. Advance tickets are on sale at the PSU alumni office for \$12.50, which pays for all alumni events and PSU athletic contests.

Eleven coeds, sponsored by various campus organizations, are candidates for homecoming queen. They are: Tammy Barnes, Fayetteville (Chi Alpha Christian organization); Joy Dees, Fayetteville (Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity); Rhonda Foshee, Fayetteville (PSU cheerleaders); Debbie Hernandez, Fayetteville (Kappa Delta Sorority); Taneal Hunt, Pembroke (Zeta Tau Alpha); Helen Johnson, Hallsboro (Black Student Organization); Jennifer Jones, Raleigh (American Indian Student Organization); Jennifer Locklear, Hanes, S.C. (Health Careers Club); Lisa Ramsey, Pembroke (Alpha Omega Upsilon); Kim Shuckley, Raeford (Tri-Sigma Sorority); and Lisa Watson, Fayetteville (Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity).

## An Open Letter To The Indian Community...

by Ruth Dial Woods

Community awareness is a difficult trait to develop, especially when we all remain busy with our personal and professional lives and interests. I was disturbed last week to recognize my own failure to be aware of some needs, some very pressing needs, "in my own backyard." Time is precious, but all too often, we fail to stop, look and listen. I speak specifically of the editorial "As I See It" in last week's issue of *The Carolina Indian Voice*, and am embarrassed that Commissioner Brantley Blue, all the way from Washington, D.C., had pointed up a community problem which I had neglected to perceive right here in Robeson County! I hope that I am alone in my neglect, but in the event that I am not, I want to share with the Indian community, what I feel is a vital and important issue to ALL OF US.

Bruce Barton has eluded several times to problems, but again, all too often, we fail to stop and listen to someone else's problems because we're all wrapped up in our own problems. Commissioner Blue's letter has exposed the problem...and I feel it is our responsibility to respond to the problem. There is an old adage which says, "If you're not part of the solution, then

you're part of the problem." To all of us in the Indian Community, I say LET US BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION.

Newspapers cannot exist on subscriptions alone, they must depend upon advertisement. There are probably few towns the size of Pembroke which can boast of a weekly newspaper. Advertisement is limited if we confine the efforts just to Pembroke, and small businesses usually have very small advertising budgets. What recourse have we...we must strive to expand the advertising base for *The Carolina Indian Voice* beyond Pembroke into all towns and hamlets of Robeson County, and we as Indian people must assist Bruce and his staff in soliciting advertisement for the paper. As Commissioner Blue vividly pointed out, some of us do not always agree with what is said in *The Indian Voice*, but we still read it, and we still look for our articles, our pictures, and our local news, and thanks to his good heart, his interest, his dedication and his struggle to keep the Indian community before us, it's usually there.

But above and beyond the merits of what is good about *The Carolina Indian Voice*, is the forefront issue of how we can help keep *The Carolina Indian Voice* alive and well...and talking in our community and talking to each other. *The Carolina Indian Voice* is our forum...it is our point of debate and discussion...it is our communality of interests and pursuits...but most important, it is *The Voice of Indians*. The elders tell us that you don't miss anything until you've had it...Can you imagine not stopping by to pick up your weekly issue or checking your mail box on Friday for your issue? Where else can we speak openly, honestly, frankly, and yes, sometime with personal bias, to our people across this County? Where else can we find the vehicle of communication for ideas, issues, problems, and concerns so freely and realistically and characteristically Indian? Without *The Carolina Indian Voice*, the Indian Community will become silent again...radio and television does not bring us together to learn what is happening to Indian people across our County...only *The Carolina Indian Voice* does this.

I don't have the answer for the solution to the problem...but I can assure you that I'm willing to give my efforts to be a part of the solution. One of Bruce Barton's favorite quotes from the American Indian Center in Baltimore is, "LET'S TALK." Let's all of us get together and talk to Bruce and see if we can develop a solution to the problem...in saving the future of the

*Carolina Indian Voice*...we save the future of INDIAN voices now and preserve them for the future.

There's another adage...If you can't help a fellow when he's down, he doesn't need you when he's up!

We boast of having capable leadership among us...let's reach out our hands to *The Carolina Indian Voice* and provide that capable leadership to save this important vehicle of communication which is vital and necessary to our survival. There are several local, state and national issues affecting the Indian community, many of which will arrive at the forefront in the immediate future... will we sit back and silence the ONE VOICE which can share the issues and keep us informed?

*The Carolina Indian Voice* knows no one community...it speaks for the INDIAN community at large...our efforts must cross community lines, personal biases and differences of opinion...*The Carolina Indian Voice* belongs to all of us, and if Bruce Barton loses it, WE LOSE!

As I can best understand, there is an immediate need for a fund-raising drive...immediate meaning within the next six weeks. Where are our social and civic organizations in all of our communities and our responsible leadership to pull together a united front and a united effort for the INDIAN community? Who will accept the leading role to gather together individuals, agencies, programs, clubs and every facet of our community life to come to the call? Time is of the essence...*The Voice of the Indian Community* is of the essence and a necessity...it must be preserved... Call Bruce Barton this week...find out what you and WE can do...it is our responsibility to our community, our children, and our future, and then, LET'S TALK and LET'S ACT!

Photos and Highlights of the Pembroke Jaycees Awards Banquet, Held Wednesday Night, will appear in Next Week's Issue of the Carolina Indian Voice

## Positive Concepts and Academic Excellence set as Goals of Indian Education

The first of five planned INDIAN IS... Youth Forum sessions was held in the Performing Arts Center at Pembroke State University on Wednesday, Jan. 18. Sponsored by the Robeson County Compensatory Indian Education Project the forum is designed to present and discuss Indian issues and concerns affecting Indian youth, and particularly Indian education, history, legislation, and culture for both Indian youth, parents and teachers.

Dr. Gerald Maynor, Dean of Student Affairs at Pembroke State University, was presenter at the meeting which attracted some fifty person. "Developing Indian Awareness" was the program topic. Dr. Maynor indicated that generally there is a lack of understanding of who the American Indian is and the crucial issues affecting the American Indian in the twentieth century.

"Too often," according to Dr. Maynor, "the image of the stereotyped cowboy vs Indian scene is still visualized." Dr. Maynor stated that the development of personal esteem, identity, and pride together with a desire for excellence, are two major goals in working with Indian education, and that these goals should be pursued by Indian parents at home and reinforced by school experiences. Quoting, Dr. Maynor also stated that "We must know where we came from before we know where we're going, and the difference will be what direction we take." All too often, according to Dr. Maynor, educational curriculum has been designed for institutional convenience of implementation and not designed to respond to the needs of Indian students.

Dr. Maynor indicated that no one

curriculum and no one teaching method would be appropriate, but when the awareness of the special needs and problems of Indian students is considered and an increased understanding of the reasons which have effected a renewed forceful and militant attitude which indicates that the American Indian is determined to be a part of American society, that education can be adopted to Indian culture, rather than Indians adopted to education which results in assimilation but not acculturation.

The real challenge to Indian education is to focus on self-concepts which will destroy feelings and attitudes of inferiority, isolation, traditional values vs current expectations, all of which result in apathy. Indians must increase their own level of awareness and self-confidence in knowing that they can learn what is good from the dominant culture without having to sacrifice Indian culture, and utilize the good from both by developing positive concepts and attitudes, developing meaningful and relevant programs and materials, and striving for academic excellence.

## LRDA Board of Directors to Meet

The Lumbree Regional Development Association's Board of Directors will hold its regular monthly meeting on January 30, 1978 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the LRDA Annex Building in Pembroke. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Supreme Court Reprimands Joe Freeman Britt

The North Carolina Supreme Court has ordered a new trial in the drug conviction case of Dixon Locklear due to "gross" improprieties on the part of Robeson County prosecutor Joe Freeman Britt.

Locklear was convicted of drug charges in October, 1976, and sentenced to two consecutive five year terms. Britt was reprimanded by the high court for his questioning of defense witness Clarence Leonard.

"Clarence, you are lying

through your teeth and you know you are playing with a perjury count, don't you?" Britt said at the time.

In reversing the court said these comments "were grossly improper and calculated to prejudice the jury." The court said the prosecutor may argue that a witness should not be believed, but "it is improper to assert his opinion that a witness is lying."

This was the third case which Britt has had reversed due to his courtroom conduct.