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RUN OFFS PRESENT INTERESTING CHOICES FOR ROBESON VOTERS

Although John Ingram's challenge of Luther Hodges, Jr. in the Democratic run off to see who will have the dubious distinction of taking on incumbent Republican Senator Jessie Helms, is center stage state wide, Robesonians are mostly concerned with a run off in the Maxton-Smiths- Pembroke Commissioner District and a face off between incumbent Horace Locklear, the Indian incumbent, and challenger, Bill Gay, his White protagonist.

DIAL CHALLENGED SERIOUSLY BY OXENDINE

Twelve-year incumbent and vice chairman of the present board of commissioners, Herman Dial, is facing his first serious challenger in years. He is being contested by the run off by young educator Wyvis Oxendine.

Ted Brewington, who finished third in the primaries, has publicly endorsed Dial, who finished first in the May 2 balloting.

Rep. Horace Locklear, the incumbent is conceded to have a slight edge by county political analysts. But Gay has surprised the experts by staying close and calling for a run off. Until now, at least for the last few political elections, the county has become quite comfortable, seemingly, with a psychological mind set of an Indian, a Black and a White in the North Carolina House of Representatives for the 21st District. But Gay has challenged that concept and is given a good chance to unseat Locklear, although most political observers believe Locklear will survive the challenge by the skin of his teeth.

Lumberton Prison Camp Superintendent Dismissed

According to area news reports, James A. Oxendine has been replaced as superintendent of the Lumberton Prison Camp. His replacement reportedly is Alfred Locklear, formerly program supervisor at the Lumberton Camp.

The Lumberton Camp has been the cause of a number of complaints by inmates. Although Oxendine's dismissal was confirmed by prison officials, no official reason was given although Oxendine was hired under a Republican administration.

Dr. James B. Chavis Banquet Speaker At Warrior Athletic Banquet

by David Malcolm

Pembroke- Dr. James B. Chavis, Ombudsman to the State of North Carolina, was the guest speaker as Pembroke Senior High School held their annual athletic awards banquet Saturday, May 20, in the school cafeteria.

In his speech, Dr. Chavis stressed the importance of athletics in the total make up of a well-rounded student. Not one to give a boring talk, he injected a little humor here and there and was well received by the audience which numbered over 200.

The invocation was given by Rev. Kelly Sanderson. After Dr. V.R. Thompson, principal of Pembroke Senior High welcomed the audience, Mr. Wade C. Hunt, president of the PSHS Booster Club, introduced those guests in attendance. Following Dr. Chavis' speech, Mr. John W. Sampson, PSHS athletic director, introduced the various coaches who gave their respective rewards.



Dr. James B. Chavis

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Pembroke Rescue Squad is Willing & Capable

by Connie Brayboy

Fayetteville- Sectional Center Manager Postmaster Gene Hoge today announced the appointment of Jacob L. Curtis as Postmaster at Pembroke, NC effective Saturday, May 20, 1978.

Curtis, 40, a native of Granite Falls, NC has served as a distribution clerk at the Hickory, NC Post Office since 1973.

The Pembroke Post Office has annual receipts of \$104,839. Mr. Curtis will earn \$18,314 in salary and fringe benefits, and will be assisted by a staff of four employees.

Postmaster selections are made on the basis of merit from a list of qualified candidates submitted to the Regional Management Selection Board. The board, composed of a representative of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, a Postal District Manager and two post masters, selects and recommends to the Postmaster General the best qualified person for appointment to each vacancy.

Curtis is a graduate of Granite Falls High School and has completed numerous postal-related training courses through the Oklahoma Postal Operations Center at Norman, Oklahoma and the Postal Employee Development Center at Charlotte, NC. He formerly served as president of the United Fund at Rhodhiss, NC where he was also a member of the Recreation Commission.

Curtis and his wife, the former Marvene Holman of Rhodhiss, NC have four children: Renee, age 20; Lynn, age 16; Tony, age 14; and Amy, age 12. They plan to relocate to Pembroke in the near future.

CAR WASH PLANNED

There will be a car wash June 3, 1978 at the Lumbie Bank. Price will be \$4.00 which includes vacuum and cleaning out inside of car. The car wash will be from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The proceeds will be used to sponsor Lumbie Homecoming activities for 1978.

Many services are rendered to any community which make it progressive and contributes to its overall growth. Too often these services, especially if they are volunteer services, are overlooked, or simply taken for granted. Such would appear to be the case involving the Pembroke Volunteer Rescue Squad. They have been there when needed for several years, but few of us are aware of how they came to be there, or how they function. This lack of knowledge is not because we don't care or because we are not grateful. It is simply one of those services we never think about unless we have a need for them.

The Pembroke Rescue Squad is strictly a volunteer organization. The rescue squad provides ambulance services to local hospitals, as well as hospitals out of the area which are requested by the patients. They have transported people to the N.C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel, the Veteran's Hospital and Duke Hospital in Durham. They will "go when and where they are needed." And the service is completely free of charge. Thus far, the unit averages 30 calls a month and 1000 miles per month.

The unit, composed of 25 volunteers, 20 men and 5 women, provide services from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 7 a.m. on Saturday until 7 a.m. on Monday. In addition to the 25 members, there are two junior members.

To volunteer services to the squad, a person must meet the same state requirements as those working for the county ambulance service. When a volunteer is accepted, he or she becomes a member of the North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads. To join, there is also a joining fee.

Of the 25 members in the unit, who take turns being on call, nine of them are Emergency Medical Technicians.

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Martin to Speak at Pembroke Graduation



Dr. Julian P. Martin

Dr. Julian P. Martin of Frenon, Michigan will be the principal speaker for the graduation exercise at Pembroke Senior High School on June 9, 1978 at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Martin was born in Pembroke and attended Robeson County Public Schools. After graduation from high school, he earned a bachelor's degree from Pembroke State University in 1958 and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1976. He was awarded a Doctor of Humanities Degree by Union Seminary in 1977. At the present time, Dr. Martin is a candidate for a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership which he will receive later this year.

Since completing his undergraduate work at Pembroke State University, Dr. Martin has worked very closely with young people in both school and church. He served as a high school music teacher for eight years, a high school counselor for four years, a high school assistant principal for three years, and a high school principal for one year. Although he left the teaching profession in 1973 to devote full time to his travel agency, Dr. Martin still continued his work with young people in the church. From 1958 to 1971 he served as Minister of Music for the First Baptist Church of Wyandotte, Michigan. Since 1971, he has served as Minister of Music for the First Baptist Church of Dearborn, Michigan.

Dr. Martin is currently President of the Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians. He is a member and past president of the Southgate Kiwanis Club. He also serves as the Conference Director for the Conference of Church Musicians at Green Lake, Michigan.

He has traveled extensively while working with young people in school and in the church. His travel experiences have taken him to Mexico, South America, Hong Kong, Japan, the United Kingdom, Africa, The Bahamas, Hawaii, West Germany, East Germany, Spain, Switzerland, and the Virgin Islands.

He is married to the former Nina Thompson of Pembroke, and they have two children: Jennifer and John.

PACE Endorses Luther Hodges, Jr.

PACE, the political action arm of the North Carolina Association of Educators, today endorsed Luther Hodges, Jr. for the United States Senate in the May 30th Democratic runoff.

Wayne Miller, PACE chairperson, said, "Our endorsement is based on Mr. Hodges' perception of national educational issues, his personal experiences and abilities as a leader, and his clear focus on campaign issues."

Among the positions targeted by the educators in their selection of Mr. Hodges were: his total support of increased federal funding for public education, his understanding that the strength of public schools depends on the ability of local school systems and educators to develop their own programs, his support for a separate Federal Department of Education, and Mr. Hodges' leadership ability which should move him quickly into a leadership position in Washington.

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SADDLETREE JAYCEES MEET FOR DINNER AND BUSINESS

The Saddletree Jaycee Officers met Saturday, May 8, at the home of President Ronald Hammonds for dinner and a business meeting. After dinner, Mr. Harold Wynn, a past president of the Saddletree Jaycees, discussed the duties and responsibilities of each officer and various other aspects of the Jaycees. Present at the meeting were Mr. Harold Wynn and wife Jeanette, Mr. Chuck Chavis, Internal Vice-President, and wife Gayle, Mr. Barney Clark, Treasurer, and Mr. Donald Locklear, Secretary. Unable to attend were Mr. Harold B. Locklear, External Vice President and Mr. Wade Hayes, Ways and Means Vice President.

PIG & CHICKEN PLATE SALE TO BE HELD SATURDAY

A Pig & Chicken Plate Sale will be held at the Pembroke City Park Saturday, May 27 from 11:30 a.m. until.

Price of each plate will be \$2.50. The Plate Sale is sponsored by the Committee to Elect Wyvis Oxendine for County Commission.

Featured entertainment will be a solo performance by Willie Lowry and his guitar.

\$868,483 IN FEDERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO N.C.

RALEIGH--Federal funds in the amount of \$868,483 will be available to North Carolina as of October 1 under Title V of the Older Americans Act, according to Nathan H. Yelton, Assistant Secretary of Aging, N.C. Department of Human Resources.

The money will be used for multi-purpose senior citizens centers. The funds are not for new construction but can be used only for the acquisition, alteration or renovation of existing buildings that can be converted into senior centers. Some of the funds may be used to provide the initial equipment.

"Twenty such facilities have been established in 20 counties across the state in the past two years by such funds," said Yelton. Buildings that have been converted into senior centers include business buildings, old schools and hospitals, and buildings vacated by chain grocery stores.

"Only local governmental units, such as cities, towns and counties, and non-profit organizations may apply for the funds," added Yelton. "The Division of Aging will accept applications for review until August 15," he added.

"It is our hope that in the not too distant future, every county in North Carolina will have a senior citizens center where older persons may go to get information and help on such things as taxes and available services, enjoy eating together, participate in numerous activities, and enjoy the fellowship of being together," said Yelton.

Inquiries about application materials should be addressed to: N.C. Division of Aging, 213 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27603.

RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT SIM-BROOKS RESTAURANT

A reception will be held at Sim-Brooks Restaurant in Pembroke Saturday, May 27 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. for Rep. Horace Locklear. All citizens are urged to come out and meet and talk about the issues with him.

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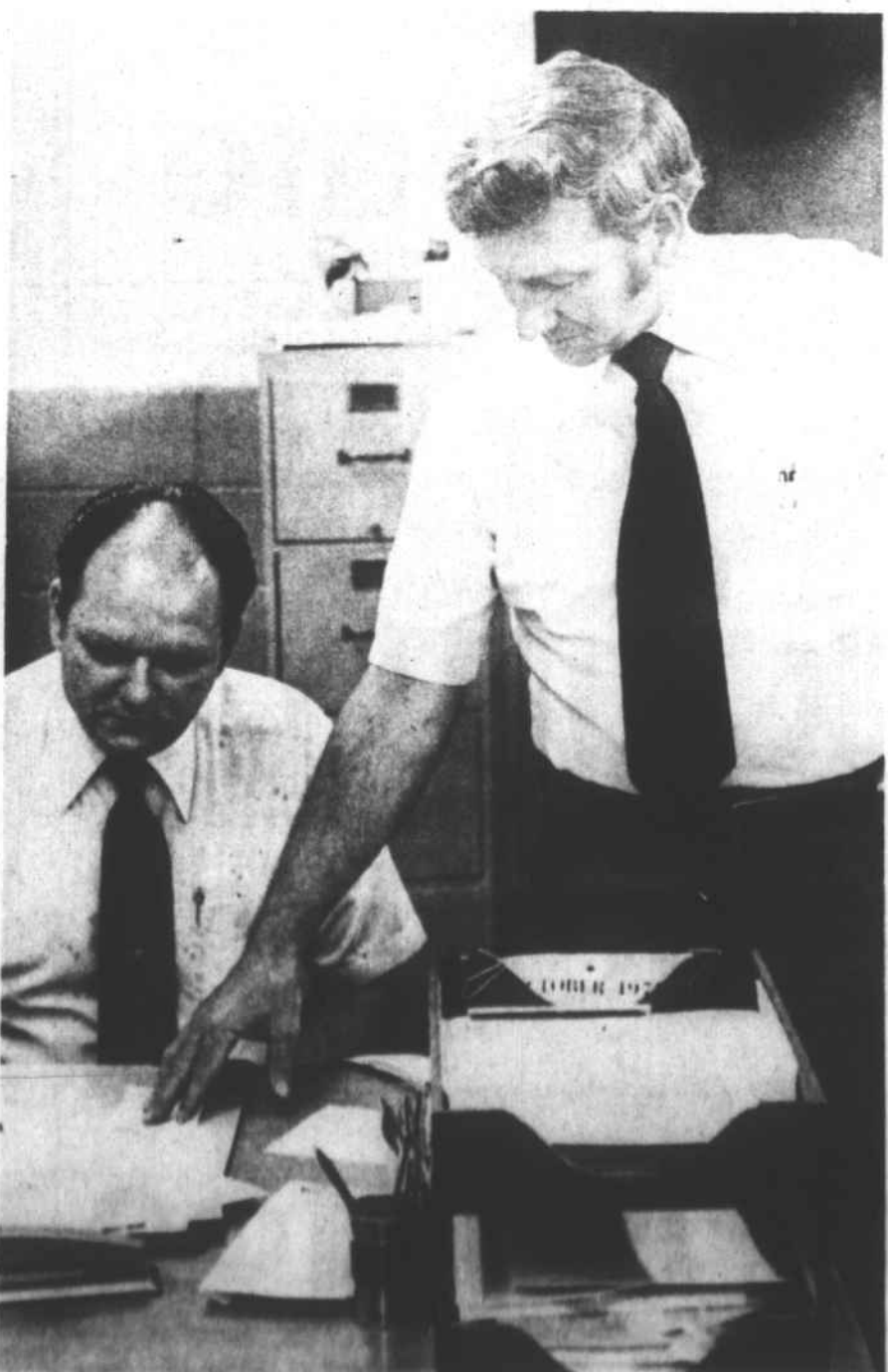
Darcie Oxendine, Bernice Locklear and Genevieve Sampson have been named to the 1978 3-Rivers All-Conference Girls Softball Team. Lula Jacobs was named Honorable Mention.

SPRING CONCERT TO BE HELD AT MAGNOLIA SCHOOL

A Spring Concert will be held at Magnolia School on Thursday, May 25 at 8:00 p.m. The program will include the High School Chorus and piano students, directed by Mrs. Sarah Bell. The Spanish classes will perform Spanish dances, directed by Mrs. Loleta Blanks. The public is invited.

LOCKLEAR & LEWIS ALL-COUNTY

Michael Locklear and Gregory Lewis, seniors at Pembroke Senior High and All-Conference members of PSHS's conference champion boys' tennis team, have been named as members of the 1978 All-Robeson County Tennis Team. Both Locklear and Lewis posted victories in their respective divisions at the recent Robeson County Tennis Tournament held at Lumberton Senior High School.



Jacob Curtis, Pembroke's new postmaster, gets a quick lesson on keeping the books from Marvin Shooter, postmaster at Rowland, and the Pembroke

officer in charge when Curtis assumed the position. Curtis is seated. (Bruce Barton photo)