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## Pembroke Planning Board Says "No" To Proposed Car Wash & Gas Pump On Hyw 711

**Pembroke**—Mrs. Ruth M. Stone said, following the meeting, "It's my land and I'll do what I want with it..." Pembroke's Planning Board disagreed and turned down a proposal by People's Gas and Oil Company of Maxton to build a modern car wash and gas pumps facility on Highway 711 East, next door to Wonderland Day Care Center.

Stone also was heard to say after the meeting, in conversation with McDuffie Cummings and Thomas, that "the decision was based on personality." Cummings and Thomas denied the allegation.

The board also considered some tax releases, including credit given a number of senior citizens.

### MUSGROVE SPOKE AGAINST PLANNED FLOURIDATION OF PEMBROKE'S WATER

Mr. Walter Musgrove appeared before the council in opposition to the proposed flouridation of Pembroke's water.

According to Mr. Musgrove, who is a librarian at PSU, the flouridation program is chemically unsafe and commercially unsound. Citing figures from anti flouridation campaigns of past years in

The council will now consider the recommendation of its planning board. The council is not bound by the findings of the planning board, but traditionally have not gone against a recommendation put forth by the planning board.

### IN OTHER MATTERS...

Preceding the public hearing the town council considered a number of items on the agenda.

### INCLUDING A SEWER REQUEST TO MIGRANT & SEASONAL FARM WORKERS PROPOSED SUBDIVISION

The council agreed to support sewer service to a proposed subdivision by the Migrant and Farm Worker's Association, Inc. The council made its approval contingent on the county bringing the sewer lines up to the corporate limits. The council is also considering annexing the area in question.

### SUPPORTS GOOD CLEAN WATER BOND ELECTION

The council also heard a report from Pete Hasty from nearby Maxton who appeared in behalf of the upcoming Good Clean Water Bond Election set for Sept. 26. The council unanimously supported the proposal and passed a resolution commending the bond issue to its citizenry.

### IN OTHER MATTERS...

John Mark Brooks was reappointed to Pembroke's ABC Board. A motion by Councilman Bob Brewington to appoint Jeanelle Oxendine did not receive a second.

The board also took under advisement a request from area businessmen and citizens to sell malt beverages on Sunday afternoons.

## Appreciation Dinner For Rev. Bob Mangum Planned

**LUMBERTON**—The many friends and admirers of Rev. Bob Mangum, who recently resigned as executive director of the Robeson County Church and Community Center to become pastor of Prospect United Methodist Church, are planning an appreciation dinner in his honor on September 16, 1978. The dinner will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Old Foundry Restaurant in Lumberton.

The cost of tickets is \$4.00 per person. More ticket information is available by calling the church and community center. You may send the money for tickets to the Robeson County Church and Community Center, attn: Ms. Nancy Ford, Route 4 Box 845, Lumberton, N.C. 28358.

## Lonnie H. Oxendine Day Set Sunday at Sandy Plains United Methodist Church



Mr. Lonnie H. Oxendine (left), a life long member of Sandy Plains United Methodist Church is shown in front of the church bulletin board with Rev. Simeon Cummings, pastor.

**PEMBROKE**—Sunday will be a special day in the life of Sandy Plains United Methodist Church. On that day the church will honor Mr. Lonnie H. Oxendine with a Day of Appreciation.

Mr. Oxendine has "been attending Sandy Plains all my life." Mr. Oxendine is four years older than the church. Sandy Plains was organized as a church in 1907 and is 71 years old. Mr. Lonnie H. Oxendine is 75. The church began as a brush arbor.

Mr. Lonnie's father, John W. Oxendine, was one of the original charter members of the church, along with Neil P. Cummings, Dan Ransom and Colonel and Emma Jane Johnson.

The late Neil P. Cummings was the father of the present pastor, Rev. Simeon Cummings. Colonel and Emma Jane Johnson were his grandparents. The church was once considered a family church made up mostly of Brayboys, Ransoms, Cummings and Oxendines. Most of the early members came from New Hope Church and began Sandy Plains so that people in the community would not have to travel so far to attend services. The church is located on the Union Chapel Road near Pembroke.

Some of the pastors who have shepherded Sandy Plains United Methodist Church include W.L. Moore, Rufus Woodell, Mahoney Locklear, D.F. Lowry, Dewey Locklear, Walter Smith, Jackie Locklear, Robert Mangum, Milford Oxendine, Jr., and Simeon Cummings, the present pastor. Mr. Lonnie said, "I knew all of 'em." Rev. Bob Mangum, who served the church for twelve years, has the longest stint of service.

Special guests Sunday (September 10, 1978) will include some of the surviving members of Mr. Oxendine's graduating class from high school at the Indian Normal School (now PSU). They graduated in 1926.

One of his classmates, Mr. John L. Carter, will give the dedicatory address. Another classmate, Mr. Theodore Maynor, will introduce Mr. Carter to the assemblage.

A brief testimonial service will be held for those who wish to say something "nice" about the honoree. Also, Rev. Cummings will unveil a portrait painted in honor of Mr. Oxendine. The portrait will hang in the church.

Sandy Plains United Methodist Church is made up of strong minded christians. The church struggled during the early years many times on the brink of having to close the doors of the church because of dwindling members but the stalwart early Christians of the church like Mr. Oxendine never wavered in their faith that there was a work for Sandy Plains to do.

Mr. Oxendine remembers when "only a handful" attended services. The church now has a membership of 230 members. The church also owns its own modern and lovely parsonage nearby.

Mr. Oxendine recalled that Neil P. Cummings (the father of the present pastor) was the first person buried at Sandy Plains, "sometime in 1945."

Also, Mr. Oxendine remembers Bro. M.D. Cummings who hewed and notched the logs which were used in the original church building. He also recalls that B.F. (Oley) Johnson "sort of served as the carpenter or building superintendent."

Mr. Oxendine, who taught school for 43 years, and his wife Elizabeth, are the proud parents of 8 children. They reside in Pembroke, but Mr. Oxendine has continued to attend Sandy Plains Church.

He has served Sandy Plains as superintendent of Sunday School, and as chairman of the administrative board. He has temporarily relinquished the reins of leadership "since I've been sick."

Asked why he chose to attend Sandy Plains Mr. Oxendine replied, "Well, I was reared in the church community and I just liked the people. It looked like we just sort of worked well together. And there just seemed to be something for me to do here."

Said Rev. Simeon Cummings, "We want to honor Mr. Oxendine now while he is with us. We want to give him our flowers now. We owe him a lot. He is the father of our church and we are looking forward to honoring him this Sunday."

## LRDA NAMES NEW CETA HEAD



Mr. William E. Locklear

Mr. William E. Locklear was recently named Director of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act Program (CETA) sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) headquartered in Pembroke, North Carolina. He replaces Joseph Brooks who resigned to accept the position of Superintendent of the Robeson County Correctional Unit in Lumberton, North Carolina.

Mr. Locklear has served in the capacity of Supervisor of the Work Experience component of the CETA program for almost four years. As Director, he will be responsible for the over all management of the Manpower Project including setting goals and objectives, coordinate flow of participants into and out of the program, analyze and report on effectiveness of program, monitor training sites and financial activities. He will be working closely with industries in creating permanent job positions for participants, supervise activities of 25 staff members and 600 participants. The CETA program has a funding level of over two million dollars per year, serving a four county area: Robeson, Hoke, Bladen and Scotland. Branch offices are maintained in the adjoining three counties.

Mr. Locklear is a graduate of Magnolia High School and Pembroke State University with a B.S. degree in Education. He has done graduate work at Appalachian State and UNC of Charlotte and is currently enrolled in the graduate program at Pembroke State University in the area of Administration. He is also a member of the Pembroke Jaycee Chapter and is currently serving on the board of directors of the organization; serves as treasurer of the Pembroke Youth Center; church affiliation is Pembroke Gospel Chapel.

Mr. Locklear is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Locklear of Pembroke. He is married to the former Elvera Sampson and they have one daughter, Valeria.

The "no" vote came following a public hearing on the proposal. The land on which the facility would have been built is leased from Mrs. Stone, according to those in attendance at the meeting.

Clinton Thomas, Jr., who is executive director of Pembroke's Housing Authority and Redevelopment Commission, serves as chairman of the planning board. The motion to disallow the proposal by People's Gas and Oil was made by Sam Kerns, another member of the planning board. Voting with Kerns were Joe Locklear, Wesley Revels, and Ruth Tidwell. Lindberg Locklear was not present for the meeting.

Said Kerns, in making the motion, "We are opposed to this proposal as it is not in keeping with the long range needs of Pembroke." To approve the proposal the land would have to be rezoned from its present residential use to commercial zoning.

Also appearing in opposition to the proposal was Tony Brewington. He and his wife, Peggy, own and operate Wonderland. He said, "this kind of thing encourages looters, litterers and loafers. And it would not be in keeping with the kind of business we have tried to develop in Pembroke."

Speaking in favor of the proposal was Joe Clark, a spokesman for People's Gas and Oil Co. Mrs. Stone's husband, Sheriff-elect Hubert Stone, also appeared at the hearing and went into the town manager's office with the planning board while the town council was in executive session. Stone reportedly encouraged the board to support the proposal.

## LIE Project To Sponsor Children's Drama



Shown is a scene from the new drama, "Stand as One."

The Lumbee Indian Education Program of Lumbee Regional Development Association will sponsor a new children's musical drama called "Stand as One." The play, created and written by Willie Lowery, will be presented on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8 and 9, at Riverside Country Club Amphitheatre near Pembroke at 8 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

According to Janie Maynor Locklear, director of the LIE Program, the drama was designed "to give our kids an opportunity to display their talents and to get others to try their wings at acting and singing."

The one act, five scene drama contains 6 songs and is performed by 25 children of all

written and created by Willie Lowery.

The program will include live performances by Willie Lowery, Cornell Locklear, Hope St. Pierre, Brenda Hunt, Miss Lumbee 1978, and children of the LRDA Longhouse Centers.

"The drama presents problems of today for Lumbee Indian children and teaches the importance of education, of minding their parents and of standing as one," said Locklear. "While the drama is performed by children, it is of interest to high school students to junior high students, and their parents," she added.

In case of rain on Friday night, tickets will be honored on Saturday. In case of rain on Saturday, money will be refunded.

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### IN THE ARMED FORCES

**Fort Hood, Texas**—Pvt. Timothy R. Spears son of Mr. and Mrs. Torrence Spears of Route 1, Lumberton, recently was assigned as a truck driver with the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. He entered the Army last March.

### NEW CHAIRPERSON OF THE KISS YOUR BABY CAMPAIGN

The private is a 1977 graduate of Magnolia High School in Lumberton. The Pembroke Lady Lions have been named "Kiss Your Baby" Campaign Chairpersons for the Pembroke area, according to George W. Little, State Campaign Chairperson, NC Chapter, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The CF Foundation supports research in children's lung-damaging diseases such as asthma with lung damage, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis, childhood emphysema and cystic fibrosis, the most serious of all.

More than 6,000,000 American children suffer from one or more of these lung-damaging diseases of which there are 150,000 in North Carolina alone. Many of these youngsters are treated at the Duke CF Center which is supported by the Foundation.

The signs of lung-damaging disease are recurrent wheezing, persistent coughing, excessive mucous, pneumonia more than once, excessive appetite but poor weight gain, and clubbing of the fingertips. In addition to the above, cystic fibrosis signs may also include salty taste of the skin, persistent bulky diarrhea and nasal polyps.

Mrs. Vincent Lowry is the CF Project Chairperson for the Lady Lions.

### HAMMONDS NAMED TO PSU BOARD

Gov. Jim Hunt today named Albert Hammonds of Lumberton to the Pembroke State University Board of Trustees. He is filling the vacant seat caused by the death of Harold B. Wynn of Lumberton. His term will expire June 30, 1981.

Hammonds has been an elementary school teacher for 35 years. He is active in church work and the Boy Scouts organization.

The Board is composed of 13 members-four appointed by the Governor, eight elected by the UNC Board of Governors, plus the student government president who serves as an ex officio member. Members serve terms of four years.

The Board is responsible for promoting the development of the institution and serves as an advisor to the Board of Governors on matters relating to the institution and to the chancellor on matters concerning the management and development of the institution.

### IN THE ARMED FORCES

Navy Seaman Apprentice Richard N. Tyner, son of Warren S. and Mary F. Tyner of Route 4, Lumberton, NC, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla.

During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in their studies were seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1978 graduate of Magnolia High School, he joined the Navy in June, 1978.

### 4-H POULTRY WILL BE SOLD AT AUCTION

The Robeson County 4-H will have a poultry auction Sept. 18 beginning around 8:30 p.m. at the Robeson County Fairground, according to Willie F. Alford, assistant Extension agent, 4-H.

There will be 30 hens up for auction. Participants may purchase as many hens as

they wish. All of these are good laying hens and are of the sex-link breed.

Everyone is invited to attend the auction and give your support to your Robeson County 4-H youth programs.

### SEPT. 8: WORLD LITERARY DAY IN PEMBROKE

September 8, 1978 has been proclaimed World Literary Day in Pembroke, N.C. The Pembroke Reading Center will host open house at the Pembroke Youth Center behind Pates Supply Co. September 8, 1978 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. to allow the citizens to observe the functions performed by the Pembroke Reading Center in the area of illiteracy. There will be tutors and students available to answer questions. Refreshments will also be served.

### S. & L. OPENS

Ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Progressive Savings and Loan Ltd., Lumberton's first stock owned S&L were held Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Progressive is Lumberton's third savings and loan. James R. Powers, former chief city executive for Southern National Bank, was recently named president of the newly chartered firm.

Stock owned saving and loan institutions are relatively new to North Carolina. They were made possible by a 1976 law.

### 14 DIE OVER LABOR DAY WEEK END

At least 14 persons died in North Carolina traffic accidents over the Labor Day holiday weekend, boosting the state's death toll for the year to 929, the State Highway Patrol reported.

That was still well below the 974 deaths recorded by this time last year. Eighteen were killed during the Labor Day weekend last year, and the North Carolina State Motor Club predicted that 16 would lost their lives this year.

The holiday weekend death count began at 6 p.m. Friday and ended at midnight Monday.

### \$550,000 PLEDGED IN TELETHON

**RALEIGH**—Five North Carolina television stations collected pledges totalling more than \$550,000 Sunday and Monday for the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

More than \$29 million was collected nationally for the 13th annual telethon. Funds raised on the telethon will be used to finance research into the causes and cures for muscular dystrophy and related diseases and support muscular dystrophy clinics.

The five state television stations and their pledges include WLOS, Asheville, \$139,174; WSOC, Charlotte, \$144,707; WXII, Winston-Salem, \$139,906; WPTF, Durham, \$71,702; and WITN, Washington \$57,547.

### PEMBROKE JAYCETTES SPONSOR FUND RAISING EFFORT

The Pembroke Jaycettes will sponsor a fund raising event this Saturday, September 9, 1978 at the First Union National Bank. Among the events are: a car wash, \$4.00 for car and \$5.00 for trucks (this includes vacuuming and cleaning the inside); a rummage sale; and a bake sale.

The proceeds from these events will be used in carrying out community projects for the coming year, conducted by the Pembroke Jaycettes.

### SHOWER PLANNED FOR MISS LUMBEE

You are cordially invited to attend a miscellaneous shower for Miss Lumbee 1978, Maxine Bullard, to be held at the Pembroke Jaycee Club House, Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. The shower is sponsored by the Pembroke Jaycettes and Lumbee Homecoming for the purpose of honoring Miss Lumbee with clothing, jewelry, etc. that will be worn during her reign as Miss Lumbee.