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BRADFORD OXENDINE DECIDES TO RUN FOR ANOTHER TERM ON LREMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Corp. Board of Directors.

Oxendine resides in the Raft Swamp area with his wife, Macie Ruth, and their five children. Oxendine's main avocation is farming although he recently resigned as a correctional officer with the North Carolina Department of Corrections because, as he put it, "the job interfered with my duties as a board member on the co-op."

Oxendine is serious about his position on the electric co-op board of directors. He has attended many seminars and training sessions since winning his seat. He said, upon announcing his reelection effort, "I believe in giving my best effort to whatever I do. I believe we ought to do what we say... that is why I do not make empty promises. I just promise, if re-elected, to do my very best and to be honest and fair with everyone I meet."

PEMBROKE-Bradford Oxendine, who led the balloting three years ago, has decided to bid for another term on the Lumbee River Electric Membership

Oxendine commends LREMC's management for their long range planning, especially the load manage-

ment program. Oxendine notes, "long range planning is the key to orderly growth."

Oxendine recently returned from Alabama where he was a representative to the Small Farmer's Conference with representatives from the department of agriculture and Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland. He was named to the conclave by the local extension service. He will attend a similar meeting later this year in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

The annual membership meeting will be held October 17 at PSU's Performing Arts Center.

Oxendine is opposed for a seat from Area 3 by James B. Hunt and LeRoy Hardin.

Billy Lowry Resignation Highlights Brief Pembroke Council Session

...in other matters

PEMBROKE-The Pembroke Town Council met in one of its briefest sessions ever Monday night. Councilman Milton Hunt was heard to say, "fellas, I believe this is a record ... eighteen minutes." But the council did add a brief executive session too to consider the resignation of Billy Lowry, Jr., Pembroke's long time water & sewer chief. Lowry had been with the town, according to his count, for eighteen and one half years. He was a fixture in town to many citizens.

Before the town hired its first Public Works Director, Lowry served as the town's chief problem solver.

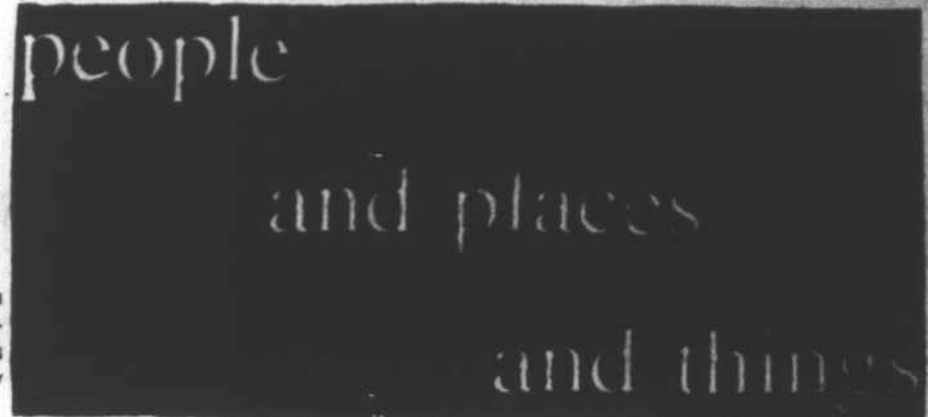
He reportedly resigned because of conflicts between he (assigned to head the town's maintenance and streets department) and Moddie Strickland, the town's new public works director. Strickland, who began his employment under the previous administration, is the nephew of Pembroke's current mayor, Mayor Reggie Strickland.

The town designated October as Clean Up Month and recommended observance of the month to the town's citizenry. The motion was made by Councilman Sam Dial.

The town also took under advisement a request from the owners of Central Auto Sales to approve a trailer for use as an office.

And approved an increase in the budget for the Pembroke Rescue Squad from a projected \$1200.00 to an estimated \$3500.00. The increase is to cover insurance and gas and upkeep on the squad's vehicles, including a modern ambulance. The rescue squad was lauded by Mayor Strickland and the council.

The town also accepted low bids for a car and truck from L.H. Ford in Fairmont, and considered policy relative to health insurance for town employees.



PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES HELD IN ROBESON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Preschool story times are being held on Tuesday and Wednesdays from September 19 to December 13 in the Robeson County Public Library in Lumberton. The programs start at 10:00 a.m. and are 30 minutes long. The program for four year olds is on Tuesday, and the program for three year olds is on Wednesday. The Maxton Branch story time for preschoolers begins Monday, October 2, at 10:00 a.m. and will continue through December 11.

SADDLETREE JAYCETTES TO SPONSOR BIKE A-THON

The Saddletree Jaycettes are sponsoring a Bike A-Thon on Saturday, October 7, 1978.

Those participating in the 16-mile ride from the Saddletree Jaycee Hut to Rennert will depart at 8:00 a.m.

Joining the riders will be N.C. Rep. Horace Locklear who serves on the North Carolina Cancer Institute Board of Trustees. Proceeds from the Bike-A-Thon will go to the Cancer Society.

Anyone wishing to make a pledge should contact any Saddletree Jaycette member.

PLATE SALE AT PEMBROKE HEAD START CENTER

There will be a chicken plate sale at Pembroke Headstart Center in the V.F.W. Building, Wednesday, October 11, 1978 from 11 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Plates will be \$2.00 each.

ASHPOLE CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HOMECOMING

Homecoming will be held at Ashpole Center U.M.C. Sunday, October 8, 1978 with morning and evening services. The public is cordially invited to attend by the church pastor, Rev. Simeon D. Cummings.

HAIR STYLING CONTEST

The Robeson County Hair Dresser Association, Affiliate 21, will sponsor a hair styling contest Monday, October 9, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn, North. The public is invited to attend. Admission is free.

UNION CHAPEL HOLINESS METHODIST CHURCH TO HOLD REVIVAL

Union Chapel Holiness Methodist Church is planning a revival October 8-13, 1978. Services begin Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. Guest ministers at the revival will be Rev. Roy Clark and Rev. Tommy Hagans. The Rev. Steve Locklear invites the public to attend.

PLEASANT GROVE U.M.C. REVIVAL

Revival will be held at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church October 22, 1978 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Guest speakers will be the Rev. S.F. Cummings and the Rev. Bob Mangum. Special music will be presented each night by Mr. and Mrs. Lankford Godwin. The public is cordially invited to attend by the pastor, Rev. Simeon D. Cummings.

'Come Back Little Sheba' Scheduled Oct. 12-14



Donna Cooper (left) plays Lola, Chuck Kinlaw portrays Doc, and Teresa Soldato plays Marie in the leads of the Pembroke State University production of "Come Back Little Sheba," scheduled Oct. 12-14 in the PSU Performing Arts Center. Cooper is from Newton, N.J., Kinlaw from Lumberton, and Soldato from Fayetteville.

Director-designer Dick Smith is now in his fourth year as a speech and drama instructor at P.S.U. Technical director is Enoch Morris, a second year Communicative Arts instructor at Pembroke.

The October production of "Come Back Little Sheba" is only one of many upcoming P.S.U. dramatic and Lyceum events. Everyone, both campus and community members, is invited to attend. Admission is \$2 for everyone except PSU students with I.D. cards who will be admitted free.

Mt. Airy Church Welcomes Rev. Mike Cummings



James H. Laddler (left), long time deacon and elder, presents Rev. Mike Cummings the keys to Mt. Airy Baptist Church.

Rev. Cummings was named pastor, effective October 1.

Mt. Airy Baptist Church is located on Highway 72, approximately 4 miles northeast of Pembroke. (Elmer Hunt Photo)

Rozell Hunt Convicted Again

Recently, Rozell Hunt was convicted for first degree murder again after being given a new trial in Anson County Superior Court where she was originally convicted. She was convicted of poisoning her common law husband, Joe Hunt.

She was given a new trial because she was "denied her constitutional rights of effective assistance of counsel."

Through her attorney Ms. Hunt has appealed the conviction and is back in Women's Correctional Center in Raleigh where she has languished for more than four years. She was originally tried in 1974.

Originally from Rowland, Ms. Hunt moved to Anson County with the deceased, Joe Hunt, some 14 years ago.

Rozell was arrested on May 16, 1974, and charged with the murder of Joe Hunt, whose death certificate stated that death was caused by Ethyl-Methyl-Parathion, an insecticide. The arrest came about when a routine examination of death certificates indi-

cated that Joe Hunt did not die in the manner in which death from Ethyl-Methyl-Parathion could occur. Joe Hunt's body was exhumed, an autopsy was performed, and it was determined that death was caused by arsenic poisoning.

DEMOCRATS PLAN RALLY OCT. 18

The Robeson County Democratic Rally will be held Wednesday, October 18, 1978, at 7:00 p.m. at the Robeson County Fairground (N.C. Highway #41-South). Dinner will consist of either bar-b-que or chicken, at a cost of \$5.00.

Speakers will be the Honorable John Ingram for U.S. Senate; and the Honorable Charlie Rose, U.S. Congressman.

All democrats are welcome.

Henry Honored As Carolinas Athlete of the Year

PEMBROKE-Garry Henry, an All-American cross country runner and track star at Pembroke State University, has been named "Male Athlete of the Year" for the Carolinas Conference for the 1977-78 academic year.

Marie Riley of High Point College, a three-sport athlete, is the conference's "Female Athlete of the Year." She was All-American in basketball, conference in tennis, and a member of the volleyball team.

Henry, a junior at Pembroke State, is already the most successful athlete ever to attend Pembroke State University. He has been awarded All-American honors six times -- twice by the NAIA in cross country, three times by NAIA in track and field, and once by the NCAA II in track and field.

Miss Lumbee Begins Year of Travel



Left to right: Emma Mahn, Miss Wilmington 1978; Lynn Williford, Miss Wilmington 1979; Maxine Ballard, Miss Lumbee. Miss Lumbee has begun what seems to be an exciting, but busy, year of travel. On August 19, she attended the Miss Fayetteville Pageant. On September 22, her birthday, she was a visiting queen at the Miss Pleasure Island Pageant during the September Festival at Carolina-Kure Beach. On September 23, she traveled to Wilmington for the Miss Wilmington Pageant.

Although Miss Lumbee will be traveling to numerous places and making many new friends in Pageantry, she says

next fall as a member of its basketball program. Following the luncheon, Miss Lumbee visited Converse with Mr. Hunter and P.S.U. Coach Lee for a tour of the facility. Maxine is accompanied, during her reign as Miss Lumbee, by her chaperone and business manager, Ms. Florence Ransom of Pembroke. Maxine is a student at Pembroke State University and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bullard of Route 2, Pembroke.

RALEIGH-It really wasn't planned that way, but when state Senator Junius K. Powell, back in 1951, signed a bill giving state money to North Carolina cities and towns for street improvements, he wrote himself into the state's transportation history.

It wasn't that the former Whiteville mayor hadn't fought for the legislation. He had. But others had fought, too -- some for more than a decade.

But Senator Powell was at the right place at the right time. His name headed the list of sponsors when the legislation was introduced. Someone called it the "Powell Bill." The name stuck.

That was 27 years ago. Today the Powell Bill is the financial backbone of local efforts in 452 North Carolina communities to build and maintain streets not included in the state system.

The original legislation called for the state to turn over one-half cent of the state's 7 1/2-cent gasoline tax to local governments for use, largely at their own discretion, for the improvement of non-state maintained urban streets.

In 1972, the bill was amended to increase the state's contribution to one cent on each gallon of gas sold.

In the first year of the Powell Bill, a total of 386 qualifying municipalities received \$4,543,096.20.

This year, the 452 qualifying communities are receiving \$33,502,142.52 from the Highway Fund. Checks were mailed to local officials September 29.

From this year's Powell Bill Funds, the largest single check went to the City of Charlotte. Charlotte's allocation of \$3,813,424.29 was based on a population figure of 306,330 and a local street

mileage figure of 1,117.76.

Of the total amount allocated as part of the Powell Bill Funds, 75 percent is proportioned among the municipalities on the basis of population and 25 percent on the basis of non-state system local street mileage. Each municipality furnishes its own certified local street mileage and the population figures are the most recent annual estimates of population as certified by the North Carolina Department of Administration.

The smallest check disbursed under the act went to the municipality of Caswell Beach in Brunswick County, which will receive a check for \$839.24. Caswell Beach will receive its share of the Powell Bill Funds based on a population figure of 70 and local street mileage of 0.21 miles.

Larger North Carolina cities scheduled to receive "Powell Bill" checks include: Greensboro, \$2,010,351.30 (population - 157,790 and local street mileage - 639.62 miles); Raleigh, \$1,803,632.29 (population - 148,730 and local street mileage - 474.92 miles); Winston-Salem, \$1,763,225.67 (population - 141,600 and local street mileage - 516.72 miles); High Point, \$840,780.49 (population - 66,090 and local street mileage - 266.15 miles); and Asheville, \$840,273.15 (population - 60,290 and local street mileage - 345.52 miles).

Locally, Pembroke received \$35,982.17 in Powell Bill monies from the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Lumberton received \$258,217.20 as its portion. Others in the money were Fairmont, \$43,694.70; Lumberton, \$2,413.21; Maxton, \$20,217.27; Donald, \$1,435.60; Port Hope, \$1,435.60; Prater, \$1,435.60; Praterville, \$1,435.60; and Union, \$1,435.60. The total amount of Powell Bill Funds is \$33,502,142.52.