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Public Hearing On Pembroke's Community Development Application Draws "Practically Nobody"

Pembroke- The public hearing to receive input from the community concerning Pembroke's Community Development application drew "practically nobody" Tuesday night other than town officials and a tandy newspaperman (the Carolina Indian Voice's Bruce Barton) who came up as the hearing had just concluded.

The only citizen who appeared was Clinton Thomas, Jr. who doubles as head of the Pembroke Housing Authority and Redevelopment Authority and Chairman of Pembroke's planning board.

Said Town Manager, McDuffie Cummings, "We have another public hearing scheduled January 10 at the town hall (meeting time 7 p.m.) and we hope we will receive better responses ... this is the public's opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions on Pembroke's needs and assessments as far as community development is concerned. Every citizen of Pembroke is invited to attend the January 10 public hearing."

The town is asking for \$1.2 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a three year comprehensive program which encompasses housing rehabilitation, streets (curbing, guttering and paving), water and sewer improvements (to include a new well), and preliminary study of Pembroke's flooding problems.

The public hearing was the first opportunity for Pembroke to make use of its new facilities for council business. Mayor Reggie Strickland and the council will sit at a raised dais facing the audience as they conduct town business. Before they sat around a table. Said Mayor Strickland, "This makes it better for the audience ... facing the audience gives us a sense of participatory democracy as we encourage citizen involvement in Pembroke's business."

'Strike At The Wind!' Names New General Manager

Pembroke- At a press conference Wednesday, officials of the Robeson Historical Drama, Inc., the sponsoring agency for "Strike at the Wind!" made it official and named William Henry (Bill) Thompson, Jr. as "Strike at the Wind!"'s third general manager.

Thompson, 35, said in response to a query as to how he would get along in a tri-racial setting, "Well, I was raised in a tri-racial setting and I have gotten along just fine where I was..."

Thompson most recently was serving as director of development at the Boys Home of North Carolina in Waccamaw. Said Thompson, "I enjoyed my work but there was no where to go except general manager of the Boys Home and the present general manager is relatively young and doing a very good job so I am ready for a new challenge."

A native of Hallsboro in Columbus County, he was raised "just up the road" from the Waccamaw-Siouan Indian community.

At the Boys Home, Thompson was in charge of the total fund raising program as well as public relations, two absolute prerequisites for a general manager of an outdoor drama like "Strike at the Wind!"

"Strike at the Wind!" is the exciting outdoor drama, now entering its fourth year, that tells the story of Henry Berry Lowry and the Lumbee Indian community and their interaction with their Black and White neighbors in Robeson County.

"I hope that Robeson County, and actually all of North Carolina, will want to become a part of 'Strike at the Wind!' by contributing not only their financial support but also their moral support. Word of mouth is the best promotion medium in the world. I hope that those people who have seen the drama will tell their friends about it."

"I'm sure the staff will put forth their best effort to let as many people as possible know about 'Strike at the Wind!' but we'll need the help of a lot of people."

Robeson To Use Vote-Count Machines In March 13 School Board Referendum

Lumberton- The Robeson County Board of Commissioners decided Tuesday that the county will use its new automatic, vote tabulating equipment for the county wide school bond referendum on March 13.

The board took the action despite objection from Charles McDowell, chairman of the county Board of Elections. McDowell had asked the board to use paper ballots for the \$16.2 million bond issue.

"After all the hullabaloo over getting our vote counting machines, I can't see why we shouldn't use them for an issue as large as this," said Herman Dial, chairman of the board of commissioners.

McDowell contended that the county would save money by using paper ballots since there is only one issue in the election. He could not make cost estimations to support his claim, however.

The vote to use the equipment came after a scheduled public hearing on the bond issue at which nobody appeared.

Turning to other matters, State Senator Sam Noble, former chairman of the board of commissioners, was asked by the board to be on lookout in the North Carolina General Assembly for any effort to redistrict Robeson County schools.

The board delayed action on a request for \$24,000 from the county Recreation Department to buy property in the St. Pauls and Littlefield areas. The property would be used for park development.

County recreation director Stacy Wells told the board that federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation funds should be available for that development if land is purchased.

The board was informed that 40 public housing units have been approved for Rowland. County Housing Director Glenn Maynor said construction would begin by July.

Maynor said applications have been made for up to 200 additional public housing units to be scattered through out the county.

Pembroke State University, Dr. Reising Chosen For Advanced Placement English Workshop



Dr. Robert W. Reising

Pembroke- PSU and Dr. Robert W. Reising, PSU Professor of English, have been chosen for North Carolina's first and only workshop in Teaching Advanced Placement English next summer.

Dr. Reising will direct and teach in the workshop and will also bring in guest lecturers and teachers.

The State Department of Public Instruction is providing 20 grants for Advanced Placement English teachers to study with Dr. Reising for three weeks from June 18 to July 6. Teachers taking part in the workshop will receive four academic credits and up to six certificate renewal credits.

PSU is one of three universities that have been chosen to host workshops in different disciplines for teachers of the gifted and talented. An advanced placement workshop in chemistry will be held at Duke University, and another in biology will take place at N.C. State University.

Tentative advanced placement work

Committee Gives Itself Out of Business

Pembroke- The Pembroke Bicentennial Committee met for its final time earlier this week to officially close out its operations.

The committee, formed as part of America's 200th birthday celebration in 1976, decided to give approximately \$1,300.00 left in its treasury to the following organizations: The Pembroke Rescue Squad, the Pembroke Senior High Bonnets, Piney Grove Elementary School, IHA's Emergency Aid Fund

shops are also proposed in American History at UNC-Charlotte and in Science and Mathematics at East Carolina University.

Dr. Reising says he is excited about the opportunity of working with 20 of the finest high school English teachers in the state. He will be helping to prepare them for the teaching of literature, composition and grammar to advanced students.

The State Department of Public Instruction approached Dr. Reising last spring about heading this workshop, knowing of his national renown in the English education field. He was contacted by Dr. Denny Wolfe, director of the division of languages, and by Cornelia Tongue, director of the division of exceptional children.

"I feel extremely lucky to be chosen," said Dr. Reising, who has been a member of the PSU faculty since 1971 and a professor who had an opportunity to teach in the Governor's School. A native of New Haven, Conn., he has a B.A. from Michigan State University, an M.A. from the University of Connecticut and an Ed.D. from Duke University.

The State Department of Public Instruction is writing every secondary school in the state this month, informing them of the workshop. Dr. Reising, as director, will make the final selection of the 20 workshop participants.

Those who wish to write to him for application forms and additional information should address their letters to: Dr. Robert W. Reising, P.O. Box 121, Pembroke State University, Pembroke, NC 28372.

Two of the criteria for applicants include: (1) should teach advanced placement English or be moving into it next year; and (2) should have a Class "A" teaching certificate in English.

and the PSU Braves Club.

The committee made up of Mayor Reggie Strickland; Jim Paul, president of Pembroke's Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Katie Sampson; and Pembroke banker, Jimmy Hedgepeth had publicly asked via a communiqué in The Carolina Indian Voice for recommendations on how best to spend the unexpended monies. Their monetary gifts were in response to requests made to them.

PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS... C E S

EIGHT PERSONS ARRAIGNED FOLLOWING DRUG RAIDS

Lumberton- Eight persons appeared in court here Friday charged with drug offenses in connection with three raids Dec. 22 by law enforcement agencies.

Robeson County sheriff's detective Garth Locklear identified the suspects as William Benton Hunt, 22, of Pembroke; his wife, Toni Marie Hunt, 17, of Pembroke; Kelly Ray Chavis, 22, of Lumberton; Rosalind E. Hunt, 19, of Lumberton; Gary Locklear, 23, of Pembroke; Anthony Dial, 22, of Pembroke; Ricky Oxendine, 22, of Pembroke; and Norman Malcolm Barton, 31, of Pembroke.

The detective said the eight suspects and an unidentified juvenile were charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell. Barton is free under \$1000 bond while the others are free under \$500 bond. They must appear for preliminary hearings Jan. 17-19, he said.

The officers described how three teens made up of Pembroke police,

Robeson County sheriff's detectives and State Bureau of Investigation agent Lee Sampson simultaneously raided the Hunt home, the Barton residence and the Chavis residence.

At the Hunt home within the Pembroke city limits police allegedly seized five pounds of marijuana and arrested the Hunts, Locklear said.

In Barton's house trailer in Pates, a mile west of Pembroke, officers allegedly seized 10 packets of marijuana, eight guns of various types, a coin collection, several stereos and television sets, and more than \$12,600 cash, the detective said.

Arrested there were Barton, Locklear, Dial, Oxendine and the juvenile, he said.

The third raid took place at the Chavis mobile home about half way between Lumberton and Pembroke. Chavis and Miss Hunt were arrested there and officers allegedly seized seven pounds of marijuana, a rifle, shotgun, and pistol, Locklear said.

your child's test results.

TO PARENTS OF ELEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS AT PEMBROKE SENIOR HIGH

The Guidance Counselors at Pembroke Senior High School will be in their office from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. January 2-5, 1979 in order to give you the test results from your child's Competency Test and an interpretation of their test scores. Please come by the office during this specified time, if possible, to get

UPWARD BOUND PARENTS NIGHT

The Upward bound Project at Pembroke State University will host a get acquainted session Monday night, January 8, for parents and guardians of Upward Bound students. The meeting will take place in Room 211 of the Library Building at 7:30 p.m.

50 Years of Wedded Bliss



Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Brayboy [An Elmer Hunt photo]

Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Brayboy recently celebrated fifty years of wedded bliss. They were married at the Marriage Chapel in Dillon, S.C. December 16, 1928 and they were feted on their Golden Anniversary by their fourteen children on December 16, 1978.

Their very special occasion was held at the Pentecostal Church of Christ near their home on Route 1, Rowland, NC.

Thirteen of the couple's fourteen children and their families attended and present gifts and plaques to their parents. One son, Tommy, and his family, stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas were unable to attend.

The following children and their families were present: Mr. and Mrs. Gribby (Queen Ester) Locklear; Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt (Maggie Do-cia) Looklear; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brayboy; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brayboy; Ms. Dorothy Brayboy; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie (Doris) Daignault; Mr. and Mrs. Julius (Shirley) Oxendine; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brayboy; Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Joyce) Haywood; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Brayboy; Mr. Donald Brayboy; Mr. Charles Lee Brayboy; Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Jeannette) Blount.

The couple also are the proud grandparents of 44 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Marcus and Elizabeth Dial Kinfolk Gather

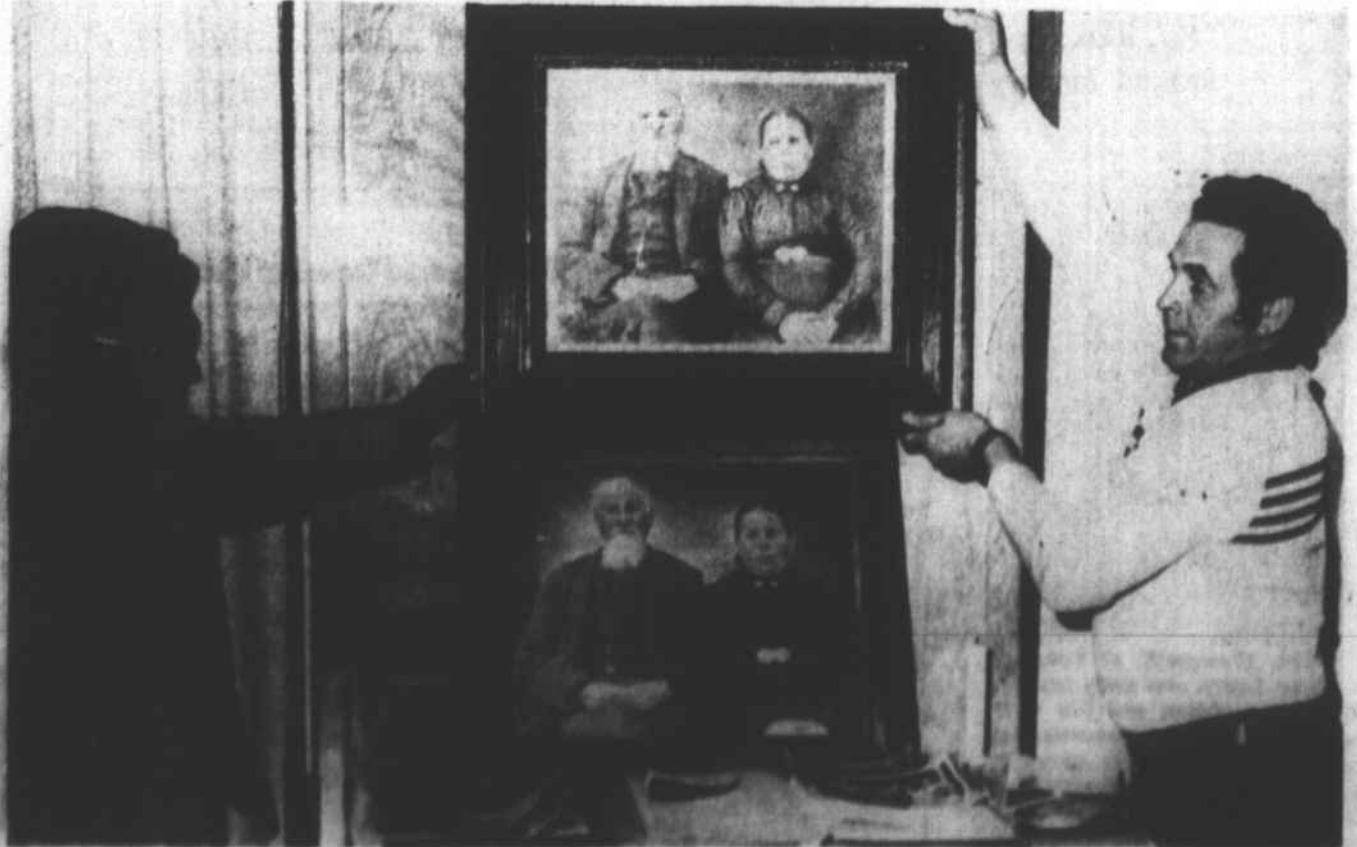
Prospect- Approximately 150 descendants of Marcus and Elizabeth Dial

gathered at Prospect United Methodist Church for their first five year reunion

last Saturday evening. The clan gathers every five years.



Here, many of them pose for the photographer in front of Prospect's United Methodist Church, more affectionately known as "Old Prospect."



Bernie Locklear, left and McKinley Jones, both descendants of the late Marcus and Elizabeth Dial held up

photographs of the esteemed "roots" of "just about all the Dials in Robeson and adjoining counties," according to PSU

History Professor, Adolph Dial, a descendant himself. (Elmer Hunt photos)