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STATE OVERSEER REMOVES LOCAL CHURCH OF GOD PASTORS

by Bruce Barton

"to Whom It May Concern:

The correspondence had none of the usual Christian salutations like "dearly beloved" or even "brethren." This one was bone bare and seemingly more becoming if written by the president of Chrysler Corporation or at least Xerox Corporation to an underling who had abridged company policy.

It got right to the point: "To whom it may concern." And did not deign to invoke the name of the Lord even once.

The memorandum written to the dismissed pastors, read simply:

"The Church of God Assembly Minutes provide authority to the State Overseer that where a church has fallen out of harmony with the Church of God that they may not retain possession of the church property. The General Assembly Minutes further provide that the State Overseer may appoint church officers and trustees when necessary; therefore, due to the rebellion of the pastors of Fayetteville- Eastside, Lumberton-Riverside, and Pembroke, I have removed these pastors from office and am vacating the local church offices and I am declaring the office of local

trustees vacant in all three churches; and taking possession of the property are the State Trustees: H.T. Durden, L.I. Hare, S.D. Martin, Henry Liles, Cordell Ellis.

"This done according to the General Assembly Minutes on February 2, 1979.

"Refusal to comply with these directions is further rebellion and considered to be totally out of harmony with the Church of God.

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Bass Masters Invite New Members

The Robeson County Bassmasters invite all interested fisherman to its first meeting February 11, 1979 at 3:00 at the residence of Kent Brewer at the intersection of Highways 710 & 74 near Harper's Ferry.

This fishing club was started in 1975 to bring together the most avid fisherman in the area...to improve our skills as fisherman through the exchange of expert bass catching techniques and ideas.

We invite you to come and enjoy with us this most exciting and healthy pastime, young and old alike. We've had members from 16 to 66.

We fish 10 regular local tournaments a year and have other activities as well. It is a lot of fun. See you then.

MORE PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING RECEIVED

INDIANAPOLIS (UMC)--Applications are being received here from persons interested in serving as marshals and pages at the 1980 United Methodist General Conference here.

The Rev. Gene P. Crawford said 135 such individuals will be needed, to serve at their own expenses. Applications will be accepted from throughout the church, both men and women, lay and clergy, and preference will be given to those who can serve throughout the conference which will open at 1:30 p.m. April 15 and adjourn at 10 p.m. April 25, 1980.

Deadline for applications for marshals and pages is Dec. 15, 1979. Persons interested in applying, or in receiving additional information, should write Dr. Crawford at 7995 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46219.

BLAKE NAMED STATE PRESIDENT OF N.C. COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

RALEIGH--Dr. Larry J. Blake, a 48-year-old president of a Canadian community college, was named state president of the North Carolina Community College System by the State Board of Education on Thursday (February 1).

Blake succeeds Dr. Ben E. Fountain who resigned last year to accept the presidency of Isothermal Community College at Spindale.

A native of Montana, Dr. Blake is president of Fraser Valley College in British Columbia. He has also served as president of Flathead Valley Community College in Montana. Prior to that he was dean of the college parallel curriculum at Seattle Community College and chairman of the Division of Applied Sciences at Highline College, also in Seattle.

The recently elected state president holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the University of Washington, Seattle and he received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Arizona.

Former Governor Bob Scott showed some interest in the job and many of his friends and supporters campaigned heavily for him up to the very last minute. The interest by Scott precipitated a senate resolution asking that North Carolina residents be given first consideration.

Earl Hughes Oxendine, a member of the board, a native of Robeson County, and now principal of nearby Hoke County High School in Raeford voted for Blake. He called the furor about "Scott vs Blake" one of the "most pressure packed campaigns--mostly by Scott Supporters--since David Burton replaced Dallas Herring as chairman of the board of education."

MORE THAN 1500 ATTEND RALLY

PEMBROKE--An estimated crowd of some 1500 state officials, local ministers and citizens gathered at a Rally Saturday night in the Pembroke Junior High gym. The Rally was held in an effort to bring an end to seemingly over abusive methods by members of the state highway patrol when arresting Indians of Robeson County.

A. Bruce Jones, executive director of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, and Lonnie Revels, vice-chairman of the Board of Directors, addressed the

enthusiastic crowd and urged them to employ non-violent methods to alleviate the problems. Also addressing the crowd was Rev. James H. Woods, Chairman of L.R.D.A.'s Board of Directors. Rev. Bob Mangum delivered the invocation. The Rally was also staged to offer support to Tony Blue, the latest Indian involved in an incident in which seemingly undue force was used by highway patrolmen.

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Pembroke Council Forestalls Annexation Plan

ADOPTS CHARTER, ORDINANCES & POLICE MANUEL

Pembroke-- Despite an impassioned speech from pro annexation minded Councilman Sam Dial, the town council Monday night at their regular monthly session, forestalled any annexation plans.

for the next 100 years and think about it, or are we going to start somewhere?

But Councilman Milton Hunt noted, "I say we need to crawl before we walk." Hunt proposed, instead of Dial's

Said Dial, "Are we going to sit here

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Miss Pembroke Junior High Pageant Held

Having competed with nine other contestants for the title, Miss Betty McCallum was crowned Miss Pembroke Junior High, 1978-1979, by outgoing queen, Charmaine Locklear, in the P.S.U. Performing Arts Center on February 2, 1979. Betty is in the ninth grade and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lee Atkins of Pembroke.

First runner-up was Ms. Ruth Ransom, a ninth grader and the daughter of Mr. and Ms. Durham Ransom of Lumberton; second runner-up was Ms. Vicky Sampson, a ninth grader and the daughter of Mr. & Ms. Harvey Sampson of Lumberton. Theme for the evening was "Where is Your Heart?" Emcees were Mr. Danny

Bullock and Ms. Carrie M. Jones, both members of the junior high faculty. Special entertainment was provided by Ms. Karla Charles, a ninth grader and the daughter of Ms. Nancy Ragsdale of Route 1, Pembroke; Mr. Billy Thompson,

General Manager for the outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind!"; Miss Maxine Bullard, Miss Lumbee; Mr. Willie Lowry, popular local entertainer; and Little Miss Lumbee, Shannon Nicole Dunn.

BRUCE BARTON PHOTOS



Shown above, left to right, Miss Pembroke Junior High, Betty McCallum; 1st runner-up, Ruth Ransom; 2nd runner-up, Vicky Sampson; Emcees Danny Bullock and Ms. Carrie M. Jones.

Charmaine Locklear, left, outgoing queen, passes with Miss Betty McCallum, the newly-crowned Miss Pembroke Junior High School.

Pembroke Town Council Meeting Changed

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Pembroke Town Council has been changed from March 5, 1979 to March 13, 1979 at 7 p.m.

Baby N. Smith Town Clerk
Town of Pembroke

PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS... CECES

TOTAL CALLS AND TIME SPENT BY THE PEMBROKE RESQUE SQUAD FOR 1978

Total house calls	199
Number transported	174
None transported	25
Wrecks	59
Number P.I.s transported	43
Trips out of county	10
From S.E.G.	7
Business trips	32 hours
Total man hours	1160
Total miles traveled	9986

PEMBROKE JAYCEES HOST VALENTINE DANCE

The Pembroke Jaycees will host a Valentine Dance February 10, 1979 at 8:00 p.m. at the Jaycee Clubhouse in Pembroke. There will be dining, dancing and disco. Price is \$10 per couple. The event is a benefit for Kelvin Lowry.

V.F.W. NEWS

Locklear-Lowry Memorial Post 2843 of Pembroke, N.C. will hold their regular monthly meeting Monday night, February 12, 1979 at the Post Home. All members and the Ladies Auxiliary are asked to attend. Supper will be prepared and served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Post.

Monore Lowry is Commander. Daisey Demery is Auxiliary President.

MINISTERS' PRAYER BREAKFAST

There will be a Prayer Breakfast at the Green Pine Free Will Baptist Church February 11, 1979 at 7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All Free Will Baptist ministers are invited to attend.

Pastor of Green Pine Free Will Baptist Church is the Rev. Bobby Dean Locklear.

UNION CHAPEL 4-H CHIEFS MEET

The Union Chapel 4-H Chiefs met Saturday, January 20, 1979 at 12:00 sharp. The meeting was held at Union Chapel Community Fellowship Hall. At the meeting, the following new officers were elected: President, Melvin Kennedy; Vice-President, Victoria Oxendine; Secretary, Wendy Kay Locklear; Treasurer, Denise Woodell; Reporter, Robin Locklear. Other various committees were elected also.

Mr. Eddie Locklear from the 4-H Extension Office in Lumberton came and had some very interesting discussions concerning the 4-H.

This reporter encourages all 4-H members to strive to make the best better, to reach for the highest goals possible in 4-H.

Head leaders for the club are as follows: Rhoda Locklear, Joyce Jacobs, Linda Laker; Junior leader is Melvin Kennedy.

Club Reporter
ROBIN LOCKLEAR

PTA MEETING AT PINEY GROVE ELEMENTARY

Piney Grove Elementary School will hold its 3rd PTA meeting Tuesday, February 13, 1979 at the school gym.

The program will include installation of new Beta Club members, Mr. Woody Sampson and a musical program presented by Mrs. Patrice Locklear and a choral group from Piney Grove.

Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served.

P.F.C. BRYANT RECEIVES AWARDS

PFC Bryant was promoted to Specialist 4th Class February 2, 1979. He

also received a Distinguished Trooper Award badge for his outstanding layout of his field equipment for last year's I.G. Annual Inspection. His hard work while in Alaska for 4 weeks contributed to this award also. He also received a letter of a Commendation for his constant hard work as a soldier from a captain. He plans to drive on and hopefully enjoy the Army enough to enlist. Bryant, who lives with his aunt, Mrs. Mable B. Sanderson, graduated from Prospect High School June 9, 1977 and joined the Army June 14, 1977.

REV. PURNELL SWETT VISITS MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church was honored to have the Rev. Purnell Swett as his visitor for Sunday morning worship. Rev. Swett is the Moderator for the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association. Bro. Joseph Locklear of Mt. Airy Baptist Church was also a visitor for worship service. The Rev. Ted Brooks delivered the message from the Book of Leviticus 13th chapter, warning the young people of his church to beware of Leprosy and its effect. The Bible refers to Leprosy as a sin and to know it as a spreading disease.

Submitted by Rev. Ted Brooks.

PEMBROKE KIWANIS CLUB & P.S.H.S. KEY CLUB SPONSORS BLOODMOBILE & BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

The Pembroke Kiwanis and Pembroke Senior High School Key Club sponsored a Bloodmobile and blood pressure clinic Thursday, February 1, 1979. The clinic was held in the school gymnasium and was attended by Pembroke Senior High students, Faculty and Staff as well as members from the community.

Piedmont Carolinas Red Cross Blood Center had set a goal of 70 units of blood and was pleased when this goal was met and surpassed. A total of 80 units of blood was collected.

Also featured during the clinic were free evaluations of blood pressure and temperature as well as blood typing.

Refreshments were supplied for all those who gave blood.

SOUTHEASTERN FARM AND HOME TRADE SHOW

LUMBERTON--Variety will be the byword at the Tenth Annual Southeastern Farm and Home Trade Show to be held at the Cooperative Warehouse in Lumberton on February 21 and 22. Uncle Ugly and Slim Mims and his country music band will entertain the young and the old on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The beauty queens and little miss queens will make delightful viewing on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Old-fashioned square dancing will be seen each night at 8:00 p.m. and the antique booth will add a touch of yesteryear.

Featuring the new will be displays of the newest in transportation, tractors, on-farm generators, and other farm machinery of many kinds. Livestock farmers will see the newest in supplies and equipment. Special educational booths will be presented by North Carolina State University and other educational groups. The newest in energy-conserving wood-burning heaters for the energy-conscious homeowners will be shown.

Admission to the Southeastern Farm and Home Trade Show is free to the public. It opens at 11:00 a.m. and closes at 9:00 p.m. each day.

For further information contact Robeson County Agricultural Extension Office, P.O. Box 92, Lumberton, North Carolina 27802.