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HONOR STUDENTS NAMED AS GRADUATION NEARS

Pembroke Senior High School Graduation Exercises will be held June 8, 1979 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pembroke Senior High Football Stadium. Invocation and benediction will be rendered by Rev. Steve Jones, pastor of Harper's Ferry Baptist Church. Music for the exercises will be presented by the Pembroke Senior High Chorus, Miss Dehaeva Drake, Director. The selections will be "I'll Always Remember" and "It's Time For Moving On."

dent of Pembroke Jaycees; Mrs. Lillian Locklear, member of the Robeson County Board of Education; Dr. Georgia B. Adams; Dr. V.R. Thompson, Principal; Mr. Fred D. Lowry, Assist. Principal; and Mr. Clarence F. Locklear, Guidance Counselor.

trophy for Advanced Placement History. She was honored as the Most Valuable Player in girls' tennis in 1978.

Pat plans to attend Pembroke State University in the fall where she has received an academic and athletic scholarship. She plans to major in Biology.

Her awards include the Physical Science Award, Algebra Award, Geometry Award, Biology Award, Chemistry Award, Math Award, English Award, Typing I Award, Achievement Award, American History Award and she was selected to attend the Governor's School.

After graduation she plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and to major in Psychology.

torian for the 1979 graduating class of Magnolia School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Tom Blanks. She has been active in the Beta Club and the Student Council. She is a past class officer and was active in the Spanish Club, CECNC, the yearbook staff, and attended Girl's State. She is a member of Who's Who Among High School Students. And she served as basketball statistician. She plans to attend Pembroke State University this fall.

Presentation of Diplomas will be by Mr. James Cleo Maynor, Chairman of the Advisory Council. Presentation of Special Awards will be made by Mrs. Pattie L. Brayboy, Guidance Counselor; Mr. Reggie Strickland, Mayor of Pembroke; Mr. Larry Roberts, Presi-



VALEDICTORIAN
Valedictorian for the school year 1978-79 will be Velinda Locklear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Locklear.



HISTORIAN
Historian for the year 1978-79 is Belinda Brewington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brewington.



SALUTATORIAN
Christopher Eugene Roberts has been named Salutatorian of the 1979 graduating class of Fairgrove High School. Christopher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eugene Roberts.



SALUTATORIAN
Salutatorian is Mindy Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hunt. She has been active in the Spanish Club and HOSA. She was listed in Who's Who in American High School Students. She was a marshal in her junior year. She was recipient of the History and English Award. She also received the Scholastic Achievement Award and the Shorthand I Award. Her plans are to enter East Carolina University this fall.

Commissioners Approve Merger

LUMBERTON-As press time neared the Robeson County Board of Commissioners met last night prior to a budget session and approved the merger of the Robeson County Schools and the Maxton City Schools, but recommended that the board of education revamp its consolidation plans for the Pembroke, Maxton and Prospect High Schools.

The commissioners also recommended that the county schools reverse itself and give Parkton permission to merge with the St. Pauls System.

Although Bill Herndon, the St. Pauls Commissioner, had bitterly opposed merger Monday night he reversed himself and voted for the merger with the added proviso that the board recommend to the County School System that the proposed Parkton-St. Pauls merger be allowed to take place.

Lumbee Leaders Plan Legal Fight on Chancellor Selection

Lumbee Indian leaders are taking steps to try to block the appointment of Dr. Paul R. Givens to the chancellorship of Pembroke State University.

The leaders, including some members of the Pembroke State University Board of Trustees and officials of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, have consulted the civil rights law firm of Chambers, Stein, Ferguson and Becton in Charlotte about the possibility of seeking an injunction which would prevent Givens from taking his post.

Givens is white. The Lumbee community is angered that UNC President William Friday selected Givens for the job over Dr. Joseph B. Oxendine, a Lumbee considered by the Indian leaders to be eminently qualified to head the Lumbee-oriented university.

The unofficial committee of Lumbee leaders decided last week to discuss the possibility of a court injunction. They also are considering the possibility of challenging the constitutionality of the makeup of the UNC Board of Governors, the body which approved Friday's selection of Givens. The group also is seeking an appointment with Joseph Califano, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.



SALUTATORIAN
Salutatorian for the 1978-79 school year is Jayne Patrice Maynor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Maynor. She was a member of the Young Christian Association and a Marshal in her sophomore and junior years. She served on the Annual Staff and was Student Council Secretary. She received the Medal for History and Biology and a

Belinda's activities include: secretary of the Beta Club for two years; member of the Beta Club for five years; member of the Keyette Club; and Senior Class President. She served as treasurer of the Spanish Club for two years and was a member of the Girls' Tennis Club.

Belinda plans to attend UNC at Chapel Hill and major in pharmacy. Graduation exercises will be held at Fairgrove High School on Friday, June 8 at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Speakers for the occasion include the Valedictorian, Jacqueline Hunt; the Salutatorian, Christopher Eugene Roberts, and the two Historians, Gwendolyn Rose Buie and Josephine Oxendine. Speakers will be introduced by Mr. Ardeen Hunt, acting assistant principal.

Invocation and benediction will be given by Mr. John A. Smith. Music for the exercises will include "Pomp and Circumstance" by Elgar and the theme song from "The Young and Restless" by the Senior Class.

Mr. Ralph Hunt, Chairman of the Robeson County Board of Education, will present special awards.



VALEDICTORIAN
Jacqueline Hunt has been named Valedictorian of the 1979 graduating class of Fairgrove High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hunt.

During her high school years she has participated in the Beta Club, Spanish Club, and served as co-captain of the cheerleaders. Other honors include vice-president of the freshman class, president of the sophomore class, and she served as chief marshal at comm-

During his high school years he has participated in the Beta Club, Monogram Club, Spanish Club, Basketball, Football, Track, and Bus Driver. Other honors include Freshman Class President, Sophomore Vice-President and served as Assistant Chief Marshal at Commencement Exercises. Also, he was a member of the Society of Distinguished American High School Students. His awards include Math Award, Geometry Award, Citizenship Award, Chemistry Award, History Award, Social Studies Award, Algebra Award, Essay Contest Award, Governor's School Award, Track Award, Football Award, and Geography Award.

After graduation he plans to attend the United States Coast Guard Academy with a major in Electrical Engineering.

Graduation exercises for Magnolia High School will be held June 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Guest speaker will be Purnell Swett, Superintendent of Robeson County Schools. Swett's former experience includes: Acting Deputy Commissioner, Office of Indian Education, U.S. Office of Education; former assistant superintendent of Robeson County Schools; former principal of Rex-Rennett School; and former teacher.

Swett has a B.S. degree from Pembroke State University, an M.A. Ed., from Western Carolina University. He has done additional graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and at V.P.I. He is well known and active in the Robeson County community.



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Tomalita V. Blanks is the Valedic-



VALEDICTORIAN
Connie Locklear, Valedictorian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill R. Locklear. Her school activities include: Spanish Club (9-10); FHA Club (9); Historical Drama Club (10); FBLA Club (10); Band Club (10) Beta Club (11-12); Honors and Awards: Home Ec Award in the 9th grade; Geometry Award in the 10th grade; Biology Award in the 10th grade; Algebra II Award in the 11th grade; Chemistry Award in the 11th grade; English III Award in the 11th grade; Voice of Democracy Award in the 10th grade.

PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS... C E S

Merger Assailed by Herndon, Pembroke Town Officials, etc.

The merger between Maxton City Schools and the Robeson County Schools was officially approved Wednesday night with the recommendation that consolidation plans be revamped.

At Monday night's meeting Herndon had spoken out bitterly against the plan and made a motion that the merger plan be denied. His motion was seconded by Lumberton Commissioner Sammy Cox. Bill Lumberton's other commissioner, H.T. Taylor made a substitute motion to table the matter until last night's (Wednesday) budget session. That motion carried with Herndon and Cox opposed.

A number of Pembroke notables appeared in opposition to the measure Monday night, including Pembroke Councilmen Bob Brewington and Milton Hunt. Also appearing against the measure were Town Manager McDuffie Cummings and Clinton Thomas, Jr. who heads Pembroke's Housing Authority and ReDevelopment Commission.

The Pembroke delegation seemed to be opposed to the measure because of the proposed size of the new school (to incorporate Maxton, Pembroke and Prospect High Schools). School administrators say the new school could house as many as 1800 students. They

In her sophomore year she was selected to the Society of Distinguished American High School Students, as well as her junior and senior years. In the junior and senior years she was listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Connie was a Senior Superlative. She was voted Most Studious. She plans to participate in the Headlands Indian Health Career Program at Mackinaw City, Michigan this summer.



SALUTATORIAN
Teresa Worlax is the Salutatorian for the 1979 graduating class of Prospect High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Worlax. Her school activities include: FBLA Club (9-10); a member of the Prospect Swinging Squares (9-11); Spanish Club (9-10); a marshal in the 9th grade; a member of the Band Club (9-12); Historical Drama Club (10-11); in her senior year she was selected to the Society of Distinguished American High School Students. Her awards include: English I Award (10); Geometry Award (10); English Award. She plans to participate in the Headlands Indian Health Career Program at Mackinaw City, Michigan this summer.

contend a school of 1800 students would be unmanageable.

They also are not pleased that Pembroke would lose its high school which was completed in 1969. Too, they expressed displeasure with the proposed plan to elect a school board by district. The merger ends the Maxton City Schools System effective July 1 and gives the green light to the construction of a new high school somewhere east of Pembroke.

The merger plan was assailed by the Pembroke opponents, Herndon, and others, on the grounds that the plan could not stand public scrutiny. Thomas, and others, questioned County School Superintendent Purnell Swett for moving so quickly on the matter. Clinton Thomas asked the question at Monday night's meeting, "Do the two boards (Maxton and County) fear a timely public scrutiny of the plan by the public?"

Thomas and others relied heavily on a study supposedly conducted by an independent committee authorized by the state department of instruction and under the auspices of the division of school planning. The committee recommended two possible plans.

Plan A recommended the housing of all students from the Maxton, Pembroke and Prospect attendance area in two facilities. The plan called for the construction of a new high school and the enlargement of the present Pembroke Senior High School with both schools to house somewhere around 950 students. The plan would call for establishing new attendance zones for each school.

The other plan would call for a new high school with approximately 1300 students in grades 10-12 from the 3 school areas with Pembroke High re-organized to house some 1100 students grades 8-9.

Some existing school buildings and facilities at the three schools would have been rearranged and re-organized to provide middle and elementary schools.

Supt. Purnell Swett called the talk of an unmanageable school "scare tactics" and told the commissioners "My own son graduated from a school with some 3,000 students and he did o.k. We did not have any problems."

Swett also said that the study in question was a preliminary one and had not been approved by the state department of public instruction.

Plans Lumbee Homecoming Sales Promotion

The Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture announced plans today for a major sales promotion leading up to Lumbee Homecoming in July. The promotion will con-