

School Merger Gets Final OK

RALEIGH —The State Board of Education June 7th approved the merger of the Robeson County and Maxton City school systems.

The merger is effective July 1, and previously had been approved by Robeson County officials. The state board's approval was the final one necessary.

It will take about three years for the Robeson County system to fully absorb the approximately 1,500 students in the Maxton system, according to Purnell Swett, Robeson County school superintendent.

"Your merger proposal is the clearest, cleanest and most responsible I've ever seen," said Craig Phillips, state superintendent of public instruction.

Beginning next year, the Maxton Board of Education will become an advisory unit to the Robeson County Board of Education, Swett said.

By 1982, Maxton High School would be consolidated with the proposed new high school that would serve Prospect, Pembroke and Maxton.

However, most of the city unit's elementary schools would remain as they are under the merger plan.

The merger will leave five separate school systems in Robeson County, and 143 in the state.

Prospect Cats Fall In State Playoffs

The Prospect Cats came close but had to settle for second again this year in the 1-A State baseball playoffs.

The Cats fell to Jamesville in the best two out of three series last Friday losing 15-3 after losing the first game of the championship series 1-3 Thursday.

Coach James Howard Locklear decided against pitching ace Eric Collins who lost the squeaker Thursday 1-3 for his first loss of the season on Friday saying "Eric has a fine baseball career ahead of him in college ...it would have been too much of a risk to take." Bentley Locklear started the game for the Cats giving up ten runs in the first two innings; he was relieved by Daryl Locklear.

JAYCEE OF THE MONTH



Mr. Billy Ray Oxendine was the recipient of the Pembroke Jaycee of the Month Award for the month of May. A very active, dedicated Jaycee member, Mr. Oxendine has worked earnestly in numerous Jaycee endeavors. Billy Ray is 22 years of age and an employee of Southeastern

General Hospital in Lumberton. He graduated from Pembroke Senior High School in 1976.

The Pembroke Jaycees are proud of Billy Ray and his contributions to the club and the community.

1980 Title I Proposal Announced



Assistant Superintendent Albert C. Hunt, ESBA, Title I Director for the Robeson County School System, is shown discussing the 1980 Title I proposal with Mrs. Yvonne Locklear, Pembroke, chairperson of the Title I Parent Advisory Council at a meeting of that committee held June 5 at the Educational Resources Classroom. Attending members were

given a copy of the proposal which has been submitted to the State Title I Office for approval. The meeting, opened by Mrs. Locklear, included a review of the current year's project, some evaluation data which need objectives met in reading and mathematics for FY 1979, and discussion of the need to involve and interest more parents in the Title I activities.

Deep Branch Spring Festival



Deep Branch presented its annual Spring Festival June 1. The theme of the program was "Peter Pan Goes to Never, Never Land." The scenery was a pirate ship surrounded by a tropical island.

The following students were court attendants: Kindergarten-Rebecca L. Holden and James T. Hunt; first grade-Rebecca Sampson and Jamie

Chavis; second grade-Carol McArthur and Vernon Blue; third grade-Lisa Lowry and David Oxendine; fourth grade-Serena Sampson and Christopher Chavis; fifth grade-Renee Chavis and Glenn Patterson; sixth grade-Roger Hunt and Beverly Blue; seventh grade-Roger Locklear and Penny Campbell.

The following queens and

escorts were honored: Little Miss Deep Branch, Karen Scott with escort Jerry Jones; Miss Junior Deep Branch, Sabrina Burns with escort Kevin Burns; Deep Branch Carnival King and Queen, Donnie Wilkins and Schnell Oxendine.

Each classroom performed a beautiful dance for the

Burnt Swamp Association Youth Attend Ridgecrest Recreation Week



Twenty-two young adults from the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association attended

Recreation Week at Ridgecrest, June 2-8, 1979. The purpose of the conference was to provide local church leadership with adequate training and familiarization in new techniques and resources for developing a dynamic youth recreation program.

Of the approximately 1,500 in attendance, the Burnt Swamp Group received what many considered the highest award. Having competed in several sports activities during the week and winning over-all second and third places, the Burnt Swamp Group was presented on the last evening a trophy with the distinction of being "Best Christian Attitude and Sportsmanship." In addition, two young ladies, Ronda Quick and Lillie Owens from Shady Grove Baptist Church, won the hearts of the audience in the talent show competition.

Leaders of the group were Miss Helen Jacobs of Reedy Branch Baptist Church and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Locklear of Mt. Airy. Other churches participating were: Island Grove, Harpers Ferry, Piney Grove, St. James, Tabernacle Baptist, New Prospect Methodist, Sandhills Community, Bear Swamp, and Pleasant View.

This associational activity

Union Chapel Jaycees Sponsor Car Wash



Get'em clean guss, were the words you could hear Saturday as the Union Chapel Jaycees washed cars.

Ridgecrest Baptist Conference

at the Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center June 2-8.

The Burnt Swamp Youth Group won top honors for "Best Christian Attitude and Sportsmanship" during Recreation Week at the Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center June 2-8.

afforded the first use of the new Burnt Swamp Baptist Associational Van. The vehicle is a 1979 Ford Super Van and

was purchased recently following an energetic 12 month fund raising campaign among the 49 associational churches.

and the needy. The Union Chapel Jaycees have only been organized for a short period of time. The club fills that they can and will be a big help to their community during the year and years to come.

President of the Union Chapel Jaycees Ronald Oxendine, said that their main goals this year was to serve their community in ever way possible, be the number one charter in their district, and number one charter in the state. He would also like to extend an invitation to any young man between the ages of 18 - 36 to become a member of their Jaycee Club. To help them improve their self and their community.

Chairman of the car wash project, was James F. Locklear and the club would like to extend their thanks to the community for their support in the car wash.

Celebrates 35th Birthday



Back Row: left to right: Deniece Woodell, Janet Locklear, Vickie Deniece Oxendine Second Row: Penny Jacobs, Wendy Locklear, First Row: left to right: Linda Baker, Mrs.

Mrs. Carolyn Locklear of the Union Chapel Community was honored on her 35th birthday with a surprise birthday supper Monday May 28, 1979. The supper was given by her Sunday School Class, which is the Union Chapel Immediate Girls. Those guests attending the supper were Mrs. Angeline Woodell, her sister Mrs. Phoda Locklear, her son Pat-

rick, Joy Oxendine, Phillip Bullard and her Sunday School class: Denise Woodell, Janet Locklear, Vickie Deniece Oxendine, Penny Jacobs, Wendy Locklear, Karen Jacobs, Joann Jacobs, Tracy Sue Oxendine, Linda Baker, and Gertrude Oxendine. After supper they traveled to a ballgame at the ball park in Pembroke.

Gary Spitzer Speaks To Pembroke Kiwanis



Left to right: Gibson Gray Presiding Vice President, Gary Spitzer, Sports Infor. Dir.

P.S.U. Speaker Ken Johnson Program Chairman. Photo Jim Paul

Pembroke Kiwanis Club welcomed Gary Spitzer, P.S.U. Sports Information Director, guest speaker at their Tuesday evening meeting. Ken Johnson, Program Chairman for the meeting, introduced Mr. Spitzer, whose home is Sanford N.C. and who attended Elon College during the time Red Wilson was Football Coach. During his undergraduate days at Elon, Gary was instrumental in starting a student newspaper on campus. After receiving his degree from Elon, he came to our campus as Sports Information Director upon the recommendation of Public Relations Director Gene Warren. This has been his first year at PSU.

Mr. Spitzer spoke concerning his position which involves viewing, writing, and reporting on all sports at PSU. Since this past year involved covering 134 games in 12 intercollegiate sports, one of the most important aspects of his job is planning and organization to see that his time is shared by all the various teams. Another equally important aspect of his work involves the knowledge and understanding of each of the sports he covers and getting to know the players. A position such as this demands overwhelming interest in each sport and the willingness to work long hours - some days are 12 to 14 hours long and may cover as many as 4 sports during that one day. He thoroughly enjoys his work and counted one of his greatest thrills was the day Coach Crain's Cross Country team won the Nationals. It was a truly outstanding coach and team which made this possible

Following the program, Harold Hunt reported that repairs to the refreshment stand at the ball park are continuing, and announced the following schedule of Kiwanians operating the refreshment stand this coming week - Wednesday - Gibson Gray, Adolph Dial, Ira Pate Lowry; Thursday - Rudy Carter, Theodore Maynor; Friday - Lankford Hunt.

Harold Hunt will be program chairman at next week's meeting and guests Bill Sapp, Stacy Wells, and Vernon Oxendine will speak concerning the City-County Summer Recreation Programs.

Vice-President Gibson Gray presided at the meeting. Lank-

Happy Birthday



Bradley Scott Jones celebrated his 1st birthday Wednesday, June 6, 1979 at the home of his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Strickland. Bradley Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie B. Jones. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chavis and their children, John and Juliana; Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Chavis and their children Brantley Jr., Jason, and Jamie Lynn, and Ms. Linda Oxendine and daughter Valerie. The Jones have another son, Jeremy Bryant Jones, age 3.

Body Found

Detective Garth Locklear was one of the first law enforcement officers on the scene as the body of a young woman, thought to be a white woman in her late 20s or early 30s, was discovered beside a ditch just outside Pembroke, off the Union Chapel Road, by surveyors working for the department of transportation Tuesday morning.

Sheriff Hubert Stone said the woman had been identified as a Kentucky native who came to the Pembroke area about a month ago and had been working in a sportswear factory. Her identity is being withheld pending notification of next of kin in Kentucky.

Foul play is suspected. The investigation is continuing as autopsy reports are awaited from UNC Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill where the body was sent Tuesday for examination.

TO THE INDIAN COMMUNITY:

On Monday, May 18, at 8 p.m. a meeting will be held at Lumbec Regional Development Association's [LRDA] Annex Building in Pembroke.

PURPOSE: To Elect a Member to the Board of Directors of THE N.C. COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS from the Pembroke, Philadelphus, Maxton and Smith's Townships.

I would like to serve as your representative in this capacity.

I solicit your attendance and vote at this very important meeting which will effect all Indian people.

Thank you!

RUTH DIAL WOODS



FATHER'S DAY SALE!

- Shoe Shine Kits
- Pipe Holders
- Tool Kits
- Fishing Rods
- Smoke Stands
- Coffee Mugs
- Hat and Gloves
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