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'PETE' JACOBS ANNOUNCES MAYORS BID

"With the encouragement and support of many of my friends and fellow citizens of Pembroke, I would like to announce my candidacy for the office of Mayor of Pembroke. Although I have received much encouragement from many of the citizens of Pembroke, I seek this office without obligation to any specific individual, group or organization. I pledge to represent all of the people on a fair and impartial basis.

"We are faced with an inflationary period which places a tremendous burden on all citizens. To combat this hardship, it is imperative that we place a high priority on the programs and services which we undertake. We must reduce spending and yet expect a good return on every dollar invested in order to provide some relief to the citizens who must finance government operations.

"I shall strive to provide the leadership necessary for a good and efficient municipal government operation which the people of Pembroke demand and deserve."

James A. (Pete) Jacobs

James A. (Pete) Jacobs announces his candidacy for Mayor of Pembroke. In making his announcement, Jacobs released the following statement:

Prospect, Magnolia Citizens Voice School Complaints

The Robeson County Board of Education heard requests from two groups at their Tuesday meeting.

Ronald Revels appeared as spokesman for a Magnolia group. Displaying a map, Revels pointed out what he termed a central location for the proposed North Robeson High School. Said Revels, "We wish to present an alternate plan to the proposed reconstructing of Rex Rennert into a consolidated high school. We propose that you leave the elementary schools as they are and transport only the high school students. This site we propose is in a central location...It is ideal for any future expansion plans, if merger would come."

John L. Locklear, Jr. also spoke. "Gentlemen, my main concern is the distance involved and the number of students. You propose to transport the bulk of the children from a centralized area to a non-centralized area. Over a ten year period you will spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on transportation itself...Our group would like some input into the matter...."

Then very calmly and quietly, Mrs. Geraldine Bell addressed the board. She read a prepared statement which follows:

"I as a parent have had in the past few months an opportunity to speak with my neighbors and can most assuredly say that I have yet to speak with any of them who want to see our children bussed so great a distance. This is one of the main reasons we are so opposed to the location (of North Robeson High). We feel that physically and mentally our children are

safer bussed a short distance rather than a long trip as most assuredly the trip from Lumberton to Rennert would be. Physically speaking, there is the ever present danger of accidents. Mentally speaking, it would be a long and tiring trip, therefore, it would drain them mentally.

"Both I and a few other parents of our area had an opportunity to tour some of the larger schools in Cumberland County. I must say the building for the most part was impressive, but we wanted to know what went on inside so we talked with some of the personell of the schools. Some of the problems were just as we feared-lack of discipline, drug problems, social problems, etc. All of which we have in our schools but which appear to be more of a problem in the larger schools. But mainly, the problem that stuck in my mind the most was one of the principals' view point. It seems that it bothered him an awful lot especially on graduation day to present diplomas to students that he never remembered seeing before. Why? Because the school was so large there simply wasn't any way he could ever get to know the students as he would have liked.

"This past year my husband and I were fortunate to be able to speak with a couple parents in fact who were from Charlotte. They informed us that the trend now if the decision could be

reversed, in Mecklinburg County would be to revert back to the smaller schools, if this were now economically possible.

"Mr. Swett and board members, we urge you, in fact we plead with you, to let's put our petty grievances aside, whatever they may be, and get the needs of the children taken care of. Let's start over anew. Let us learn from others and not make the same mistakes that they have made.

"We thank you for any and every consideration that you can or will give us..."

David Green then responded. Said he, "Parkton needs the students... Rex Rennert area to survive...If we do what you propose, Parkton would no longer exist...Without the students in the Rex Rennert area, Parkton and Magnolia couldn't continue to survive...Such a move would be unfair to the Parkton community."

And he continued, "We don't have enough money to build a new school from scratch. If we had the money, we might consider such a proposal...We literally destroyed the school in the Oak Ridge area...Do you want the same thing to happen to Rex Rennert? I couldn't support a new school...It would be just as fair to move toward Parkton"

Other financial discussion followed. Members stated that the bond issue monies would not be enough to build a new

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PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS... L A N D T H I N G S C E S

REP. LOCKLEAR APPOINTED TO COMMITTEE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Secretary of Agriculture, Bob Berglund, appointed Rep. Horace Locklear, Democrat of North Carolina, to the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity to serve for a two year period. Rep. Locklear took the appointment September 5 in Washington, D.C. while attending the first 3-day meeting.

Rep. Locklear will represent Southeastern United States by reviewing the U.S. Department of Agriculture's policies, practices, and procedures and advise the Secretary on compliance of its program directives.

In addition to meeting the top staff of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rep. Locklear attended a White House briefing by the White House staff.

LOCAL STUDENTS BEGIN STUDIES AT UNC SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Joseph T. Bell of Pembroke has begun his first year of training at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Pharmacy.

Bell is one of 156 students enrolled in the 3 year program. Prior to entering the pharmacy program, Bell received his prepharmacy education from UNC-Chapel Hill. He is a graduate of Pembroke Senior High and the son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bell of Pembroke.

Eric P. Locklear has begun his first year of training at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Pharmacy.

Locklear is one of 156 students enrolled in the 3 year program leading to a B.S. in pharmacy degree. Prior to entering the pharmacy program, Locklear received his prepharmacy education from UNC-Chapel Hill. He is a graduate of Pembroke Senior High and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence F. Locklear of Pembroke.

HOMECOMING AT NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Charles Locklear, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church extends a cordial invitation to everyone to share their annual homecoming activities on the fourth Sunday, Sept. 23. They are looking forward to another great day in the life of their church as they anticipate the return of many friends and loved ones. They will be happy to share fellowship in morning worship, a noon meal and an afternoon sing with those who come. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship is at 11 a.m.

BRAYBOY TO ADDRESS PSHS BOOSTER CLUB

Oceanway Lowry, president of the Pembroke Senior High Booster Club invites all members and prospective members to a meeting on Monday night, Sept. 17 in the school cafeteria. Special guest speaker will be Timothy Brayboy, assistant director of school athletics, State Department of Public Instruction.

Brayboy is from Cary, NC where he is very active in the sports arena. He is a member of the softball team at Cary and also coaches the American Legion Baseball Team there. He is a graduate of Pembroke State College and earned his Master's degree in Westchester, Pa.

He is married to the former Bertie Dial of the Prospect area and they have one daughter. They are members of the White Plains Methodist Church.

Lowry invites all interested persons to come out and hear Brayboy and learn about athletics on the state level.

REVIVAL AT CHEROKEE METHODIST CHURCH

The Cherokee Methodist Church of Waballa will have a revival beginning Sunday, Sept. 16 and running thru Sept.

21, 1979. Sunday night service will begin at 7 p.m. and week night services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Guest speakers will be the Rev. Wade Locklear, pastor of Union Baptist Church, Rev. Roy Clark, pastor of Faith Assembly of God Church, St. Pauls, and Rev. David Hunt, pastor of Mt. Elim Baptist Church.

There will be special singing each night. Rev. Julian Ransom is pastor. Everyone is invited to attend.

SUPER BALL GOLF TOURNAMENT PLANNED

The Pembroke Jaycees will sponsor a Super Ball Golf Tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Riverside Country Club. Cost for entry is \$12 per person. Entry deadline is Friday, September 14, at 6:00 p.m. Tee off will be at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15.

DAY SPONSORS SING

The D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans) is sponsoring a singing Sunday at 3 p.m. at the V.A. Hospital in Fayetteville. Singers will include the Woods Family and Miss Brenda Hunt, former Miss Lumbree and Miss P.S.U.

LOCKLEAR APPOINTED TO LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH STUDY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY NEEDS

Speaker of the House Carl J. Stewart, Jr., of Gastonia recently announced his appointments to the Legislative Research Study Committee on Public School Facility Needs. Appointed to the study committee were: Representative Horace Locklear of Lumberton, Co-Chairman; Representative Fletcher Harris of Sanford; Representative Ralph Ledford of Hendersonville; and Mr. Clifford Winslow of Belvedere.

The 1979 General Assembly created the Legislative Research Study Committee on School Facility Needs in the Public Schools of North Carolina. The Committee is directed to make its report to the General Assembly on or before March 1, 1980, and will include a detailed analysis of the total needs in the matter of public school facilities.

WARRIORS WIN ONE

After the tough first game loss to St. Pauls, the Warriors put one in the "won" column with a hard nosed 6-0 win over Rowland last Friday night at Rowland.

Coach James Howard Locklear was pleased with "the brutal" defensive win, highlighted by Reggie Strickland bursting over from two yards out in the second quarter.

The Pembroke Warriors are home this week against Orrum in a non conference tiff. Game time is 8 p.m.

PROSPECT FALLS TO ORRUM

Orrum rallied to whip Prospect 14-8 Monday night. Orrum gathered their points on a one yard run by Arren Ivey and another short burst by Cameron Jones; Jones added two points on an end around run.

Prospect picked up their only tally on a one yard run by Frank Cummings and a two point conversion by Vester Collins.

The Cats are open this week.

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES PLAN 20TH ANNUAL AREA CONFERENCE AT ODUM HOME

The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina's 20th Annual Area Conference will be held at the Odum Home in Pembroke on Thursday, September 27, 1979. Visitation on the campus is planned for the afternoon followed by dinner at the Odum Home. The conference will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the new building.

Maxton Being Challenged by Voting Rights Lawsuit

by Bruce Barton

Pembroke-Maxton is being challenged in a voting rights lawsuit which challenges a 1969 Maxton annexation and a recent 1979 annexation and asks for an injunction against those residents recently annexed in the 1979 annexation action by the town being allowed to participate in upcoming municipal elections.

The lawsuit has been brought by attorneys Julian Pierce and Dexter Brooks under the auspices of the Lumber River Legal Services, Inc., a Pembroke based legal services component of the Legal Services of North Carolina, Inc., a private, non profit corporation designed to provide legal services to the poor and disadvantaged.

Lumbree River Legal Services, Inc. is acting in behalf of George Ed Ziegler and Willie Steele, two Black Maxton voters.

The voting rights case asks the federal district court to enjoin the residents of areas annexed by Maxton from voting in any future municipal elections, and to stop Maxton from treating those annexed areas as being an integral part of the town.

Maxton is subject to the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 because Robeson County is one of 39 counties in North Carolina subject to the law because of past proven cases of racial and voting discrimination.

Pierce and Brooks contend that the 1969 annexation has never been presented to the justice department for their perusal and possible approval, thereby throwing the town into an open abridgement of the 1965 voting rights act.

According to records the town of Maxton did submit certain documents and records and facts to the justice department for their consideration in the 1979 annexation but the justice department ruled in July that the town had not submitted sufficient evidence to fulfill the requirements of the law.

To date, the town of Maxton has not

complied with the '69 annexation nor satisfied the justice department with sufficient documentation to satisfy them in the current annexation action in 1979.

SOME BACKGROUND

On December 4, 1969 and June 30, 1979, the Town of Maxton annexed into the municipality two significant areas which extended its corporate limits and added numerous residents to its population. On May 14, 1979, in an attempt to comply with the Voting Rights Act for the 1979 annexation, the Town of Maxton's all white Board of Commissioners submitted the 1979 annexation to the United States Attorney General for preclearance approval. On June 27, 1979, Plaintiffs, by their attorneys, submitted a position paper in opposition to the 1979 annexation submission of the Town of Maxton. This opposition paper pointed out the deficiencies in the submission and also brought to the United States Attorney General's attention that the 1969 annexation by Maxton had never been submitted to the Attorney General for approval. By letter dated July 16, 1979, Assistant Attorney General Drew S. Days, III, responded to the Town of Maxton's submission. This letter stated that the information sent to the Attorney General's Office was insufficient for the Attorney General to determine whether the 1979 annexation would have the purpose and effect of abridging the right to vote on account of race or color. In addition, the Attorney General requested information concerning the 1969 annexation. The Town of Maxton was initially given until August 6, 1979, to respond to the Attorney General's Office's request for more information. On that date the Town of Maxton requested additional time to respond.

To date the Town of Maxton has not submitted any additional information. The next Town of Maxton municipal election is scheduled for November 6, 1979. To date, the United States Attorney General has not approved either the 1969 or the 1979 annexations by the Town of Maxton.

The law suit asks the federal court to deny those effected by the '69 or '79 annexation from participating in the upcoming municipal election.

Joins Pembroke Clinic

Pembroke- Jim Irion, a physician's assistant, has joined the staff at Pembroke Medical and Dental Clinic. Dr. Jeff Collins, a dentist, has already set up his practice at the clinic and is keeping a busy schedule, according to Ms. Carolyn Emanuel, the clinic's executive director.

His wife, Rosemary, will be joining him as registered nurse at the modern and spacious facility.

The couple is already living in Pembroke. Irion will begin seeing patients Monday. Irion is a graduate of Duke University's Physician's Assistant School and is also a registered pharmacist.

New Face at Pembroke Community Workshop

Pembroke- Catherine Davis Snowden, a student at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. is doing her Student Ministry year at Pembroke Community Workshop under the direction of Rev. John A. Robinson.

Her year of internship will be devoted mostly to developing a Pembroke Community Dance Center. Cathy has attended schools in Virginia and North Carolina. Most recently she graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in Dance.

She is accompanied to Pembroke by her husband, Terry, a photographer. They came to Pembroke a week after being married.

Cathy's favorite dance techniques are Modern and Ballet; she enjoys Jazz

Dance as well. As part of her ministry, Cathy will be working to develop counseling and administrative skills.

She hopes to be involved in many different areas in the Pembroke community. Although her main areas of concentration will be the work shop and dance center, she hopes to become involved in the campus ministry at PSU as well as work with the young people at the youth center.

Cathy says, "Terry and I are happy to be in Pembroke. We are looking forward to the upcoming year with great anticipation."

The Pembroke Community Workshop is one of the many services offered by the Pembroke Area Presbyterian Ministry headed by the affable Rev. John A. Robinson



Catherine Davis Snowden

Mrs. Reba Lowry Honored by Alpha Chi Fraternity



Mrs. Reba Lowry (third from left) is presented an honorary membership to Alpha Chi Fraternity, the highest academic fraternity on the Pembroke State University campus, by Chancellor Paul R. O'Connell. Others looking on (left to right) are Dr. Kathryn K. Bligh,

chairperson of the PSU Psychology Department who is the fraternity's assistant sponsor; Mrs. Patsy Lowry (Mrs. Lowry's husband); and Dr. John Russell, PSU professor of Education who is the fraternity sponsor. Mrs. Lowry was honored because she was

sponsor for 25 years of Phi Kappa Chi, the highest PSU academic fraternity before Alpha Chi organized a chapter here four years ago. Alpha Chi's national council elected Mrs. Lowry to this honor.