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## MAYOR REGGLE STRICKLAND ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION BID



Reggie Strickland

Reggie Strickland today announces his candidacy for re-election as Mayor of the Town of Pembroke. Strickland released the following statement:

"My fellow citizens of the Town of Pembroke, it is with a deep sense of humility, and with a re-newed commitment to the betterment of our town, that I announce my candidacy for re-election to the mayorship of our municipality. Your confidence in myself, as expressed by your votes in the last two municipal elections, is sincerely appreciated;

today, I come before you seeking another such expression of confidence so that we, together, may continue to build upon the accomplishments of the past.

In order to attract and retain better employees to serve our citizens, the town has implemented a retirement program for all full-time employees through becoming a member of the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees Retirement System. Long-time law enforcement officer Harvey Bullard just recently became the first such employee to so retire in the history of the town. In further keeping with our policy of making employment with the town more attractive, we have established a leave of absence policy for all full-time employees. I am sure that you will agree with me that happy, more efficient municipal employees means better delivery of services to our citizens.

"In order to make our police more efficient and more responsive and accountable, we prepared and adopted a policy manual for our Police Department. We also purchased two new mid-size cars with gas-saving engines for the Police and Fire Departments so as to provide better service to our citizens, while at the same time reducing expenditures in order to conserve your tax dollars.

All of our citizens recall, I am sure, the inability of our town to account for

the loss of several tens-of-thousands of dollars occurring prior to my tenure in office; to prevent the re-occurrence of such practices, we have implemented a purchase order system for all purchases over the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Under the new system, the manager and the clerk are required to sign all such purchase orders. In further keeping with our new policy of the strictest accountability for the expenditure of your tax dollars, the signatures of the mayor, the manager and the clerk are required on each and every check drawn on the town. Because of such reforms, the town's financial records are in the best shape ever; therefore, we personally invite all interested citizens to inquire as to the safeguards built into our accounting system.

To prevent "midnight requisitions," we have implemented a gas control system for all departments; gas paid for by our taxpayers should only be used while on town business. Furthermore, by starting to file for the refund of sales taxes paid on gasoline purchased by the town, we are now receiving approximately \$2,700.00 per year; similarly, by starting to file for the refund of general sales taxes on merchandise purchased by the town, we are now receiving approximately \$4,860.00 per year.

"In order to cut costs by performing its own maintenance on town vehicles, the town has purchased four acres of property for a new 4,000 sq. feet municipal maintenance and storage building. The contract for construction has been awarded and progress is rapidly being made towards the completion of the project.

"We have also completed and adopted a codification of the charter and all ordinances of the town; our new code will make the town's laws more readable and accessible to our employees, citizens and officials. Furthermore we have begun enforcement of the town building code within the one-mile extrajurisdictional jurisdiction beyond the corporate limits and are collecting new revenues by charging for building permits and inspections: Strict enforcement of such building codes caused the removal of two dilapidated buildings within the down-town area thereby eliminating safety hazards and enhancing the appearance of our town.

The town received a planning grant in the amount of \$7,700.00; since the manager was able to do the planning involved, the grant monies were used to help defray the cost of his salary with resultant savings to the town's taxpayers. After careful consideration and planning, the town implemented the

## Physician's Assistant Now On Duty At Pembroke Medical & Dental Clinic

### PEMBROKE MEDICAL & DENTAL



Jim Irion (center), a physician's assistant, has joined the staff at the Pembroke Medical and Dental Clinic.

Irion comes to Pembroke from a similar clinical setting in Kentucky. His wife, Rosemary (left), a registered nurse, is also joining the clinic's staff. The Irions are moving their home in Pembroke.

P.A. Irion began keeping regular office hours Monday morning.

Shown with the Irions is Carolyn Emanuel, executive director of the spacious and modern Medical Clinic located off Union Chapel Road.

Dr. Jeff Collins, a dentist, is already engaged in a busy practice at the clinic. (Bruce Barton photo)

## LRDA RECEIVES \$100,000 GRANT FROM FHA

LRDA has received notification of a \$100,000 grant award from the Farmers Home Administration - Washington, D.C. to administer a two year Technical and Supervisory Assistance Program in coordination with the local county Farmers Home Administration office.

The objectives of the Technical and Supervisory Assistance Program are to assist low-income rural families in obtaining adequate housing to meet their family's needs and/or to provide the necessary guidance to promote their continued occupancy of already adequate housing.

Fifteen States were identified, by the

Administration, with the highest degree of substandard housing and persons living in poverty in rural areas, and therefore; the greatest need for the Technical and Supervisory Assistance Program. North Carolina was one of the fifteen states identified. Only one grant per state will be awarded.

Upon receipt of grant award, a program description will be published describing the specific kinds of services and eligibility criteria for program participation.

LRDA's executive director, Ken Maynor, said, "This grant will be applied to one of our most pressing needs. We hope to make a difference."

## Pembroke Jaycees Announce Plans for Mayor's Prayer Breakfast



Rev. T.M. Swett

The Pembroke Jaycees will sponsor their annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Sunday morning, Sept. 23, at 7:30 a.m. at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut. Chairing the event this year are Noah Woods and Billy Osendine. Guest speaker for the prayer breakfast will be Rev. T.M. Swett, pastor of Bear Swamp Baptist Church.

Rev. Swett began preaching in 1922 in the Lumbee Methodist Conference. In 1925 he began his Trial Studies. From 1929 until 1933 he served the Bethel Circuit. From 1934 until 1936 he was minister of the Union circuit, including Union Chapel and Prospect Churches. He returned to the Bethel Circuit for the years of 1937 and 1938. He served the Lumbee Methodist Conference as minister of the Cherokee Circuit from 1939 until 1942. He spent a total of 20 years with the Lumbee Methodist Conference.

In 1942 he joined the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, serving as part time pastor of Bear Swamp Baptist Church. At that time he also served Mt. Olive until 1947. He served as part time past of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church from 1945 until 1948. In 1949 he returned to Mt. Olive Baptist Church until 1966. He has served for two years as part time pastor of Gray Pond Baptist Church and two years at Beulah Baptist Church. He served as part time pastor of Deep Branch Baptist Church from the fall of 1945 until 1972 when he became full time pastor of Bear Swamp Baptist Church.

Rev. Swett is married to the former Clatie Osendine.

## PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS C E S

### Rev. Charles McDowell Announces Resignation

In what appears to be his last official meeting as Chairman of the Robeson County Board of Elections, Rev. Charles McDowell presided at a session Wednesday morning prior to his resignation of that position. The board appointed roving registrars for the county, three for each Commissioner District, and leaving two for each district awaiting recommendations from the County Republican Party. John R. Jones is chairman of that party.

McDowell, the first Black to serve as Chairman of the Robeson County Board of Elections, resigned that position for health reasons. Recently McDowell had suffered a heart attack. When asked what his plans were, he stated: "I intend to spend my time now in church work...Just praying and meditating."

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### Successful Tournament

The Pembroke Jaycees sponsored a Superball Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 14, 1979 at the Riverside Country Club. Twelve teams with four members each participated in the tournament which made for a very competitive atmosphere. The winning team members were: Al Dunavan, David Locklear, Randall Jones, and Clyde Jacobs.

Proceeds from the tournament were donated by Mr. Kelvin Lowery, a fellow Jaycee member, who is disabled due to an extended illness.

President Larry T. Roberts wishes to thank all participants for their efforts in this endeavor and the overall sportsmanship displayed.

### MAN DIRECTORS TO MEET

Directors of Mutual Awareness Network, Inc. (MAN) will have the annual meeting on Thursday, Sept. 27. Incorporator Julian Pierce will preside at the election of directors and officers. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. and is open to the public. The meeting place is Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc., at east and Second Streets in Pembroke.

### WOMENS MISSIONARY UNION PRAYER RETREAT TO BE HELD

W.M.U. Prayer Retreat will be held at New Port Baptist Church September 21 from 6-9 p.m.

The theme will be "Life Changing Commitment."

Everyone is invited to attend, especially all pastors from the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association.

### LOCAL DAV CHAPTER 47 VISITS VA HOSPITAL

The Pembroke DAV Chapter 47 visited the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fayetteville on Sunday, Sept. 16, and presented a singing. They also visited several of the patients there. Among those visited were Petty Way Lowry, Daniel P. Bullard and Sim Lowry, Jr. DAV Hospital Chairman Josh Locklear reported that Mr. Pettyway Lowry had good news for them. He had confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior.

Chairman Locklear stated: "This is the kind of good news we like to hear. I wish to encourage others to visit the VA hospitals. When you needed someone to fight for you, these men did. They were there when you needed them. I would like to encourage everyone to remember these Disabled American Veterans."

### WHITE HILL CHURCH TO HOLD ANNUAL HOMECOMING

White Hill Free Will Baptist Church, located on Highway 74, 6 miles West of Pembroke, NC will be holding their annual homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 23. Services include Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. Rev. Joe Anderson will preach in the worship service. Rev. Luther Locklear is pastor.

The same church will sponsor a barbecue plate sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



Shown above in the home that was first built here, left to right—Al Dunavan, Kelvin Lowery, David Locklear, and others.

## Attorney General Applauds 'Strike at the Wind!' and Sam Dial Hospitality

Dear Sir:

On the 23rd of August I had the great pleasure of visiting my many friends in Pembroke, North Carolina. I just want to let the people of that part of our great State know that I thoroughly enjoyed my evening with my longtime friend, Mayor Pro-Tem Sam Dial and his wonderful family. We met the leaders of the good county, and partook of the great hospitality that only Sam Dial can provide.

I can't begin to tell the good citizens of Robeson County how much I enjoyed your great drama, "Strike at the Wind." We left Sam Dial's home and

went to the drama, where I saw some of the finest acting I have seen in quite some time. I am the president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, which operates another great outdoor drama, "Horn in the West," in Boone, North Carolina. I have some familiarity with outdoor dramas, and I would rate "Strike at the Wind" as one of the best in the State, if not the nation.

I just want the good people of Robeson County to know that their Attorney General appreciates them very much, and that I enjoyed your great hospitality so very much.

Sincerely,  
Rufus L. Edmisten

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## Train Cars Derail in Pembroke



DERAILED TRAIN CARS (Elmer Hunt Photo)

PEMBROKE — Four cars on a southbound freight train derailed at 8:23 p.m. Monday in downtown Pembroke.

J.U. Rooker, assistant superintendent for Seaboard Coast Line of Wilmington, said the four cars — two tank cars, a grain hopper and a boxcar — were the only empty cars in the 43-car train.

The cars were directly behind the engine.

There were no injuries and only one train, a passenger train, was delayed.

The derailment blocked the Rocky Mountain-Hamlet line of the railroad and the Florence-Rocky Mountain line.

A 20-man crew had cleared the Florence-Rocky Mountain line by 9:15 p.m., and the other line was cleared by 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The remaining cars were towed to Fayetteville after the derailment.