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LEE NEVILLE

Former Councilman

Runs Again



Lee Neville

Lee Neville, a former town councilman for the Town of Pembroke for four years from 1974-1977 has filed for a seat on the Town Council of Pembroke in the November 6th election. Mr. Neville has released the following statement:

"I would like to thank the citizens of Pembroke for the support they have given me in the past elections and will greatly appreciate your support and vote on November 6th, 1979.

"The Town of Pembroke is a rapidly growing town in its population, business and industrial organization and the needs of the town of Pembroke are growing greater each year. In order to meet the growth of our town, we need good sound town government whereby we can meet these needs which involve the Citizens of our town in order to make the town of Pembroke a better place to live.

"I have been a citizen of the town of Pembroke since the first elected mayor. The Rev. C.E. Locklear and his elected council of Pembroke was the first elected town administration. They made improvements and set goals for our town. Every elected town administration of Pembroke has tried to make improvements in our town and I, for one, appreciate those town officials of the past for the improvements that they made and for setting new goals for the future of our town.

"Today, we have many improvements which have been made. We have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go in meeting the needs of our citizens. There is a great need for

street improvement and drainage, and for taking sewer to areas of this town to people who have lived in this city for many years and still have no sewer facilities furnished by the town of Pembroke. I want to see the 201 Facilities which we have heard the town board discuss become a reality.

"The 201 Facilities Project will be the answer to many of the citizens' problems in upgrading our streets, drainage, water and sewer. I would like to see the Odell Associates, who are the engineers for this project, speed this program up because it has been over two years since they were approved by the town board to handle this program for the town. If I am elected to the town board, I will support this project to see these improvements become a reality at no additional cost to the citizens, because this is a Federal grant for this project with the government paying eighty percent, the state paying fifteen percent and the town paying five percent.

"There are many other areas of our town that a closer look should be given to, but they have been bypassed for one reason or another. Many citizens have problems within their area, but no solution to their problem has been given. If I am elected to the town board, I will listen to the citizens' problems and try to help them reach a solution to their problems, if it involves the responsibility of the town. So when you go to the polls to cast your vote on November 6th, give Lee Neville one of those votes that you have for Town Council and let me work for you again as your Town Councilman. And let me work for you again as your Town Councilman. I will appreciate your vote and support. Thanks."

Lee Neville is employed as Manager of the Student Union and University Bookstore at Pembroke State University. He is a member of the National and State Association of College Bookstores. He is Chairman of the Advisory Council of Pembroke Elementary School, a member of the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Cancer Institute, a past president of the Pembroke Kiwanis Club and a member of the Administrative Board of the First United Methodist Church of Pembroke. He is the son of the late Mrs. Ella Ree Oxendine Neville of the Union Chapel Community and is married to Mrs. Clara Lowry Neville, daughter of the late John R. Lowry, Sr. Pembroke, and they have one son, Mike Neville.

Robert J. Hunt runs For LREMC Board of Directors

Robert J. Hunt, Principal of Fairgrove High School, announces his candidacy for a seat on the Board of Directors of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation.

Hunt, 54, has served on the LREMC Elections Committee for 12 years. He has also served as chairman of that committee.

Making his first bid for an elected position, Hunt stated, "I am interested in seeing the Co-op run as efficiently as possible, and I promise, if elected, to work toward that end." Hunt is married

Hunt, beginning his 30th year as an educator, and his wife Agnes reside in Pine Lake Estates, near Pembroke. They have two children.



Robert J. Hunt

Dr. Frank Worlax Specializes in Family Medicine

by Connie Brayboy



Frank Worlax, M.D.

Pembroke-Enhancing the medical services available to the Pembroke area is Dr. Frank Worlax who is rendering the services of his Family Medicine Clinic located on Fourth Street, Pembroke. Worlax, a graduate of Duke University's School of Medicine, NC, becomes only the second Indian doctor to return to his native Robeson County to practice medicine. The first being Dr. M.L. Brooks who has been the only Indian doctor in the area for more than 20 years. With the addition of his clinic, Worlax is rendering a long overdue, much-needed service to the area. The Family Medicine Clinic is operating temporarily in a makeshift office, using an apartment facility. Within a few months Family Medicine Clinic will move to a new location, but until that time the services are being offered during the following hours: Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. On Fridays and Saturdays the Clinic is open from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 p.m. In addition, the Family Medicine Clinic is open Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Worlax, whose specialty is Family Medicine, has strong conviction about the aspects of family medicine. "Family Medicine," said he, "is just what the term implies. I am trained to offer medical treatment from the cradle to the grave. Training in family medicine means that I have special training in gynecology, obstetrics, pediatrics, orthopedics, psychological illness, etc. It means also that I must re-qualify every five years. As a family medicine practitioner, I can treat all members of the family."

And Worlax continued, "The whole concept of family medicine is that each person have a personal doctor. Every person needs a personal physician who is familiar with his or her problems, therefore, in cases of emergency, people will not be treated by someone who knows absolutely nothing about their medical history. Many people are misled about medical services. Some of them feel that going from one doctor to another is alright. And maybe it is, if you can then go to one of the ones who have examined you when you have an emergency. It is not only unfair to a doctor for a patient to go elsewhere for regular treatment and then come to him for an emergency, in some cases it can be costly to the patient. In order to know what to do in particular emergencies, it is necessary for a doctor to have some familiarity with the patient's medical history."

Dr. Worlax elaborated some on the various misconceptions people have concerning medicine. "Some people," he said, "feel like they must have a specialist for everything. This is not necessarily true." People, Worlax believes, should have a personal physician.

"As a doctor of family medicine, I am obliged to refer patients to a specialist if the need arises. If they need special help, I will refer them. I've no qualms about specialists. We have a need for them. But every patient does not have a specialist-requiring problem."

Because of Dr. Worlax's hectic schedule, he requests that only his patients see him for emergency, after

hours treatment.

He has many good sound ideas for efficient health services to the Pembroke area. He plans to offer in the very near future and emergency facility which will have on call a physician, Frank Worlax, M.D., and a physician's assistant. This service will be offered in addition to his regular clinic hours and the upcoming new location of the Family Medicine Clinic.

Working at the Family Medicine Clinic, in addition to Dr. Worlax, are: Barbara McMillan, RN, Belinda Oxendine Patrick, medical technologist, and Shelia Godwin, receptionist. Also assisting Worlax in the Clinic is his wife, Carolyn Worlax, who acts as receptionist during those days when he is required to work long after 5:30 p.m. and she also provides the much needed accounting services for the clinic. The clinic is equipped to handle all kinds of insurance as well as medical stickers.

'Meet the Teacher'

A Parent's Night Open House, "Meet the Teachers" will be observed at Pembroke Elementary School, Monday evening, October 15, 7:00-9:00 p.m. according to Principal, James C. Dial.

Parents will be free to go to individual classrooms to discuss the school's curriculum with the teachers and to observe students' work. All teachers

delayed "indefinitely"

by Connie Brayboy

In a rare exhibition of heated debate, the Robeson County Board of Education voted to delay "indefinitely" construction on North Robeson High School. The action came in response to a group of citizens from the Magnolia area who appeared before the board last month and requested a change in the proposed site.

Laymon Locklear offered the motion. Said he, "As the senior board member from that district, Mr. Chairman, may I offer the following resolution or motion, as the case may be.

"Whereas 18 percent inflation has eroded away the buying power of already approved renovation funds for Rex Rennert and other projects in the county,

"Whereas West Robeson presents an ideal educational atmosphere with merger, consolidation and a centrally located new plant to be built, #1 priority should be afforded this project

"Whereas what is educationally sound for North Robeson is the alternate plan presented by the concerned citizens of Magnolia and endorsed by the Parkton Citizens with a Merger effort made with both St. Pauls and Red Springs

"Whereas funding could be made available through revenue sharing and the much needed 1980 state bond referendum

"Therefore, I move that the proposed North Robeson resolution be postponed indefinitely until the four above points be dealt with."

Ronald Hammonds from the Magnolia area, seconded the motion. He also stated that he felt that the board had not utilized every effort in pursuing the possibility of merger with Red Springs and St. Pauls Schools Units.

Chairman Ralph Hunt then asked for discussion. And it began. David Green from Parkton was adamantly against the motion. He expressed his concern that "personnel" from Parkton, Rex Rennert and Lumber Bridge were not given an opportunity to have input into the matter. Said he, "...I feel that we should deny this until we hear from them....This also concerns merger which has already been dealt with....I just feel that since it concerns these other areas also that they should have some say so....I cannot make this decision without finding out how people in Parkton, Rex Rennert and Lumber Bridge feel....If it is fair for parents to make the decisions, it is no more than fair to hear from them....I believe the majority is silent in view of the desires of one particular group."

And Ronald Hammonds responded, "I can't help but remember how the idea of merger with Maxton and the County System came, then just went away then came back. Now we've done

will remain in their classrooms to give every parent an opportunity to discuss their child's work.

All parents and patrons of the school are cordially invited and urged to attend.

Refreshments will be served in the school lobby.

away with a complete school system... Here we have two potential mergers... We should make the most effort in studying other merger plans..."

Other board members then spoke. Lillian Fay Locklear stated that she felt that the proposed consolidation plan was in the best educational interests of the children. Ed Morton stated that he was completely confused...He wished, said he, that someone would give him more information.

They discussed back and forth. They discussed it financially, educationally, emotionally, and finally came voting time.

Voting in favor of the motion were: Laymon Locklear and Ronald Hammonds, Magnolia's board members, Rufus Graham, Maxton, E.B. Morton, J.R. Musselwhite, Jerry Lowry and Sim Oxendine, Pembroke's representatives.

Opposing were: Lillian Faye Locklear and Tommy Swett, also Pembroke representatives, and David Green, Parkton.

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Chairman Ralph Hunt named the Site Selection Committee for West Robeson High School. They are: board members Rufus Graham, Sim Oxendine, Tommy Swett, Lillian Faye Locklear; Bill Oxendine of Pembroke; Dorothy Lowry and Ruth Locklear from the Prospect area; and Murphy McGirt from Maxton. This committee will look for sites for the construction of West Robeson High and make recommendations to the board of education.

HILLY BRANCH VOCATIONAL CENTER

Supt. Purnell Swett recommended Stacy Locklear as the principal of Hilly Branch Vocational Center. The board approved.

Locklear will begin his new position on October 17th. He is presently guidance counselor at Magnolia High School, beginning his fifth year in that position.

Prior to coming to Magnolia, Locklear was Vocational Counselor at Orrum High School. There he taught a Career Awareness Course. He served in that capacity for five years.

Locklear comes to the position well qualified. He is a graduate of Pembroke State University. He earned his Master's degree in guidance from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC. He earned his certification in school administration at East Carolina University. In addition, he has earned an advanced degree in administration from East Carolina University. That means that in addition to a master's degree in guidance and certification in school administration, Locklear has earned 30 semester hours beyond a master's degree.

Locklear is a resident of Pembroke.

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OXENDINE REUNION PLANNED

The family reunion of the late Wiley and Annie Bell Oxendine will be held Saturday, October 13, 1979 at 11 a.m. at Green Pine Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pembroke. All members are invited to attend and bring a covered dish.

REV. JACK HUNT HONORED

Sunday was a very special day at the Pembroke Church of God. All the members and friends of the church showed their appreciation by celebrating Rev. Jack Hunt's 53rd birthday and his 13th year as pastor of the Pembroke Church of God. The people of the church state that they all pray that he will stay another 13 years as their pastor. They cite the growing membership of the church to over 200 as one of their reasons for wanting him to remain. The members stated that they love and appreciate their pastor, Rev. Jack Hunt.

LOCKLEARS TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The children of Hubert and Ethel Mae Locklear will be hosts to friends and relatives on October 20 at the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents. The observance will be held at Green Pine Free Will Baptist church at 7:30 p.m.

The father, Hubert Locklear, is the son of the late Edmond and Ellen Locklear of the Bear Swamp Baptist Church community. The mother, Ethel Mae Locklear, is the daughter of the late Miss Mary Jean Chavis. Mrs. Locklear's grandmother was the late Miss Polly Lowry, the youngest daughter of Henry Berry Lowry.

The children have had some difficulty getting invitations and getting them distributed. They encourage friends and relatives who may not yet have been contacted to please consider themselves invited and urges them to feel free to attend the celebration and take part in the joyful occasion. The Rev. Bobby Dean Locklear, pastor of Green Pine Church, will officiate.

PLATE SALE PLANNED

The Prospect Jaycees are sponsoring a fish and chicken plate sale at the Prospect Fire Department October 13 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

VFW NEWS

Harold Baxley Locklear, Cmdr. of Locklear-Lowry Memorial VFW Post 2843 asks that all VFW members of the Post please attend the regular monthly meeting to be held Monday night, October 15, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. at the Post Home on Union Chapel Road. Supper will be served. Current membership drive is underway for the coming year for VFW members and members of the Ladies Auxiliary. Any veteran needing any information should contact any VFW member.

POTATO DIGGING PLANNED

There will be a potato digging on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 15 and 16 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the farm of Mr. Byrd Huggins on Shannon Road near Bethel Hill Baptist Church, Saddle tree area. The price is \$2.50 per bushel. Bring your own container and pick them up. They are Puerto Rican red sweet potatoes, good to eat or freeze for pies, cakes, etc.

HOMECOMING PLANNED AT GOD'S HOLY ASSEMBLY

Homecoming at God's Holy Assembly Church will be held Sunday, Oct. 14. The church is located two miles west of Rennert. The pastor, Rev. Herbert H. Chavis will preach the morning sermon. After the service, lunch will be served in the fellowship hall. There will be a singing in the afternoon. All singers are invited to participate. The public is cordially invited to attend.

TO SPONSOR TURKEY SHOOT

Union Civic Club will sponsor a turkey shoot each Friday night beginning October 19, 1979 at Lumbee Texaco, located at the intersection of Highway 74 and 710. Proceeds from the shoot will be used for community, church and school improvements. On special nights the winners will also receive an additional special prize.

SCHIERBECK KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD SEMINAR

Dr. Helen Maynor Schierbeck, program coordinator for the National Commission on the International Year of the Child, Washington, D.C., and formally of Pembroke, will be the keynote speaker for the International Year of the Child Seminar to be held Tuesday, October 16, 1979, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the O.P. Owens Agricultural Center. The purpose of the seminar is to promote an awareness of the needs of children in Robeson County and to identify and stimulate activities to meet these needs.

Mrs. Schierbeck assisted in preparing a report on the status of children in America to the President and has worked as coordinator for a nationwide program to gather information on youth education. She has given many speeches related to the declaration of the rights of the child.

RTI SPONSORS AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS APPROVED FIRST AID COURSE

Robeson Technical Institute will sponsor an American National Red Cross Approved First Aid course beginning Monday, October 15. The course will meet for six Monday evenings from 7-10 p.m. Participants will receive a Red Cross first aid card valid for two years upon course completion.

Included in the course will be basic burn management, first aid treatment for poisonous bites, fracture splinting, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation techniques, and primary care necessary for heart attack and stroke victims.

Interested persons should plan to register the first night of class in Room 705 on the Robeson Technical Institute campus. A \$5.00 registration fee and social security number is necessary for registration.

If further information is needed, contact Hubert F. Bullard, Jr., at Robeson Technical Institute.

OBSERVES NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Robeson County 4-H members and their adult leaders will join forces October 7-13 with others in North Carolina and across the nation to observe National 4-H Week. The theme of the special observance is "Four-H-Expanding Horizons," according to Vernon E. McHam, associate Extension agent, 4-H. "The theme challenges 4-H'ers everywhere to seek new knowledge, acquire life skills, and build personal strengths," the agent said.

During National 4-H Week, Vernon McHam pointed out that special events will be held to:

...Encourage more youth, ages 9-19, to join 4-H;

...Urge more men and women and older teens to volunteer as 4-H leaders;

...Acknowledge support for the 4-H program;

...Recognize important contributions of parents;

...Consider future needs and plans.

The 4-H program is sponsored by Robeson County through the National Extension Office, Raleigh, N.C. For more information call 724-1111.