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PRINCIPAL NAMED AT HILLY **BRANCH SCHOOL**



Stacy Locklear

What is Vocational Education? The name implies that it is trainingin manual skills. For that reason many people are completely turned off by the mere mention of Vocational Education. Realizing that for many years minorities have viewed academic excellence as the only means for overcoming oppression, it is not surprising that vocational educational carries a stigma.

To the new principal of Hilly Branch Vocational Center, vocatonal educaton is an addition to the academic curriculum of the Robeson County Schools. Stacy Locklear, who assumed his duties yesterday believes that Vocational education adds a new dimention to the school program.

Locklear goes into his new position with a positive attitude. He is eager to accept the challenge and work towards removing the negative stigma attached.

He shared some of his enthusiasm. "Vocational education in the schools is a way for students to find themselves and explore different areas of work. Although a student may not necessarily follow what he learns in a vocational class, it is far better to find out during school what he doesn't want to do, rather than get out in the world of work and then find out. If he is providing the necessities for a family, going from one area of work to another could be penalizing to him and those who depend

Locklear feels that vocational education is a means of meeting the needs of more of the county students. Statistics prove that the majority of Robeson County students do not attend college. If only a small percentage of them complete requirements for a post secondary degree, it is essential that some measures be taken toward developing skills which will enable the majority of the students to make an adequate living.

With these thoughts in mind, Locklear offers a new approach to vocational education. "It is possible," said he, "for vocational education to assist in decreasing the drop-out rate. If a junior or senior desires to drop out of school to get a job, he may elect to attend a vocational class and find out first hand what is required on a job. After attending a vocational class, he might indeed decide that working with his hands is not what he really wants to do. But on the other hand, he might find that carpentry, for instance, is just what he wants and, therefore, he'll work diligently in an attempt to become proficient in that area."

Locklear feels that generally speaking people really do not understand exactly what vocational education is. He believes that attitudes about vocational educational will change with understanding. "Some people are afraid that the Hilly Branch Center will be used as a "dumping ground" for students with discipline problems, or for students who discipline problems, or for students who might have a learning disability. This is not the case. First of all, vocational classes are electives, meaning that they are not required for graduation. They are electives just as chorus, art, band, etc. are electives. A student goes into

vocational classes voluntarily. It is not used as a form of punishment. No child is assigned by the administration to vocational classes. It is offered only as a means of broadening the student's horizons.

"Every person," Locklear explained, "Desires to be in business. We could eliminate a great deal of negative attitude simply by substituting words. If we substitute the word "business" for "vocations." That automatically alters peoples' conception of class offerings. We must realize that vocational education covers a much broader scope of learning than manual skills. In vocational education students are exposed to various careers and the necessary steps to obtaining a position."

The Hilly Branch Center offers advanced classes in the following areas: Carpentry, Brick Masonry, Electrical Installation, Health Occupations, Office Management, Small Engine Repair, Auto Mechanics, Data Processing, Interior Decorating, Food Service and

Health occupations gives students first hand knowledge of various health occupations. As a part of the course, students become familiar with the many positions available in the health field. They visit and volunteer services at local hospitals, rest homes and institu-

In business management they become familiar with an office setting. They function as if they were at work in an office. They become aquainted with all aspects of managing a business.

Pre-employment teaches students the basics of obtaining a job. They go through the process of applying and being interviewed for a job.

Locklear brings to his new post a varied background which he feels will

aid him tremendously in performing his duties He transferred from Magnolia High School were he had begun his fifth year as guidance counselor. Prior tohis tenure at Magnolia, 1970-75, he was a vocational counselor at Orrum High

In that position he taught career exploration to 7th, 8th and 9th grade students. This course included field trips and recruitment of resource speakers. While at Orrum he became familiar with "Interest Inventory." He helped students explore those careers in which they showed ar 'interest and an aptitude which was depicted by testing.

A native of the Saddletreee area, Locklear is a graduate of Magnolia High School. He has a B.S. Degree in Biology from Pembroke State University, a Masters of Arts in Public School Counseling from Western Carolina University, and a Certification and Advanced Degree in Public School Administration from East Carolina University.

In addition he has had additional training at Duke University and North Carolina State University.

Locklear and his wife, the former Betty Ann Chavis, reside in Pembroke. They have three children: Nan, a freshman at UNC- Chapel Hill; Keith and Stacy, Jr. who attend the county schools. They attend the Pembroke Gospel Chapel.

Locklear invites those interested to visit him at the Hilly Branch Vocational Center and see, first hand, what Vocational Education really is. After a visit, Locklear is assured that you will agree with him that vocational education is a means of enhancing the acdemic program offered by the Robeson County School System.

by Connee Brayboy

OLD MAIN NEARING COMPLETION AT PSU

"Pembroke State University" Once Again

Emblazoned Across Front



The Old Main Building on the PSU Center being added on the back of it, campus is nearing expletion with the contract calling for it to be finished in American Resource Center, a cultural struction is estimated at \$1.6 million.

37,750 square feet counting the Media photol

November. "We hope to start moving center, a Lumbee Room, an assembly furniture into Old Main by the last of room, a reading room, plus a room for November, but it may be December artifacts storage. On the second floor before we are fully moved. We have a will be areas for supportive services: lot of heavy equipment in the Media public information, photography, publi-Center to move," said Bill Mason, PSU cations, alumni, development, guidance vice chancellor for business affairs, and testing, human services and Dedication of the reconstructed Old placement. The Media Center behind Main is set during PSU's homecoming Old Main will have areas for television Saturday, Feb. 16. Cost of the recon- and radio among its features. The Old Main Building was designed by Jordan, Snowden and McVicker of Laurinburg, while the general contractor is T.A. Nye The Old Main Building, containing and Sons of Fairmont. [Bruce Barton

AND THINGS ...

PEOPLE AND

SINGING PLANNED SUNDAY

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association will sponsor a singing on Sunday, October 21, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Airy Baptist Church, on Highway 72. Rev. Micheal Cummings is pastor of Mt. Airy. All groups are invited to come out The N.C. Jaycee Burn Center is one of and participate.

CORRECTION

Family Medicine Clinic will not be seeing patients on Thursday evening as reported in last week's issue. The evening hours will be available with the re-location of Family Medicine Clinic into its new facility. Dr. Frank Woriax is the physician at Family Medicine Clinic.

FALL REVIVAL PLANNED

Island Grove Church will begin its fall revival Sunday, October 21st and continue each night thru October 28th beginning at 7:30 p.m. The guest speakers will be Rev. Bobby Dean Locklear and Rev. Tommy Hagans. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ALL NIGHT SINGING PLANNED

While Hill Church will have their annual all night singing on Saturday night, Oct. 20, 1979 at the church. Beginning Thursday, Oct. 17, at 12 noon they will be selling barbecue and chicken plates. The sell will continue all day and all night Saturday and Sunday.

MCLEAN NEW MEMBERS OF **ELECTIONS BOARD**

Dexter McLean of Rex has been appointed to the Robeson County Board of Elections. McLean succeeds Charles McDowell of Fairmont who resigned several weeks ago for health reasons.

The appointment was made by the NC Board of Elections after recommendations were forwarded to the board by the Robeson County Democratic Party and the state party. McLean had been the top vote getter in a party caucus.

A graduate of NC A & T University. McLean is a 52-year old school teacher. The three members of the local elections board, McLean, Democrat Louise Hunt and Republican Ray Revels, will select their own chairman.

LAS AMIGAS GIVES DONATION

The Red Springs Chapter of Las Amigas Inc. presented a donation to the Pembroke Jaycees for the North Carolina Burn Center in Chapel Hill, N.C.

the many projects sponsored by the Jaycees each year. In making the presentation, Lessie McBryde, President of the Red Springs Chapter of Las Amigas, commended the young men in Pembroke for being a part of an organization that had the insight to establish such a needed institution. Accepting the donation for the Pembroke Jaycees was the president, Mr. Larry Roberts.

FAMILY REUNION

Four generations of the late Mr. and Mrs. Giles Jacobs (Corena) family of Pembroke gathered Sunday, October 14, 1979 for a family reunion. The joyous occasion occured at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Burke of Route 1, Pembroke. 100-125 relatives and special guests congregated to share in an outing of memories and fun. Special guests attending were: Rev. and Mrs. Elton Bryan, Mr. Juddie Revels, St., Ms. Delphie Clauder, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Sanderson and daughter, Miss Lillian Locklear and Mr. Bruce Barton.

HOMECOMING PLANNED AT GOD'S HOLY ASSEMBLY

bly Church will be held Sunday, Oct 21 The church is located two miles west of Rennert. The pastor, Rev. Harbert 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 begin-ning 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.

Molon Strickland Remembers Pembroke State Football

by Gary Spitler PSU Sports Information Director

Pembroke-Most sports fans associated with PSU do not know that Pembroke State had a football team back in the 1940s. But through Molon Strickland, a football player back in the 1940s, some of the tales of Braves' football have been revealed.

Strickland, owner and operator of Big Mo's Goal Post on Highway 74 outside of Pembroke, played football for the Braves four years, basketball for one year, and baseball for four years. He played from 1948-51 at Pembroke State where he graduated with a B.S. degree in social studies.

"We did not have the depth and number of players you see on the sidelines today," recalled Strickland. "We played hard and in 1949 won 18 straight games but lost in a bowl game."

But where did his love for football originate? "It all started in high school when I saw English Jones (later the Chancellor of PSU) playing his senior year at Pembroke High School," remembered Strickland. "He was like an idol to me. Also, the players loved doing things and playing hard for the high school coach. Joe

So, after high school, Strickland went into the Navy and then returned and began his Pembroke State College foot-

"I love football better than anything, except my wife." said Strickland. "Our whole family enjoys sports and really gets involved." There were seven girls and five boys in the Strickland family.

Strickland said that football today is different than it was thirty years ago. "The players now have more skills and there is a money atmosphere with playing football now. All players have the dream to play professional football and make lots of money, but back in the 1940s, we played because we loved the game of football.'

But what teams could the Braves have played in 1948? We played teams like Alabama State Teachers College, Wingate, Mars Hill, Campbell, Newberry, and several other institutions," recalled the former Pembroke State

Playing on offense as a full back and on defense as a linebacker, Strickland had different goals than the average football player today. "We would give it all we had on the football field, but we respected the players as individuals. Now days they play like animals '

Strickland remembers the fans as supporting the football team. "We had good support. The college started a band to play at the games and the stands were full. Baseball and now basketball is the great sport around Pembroke State University, but back in the 1940s the fans loved football."

The former Pembroke State gridder remembered some other facts different today than years ago, "There are a lot of rules today." believes Strickland. "The most we ever had on a team at Pembroke State was 34 players, but we usually averaged around 27 or 29. The equipment today is much more protective also."

But the husky Strickland, sim playing both on offense and Pembroke defens .. played in all the Pembroke " are University)

games. "Out of 45 games we dollars to each player who played during my career, I played 4414," Strickland stated. "I also enjoyed my baseball career as a catcher. but basketball was not for me. Once I got going I couldn't stop on the basketball court."

But through the love of football and all sports, Molon Strickland attends all sports former Ruth Roberts of Pemevents. "I am giving five broke and they have six girls

attend the basketball and baseball games at Pembroke State this year also." Strickland, the brother of Pembroke's Mayor Reginald Strickland, is married to the

scores a touchdown at the high

school. I hope to be able to



back in 1948. He played

LREMC Annual Meeting

and two boys.

Bill James Brewington supprised incumbant Ward Clark in balloting, for a seat on the LREMC board of directors last night at the annual meeting of the electric co-op at Pembroke State University's Performing Arts Center

Brewington, a write in candidate, out polled Clark 203 to 188; it was the first time a write in candidate had won in many years.

Brewington will represent Area 1; James H. Hammonds in Area V and Alton Dudley in VI were unopposed and were returned to their seats on the board.

John Paul Jones, the at large candidate up for election this year, out polled Robert Jones 194 votes to 144. Mrs Bertha Thomas received 43 votes.

Rev. Elias Rogers was re-elec ted as President of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation. Davis Parker was chosen Vice Pres ident with James H. Hammonds returning as secretary and J.W. Hunt as Treasurer.

An estimated 700 people registered for the 39th annual meeting of the co-op.

County Schools develop Plans for School Bond Monies

On October 23 the Robeson County Board of Education will accept bids on two construction projects, the first fruits of the county school unit's share from the \$16,000,000 school bond issue that was passed by the voters of Robeson County last March 13. Of that total, \$9,207,680 will be the share of the Robeson County School System, including Maxton, when all the bonds are

Since the approval of the school bond issue in March, the County Manager, County Commissioners, and local government officials have been in consultation about how much of the bonds to sell and in touch with bonding attorneys about the most advantageous time to sell. Late last summer it was decided to sell \$8,000,000 as a first step, with the remaining \$8,000,000 in bonds to be sold approximately a year from that

J.C. Humphrey, Assistant Supt. and Business Manager, revealed that the Robeson County Unit's share from the first sale of bonds is \$3,821,140, based on per capita school enrollment. The first money arrived in September.

For the past several months, the members of the Robeson County Board of Education and school officials have ture of these funds for improvements and expansions in the school system as seen necessary. Some 15 projects have been explored at length.

The first two of these on which bids will be accepted this month are the addition of two classrooms and a school lunchroom at Union Chapel School, an elementary school, and for the expansion of the central office complex. located on Maxton Road.

The central office building, known as the Robeson County Board of Education Building, was erected in 1960. Since that time, a number of state and federal education programs have been added, resulting in overcrowded conditions, and the necessity of locating some departments inmobile or temporary units. The building will be extended 30 feet towards the school bus garage, and 30 feet on the opposite side towards the planetarium, adding approximately 4,000 square feet of office space. Assist. Supt. Humphrey explained that this would not only relieve present congestion, but it would facilitate more efficient centralization of the un educational departments and cent

Humphrey stated that in De the County Board of Education accept bids on four additional these are for either new limber additions to present lumber