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MAYOR'S RACE HIGHLIGHTS PEMBROKE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

James A. "Pete" Jacobs challenges Mayor Reggie Strickland

Pembroke- Pembroke's upcoming municipal election on November 6 is highlighted by the mayor's race where James A. "Pete" Jacobs is challenging incumbent mayor, Reggie Strickland.

Two council seats are also up for grabs. Incumbents Sam Dial and Bob Brewington are running for re-election. Contesting them for the two seats are Rod Locklear and Lee Neville.

Mayor Reggie Strickland will be trying for his third term as mayor of Pembroke. Strickland seems proudest of the town's recovery from serious financial problems, including the loss of several thousand dollars that were never accounted for, and resulted in criminal charges being filed against former town clerk during a previous administration. Since then, the town, under Strickland's leadership, has instituted strict accounting procedures. Strickland notes, "The town is now in its best shape ever, financially. We invite any interested citizen to come to town hall and inquire as to the safeguards we have built into our town government so that fraud and abuse will not take place again."

Most of the town's low rent housing has been built under Strickland's administration. And the town began its town manager form of government under Strickland's administration.

Strickland is being challenged by James A. "Pete" Jacobs, who is the county tax supervisor. Strickland is an equal opportunity employment officer with the state highway department. The mayor's term is for two years.

Jacobs, who formerly served for a number of years as Pembroke Town Clerk, noted, when filing, "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."

DIAL AND BREWINGTON CHALLENGED BY LOCKLEAR AND NEVILLE IN CONTEST FOR 2 SEATS

Two council seats are up for grabs in Pembroke's municipal election. Incumbents Sam Dial and Bob Brewington are being challenged by newcomer Rod Locklear and Lee Neville, a former town councilman, who was defeated for re-election in the last municipal election in 1977.

Locklear is chairman of the board of directors of Lumbee Regional Development Association and is currently working with the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs in Raleigh.

This is Locklear's first bid for elective office. He notes, "We must have a strong and unified town government if we are to move forward and remove some of the barriers facing us in the future."

Lee Neville, a former town councilman, is employed as manager of the book store at Pembroke State University.

Neville is vitally interested in the town's 201 facilities project which was begun during his time on the town council. Neville says, "The 201 facilities project will solve many of our problems in regard to upgrading our streets, drainage, water and sewer. I would like to see our present town engineers speed up our application."

Sam Dial, an incumbent, is seeking another term on the council. He is employed with the N.C. Transportation Department in the highway department. He is well known for his contributions to better housing in Pembroke. Dial Terrace, the town's first low rent housing development, is named in his honor.

Dial said, when announcing his candidacy, "The overriding issue facing us in Pembroke is the direction we take in molding and shaping our future. We can't allow rhetoric and emotions to trip us up. The momentum is ours in economic growth...we just need to keep pressing forward in a positive manner."

Brewington, the other incumbent has said, "The growth of our town and the service we receive as citizens is determined by the leadership we elect

to lead and govern...I believe strongly that the citizen's should have a voice in the decisions that govern them, and also should be informed of the decisions that are made."

Brewington is self employed, operating Brewington's Welding Shop.

Town councilmen serve four year terms.

The polls open on election day, Nov. 6, at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

Other Upcoming Elections in Robeson County

Besides the Pembroke election, 13 other municipalities are holding elections to elect mayors and councilmen.

Additionally three of Robeson County's school boards are holding elections.

In Lumberton, incumbent mayor, Clifford Bullard is being challenged by agri-businessman Furman Biggs, Jr.

Vying for council seats are incumbent Hugh Hines and challengers, Charles M. Cooper and Ray Pennington in Precinct #1; incumbent Harry L. Ivey and challengers, Carlton L. Britt, Cecil W. Huggins, and John E. Newton in Precinct #4; incumbent Rev. E.B. Turner and challenger Angus Thompson in Precinct #6; and incumbent Glenn Maynor being challenged by Edward "Buck" Sampson in Precinct #7.

Of special interest in the Lumberton election is the mayor's race between Bullard and Biggs and the spirited races in Precinct #6 where long time Black Councilman E.B. Turner is being challenged by young Angus Thompson, a Black Lumberton attorney. The race in Precinct #7, the traditional Indian precinct, is also drawing a lot of interest where Maynor, the incumbent, is being challenged by Edward "Buck" Sampson.

Other races of interest in Lumber Bridge where Clarence H. Watson is running unopposed as mayor. Vying for four seats on the council are Vance Andrew Blanton, George Talmadge Elliot, Robert M. Jackson and Edwin C. Keeter.

In McDonald, Marshall Tolar is running unopposed as mayor as are the council candidates, Thomas S. Greyard, J. Worth Hall and Margaret D. Price.

Proctorville has Jesse L. Harper running unopposed. Three council seats are up for grabs between Lula Bell Brumles, Florence F. Graham, Henry Dixon Ivey and Robert V. Richards.

OTHER UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN ROBESON COUNTY

Facing no opposition in Raynham are Elbert Britt in the mayor's race and Boyce A. Britt, Howard Britt and Grover Strickland running for three council seats.

Jack W. Morgan, the incumbent mayor of Rembert, is unopposed in November's election as are Emmett McRae and Katrina Maynor Oxendine in the contest for two council seats.

Three council seats are up for grabs in the St. Pauls municipal election. Vying for three seats are Joseph M. Burnhill, Jr., Thomas A. Jernigan, E.Z. Murrell-white, Anne Louise Ray, Durham C. White, Sr. and Frederick G. Williams, Jr.

J. Donald Bullard is unopposed in Rowland's contest for a mayor but four are vying for two council seats: Benjamin Curran, Charles E. Johnson, Linda Susan Lee and Mitchell

Harris Walker.

Parkton, seemingly satisfied with Paul Lewis, has no contest in the mayor's race but seven are contesting for five council seats, including Joseph Marsh Daniel, Richard E. Hughes, Horace W. Parnell, R. Earl Parnell, Dan Proctor, Vernice A. Pullen and Hal H. Watts.

Fairmont will be voting for three councilmen. Nine candidates are contesting for the three seats, including Charlie R. Ashley, A. Ray Davis, Pat R. Floyd, George W. Ford, Oclia Howell, John Jackson, George Jamison, Jr., Lenwood Rich, and Barbara C. Thompson.

George T. Paris is not being challenged in the mayor's race in Red Springs but seven candidates are vying for three council seats. They are E.H. Alexander, Sandy "Billy" Bowen, Thomas L. "Tommy" Egan, Harvey Gaskins, John M. McNeill, William Daniel McPhaul and Audrey T. Smith.

MORE UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN ROBESON COUNTY

In Orrum, Mike Lane and Robert H. Wilkes are the candidates in the mayor's race. Alice C. Atkinson, Wilton C. Caulder, Lester Smith and Viola C. Stephens will fill the four council seats up for grabs.

Maxton's incumbent mayor, Bill Chestnut, is not running for re-election. He has announced as a candidate for state auditor in next year's balloting.

Vying for the mayor's seat in Maxton are Herbert E. Edwards, Robert McLeod Henderson.

Battling for three council seats are William H. Gaines, Theima S. Gwinn, Richard Lawson McCabe, David Jr. McEachin, Angus M. Medlin and Otis L. Murray.

ROBESON'S PLETHORA OF SCHOOL BOARD RACES

One of the amazing records Robeson County holds is its plethora of school boards. There are six in number, although one (Maxton) is now in the process of merging with the county school system.

Electing school boards this year are: Lumberton, Red Springs and St. Pauls.

Only two people are running for three seats on Red Springs School Board. They are Donald Kenneth Watson and Raymond M. Ammons.

6 candidates are vying for two seats on St. Pauls Board of Education. They are: Craig Allen, J.N. "Jack" Kershner, George "Buddy" Paul, Jimmy W. Ratley, Clyde D. Sessoms, and Susan Stroh.

Five candidates are up for three seats on Lumberton's School Board. They are Ray Beatty, Albert Kahn, Sarah W. Paul, E.A. "Pete" Sundry and Sidney A. Locks.



Reggie Strickland



James A. "Pete" Jacobs



Sam Dial



Bob Brewington



Lee Neville



Roderick G. Locklear

PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS... C E S

OXENDINE SCHOOL TO HOLD PLATE SALE

Oxendine School will hold its annual fall fund raising plate sale on Friday, November 9, 1979 from the hours of 12:7-00 p.m.

Barbecue and chicken will be sold at \$2.50 per plate. The proceeds will be used to purchase additional equipment and instructional materials. The public is cordially invited to attend.

ROBESON COUNTY MENUS November 5-9, 1979

Monday
Breakfast--Cereal, Juice, Milk.

Lunch--Stew Beef/Rice, Cheese Stick, Buttered Mixed Vegetables, Sweet Potato Pudding, Fruit Punch, Hot Biscuits, Milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast--Poptart, Orange Wedge, Milk.

Lunch--Pizza Buttered Corn on Cob, Garden Salad., Red Applesauce/Cookie, Milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast--Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk.

Lunch--Chicken Salad on Lettuce, Tomato Wedge, Buttered Green Lima Beans, Peace Pie, Bread, Milk.

Thursday
Breakfast--Donut, Sliced Peaches, Milk.

Lunch--Luncheon Meat, Potato Salad, Buttered Green Beans, Ice Cream Cup, Hot Rolls, Milk.

Friday
Breakfast--Cereal, Juice, Milk.

Lunch--Hamburger on Bun, Chili, Mustard, Catsup, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Yellow Cake/Peanut Butter Icing, Milk.

PTA MEETING

There will be a PTA meeting at Pembroke Elementary School November 8 at 7 p.m. in the school gym. It will be the organizational meeting.

F.H.A. GOES TO FHA RALLY

The District IV F.H.A./HERO Rally was held on Wednesday, October 24, 1979 at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium, Fayetteville, North Carolina. The theme for the year is "Yesterday A Dream, Tomorrow A Vision."

Mr. Dudley Flood, Assistant Superintendent, Area of Students Services, Dept. of Public Instruction, Raleigh, N.C. was the main feature. He spoke on the State theme, "Yesterday A Dream, Tomorrow A Vision." Mr. Flood is a youth oriented person and acclaimed statewide for his presentations.

Another highlight of the Rally was a special feature presented by the 82nd Airborne Division Chorus from Fort Bragg, N.C. The Chorus is a tour group and is acclaimed Nationwide for their enjoyable and entertaining presentations.

There were forty-three members attending the Rally from Prospect High School. They are Doreen Barton, Kimberly Bryant, Sharon Bullard, Susan Deese, Anita Dial, Lottie Dial, C.G. G. Harris, Elecia Harris, Joann Hunt, Michelle Hunt, Carol D. Jacobs, Judy Jacobs, Mary L. Jacobs, Norma J. Jacobs, Teresa Jacobs, Sharon Jackson, Tina Jones, Glynis Lambert, Bernard Locklear, Connie Locklear, Cora L. Locklear, Denise Locklear, Fredie Locklear, Herman Locklear, Kimberly Locklear, Lorie Locklear, Maxine Locklear, Patricia Locklear, Rhonda Locklear, Shirlene Locklear, Keith Lowery, Norva D. Lowery, Anthony Oxendine, Robin Oxendine, Trenette Oxendine, Virgil Oxendine, Timmie Stultz, Kristen Thompson, Vicky Thompson, Sharon Oxendine, Laurie Jones, Karen Moore, Denise Jones, Mary A. Maynor.

The F.H.A. had two guests who went with the girls and boys. They were Mrs. Shirley Moore and Mrs. Pachan Locklear.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Pembroke Town Council has been called by Mayor Reggie Strickland. The meeting will be held in the Town Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st day of November, 1979. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the pending Alfred Cook litigation.

UNION CHAPEL SCHOOL CONCLUDES POETRY WORKSHOP

The faculty and aides of Union Chapel School recently concluded a Poetry Workshop under the leadership of Mrs. Barbara Thomas, supervisor for grades 4-8 in the Robeson County School System.

The 10 meeting Workshop met once a week after school hours and made available renewal credit to those who completed the course.

Participants shared their favorite poetry with each other, and developed ideas for incorporating poetry into many of the subject areas taught, such as science, math, social studies, as well as the language arts.

As a result of the Poetry Workshop, many of the staff members at Union Chapel are experimenting with poetry as an integral part of every day's learning experience, according to several teachers.

REVIVAL PLANNED

Prospect United Methodist Church will hold a revival beginning Sunday, November 4 and running through the 9th. Rev. Joseph Anderson of the Lumber River Methodist Holiness Conference will be guest speaker during the revival which begins at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Special meals will be prepared each evening. Rev. Anderson, pastor, and the congregation will invite the public to attend.

Service Oil Company Charred by Fire



The charred remains of Service Oil Company testify to the fire that burned the building on Highway 711 sometime around midnight Monday night. The inside of the building was damaged extensively with informal estimates of "more than \$15,000." The insurance companies were continuing their investigation at press time, with

faulty wiring seeming to be the culprit.

Fire Marshall Matt McNeill and Pembroke Fire Chief Ray Hunt praised the two fire departments, including the Pembroke Fire Department, and the volunteer fire departments of Prospect, Swans Crossing, Raft Swamp, Deep

Branch and Allenton which brought an emergency truck to the scene.

Said McNeill, "The fire department, as usual, did a good job--their response was exceptional. The fact that the building was not damaged so much as it was speaks well of the area fire departments."