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STRICKLAND BITTER IN DEFEAT

ACCUSES HERMAN DIAL IN PART FOR DEFEAT

PEMBROKE--In something of a surprise James A. "Pete" Jacobs defeated incumbent Mayor Reggie Strickland in the mayor's race in Pembroke in Tuesday's balloting. Jacobs won resoundingly with a 67 vote margin, 306 to 239.

In comments to area media, following his defeat Tuesday night, Strickland said, "I plan to spend more time with my family...it seems evident that Pembroke doesn't want good government."

He also accused Herman Dial, chairman of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, for his defeat inferring that he should have kept Jacobs out of the race. Strickland said to Dial, at election central in Lumberton Tuesday night, "You worked against me; I know that for sure."

Jacobs is the tax supervisor for Robeson County with his office in the Robeson County court House.

Dial, who has a strong base of support in Pembroke, seemed taken aback by Strickland's charges. He

categorically denied them saying, "I like both of them, Reg (Strickland) and Pete (Jacobs). I purposely stayed out of it. And I categorically deny Strickland's charges; I had nothing to do with it. Jacobs has a right to run if he wants to; after all, this is America. I can't go around demanding that people stay out of certain races."

Strickland seemingly was out of favor with a number of people loosely identified with the Ben Floyd faction of the Democratic Party. And, according to his logic, Jacobs was their chosen candidate.

DIAL AND LOCKLEAR WIN THE COUNCIL RACES

Incumbent Bob Brewington was toppled along with Strickland, polling 212 votes to finish a distant third behind newcomer Rod Locklear, who garnered 282 votes in his first try for elective office.

Incumbent Sam Dial led the balloting for two council seats with 304 votes. Finishing last with 200 votes was former councilman Lee Neville.

Rod Locklear, the new councilman, is

chairman of the board of Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) and is associated with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.

IN OTHER RACES AROUND THE COUNTY...

Glenn Maynor, the young and energetic Councilman from Lumberton's Precinct #7, easily turned back challenger Buck Sampson to retain his seat 342-227. Maynor noted, at election central, "I am the happiest person in the room tonight."

Dr. E.B. Turner, the Black Councilman from Precinct #6 turned back young challenger, Angus Thompson, a black attorney. Turner won handily 762-349.

Hugh Hines retained his seat in Precinct #1, outpolling Ray Pennington and Charles Cooper. Hines polled 369 votes to Pennington's 255 and Cooper's 222.

And Harry Ivey also was returned to his council seat in Precinct #4 by outdistancing Carlton Britt, John Newton and Cecil Huggins. Ivey received 303 votes while Britt received 107. John Newton with 86 and Huggins with 15 finished far back in the field.

In the mayor's race businessman Furman Biggs easily outpolled incumbent Mayor Clifford Bullard 3,128-1,577. Many Lumbertonians considered it a mandate against the adversary politics of Bullard.

In Maxton blacks lost another bid for the mayor's chair, with Robert "Mac" Henderson, a white, outdistancing Rev. J.H.E. Edwards, a long time black political leader in Maxton. Henderson won 428-357. Only incumbent R.L. McCabe retained his council seat as he was joined by newcomers Angus Medlin and William Gaines. McCabe received 370 votes, Medlin 344 and Gaines 340. David McEachin was narrowly defeated with 337 votes to finish out of the money.

AND...

In the race for three seats on the Fairmont Board of Commissioners, apparent winners were incumbent Pat Floyd with 325 votes, Charles Rae Ashley with 316 votes and T.L. Rich III with 375 votes. Defeated in that race were incumbent Ocia Howell with 205 votes, former commissioner Ray Davis with 156 votes, George W. Ford with 169 votes, G. Jamison with 52 votes and B. St. Thompson with 63 votes.

In Lumber Bridge elections, C.A. Watson polled 28 votes to win the mayor's seat unopposed. In the race for four council seats, incumbents G.T. Elliott, R.M. Jackson and E. Keeter were returned to office and V.A. Blanton also was elected. Elliott and Jackson each polled 28 votes, Keeter got 19 votes and Blanton 26 votes. There was no opposition.

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PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS

PROSPECT PTA TO MEET

Prospect School's PTA meeting will be held Tuesday evening, Nov. 13, 1979 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. At the regularly scheduled meeting, members will vote on the adoption of bylaws for the organization. They will also elect a treasurer at this time.

Following the business session, teachers will be in their respective class rooms to discuss the progress of the students with the parents. Jimmy Goins, PTA President and James A. Jones, principal, cordially invite parents to attend.

BEAR SWAMP CHURCH PLANS HOMECOMING

Homecoming will be observed at Bear Swamp Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 11, 1979. Rev. Grady Cummings will deliver the morning message at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall of the church. An afternoon singing will begin immediately following lunch. The pastor, Rev. T.M. Swett, and congregation cordially invite friends to attend.

STUDENT BOOK FAIR PLANNED AT TOWNSEND SCHOOL

The Townsend Middle School in Maxton will sponsor a book fair from Nov. 13-15. Students will be able to browse and purchase books. The book fair will be open during the hours of 8-3:30. Books will be on display in the Media Center.

The book fair committee invites all students, parents and visitors to attend. The fair will encourage student interest in reading and in building home libraries, and will also contribute to a worthwhile project. All profits will be used for purchasing materials and supplies for the library.

The book fair display will include attractive new books from many publishers in all popular price ranges--wonderful books to read or to give as gifts. All reading interests will be represented, including classics, fiction, biographies, adventure stories, science, nature, crafts, mystery and reference books. Educational Reading Service, a professional book fair company will furnish an individual selection of books for the fair.

MAXTON IEA PARENT COMMITTEE TO MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

The Maxton Indian Education Act Program will hold its Parent Committee election Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at Townsend Middle School Cafeteria. Three representatives from the Maxton School District will be elected to serve on the Robeson County Indian Education Parent Committee. The members presently serving on the Maxton Indian Education Parent Committee will continue to serve until July 1, 1980 at which time the Maxton Indian Education Program will merge with the Robeson County IEA Program.

Immediately following the election, the Maxton Parent Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting.

Dr. Givens Addresses Men's Club

Pembroke--Dr. Paul E. Givens, chancellor of PSU, will speak to the Wagram Men's Club Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the club's special observance of "Ladies Night."

Dr. Givens will be the guest of William E. Bullard, Jr., assistant professor of history at PSU.

The Wagram Men's Club has been in existence since 1936.

ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE PLANNED SATURDAY

The Annual Veteran's Day Parade is planned Saturday, Nov. 10, 1979 through downtown Pembroke at 10 a.m. Lineup will be at 9:30 a.m. at the PSU campus. The parade and other Veterans Day activities are being sponsored by Locklear-Lowry Post #2843, Pembroke.

A special ceremony will be held in the Pembroke Town Hall immediately following the parade. A special guest speaker will be Commander Tom Oxendine.

Oxendine is director of the Office of Public Information, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. He attended Pembroke State College and received a B.A. degree in 1948. He also attended the University of Southern California, Los Angeles where he completed additional undergraduate courses.

He later returned to Pembroke to complete courses required to teaching certification.

Commissioned an ensign in the United States Navy in 1942, Oxendine served as a Naval aviator during World War II. From 1950-51, he was on the faculty of Pembroke High School, then was recalled to military service as a Navy jet fighter pilot for the Korean conflict. In 1960 he became commanding officer of Training Squadron Two at the Naval Air Basic Training Command, Pensacola, Fla. which was the Navy's largest Basic flight training Squadron.

In 1962 Oxendine became the deputy fleet information officer for the staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S., Pacific Fleet and then the public affairs officer for the Commander of Task Force 77, Gulf of Tonkin.

In 1965, he was Director of Plans for the Office of Information, Navy Department, in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. and subsequently headed the public affairs office of the Navy Department's Naval Air Systems Command which administers the activities of over 100,000 personnel throughout the world.

In 1967, Oxendine was awarded the First Annual Distinguished Alumnus Award by PSU.

He is a member of the National Congress of American Indians, the National Aviation Club, and the National Press Club.

Oxendine is married and resides with his wife and three sons in Arlington, Va.

A fish fry will be held on the post grounds after the activities. Locklear-Lowry Post #2843 is located on Union Chapel Road.

competes



April Locklear, Little Miss Lumberton 1979, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Locklear, is a North Carolina State finalist in the 1979 American Pageant. The pageant will be held in Charlotte, N.C. on November 11.

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Last Council Meeting before Elections



NEW STREET SIGNS NOTED

PEMBROKE--It was a routine meeting, as most of the town officials seemed to have the pending election on their minds, especially incumbent Mayor Reggie Strickland and Councilmen Sam Dial and Bob Brewington, all vying for re-election. Strickland and Brewington were disposed the following day (Tuesday) in municipal balloting.

At the meeting Monday night the council handled routine matters, unlike many meetings recently that seemed always to end in scriminous debate behind closed doors in executive session. The town is being sued by Alfred Cook, a property owner, over a disputed parcel of land long used by the town as an alley way.

One political announcement seemed to be the new bus route established for the residents of Locklear Court, at the end of Pine Street Extension. A number of

citizens had appeared at the previous council meeting clamoring for a bus route and a resurfacing of the street leading into the low rent housing development. Councilman Sam Dial announced it seemingly as an aside to the press.

NEW STREET SIGNS

The town is erecting the new street signs that have been on the drawing board for a long time. The signs are being paid for mostly by the governor's Highway Public Safety Program. Town Manager McDuffie Cummings noted that the program will pay for 75% of the actual cost which will total about \$5,000.00.

Cummings also announced that the Pembroke Jaycees have undertaken a house numbering project as one of their community orientated programs in Pembroke.

Cummings also announced that the Atlanta and Raleigh clearing housings have responded favorably to the town's 201 Facilities Project which will mostly upgrade the town's sewage and water capabilities.

Additionally the town referred a request by Mrs. Millard Maynor to the planning board; she requested the town to allow a mobile home in the general area of Millie's Fashions within the city limits. The request is presently at variance with the town's zoning regulations and would have to be amended by the town council.

The council also agreed to place a "No



JAMES A. "PETE" JACOBS



SAM DIAL



ROD LOCKLEAR

Pediatrician Joins Staff at Pembroke Medical & Dental Clinic

The Pembroke Medical and Dental Clinic is pleased to announce the addition of a pediatrician to their staff. In 1965, Nelida Cuenca, MD A Specialist in Internal Medicine began training in pediatrics at Pontiac General Hospital and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Pontiac, Michigan.

In 1970 Dr. Cuenca moved to North Carolina and has been in Private practice at Boiling Springs, NC for eight years. She was also engaged with Student Health Service at Gardner-Webb College Boiling Springs NC. From 1974 until July 1978, Dr. Cuenca worked as a pediatrician at

Cleveland County Health Dept., Shelby, NC.

August 1978-August 1979 she attended the school of Public Health, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill where she obtained a Master's Degree in Maternal and Child care.

Dr. Cuenca has two daughters, Ana and Rose, both are students at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

The Pembroke Medical and Dental Clinic will begin a Children's Specialty Clinic on November 19, 1979 with Dr. Cuenca as Pediatrician. The children's Clinic will be held Monday and Tuesday of each week. Office hours for pediatrician: Monday-11:00 am - 8:pm Tuesday- 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

You are urged to call and make appointments in order to minimize the waiting time to see the pediatrician. 521-8641

Parking "sign in front of the sidewalk fronting the Lumbee River Legal Services offices in Pembroke although Sam Dial, who opposed the measure, said "I am not voting for it because we do not enforce ordinances like this we when we pass them...."

The meeting lasted a mere 30 minutes.



Miss PSU Pageant Nov. 14th

Fourteen of the contestants for "Miss Pembroke State University" strike a pretty pose. The beauty pageant will be held Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 8 p.m. in the PSU Performing Arts Center. The girls above (left to right) are: Kathy Hobson, Raleigh; Betty Jean Cox, Winston-Salem; Lisa Gayle Allen, Lumberton; Carla Faye Cummings, Fayetteville; Susan Ann Thomas, Apex; Rhonda Joyce Ansty, Sittman; Mary Beth Perry, Greensboro; Cindy Lindsey, Raleigh; Sheila Marie Juvino, Fayetteville; Tamara Leigh Brown, Fayetteville; Cynthia Gayle Milton, Stokes; Mary Joyce Starling, Wade; Susan Renee Watson, and Emma Leavonia Kelly, Fayetteville.

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