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CFNP Project Establishes Rebecca Sampson Fund



REBECCA SAMPSON

Parents Continue to Question Rex-Rennert School Site

by Connie Brayboy

A group of parents from north Robeson County gathered at Magnolia School Thursday night, Dec. 27. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss what could be done to get a new high school, instead of the proposed plan by the Robeson County Board of Education to convert Rex-Rennert Elementary School, with additions, etc into North Robeson. The board has proposed to consolidate Magnolia and Parkton High Schools into North Robeson High at the Rex Rennert site.

The meeting was chaired by Ronald Revels. Board member Ronald Hammonds was on hand to enlighten people in that area on the district lines. He passed around maps of the Robeson County School Districts and talked about what those lines meant. His wife, Linda Hammonds, teacher at Parkton School, read a prepared speech. She began by explaining to those in attendance the definition of consolidation. She said that she wanted the students in north Robeson to receive the same

thing those in West Robeson would receive. She asked for consolidation in the sense of a broader curriculum, adequate classrooms and media center.

Some time was spent in discussion and questions and answers. O. Tom Blanks, new employee of the Robeson County Board of Education at the Hilly Branch Vocational Center, also expressed his feelings on the matter. They all seemed to feel that their students were being short changed in north Robeson because they were being placed in a renovated high school while students in West Robeson were getting a new high school. (West Robeson will consist of the students at Pembroke, Prospect and Maxton high schools.)

A committee was selected to seek legal means of petitioning the court for an injunction to halt the construction of the proposed \$1.4 million North Robeson High School.

Included on that committee were Mrs. Aileen Holmes, Mrs. Gladys Pierce, Ronald Revels, Mrs. Shirley Locklear and Mrs. Bill Herndon.

by Connie Brayboy

As the new year begins Mrs. Dorothy Sampson finds herself once again waiting for a telephone call. She waits anxiously, cries openly and prays continuously. She is waiting for a call from Duke Medical Center where her daughter, Rebecca, is hospitalized. The 16-year-old is suffering from a brain tumor. Mrs. Sampson is waiting for a report from the doctor. A report which will tell her whether or not the medication is reducing the size of the tumor. "The doctor said there was no way he would operate," she said. So she waits and prays the medication will work or that some other miracle will occur.

Waiting, praying and visits to Duke Medical Center have almost become a way of life to this mother of six. She explained her long ordeal. Said she, "In August of 1977 Rebecca was riding her bike. She fell with her bike and hurt her right knee. It began to swell. I took her to a doctor in Lumberton who made x-rays. He discovered she had bone cancer and sent us to Duke."

When Rebecca and her mother arrived at Duke, the doctors amputated Rebecca's right leg to the thigh. She was at Duke for a week and a half and then returned home.

Following her surgery, during a regular check-up, the doctors discovered that Rebecca had lung cancer. Again she was hospitalized for surgery. The doctors removed a part of her lung. After a stay in the hospital she returned to her Route 1, Rowland home.

For a while things seemed to be going reasonably well for Rebecca. But on the Friday

before Christmas she began having severe head aches. Although the pain was severe, she insisted on staying at home for Christmas. Christmas night, however, the pain was acute and her mother was forced to call her doctor. Upon her examination at Duke the next day, they diagnosed a brain tumor.

For over a year now the Community Food and Nutrition Project staff of Lumbree Regional Development Association has been working with Mrs. Sampson who resides with her daughter Rebecca and one son. Mrs. Louise Hunt, CFNP counselor, has been assigned to the case because the Sampsons reside in her area (Fairgrove). She visited the family last year and helped them get what services she could from local social agencies.

Mrs. Sampson receives no income and Rebecca receives Supplemental Security Income. The son is a skilled laborer. They receive \$86 a month in food stamps. The income is not enough to cover transportation to and from Duke Medical Center, or to allow purchases of bed clothes for Rebecca.

Mrs. Hunt has established the Rebecca Sampson Fund. First contribution for the fund came from Mr. Grady Chavis' class at Piney Grove Baptist Church and other members there. Mrs. Hunt believes that there are other people in the various communities who will contribute to this fund. She asks that any donations be sent to Rebecca's mother, Mrs. Dorothy Sampson, Route 1 Box 224, Rowland, NC 28383, phone 738-4121, or to Mrs. Louise Hunt, Route 3 Box 980, Fairmont, NC 28340, phone 628-7238.

"Get Yours Early!"

Campaign Encourages Early 1980
Registration Renewal



Angela Godwin, an employee of the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicles Division in Raleigh, prepares to mail 1980 vehicle registration renewal notices. The Motor Vehicles Division mailed over 4.5 million renewal cards last week to the state's vehicle owners. Sales of 1980 validation stickers and license plates begin January 2. The 1980 stickers or tags must be displayed no later than midnight February 15.

RALEIGH--The state's Motor Vehicles Division has launched a communications campaign to encourage North Carolina vehicle owners to purchase 1980 validation stickers and license plates early.

Sales of the 1980 stickers and tags begin January 2. The new stickers or tags must be displayed no later than midnight February 15.

The theme for the communications effort is "Get Yours Early!"

Gonzalie Rivers, director of the division's vehicle services section, said posters and counter cards have been distributed

to each of the 115 license plate agencies across the state. In addition, public service announcements will convey the message.

The stickers and tags may be purchased in person from the license plate agencies or by mail from the Motor Vehicles Division.

"We hope the state's citizens will take advantage of these offices or the mail order system to buy and display their tags or stickers early," Rivers said. "We feel the communications campaign will aid in the reduction of waiting time and provide better efficiency at the agencies and in our Raleigh operations."

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Financial Aid Workshops at PSHS

The Guidance Dept. of Pembroke Senior High School will host a Financial Aid Workshop Tuesday evening, January 8, 1980 from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The workshop is basically for parents of seniors to find out about financial aid and how to apply for it.

Workshops Planned for Local Methodists

Laurinburg--United Methodist Church leaders in Richmond, Scotland and Robeson Counties will be trained at a workshop Thursday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m. Host church for the event is First United Methodist Church, Laurinburg.

This January Training Workshop is sponsored by the North Carolina United Methodist Conference, which encompasses the eastern 56 counties of the state. The workshop include 17 classes to train church officers in their responsibilities.

Similar workshops are being held in the 12 districts of the conference, with a total of 4000 persons trained.

Body Found

LUMBERTON -- Robeson County Sheriff's deputies Monday identified a body found near Interstate 95 last week as that of James D. Todd of Route 2, Rowland.

Detective Thurmon Mitchell said the 60-year-old man had been reported missing from his home in late September.

The N. C. Medical Examiner's office in Chapel Hill has been unable to determine the cause of Todd's death, but officers have ruled out foul play.

Todd's decomposed body was found Friday about 65 feet east of the interstate and near the N.C. Welcome Center. Hunters found the body lying face down in a muddy section of the Ashpole Swamp.

Mitchell said Todd, who suffered from hardening of the arteries, occasionally walked through the swamp-land to reach his home.

Baptists Plan Witnessing Workshop

A Lay-Witnessing Team under the leadership of Thomas R. Allen, President of Andco Industries in Greensboro and member of Green Street Baptist Church in High Point, will lead a workshop on Witnessing Tuesday evening, January 8, at the Baptist Building in Pembroke at 7:30 p.m.

This team is a group of volunteer laymen who for several years have led witnessing conference throughout the states. The team will be sharing ideas on developing witnessing skills and attitudes and distributing witnessing materials. All ministers and lay persons are invited to participate.

EARN MASTERS DEGREE

Zoe Ann Woodell of Chapel Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Braddy Woodell of Pembroke completed work on her masters of education degree in Special Education at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill during the summer of 1979. She is presently teaching the physically handicapped students at Alamance County.

Piggly Wiggly Shopper Wins \$1,000.00



Mr. John Drees, left, is shown presenting a check for \$1,000 to Mr. Homer Mayner of 306-A Dial Terrace in Pembroke. Mr. Mayner won the \$1,000 playing "The Wheel of Money" Bingo Game at the Pembroke Piggly Wiggly Food Store. Mr. Drees is the store manager. Mr. Mayner, a long time

shopper at Piggly Wiggly said, "I knew I can find a good one for the money....no doubt about it." (Bruce Barton photo)

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Pictured left to right are Mr. and Mrs. Noah Woods, hosts; John M. Brooks, Chairman of

the Robeson County Democratic Party; Chalmers Biggs, re-election chairman in Robe-

son County; and Wallace Hyde, a member of the national re-election commit-

tee. (Bruce Barton photo)