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## Former Governor leads List of Dignitaries to take part in Old Main Rededication

Saturday, February 16

by Gene Warren

PEMBROKE--Twelve persons, including former Gov. James E. Holsouser, Jr., of North Carolina, have been invited by Chancellor Paul R. Givens to be on the program for Pembroke State University's rededication of Old Main Saturday with ceremonies taking place at 4 p.m. in the PSU Performing Arts Center.

The wooden portion of Old Main, the first brick building constructed on the PSU campus in 1923, was destroyed by fire on March 18, 1973, during Holsouser's administration. The Governor rushed that day to the campus, offering a \$5,000 reward for any arsonists, and promised, "Out of these ashes this can be a beginning instead of an end." The walls of the former building still stand, but a modern structure has been built inside those old brick walls.

The program for Saturday's rededication includes: The singing of the school alma mater by the man who wrote the music, Ira Pate Lowry; invocation, by Rev. Welton Lowry, vice president of the PSU Alumni Association; welcome and recognition, by Chancellor Givens; introductions, by Rev. Julian Ransom, who is also purchasing agent for PSU; "Old Main--A Look at the Past," by Clifton Oxendine, for 18 years dean of PSU and now professor emeritus of history and sociology; "Old Main--A University Trust," by Jesse E. Oxendine of Charlotte, chairman of the PSU Board of Trustees; "Old Main--A Center of Activity," by Adolph Dial, chairman of the PSU American Indian Studies Department; "Old Main--A Center of Student Services," by Miss Lejana Hammonds of Rt. 1, Maxton, a business

administration major; "Old Main--A Realization of a Dream," by Mrs. Janie Maynor Locklear, a leader of the "Save Old Main" movement; "Old Main--A Challenge for the Future," by John R. Jones, chairman of the Old Main Commission; remarks by former Gov. Holsouser; closing remarks by Chancellor Givens; and benediction, by Rev. Steve Jones, pastor of Harpers Ferry Baptist Church and son of Chancellor Emeritus English E. Jones.

The PSU faculty and administration have been invited by Chancellor Givens to wear their academic robes for the occasion.

The public, all alumni, and friends of PSU are invited to attend these proceedings, which will be followed at 5:30 p.m. by the alumni banquet in the Jones Health and Physical Education Center.



CLIFTON OXENDINE, 80, who was dean of Pembroke State University for 18 years and served 13 additional years as professor of history and sociology, retired in 1970 as Professor Emeritus. He was in the first graduating class at Old Main in 1924. "There were only

seven in that class, and only four are still living," he said. Oxendine, who resides only a couple of miles from PSU, will be one of the speakers at the rededication ceremonies for Old Main at 4 p.m. Saturday. His topic: "Old Main--A Look at the Past."

### MAYOR OF PEMBROKE PROCLAIMS SATURDAY, FEB. 16 AS 'HOMECOMING DAY'

PEMBROKE--Mayor James A. (Pete) Jacobs of the Town of Pembroke has proclaimed Saturday, Feb. 16, as "Homecoming Day," noting that he as mayor "proudly joins hands with Pembroke State University in officially proclaiming that day as 'Homecoming Day', not only for the University but also for the Town of Pembroke."

we (the University and Town of Pembroke), with confidence and with faith in God, enter the challenging Decade of the 1980's."

In his proclamation he "commends the observance of this occasion to all of our (Pembroke's) citizens."

His full proclamation is as follows:



**PROCLAMATION**  
WHEREAS, Pembroke State University is setting aside Saturday, February 16, as the day it will rededicate Old Main, the first brick building constructed on its campus in 1923; and  
WHEREAS, that historic and hallowed building is an educational landmark because of its pioneering role in educating not only the Indian people but later all races as well; and  
WHEREAS, this homecoming will see the first inductees into the Pembroke State University Athletic Hall of Fame, their names being: Michael Carruthers, Joseph Gallagher, Theodore Maynor, Thomas Oxendine, and John (Red) Sampson; and  
WHEREAS, there will be the special playing of "Mail to PSU," the University's alma mater--music written by Ira Pate Lowry and lyrics by his wife Reba Lowry--on the University's new carillon so generously donated to the University by Mr. and Mrs. Lowry; and  
WHEREAS, newly-organized Pembroke State University alumni chapters in Charlotte, Fayetteville, and Greensboro are receiving special invitations, along with all other alumni of this great University, to return to their alma mater for this day of rededication and reconstruction; and  
WHEREAS, there will be gala celebrations with such festivities as a homecoming parade, ribbon-cutting and "Open House" at Old Main, arts and crafts display, student art show, campus tours, alumni banquet to which all friends and alumni of the University are invited, homecoming basketball game, recognition of alumni athletes, crowning of the Homecoming Queen, and a Braves Club Victory Party;  
NOW, THEREFORE, I, James A. Jacobs, Mayor of the Town of Pembroke proudly join hands with Pembroke State University in officially proclaiming Saturday, February 16, 1980, as "Homecoming Day", not only for the University but also for the Town of Pembroke as together we, with confidence and with faith in God, enter the challenging Decade of the 1980's and further commend the observance of this occasion to all of our citizens.

James A. Jacobs  
Mayor

## Lowry is Candidate for School Board Seat

Oceanus Lowry has filed for a seat on the Robeson County Board of Education. Lowry makes his bid to represent District IV.

The 40-year-old Pembroke native has long been active in the Pembroke Senior High Booster Club. He is presently serving as president. He is a charter

member and now a member of the board of directors of the PSU-affiliated Braves Club. A charter member of the Pembroke Jaycees, Lowry has received the "Rooster of the Year" honor as well as being recognized five times as Jaycee of the Year.

He is a graduate of the county schools and also attended Catawba College and Pembroke State University. Lowry is a General Foreman at the Libby-Owens Ford Glass Company in Laurinburg. He and his wife Mary Dicie and their three children, ages 16, 7 and 2, reside at Pine Lake Park, near Pembroke.

In his first attempt as a candidate, Lowry released the following statement:

"I believe in the common-sense approach to education, equal and quality education for all children with special emphasis on grades K-8."

Afterwards Strickland addressed the council in open session and told them they should put the radar back in police cars. "If you live on Pine Street... the highway patrol because of the problems won't even book anyone in this area... be responsible... shape up our town and our morale problems in the police department... don't be so concerned about fences and carnivals... be concerned about Gary Strickland, Pine Street and our town..."

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## Robesonian Writer WAGR Newsperson Disrupt Pembroke Council Meeting

by Bruce Barton

Pembroke--Said a political wag, "Bruce, you have a reputation for being a bit of a trace kicker...you were the good guy today."

I don't know about that....but Lynnette B. Lynn, a Robesonian staff writer and Chris Rode, a newsperson for WAGR Radio, were the center of attention Friday evening as they interrupted a supposed executive session of the Pembroke Town Council.

The town council had gone into executive session in order to hear from Gary Strickland, a towns person who had informed the council before the executive session that he wished to discuss "Danny Russ."

According to town sources, the council was "on the verge" of going back into open session after questioning Strickland behind closed doors. According to town officials Strickland talked "in general terms" about a number of

things including the morality of the Pembroke Town government, Councilman Sam Dial and "a number of related issues."

Before they could return to open session, Lynn and Rode interrupted the meeting, pushing the door open. Lynn said, "You're in violation of the Open Meetings Law...we're coming in on the advice of our attorney..."

I followed Lynn and Rode to the door. "Boys," I said, "If they (they being Lynn and Rode) are going to be allowed to stay then I am coming in...I feel kind of foolish standing out in the hall..."

Strickland was one of three people who had asked to be placed on the agenda. Former Town Councilman Bob Brewington and Pembroke merchant Stan Jones also were on the agenda but did not show up.

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Town Councilman Milton Hunt objected strenuously when, besides deciding to hear Strickland in executive session, the council also agreed to hear from Mrs. Maude Jones, another towns person.

When the council decided to go into executive session to hear from Strickland first, I objected "officially" and asked that my objection be entered in the minutes.

After Lynn and Rode interrupted the session, Attorney Dexter Brooks advised the council, after hearing from Strickland, that they would be, indeed, in violation of the open meetings law to hear from Strickland further in executive session.

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## PEOPLE AND L AND THINGS... C E S

### LOCKLEAR/LOWRY VFW POST 2843 TO SPONSOR GOSPEL SING

The Locklear/Lowry VFW Post 2843 will be sponsoring a gospel sing at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville Sunday, February 17, 1980. All members are encouraged to participate.

### SOUTHERN BELL RATES HIKE IN ROBESON COUNTY

Southern Bell Telephone customers will be paying an added 35 cents on their monthly telephone bills for one party service.

It will cost more for installation of telephones. The cost of installing a new phone will increase from \$31.10 to \$36.75 for residential customers.

The rate increases are part of a rate increase granted Southern Bell by the utilities commission; the only good news is that Southern Bell asked for a blanket \$45 million rate increase but were allowed to increase their rates by a total of \$25.5 million.

Two party bills will also go up by twenty five cents a month. Business phone rates and installation will also increase.

### SADDLETREE JAYCEES ENDORSE CONCERNED CITIZENS ORGANIZATION

Believing that laws should be of government rather than man, the Saddletree Jaycees endorse the organization of Concerned Citizens of North Robeson in their endeavors to have the school district lines of Robeson County re-drawn so as to be educationally, racially, and economically balanced for the equal opportunity of ALL children of Robeson County.

We further resolve to offer our support of their movement, believing "equal education" to be the key to the sum total of a free man and his vocation, and knowing that economic justice for all mankind can best be won by freemen through free enterprise.

submitted by Jackie Jones, President, Saddletree Jaycees

### PROSPECT JAYCEES TO HOLD PLATE SALE SATURDAY

The Prospect Jaycees will hold a barbecue plate sale Saturday, February 16, from 10 a.m. til 6 p.m. at the Prospect Volunteer Fire Department. Plates are \$3.00 each and include a generous serving of delicious pit-cooked barbecue, two vegetables, and dessert. Proceeds will go to the Prospect Jaycee building fund.

### REVIVAL PLANNED AT MT. OLIVE

There will be a revival meeting beginning Feb. 20, going through Feb. 26 at the Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church of Pembroke. The speaker will be Rev. J. Doner Lee. Rev. Lee is the Superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church with headquarters in Falcon, NC. The meeting time will be each evening at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday evening when services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The pastor and congregation of Mt. Olive extend a heartfelt welcome to everyone.

### HELP WANTED!

C.F.N.P. at LRDA is asking for donations of Canned Goods for needy families of Robeson County. Call 521-2401.

### PSU CHANCELLOR TO BE GUEST OF PRESIDENT FRIDAY ON "N.C. PEOPLE"

PEMBROKE--Dr. Paul B. Givens, chancellor of Pembroke State University will be the special guest of President William C. Friday of the University of North Carolina system on the UNC-TV program, "North Carolina People," to be

seen on television both Sunday, Feb. 17, from 6-6:30 p.m. and on Friday, Feb. 22, from 9-9:30 p.m.

Color slides of Pembroke State University will be shown on the program as the two educational leaders discuss such PSU topics as: the University's Indian tradition, the relationship between the University and the community, Dr. Givens' philosophy of education, the school's graduate program, its recent reaccreditation, the University's excellent faculty, its evening program, its unique tri-racial student body, and the recent addition to the campus of offices for "Strike at the Wind," the Lumbee Indian outdoor drama. The relationship between the University and businesses of the area will also be discussed along with many other topics on the half-hour program.

The program was taped Feb. 11 at UNC-TV headquarters in Chapel Hill.

Dr. Givens has now served as chancellor of Pembroke State University for 7 1/2 months. His official installation ceremony will be May 10 in the PSU Performing Arts Center when the PSU faculty will march in academic regalia.

### Hunt remains on Elections Board

Lumberton--The Robeson County Board of Elections affirmed Monday night that Mrs. Louise Hunt will remain as a member of the board of elections. Her seat was recently confirmed by the state board of elections.

Some confusion had arisen as to whether or not Mrs. Hunt would be allowed to retain her seat because of a memorandum by the state board concerning nepotism. Mrs. Hunt's daughter, Mrs. Pearlina Revels, is assistant supervisor of elections in Robeson County.

Mrs. Hunt said, "I didn't ask for the appointment but I am glad the ruling has been made by the Raleigh office so we can get on with the upcoming elections. We have a good board and I am glad this distraction is behind us. I am especially happy that my appointment was reaffirmed by the state board of elections and not by the local politicians; after all, they are not the ones who put me on the board in the first place."

County attorney Joe "Pete" Ward informed the board Monday night at a meeting of the decision by the state board of elections.

The state board ruled that a new policy prohibiting a board member from being related to an employee was not applicable to Mrs. Hunt. The new policy went into effect October 15, 1979. Mrs. Hunt was appointed to the local board June 19, 1979. Her term expires in June of 1981. Mrs. Revels has been employed with the local board for a number of years.

### CUMBERLAND-ROBESON LAW MIGHT EFFECT SOME CANDIDATES

But others running for elective office in Robeson County might be affected by a little known elections law that is subject only to Cumberland County and Robeson County. The law says, in part, that a person who teaches or is employed by a school system is prohibited from serving on a school board within the same county.

Bessie M. Landis, a Red Springs School teacher, has filed for a seat on the county school board; officials say she can run, but must resign her teaching position in order to serve on the school board.

If the law is enforced, John A. Station, chairman of the Red Springs School Board, is in violation of the law because he is presently teaching in Lumberton City Schools and is an arts teacher. Station has county commissioner's race in Springs District.

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PSU but the Town of Pembroke as well. Looking on are McDuffie Cummings, left, Town Manager of Pembroke and Chancellor Paul B. Givens of PSU.