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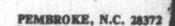
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PEMBROKE CALLS FOR **PUBLIC HEARING** ON ANOTHER WATER, SEWER REFERENDUM

Town Decides to Re-examine Water Rates

PEMBROKE--At its most recent meeting the Pembroke Town Council decided, on a motion by Councilman Rod Locklear, "to undertake a study on rates for high volume water users immediately; and to change the rate structure to adjust water rates to an equitable basis."

The motion seems to be in response to complaints of the newly annexed West End Area of Town and others that institutional water and sewer users like Pembroke State University, the local schools, and the Pembroke Housing Authority are charged a lower rate than individual citizens.

That basic complaint seemed to be the slight difference that spelled defeat for the recent water and sewer bond referendum on January 26.

Noting the "slightly more than 20 vote defeat" and admitting a desperate need for water and sewer improvements Town

officials have taken action which will put the measure before the voters again.

Town officials have called for another public hearing on the matter March 9, 1981 at 7 p.m.

The public hearing is the first step in calling for another vote on the water and sewer referendum.

The Town hopes to call for the same \$550,000 sewer bonds and \$175,000 in

Passage of the \$550,000 in sewer bonds would assure the Town of \$1 million in federal and state grants. Receiving the \$1 million however is contingent on the Town coming up with the \$550,000.

Improvements to the Town's water system are to be completely funded by the \$175,000 water bond issue

Mayor Pete Jacobs and McDuffie Cummings, Town Manager, hope to explain the referendum "better than we and heard an update from Carnell

Mayor Jacobs, following defeat of the measure on January 26, said, "The sewer and water systems are in dire need of improvements.

... In Other Matters

The Town adjusted the contract of Porter Sanitation in light of the recently annexed West End area which added 50 homes and 15 businesses to the Town, Porter's fee will be increased by \$3,000 annually to make up the difference.

Jaycees to host Carnival March 2-7

The Town also approved a request from the Pembroke Jaycees asking for permission to hold a carnival March 2-7 on the vacant lot beside Pembroke Texaco,

A CLOSER LOOK... Barry Harding, Principal, Pembroke Middle School



BARRY HARDING

by Connee Brayboy

Adolescence is a period children go through as they go from childhood to adulthood. "It's a pretty rough time for kids," said Barry Harding, "They need a lot of love and understanding." And he should know. He gets daily opportunities to love and understand 315 students. He is serving his first year as principal of Pembroke Middle School.

The creation of a seventh grade center, formerly called Pembroke Middle School, is a novel idea for the Robeson County School System. The Center is located on the campus of the former Pembroke Elementary School. The center was created, reportedly, because of an over crowding in the feeder schools to Pembroke Senior High School. These

feeder schools are: Deep Branch, Union that period here." Chapel, Union Elementary, Purvis and Pembroke Elementary School, These schools are all k-6 schools with the Middle School and the 8th and 9th grades going to Pembroke Junior High

The principal of the new seventh grade school is Barry Harding, a quiet, unassuming person. He describes himself as a "private person." He was not afraid of the challenge of a new school. He feels however that he has proven himself quite capable.

Said he, "I feel very fortunate to be here. I am grateful for the opportunity to administer this school. I know that everybody is watching to see what we'll do. Not meaning to sound boastful, but I think we've done a tremendous job," he continued.

When he begins talking about the students, he becomes very much alive. 'Yes," he said, "You could say the kids doubling as a guidance counselor. There's so much we can do. We've got a lot of kids with a lot of needs... If you can help them with them, it makes you feel really good."

Harding spoke at length about the advantages and disadvantages of a centralized seventh grade. One of the disadvantages, he stated, is that the students are only there for one year. "This prevents us from becoming as involved with the parents as we'd like to," he said.

And he continued, "It's a one-shot deal. We don't get another opportunity to help these students. It's important that we do it right the first time...We are sort of preparing students for junior high school. When they get there, they shouldn't have any adjustment problems because they have already been through

Harding, a graduate of Magnolia High School, earned a degree in Elementary seventh grades coming to the Education from Pembroke State University. He comes to the principalship of Pembroke Middle School from Allenton Elementary School where he served for five years as a teacher. He served there under the supervision of Charles O. Kinlaw and Tommy Brisson. During his last year there he served as lead teacher, which means he acted as principal in the absence of Mr. Brisson who doubled as principal of Smiths School. Harding also earned his master's degree in school administration through the graduate program at Pembroke State University.

Harding continued to talk about the adolescent period. "It may be the most difficult period that parents have to face... I understand this and also sympathize...Kids need a lot of love and understanding." He would interrupt himself frequently to say, "One of the kids made this." And his office is a display case for various works by the turn me on. What I really enjoy here is students. "If you wanted to say it doubling as a guidance counselor, concisely," he continued, "I belive in being firm, but fair. I don't think we should come down on a student so hard he can't breathe, but I do thing we should remain in control."

> In addition to the 315 seventh graders, Pembroke Middle School has ten classroom teachers, one teacher for the exceptional children, two Title I teachers who specialize in reading and math. And the Middle School also offers chorus and band through a program working in conjunction with Pembroke Junior High School. Additionally, the campus is utilized a great deal after school hours

'Strike at the Wind!' Board meets for Update

PEMBROKE--The board of directors of Robeson Historical Drama, Inc., the sponsoring agency of 'Strike at the Wind!', the popular outdoor drama depicting the exploits of Henry Berry Lowrie and his cohorts before, during and after the Civil War, met at a dinner meeting held at Town and Country Restaurant in Pembroke Tuesday night did the last time," this time around. Locklear, the enthusiastic general manager of the drama.

> Carnell Locklear informed the board that he hoped to clear "maybe as much as \$3,500" from a fund raising venture he has recently completed with the board of directors. The board sold tickets to a drawing which will be held at the office of the Carolina Indian Voice at 11 a.m. on February 28th. The winner of the game of chance will win \$500; second place will win \$150 and third place will garner \$50.

> Locklear also brought the board up to date on the many activities of he and his staff as they begin gearing up for the drama's 6th season.

> The board also heard words of encouragement from Dr. Lawrence J. Wheeler, deputy director of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. Wheeler spoke highly of 'Strike at the Wind!' and what the outdoor drama means to its surrounding community.

> Locklear and other officials of the board presented Dr. Wheeler a billboard from the most recent season of 'Strike at the Wind!' suitably framed for hanging.

> Dr. Wheeler was introduced by Adolph Dial, chairman of the board of directors; closing remarks were made by Ken Maynor, president of the sponsoring

MEETING RESET FOR MARCH 9

The regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Town Council of the Town of Pembroke for March 2nd has been cancelled and a special called meeting will be held March 9, 1981.

> Ruby N. Smith Town Clerk

through the auspices of the Community Schools Program. These programs include arts and crafts, dance, karate, organized games, etc. etc.

Harding is the son of Mrs. Berlie Mae Harding of the Barker Ten Mile area and the late Steamon Harding. He is married to the former Cheryl Blanks, daughter of Mrs. Sadie Rae Blanks and the late Barrington Blanks of Pembroke.

Harding and his wife reside in the Littlefield area.

Pembroke Middle School was a novel idea. It has proven to be another successful venture under the supervision of Superintendent Purnell Swett. And Barry Harding continues to quietly and unassumingly love and understand the students in his charge.

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

N.C. CORN GROWERS POLLING PLACES

The North Carolina Corn Growers Referendum will be held March 3. Listed below are the polling places:

*Lumberton--O.P. Owens Agriculture Center, telephone 738-8111; F.C.X. Store, telephone 738-5286; FCX Grain Market, telephone 738-8581.

•Maxton--Collins and Sons Milling Company, Estech General Chemical Corporation, telephone 844-5882.

•St. Pauls--D.D. McColl, telephone

Littlefield--Littlefield Supply, telephone

•Red Springs--Liberty Manufacturing, telephone 843-4126.

Pembroke--FCX, telephone 521-2801.

•Parkton--J.Q. Parnell Fertilizer, telephone 858-3532.

•Fairmont--Big Brick Warehouse, tele-

*Rowland--FCX, telephone 422-8511.

•Proctorville--Kaiser Chemicals, telephone 628-7340.

Your continued support of the N.C. Corn Growers organization will provide for market development and research for corn growers.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and vote March 3.

A new Carolina Indian Voice

The looks of the Carolina Indian Voice has changed, beginning with last week's

The pages are narrower, reflecting the need to cut down on the size of the paper from a 7 to a 6 column format.

Each page is about 15 inches across as opposed to the previous ones of 17

Saves a wee bit of money at the printers,

Hope you like 'the new look.'

ACME ELECTRIC PLANS OPEN HOUSE

Lumberton-Acme Electric cordially invites the public to an open house of its recently expanded Lumberton facilities Saturday, Feb. 28 from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. Acme Electric is located on Interstate 95 south.

DAY SCHOOL WINS ANNUAL QUIZ BOWL

Robeson County Day School won the Robeson County Public Library's second annual Quiz Bowl by defeating Fairmont High School in the final rounds held on February 23. Members of the winning team are Bill Tnompson, Chuck Prevatte, Gene Melvin, Thomas Bounds and Richard Wood.

The semifinal rounds included teams from Maxton and Pembroke High Schools, who played a consolation round after the final round was finished. Twelve high school teams competed in this year's Quiz Bowl, and students not graduating this year are already making battle plans for next year's matches.

Robeson Country Day School's team will travel to Raeford on Saturday, March 7, to compete in the Quiz Bowl regionals against teams from counties west of Robeson. Starting time for these matches is 1:30 at the Hoke County Public

PTA TO SPONSOR BASKETBALL GAME

The Prospect PTA will sponsor the second annual basketball game between the Fort Bragg Super Leggs and the Prospect All-Stars. There will be a girls' and boys' game. The game will be held in the Prospect Gym on Saturday,'. February 28, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. Admission for the game is \$1.00 per person. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this event.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

OFFERED

TO LOCAL RESIDENTS

Free tax assistance is available to Robeson County residents who are confused about filling out a federal tax return or cannot afford to pay for assistance.

It's called Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and is offered by Lumbee River Legal Service, Volunteers are trained in tax law and return perparation by the Internal Revenue Service and will assist tax payers with Forms 1040A and 1040. Many tax payers are unaware of the exemptions, deductions, and credits to which they may be

Lumbee River Legal Service will offer VITA help Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the corner of 2nd and Main, Pembroke, NC until April 15.

Taxpayers interested in free tax assistance should bring their tax forms packets, W-2 forms, and other pertinent tax documents to the VITA Center.



The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs cordially invites you to attend the Sixth Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference Thursday, Friday, and Saturday March 5-7, 1981 Quality Inn 201 South McDowell Street Charlotte, North Carolina

