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Milton Hunt Named Pembroke Democratic Precinct Chairman



Milton Ray Hunt

PEMBROKE, N.C .- Interest ran high, according to observers, as a record crowd of local Democrats poured into Pembroke Junior High gym this past Thursday night to elect precinct officials. An estimated 225 people turned out to see Pembroke Town Councilman and local contractor Milton Ray Hunt elected Chairman of the Pembroke Precinct, the largest precinct in Robeson County. Hunt handily defeated Jenell Oxendine for the top post and immediately thereafter took the mantel from outgoing Chairman Lindberg Locklear.

> for their support. Hunt pledged to 'demand the respect' Pembroke deserves in the county political arena.

The large crowd in attendance at the precinct meeting, as one observer put it. seemed to be generally divided among those for or against the recent water and the Hunt supporters seemed to come lowry. sewer bond referendum. The call for a five minute recess for caucus purposes by Hunt's opposition did in fact reveal much about the make-up of those in attendance and the candidates they

chose to support. West-end residents from within the town limits. William (Bill) Oxendine, and Henry

Smith called for the recess and moved to Pembroke carries a lot of clout as it the rear of the gym to caucus with a travels to the Robeson County Demogroup that appeared to be largely cratic Convention with 31 delegates. composed of West-end residents, and County Democrats will elect a new residents from outside the town limits, Chairman and other County Democratic After the caucus was over and nomi- party officers at its April 25th connations for Chairman resumed. Oxen- vention. Election of delegates to the dine placed Jenell Oxendine's name into nomination.

former Town Councilman, who opposed retary-Treasurer. the water-sewer referendum, was seen outside on the grounds of the meeting

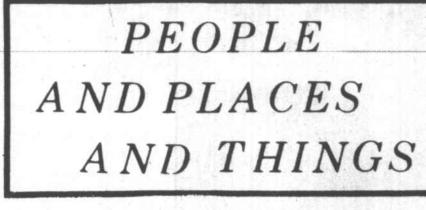
State Democratic Convention will also take place.

Other Officers elected at the Pembroke The old adage that politics makes for Democratic Precinct meeting were: Taking a brief pause to thank the group / strange bed-fellows seemed to apply as it Vice-Chairpersons. Harry Oxendine, Elwas pointed out that Robert (Bob) vera Locklear, and Reggle Strickland. Brewington, a local Republican, and Sandra Oxendine was elected as Sec-

> Committee members named included place seemingly monitoring the meeting, Rath McCormick, Arnold Locklear, An-It was also observed that the majority of the J. Hunt, Ann Brewer, and Fred

Gov. Hunt appoints Dr. James B. Chavis to Education Board

RALEIGH .- Governor Jim Hunt an-Sounced yesterday (April 1) that he has recommended the appointment of Dr. James B. Chavis to the North Carolina State Board of Education. His recommendation has been submitted to the N.C. General Assembly for fro forma approval.



Miss Lumbee to attend the Azalea Festival



Brigitte Brayboy, Miss Lumbee

Miss Lumbee, Brigitte Brayboy along with her chaperone, Florence Ransom have been invited to attend the 34th Annual Azelea festival by the Azalea president. Mr. Don Britt.

performing queen which affords her and her chaperone the honor of having all expenses paid by the Azelea Festival Committee. The festival will be held April 8-11 in Wilmington, NC.

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Attending the Azelea Festival is one of the highlights of Miss Lumbee's reign. There she will be meeting and performing at several functions along with many of the invited celebrities of the entertainment world.

The 34th Annual Azelea Queen Maureen Teffy who has stared in the movies Fame and the Scavenger Hunt. The movie Fame will be playing in Wilminggon during the week of the entertainof the Azelea Festival.

Other celebrities attending will be Bob Hope, Glen Campbell, The Spinners, Minnie Pearl. Road Runner and Earnie from Hardies. Bill and Susan Hayes from the afternoon series, "Days of Our Lives." "Miss Black America, Miss North Carolina-Janet Ward Black,

The last Miss Lumbee afforded the honor of attending the Azelea Festival as a performing queen was Brenda Hunt, Miss Lumbee has been invited as a Miss Lumbee 1978.

A CLOSER LOOK AT **Curtis Pierce**

by Connee Brayboy

The phone rings continuously. Someone is always waiting to talk with Curtis R. Pierce, vice president of the Lumbee Bank. His work day is hectic. There is always more paper work than time will allow him to complete. And it seems everyone wants to see him. Pierce takes all the activity in stride and offers everyone a ready smile or a hearty laugh.

The activitiv is all in a day's work and after ten years, Pierce is accustomed to the fast pace. He began with the bank at its inception in 1971, as a cashier. As the years passed, he acquired more and more responsibility. His duties as vice president include loan administration and investments for the bank. He reports to regulatory agencies for the bank and maintains the bank records.

EDUCATION

Pierce is a 1964 graduate of Prospect High School. He earned a B.S. Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting from Pembroke State University in 1968. He has worked toward a master's degree at Campbell College. In addition, he has a Certificate of Completion of the Mid-management Course of the North Carolina School of Banking and an Advanced Certificate from the same school.

Pierce reflected on his earlier life. He recalled the disadvantages of his childhood of poverty. Said he, "Things were really tough when I was growing up. Many times it would have been easy to have quit school. I remember Danford Dial, then principal of Prospect School, with pride and a great sense of



appreciation.

He paused thoughtfully and continued, 'Mr. Danford believed in me. He kept saying 'you can' until I began to believe I really could."

Having no available monies for further education at home. Pierce remembered Danford Dial going to the university with him. There, too, Dial kept insisting and Pierce received a scholarship and a work study program. Pierce said, "Mr. Dantord just wouldn't take no for an answer. He felt that I could do better. He believed I could, and I did."

LIFE BEFORE THE BANK

Upon graduation from the University, Pierce enlisted with the United States Army. He served as a medic and obtained the rank of Specialist Fifth Class. Following his discharge from military service, he worked with the General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C. He served as an investigator and an auditor for that firm.

Prior to employment with Lumbee Bank, Pierce worked briefly as a fiscal officer for the Lumbee Regional Development Association.

He expressed a great love for working with numbers and believes he is in a key position to assist economic development for Indians. Pierce stated that economics is the key to progress. He said, "Whenm people become economically independent, they also progress socially, educationally and all other ways."

And in reference to the bank, the one and only bank owned and operated by Indians in the State of North Carolina, he said, "The Lumbee Bank is a tremendous asset to the community. The idea of our own bank give all of us a more positive outlook. It gives us uplifting ideas and encourages us to grow in all aspects of our lives-- socially, educationally, and in all other areas. Economics is the key to progress."

He continued, "I am really humbled by the opportunity to serve in this position which has so many positive ramifications."

Pierce is always smilling and more sensitive than is apparent. Always willing to go the extra mile to help customers, he is often distressed because some times there is nothing he can do to help.

"There are times when I can do nothing help someone...no matter how much

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Dr. James B. Chavis

American Indian Cultural Festival

Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium, April 24th and 25th will be the site of North Carolina's first Statewide American Indian Cultural Festival.

Sponsored by the Cumberland County Association of Indian People, this event will be the first of its kind to bring together, for sharing with the general public, the cultural heritage and traditional ceremonies of the Native Americans of North Carolina.

This is a special opportunity for you to experience traditional Indian ceremonial dances, view and purchase authentic American Indian arts and crafts and share with the Association of Indian People one of the most exciting cultural events of the year.

School students are encouraged to attend to learn about the "real" American Indian and not sterotypes from t.v. and movies.

Famous Indian dancers from all over the United States will perform and compete for prize money in tribal costumes. The best Indian Male War Dancer will win \$1,000 and the honor of being selected from among his peers. Three thousand (\$3,000) in other prizes will be awarded.

Outstanding craftsmen will display and sell beautiful handmade beadwork, silver and turquoise jewelry, basketry, stone carvings and pottery.

Planned to become an annual event: admission will be charged. Adult admission will cost \$2.50, children and senior citizens will pay \$1.00. Pre- schoolers will be admitted free. Camping will be available.

You are invited to come and enjoy North Carolina's first annual American Indian Cultural Festival. For information call (919) 483-8442 and ask for James hardin.

The appointment is for a full eight year term, and is one of three at large seats on the prestigious board.

The board is made up of 14 members: * eleven appointed by the governor and three ex-officio members consisting of the Lt. governor, the state treasurer and the superintendent of public instruction.

The board elects its own chairman and vice chairman; the superintendent of public instruction serves as secretary to the board.

Dr. Chavis, 45, is presently serving as vice chancellor of, student affairs at Pembroke State University. He has held several administrative positions at the university where he has been employed. except for a stint as chief ombudsman for the state, since 1964.

"Strike at the Wind!" Auditions Scheduled Auditions for the sixth season of "Strike

at the Wind!" are to be held on Saturday, April 11 at 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 12 at 2 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Amphitheatre on the grounds of the Riverside Country Club, 3 miles west of Pembroke.

Twenty-two major speaking roles and many chorus members are needed to present the two act and musical drama about Henry Berry Lowrie and the Lumbee Indians. Parts in the play call for Indians, whites and Blacks of all sizes and ages. >

Anyone with acting, singing or dancing talent is invited to try out for a part. Previous experience is not necessary. Also needed will be numerous persons to work with costuming, lighting and sound. Persons interested in these jobs should attend one of the tryouts and tell of their desire to work with the organization.

"Strike at the Wind!" is fine family entertainment with plenty of laughter, tears and adventure. It's a story and song of inspiration and hope that can be felt today. The cast will be made up of many persons. Last year, there were people from eight to eighty, from students to preachers and from near and far. Each person working with the drama becomes a part of the history of Robeson County.

For further information contact "Strike at the Windl." P.O. Box 1059, Pembroke, NC 28372 or phone (919) 521-3112.

Contributors to Bus Drive at Pembroke Senior High:

The Fund Drive for a Pembroke Senior High School Activity Bus is slowly but surely moving toward its goal, according to Roy Maynor, Jr., Principal of Pembroke Senior Hgh School. He reports that many concerned parents and friends have responded well to a worthwhile cause.

The school and some parents have sponsored three raffles on hogs donated by Dial Farms, Lyrcurous Lowry and Less Chavis. These raffles moved the drive forward almost one-thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Future plans include a fish plate sale scheduled for April 11, 1981 on the campus at Pembroke Senior High School. All local citizens are urged to help make the event a success. Maynor emphasizes, "Remember, you are not just buying a fish dinner, but you are helping purchase a badly needed source of transportation for the school. Also, the next meeting relative to the fund drive is scheduled for April 6, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria." All interested citizens are urged to attend.

Beginning today some names and amounts contributed will appear in the VOICE. We plan to continue this public listing until all contributors have appeared in the newspaper.

The school continues to need the support of the community. Said Maynor, "Together, we can continue to help Pembroke Senior High improve the quality of education our youth receive."

Maynor also announced that the school is expecting the University of North Carolina-**Chapel Hill Baseball Players** to appear at the school on April 20, 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Fundraising activities include Two ballgames between PSHS Seniors vs Faculty--\$472.00 three PSHS Hog Raffles--\$986.00 Anonymous contribution-\$500.00

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