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Milton Hunt Named Pembroke Democratic Precinct Chairman

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 mantle from outgoing Chairman Lindberg Locklear.



Milton Ray Hunt

Taking a brief pause to thank the group 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 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 William (Bill) Oxendine, and Henry Smith called for the recess and moved to the rear of the gym to caucus with a group that appeared to be largely composed of West-end residents, and residents from outside the town limits. After the caucus was over and nominations for Chairman resumed, Oxendine placed Jenell Oxendine's name into nomination.

The old adage that politics makes for strange bed-fellows seemed to apply as it was pointed out that Robert (Bob) Brewington, a local Republican, and former Town Councilman, who opposed the water-sewer referendum, was seen outside on the grounds of the meeting place seemingly monitoring the meeting. It was also observed that the majority of the Hunt supporters seemed to come

from within the town limits.

Pembroke carries a lot of clout as it travels to the Robeson County Democratic Convention with 31 delegates. County Democrats will elect a new Chairman and other County Democratic party officers at its April 25th convention. Election of delegates to the State Democratic Convention will also take place.

Other Officers elected at the Pembroke Democratic Precinct meeting were: Vice-Chairpersons, Harry Oxendine, Elvera Locklear, and Reggle Strickland. Sandra Oxendine was elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

Committee members named included Ruth McCormick, Arnold Locklear, Anne J. Hunt, Ann Brewer, and Fred Lowry.

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



Dr. James B. Chavis

RALEIGH--Governor Jim Hunt announced 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 formal approval.

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 Wind!" P.O. Box 1059, Pembroke, NC 28372 or phone (919) 521-3112.

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

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 Azalea festival by the Azalea president, Mr. Don Britt.

Miss Lumbee has been invited as a

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

Attending the Azalea 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 Azalea Queen Maureen Teffy who has starred in the movies *Fame* and *Scavenger Hunt*. The movie *Fame* will be playing in Wilmington during the week of the entertainment of the Azalea 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 Azalea Festival as a performing queen was Brenda Hunt, Miss Lumbee 1978.

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 High School. He reports that many concerned parents and friends have responded well to a worthwhile cause.

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

PARTIAL LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS

- Reggle Strickland-\$100.00
- Dr. M.L. Brooks-\$100.00
- PSHS Home Economics Dept. -\$50.00
- Vera Malcolm-\$25.00
- Charles Ralph Ward- \$50.00
- Glenna Hicks- \$10.00
- Annie P. Cummings-\$5.00
- Gregory (Roy) Maynor-\$50.00
- William D. Oxendine-\$100.00
- Noah Woods-\$100.00
- Juanita Smith-\$50.00
- John H. Sampson, Sr.-\$10.00
- Sylvia W. Britt-\$10.00
- Kenneth R. Maynor-\$100.00
- Roy Maynor, Jr.-\$200.00
- Stacy Locklear-\$100.00
- Pembroke Middle School-\$50.00
- Laney Locklear-\$20.00
- Wade Hunt-\$100.00
- Neal Graham-\$100.00
- Jerry Lowry-\$300.00
- Ira Pate Lowry-\$100.00
- Oceanus Lowry-\$100.00
- Reenie Elk-\$125.00
- James Monroe Chavis-\$15.00
- John R. Jones-\$100.00
- Roy Lacy Cummings-\$50.00
- Wilson Chavis-\$100.00
- Clayton Maynor-\$100.00
- Nettie Lowry-\$50.00
- Dr. English Jones-\$100.00
- Clarence Locklear-\$100.00
- Titus Locklear-\$50.00
- Eddie Mack Locklear-\$100.00
- Donald Bullard-\$100.00
- James H. Locklear-\$50.00
- Randall Jones-\$50.00
- Hartman Brewington-\$50.00
- James F. Bell-\$100.00
- Thomas E. Locklear-\$100.00
- Bundy Locklear-\$100.00
- John G. Deese-\$100.00
- Paul Brooks-\$100.00
- Danny Bullock-\$50.00
- Charles Graham-\$50.00
- Bill J. Brewington-\$100.00
- Harvey Lowry, Jr.-\$25.00
- James H. Maynor-\$100.00
- Peggy J. Locklear-\$25.00

A CLOSER LOOK AT Curtis Pierce

by Connee Brayboy

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. Danford 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, "When 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 smiling 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 to help someone...no matter how much

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Curtis R. Pierce, vice president of the Lumbee Bank, is shown in his office. (Connee Brayboy photo)