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## DR. GERALD MAYNOR REBUFFED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ROBESON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### David Green re-elected on a 6-5 Vote

by Bruce Barton

LUMBERTON-Said a long time observer of the county schools, "it's pathetic in a way...they (being those in power) used to say to us...Go and get yourself qualified and we'll let you take part in running things..."

The observer smirked, following a meeting of the Robeson County Board of Education last Thursday evening. "If Dr. Gerald Maynor ain't qualified then who is?" Maynor is chairman of the department of education at Pembroke State University.

Maynor, an Indian, was defeated for the chairmanship by David Green, a black, and a retired service man who operates a rest home in Parkton. Green had been serving as interim chairman following the resignation of Ralph Hunt

after his conviction for illegally marking and selling tobacco.

Surprisingly Green was nominated for a full term as chairman by an Indian, Lillian Faye Locklear, of Pembroke. Her motion was seconded by another Indian, Pete Clark, who replaced Hunt on the board. Green had to vote for himself to carry the day. Voting for him were Lillian Faye Locklear, Pete Clark, himself, Rufus Graham, another black on the board; John A. Gibson, a retired black education; and J.R. Musselwhite, a white.

Maynor was nominated by Laymon Locklear, an Indian. His motion was seconded by E.B. Morton, Jr., a white. Voting for Maynor were Laymon Locklear, E.B. Morton, Jr., himself, and Jerry Lowry, and Ronald Hammonds, both Indians.

In placing Maynor's name in nomination Locklear said, "If we are looking at qualifications how in the world could we not take into account the name of Dr. Gerald Maynor." Locklear said, noting that Green is a relative newcomer to Robeson County. "I have nothing against outsiders but the fact that Gerald Maynor is home grown means something to me...the title of doctor of education means something to me...the fact that his children attend our county schools means something to me..."

It looked like the voting was a mere formality since everyone on the board seemed to have their minds made up.

The vote for chairman was the last item on the agenda and followed a lengthy executive session where ostensibly personnel were discussed.

Ralph Hunt continued to be a subject

of intense interest. Superintendent Purcell Swett admitted, a few days following the meeting, that Ralph Hunt is back in the employment of the Robeson County Board of Education. Swett said that Hunt was hired "administratively" and was hired "on an interim basis" to work with South Robeson High School which is supposed to open in the fall. Swett said, "He (Hunt) is doing a good job for us at South Robeson...he is quite versed in preparing a school for occupancy..." Hunt was formerly a teacher and principal in the county school system before retiring to go into the tobacco business full time. He was formerly principal at Fairgrove School, one of the two schools (the other being Rowland) which will make up South Robeson High School.

Following the split vote Green called for unity. He said, "I promise to represent this board to the best of my abilities...and I call on you to help me."

### "AMERICAN INDIAN DAY" HELD AT PEMBROKE STATE

PEMBROKE--"American Indian Day" was sponsored by Pembroke State University's American Indian Student Association Monday, April 13, with many activities on schedule demonstrating Indian culture awareness and what PSU offers to students.

Area high school seniors were special invited guests.

Authentic Indian dances were performed in the Student Center by dancers from the Indian Youth Center of Robeson County under the supervision of Archie Lynch, a PSU student.

Arts and crafts were also displayed in the D.F. Lowry Student Center on campus. Included were jewelry made by Grant Dial and leatherwork made by Leon Locklear.

The PSU Student Admissions Corps led tours of the campus.

A special lunch of genuine southwestern Indian food was served in the PSU cafeteria.

### PLATE SALE

Barbecue and chicken plates will be on sale Friday, April 24, beginning at 11 a.m. and lasting until 7 p.m., at the Pembroke Rescue Squad Building. Proceeds will be used for paying the debt on the building, buying equipment and supplies.

### TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT FOR THE MIRIAM OXENDINE BENEFIT PEMBROKE--The

excitement is building for the Miriam Oxendine Entertainment Benefit scheduled for tonight (Thursday, April 23) at Pembroke Senior-High School's Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

The benefit is sponsored by community supporters of Miriam Oxendine. Monies raised will go toward helping Miriam develop as an artist and entertainer. She is a proficient song writer and performer.

Many local entertainers will perform, including many past and upcoming cast members from "Strike at the Wind!". Tickets are \$3 for adults, and \$1 for students.

## Water Facility Urgently Needed, Says Bond Vote To Decide Who Will Pay

-A NEWS ANALYSIS-

The question isn't will Pembroke have water or won't it, because the town must have water.

The question is only this: who's going to pay for the water?

Who will pay depends on the outcome of Monday's bond referendum. If the

issue passes, the burden of an additional \$35,000 per year will be borne by out-of-town businesses that don't pay municipal taxes and by the large quantity users, primarily Pembroke State University and the Pembroke Housing Authority. No increase in other rates will be necessary.

If, however, the issue fails, it will require not only the higher rates for out-of-town businesses, P.S.U. and the Housing Authority, but also higher rates for all water users--private homes and local businesses.

City officials, all of whom endorse passage of the bonds, boil the situation down to a bottom line that says Pembroke is in for severe problems, unless a new well, reservoir and treatment facility are constructed.

Current water consumption for Pembroke is approximately 100 million gallons a year. The three city wells that produce this water are operating at capacity. There is no possibility for producing more. This, say town officials, means there's also a possibility of new local expansion in business or industry.

A worse problem, according to Town Manager McDuffie Cummings, is the constant and real threat that one of the three existing wells will develop problems that might cause a shut down.

"Even a temporary stoppage at one of the wells could be disastrous," he says. "There would be no way to meet normal citizen needs; there would be no way to cope with a major fire. It's the sort of situation I wish we didn't have to worry about, but it's too critical to ignore."

The oldest of the three existing wells was installed in the early 1930s. A second well was added in the '50s and the third in the 60's. During the past ten years Pembroke has experienced tremendous growth that was not even dreamed of at the time the third well was installed and the water-sewer capabilities have simply not kept pace.

Another situation that makes the new utilities a must is the threat of punitive action by environmental protection agencies which have warned the town that continued water pollution--especially of the Lumber River--cannot continue. According to both Cummings and Don Jacobs, a civil engineer now under contract to the town, EPA has been tolerant of the town's drainage problems only because of promises to correct the deficiencies. If no progress is made in the very near future, the result will almost certainly be fines and other actions against the town.

"What I'd like for people to realize is what a bargain the water and sewer bonds are," says Cummings, who is a strong proponent of passage. "If the bonds pass, almost \$1 million of the total cost will be paid by federal and state grants. That's about two-thirds of the cost. If it doesn't pass, the tax payers are going to have to pay the entire bill."

The entire bill is \$1,464,257. Of that amount, the Environmental Protection Agency and the N.C. Clean Water Act have agreed--if the bonds pass--to pay \$972,725 in grants. The balance, \$491,532 will be borrowed from Farmers Home Administration at five percent interest over a 40-year period.

"If the bond issue doesn't pass," says Cummings, "we have no loan and no grants. All we have is a water and sewer problem that has to be corrected."

Regardless of whether or not the bond referendum passes on Monday, the new water rates--which include rate increases for out-of-town businesses, P.S.U. and the Housing Authority--will go into effect on July 1. Town officials are keeping their fingers crossed that the referendum passes so that no other rate increases are needed.

## What Hath Ten Years Wrought?

Living in a community is a little like watching your own children grow. You don't really notice the changes until the first day of school or graduation day or wedding day or some other red letter event. Then you stop to take a hard look and all of the changes jump out at you though they'd just occurred.

Pembroke's been changing. This past week, amid the splendor of the spring burst of azaleas and dogwood and even some roses, **The Carolina Indian Voice** took two long walks: one through the town and one back in time--about ten years.

It took some time to compare now and then, but when the mental tally was done, we arrived at a firm conclusion. Pembroke is better today. Its growth has been healthy and sound. All around us are new faces, new homes, new businesses and the old ones--the ones that were here ten years ago--look better for it.

Below is listed some of what we've found that's new. If we've missed anything that popped up during the last ten years, please let the **Indian Voice** know.

- Pembroke Arcade
- Public Works Building
- "Strike at the Wind!"
- Ty's Mini Mart
- Odum Home expansion
- Carolina Indian Voice
- Pembroke Carpet Service
- Wonderland Day Care
- CP&L Substation
- Pembroke Electric
- Jones Hardware
- new First Union
- Quick Finance
- Lowry's Pharmacy
- Pembroke Tire Service
- Fillin' Station
- Miss Millie Fashions
- University Sportswear
- Maggie Oxendine Athletic Park
- P.S.U. expansion
- Bernard Lowry's College Plaza
- Shopping Center
- American National Insurance Co.
- Revels' Office Complex
- B.S.U. Student Center
- Burnt Swamp Baptist Association
- Pembroke Elementary School
- Pembroke Town Park
- Lowry Ball Park
- Freeman Sporting Goods
- Golden Eagle Chemical Company
- Lumbee Bank
- Woods
- Piggly Wiggly
- Locklear Court
- Dial Terrace
- Strickland Heights
- Locklear, Brooks & Jacobs
- Don Bullard's office
- Lumbee Legal Services
- Playskool Nursery
- Chavis Park
- Maynor Manor
- Hardees
- Pembroke Medical Clinic
- Pembroke Veterinary Hospital
- Pembroke Community Workshop
- Pembroke Optometry Clinic

## Democrats to meet Saturday

The Robeson County Democratic Party will meet for its 1981 County Convention at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25 at the Robeson County Court House, Court Room No. 1.

Highlighting the Convention will be the election of new county officers.

Keynote speaker for the convention will be Senator Robert B. Jordan III, State Senator representing the 17th Senatorial District for Mt. Gilead.

Senator Jordan is a graduate of Montgomery County public schools and North Carolina State University. He served two years in the United States Army, serving overseas duty in Europe.

He has served as Chairman of the Senate Base Budget Committee, a member of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina, a member of the Consolidated Board of Trustees of North Carolina, Chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Committee, Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association, the National Association of Independent Lumbermen, N.C. Forestry Foundation, N.C. State Young Democrats of Montgomery County YDC, North Carolina YDC, Town Board of Mt. Gilead. Outstanding young alumnus of N.C. State University, Distinguished Service Award--Montgomery County Jaycees.

Milton Hunt, Pembroke Precinct Chairman, urges all delegates and interested democrats to attend.

## Airman of the Quarter



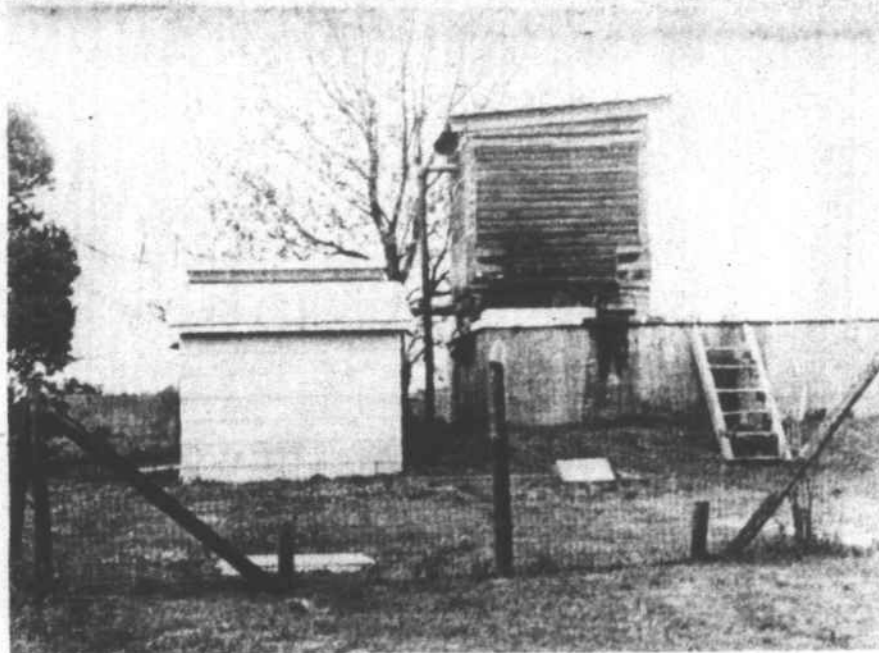
Senior Airman Greer A. Locklear has recently been named "Airman of the Quarter" for the entire Southern Communications area. Prior to being selected to receive this honor, Sr. Airman Locklear was named Airman of the Month and Airman of the Quarter for the Kelly Air Force Base where she is stationed with the 1923 Communications Group. Sr. Airman Locklear is an Air Traffic Controller.

According to Colonel Ronald McMillan, Commander at Kelly, these awards recognize Sr. Airman Locklear "...as the best airman for the period October 1980 - December 1980." Col. McMillan further states that after "only fifteen months in the Air Force, she was promoted to Senior Airman ahead of her contemporaries."

In nomination of Sr. Airman Locklear the Commanding Officer writes "...She routinely controls traffic in a complex high density air traffic control environment. She has developed an astute knowledge of procedures. She applies these procedures with the perfection of the most competent professionals."

Sr. Airman Locklear is the daughter of Herbert H. and Christine Locklear of Baltimore, Maryland where Greer was born and raised up. She attended Western, the city-wide high school. She is a member and former Sunday School teacher at South Broadway Baptist Church. She is married to Mr. Vincent David Vanderlaan of Dallas, Texas. Sgt. Vanderlaan is also an Air Force Serviceman and is an Air Traffic Controller.

According to Greer's parents, she has always been a hard-working and conscientious person. She gives of her best and is always surprised when her fellowmen take notice of her efforts. Her father writes, "...I believe it is fair to say that Greer has a great capacity for love and shows an abundance of enthusiasm toward everything she does."



This dilapidated well is ticketed for replacement if the upcoming water and sewer bond referendum passes April

27. This well, built in the 30s, is located off Highway 711 leading into Pembroke proper.

## Smithson Beverage Supports 'Strike at the Wind!'



Smithson Beverage Company sells Miller, Miller Lite and Löwenbrau beers and supports cultural activities in the area like "Strike at the Wind!"

Recently Fritz Healy, president and general manager, (second from the left) presented a check for \$1,000 to officials of the fabulously successful outdoor drama featuring the exploits of Henry Berry Lowrie and his counterparts in Robeson County before and

following the Civil War.

Others shown in the photo are (left to right) Ken Maynor, president; Adolph Dial, chairman; and Carnell Locklear, general manager.

Healy said, "We want to put something back into the communities we do business in...we believe 'Strike at the Wind!' is a good cultural event worthy of all of our support."