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## WATER, SEWER BOND REFERENDUM PASSES IN PEMBROKE

Water: 327-221; Sewer: 343-224

PEMBROKE—After a spirited campaign those forces in favor of the proposed water and sewer referendum prevailed. The water bond referendum passed 327-221 while the sewer phase passed 343-224.

The water bond in the amount of \$175,000 and the sewer bond part in the amount of \$550,000 will be financed through the Farmers Home Administration and will be added to approximately \$1 million in state and federal grants which will finance new sewer lines, expand the town's waste treatment capabilities and construct a new water well.

Approximately 60% of the town's eligible voters turned out in the sometimes bitter and acrimonious election.

Those opposed to the referendum claimed, in part, that residents in the low rent housing units were intimidated and  
**Ballard named Party Chief**

LUMBERTON—Some 200 Robeson County Democratic party faithful turned out last Saturday (April 25) at the Robeson County Court House to elect officers for the next two years.

Keynote speaker was State Senator Robert B. Jordan, III, representing the 17th Senatorial District.

Named as chairman was Gene Ballard, 38, a Lumberton farmer and timberman. He serves on the board of Robeson Technical College.

Saturday's convention was termed "quiet" and unlike some of the barn burners of recent years, Ballard's election seemed to affirm the unofficial consensus to elect the chairman from the three races in Robeson County and rotate them in order. Ballard succeeds John Mark Brooks, the first Indian chairman of the democratic party who died in office. Brooks had succeeded Rev. E.B. Turner, the first black to serve as head of the party.

Also elected to office were: Elizabeth [unclear], first vice-chairman, who served as acting chairman after Brooks' death; James R. Jacobs, second vice-chairman; H. Mitchell Baker, third vice-chairman; Geneva Parnell, secretary; and Sidney A. Locks, treasurer.

### Indian Youth Festival Underway...

Set for April 29, 30 and May 1

Arlinda Locklear will be the speaker today as the Robeson County Indian Youth Festival continues.

The Title IV Part A Indian Education Project of the Robeson County Board of Education sponsors the annual Robeson County Indian Youth Festival.

The festival is being held at the Gold Leaf of Robeson Tobacco Warehouse (formerly First American Warehouse) on Highway 711. Opening ceremonies began yesterday with a large turnout from the area schools.

The guest speaker yesterday was Ms. Sara W. Hodgins, Secretary of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.

Guest speakers are scheduled each day at 10 a.m.

On Friday, May 1st, another native Robesonian, Dr. Bobby D. Brayboy of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources in Washington, D.C. will address high school students in grades 9-12 at 10 a.m.

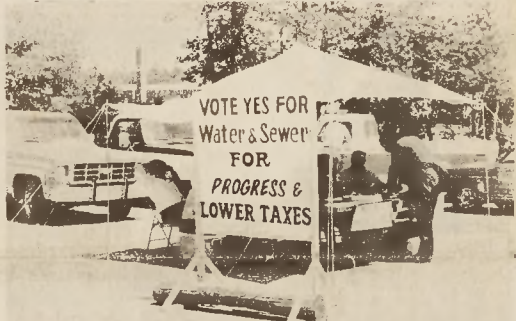
Each day from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. a series of cultural activities are planned. VOICES FROM THE EARTH, a touring group from the Mohawk Nation in New

pressured to vote for the measure.

But proponents of the proposal denied that anyone was intimidated and offered as a reason for the measure passing the fact that no increase in water or sewer rates would be forthcoming if the measure passed. In a revision of water and sewer rates the town raised the rates for Pembroke State University, the housing authority, and other large water users to make up the estimated \$30,000 yearly that the bonds will cost.

#### Protest of Election Filed

As the Carolina Indian Voice went to



Signs were evident all over town, some in favor and some against the proposed water and sewer measure which passed by a resounding 3-2 margin Monday in

### Miriam Oxendine Benefit Well Received

Pembroke.

The voter seemingly heeded the sign and "Vote[d] Yes for Water and Sewer and Progress and Lower Taxes..."

Senior High School.

To date a grand total of \$718.00, before expenses, has been raised.

Donations are still being accepted; if you would like to donate please contact: Ms. Debra Maynor at 521-4214, ext. 384. Organizers would like to thank everyone who contributed to this cause in any form or fashion.

As to what Ms. Oxendine's plans are for the near future, she will be working diligently to get all her songs together and ready for presentation to a buyer. This involves time in revision writing. Studio time (in which she has an appointment next month. And then possibly a trip to New York to present her work.

So if there is anyone out there who would like to contribute please do so, as Studio time is terribly expensive, but very effective.

Organizers promised to continue to keep our readership informed of progress in the career of the talented Ms. Miriam Oxendine.



Miriam Oxendine is shown at the piano; she is accompanied by Zannetta Brewington and Debra Maynor.

Both were instrumental in organizing the benefit performance in honor of the talented and lovely songstress.

### To speak at Jaycee Banquet



Mr. Walter Oxendine, of Pembroke, N.C., will be the guest speaker at the Pembroke Jaycees Installation Banquet, to be held May 2, 1981 at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut.

Walter has been involved in many functions. Below is a recap of his involvement in community and professional affairs.

Walter G. Oxendine was born February 10, 1942 in Denison, Texas. He resides with his lovely wife, Connie and two sons: Kendall and Kelvin. They attend Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke, N.C. where Mr. Oxendine serves as Deacon and Business Manager.

He graduated from Pembroke Senior High School in 1960, received a B.S. Degree from Pembroke State University in 1964, and received a M.A. Degree from Appalachian State University in 1976.

Presently he is employed as Director of Development and Alumni Affairs at Pembroke State University. Also, he has worked in areas of teaching, recreation, anti-poverty work, and Children's Center.

#### CIVIC POST, ACTIVITIES, COMMITTEES, CLUB AND AWARDS OF HONOR:

Member of Southern National Bank Board of Directors (Lumberton Branch). Past member of Pembroke Town Planning Board. Past member of Steering Committee, Lumbree Regional Development Association. Member of N.C. Placement Association. Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Robeson County Housing Authority. Member of Pembroke and N.C. Jaycees. Awards: Outstanding Young Educator; Jaycee of the Year; Distinguished Service Award; Nominee for Five Outstanding Young Men of N.C. for 1975; Micou Browne Award (Outstanding State Vice-President of N.C. Jaycees). Pembroke first and only J.C.I. Senator. Named as one of North Carolina's Five Outstanding Young Men in 1976, and numerous other awards on the local and state level.

Mr. Oxendine earned the Eagle Scout Award in Boy Scouts of America. Earned Leadership Award while serving as President of the 4-H Chapter. Served as Class President for the junior and sophomore years in high school, and junior and senior years in college. President of Student Body in High School. Served as Internal Vice President and President of Pembroke Jaycees. State Vice-President, National Director, Administrative National Director, and State Chaplain of the N.C. Jaycees. And was a candidate for State President of the N.C. Jaycees.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS



Tuesday was a memorable day at Pembroke State University with the new 55-foot Bell Tower being put up. The tower, which was tested Tuesday to make sure all systems were perfect, will begin ringing May 10 when it is dedicated just prior to commencement that day.

### The Lumbee River Singers part of Special Presentation May 7



Some of the students who will be performing May 7 are shown above.

The Lumbee River Native American Center For The Arts, sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association, has been very busy over the past few months.

The "Lumbee River Singers" of the Center for the Arts went to six different schools in Robeson County. Approximately 2,000 students and teachers were entertained by the group.

Comments from teachers and students alike were extremely favorable. After each performance the singers were called upon for an encore. Mrs. Janie Maynor Locklear was told, "You can take that group any place and be proud of them."

Members of the group are John B. Locklear, Mark Graman, rnylus Jacobs, Norma Lowery and Hayes Locklear—all of Pembroke Senior High; Valerie Locklear, Sarah Oxendine of Fairmont High; Andrew Hunt and Lisa Berry of Pembroke Jr. High School; Connie Lowery, Margaret Burns and Elaine Lowery of Parkton High School; Ardene Hunt of Red Springs High School; Royce Bullard of Prospect High School; and Charles Woods of Maxton High School.

The Lumbee River Singers are scheduled to perform May 7, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center on the Pembroke State University campus.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Along with the singers other students will be performing in the areas of drama, music, dance and art. Admission is free.

Project director is Ms. Janie Maynor Locklear. She is ably assisted by Darryl Locklear, who teaches drama and creative writing; Miriam Oxendine and Willie Lowery, music instructors; Diane Chavis, student counselor advisor; Florence Ransom, activities coordinator; Delora Cummings, art instructor; Alton Ray Locklear, who heads the Indian Studies component; Pat Jacobs, executive secretary; and David Cummings who helps with transportation.

Darryl Locklear, who was recently named as stage manager for the upcoming season of "Strike at the Wind!" wrote the play, "Who I Am" which will be performed by some of his drama students.

Lumbee Regional Development Association's Lumbee River Native American Center for the Arts was established to provide special educational services and opportunities to gifted and talented Indian students in grades 7-12. The Center is a special learning place for gifted and talented students in the areas of music, visual arts, dance, drama and communications. Undergirding each of the arts is the division of Indian Studies.