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PEMBROKE HOLDS SUBDUED SESSION

Pembroke--Unlike recent acrimonious meetings, the Pembroke Town Council had a subdued, business-like session Monday night.

PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD

No public input was received on four public hearings.

(1) Consideration of amending an ordinance giving the town authority to correct non-conforming uses; (2) consideration of establishing minimum housing standards; (3) consideration of a sign ordinance; and (4) consideration of an amending article.

The council possibly will take action on the matters at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The council tabled action on their re-

surfacing program for town streets until the September 17 meeting after receiving estimates which indicated that the town's \$55,000 in funds would only take them through the first five streets on a priority list.

CABLE TV RATES POSSIBLY TO INCREASE BY \$1.00

The council also heard a progress report from Harrison Daniels, representative for Jones Inter Cable.

The council has been pressing the company to speed up hook ups and improve services before considering a rate hike of \$1.00 requested by the firm.

The council approved the first reading for an eventual rate increase but only

after Councilman Milton Hunt said, "I will be taking a close look...if service is not right...I will not support it (a rate increase)."

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

The town council and Mayor Pete Jacobs also went into executive session with Don Jacobs, the town engineer, for the town's community development project and Joe Oxendine, a private contractor who has done work on the site.

No action was taken on either matter. Jacobs reportedly wanted reimbursement for markers etc. which have been taken by vandals. Oxendine's complaint centers around a disputed bill.

C.D. UPDATE

The council also approved some routine matters concerning the C.D. Project which is estimated to be 65 percent complete.

The council gave Town Manager McDuffie Cummings a mandate authorizing payment of relocation benefits to those temporarily displaced while the project is underway, and approved a revised citizen participation plan to conform to HUD (Housing and Urban Development) specifications.

And the council approved an \$11,617.88 increase for unexpected sewage line work on Barker Street Frank Horne Construction Company.

Housing Authority is Revenue Source

Pembroke--The Housing Authority and Redevelopment Commission of Pembroke, while operating as a non-profit corporation providing a service for town residents, also contributes to the property taxes revenue of the city.

This past fiscal year, the authority paid \$8,694.26 in lieu of taxes to Pembroke's budget, as well as \$31,249.90 in sanitation, water and sewer service. Payment for the local authority is based

on rental collected annually on the 241 housing units, less annual utilities expenses on a percentage basis.

The authority is currently the second largest taxpayer to the city, topped only by Southern Bell Telephone Company at \$10,584.39. Recent changes by the Town Board in the housing authority's water and sewer bill, will also generate a substantial increase in revenue to the water-sewer fund.

COUNTY EDUCATION CHAIRMAN TO BE HONORED

David Green, Chairman of the Robeson County Board of Education, will be honored at a dinner to be held on Friday, August 14, 1981, 6:30 p.m. at the Red Carpet Inn-Lumberton.

The dinner, sponsored by the Robeson County Black Caucus, will feature an address by Craig Phillips, Superintendent of the State Department of Instruction.

Mrs. Novella T. Whitted, Chairman of the Program Committee, announces that tickets are on sale for \$25.00 per couple or \$12.50 single and can be purchased by calling 739-5061 or at the door.

ED CHAVIS NAME PEMBROKE REGISTRAR

As expected, Ed Chavis, a Democrat, was named Pembroke Registrar, replacing Ms. Mable Oxendine.

His nomination by Milton Hunt, Chairman of the Pembroke Precinct, had brought a hail of criticism from Harry Oxendine, vice-chairman of the Pembroke Precinct, and brother of the deposed Mrs. Oxendine. Oxendine, and four other officials of the precinct complained in the *Robesonian*, the daily newspaper, that they had been left out of the selection process.

A WEEK OF SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AND CELEBRATION PLANNED

The Robeson County Cooperative Ministry Revival (a week of spiritual awakening and celebration) will begin on August 9 and run through August 14 at Sandy Plains United Methodist Church. Sunday evening services will begin at 7 p.m. Week night services will begin at 7:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

ROBESON COUNTY INDIAN CAUCUS TO MEET

The Robeson County Indian Caucus will have a regular meeting August 11 at 8 p.m. The meeting will be in the Hilly Branch Vocational Center Cafeteria. For more information, call Lloyd M. Locklear at 739-0480 or 521-9703.

N.C. COUNTIES EXPERIENCE INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT

Raleigh--In June, 74 of North Carolina's 100 counties experienced increased unemployment when compared to the previous month, according to figures released today by the Employment Security Commission (ESC).

Statewide figures for June were 6.3 percent in comparison with May's 5.8 percent. The comparable national unadjusted unemployment rate for June was 7.7 percent, up slightly from 7.1 percent in May.

Graham County experienced the highest rate of unemployment in the state in June with 13.6 percent unemployment. In May, Graham's rate of unemployment was 14.8.

Only seven other counties experienced unemployment rates at or above 10.0 in June. They were Clay County at 10.8 percent, Cumberland at 10.1 percent, Franklin at 10.0 percent, Robeson at 10.4 percent, Swain at 12.8 percent, Tyrrell at 10.2 percent and Wilson at 10.9 percent.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FOUR COUNTY TO MEET

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Four-County Community Services, Inc. originally scheduled for August 4, 1981 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. at the Owens Agricultural Center, (Highway 711), Lumberton, N.C. Please note the change in location. Comments on the agency's work program for the coming year will be received at that time.

SENATOR NOBLE SPEAKER AT RTC COMMENCEMENT

Senator Sam Noble will be the speaker tonight as Robeson Technical College holds commencement exercises in Pembroke State University's Performing Arts Center. Approximately 275 graduates of the diploma and degree programs and 80 graduates of the high school program will receive diplomas.

Registrars are Democrats

Lumberton--An expected protest from some members of the Pembroke Precinct did not materialize at a meeting of the Robeson County Board of Elections Tuesday night called to name registrars and judges for the 39 precincts in Robeson County.

But Ed Johnson, Chairman of the Robeson County Republican Party, did protest the fact that no Republican was named to head any of the precincts as registrar. He promised "federal marshals" would monitor elections in the future.

Ray Revels, the only Republican on the 3 man board of elections also decried the lack of Republican registrars.

The board, as decreed by law, did name 39 Republican judges along with 39 Democratic judges, one each for the 39 precincts.

CONGRESSIONAL CLUB TO HOST DINNER

The Congressional Club will host a dinner in Raleigh on Saturday, Aug. 8.

The dinner will be held at the Raleigh Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Senator John East will be the honorary guest speaker.

Tickets are \$7.50 per person and may be obtained by contacting Susan Miller at the Congressional Club (919-782-5700).

EAGLE CLAW JAYCEES CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS OF 'STRIKE AT THE WIND!'



The Eagle Claw Jaycees, the Institutional Jaycee chapter at the Robeson County Prison Unit, recently contributed to the continuing success of "Strike at the Wind" with a \$150.00 contribution. Shown, left, happily receiving the gift

from Jerry L. Smith, vice president of the chapter, is Carnell Locklear, general manager of the popular outdoor drama. Looking on is Harry Mitchell, coordinator of inmate Jaycee activities. [Bruce Barton photo]



HANDING OVER THE REVENUE is Executive Director of the Pembroke Housing Authority and Redevelopment Commission, Clinton Thomas [right]. Thomas is making a payment of

\$8,694.26 to Pembroke's budget. City Clerk Ruby N. Smith and Mayor James A. Jacobs review the check. [Bruce Barton photo]

CHIEF MANTEO & ANANIAS DARE STATUTES UNVEILED

Bunn Level, NC--It was a red letter day recently for Chief James N. Lowry (a.k.a. Little Beaver) when statutes of Ananias Dare and Manteo were unveiled in ceremonies in the Hattadare Indian Village Historical Park he is developing at Bunn Level, North Carolina in nearby Harnett County.

Lowry has been at his present location for seven years and has spent the better part of the last forty years building his case for the Hattadare Indian Nation.

He believes that John White's Lost Colony was never really lost and has surfaced as the Hattadare Indian Nation, a loose confederation of many of the Indian

tribes and cultures which have, according to Lowry, been merged with the existing cultures and ethnic groups now dominant in the eastern portion of the United States, especially in Southeastern North Carolina.

The statutes of Chief Manteo and Ananias Dare hold special

significance for Lowry.

Chief Manteo was the friendly chief of the Hatteras Indians who took in 1857 when Sir. Walter Raleigh commissioned John White to lead a voyage to the New World. Lowry believes fervently that the Lumbee, and many of the tribes of the

Southeastern United States, is a natural result of Manteo's friendly acceptance of the colonists.

Ananias Dare was the father of Virginia Dare, the first white child born in the New World in August, 1587. Born near Roanoke Island, Virginia

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The inscription beside the statue of Ananias Dare reads "When John White returned to Roanoke the colony was gone. The only sign left was CRO carved on the oak tree.

Ananias, his wife, and child Virginia Dare were taken by the Hatteras Indians to Roanoke Island. Here a new nation was formed--the Hattadare Nation." [Bruce Barton photo]



James N. Lowry (a.k.a. Chief Little Beaver) is shown center beside the statue of Dare which was unveiled in ceremonies recently. To Lowry's left is H.B. Surles, curator of

the Harnett Co. Indian Museum in Kipling, NC. Also shown is a local Baptist minister who spoke at the ceremony also. [Bruce Barton photo]