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Pembroke's Lovable Handyman: We'll See Him About Town No More

by Lew Barton

Calvin Thompson, 47, general handy man around town, is dead. He was found dead in the home of John Henry Lee with whom he lived Tuesday morning.

Calvin, one of the few Black people who live in Pembroke, will be sorely missed. Known by practically everybody in town, Calvin helped everybody who called upon him and that was practically everybody at one time or another. He was a kind man, a gentle man who harbored no ill will toward anyone. He was also a simple man and a poor man, but one with a heart of gold.

Named Acting Director of Library

Mrs. Hoyland Jennings has been named acting director of the Robeson County Library. She was named to the post by the board of trustees at their meeting last Thursday afternoon. The vacancy was created when Diana Toppe recently resigned to take a position in Georgia. In other matters, the board re-elected their present slate of officers: Tom Long, chairman; Mrs. Annie Hubbard McEachern, vice-chairman; Mrs. Georgia Turner, secretary; and Lennox Britt, treasurer.

The trustees also got a look at the newly refurbished lounge in the library.

Haliwa-Saponi reap Honors

The Haliwa Saponi Tribe won first place at the Warren County Fair this week for their display of tribal arts. They won the blue ribbon in the showmanship category.

MORE CANDIDATES FILE IN PEMBROKE MUNICIPAL ELECTION



Henry W. Smith

Pembroke resident Henry W. Smith has filed as a candidate for town councilman. Smith, 55, a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy has been a resident of Pembroke all his life. He has served the public in many capacities. He was a volunteer fireman for 16 years; served as Registrar of the Pembroke Precinct for 12 years; and also became one of the first Eagle Scouts in Pembroke. He has also served his church as a member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee of the N.C. Methodist Conference for 8 years and is presently serving as Chairman of the Finance Committee at First United Methodist Church, Pembroke. Smith also serves as the Young Adult Sunday School teacher.

Smith earned a B.S. Degree from Pembroke State University and is currently employed by the Robeson County Board of Education as an Assistant Principal at Littlefield Junior-Senior High School, Lumberton. He has been a three-time president of the Robeson County Association of Educators. Also, he has served as chairman of the Election Board of the N.C. Association of Education.

Smith, who is married to the former Juanita Chavis of Knoxville, Tennessee has four children: Loretta of Lumberton, Henry, Jr. of Asheville, James W. of Edenton and Nancy J. of Pembroke and two granddaughters, Ashely and Leslie. In making his announcement, Smith released the following statement: "I



Harry Oxendine

Harry Oxendine has announced his candidacy for the position of councilman for the town of Pembroke. In making his announcement, he released the following statement: "At this time I am publicly announcing my candidacy for the position of councilman for the town of Pembroke. My desire to seek this position is based on my belief that the citizens of Pembroke need more input in decisions and actions performed by the Town Council. It is my belief that the position of an open door policy as it affects the people of Pembroke would greatly add to better government.

"My previous experience as charter president of the Pembroke Jaycees, committeeman and first vice president in the Pembroke Precinct, are some of the bases for choosing this opportune time to announce my candidacy. As a public school teacher with nineteen years experience, I bring forth an attitude of caring for those principles and beliefs that were formed yesterday, that function today, that will enhance tomorrow."

Oxendine is married to the former Carol Locklear and has two daughters, Darla and Jamie.

It would like for you to help me help you make Pembroke a better town whereby fairness and justice is a practice each day for the citizens. I truly believe in the welfare, security and safety of each citizen who lives in our town. Keeping the concerns and interests of each citizen is the essence of better government."

PSU Revokes TKE Fraternity Charter



Pembroke-Dr. Paul Givens, chancellor of Pembroke State University, today confirmed that he has revoked the charter of the TKE (Tau Kappa Epsilon) fraternity for unseemly conduct.

The revocation resulted following an incident at the fraternity early Saturday morning at approximately 1 a.m.

The Pembroke Town Police and other law enforcement officers throughout the county were called to the residence following a report of disturbing the peace.

Two fraternity members--Michael Golf and Bill Evans--were arrested. Golf was apprehended by Pembroke Policeman Rodney Dimery while "sneaking toward the house next door," according to a police report filed on the matter, with a loaded shotgun in hand.

Law enforcement officials estimated that at the height of the incident some eight fights were going on inside the fraternity house which is located behind the Pembroke Post Office. Evans was arrested for breaking out the glass in a door; Golf was charged with assaulting two police officers.

Dr. Givens said, "We will not allow that kind of conduct...when fraternity members show that they are worthy of having a fraternity they can have one."

According to police reports the protagonists in the incident were white; the people in the next door residence were Indians.

SAM DIAL FOR MAYOR

Sam Dial, present Town Councilman of Pembroke, has announced his candidacy for Mayor of the Town of Pembroke in the upcoming municipal election. In making his announcement, Dial released the following statement:

"I appreciate the years of support from the people of Pembroke from the beginning of my term as councilman in the 1960's, through the 1970's and now in the 1980's as councilman. I pledge to work as hard as I ever did as councilman, if elected Mayor, to have the best administration the town has ever known.

"I feel proud of some of the things achieved during my years as elected councilman. I pledge to continue to work hard for better government. I will appreciate your vote and support because I will be a people-elected official as always."



Sam Dial

First Indian Principal named in Warren County

Joseph Oliver Richardson, Haliwa-Saponi, recently became the first and only Indian to be employed as principal in the Warren County School System. He was recently appointed principal of John R. Hawkins Middle School. His appointment was made possible through the efforts of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council who submitted a resolution of support; and Cathy Harris Wilson, who is the only Indian ever to serve on the Warren County Board of Education. Ms. Wilson was elected to that board in May 1980. It was her motion on the five-member board which resulted in Richardson's appointment. Ms. Wilson also serves as planning deputy director of the Haliwa Saponi Administrative Council.

SAMPSON FAMILY REUNION

To: Descendants of the Sampson Family: We are sending a cordial invitation to you. We are planning a Sampson Heritage Day, on October 24, 1981, at Deep Branch Elementary School at 10 a.m.

We hope you will plan to join us in a day of entertainment and fellowship, and bring a covered dish, please. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

County Fair Underway

The Lumberton Jaycees are unveiling the 35th edition of the Robeson County Agricultural and Industrial Fair, September 21-26 at the Jaycee Fairgrounds, Highway 41 South, Lumberton, this week.

Barnes named to Library Board

Lumberton-Mrs. Daisy Barnes has been reinstated as a member of the board of trustees of the Robeson County Library. She replaces Roger Sessoms who has resigned his seat on the board. Mrs. Barnes, a long time member, had not been reappointed earlier in the year when appointments were announced.

P.S.H.S. WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

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GARAGE & TIRE SERVICE

The Pembroke Warriors football team escaped from a plague of penalties and mistakes to grab a 7-6 victory from the Gumberry Lions last Friday night in a non-conference football game. The victory helped keep the Warriors undefeated after four games.

The game was played at Gumberry, some 165 miles from Pembroke, under something less than ideal conditions. Rain began falling about forty-five minutes before game time making the field slippery, not to mention the ball.

The Warriors began the game with an impressive drive, taking the opening kick off and moving downfield 50 yards. A fumble at the Gumberry 14-yard line by running back Michael McCartney was recovered by the Lions stopping the drive. Two minutes later defensive back Bobby Sampson recovered a Gumberry fumble on the 26-yard line and the Warriors were off again. Three plays later, Greg Smith ripped through the defensive line for 16 yards and a touchdown. Dwayne Locklear added the extra point to give the Warriors a 7-0 lead.

The Pembroke defense, playing as they have the entire year, was tough, stopping the

Lions' next two possessions on three plays each. However, the offense began having its problems. Their third possession lasted only three plays, the fourth ended in a missed field goal, and the fifth again on three plays.

Gumberry came very close to scoring midway through the second quarter when their fullback blasted through the defense for 57 yards. A diving tackle by end Kenny Chavis stopped him from a certain touchdown. Again the defense stiffened and in the next seven plays the Lions netted minus five yards and failed to convert a fourth down play.

As the half ended, rain again began falling and continued throughout the halftime period, soaking the field (again), players and spectators. The Warriors had managed only 92 yards of offense and five first downs. To add to their troubles, several key players were nursing first half injuries.

As a preview of things to come, Pembroke's second kickoff traveled only eight yards giving the Lions excellent field position. They managed to drive to the Pembroke twelve-yard line before the Warrior defense managed to stop them on a fourth and one situation. The Warriors then drove downfield on the stren-



Greg Smith
Player of the Week

In what was generally a defensive struggle, fullback Greg Smith managed to accumulate 98 yards on 13 carries to capture "Warrior of the Week" honors for the Gumberry game (September 18). Of those 13 carries, four were for first downs and one was a 16-yard romp for a touchdown.

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BURNT SWAMP BIBLE INSTITUTE SCHEDULES CLASSES

The Burnt Swamp Bible Institute will begin its second year of Biblical studies on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Baptist Building, Pembroke. Three courses will be offered on Tuesdays for ten weeks. Each course credit of 1 1/2 hours can be applied to one or two degrees: The Yokeful of Divinity or the Disciple of Divinity.

Participants may register at the Baptist Building prior to Oct. 6 or on either first two sessions, Oct. 6 or 13. A fee of \$25.00 will cover cost of

registration, materials and instructor.

Teachers this year are Rev. Michael Cummings, Rev. C. W. Maynor and Miss I.R. Martin. Rev. Cummings is pastor of Mt. Airy Baptist Church and moderator of Burnt Swamp Baptist Association. Rev. Maynor is retired from the teaching profession and from pastoral responsibilities having served several churches in the association. Upon retirement he had pastored the Reedy Branch Baptist Church for twenty years.

Miss I. Ruth Martin is associate professor of religion at Pembroke State University. Her twenty-eight years as an instructor at PSU have coincided with numerous journalistic articles, publications and seven tours of study in the Middle East and Western Europe.

The course schedules are as follows: **Churchmanship**, Rev. Michael Cummings, 10:00-11:15 a.m.; **Old Testament**, Miss I. Ruth Martin, 7:00-8:15 p.m.; **New Testament-Life of Christ**, Rev. C.W. M., 8:30-9:45 p.m.



Charles W. Maynor



Michael Cummings



I. Ruth Martin