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## LUMBEE BANK CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

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One of the more notable achievements in Robeson County, in recent times, was the chartering of Lumbee Bank. The bank was chartered December 21, 1971. The following day, on the present site in

a mobile unit, the Bank opened for business. Ray Liles, first president of the bank, commented at the opening ceremony, "Never have so few done so much for so many." This day was history because Lumbee Bank was the first Indian Bank in the United States. The Bank moved to its present building in March 1973. There are more than 600

Lumbee Bank Stockholders; 80 percent are Lumbee Indians. However, the Bank serves all people—bringing new economic growth to the area. Many financial corporations throughout the country do business with Lumbee Bank. The first Board of Directors were Howard Brooks, Chairman, Charlie Rose, Adolph Dial, Martin Brooks, John R. Jones, and

Harbert Moore. Kay Liles served as first president of Lumbee Bank. In 1977 he was succeeded by Ralph Hunt who served as interim president. James A. Hunt was appointed president in 1977 and still holds that position.

Lumbee Bank, like most new ideas, had its growing pains, has made mistakes, but has persevered through the cooperative efforts of many people and the guidance of Bank Examiners. Lumbee Bank is now firmly established and is an integral part of the life of the people of Robeson and surrounding counties. This Bank continues to flourish under President James Hunt, his staff and the present Board of Directors. See more on the Lumbee Bank on Page 8.

## B.P.W. Club honors Woman of the Year

For over a half a century, BPW has been observing National Business Women's Week with special activities to focus attention on the accomplishments of working women. One of the highlights of this week for the Pembroke Business and Professional Womens Club was the awarding of the Ruth Tidwell Woman of the year Award. Making the presentation was Ruth D. Woods.

Betty Roberts was named the Woman of the Year. In making the presentation, Ms. Woods stated that she had known Betty as a friend, a counselor, a co-worker, a woman and a Christian and a woman who epitomized each of these roles.

Ms. Roberts is employed as a Court Counselor. She is the immediate past president of the Pembroke Business and Professional Womens Club.



Ruth D. Woods, left, is shown presenting the Ruth Tidwell Award to Betty Roberts. [Elmer Hunt photo]

## Parnell Announces for the Senate

State Representative David Parnell has announced that he will be a candidate for the N.C. Senate from the 12th Senatorial District composed of Robeson and Hoke Counties.

Parnell, a Democrat, is a Parkton businessman and farmer and is now serving in his fourth term as a member of the N.C. House of Representatives. He represents the 21st House District composed of Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland Counties.

During the 1981 session of the Legislature, Parnell was Chairman of the House Base Budget Committee on General Government and was instru-

mental in initiating Budget Cuts by his Committee of 5.25 million dollars for the fiscal year 1981-1982. Representative Parnell is serving on a number of important committees in the House and Vice-Chairman of House Committees on Public Utilities and Courts and Judicial Districts.

In a statement, Parnell said that the experience gained during his four terms in the Legislature would serve to increase his effectiveness in the Senate and thereby enable him to be of greater benefit to his constituency of the 12th Senatorial District. He said, "I intend to run on my political record, one that I am proud of and shows that I will work for all the people regardless of status, race, sex or other differences."

A product of the public schools in Parkton, he is a graduate of Wake Forest University, holding a bachelor's degree in business administration. He now serves as President of two family businesses, J.Q. Parnell, Inc. and Parnell Oil Co., Inc., both of Parkton.

Parnell, a Baptist, has served as a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher in the Parkton Baptist Church for over 25 years. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Meredith College and is now serving on its Executive Committee. He is also serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the N.C. Association of Private Colleges and Universities.

Mr. Parnell is married to the former Barbara Johnson of Benson and they have three children, David Jr. of Raleigh, Anne of Chapel Hill and Tim of the home.



Rep. David Parnell

## P.S.H.S. WARRIORS OF THE WEEK



Roscoe Charles



Steve Jacobs



Shelia Regan

The first "Warrior of the Week" selections for the basketball season are out and they are Roscoe Charles and Steve Jacobs for the boys' varsity and Shelia Regan for the girls' varsity.

In the Littlefield game last week starting center, scored 18 points and pulled down nine rebounds. He also had 3 assists. He is averaging 9 points per game and 7 rebounds per game.

Tuesday night Steve Jacobs came off the bench against Magnolia to lead the team in scoring and rebounding. Steve pumped in nine points and grabbed 9 rebounds. He is averaging 6 points per game and 4 rebounds.

The "Warrior of the Week" for the girls' team, Shelia Regan, has continued where she left off last season. Against Magnolia Tuesday night, she scored 22 points and pulled down 6 rebounds. She is averaging 19.8 points per game and 5.5 rebounds. "She is an all-around player who plays extremely hard on defense. She also provides a great deal of leadership on the floor during a game," according to Coach Jenny Carmichael.



Santa Claus is always a welcome sight. He appeared in Pembroke on Friday, Dec. 11, 1981 during the annual

Christmas Parade which is sponsored by the Pembroke Jaycees.

## PEMBROKE MEDICAL SERVICES RECEIVES GRANT FROM KATE B. REYNOLDS FUND

Pembroke Medical Services a community based medical center to meet the health care needs of Pembroke and surrounding area residents, is the recipient of a \$35,854 grant award from the Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust. The Trust, located in Winston

Salem, was created in 1946 through provisions in the will of Mrs. William N. Reynolds for the purpose of improving health care to the people of North Carolina.

The Trust awards approximately \$1.5 million annually

in grants to non profit organizations throughout the state. Its current program interest areas are access to primary health care, alternative delivery systems which offer improved health care and or economic, and illness prevention health promotion. The Pembroke medical center has been operating since August, 1979. The spacious modern facility is staffed with a physician and physician's assistant to provide medical care. Among the range of service available, x-ray and laboratory services are provided on site.

In addition to the delivery of health care, as a community service the Pembroke Medical Center cooperates with colleges and university systems in arranging for local students to do internships in the health field by performing a rotation through out the clinic.

Pembroke Medical Services Inc. is located off Union Chapel Road in Pembroke. The clinic accepts medical, Medicare, and private insurance.



Shown left to right are chairman of the board of directors Vance Frye, executive secretary of Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust, Hubert Owsen.