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WINTRY BLAST COMES TO ROBESON

Robeson County woke up Wednesday morning to ice and sleet, causing local schools and industries to operate on abbreviated schedules.

Robeson County's wintry blast is part

of a nation wide winter storm that has claimed some 120 cold-wave related deaths. North Carolina reports at least 11 storm related deaths with one being reported in Robeson County.

Wednesday's wintry blast precipitated

County Board to remove Basketball Goals from Maxton School

by Connee Brayboy

In response to a petition from the Advisory Council of R.B. Dean School, the Robeson County Board of Education voted to remove four basketball goals from that campus. The request was made following a recent shooting incident there. The letter from the Council stated that the campus was being used for activities which were not appropriate for such a facility. They felt that the removal of the goals would discourage the congregation of those who wished to drink alcoholic beverages, etc.

In other matters, the board approved a new grading system for Hilly Branch Vocational Center; approved a new

report card for kindergarten students; and delayed action on a proposed name change for Hilly Branch.

The change proposed was the Robeson County Vocational Center at Hilly Branch. Laymon Locklear said he'd like an opportunity for further study... "for more of a chance to standardize with other names in the county... possibly call it a career center."

Lillian Locklear offered a motion that the chairman appoint a committee for further study of the name change and "remember," she said, "that vocational education is our primary interest...and also maintain Hilly Branch as part of the name."

MICHIGAN NEWS

The Lumbees from Robeson, Michigan Chapter, held their first annual Christmas Party December 20, at Motor City Roller Rink. About 50 children and adults attended. The members and their children skated free. To top off the day of fun, Santa Claus passed out treats to all the children. It was a great success and everyone had a great time. We hope next year's party will be a bigger success with lots of new members.

Do you have a special recipe you would like to share with others? If so we would love to put it in our (soon to

be) "Feast With the Indians" cookbook. The cookbook will be put together by the Indians from Robeson, Michigan Chapter.

The book will go on sale late in 1982. You won't want to be without this cookbook! It will have lots of kitchen and cooking tips, Lumbee history, home remedies, and of course all those special recipes. So join in on the fun and send your recipe (include your name) or anything else you think we can use to: Sally Marie Locklear, 45630 W. Utica Green Bldg. 18, Utica, MI 48087.

S.M. Locklear

more than 100 wrecks in Robeson County with an estimated 50 being treated at local medical facilities.

Said a spokesman from Southeastern General Hospital, "It's a miracle some one wasn't killed..."

Sleet, rain and, possibly snow, is expected through today with temperatures hovering in the 40s, up from the reported 6 degrees Monday.

'Strike at the Wind!' receives grant

Robeson Historical Drama, Inc., the producing organization of the outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind!" has been awarded a \$2,500 grant by the North Carolina Theatre Arts according to Sarah Hodgkins, Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources.

The funds are administered by North Carolina Theatre Arts, a state organization which coordinates and assists professional theatres in North Carolina. North Carolina Theatre Arts is a section of the Department of Cultural Resources under the direction of Judy Chavis.

The funds will be utilized as general support which funds will be used in any capacity that the administration sees fit to assure "Strike at the Wind!" a successful 1982 upcoming season.

Carnell Locklear, General Manager, along with the Board of Directors, were very pleased to receive this grant because one does not realize the expenses it takes to stage such a production as "Strike at the Wind!". "Strike at the Wind" would like to thank everyone for their support.

"Strike at the Wind!" is inspirational entertainment that reenacts the struggle of the outlaw-hero, Henry Berry Lowry and the folks around him who included Blacks, Whites and Indians.

For further information, contact "Strike at the Wind!", P.O. Box 1059, Pembroke, N.C. 28372, or call (919) 521-2489.

Filings Continue in Upcoming Election

Lumberton-Candidates continue to file for the upcoming primaries, culminating in November's general election.

Herman Dial leads the parade of candidates this week, making known his candidacy for another term as the County Commissioner from the Pembroke-Maxton District. Wyvis Oxendine, who ran a close second to Dial four years ago, also announced his candidacy. Larry Brooks, who announced his intention to run for

the seat last week, is the third candidate.

Other candidates filing this week include Bill Oxendine (District IV) and Charles David Locklear (District IX) for the county board of education. Laymon Poe Locklear, the incumbent from District IV, also officially announced his intention to seek another term on the county board of education.

A number of candidates also filed for the Fairmont Board of Education,

including Hal Ray Sellers, Percy Hill, Sr. and Horace Biggs Johnson.

And Ray Cox announced his intention to seek the county commissioner seat in Lumberton presently occupied by Sammy Cox (no relation).

Locally, several candidates filed earlier for Robeson County offices on opening day, including the incumbent Sheriff Hubert Stone and challengers Luther Sanders, C.A. Brown, Jr. and Jesse Britt.

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CHARLES DAVID LOCKLEAR FILES FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Charles David Locklear

Charles David Locklear of Route 2, Maxton has filed for a seat on the Robeson County Board of Education. Locklear has filed in District IX composed of Philadelphus and Smiths Precincts.

Locklear is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Winston Locklear of Maxton. He is married to the former Inez Snuggs of Laurinburg and they have three children who attend Oxendine Elementary School.

Locklear has been endorsed by a group of Smiths Precinct residents who met recently to discuss candidates for the board of education. The meeting was chaired by Connee Brayboy. Those in attendance included: Walter Lowery who offered Locklear's name for consideration as a candidate; Dorothy Lowery; Carmel Locklear; Paul Locklear, Jr.; Telford Dial; Carnell Locklear; Bertie Bullard; Dosey Chavis; Jimmy Goins; Diane Goins; Herman Dial; John Paul Locklear; McKenley Jones; Harbert Moore; Julian Pierce; Pat Pierce; Lee Vernon Locklear; and Henry Moore. The group was unified in their endorsement of Locklear as a candidate.

In making his announcement, Locklear released the following statement: "I have always been concerned about boys and girls. After all, they are the leaders of tomorrow. I believe that every child should have an opportunity to reach their own potential.

"If elected to the board of education, I will perform my duties as a servant of the people. I will be reasonable and make decisions in the best educational interests of students to the best of my ability."



Some supporters showed up to witness the filing of Charles David Locklear for a seat on the Robeson County Board of Education. Appearing left to right with Mr. Locklear are: his wife, Mrs.

Locklear; John Paul Locklear, the candidate, Charles David Locklear; John Winston Locklear; Henry Moore and Connee Brayboy.

OXENDINE FILES FOR COMMISSIONER SEAT



Wyvis Oxendine

Wyvis Oxendine, an Attendance Counselor for Robeson County Schools, has thrown his hat into the political arena by filing for the County Commissioners race in the Pembroke-Maxton-Smiths district.

Oxendine, a native of the Smiths area, has been a resident of Maxton for the past 12 years. He is a graduate of Prospect High School and Pembroke State University. He attended Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts where he earned a Master's Degree in Education with a concentration in Administration, Planning and Social Policy.

For the past 8 years Oxendine has

been employed with the Maxton City Schools and Robeson County Schools-Maxton District. He has served as Director of the Indian Education Project, Assistant Principal at Townsend Middle School, Assistant Principal at Maxton High School in charge of transportation, and is presently serving as Attendance Counselor. While working in the school system, Oxendine has been instrumental in several pilot programs including system wide Parent Teacher Association, and Project Reach, a committee composed of both school based and community resource people organized to provide volunteer services for the schools. In 1980, Oxendine helped coordinate and execute a very successful "James McDougal Day" in the Maxton community.

In 1979 Oxendine was elected Precinct Chairman in the Maxton district, a post he presently holds. In 1980 he was appointed to the North Carolina House Executive Committee. In 1978 Oxendine ran a close unsuccessful bid for a set on the Robeson County Board of Commissioners. He feels that his lack of exposure and his late filing in 1976 will not hold true for this election.

Oxendine said, "If elected County Commissioner I will make a difference in the amount of monies allocated for education at all levels. I will work for more job opportunities for the people of Robeson County through the recruitment of more industry in the county. I will always keep an open line of communication between myself and the people whom I serve. I not only want to change what you think about the office of the Commissioner, I want to change the way the Commissioner responds to your needs."

Oxendine makes it Official

William L. Oxendine has filed for the Robeson County Board of Education in the 4th District.

He is married to Lou Henry Lowry Oxendine, who has taught in the Robeson County School System for the past 26 years.

They have two children: Barbara Cummings and William.

He owns and operates TBS Service Company, Inc. Said Oxendine, when making his announcement, "If elected I will serve to the best of my ability to render any decision that will be educational sound. At no time will I render any decision for political or personal gain. I would like to sincerely ask each and every voter in the 4th District for their support. But before giving me your support I want you to study the other candidate's positions and record. After that, if you feel I am a working candidate, I will appreciate your support and vote. Thank you very much."

Teacher of Year

Della R. Hartis was recently selected as Teacher of the Year representing special programs with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

She was among the nine finalists honored at a reception and school board meeting on December 8 at the Education Center.

Mrs. Hartis is a secondary teacher in the hospital-homebound program which provides at-home schooling for students who are unable to attend classes due to temporary illnesses.

She has taught in this area for 15 years and finds this teaching gives her an opportunity to encourage a student to make academic, moral and ethical achievements.

Mrs. Hartis is also very active as Matthews Baptist Church as a Sunday School teacher and choir member. She enjoys reading, crafts and camping with her family in the mountains.

She is the daughter of Lonnie Revels of Pembroke. She attended Robeson County schools and graduated from Coker College with certifications in Business Education, History and Hospital-Homebound.

She is married to Neal Hartis, formerly of Indian Trail and they are the parents of two children, Ramona and Anthony.



Herman Dial

Herman Dial, a 16 year veteran as County Commissioner from the Pembroke-Maxton Commissioner District, today announced his candidacy for a fifth term.

Dial, the first Indian to ever serve as chairman of the board of commissioners, served in that capacity for three and a half years. Dial is the senior member of the board of commissioners.

A life long resident of the Prospect

community, Dial is a member of Prospect United Methodist Church. He is married to Carrie Mae Lockler Dial. They are the proud parents of three children who also live in the Prospect area.

Dial presently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Robeson Technical College and the Robeson County Public Library. He is also a member of the N.C. Association of Counties and the National Association of Counties.

Said Dial, "I am grateful for having had the privilege of serving on the Robeson County Board of Commissioners for the past 16 years. I count it an honor to represent the fine citizens of the Pembroke-Maxton District.

"I have been approached by many people to seek re-election. My record speaks for itself. I have been involved on the local, state and national level. I feel that my success as a county commissioner is based on my ability to work with all people of Robeson County, an absolute necessity in our tri-racial setting.

"We must not destroy what we have accomplished so far; we must continue to move forward.

"I have always supported honesty and integrity in government. And I promise, when re-elected, to represent each of you to the best of my ability. I sincerely solicit your vote and support. And thank you for your expressions of support since I have been involved in county government."