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GOVERNOR'S HONORING ED JACOBS IS MOST DESERVING

BY GENE WARREN



ED JACOBS...Pembroke State University campus policeman to receive Governor's Award for Excellence at Governor's Mansion. (Bill Hunt photo)

Tuesday, May 18, will be a big day in the life of Ed Jacobs, campus policeman at PSU since 1969. On May 18, Jacobs will receive the Governor's Award for Excellence in the special category of "Safety and Heroism."

The award will be presented at the Governor's Mansion.

In his letter to Jacobs, Gov. Jim Hunt said in part: "My Commission on Recognition of State Employees selected you

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and three other employees from 62 applications received state-wide. You, your supervisor, Chancellor (Paul) Givens and a guest of yours (who will be Mrs. Jacobs) will receive an invitation to be my guests at which I will have the pleasure and opportunity to present your award to you."

In closing, Gov. Hunt said in his letter: "Thank you for this outstanding act of heroism and your devotion to your job and the people of North Carolina over these many years."

Jacobs had previously received a commendation for bravery from the N.C. Assn. of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators.

Last Labor Day, Jacobs came to the aid of the Town of Pembroke police when a man had his wife and the dispatcher at gunpoint of his automatic shotgun. The man brought his wife to the police station and caught the dispatcher by surprise.

In an effort to solve the situation by talking to the man, Jacobs placed his own pistol on the ground to gain the man's confidence. When the man later reached for Jacobs' pistol, Jacobs struck the man, wrestled the shotgun away, and the gunman was quickly subdued by other police officers who had arrived on the scene.

Congratulations on your award, Ed!

New Landfill Site Approved

NEW LANDFILL SITE APPROVED

Lumberton-Although expected to cost \$35.00 an acre more than the present one, Robeson County Board of Commissioners voted Monday to authorize Attorney Joe Pete Ward to draw up a contract for their consideration in leasing a new landfill site.

The county's present site is leased from Ronald Hammonds, and lies approximately 11 miles from Lumberton. The recommendation came from a land site committee named by Commissioner Carl Britt and chaired by Bill Herndon. The committee reported its recommendations unanimously. The new site also belongs to Hammonds and adjoins the present one.

Hammonds offered the new site for \$125.00 an acre per year, plus a one time access fee of \$3,500.

Herndon noted in his report that even with the increased cost, the landfill site will still be one of the cheapest operated ones in the state.

COMPACTOR BURNS

County Manager Paul Graham also informed the commissioners that a trash compactor had burned at the landfill site east of Renner. The compactor cost \$100,000 when purchased and would cost an estimated \$70,000 to repair. The commissioners decided to rent a compactor for 60 days while county officials scour the country for a new or used one. The commissioners also instructed the county manager to explore the possibility of securing fire insurance for the next compactor and other heavy equipment owned by the county.

IN OTHER MATTERS....

The commissioners also heard an update and plans for the upcoming Industry on Parade and voted to light the recreation field at Union Chapel School at an estimated cost of \$22,000. The motion was made by Jack Morgan, the county commissioner for the area who noted that the field was the only one not lighted in the county.

Parnell Bids for Senate



David Parnell

David Parnell has filed as a candidate for the Democratic nomination to the N.C. Senate representing Robeson and Hoke Counties.

Parnell, a Parkton businessman and farmer is now serving his fourth term in the N.C. House of Representatives. During the 1981 session of the General Assembly, he served as co-chairman of the Joint House and Senate Base Budget Committee on General Government and was instrumental in making reductions in the Base Budgets of those departments of state government that were assigned to his committee in excess of 8 million dollars. As vice chairman of the House Appropriation Committee, he had an active roll in the passage of all Special Appropriation bills that were funded for Robeson and Hoke counties and was a member of the Appropriation subcommittee that made the final draft of the 1981-1983 Appropriation bill.

During the past session, Representative Parnell also served as vice chairman of House Committees on Public Utilities and Courts & Judicial Districts and was a

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Senator Noble announces Re-election Campaign



State Senator Sam R. Noble announced this morning that he will seek re-election for his third term in the North Carolina Senate.

A native of Lumberton, Noble has served Robeson and Hoke counties since July, 1978, when he succeeded the late Luther Britt, Jr. Before joining the Senate, Noble represented the Lumberton District Robeson County Board of Commissioners for ten years, of which the last six years he served as the Chairman being unanimously elected by his fellow commissioners.

In 1976, Noble was honored by the State Association of County Commissioners in being elected their President. In his four years in the Senate, Noble has been listed as a "friend of education" by the North Carolina Association of

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Judge Gardner announces Re-election Bid



Chief District Court Judge John S. Gardner today announced the following statement as he announced his candidacy for re-election.

"I am a candidate for re-election as District Court Judge for Robeson and Scotland counties subject to the Democratic Primary to be held Tuesday June 29, 1982.

At the close of this current term I will have served as District Judge for 16 years and will be 58 years of age.

When first elected, I dedicated myself to do the best job possible and to keep fully informed of the law, as it is being continually developed by the Legislature and the Appellate Courts. I have con-

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PSU'S FORACE OXENDINE VOTED "BASEBALL PLAYER OF YEAR"

by Gene Warren
Publicity Chairman of
Carolinians Conference and
NAIA District 26

PEMBROKE-Forace Oxendine, Pembroke State University first baseman who batted .500 during the baseball season just completed and led both the Carolinians Conference and NAIA District 26 in hitting most of the season, has been voted "Baseball Player of the Year" in both the Carolinians Conference and NAIA District 26.

Oxendine, son of late PSU Athletic Hall of Famer Forace Oxendine, Sr., received overwhelming support in the voting by the conference and district coaches.

He was also voted first baseman on both the all-conference and all-district teams.

During the past season, Oxendine, a powerful 6-foot-1, 210-pound senior who hits right handed and is a native of Pembroke, collected 44 hits in 88 times at bat, slammed 13 doubles, two triples, seven home runs and drove in 31 runs. He was the team leader in doubles, home runs, hits, and RBIs, and shared the lead in triples.

Half of his 44 hits were for extra bases. A former paratrooper who was in the U.S. Army from 1977-81, Oxendine played for PSU from 1974-76. Following his service stint, he returned this year for his senior year with two goals in mind. "I want my picture on the Pembroke State Hall of Fame board," he said. "I also

want to be All-American real badly." Being voted district "Player of the Year" is a giant step toward possible All-American status.

When informed that he had been chosen both conference and district "Player of the Year," Oxendine was almost speechless with emotion. "You've made my day," he said. "I think it's great. I can't describe it in words."

Coach Harold Ellen of the PSU baseball team praised Oxendine's abilities to the skies. "This is the first time I've ever had a .500 hitter," said Ellen, who has coached at PSU since 1968. "And he could have been a .600 hitter. Forace was so far ahead of the pitchers in the conference and district."

Ellen continued: "I believe Forace can hit any man who's living if he throws a baseball. Forace has natural ability. You

can't teach it. He can hit the ball out of any park in the country. He has such tremendous strength in his arms and wrists. He also can hit to all fields. The home run he hit against the University of South Carolina went over the scoreboard in right-center field."

Ellen followed this with another profound statement: "I know there's people in the major leagues who can't hit as well as this young'un."

The PSU coach quoted Coach June Raines of South Carolina as saying, "Oxendine is the best college hitter I've seen since Bob Horner (Atlanta Braves third baseman) played by Arizona State."

Ellen said Oxendine is a major league prospect. "If I were a major league scout, I'd sign him and start him off in Triple-A ball," said Ellen. The baseball

draft is in June.

Ellen also recalled a statement Coach Jim Speight of High Point College made about Oxendine during the season. Said Speight: "Tell Oxendine he had better get in all of his swings in the batter's on-deck circle because we're going to walk him every time."

"Another feature about Oxendine's hitting is that he strikes out very few times for a power hitter," noted Ellen. Oxendine struck out only nine times in 88 times at bat during the past campaign.

What made a player who was a .255 hitter in 1976 (with 9 home runs and 29 RBIs) blossom into a .500 hitter this season?

"Maturity was part of it," said Ellen. "He decided what he wanted to do-and went after it with intensity and self discipline. He had the same tools before, but not this intensity and self discipline."



First Baseman FORACE OXENDINE of Pembroke State University shows the batting style which made him a .500 hitter this season and won for him "Baseball Player of the Year" honors in both the Carolinians Conference and NAIA District 26.

Improved Security at Car Wash Pembroke Council Highlight

by Connie Gleave

An agreement between the Town of Pembroke and the Oxendine family operating the Car Wash next to Bo's Supermarket was a highlight of the Monday night Town Council meeting. Mr. Oxendine voiced his willingness to correct and improve conditions around the Car Wash area such as installation of more lights, improve fencing and post signs that would clearly declare that unauthorized vehicles would be subject to be towed off the premises unless the occupants were availing themselves of the car wash facilities.

The Town members approved the agreement and stated that the Town would do it's up most to protect and maintain order in that area which had recently been the location of a recent shooting.

Monday night's Town of Pembroke City Council meeting included several resolutions and amendments voted on and passed by the board. The proposal of \$110,000 for the West Robeson school sewer hook-up was amended to change the initial payment date of July 15 to October 15; the second and third payments being due on October 15 of subsequent years.

A public hearing of an amendment to change a city ordinance banning mobile allowing mobile home sales within the zoned C-1 district was also on the agenda. Several citizens discussed the change, voicing their fears of "mobile homes degrading" the city. The matter was referred to the zoning board, recommendation of that board will be aired at the next meeting.

The approval of a \$64,000 grant, the award of a contract to build the new well to East Coast Construction Co. the approval of city licenses to operate two new game rooms and a resolution re-naming "Fox Walk" for the week of May 3-7 were also carried by the board.