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## WINS A CHEVY CHEVETTE FROM PIGGLY WIGGLY

by Mac Legerton



PEMBROKE—John Drose, Jr., Manager of the Pembroke Piggly Wiggly Food Store, gives Mrs. Elsie Perry the keys to a brand new Chevy Chevette, one of ten Chevettes given away by Piggly Wiggly as a sales promotion.

Mrs. Perry registered and won at the Pembroke Store and said, "This is the first time I've ever really won anything. And I am thankful to Piggly Wiggly for having this promotion."

Dr. Joseph Lowery, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will be speaking in Laurinburg next Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Solid Rock Baptist Church. Dr. Lowery is leading the Pilgrimage to Washington, a March through the South to support the Voting Rights Act, Jobs, Economic Justice, and World Peace. The Pilgrimage will be coming into Laurinburg on Tuesday afternoon and Services and Public Meetings are being planned for Tuesday and Wednesday morning. It will continue its way through North Carolina, Virginia, and arrive in Washington, D.C. in mid-June.

A Central Theme of the Pilgrimage is the tremendous harm that Reagan's Budget shifts are causing to poor Americans. Everywhere along the way, the Pilgrimage is organizing local groups to become more involved in their own communities in making justice and peace a reality. It is also a well-known fact that

it is the two Senators from North Carolina, Jesse Helms and John East, who are leading the fight against the Voting Rights Act.

A District-wide Committee has been formed to organize persons from each county to join the Pilgrimage while it is in this area. Plans are being made for a Walk and Rally on Wednesday morning. The Committee has involved persons of all three races in Robeson County and Dr. Lowery has expressed his pleasure that people in Robeson County are beginning to unite together to find common solutions to common problems.

The public is invited to the Service on Tuesday night and the activities being planned for Wednesday. To reach Solid Rock Baptist Church, turn right on Caledonia Road at the first stop light on Hwy. 74 going into Laurinburg (right after the Bus Station). Cross two sets of railroad tracks and turn left onto Green St. The Parking Lot of the Church faces Green St. on the left side of the street.

## RIBBON CUTTING OFFICIALLY OPENS SAFETY TOWN



PEMBROKE—Tara Sampson, Little Miss Lumbee, does the honors at the ribbon cutting ceremony which officially opened Robeson County Safety Town. The ceremony was held in the Old Gym on the Pembroke State University Campus Saturday where Robeson County's version of Safety Town is set up for instruction and inspection by the public.

cobs, Purnell Swett, Superintendent of the county schools, who was the guest speaker, and Sheriff's Detective Ray Strickland, president of the Robeson County Law Enforcement Association, the sponsoring agency of Robeson County Safety Town.

Safety Town, a miniature town, complete with streets, safety lights and mini cars, teaches traffic safety to pre-schoolers.

Superintendent Swett, who praised the program profusely, said, "If it can teach one child traffic safety, thusly avoiding accidents, it is worth all our efforts and support."

Others shown in the photo are (left to right): Clancy the Clown, the official mascot of Safety Town; Lt. Jesse Alman, director of the North Carolina Safety Town Center; Garth Locklear, coordinator; Pembroke Mayor James A. Ja-

Following is the schedule for the Drowning Creek Tuscarora Indian Pow Wow scheduled for May 14-16, 1982.

- Friday, May 14
  - 1 p.m.—Opening prayer given by Princess Winona Sweet.
  - 1:30 p.m.—Selling of foods and merchandise.
  - 7 p.m.—Speaker: Mrs. Ruth Woods.
  - 7:30 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. Gary Locklear.
  - 7:45 p.m.—Dance Contest (Children).
- Saturday, May 15
  - 10 a.m.—Little Miss Tuscarora Pageant.
  - 1 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. Julian Pierce.
  - 1:30 p.m.—Dance Contest (women).
  - Dance Contest (Men)
  - 4:30 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. Charles D. Locklear.
  - 5:30 p.m.—Prizes to be given for best dancers.
  - 10 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. Wyvis Oxendine.
- Sunday, May 16
  - Selling, Eating and Dancing.

The Lumbee Trucking Company donated all the Barbecue for the Pow Wow. Raffles and auctions will take place during the entire Pow Wow. Tickets will be sold for an Indian rug given by the Principal of Oxendine School, Mr. Charles A. Maynor, owner of Pembroke Carpet Service. The rug is to be raffled May 28, 1982. The winner does not have to be present.

### STATE OFFERS REWARD IN ROBESON COUNTY MURDER

Governor Jim Hunt announced today that the state is offering a reward up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the murder of Johnny Lee Page of Lumberton.

On August 15, 1981, Page, 40, was brutally shot to death at the Guest House, a local night spot at 105 South Elm St.

St. Page lived at 308 Chipmews St. concerning this case should contact the Lumberton Police Department or the State bureau of Investigation.

## Sparse crowd turns out to hear School Board Candidates

LUMBERTON—Said an observer, "it just don't seem like the political season is upon us yet." And so it seemed last Thursday night as a sparse crowd turned out to hear candidates for the Robeson County Board of Education espouse their views and respond to questions from the audience.

A majority of the candidates appeared before the forum sponsored by the Robeson County Association of Educators.

All candidates for District 4 appeared, including incumbents Lillian Faye Locklear and Laymon Poe Locklear. Challenging them for two seats are Dr. Dalton P. Brooks, Walter G. Oxendine, William Lloyd Oxendine and William Lloyd Hunt.

Incumbent Ronald Hammonds from District 2 and challenger Ronald Revels also were present. Another candidate, Terry Smith, did not appear. One seat is up for grabs.

No candidate appeared from District 8 in which J.R. Musselwhite serves. He is challenged by Doris Wilkins.

District 3 (Rufus Graham) and District 9 (Charles David Locklear) are assured of a seat because no challengers appeared on the horizons. Neither appeared.

Although the audience was small, the questions were pointed and the answers from the candidates firm in response. Most of the candidates queried seemed to be in favor of a unitary school system

with reservations.

The forum was moderated by Rose Marie Lowry, the dynamic president of NCAE.

## Cummings for Sheriff Forum at Oxendine School

Interested persons will have an opportunity to meet the "people's" candidate for sheriff of Robeson County, McDuffie Cummings, on Tuesday night, May 18. Mr. Cummings will attend a community meeting which will be held at Oxendine School beginning at 8 p.m. Those interested in talking with the "people's candidate" are urged to attend.

## Sanderson for the House



VERNA "LOUISE" SANDERSON

Verna "Louise" Sanderson filed for a seat in the N.C. House of Representatives from District 16 at 11:30, Friday May 7, 1982.

Miss Sanderson said: "Recently people representing us in the state government have stated their intention of withdrawing due to the amount of time involved. It is important that we keep the high standards of representation of the people that we have had in the past and maintain good representation for all people. I have the time and feel I am qualified through education and experience to represent our district and pledge to do this to the best of my ability if elected."

Miss Sanderson is a native of Robeson County, and her parents were Solomon ("Sol") D. and Vernie Nobles Sanderson life-long merchant of Lumberton and farmer. On June 30, 1981, Louise retired after approximately 26 years as a Probation/Parole Officer for North Carolina. In 1978 she was chosen Probation/Parole Officer of the Year and represented the Department of Correction at the American Correctional Association Convention.

She is a graduate of Lumberton High School and holds a Bachelors degree from Meredith College. She taught in public schools in Lumberton for one year and for three years in Bladenboro.

Miss Sanderson also attended Raleigh School of Commerce and worked in the bookkeeping department of Merchant Supply Company. She worked on the tobacco market and maintains an interest in farming.

While employed with Reynolds & Co., she became a registered representative of the N.Y. Stock Exchange.

Miss Sanderson is a member of the First Baptist Church, has held local and state offices in Eastern Star, and is a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi.

## Board makes Counter Offer for West Robeson Tie In

by Connee Brayboy

Members of the Robeson County Board of Education offered a proposal to the town of Pembroke at their meeting Tuesday evening. The proposal was a total of \$66,000 for hook-up to the town of Pembroke for sewage for the proposed West Robeson High School. The price was based on 15 gallons per student per day, or 30,000 gallons a day at \$2.20 per gallon. At other meetings the board had discussed 25 gallons per student per day. According to Superintendent Purnell Swett 15 gallons per students was the figure agreed upon as sufficient by the architect and engineer.

The motion for the proposal was made by Jerry Lowry who requested that the town of Pembroke respond "as soon as possible" but at least by June 8, 1982. In other matters the board authorized the superintendent and board chairman to enter into a contract between Vocational Rehabilitation and the Robeson County Board of Education.

On motion by Laymon Locklear, the board agreed to pay one half the expenses for students who has won state competition and are on their way to national competition. Also they will pay all costs for student and advisor to any international competition. They expounded on the recognition the school system receives when a student wins state and national competitions. Laymon Locklear called it "too little too late" as he made his motion. The board also approved the vocational education budget.

They accepted the resignation of Pazava Thomas effective June 30, 1982. Ms. Thomas has been with the county system since 1948 and is planning retirement in June, 1982.

Superintendent Purnell Swett reported that the Robeson County Board of School System has been recommended for Level III State Accreditation by the State Board of Education. He expressed his pride in the system and praised his staff for working diligently towards that end.

Following the meeting the board attended a Recognition Dinner for the South Robeson Consolidation Committee which was held at South Robeson High.

## Official McMillan Commemoration Committee

By Lew Barton

I'm not saying it because I'm one of them. But a better committee to do something about memorializing the late Hamilton McMillan, father of PSU, could not have been put together than the one now official.

They are Prof. Adolph Dial, head of the Indian Studies Department at PSU, who has agreed to serve as chairman; long-time editor of the *Robesonian* Jack Sharpe whose interest in Robeson County history dates back to 1947; Professor Emeritus Clifton Oxendine of PSU whose work in the field of history is long and exemplary; R.D. McMillan, special assistant to Dr. William Friday, of the overall University of North Carolina, who hails from Robeson; Dr. Dalton Brooks of PSU whose eloquence and ability have earned him a long string of admirers; and I.

The purpose of the special committee is to decide the most feasible and suitable means of memorializing the founder of the institution. McMillan's interest in the Robeson community was sparked on a fateful day in the latter part of 1864. He was an active advocate virtually until his death in 1915. He was a statesman, a scholar, a humanitarian, an historian, a lawyer and an author. Most Robesonians still regard his little book, *Sir Walter Raleigh's Lost Colony*, published in 1888, as a standard source as their history is concerned.

The first two bills sponsored by McMillan in the General Assembly of

North Carolina were passed in 1885 and 1887. The first brought state recognition to the Indians and brought schools to them. The second established a normal school for the training of Indian teachers. And it was from this beginning that Pembroke State University came into existence.

McMillan was a man of lofty ideals. He deplored the injustice to which Robeson's Indians had been subjected, and saw education as the means of their advancement. He was a frequent visitor in the homes of such Indian leaders as Rev. W.L. Moore and Preston Locklear. He interviewed many of the older Indians of his day, receiving traditional information from them as to their history.

The old Indians of McMillan's day invariably told him they came from "Roanoke in Virginia."

Roanoke Island was in Virginia at the time the Indians moved "fifty miles into the main" with Sir Walter Raleigh's 1587 colonists. Using the traditional information gleaned from the Indians, McMillan traced them from the Outer Banks area of North Carolina in Robeson County. In more than fifty years of research, he never saw reason to alter that deduction.

With the coming of integration, Robeson's Indians had a going 4-year institution for preparation to the community at large. The institution has grown by leaps and bounds since then and is now a part of the consolidated University of North Carolina.