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County School Board's Action on Lumberton School Situation Made Public

REV. MAC LEGERTON TO BE ORDAINED

BY CONNIE BRATBOY

Assistant Supt. Doug Yongue gave a progress report on the construction of West Robeson High to the Robeson Co. Board of Education Tuesday evening. Mr. Yongue reported that the progress was about two weeks behind, but there was no "catch up."

The board agreed to accept the offer from Pilot Life Insurance Co. for student scholastic, summer migrant and football insurance.

The fees will be \$35 for student scholastic, \$50 for summer migrant students, \$38.25 for varsity football and \$3.50 for grades 7, 8 and 9. They also passed a continuing resolution to allow the administration to pay bills beginning with the 1982-83 school year until the board officially adopts a budget for the next school year.

In other action they approved Townsend Middle School's initial request to make preliminary application to the Southern

Association for accreditation. They agreed to the reorganization of the football program in response to a letter from Jerry Long, president of the Lumber River Athletic Association. It was his desire to eliminate one of the football teams by placing the 7th, 8th and 9th grade students on the junior varsity team and the 10th, 11th, and 12th grade players on the varsity team. This was done in an attempt to save money. They also approved requests for a year's leave of absence from Mrs. Tanya Smith Wallwork of Rowland Middle School and Mrs. Connie Bullard of R.B. Dean School.

The board authorized superintendent Purnell Swett to explore ways and means to purchase a garbage truck and pick up the schools' garbage. The county commissioners recently cut out the amount of funds they had been spending for picking up the county schools' garbage.

The board voted to officially record the action taken in executive session May 18 regarding the de-annexation of Clyburn Pines-Country Club areas from the Lumberton City Schools. That proposal was as follows:

1. That all students in grades k-12 in the Clyburn Pines-Country Club area be assigned to the Lumberton City Schools for the 1982-83 school year.

That effective July 1, 1983, the Clyburn Pines-Country Club area becomes a part of the Robeson County School District with the following pupil assignment plan: All students in grades k-9 will be assigned to the Robeson County Schools and students in grade 10-12 will be given the opportunity to decide between the Robeson County Schools and the Lumberton City Schools for the completion of their high school program. After July 1, 1983, no bus transportation will be provided to students who opt to attend the Lumberton City Schools.

Much discussion followed this motion. Ronald Hammonds was very concerned about the recent publicity on the matter. He was assured by the chairman, superintendent and the attorney that no other negotiations had been entered into. Although it was brought out that Hammonds made the motion in executive session for the proposal, he cast the only opposing vote for making the proposal public.

Added to the agenda was a group of citizens from the Hilly Branch area. The spokes person was Ann Gerald who introduced Rev. A.G. Thompson whom she said was the person responsible for securing the land for the erection of the Hilly Branch School. Mrs. Gerald asked that the board consider naming the Robeson County Career Center (located at Hilly Branch) the Robeson County Career Center at Hilly Branch. "Why change the name?" she asked. "...It is a part of our heritage."

After her presentation, Lillian F. Locklear, who chaired the committee for the name change from Hilly Branch Vocational Center to Career Center, stated, "While we respect and appreciate the concerns of the people here, it is the consensus of that committee that we made a sound recommendation....We should deny their request. I so move."

Prior to the vote on Locklear's motion, John A. Gibson spoke at length. Said he, "I am not ready....The reason is clear.... We have a group of alumni from the school asking for a simple request... I think we ought to consider it....I ask for a rescinding motion on this....I know we aren't going to change the name of Littlefield to Robeson County or the name of the school."

SEND OFF PLANNED FOR MISS LUMBER

The Town of Pembroke and Lumbree Regional Development Association request the honor of your presence at the "Send Off" for Miss Lumber Saturday, June 19, 1982 at 3 p.m. in the afternoon at Shell's Seafood Restaurant, West 3rd Street, Pembroke, NC 28372.

Orum."

The audience applauded his statements and Gibson continued. "We don't want to see our heritage go down the stream. If every school's name were going to be changed to Robeson County, I would have nothing else to say....Our duty is to see that people get what they want....They ask for one little thing, at Hilly Branch, is that asking too much? Are we too little to back and rescind the thing?"

Gibson offered an amendment to Locklear's motion. He wanted the amendment to read that the center name be changed to Robeson County Career Center at Hilly Branch. His motion was seconded by Rufus Graham.

More discussion followed. During which Supt. Swett stated that adding the three words "might be a compromise." He said, "The board would not be retreating. We have been offered a compromise which might be worth considering....Something struck a chord in my body that says it is worthy of considering."

The board recessed and J.R. Musslewhite offered a substitute motion. He moved that the matter return to the committee and a decision be made at the July meeting. His motion was carried unanimously.

Barton to Speak on Race Unity Day in Baltimore

Baltimore-Mr. Lew Barton, noted Lumbree historian and poet, will speak in Baltimore Md. on June 13, 1982 as the featured speaker on Race Unity Day, which is being sponsored by the Baha'is of the U.S. The Baha'is faith is one which reminds us that all men and women belong to one family under one God and that knowledge of this central fact carries along with it the responsibility to respect and be helpful to all.

The theme of this year's observance is "Mankind is one, under God." And it is upon this subject that Barton will concentrate.

While in the Baltimore area, Barton will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brooks.

NO TAX INCREASE FOR ROBESON COUNTY

MAC LEGERTON (See Related Story on Page 9 - "Results of Budget Quiz")

This week, the Robeson County Commissioners voted unanimously not to raise taxes this year and to keep the county tax rate at 82c per \$100 value. As few citizens looked on, the Commissioners approved the recommended budget of \$24 million with no display of discussion beyond recognition for those who had prepared the massive document for the Board. The Budget contains no salary increases for any county employees and leaves almost all departments at below their requested funds.

The only split decision at the meeting came at the end of the session when Commissioner Dial introduced a motion to provide \$39,500 for sanitation services in the county school system. This motion was defeated by an alternate motion by a 4-3 vote which was split down racial lines. Chairman Britt had to break the 3-3 tie and sided with Commissioners Taylor, Cox, and Hurdon to defeat the original motion. Commissioners Hunt

Rev. Mac Legerton of Pembroke, will be ordained into the Christian Ministry on Sunday, June 13. The service will be held at 4 p.m. out of doors at Federal Tree Farm on Hwy. 211, between Lumberton and Red Springs. The public is cordially invited to the service. In case of rain, the service will be held at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke.

Rev. Legerton serves as a staff member of Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned and a campus minister at Pembroke State University. He is a licensed minister within the Eastern N.C. Association of the United Church of Christ and will be received as an

ordained minister in the Association. He graduated from Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1980 with a Masters Degree in Education and Religious Studies. He has also completed a two year program in the guild for Spiritual Guidance, a nation-wide counseling program with training in prayer, meditation, healing and spiritual guidance.

He is a partner in marriage with Ms. Donna Chavis of Pembroke. They have two children: Rhiannon Chavis-Legerton age 2 1/2, and Dakotah Chavis-Legerton, 3 months of age. Rev. Legerton is originally from Atlanta, Georgia.



Hasty for the House

John C. (Pete) Hasty of Maxton has announced his candidacy for a seat in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Hasty was a sergeant in the United States Army from 1953-1955 in the 101st Airborne Infantry Division, Fort Jackson, SC. He joined United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company in 1955 in Raleigh, traveling North Carolina as a Fire Insurance Specialist. He returned to Maxton in July 1958, as Manager of Hasty Insurance Agency, a company founded by his father, William H. Hasty in 1919.

In 1973 John C. Hasty, along with his wife Betty and R.M. Henderson founded Hasty Realty. In 1974 he began Pace-Henderson Finance Company with R.M. Henderson. All of these businesses are now located in a new office building located at 1181 West Saunders Street in Maxton.

Hasty is a member of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church in Maxton. He has served on the Administrative Board Chairman, Chairman of the Building Committee, Finance Committee and Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. He has been a member of Moormax Club in Maxton since 1958. He is a former member of the Maxton Jaycees and served as president of the newly founded club. He received the Distinguished Service Award.

He served as Chairman of the Planning Committee to Town Commissioner and as Mayor of Maxton from 1968 to 1970. He is a member of the Lenoir-Maxton Airport Commission for 15 years and served as chairman for four years.

Hasty has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees to Scotland Memorial Hospital since 1970. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lenoir-Maxton Chamber of Commerce. He is a past president of the Lenoir-Maxton National Bank in Lenoir. He is past president of the Cape Fear Area Council Boy Scouts of America and has been a member of the board for 13 years. He received the 1977

PEMBROKE RESCUE SQUAD ASKS FOR HELP AT PEMBROKE COUNCIL MEETING

BY CONNIE GLEAVE

At the Monday night Town of Pembroke meeting a zoning request to change property on the South side of First St. was aired. The action to allow Ron Capp to sell mobile homes on the lot next to the Texaco Station was denied.

Charlie Revels from the Pembroke Rescue Squad made a plea to the town officials for funds to pay insurance on the vehicles and for gasoline. As the Squad operates on a volunteer basis and does not charge for their services, it has to appropriate funds from the county for operational expenses. Revels felt if the Town of Pembroke could help out with these two expenses would help them out. But the Town officials explained that since the City's budget proposal is to be heard next Monday night it might be better if Revels attended that meeting to see if those items could be worked into the budget.

The increase on the lease on the Court House was approved and the additional fee for water supply was also carried.

Mayor Jacobs ruled that a joint meeting of the board and the planning board shall be held to look over several locations requesting to be re-zoned.

The audit contract was again awarded to Edwards & Lewis and the matter of an advisory group for the PSU TV Channel

was discussed. The Town board agreed that they would have to view a written assignment of contract proposal before making a decision.

John Robinson of Pembroke Community Workshop asked the board for permission to erect a shelter for the up-coming Farmer's Market located on the vacant lot next to the Pembroke Upholstery Shop. This matter was tabled until Monday so the Attorney for the Town, Dexter Brooks can look the matter over.

A citizen, Velma Mitcheson, pleaded with the Town officials to do something about the traffic on Sundays and also about the public drinking of beer on the streets and of all the profane language used. Mayor Jacobs stated that until some one came up with a definite solution the matter could not be dealt with.

Reggie Oxendine announced to the Town officials the retirement of Mr. Boyd Carter from the N. C. Department of Transportation after 35 years of service. Mr. Carter was the first minority road maintenance supervisor with the Department in the state. Mr. Archie Brooks who will replace Mr. Carter was also in attendance. He is a PSU graduate and has been with the Department for 10 years.

LRDA IN ACTION

Plate Sale for Miss Lumber Friday

BY GARY BARTON



MISS LUMBER 1982 PLATE SALE

There will be a Barbecue and Chicken Plate Sale in the Pembroke Town Park, Friday, June 11, 1982. Proceeds from the Plate Sale, sponsored by Lumbree Homecoming and the Pembroke Jaycees, will be used to purchase the wardrobe for Miss Lumber 1982, Jackie Jacobs, who will be crowned in the Miss North Carolina Pageant, scheduled for June 23-26, 1982, in Raleigh, N.C. Tickets for the Plate Sale can be purchased from any employee of Lumbree Regional Development Assoc., Inc. for a nominal fee of \$3. Or you can purchase your plates in the Pembroke Town Park

between the hours of 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. June 11.

Your support and participation will be appreciated.

MEET THE CANDIDATES JUNE 14

Candidates running for office in the upcoming election June 29 have been invited to participate in a Meet-the-Candidates Forum, Monday, June 14, at 9 a.m. The Forum, which will be held in the Lumbree River Native American Center for the Arts building (old Annex building) on Highway 711 East in Pembroke, will be open to the public.

This public service function is being sponsored by Lumbree Regional Development Association, Inc.

NEW CFNP FOOD CO-OP OPEN HOUSE

According to Shirley Locklear, LRDA's Community Food and Nutrition Project Director, Open House will be observed Friday, June 18, 1982, beginning at 10 a.m., for CFNP's new Food Co-op, located in back of Lumbree River Electric Membership Co-op office in Lumberton.

Ribbons cutting ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. with a number of dignitaries, officials and candidates in attendance.

The public is cordially invited to come out and inspect the new facility which was developed to provide low income families more purchasing power for their money.

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