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## Pembroke Council Denies Brewington petition and more

by Bruce Barton

**Pembroke**—Former Councilman Bob Brewington, and now chairman of the Robeson County Republican Party, appeared at Tuesday night's meeting of the Pembroke Town Council and unsuccessfully attempted to present a petition signed by "140...or more citizens" that read as follows:

### SUPPORT ONE OR BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS

1. I the undersigned, a citizen of the Town of Pembroke, support and ask for the following change in the rules, regulation, and legislative to read as following: In order to change the tax rate, zoning, and annexation within the Town of Pembroke jurisdiction it must be supported and voted upon by the citizens within the Town of Pembroke.

2. I the undersigned support the following change in the Town of Pembroke Precinct: Divide the Town of Pembroke city limits to follow the designated lines established by the Robeson County Board of Elections and the State Board of Elections. The town officials be equally divided and elected within the designated precinct by the citizens of that precinct.

Pembroke attorney Dexter Brooks responded to the petition, calling it "ambiguous" and noting that there is "no provision in law giving citizens the right" to do what Brewington's petition suggested.

Brooks said "You understand that Pembroke is a creature of the state general assembly and subject to its state statutes." In response to Brooks' question "Under what statute are you proceeding?" Brewington said, "We want you to respond to our petition, if it needs to be presented to the general assembly then we'll go that route..." Brewington, following the meeting, vowed to continue his fight for "input from the taxpayers" and indicated that legal counsel would be sought.

The council took no action on the petition as Brooks noted "(It) needs to be presented to the general assembly...not the council."

Brooks also noted that the petition lacked addresses, and did not cite the applicable state statutes.

Councilman Milton Hunt called the petition "frivolous...a joke."

Councilman Larry T. Brooks said the petition, if granted, would be "going against our expressed wishes."

Councilman Rod Locklear, who has missed a number of recent meetings, said, "Citizens have a right to petition governmental bodies."

Mayor "Pete" Jacobs said, "I cannot say that I would support it (the petition)."

### IN OTHER MATTERS

The council approved a conditional use permit in an R-2 Zone (residential) for Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sampson following a public hearing at which no comment pro or con was heard. The Sampsons plan a rest home in the dwelling located at the corner of Railroad and Vance St.

### AND...

Amended the town code allowing "manufactured" or "modular" homes in an R-2 (Residential) Zone, if said home meets all other applicable requirements.

And reduced the lot size from one acre to one-half acre for mobile homes in an RA (Residential and Agricultural) Zoning District.

The council also took under advisement a request from the Pembroke Rescue Squad that their allotment from the town coffers be increased by \$2,000 to cover liability insurance for squad vehicles and insurance on their building, and set a public hearing date (August 1, 7 p.m.) for an annexation request from James Maynor, Jonathan Lowry and Randy Maynor.

### A FINAL NOTE...

Fayetteville Times reporter Rachel Perry, accompanied by two photographers said, "I'm disappointed" as she had been told a large crowd would be present to question council on why Councilman Sam Dial was not notified of a recent trip to a housing convention in Orlando, Florida attended by Mayor Jacobs, Town Manager McDuffie Cummings and Councilman Larry T. Brooks and other matters.

Councilman Dial did not attend the meeting.



Dennis was a popular keynote speaker at this year's awards banquet. (E.W. Hunt Photo).

One of the most popular events of Lumbee Homecoming is the Awards Banquet when stalwart Lumbee leaders are honored. This year was no different. The award winners were given glowing accolades and applauded pleasingly by an overflow audience at the Pembroke Jaycee Club House last Thursday night.

Ken Maynor, also executive director of Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. (LRDA), introduced "My cousin" Dennis Lowry, the keynote speaker, with funny stories about Dennis' entrepreneurial enterprises while growing up in Pembroke. Now President of Continental Industrial Chemicals, Inc. of Charlotte, Lowry talked positively and emphatically about the opportunities for Indians in the business world. Said Lowry, "Everyone wants to be connected to Indians." Lowry also discussed some of the federal programs available to "socially, disadvantaged individuals like me," including 8-A, set asides for minorities, etc.

His firm had gross sales of \$26 million the last year.

### AND THE AWARD WINNERS

The Lumbee Business Award went to Hubert Oxendine, proprietor and owner of Old Foundry Restaurant in Lumberton. He was presented the award by Rev. Jerry Lowry, the 1980 recipient. Oxendine was honored for his perseverance and dedication to his business, especially in the face of rank racism in the early days when he was attempting to establish his restaurant, now one of the great historical landmarks in Lumberton.

The Henry Berry Lowry Memorial Award was presented to Rev. Elias

## Popular Award Winners!

Rogers, a great Indian leader who opened up Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (LREMC) to Indian participation. Rogers was the first Indian to ever serve on the LREMC Board of Directors and had to sue the electric cooperative for the right to serve. The board of director is now comprised of 10 Indians, 1 Black and 1 white, and Rogers is serving his third term as President.

Rogers noted, following the banquet, "I can't say that all winners came from Robeson County any more." Rogers has lived in nearby Hoke County for a number of years.

The LRDA Distinguished Service Award went to stalwart Elmer W. Hunt, the well known photographer of Lumbee happenings. A retired educator and civic leader, Hunt, "works as hard as ever" at his flourishing photography business and takes a lively interest in life around him and his church—First Baptist of Pembroke where he serves as Sunday School Superintendent.

The Advancement of Education Award this year went to Mr. James H. Hammonds, long time educator from the Saddletree area who recently retired after 33 years at Magnolia School where he served a stint as acting principal and longtime assistant principal. Mr. Hammonds is known as a man of principle who "sincerely loved working with the children." Hammonds also served a number of years as a member of the board of directors of LREMC.

Noah Woods, Principal of Magnolia School, served as Master of Ceremonies.



Shown are the deserving recipients at Lumbee Homecoming's Awards Banquet this year: Elmer W. Hunt, Distinguished Service award winner; James H. Hammonds, Advancement of Education Award; Rev. Elias Rogers, Henry Berry Lowry Award; and [inset] Hubert Oxendine, Lumbee Business Award. (Bill Hunt and Elmer W. Hunt Photo.)

## Rev. Cummings Seeks Return of Rifle with "Sentimental Attachment"

**Harper's Ferry**—It is merely a 22 automatic rifle. But it has "sentimental value" as Rev. Coolidge Cummings explained. The rifle belonged to a favorite nephew who was killed in an unfortunate accident a few years ago and "he would not take anything hardly for it."

Rev. Cummings, pastor of Island

Grove Baptist Church, lives on old 74 and now Highway 711 toward Maxton. (Past Harper's Ferry Baptist Church) in a neat green house.

A son took the rifle to the river behind his father's home and accidentally left it there. Upon returning, the rifle was gone. Rev. Cummings is offering a reward for return of the rifle. If found, call 521-4817 or 521-2826.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

### Locklear Family Reunion

The descendants of the Floyd and Flora Locklear family are planning a reunion 10 a.m. Saturday July 9, 1983 at Piney Grove School. All participants are asked to bring a covered dish.

### PEMBROKE CHESS CLUB ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

There will be an organizational meeting to establish a chess club in Pembroke and surrounding areas on Thursday, July 21, 1983 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pembroke District Courtroom. All interested persons are invited to attend.

### MENTAL HEALTH TO MEET

The July 1983 meeting of the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Area Authority will be held Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Dining Room of Southern National Bank, Lumberton.

All future meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the same location.

The mental health Area Authority represents the citizens of Bladen, Columbus, Robeson and Scotland Counties. All meetings are open to the public.

### SWIMMING LESSONS OFFERED

Childrens, beginning, advanced beginning, and intermediate swimming lessons will be offered at PSU July 11 through July 22 at 9:30 a.m. For further information and registration call 521-4214 ext. 277 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### CRAFT SALE

The Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. sponsors fifteen Senior Citizens Chapters throughout Robeson County. On July 21, 1983 a craft sale will be held in the Pembroke Town Park from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

Numerous arts and crafts will be displayed during this time. Come by, buy an item, and make a Senior Citizen feel proud!

### CHAVIS THE WARRIOR AT STRIKE AT THE WIND

Spencer "The Warrior" Chavis will be at "Strike at the Wind" on Saturday, July 9 as part of their pre show activities.

Spencer's family had some problems in flying to make it here from Dearborn Heights, Michigan last weekend. In order to make it up to all of us, he will be showing his boxing skills at Strike at the Wind for all to see.

So come see "Strike at the Wind" and "Chavis the Warrior" on Saturday, July 9 at 8 p.m.

Chavis the Warrior T-shirts are on sale at LRDA for \$5.50 each. Spencer will sign autographs at intermission of Strike at the Wind.

### RESCUE SQUAD SPONSORS BLOOD MOBILE

Pembroke Rescue Squad will sponsor a blood mobile at the First United Methodist Church in Pembroke, Saturday, July 9 from 10 until 2.

July is a very difficult time for blood collections. As many accidents occur it places a considerable drain on blood supplies.

Please give so others might live.

## ED MELVIN ADDS 5TH ED'S TIRE AND AUTO SHOP

Lumberton—Ed Melvin proudly announces that his 5th Ed's Tire and Auto Shop is now open in Lumberton at 203 West 2nd Street. Hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Ed has four stores in Fayetteville and the latest one in Lumberton. He invites his friends to come out for the "lowest tire prices anywhere and great service specials" every day.

### KINGS DOMINION TRIP JULY 30-31

Now is the time to visit one of the greatest and most exciting amusement parks around. Located 20 miles above Richmond, Virginia, it has rides and thrills like you've never seen before. This is a great amusement park for people of all ages. You can shop Saturday evening and visit the park all day Sunday. Take your whole family.

The trip will take place July 30-31. The cost is \$48.97 with 4 to a room. This price includes everything except your food. A \$20 deposit is needed now to reserve your seat. The balance will be due July 20, or you may pay it all at once. Please pay by check made out to Deese Coach Line. There are only 39 seats available. The first to pay will be seated first. Call 521-2552, Doris O. Jones, for more information.

### CAR WASH PLANNED

The teenagers at Oak Grove Holiness Church will be having a car wash to help build a church in Trinidad. The people need a building to worship God in.

Cars will be washed on the outside and vacuum the inside for \$3 July 9, 1983 from 10:30 until.

The success of the project depends on you.

### LRDA TO HOLD COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The Administration for Native Americans Project of Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. will be conducting upcoming community meetings. On July 21, 1983, five separate community meetings will be conducted in local Indian Communities. The purpose of these meetings will be to receive nominations to serve on the LRDA Board of Directors for one three-year term. The LRDA Board is the policy decision unit of LRDA, Inc. Once the nominations have been completed, the community persons will then elect, by voting, their representatives to serve on this Board. Pending review and approval of the existing Board.

Listed below are the meeting sites of those community meetings scheduled for July 21, 1983.

Robeson County Career Center at Hilly Branch will be the site for nominations from District II composed of Back Swamp, Britts, Smyrna. Mr. Ralph Hunt is currently representing that district.

Mohr Plaza will be the site for nominations for representatives for District III composed of Lumberton, Wishart, E. Howellsville. Mr. Grady Hunt is the incumbent board member.

District IV is composed of Burnt Swamp, Philadelphus, Red Springs and Raff Swamp. That position is currently vacant.

Pembroke Senior High School will be the site for District VI nominations. This district is composed of Pembroke and Union. Rev. James H. Woods is the incumbent board member.

Piney Grove School will be the site for nominations from District VIII, composed of W. Howellsville and Saddletree. Mr. James E. Thomas is the incumbent representative.

All community meetings will begin at 8 p.m.

In order for you as a community person to participate in these meetings, there is a three part criteria: you must live in that particular designated area/precinct, be 18 years or old, must be Indian.



Sandra Rena Locklear  
Miss Lumbee 1983

## MISS LUMBEE!

It was the culmination of a gala night Friday night as Sandra Rena Locklear was crowned "Miss Lumbee" before a capacity crowd in PSU's spacious Performing Arts Center. Sandra, a rising sophomore at PSU, plans to study computer science. She is the daughter of Mrs. Etta B. Locklear.

First runner up was Kyle Ann Lowry and Lee Pam Oxendine was second runner up. Winner of the non-finalist swim suit and talent awards was Lisa Revels McQueen. Miss Congeniality was shared by Jeanne Gale Jacobs and Gwendolyn Lowry.

Master and Mistress of Ceremonies were Ron Andrade, most recently executive director of NCAI (National Congress of American Indians), and Jackie Jacobs, Miss Lumbee 1981.

Special talent was by Rhonda Flanagan, the outgoing Miss Lumbee, LRDA's Dance Troupe, Willie Lowry, Lori Ann Locklear, Brenda Hunt Williams, a former Miss Lumbee, and a special appearance by Nora Dial, Guilford County's Native American Princess and a bevy of visiting beauty queens.