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County Schools Redistricting Plan Lambasted

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The Robeson County Board of Education conducted a public hearing Tuesday night, August 23 at the O.P. Owens Auditorium. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear input from citizens relative to the new re-districting plan proposed by the board. The new plan that proposes to add two more school districts to Robeson County in the name of "one man one vote" representation drew strong opposition from all those speaking at the public hearing.

The hearing was conducted by board chairman David Green. He and Superintendent Purnell Swett were seated at the podium.

Board members E.B. Morton, Charles David Locklear, J.R. Musselwhite, and Pete Clark were seated towards the front of the auditorium. Seated in the back of the auditorium were board members Dr. Gerald Maynor, Dr. Dalton P. Brooks, Ronald Revels and Bill Oxendine.

There was no one in attendance who spoke in favor of the re-districting plan.

Speaking in opposition was Bruce Barton who reminded the board members that many of them were "in favor of keeping double voting as a political device....In its place, we now have the re-districting plan." Barton said that the plan spoke to provincialism and racial pockets.

Dorothy Lowry also spoke against the plan. She pleaded with the board, "Be honest with me and every other parent, stop the politics being played around the table." Then she addressed Pete Clark specifically. "I'm begging you, Clayton, to get off that seat....Move for my children."

Bernard Lowry who identified himself as a member of South Pembroke Precinct was also opposed. Said he, "I voted for Bill Oxendine to serve four years....Some body wants to tell him he can't serve four years....How can any one disenfranchise...take away from his term, I don't understand it....There is something peculiar about this. You all ought to serve so that our children will be graduated in excellence." (The new plan if approved will shorten the term of William L. (Bill) Oxendine.)

Milton Hunt told the board that they could have devised a plan that would insure representation to the parents in Clyburn Pines-Lakewood Estates and still have left the length of Oxendine's term in tact. Hunt said that he felt that Pembroke had become a kicking boy by some of the board members.

Chairman Green stated that the board would meet again in "a few days" to decide on the plan. That meeting will be announced through the press.

Pembroke Rescue Squad Appreciation Week



Mayor Pete Jacobs of Pembroke, left, is shown with Belton McMillan, Jr., Chief of the Pembroke Rescue Squad after signing a proclamation proclaiming the week of August 29-September 4 as Pembroke Rescue Squad Appreciation Week in Pembroke. The Pembroke Rescue Squad has been in operation for 28 years and is a volunteer organization. The basic services of the Pembroke Rescue Squad is to provide emergency medical services and support in time of disaster without restitution. [Elmer W. Hunt photo]

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

SENATOR PARNELL BANQUET SPEAKER AT PEMBROKE RESCUE SQUAD FUND RAISER

Senator David Parnell, a Parkton native, and State Senator for this area, will be the guest speaker for the Pembroke Rescue Squad Appreciation Dinner Monday, August 29, at Sheff's Restaurant in Pembroke.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from any member of the rescue squad. All proceeds go toward expenses incurred by the volunteer rescue squad.

LOCKLEAR REUNION

The descendants of the late Dennis Dial and wives Harriet Catherine Locklear and Irene Locklear will be having a family reunion on September 3, 1983 at 4 p.m. at the fellowship hall of Prospect United Methodist Church. The children are the late Cattie Mae Dial Lowery, the late Tommie Dial, Sarah Jane Dial Lowery, Arthur Dial, Edith Locklear, Sallie Louis Dial Nance, Carrie Lee Dial Goode, the late Archie Dial, the late Bennie Dial, Stella M. Chavis, Alice Faye Dial Jones. Any and all descendants are cordially invited to attend. A covered dish (or a favorite family recipe) is requested by all attending. Any family member having photos or other family memorabilia is requested to bring it.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The Lumbee Adult Education centers will resume classes on September 6, 1983. The center locations are: Smyrna Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Lumberton, N.C.; Evans Crossing Volunteer Fire Department, Maxton, N.C.; and Rex Rennert Day Care Center, Shannon, N.C.

The classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday night from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. The centers are staffed with one teacher and 2 teacher aides at each center. The centers are also fully equipped with educational materials and audiovisual aids. The program will work with any Indian adult 16 years and older. For more information call the LRDA Annex Building at 521-2401.

SHOWER ANNOUNCEMENT

A baby shower for Donna Kaye Cummings Prine will be given by her mother on Friday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. at the home of Michelene Lowry in front of Pembroke Sr. High School. The baby, John Paul Prine, Jr., weighed 9 pounds and 9 ounces.

SKATE-ATHON FOR AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

A Skate-athon will be held Aug. 27, 1983 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Skate World in Lumberton. Registration forms are available at Skate World. Proceeds from the event will be sent to the Robeson County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING

A special called meeting for the Parent Committee for the Title IV-A Indian Education Project of the Robeson County Board of Education has been scheduled by Donald Locklear, Director of Operations, for Monday, August 29th, 1983 at 7:30 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

There are 43 members of the Parent Committee and it is very important for as many of the members as possible to attend the meeting on Monday night for the purpose of discussing and making plans for the upcoming school year in the area of Indian education.

MT. OLIVE PENTECOSTAL WOMENS AUXILIARY TAKE TRIP

The Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church Womens Auxiliary went on a trip to Waccamaw Pottery and to the Mall located at Myrtle Beach, S.C. The ladies went on the trip August 20th and enjoyed shopping and fellowship with one another. Those participating were Mrs. Dora Oxendine, Mrs. Mary Oxendine, Mrs. Jola Lowry, Mrs. Flay Smith, Mrs. Vashie Smith, Mrs. Delphia Candler, Mrs. Pamela Lowry, Mrs. Mary Sanderson, Mrs. Katie Chavis, Mrs. Dale Follard and daughter Ann, and Mrs. Mary Sue Lowery.



DR. GILBERT SAMPSON NAMED CHAIRMAN OF PSU MATHEMATICS DEPT.

PEMBROKE--Dr. Gilbert Sampson, associate professor of mathematics at Pembroke State University, has been named chairman of the University's Mathematics Department.

In this position, he will supervise a staff of seven professors.

During the past year, Dr. Sampson was acting chairman of the department.

Dr. Sampson, 45, earned his B.S. in mathematics at Pembroke State University in 1958, his M.A. in mathematics at the University of Arkansas in 1965, and his doctorate in mathematics education at New York University in 1980.

His wife, the former Nancy P. Morgan of Richmond, Va., also earned her doctorate at New York University at the same time. She is associate professor of education at Fayetteville State University.

Prior to joining the faculty of Pembroke State University in 1966, Dr. Gilbert Sampson taught at high schools in Pembroke, Baltimore, Md., and Ellicott City, Md.

He is a member of the Mathematical Association of America, the American Mathematical Society, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the Jean Piaget Society.

His scholarships, grants and fellowships include a National Science Foundation Summer Institute in 1961, a National Science Foundation Academic Year Institute in 1964, a National Teaching Fellowship in 1968, a Ford Foundation Fellowship from 1971-74, and a UNC Board of Governors Doctoral Fellowship in 1979-80.

The Sampsons are parents of five children: Gregory, 14; Chris, 13; Julie, 8; Glenn, 5; and Daniel, 3.

BO'S SUPERMARKET...A FAMILY AFFAIR!

PEMBROKE-Bo's Supermarket in Pembroke is a family affair, make no mistake about it. One of three Bo's

Supermarkets (the others are located in Lumberton and another on Fairmont Road between Lumberton and Fairmont)



the business is owned by the Abbots of Lumberton.

Bo's Supermarket in Pembroke, located on Union Chapel Road, recently underwent extensive remodeling after the Abbots bought the building the supermarket is located in. The newly-enlarged building contains some 8500 square feet in floor space and is modern in every aspect, even featuring a "talking" soft drink machine in front of the building.

The manager of the Pembroke Bo's Supermarket is William "Fred" Frederick Ellis, Jr., who has been manager of the store for six years now. Mrs. Margaret Abbott, one of the owners, notes "Fred loves the people in the Pembroke area and is not interested in being anywhere else but Pembroke."

The store in Pembroke is the second store developed by the Abbots who began in the supermarket business in 1962, more than 20 years ago with the first store in Lumberton. Bo's Supermarket has been in Pembroke for eight

years and the Abbots are pleased with their investment in the Pembroke business community and laudatory toward Pembroke officials, including Pembroke Town Manager McDuffie Cummings who receives high praise from "Bo" Abbott for his assistance in helping them recently during the expansion of their store. Abbott says, "I am pleased most of all with my relationship with Pembroke and her officials, Pembroke has been good to us and we try every way we know how to return the favor."

The Bo's Supermarket in Pembroke presently has five full-time employees and 14 part time, with expansion forecasting an eventual eight or nine full time employees. The expansion of the store was completed the first of August.

The president of Bo's Supermarket is Willard "Bo" Abbott. He has seen a lot of changes in the grocery business since he began in 1962. He is ably assisted by his wife, Margaret, who is also treasurer of the family-owned business. The vice president is Willard Grady "Bobo" Abbott, 24, the son; and the secretary is Jean Davis, 27, a daughter.

All four Abbots are intimately involved in the operation of the business with "Bo" Abbott acquiescing sometimes to the more modern ideas of the children. For instance, Bo's is now open from one to six p.m. on Sundays. "Bo" Abbott is not completely sold on the Sunday idea but "Bobo and Jean" have convinced him that they have to be open on Sundays to stay competitive. He values the opinions of his wife Margaret and his children and is most proud of "the good relationship we have not only as a family but in business too."

Abbott says, "the thing I am most pleased with is being able to work with my wife and children. If something ever happens to me I know Bo's Supermarket will continue. That's a good feeling to me."

Abbott says, "We are pleased to be a part of the Pembroke business community. It was a good day for us when we came to Pembroke and we value the friends we have made in the last eight years. We look forward to many more years in Pembroke. And mostly I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have shopped at Bo's over the years and to let them know that we are very appreciative..."



Shown left to right are the owners of Bo's Supermarkets. They are: Mrs. Jean Davis, secretary; "Bobo" Abbott, vice-president; Mrs. Margaret Abbott, treasurer; and "Bo" Abbott. They are proud of their Bo's Supermarket in Pembroke which recently underwent extensive remodeling.

[Elmer Hunt Photos]