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DIAL, EDWARDS PLEAD GUILTY TO LESSER CHARGES

WILMINGTON--Two men facing federal charges in connection with misuse of Robeson County's federal jobs training program funds pleaded guilty to lesser charges in U.S. District Court here Monday.

James C. Dial, principal of Pembroke Elementary School for 15 years, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of willful misapplication of job training funds. He was fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay \$200 in restitution to the U.S. Department of Labor, the agency which administered the program.

Dial had been indicted on a felony charge of misapplying more than \$100 in training funds. Dial could have been sentenced to two years in prison and fined \$10,000.

The Rev. H.E. Edwards, a guidance counselor at Scotland High School in Laurinburg, pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of willful misap-

plication of job training funds. He was given a one-year suspended sentence, fined \$2,000 and ordered to pay \$2,000 in restitution to the Department of Labor, by federal judge Earl Britt, himself a Robeson County native.

Edwards was also placed on a three-year probation and ordered to perform four hours of community service each week for a year.

Edwards, also a Maxton minister, had been indicted on 11 counts of making false statements to the government and two counts of obtaining \$3,691 in training funds by fraud.

The FBI investigation of Robeson County's Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program resulted in 11 indictments, including County Manager Paul Graham, County Attorney Joe Ward and Herman Dial, former chairman of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, who are yet to be tried.

A. BRUCE JONES NAMED TO NCAI POST



A. Bruce Jones, executive director of the N.C. Indian Commission, has been named to NCAI post. Read more about it on page 12.

J.C. Thomas bids for seat on Pembroke Town Council



J.C. THOMAS

J.C. Thomas is owner of Thomas Insurance Services, Inc. and J.C. Thomas Insurance Agency, Ltd. in Pembroke. He served one term on the Pembroke Town Council from 1973-75. Presently he is vice chairman of the Robeson County Parents Action Committee, a member of the Pembroke Kiwanis, a member of the Independent Agents Association, a member of the Professional Insurance Agents Association, a member of the U.S. Army Reserve currently holding the rank of CW2 (Chief Warrant Officer) having served 18 years. He is a past vice president and president of the Robeson County Life Underwriters Association.

Mr. Thomas is married to the former Porchia Locklear, he has one daughter-Tabetha A. Thomas and four stepchild-

ren-Earl, David, Porchia, and Ludell Locklear.

Upon announcing his candidacy for Pembroke Town Council, Mr. Thomas released the following statement:

I have lived in Pembroke since 1969. I'm proud to be a citizen of Pembroke. I've seen a great deal of growth and progress during that time. I've seen the development of the town's recreation parks, public housing, changing the form of government to the town manager-council form of government, upgrading water and sewer and streets, establishing a courthouse, annexing and etc.

I've seen the town grow and prosper in population, new businesses and the consolidation of local schools. But there are many areas that should be improved. In order to hold taxes down, Pembroke has to continue to increase its tax base by encouraging new businesses to open within its corporate limits.

I believe in more progressive government and is elected on Tuesday, November 8, 1983. I promise to serve the people of the Town of Pembroke to the best of my ability and with all my energy. I ask for your vote and support. Thank you.

Thomas is the last Pembroke municipal candidate to formally announce. Thomas, a candidate for a council seat, is vying with Lee Neville, Henry Ward Oxendine and Vernon Oxendine for 2 available seats.

Present Mayor Pro-tem Milton Hunt and councilman Sam Dial are contesting for the mayor's chair. Present Mayor James A. "Pete" Jacobs decided against a re-election bid.

The election is set for November 8.

Red Springs man accused of Rape and Murder

RED SPRINGS — Bond was denied Monday in Robeson County District Court for a Red Springs man accused of the rape and murder of a teenager Saturday.

Roscoe Artis, 42, is being held in the Robeson County jail on charges of first-degree murder and first-degree rape in connection with the death of Jo Ann Brockman, 18, also of Red Springs.

Investigators with the Robeson County Sheriff's Department found the partially clad body of Miss Brockman Saturday afternoon in a wooded area behind a Red Springs auto dealership about a quarter mile from her home.

She had been reported missing a few hours earlier by her boyfriend, said sheriff's Detective Garth Locklear.

Locklear would not say what led to the slaying or how Miss Brockman was killed, but he did confirm that she was raped.

Relatives of Miss Brockman told investigators that she was seen walking with Artis a few hours before her body was discovered, Locklear said.

Artis was arrested about 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

RAMS LOST TO HOKE 18-0

RED BANKS--The West Robeson Rams lost to Hoke County 18-0 Friday night in Hoke County. Hoke's three touchdowns were made by James McQueen, Elgin Blue and Larry McMillan. The Rams next face Reid Ross Friday at Reid Ross in Fayetteville.

ASSOCIATIONAL UNION

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Associational Union will be held Saturday, Oct. 29, at Piney Grove Baptist Church beginning at 10 a.m. The theme for the quarterly Union will be "Charity Begins at Home." Devotional by Rev. Kelly Sanderson, pastor of Piney Grove. Topics will be: "Witnessing" by Rev. Ted Brooks, "Community" by Rev. Lindberg Chavis, "Church" by Rev. Ron Anderson. Message for the day will be by Rev. Charles P. Locklear, pastor of South Broadway Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Eunice M. Oxendine, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. C.H. Cummings, was honored with a birthday party given by her children.

Attending were her children: Mrs. Betty F. Oxendine, (Mrs. Ginger Carter), Mr. Garry Oxendine and Mr. Willie F. Oxendine. One son, Mr. Stephen Oxendine, Jr. was not present for the celebration. Also in attendance was her grandchildren. Others attending were the brothers and sisters of the honoree. There was also a host of relatives and friends in attendance.

A variety of delicious foods were served including grilled steaks, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, sweet potato pie, and birthday cake. Everyone enjoyed a great time of fellowship. Prayer of thanksgiving was offered by Mrs. Ludahlia Hammonds. Gifts were received.

BAKE SALE

The Ladies Auxiliary Club with the Burnt Swamp-Philadelphus Rural Fire Department will sponsor a Bake Sale and a Yard Sale on the campus at Union Chapel School on Saturday, October 29, 1983 at 9 a.m. The Action Sale will begin at 2 p.m. Membership for the Rural Fire Department may be purchased at this activity.

HOMECOMING DINNER

The West Robeson Senior High Athletic Booster Club will sponsor a Homecoming Dinner Friday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. There will be a choice of barbecue or chicken. Plates will cost \$3 each.

UNION CHAPEL CARNIVAL

There will be a Halloween Carnival at Union Chapel School on Friday, Oct. 28, 1983, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and lasting until 8:30 p.m. A variety of activities are planned. This event is sponsored by the school and the Parent-Teacher Association organization.

YARD SALE

There will be a Yard Sale Saturday, Oct. 29, from 8 a.m. until. It will be located at the fourth house behind Pembroke Middle School (formerly Jr. High).

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Pembroke Elementary School will host a Halloween Carnival Monday, Oct. 31, from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m., sponsored by the PTA.

Hoke's Della Maynor named to Indian Commission

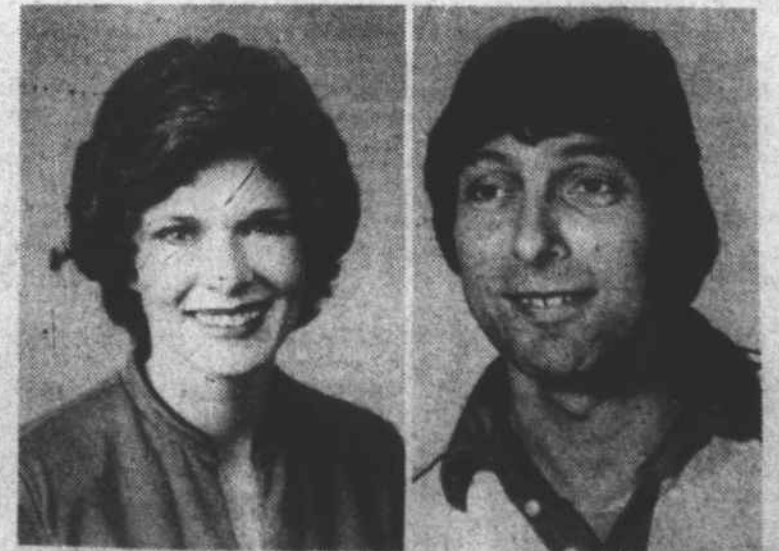
Hoke County Register of Deeds Della Maynor became the first representative of that county on the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs on Tuesday night, Oct. 25, 1983. Maynor garnered 226 votes, overcoming Robeson County's candidate Valenda Morgan (150) and Scotland County's Mary Brayboy Munger (16). The election was held to elect a representative for the northern part of Robeson County, Scotland County and Hoke County. Voting was held at 7 locations.

Those voting places and vote totals were:

Union Chapel--Della Maynor, 18; Valenda Morgan, 13; Mary Brayboy Munger, 1. Rex Rennert--Della Maynor, 12; Valenda Morgan, 103; Mary Brayboy Munger, 0. Magnolia-Maynor, 41; Morgan, 32; Munger, 0. South Hoke--Maynor, 86; Morgan, 0; Munger, 0. Mt. Elim--Maynor, 69; Morgan, 0; Munger, 1. Gray Pond--Maynor, 0; Morgan, 2; Munger, 8. Washington Park--Maynor, 0; Morgan, 0; Munger, 6.

Ms. Maynor is the daughter of Joseph and Eula Maynor of Shannon. She is completing her second elected term as the Hoke County Register of Deeds.

Jeanne Robertson will be featured at PSU's fund-raising dinner Thursday, Nov. 3, at 6 p.m. Valvano was last year's popular speaker...more on page 10.



JEANNE ROBERTSON

JIM VALVANO

The N. C. Division of the American Cancer Society will have its Annual Meeting on October 29-30 at the Mission Valley Inn, Raleigh. Two North Carolina celebrities highlight the evening banquet. Former Miss North Carolina, Jeanne Robertson, is the guest speaker. Robertson serves as the Division's 1983 Honorary Crusade Chairman. Joining Robertson is Jim Valvano, N.C. State Basketball Coach. Valvano is the Division's 1984 Honorary Crusade Chairman.

Miss Pembroke State University Pageant November 2



Left to right, these are contestants for "Miss Pembroke State University" this year. The pageant is Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. in the PSU Performing Arts

Center. They are shown with the reigning "Miss PSU," Kathy Gooden, pictured with her crown on. Left to right, the other contestants are: Priscilla Dunham, White Oak; Melissa

Gates, Chapel Hill; Sharona Stone, Fayetteville; Beverly Stephenson, Conway; Sherri Westmoreland, Sophia; Jess Shiflet, Great Falls, Va.; Miss Gooden; Sharon Hart, Falcon;

Dana Brigman, Rockingham; Pam Oxendine, Lumberton; Gretchen Mathews, Fayetteville; and Jackie Lull, Fayetteville.