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## IN LOVING MEMORY...



Joshua LeGrande Brooks,  
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26, 1983. His gift to us:  
Strength and love.

...Bruce Barton shares  
more about Little Josh and his  
remarkable life in his column  
"As I See It" on Page 2.

## Hill's Food Store Grand Opening today in Pembroke

PEMBROKE, NC-The grand opening of the new Hill's Food Store, located on Union Chapel Road in Pembroke, began with ribbon-cutting ceremonies today (Thursday) at 10 a.m.

The Pembroke store is the 18th unit in the fast-growing food store chain which has its headquarters in Whiteville. A 19th store is planned for Fairmont and is scheduled to open early next year. The new store in Pembroke features all-new energy-saving refrigeration equipment and the latest in front-end, check-out equipment. It contains 11,000 square feet of floor space.

"We've made every effort to insure that the Pembroke grocery shopper

receives the finest in food products and the maximum service," said Dewey L. Hill, Chairman of the Board of Hill's Food Stores, Inc.

The new Pembroke store and the one planned for Fairmont are part of an expansion plan started two years ago by Hill's. In the past two years, nine of the Hill's stores have been enlarged and remodeled. Also, one store in Whiteville and the Clarkston Store have been completely rebuilt. Hill's operates stores in five counties, Columbus, Bladen, Brunswick, Robeson, and Scotland, in North Carolina, and in Marion County, South Carolina.

## \$23,335 AWARDED IN LUMBERTON SCHOOLS CASE

FAYETTEVILLE-Two attorneys who successfully challenged three Lumberton school district changes have been awarded payments of \$23,335.00 in legal fees by the U.S. District Court in Fayetteville. The decision was rendered by Judge Franklin T. Dupree, Jr. November 18.

The legal fees were sought from the Lumberton School Board and the Robeson County Board of Elections.

Julian T. Pierce with Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc., of Pembroke and Laughlin McDonald of Atlanta, Ga., filed the motion in March in U.S. District Court in Fayetteville.

Pierce was awarded \$11,875.00 for services rendered during the three-year federal civil case against the Lumberton City Board of Education and the Robeson County Board of Elections. The suit challenged the city school district's expansion into Lakewood Estates subdivision, the Barker-Ten Mile area and the Clyburn Pines-Country Club area.

McDonald was awarded \$11,460.00 for professional services.

The attorneys were also given expense reimbursement of \$1,302.89, court documents show.

The motion cited "significant litigation difficulties" by the two attorneys for the plaintiffs. These included an emergency injunction they sought and obtained from the U.S. Supreme Court shortly before the Nov. 3, 1981 Lumberton school board election, preventing any residents of the contested areas from voting in the city school board election and from participating as candidates.

Lumberton was cited for violating the 1965 Voting Rights Act originally for

neglecting to make submissions to the Justice Department as mandated by law.

Monies awarded will go to Lumbee River Legal Services (LRLS) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Pierce is executive director of Lumbee River Legal Services and McDonald is affiliated with the American Civil Liberties Union.

## Hunt's running against Helms

LUMBERTON-Governor Jim Hunt has done everything but put it in writing. He is definitely running for senator against Jesse Helms. He said it out loud Monday night at an appearance at the Ramada Inn in Lumberton. Hunt told a crowd of a \$100 a ticket meeting, "I want you to hear it from me tonight, I intend to run for the U.S. Senate next year."

Some 250 tickets were sold for Monday night's kick off in Robeson County, according to Eddie Musselwhite, chairman of the county's Jim Hunt Exploratory Committee, netting some \$25,000 for Hunt's campaign coffers.

Hunt said he would support better education, more jobs, family farming and programs for the elderly. He accused Helms of supporting a national, conservative agenda instead of the needs of North Carolinians.

## J.C. Thomas named to Pembroke Council vacancy

...HIS SELECTION NOT APPLAUDED  
BY NEWLY ELECTED  
HENRY WARD OXENDINE  
AND VERNON OXENDINE

PEMBROKE--When Mayor-elect Milton Hunt ran for Mayor and won earlier this month a vacancy was created on the council, namely his seat. J.C. Thomas, an unsuccessful candidate for a council seat on November 8, was named last Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, to fill Hunt's council seat which expires in 1985. Some folks liked it and some didn't.

Some of those who did like it, of course, were lame duck councilman Rod Locklear, and Councilman Larry T. Brooks, who voted for Thomas. Sam Dial, who opted to run for mayor in a losing effort against Hunt, did not attend the meeting. An effort had been made to have Dial appointed to the seat to no avail.

Hunt resigned his seat and stepped down before the vote, leaving the matter to Locklear and Brooks. Mayor James A. "Pete" Jacobs did not express an opinion on the matter.

Before stepping down as councilman Hunt was lauded by Locklear who said, "Milton Hunt has taught me a lot...I believe he is the right man for the job (as mayor)."

Thomas was nominated for the vacancy by Brooks who said, in part, that it seemed right to appoint someone who had shown an interest in the position. Thomas had finished third in the balloting for two council seats in the last election with 274, a mere 9 behind Henry Ward Oxendine with 283. Vernon Oxendine led with 359.

But a number of citizens expressed dissatisfaction with the choice of Thomas, noting that the new council would take office December 5 and that new councilmen Vernon Oxendine and Henry Ward Oxendine should have input into the election process. Both Oxendines expressed some bitterness at the way Thomas was chosen. Henry Ward Oxendine said, "To me this is a power play...a way to maintain the status quo." And Vernon Oxendine said, "This is an under handed deal...it just shows that (they) don't have confidence in me and Henry...in our judgment."

## A CLOSER LOOK...

Rev.  
Isaiah  
Locklear

J.R.  
Hunt



Rev. Isaiah Locklear

BY CONNIE BRAYBOY

Few people enjoy life as much as the Rev. Isaiah Locklear. He is always smiling and seems much to laugh about in things and people around him. He is 84 years old, but he says "You are only as old or as young as you feel. Sometimes I feel like I'm 16." And he laughs with glee as he relates: "I tell all the women I'm 39." He frequently interjects into his conversation laughter and terms of endearment, calling ladies "Sug" and "Darling."

"Preacher Isaiah" as he is affectionately called, has his moments of seriousness. "God has blessed me," he said, "except for a small problem with my eyes (cataracts), I'm in good health. I eat whatever I want and drive my car wherever I want to go." He admits, however, that he doesn't do much driving at night anymore.

Rev. Locklear is still an active member of the Burnt Swamp Association. And a member of Island Grove Baptist Church which he founded in 1952. He served there as pastor for 10 years. He served as pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, Red Springs, for 20 years and six months. He retired from full time ministry because he was "not physically able to carry the responsibility."

Rev. Locklear vividly recalls accepting Christ as his Savior when he was 13 years of age. He was called to preach at the age of 28. He recalls in detail his first sermon. "And when I see the blood I will pass over thee," taken from Exodus 12:13. He delivered his first message at Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church where the Rev. Zack Jacobs was serving as pastor.

Being raised in the Cherokee Chapel area, he belonged to the Lumbee River

by Connie Brayboy

"I believe that people should be doing something to help someone," said J.R. Hunt of the Deep Branch area. Hunt not only believes that he should help, he puts his beliefs into practice. He is a volunteer in the Emergency Room of Southeastern General Hospital, Lumberton. He assists in the Emergency Room doing "anything they need me to do." He has volunteered his services to that hospital for six years. He is there usually on Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. His schedule varies, of course, "according to when they need me," he said. "Sometimes they need me most at night. When they do that's when I go."

Hunt was recently selected as one of the five North Carolina Volunteers of the Year from Robeson County. This distinction was given to him because he contributed over 1600 hours in the past six years.

When asked why he worked so diligently without pay, Hunt replied: "I thought that was where I was needed most."

Hunt is a retired TSgt. with the United States Air Force where he served 21 years of active duty.

He feels a certain kinship with patients he stated, which comes first of all from his basic desire to be of service. He has himself been hospitalized for extended periods of time. He has had open heart surgery twice. In 1975 he underwent surgery at Wilford Hall United States Air Force Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. And again at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

In addition to his service to the hospital, Hunt is choir director of Deep Branch Baptist Church and secretary of the Deep Branch Volunteer Fire Department.

He is married to the former Annie T. Jacobs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Starling Jacobs of the Saddletree area. They have two daughters: Tanuel Hunt who is earning her Master's degree in business at East Carolina University; and Trainer Bennett who is a graduate of Radford University where she is employed as assistant director of admissions. Both are also graduates of Pembroke State University.

Mr. Hunt stated that his roots "run deep" in the Deep Branch Community. The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hunt, he traces his family to that area as far back as 1896.

He is firm in his Christian beliefs and has reached the same conclusion as King Solomon of Biblical days: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

Hunt's life exemplifies one of the greatest commandments--"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." And he serves God by serving his fellow man.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

### Retiring



Here is JULIAN RANSOM in his magnificent portrayal of "Leader" during the first five summers of "Strike At The Wind," the outdoor drama presented annually since 1976 near Pembroke.

See related story in Gene Warren's PSU column on page 9.

### UNION ELEMENTARY PTA MEETING

Union Elementary School will hold a P.T.A. meeting on December 13, 1983 at 7:30 p.m. A brief business meeting will be held followed by a program of Christmas music from students in grades K-6.

### R.B. DEAN ELEMENTARY STUDENT BOOK FAIR

R.B. Dean Elementary School in Maxton will sponsor a student book fair from December 14 to December 21, 1983. Students will be able to browse and purchase books. The book fair will be open during the hours of 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Books will be on display in the Media Center.

All students, parents and visitors are invited to attend the fair. The fair will encourage student interest in reading and in building home libraries, and will also contribute to a worthwhile project. All profits will be used to purchase new library books for the media center.

### DEEP BRANCH PTA MEETING

Deep Branch Elementary School will have a P.T.A. meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 1983, beginning at 7 p.m. There will be a short program held in the school cafeteria, immediately following the program, parents are invited to visit their child's classroom for conference.



J.R. Hunt

## Pancake Supper & Breakfast

The 21st annual Fund-raising project will be held Friday, December 2nd, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, December 3rd, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Tickets are \$3. The benefit is for the Youth Programs and the supper and breakfast will be held at the new Pembroke Elementary School. Reggie Strickland is the chairman for this event. Tickets may be obtained from any Kiwanian.

### SGH EMERGENCY ENTRANCE RELOCATED

Due to construction, the South-eastern General Hospital emergency parking lot and entrance will be closed for about six weeks. Emergency patients will be received through the West 27th Street entrance near the east end of the main hospital building beginning Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7 a.m.

All ambulances and rescue vehicles should use the special ramp built from West 27th Street to the entrance way. Private cars should use the marked parking area adjacent to the right of the entrance.

This area will be well-lighted and signs will direct emergency patients through the hospital to the emergency dept. Hospital visitors and employees are requested not to park in or block this temporary emergency receiving area.

### YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM

The Robeson County Recreation and Park Commission will begin a youth basketball program on Saturday, Dec. 3, 1983 at the following schools: Maxton Jr. High, Prospect Jr. High, Pembroke Middle School, Union Chapel Elementary, Magnolia High, Red Springs Middle, Fairmont Middle, Littlefield High, St. Pauls High, Parkton High, Rowland Southside Elementary and Orrum High School.

Times: 5th & 6th grade boys-9 a.m. 7th & 8th grade boys-10 a.m. All 5th through 8th grade girls-11 a.m.

### CHRISTMAS PARADE

There will be a Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Pembroke Jaycees and the Town of Pembroke, Friday, Dec. 9 through downtown Pembroke. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. Line-up will be at 9 a.m. at the PSU Performing Arts Center. Interested participants should contact Gregory Cummings at 521-9761. Entries will include marching bands, local queens and floats. Last year 92 entries and over 4,000 spectators participated and a bigger turnout is expected this year.

### JAYCEETTES EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO FAMILIES

In observance of Family Week, Nov. 20-25, 1983, the Pembroke Jayceettes expressed their appreciation to their families. The Pembroke Jayceettes and their families met at the Pembroke Skateland for a night of fun. The Pembroke Jayceettes also provided snacks for their families.

The Pembroke Jayceettes are involved in activities to better their community as well as the state. These activities often take them away from their homes and their families. The Pembroke Jayceettes want their families to know they love and appreciate them very much. Theresa Locklear was the chairperson for the project and made all the plans with the owner of the Pembroke Skateland, Reginald Oxendine.

Also, on Wednesday night, Nov. 23, 1983, the Pembroke Jayceettes showed another family they cared. They took canned goods and Thanksgiving dinners to a family in the Pembroke Community. The Pembroke Jayceettes are involved in numerous projects within the Community and throughout the state.

They welcome any young lady, 18 years or older to join in their efforts to help others. The meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday nights of every month at the Pembroke Court-house.

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