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PEMBROKE'S NEW MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN TAKE OFFICE

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS



Newly elected Councilmen Vernon Oxendine and Henry Ward Oxendine are shown being sworn in at Monday night's meeting of the Pembroke Town Council by local magistrate Jerry Cummings.



Mayor Milton Hunt presided at his first official meeting as Mayor and Larry T. Brooks was named Mayor Pro-Tem



Mayor Pro-tem Larry T. Brooks

Hill's Food Store now "officially" open



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held recently at the new Hill's Store in Pembroke (formerly Jamestown II). Shown right to left are: Harvey Godwin, Manager of the new store; Mayor Milton

Hunt; Sandra Locklear, Miss Lumbee; Dewey Hill, owner of Hills Food Stores; Rev. Simeon Cummings who gave the invocation; and an official with the Hill's Food Stores. [Bruce Barton Photo]

Pembroke's new Christmas Lights!

Have you noticed Pembroke's new Christmas lights? They grace the holiday route from Jones Street to the intersection of Pine Street and Third Street, plus a portion of Main Street and Union Chapel Road.

Costing \$4,500, some private donations have been received. Town Manager

McDuffie Cummings hopes for more, reminding our readers that contributions are tax deductible.

Cummings said, "I believe the festive and sparkling lights will help shoppers find their way downtown to shop this Christmas season."

AUCTION SALE

There will be an Auction Sale, Friday, December 9, at 7 p.m. at Deep Branch Volunteer Fire Department. All items will be sold to the highest bidder. No consignments. Items auctioned off will include beds, motors, bikes, lawnmowers, tools, lamps, clothes, jewelry, household items, and other items too numerous to mention. If you have any item you would like to donate please call Robert Meehan 738-6348, or Jim Emery 738-4124, or J.R. Hunt 738-5436, or any other member of the fire department for pick-up. Snacks and refreshments will be available.

Be Careful this Holiday season

Kirby Ammons, acting Chief of Police for the Town of Pembroke issued the following statement to the citizens of Pembroke:

"During any holiday season, break-ins and larcenies are usually on the upswing. The Pembroke Police Department cautions the citizens to be extremely aware of their property as well as that of their neighbor. If you see any unusual activity or persons in your neighborhood, please report it to the Police Department. It is not necessary to leave your name. Just call 521-4333 and report any unusual activity.

"This appeal is being made to insure that you and your neighbors have a safe and happy holiday season. The Pembroke Police Department extends their wishes for a joyous holiday season."

GOP hopeful Jim Martin visits Robeson

Republican candidate for governor Jim Martin was in town Monday morning to break bread with his supporters as he kicked off his Robeson campaign. Martin claims that he has a good chance at winning the governor's seat. The Charlotte based U.S. Congressman cites his own district where he's out numbered two to one, but notes that Republicans are out numbered three to one state-wide.

Martin said, in remarks at a breakfast meeting at the Ramada Inn in Lumberton. "I will run on the Republican ticket...I will uphold the Republican banner but we need to start building a strong two-party system in the state. We thought we had it going in the 60s but we got side tracked. We need to get it going again."

District Republican chairman, Bob Brewington, the county Republican chairman, shared the dais with Martin.

Martin promised to build his campaign on integrity and honesty, promising to stand on the issues and not try to be all things to all men. He suggested that candidates should realistically look at the issues and take positions on them as he cited his own voting record on tobacco and said merit pay should be considered for teachers.



J.C. Thomas

...Appointed to council vacancy November 25.

J.C. Thomas was chosen to fill the council seat vacated by Milton Hunt who was elected Mayor.

the happy Christmas season.

PEMBROKE, NC.-The Pembroke Jaycees will again sponsor a Needy Family Project for the Needy during the Christmas season. Each year the project is sponsored to help those in need so that everyone may have the Christmas Spirit.

If anyone has any items, toys, or fruits of any kind, they may call any member of the Pembroke Jaycees, or Buddy Bell at 521-4227. Or Carnell Locklear at 521-3112 (after 5 p.m., 521-2811). The Jaycees hope that everyone will assist them in this worthwhile project. After all, this is a time for giving.

Carl Britt remains Chairman

LUMBERTON-The County Commissioners met Monday night and decided to keep Carl Britt, the Commissioner from the Fairmont District, as chairman. Sammy Cox, one of the Lumberton Commissioners, was re-named vice chairman. Linda Hedgpeth continues as county clerk.

Bill Herndon, the Commissioner from the St. Pauls District, made a motion to approve \$20,000 to light a little league field at Magnolia. The motion carried. And the county has decided to appeal the findings of an audit that found \$7,380 unallowable in the old CETA program that was run by the county until recently. An administrative judge in the U.S. Labor Department will decide the issue.

Town Tags on Sale

And new town licenses are now available for sale. The new tags will cost \$5 and should be purchased by February 15.

PINEY GROVE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND PTA MEETING

Piney Grove School will have Open House and a PTA meeting on Tuesday night, December 13, 1983 beginning at 7 p.m. Principal Grady Locklear, faculty and staff cordially invite all parents, friends and patrons to come out, visit, and share with them.

SOUP KITCHEN TO BEGIN

The churches of the Pembroke Community will begin operation of a Soup Kitchen on December 12. Soup, sandwiches, and a drink will be served without charge between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12 noon in the church building at First United Methodist Church on Monday through Friday of each week. There will be no charge for this food but it must be consumed inside the building. The goal of the churches is to see that there are no really hungry persons in the community of Pembroke who do not have at least the opportunity to have a full stomach at least once a day.

Many of those who will want to use this service will not be able to read, so those of you who are reading this news release, please tell those whom you think would be interested in eating this meal at the church.

There will be no questions asked of those who come and the program is open to all regardless of sex, race, color or creed.

First Church is located on the main street (Third Street) of Pembroke and is across from the new BILLY JOHN'S Convenience store.

A request is also being made that those who have time free between 10:30 and 12:30 each day become volunteers to help in the operation of this program. If you can help as often as two days each month, call 521-4018 and ask for Ray Sparrow; or 521-4661 and ask for Ron Anderson; or 521-4448 and ask for Eva Brady.

COMMUNITY HEARINGS ANNOUNCED

Community hearings will be held to discuss the issues facing the Lumbee people and the benefits to the Lumbee people. Another issue to be presented is an important Lumbee Tribal Referendum to be voted on January 31, 1984 by Lumbee Tribal Enrolled Members.

A hearing will be held December 13 at the Native American Council Building in Hoke County, NC beginning at 7 p.m. Another will be held December 15 at Green Grove School; another on December 14 at West Robeson High School; and one on December 15 at Magnolia School. All hearings will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Lumbee Regional Development Association at 919-521-8602 in Pembroke, NC.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA PLANNED

Ten Mile Center Baptist Church is sponsoring a Christmas Cantata on Saturday, December 10, 1983 at 6:30 p.m. at Ten Mile, located on Hwy 301 north just past Magnolia School. The Cantata will be performed by Jerry and the Family Stone Singers. Everyone is invited to attend.

ROBESON CIVIC CHORALE TO OPEN ELEVENTH CONCERT SEASON

The Robeson Civic Chorale will open its Eleventh Concert Season with the performance of its annual holiday concert, a festival of carols on Thursday, December 15 at 8 p.m. in the Osterneck Auditorium of the Robeson County Public Library, Lumberton.

This year's Chorale is under the directorship of Mrs. Sherry Levy who is returning for her second year with the ensemble. Director Levy feels that "This year's concert will be particularly enjoyable for audiences of all ages, due, in part, to the unusual instrumentation accompanying selections in the first half of the program, which will consist of 15th Century music. The major work of the evening is *Sir Christemas*, a modern setting of a 15th Century carol, retaining archaic words from the era, as well as the occasional use of French. Its medieval quality is enhanced by the use of the Harpsichord and the Krumphorn, a popular instrument of the time." Guest musician is Alice Wilkins of the Sandhills Consort.

The Chorale will also perform traditional holiday fare, as well as the area premiere of the Seasons, an oratorio by the Choral Master P.D. Q. Bach.

Soloists for the evening include Barbara Ranson, John Locklear, Al Studdard, Leon Bolich, Norm Williams, Carolyn Snow and Lisa Flowers.

There is no admission charge for this concert and the public is invited to attend. The Robeson Civic Chorale is supported by a grant from the grassroots program of the North Carolina Arts Council, as well as from private donations.

PEMBROKE JAYCEES TO SPONSOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Pembroke Jaycees are sponsoring a Christmas Party on December 25 from 8 p.m. until at the Jaycee Hut. Providing music for your entertainment will be R & R featuring your favorite hits of 1983. Cost will be \$10 per couple or \$5 single. You may pay at the door. Everyone is invited to come out.

ANNUAL VFW SUNDAY

Sunday, December 11, is the 14th annual VFW Sunday. All VFW members and their wives or guests are invited to attend worship together on this day at Smyrna Baptist Church, located four miles east of Lumberton on Hwy 211. After worship all members and wives and guests are cordially invited to the Golden China Restaurant, Pine Street, Lumberton, for lunch.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. Please meet in front of the church at 10:45 a.m.

On Monday, December 12, the regular VFW meeting will be held beginning at 7:30 p.m. with the annual muller roast from 6:30-7:30 at the Pembroke Post 2843.

GOSPEL SING PLANNED

A gospel sing will be held at Pembroke Junior High School in honor of the Felix Deal Family Singers on December 10, 1983 at 7 p.m. The event is sponsored in appreciation of the singing group. Featured singers will be the Felix Deal Family, the Joy Singers, the Pierce Family, Murter Jacobs and the Oxendine Family. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNED

The Children's Department of the Robeson County Public Library is sponsoring a Christmas party for children ages 4 to 12 in the Osterneck Auditorium on Dec. 16 from 6-7:30 p.m.

The staff will present "Santa's Christmas Surprise" (puppet show), along with stories, songs, treats and a visit from Santa.

Parents are invited to bring their children and celebrate with the Robeson County Public Library Staff the joys of Christmas.

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.

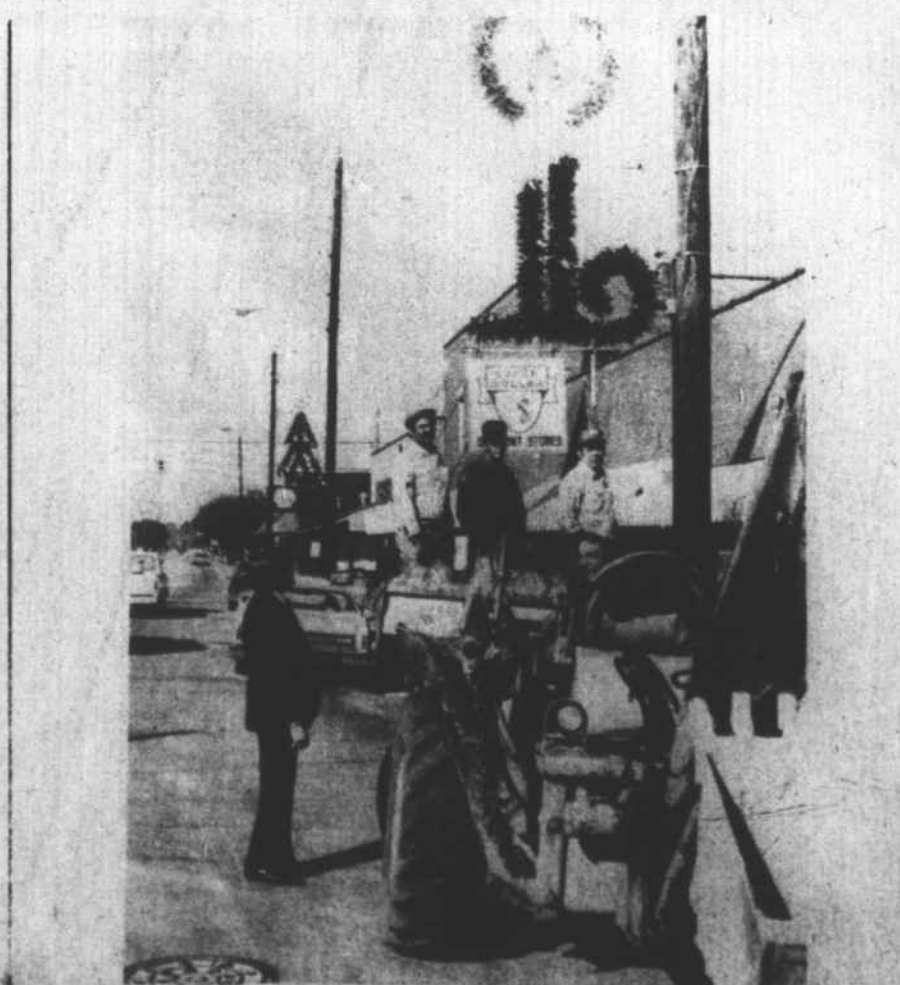
CORRECTION:

The article in last week's edition, in reference to Mary Olene Sampson, should have stated that Ms. Sampson was recently chosen to have her notes published in the April edition of The Wake Forest Law Review.

PEMBROKE COUNCIL CONSIDERS NEW OWNERSHIP OF CABLE TV

It was announced at Monday night's meeting that Jones Intercable TV which provides cable TV service to the town, has been taken over by the Alert Cable System of North Carolina, based in Greensboro.

The council informed Alert Cable's Tom Edmondson that certain changes would have to be made in the contract presently held by Jones to satisfy the town. Edmondson promised that his company would upgrade the channels offered, as well as the service, a sure point with many subscribers. Edmondson promised full use of the 20 channels allotted to the system, adding features like a county wide channel, full weather, Home Box Office, Walt Disney Network, Christian programming and more.



Town Manager McDuffie Cummings looks on as Pembroke's new Christmas lights are being hung just in time for the Christmas season. Others helping are: (left to right) Pembroke Fire Chief Ray

Hunt, Pembroke Volunteer Fireman Charles Prevatte, Pembroke Volunteer Fireman Harvey Dense, and Pembroke employee Ray Bell on tractor.