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ROBESON COUNTY

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PEOPLE
IN PLACES
AND THINGS

DEEP BRANCH SCHOOL PROBE CONTINUES

Archie Oxendine serving as interim principal

Purnell Swett, Superintendent of the County Schools, announced at Tuesday's meeting of the Robeson County Board of Education, that "there's not much more to report. The SBI has it..." He was referring to the continuing probe at Deep Branch School where John Norman Sampson, former principal; and treasurer, Percy Shaw, Jr. remain on suspension until the matter is resolved.

The probe is the result of an audit that showed fund deficits of more than \$29,000 that have not been explained satisfactorily.

Swett announced that Community Schools Coordinator Archie Oxendine has been named interim principal. Swett said of Oxendine, "Even though he has the obligations of his present job Mr. Archie is the kind who plows away and gets the job done...if it takes night and day."

Swett also reported on the damages suffered by the County Schools during the recent rash of tornadoes, with the most damage occurring at Rex-Rennert School where roofs were taken off "just like you might have sliced them with a knife." Damage is estimated at \$200,000

at Rex-Rennert and another \$50,000 in estimated damages at Maxton and \$15,000 in damages to school buses, including one school bus that was damaged extensively on Loop Road, the scene of some of the worst devastation of the tornadoes.

In a related matter, the board decided to refer the matter of possibly calling for a detailed audit of all the schools to the board's finance committee for study and a recommendation.

The board also tentatively discussed the budget for the upcoming year, 1984-85, with a current expense budget of \$2,905,000 to be submitted to the Board of Commissioners, and a capital outlay budget of \$627,000.

IN OTHER MATTERS...

Dr. Dalton Brooks, Chairman of the Budget Committee, presented a motion that read: "That the budget request to the County Commissioners for the 1984-85 fiscal year provide monies to support the base budget to maintain on-going programs and to provide financial support for the expansion budget so as to meet the requirements

for the accrediting of all our schools by meeting the requirements for the state re-accreditation process, requirements for the Southern Association for Accreditation and projected building needs."

The motion, of course, passed unanimously. It is estimated that it would take an outlay of almost a million dollars to bring all the County Schools' sewer systems and leaking roofs up to state standards before accreditation from the Southern Association and state can be pursued fully since buildings that meet

state standards is one of the major requirements of accreditation.

New contracts were given to Doris S. Brewington (Littlefield, elementary education), George Crumpler (Parkton, history), and Barbara Thomas (Prospect, early childhood, elementary education).

The Board also approved the budgets for the Chapter 1, and Migrant programs for the 1984-85 year and considered replacements for vacancies on the Extended Day Advisory Committee.

Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green makes pitch for Governor in Robeson County tour



Lt. Governor Jimmy Green

BY CONNEE BRAYBOY

Lt. Governor Jimmy Green visited Robeson County recently as he campaigned for Governor of the State of North Carolina the day began early for the Lt. Governor who arrived in Fairmont at 8 a.m. He visited the Floyd's Station area and spoke with several people. He made a campaign stop at Eckerd's Drug Center and the Robeson County Courthouse where he was introduced by I Murchison Biggs, Lumberton attorney who joined him as he toured the county. Lt. Governor Green was accompanied by Phil Ellen and Harold Ellen also. Following lunch at Old Foundry Restaurant, Lumberton, Lt. Gov. Green and his party toured Converse because, he said, "I want those people to know that I care."

The group then visited Robeson Technical College where Lt. Gov. Green met employees and talked with President Fred Williams about the expansion of the facilities and the need for vocational education.

He arrived in Pembroke at 2 p.m. where he addressed the staff of LRDA. Here the Lt. Gov. was introduced by Dr. James B. Chavis, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at PSU. Dr. Chavis shared an experience with the staff when Ken Maynor, Executive Director of LRDA, and others visited Lt. Gov. Green in Raleigh. Dr. Chavis related that the bill which appropriated \$100,000 annually in educational grants had seemingly died in committee. The group approached Lt. Gov. Green and he immediately went to work to rectify the situation. The N.C. Legislative Grant came out of the committee and resulted in monies being available for the educational needs of Indian students.

When Green addressed the staff, he told them that it was more important to know how to get things done than it was to make promises. He stressed that during many years in state government he had learned how to make things happen. He promised only to continue to be fair and honest when elected Governor.

The group then traveled to Maxton and Red Springs where Lt. Gov. Green spoke with people on various issues and solicited their support. He visited the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation in Red Springs and spoke with staff and employees.

The day's activities concluded with a free barbecue at the Lumberton Armory which was attended by approximately 700 people. There Green addressed the group and took his own poll. He asked every person who was not planning to vote for Jimmy Green to raise their hands. No one did. He then

asked all those who were going to vote for Jimmy Green and ask their family and friends to do so, to raise their hands. It appeared that every hand in the Armory was raised. Lt. Gov. Green then told the WTVD-11 TV crew to get that poll on camera. It was an unusual poll and an insight to the man's rare sense of humor.

He did make one reference to the COLCOR incident when he said he prayed that no other family in North Carolina ever had to go through what he and his family had faced. "When I am elected Governor," he said, "I will see that it doesn't happen to another family."

The crowd was impressed! Many who'd come only for a free supper left determined to help Jimmy Green become Governor. The response was varied as this reporter spoke with several people in attendance. Many expressed their feeling that the Lt. Governor had been farmed in the COLCOR investigation but all of them agreed that Lt. Governor Jimmy Green was the most honest candidate they'd ever met.

Lauch Faircloth coming to Robeson

The public is invited to come out Tuesday, April 24, from 7-9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, Lumberton, to share a free light breakfast and meet Lauch Faircloth, Candidate for Governor. The public is urged to attend.

New Advertising and News Deadlines

Effective immediately, it shall become the policy of The Carolina Indian Voice that any articles to appear in The Carolina Indian Voice must be submitted no later than at 1 p.m. Tuesday of the week in which the article should appear. Any articles submitted after the deadline [1 p.m. Tuesday] will not appear in that week's edition but will appear in the following issue of The Carolina Indian Voice.

Advertisers must submit their ads by 1 p.m. Wednesday of the week in which they wish their ad to run.

It has become necessary for the Carolina Indian Voice to impose these guidelines in order to better serve you, the subscribers and/or advertisers. It is our desire to have the Carolina Indian Voice printed and delivered to you just as quick as humanly possible. We therefore thank you in advance for your cooperation in abiding by these deadlines for submitting articles and advertisements.

Thank you again.
THE STAFF OF
THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

...a helping hand



Larry McNeill (left), a member of the Pembroke State University campus police, is presented a check for \$500 from the Men's Fellowship Class of Lumberton's First Baptist Church on Walnut Street to help defray hospital and other expenses of Larry's mother, Mrs.

Dorothy McNeill. She recently suffered such severe burns from a fire that her legs were amputated at Duke Medical Center. Making the presentation is Gene Warren, Sunday School teacher of the class.



Dr. Gilbert Sampson and his wife, Dr. Nancy Sampson, were among those professors honored recently at Chapel Hill for being ones in the UNC System who successfully completed their doctorates through the UNC Board of Governors' Faculty Study Assignment

awards. Both Gilbert, who is chairman of the PSU Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, and Nancy, who is a professor in early childhood education at Fayetteville State University, earned their doctorates at New York University.

ROBESON COUNTY CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET

The Board of Directors of Robeson County Church and Community Center will meet on Thursday, April 26, 1984 at 5 p.m. at the Hopewell Holiness Methodist Church. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the staff reports, look at the budget, hear a report of the executive director on some building improvements and to attend to any business that needs Board attention.

To get to Hopewell Church going south on US 301, turn right at the first intersection after entering the city limits of Raynham. Coming north on 301, turn left at the first intersection after crossing the railroad tracks.

Going toward Rowland on 710 turn left at Union Elementary School or turn right at the school if you are coming toward Pembroke on 710.

Please plan to attend the meeting.

LUMBER RIVER BASIN COMMITTEE ANNUAL BANQUET APRIL 24

The third Annual Banquet of Lumber River Basin Committee will be held Tuesday, April 24, 1984, at 7 p.m. at Southern National Bank Restaurant, downtown Lumberton. The special guest speaker for the event will be the Honorable Lieutenant Governor Jimmy Green. Mr. Green is currently a candidate for governor of North Carolina.

The evening's schedule will begin with a social, followed by dinner, remarks by Lt. Gov. Green, and special announcements. 1984-85 LRBC officers to be installed are Chairman Colin Osborne III, Vice Chairman Don Williams, and Secretary-Treasurer Donna Scott.

A limited number of tickets are available for sale to the public. Tickets cost \$7.50 for members and \$8.50 for non-members and can be obtained by contacting any of the following people at the telephone numbers listed: Donna Scott at 649-7184, Robert Keber at 843-4532, or Colin Osborne, III at 738-9396.

The Lowry Lumber River Canoe Trail will be officially designated Wednesday, April 25, at three ceremonies on the river: 10 a.m. in Fair Bluff, 12 noon in Lumberton, and 2 p.m. in Pembroke. The public, and especially LRBC members, are invited to attend any or all of the ceremonies.

June is American Rivers Month. LRBC's Calendar of Events will be sent to members in May. There will be clean-ups, canoe trips, and a photography contest! More details are forthcoming.

JIM MARTIN QUIETENED BY SORE THROAT MUSCLES

The level of political debate in North Carolina dropped a few decibels recently as Congressman Jim Martin of Lake Norman was temporarily sidelined by a raspy throat.

The Republican candidate for governor was forced to cancel a Monday afternoon press conference at a Charlotte drug education center when he became unable to speak above a whisper.

Martin was examined by a Charlotte physician who said muscles around the congressman's vocal chords had become inflamed from a viral infection. He was treated with antibiotics and cortisone.

After resting overnight at his Iredell County home, Martin took a break from campaigning today to visit in Columbia, S.C., with his mother, who is recuperating from surgery.

Aides said Martin would resume campaigning Wednesday when he is scheduled to make appearances in Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill and Buies Creek.

AUCTION SALE AT DEEP BRANCH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

There will be an Auction Sale, Friday, April 20, at 7 p.m., at Deep Branch Volunteer Fire Department. Items to be auctioned will include beds, motors, bikes, mowers, tools, lamps, clothes, jewelry, household items, and many other items too numerous to mention. No consignment. All items will be sold to the highest bidder. If you have any items you would like to donate please deliver to the fire station between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday or call 739-2221 and someone will pick them up. Snacks and refreshments will be available.

SUPPORT BOBBY DEAN LOCKLEAR CHICKEN OR BARBECUE DINNER APRIL 20

There will be a Support Bobby Dean Locklear for County Commissioner, Red Springs District, chicken or barbecue dinner Friday, April 20, 1984 at the Community Building (Union Chapel) from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Plates will cost a donation of \$3.00.

FREE SCOLIOSIS SCREENING CLINIC

A Free Scoliosis Screening Clinic for children between the ages of 10-16 will be held Monday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lumberton Chiropractic Center located at the Salem Square, 4904 Fayetteville Road, Lumberton, N.C.

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE RUFUS EDMISTEN DUE IN AREA FRIDAY

Following is Rufus Edmisten's schedule for Robeson County:

- 9 a.m.-Lumberton Municipal Airport, Lumberton.
- 9:45 a.m.-Lumbee Regional Development Association, Pembroke.
- 10:15-PSU, Pembroke;
- 10:45 a.m.-Town Hall, Fairmont;
- 11:30 a.m.-Robeson County Courthouse, Lumberton;
- 12 noon-Holiday Inn-Luncheon, Lumberton;
- 1:45 p.m.-Old Depot, Rowland;
- 2:30 p.m.-Police Station, Maxton;
- 3 p.m.-Town Hall/Lumber River Electric Membership Corp., Red Springs;
- 3:45 p.m.-Municipal Hall, Parkton;
- 4 p.m.-Town Hall, St. Pauls.

SAFETY AWARDS DINNER

The Lumberton/Robeson County Chamber of Commerce and the North Carolina Department of Labor will co-sponsor a "Safety Awards Dinner" for a five-county area (Robeson, Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland and Hoke). Commissioner of Labor, John C. Brooks, will be the keynote speaker and will be presenting 109 awards of which 54 are from Robeson County alone.

The event will be held tonight (Thursday), April 19, 1984, 7 p.m. at the Ramada Inn. Reservations are required in advance and can be obtained by calling the Chamber office at 739-4750.

WEST ROBESON BASEBALL

West Robeson overcame Reid Ross last Saturday to briefly hold first place in the Southeastern 4-A Conference standings, along with Reid Ross, Pinecrest and Scotland County. The 8-6 win placed the Rams at 4-2 in the conference. But Pinecrest didn't let the Rams stay on top long as they toppled them 5-1 Tuesday. The loss dropped the Rams to 4-3.

TV To Mark N.C. Anniversary

Remember the "Bicentennial Minutes" that ran on network television for a full year before July 4, 1976?

N.C. residents will get three years of quadricentennial minutes, on all the state's TV stations, starting Sunday, Oct. 22 in Raleigh, Gov. Jim Hunt got a peek at the first five of an eventual 120 spots produced by the UNC Center for Public Television and financed by a \$150,000 grant from Pepsi-Cola.

The series is entitled "We Remember: North Carolina 400th Historical Minutes." The first five spots dramatize the Lost Colony on Roanoke Island.

N.C. native Andy Griffith, a member of America's 400th Anniversary Committee, will narrate the historical minutes.

Thirty segments will run this year. Additionally, radio spots will be produced to air on all radio stations belonging to the N.C. Association of Broadcasters.