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HOKE TEACHER COMMITS SUICIDE, TIES TO PORNOGRAPHY



Robert Taylor, a Hoke County high school history teacher, was found dead last Thursday, apparently the victim of suicide. The 40 year old Indian died from a gunshot wound to the heart. His body was found in the Jaycee Hut near Raeford. Taylor was a former president of the Hoke County Jaycees, and was chairman of the Hoke County Indian Education Committee. He also coached the freshmen girls' softball team, and was a leader in the Hoke County Indian Community.

Barrington had obtained a search warrant and had found incriminating evidence on his premises at Route 1, Red Springs where considerable pornography was found, including film, pictures, and photographic equipment.

Taylor, right, was shown in a happier setting here in 1978 when as president of the then Hoke County Jaycees he presented Bruce Barton, editor, with a plaque of appreciation at an appreciation banquet for the Indian Voice at the Old Foundry Restaurant in Lumberton.

Taylor had an appointment to meet with Sheriff Barrington the day of his death.

He was married and had three children.

Pembroke Jaycees & Jaycettes annual Awards Banquet

The Pembroke Jaycees and Jaycettes recently held their annual Installation and Awards Banquet, Saturday, May 5, 1984 at 7 p.m., at the Railroad Express, in Pembroke, N.C.

The meeting was called to order by Jaycee President Larry D. Jacobs. Afterwards he welcomed those attending

and introduced guests, current officers and incoming officers for 1984-85. Jaycette President Molly O. Locklear introduced the guest speaker, Walter G. Oxendine, a J.C.I. Senator and life member of the Pembroke Jaycees.

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1984-85 Pembroke Jaycee Officers (left to right): Virgil Lowry, External Vice-President; Larry D. Jacobs, Chairman of the Board; Billy Ray Oxendine, President; Anthony Chavis, Board of Directors and Gary Locklear, Treasurer. Not pictured are: Larry Rodgers,

Internal Vice-President; Gerald Strickland, Ways & Means Vice-President; William Lowry, Secretary; Jeffery Oxendine, State Director and Carlton Dial and Timothy Strickland, Board of Directors.



1984-85 Pembroke Jaycette Officers (left to right): Kay Locklear, Community Development Vice-President; Frieda P. Locklear, Administrative Vice-President; Rose Marie Lowry, President; Carolyn Oxendine, Secretary. Not pictured are: Andrena Scott,

Individual Development Vice President; Felicia Cummings, Treasurer; Theresa Locklear, Member at Large; Linda Bullard, Parliamentarian; Jackie Godwin, Chaplain and Molly O. Locklear, Chairman of the Board.

Pembroke Carpet Service... now SOUTHERN INTERIORS



Pembroke Carpet is now Southern Interiors, and is housed in this beautiful and spacious building on Union Chapel Road. The 8,500 square foot building is also home for the Holiday House and JoAnn's.

PEMBROKE--Shelia and Charles Maynor are proud to announce that they are now in their new and spacious building, and that they have changed their name from Pembroke Carpet Service to Southern Interiors.

Southern Interiors is the center piece of a 8,500 square foot building developed by the Maynors, and designed by Pete Covington. Each wing also houses a business.

Each wing or business contains 1,100 square feet. On the left is JoAnns, soon to open, and owned by Jo Ann and Jimmy Harris. The new business will feature quality children's and ladie's clothing.

The Holiday House, owned and operated by Hayes Alan Locklear, 21, will feature floral arrangements, gift items and cards for all occasions. Hayes, a former PSU student, will be catering for festive occasions. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Locklear, Jr. and resides at the family home in the Union Chapel Community.

Maynor said, in a recent interview, "Shelia and I have been working for the last five years, and planning our new building as a way to share our appreciation to our wonderful customers."

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Is 'Strike at the Wind!' David Oxendine Youngest Director in the Country?

"Strike At The Wind" plays Thursday through Saturday evenings starting July 7 and continues through Sept. 1 at the Riverside County Club's Lakeside Amphitheater in Pembroke, N.C. The production, including group photos, are available at \$17.50-\$19.50. (An \$18.00 advance is located three miles west of Pembroke on U.S. Hwy. 76, on the banks of the Lumber River.)



David Oxendine

Yes, according to a spokesperson of the Outdoor Drama Institute in Chapel Hill, David Oxendine, 24, is the youngest director of an outdoor drama in the country. And also the possibility exists that he may be the only Indian to direct an outdoor drama. Pretty impressive credentials for such a nice young man who is the son of Grady and Lettie Mae Oxendine of Pembroke, N.C.

David graduated from Pembroke Senior High in 1978 and attended Catawba College majoring in drama with a minor in speech. He graduated from Catawba in 1982. This talented young man toured for a year with the Repertoire Theatre of America from coast to coast. He also worked at Flat Rock Playhouse in the mountains for two summers. In the summer of 1981, he was with the National Shakespeare Repertoire.

Coming home, David has directed and acted in two of the Robeson Little Theatre productions of the "Rainmaker" and "Never Too Late." Last year he shared the character of "Boss Strong" with Carnell Locklear in "Strike at the Wind!" When he wasn't on stage, he was assistant director under Shawn

Smith. Davis is very excited about the upcoming season of "Strike at the Wind!" He sees some additions and changes in Robeson County's very own outdoor drama depicting the exploits of Henry Berry Lowry and the Lumbee Indians. Included among the changes will be data commemorating the 400th Anniversary in the prologue segment of the drama, changes in several scenes, in particular the scene of Allen Lowry, Sr. and William being executed on stage instead of behind stage as in the past.

David was quoted as saying, "I feel I am closer to Strike at the Wind! than anyone who has directed the drama since I am distantly related to one of the characters. On his mother's side of the family, Brantley Harris was her great-grandfather. David also reported that he would "take individual parts and improve the credibility of the character and the actor."

All in all, we commend this fine local young man for his accomplishments so far. And we look forward to the splendid job he will do as he directs this year's production of "Strike at the Wind!"

PSU OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT SET JUNE 11-16

The Pembroke State University Open Tennis Tournament will be held June 11-16 at PSU. Events will include: men and women single and doubles, junior boys singles and doubles, senior men and women singles and doubles (35 and over). Entry fee will be \$5 for single and \$5 for doubles team. Each player must furnish a can of new balls. Deadline for paying entry fee will be Friday, June 8 at 6 p.m. Send fees to: Ken Johnson, 1 Dogwood Lane, Pembroke, N.C. Or call 521-4694 for further information.

GOSPEL SING AT SANDY GROVE HOLINESS CHURCH

The gospel singing group, Quinton Mills and Deliverance, from Hollister, N.C. will be appearing at Sandy Grove Holiness Church, May 27, 1984 (the 4th Sunday) at 6 p.m. For more information call 844-3910 and ask for Sister Alfair Bullard.

ROBESON LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS "JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR"

"Jesus Christ Superstar," a Rock Opera depicting the last seven days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, will be presented by Robeson Little Theatre May 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. And May 20, Sunday Matinee at 2:30 p.m. in the Carolina Civic Center. Director is Bob Johnson. Lyrics are by Tim Rice. Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Producer is Lee Wiggins. And choreography is by Anne Johnson.

Native son Promoted



Mr. Hollis Locklear

NORTH CHICAGO, IL--Abbott Laboratories' Health Care Worldwide Corporate Headquarters recently announced the promotion of Mr. Hollis Locklear. Mr. Locklear has assumed the position of Manager of Abbott's Lake County Illinois Drug Dispensing and Local Cartage Operations. He has worked at Abbott's Corporate Headquarters in various management positions for the last six years. Also, he was previously employed at their Laurinburg, North Carolina plant.

Locklear's new position carries with it the responsibility for managing the dispensing of raw drugs to the Hospital, Pharmaceutical, Diagnostics, and Chemical Operations at the North Chicago site and International locations. Another additional responsibility of his position is to manage the Lake County portion of Abbott's Private Fleet which consists of private fleet trucks handling local cartage within a 150 mile radius of the North Chicago Plant.

A native son of Robeson County, Locklear grew up near Maxton, North Carolina and graduated from Pembroke State University and Robeson Technical College. Before joining Abbott he was employed as a Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs Officer at Robeson Tech.

Mr. Locklear is the son of James H. Cummings of Maxton and Nancy Locklear Sanderson of Pembroke. He is married to the former Jeanette Revels Locklear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Locklear of Red Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Locklear reside in Vernon Hills, Illinois, with children Dena, Tonya and Quentin. Mr. Locklear is a member of Saint Mary of Vernon Catholic Church.

Chavis registers Complaints about Voting Irregularities

LUMBERTON--The Robeson County Board of Elections met Monday night and heard allegations from Larry W. Chavis concerning voting irregularities in the District 6 County School Board race May 8 in which Chavis trailed incumbent and chairman Pete Clark 567-527.

The board decided to allow the staff to investigate the allegations, and then to make a recommendation to the state Board of Elections later.

Chavis originally submitted a letter of protest to the county Board of Elections on May 14, in which he listed some alleged irregularities. But Monday night, after securing the legal services of H. Mitchell Baker, III, Chavis presented an "amended and enlarged" petition and affidavit contesting the election.

In the petition, he alleged:
*That he had not been informed that portions of Lumberton 4, 5, 6 and 7 also vote for District 6 of the county school board.

*That at least 11 people (names were provided) who are listed as having voted in Thompson Precinct do not reside in Thompson Precinct or any other precinct that votes for District 6;

*That nine Thompson Precinct voters' names (names provided) were listed on the poll books but not in the poll binder. In addition to raising the question of their registration, he alleges that precinct workers would not know which school board ballot to give the voter without going to the binder;

*That 10 Thompson Precinct voters (names provided) were listed in the poll book as having voted but no such designation had been made in the poll binder;

*That 21 Back Swamp Precinct voters (names provided) who are residents of the Fairmont City School District were not so noted on the poll binder, raising questions as to whether they voted in the proper school board race;

*That five Back Swamp Precinct voters (names provided) were marked on the poll book as having voted but were not marked in the poll binder;

*That two Back Swamp voters' names were found in the poll book but not in the registration binder;

*That in the Back Swamp Precinct, 23 more county school board votes were cast than there were county district residents listed on the poll book;

*That 10 Gaddys Precinct voters (names provided) who reside within the Fairmont City School District were not so designated in the poll binder and may have been given a ballot to vote in the county school board election;

*That two voters (names provided) in Gaddys Precinct do not reside in Gaddys Precinct or in any precinct encompassed by District 6;

*That in Gaddys Precinct the official card in the poll binder was not marked "Special Election" for 91 voters who reside in the Fairmont school district and that those voters could have been given ballots for the Fairmont or county school district;

*That 191 names were shown on the Gaddys Precinct poll book but only 187 votes were shown on the official canvass;

*That five felons who are still on probation were allowed to vote, which Ms. Morton says is virtually impossible to check;

*That one registered voter who asked was asked by a judge if she was 67 years old and, when she answered negatively, was not allowed to vote. The 67, Chavis alleges, was not her age but the year in which she first registered;

*That the Back Swamp registrar, Delton Jacobs, picked two assistants, one being his daughter, Sharon Jacobs, to serve at the polling area in violation of North Carolina law. That neither of the individuals picked as assistants was on the list submitted by the precinct chairman to the Board of Elections.