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PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

PEMBROKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANS SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY TO DISCUSS SAVING THE RAILROAD STATION AND SPECIAL NIGHT AT 'STRIKE AT THE WIND!'

PEMBROKE—Pembroke Chamber of Commerce President, Bruce Barton, has called a meeting of the Chamber membership for Tuesday, July 31, at Sheff's Restaurant in Pembroke. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. All members, and interested townspeople are urged to attend the meeting. One topic of concern will be an organizing effort by the Chamber to save the Railroad Station in Pembroke which has been abandoned by Seaboard System Railroad.

In a recent letter to E.S. Wilkes, Superintendent of Seaboard System Railroad, Barton said, "We ask you to issue a six months moratorium on your long range plans to tear down the facility or, as we have heard, possibly allow the Pembroke Fire Department to use it as a training exercise in fighting fires." Barton said in his letter to Wilkes that the Chamber, and other interested parties, needed time to assess the situation and develop a plan to save the Railroad Station, long a center piece in the architectural line of the town. In the interim Barton asked Wilkes, and the railroad, to install some security lights to discourage vandalism which has occurred on the abandoned site and to clean up the area as it has become an unsightly eyesore for the town citizenry.

Interested parties are urged to call Barton at 521-2826 with ideas and suggestions on how to save the Railroad Station in Pembroke.

'PEMBROKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE' NIGHT ALSO PLANNED AT 'STRIKE AT THE WIND!'
Barton also announced that the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce is planning a "Pembroke Chamber of Commerce Night" at 'Strike at the Wind!' on August 10 as a way to help 'Strike at the Wind!', the exciting outdoor drama now in progress at the Riverside Country Club's Lakeside Amphitheatre in the Red Banks Community. It will also be a salute to the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce, long a supporter of 'Strike at the Wind!', an exciting part of the greater Pembroke Community. All members, and interested citizens, are encouraged to attend this meeting. It will also serve as a business session of the Chamber, recently organized and making great strides in enhancing the Pembroke business community.

LRDA sets Elections

Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. announces there will be an "OPEN ELECTION" on Tuesday, August 28, 1984. This election will be to nominate a member-at-large of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs Board of Directors for a three year term. Mr. James Sampson, a resident of the Five Forks Community, currently serves in that capacity.

The election sites are as follows: Hilly Branch Career Vocation Center for Lumberton 1-8, Smyrna, Back Swamp, Britts and Orrum. South Robeson School Auditorium for Rowland and Thompson Precincts.

Evans Crossing Fire Dept. for Union and Alfordville. Gaddys Community Building for Sterlings, Gaddys, Marietta, and Fairmont 1 & 2.

On election day, the polling places will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. The ballots will be counted after the polls are closed and the winner will be publicly announced. The candidate obtaining the highest number of votes cast shall be declared the winner (plurality). A "write-in candidate" may be elected to the Board of Directors of NCCIA. Eligibility to vote: Any Indian, 18 years of age or older, and residing in the above listed districts/precincts may be eligible to vote. Those interested parties should declare their candidacy no later than Aug. 20, 1984 at the Executive Director's Office, Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. (521-8602).

COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT ELIAS ROGERS TO THE LREMC BOARD SPONSORS PLATE SALE

The Committee to Re-Elect Elias Rogers to the Lumbee River Electric Membership Co-op Board of Directors will host a plate sale on Thursday, August 2, at 8 p.m., at Lewis' Seafood Restaurant. Plates of chicken and fish will be served for \$5 each. Tickets may be purchased from the office of the Carolina Indian Voice, John L. Godwin in Pembroke, or from Elias Rogers, Connie Gleave, or Madie Locklear. Plates may also be purchased the night of the sale.

The special election to elect a member to the Robeson County Board of Education representing District VI will be held on Tuesday, July 31, 1984. District VI is comprised of Back Swamp, Thompson and Gaddys Precinct. The district also encompasses portions of Lumberton Precincts #4, #5, #6 and #7. Anyone who resides in these precincts and has a child who attends the County School System is eligible to vote in this special election. The polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. The voters will be deciding who will represent them on the Robeson County Board of Education. Larry W. Chavis, Sr. is running against Pete Clark, the incumbent who serves as Chairman of the County Board of Education. Voters are urged to exercise their right to vote in this special election.

Muscular Dystrophy Skate-a-thon

A Muscular Dystrophy Skate-A-Thon, sponsored by the Pembroke Jaycees, will be held July 28, 1984, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Pembroke Skateland in Pembroke, N.C. Sponsor sheets may be picked up at the Pembroke Skateland or from any Jaycee member.

New-Election Decision For Robeson Up To State

LUMBERTON — The Robeson County Board of Elections voted Friday to include no recommendation of its own when it forwards the investigative results of a disputed county commissioners' runoff race to state election officials.

The local board decided not to recommend whether a new runoff in District 3 between Commissioner J.W. Hunt and challenger Henry Douglass should be held. The final decision on the June 5 runoff rests with the state Board of Elections. An investigation by the county elections board concluded that 21 votes were cast illegally in the runoff. Only 33 votes separate Douglass, the apparent winner, and Hunt, according to a recount conducted last month. Hunt claimed that votes were cast by 51 people who were ineligible to participate in the runoff.

On Wednesday, the county elections board ruled that 33 votes were cast by ineligible people. But that figure was reduced by 10 after Hal Kinlaw Jr., the board's attorney, conducted additional research this week. An additional name of a voter who did not live in District 3 yet cast a ballot was also added to the list of illegal voters.

Hunt claimed that some people were ineligible because they either were not registered to vote or were registered but lived outside the district. Others were convicted felons who had lost their right to vote, he said.

PRESTON AND EMMALINE LOWRY LOCKLEAR FAMILY REUNION
A Family Reunion of the Preston and Emmaline Lowry Locklear family will be held August 11, at 12 Noon, at the Preston Gospel Chapel in the Red Banks community. Participants and family members are encouraged to bring a covered dish. For more information call John Pat Locklear at 521-9024 or Lillian Harris at 521-4107.

5TH SUNDAY SINGING AT MT. OLIVE P.H. CHURCH
Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church in Pembroke will be holding their 5th Sunday Singing on July 29. The singers will be the White Hill Youth Group, Joy Singers, Oxendine Family, Mt. Olive Trio, Mt. Olive Choir and possibly other groups. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Johnnie Pollard is the pastor.

CLASS OF '45 PLANS CLASS REUNION
The Pembroke Class of 1945 is in the process of planning a class reunion. Those class members interested in attending the class reunion are urged to contact class members Jaunita Locklear at 521-4549 or Samuel Locklear at 521-4149.



In last week's issue we used the name Cleo Maynor instead of Samuel Locklear. We apologize for the error, and stand corrected.

SPECIAL SINGING AT THOMPSON
Thompson Baptist Church will host a special singing on Saturday, August 4 at 7 p.m. The singing will be held in behalf of Mrs. Mable Dial who has been hospitalized since February. There will be no admission charge, but a love offering will be lifted for her. For more information call Mrs. Pansy Sampson at 738-3446. The pastor, Rev. Wilton Cummings and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Dicy Ann Sampson celebrated her 75th birthday on Thursday, July 12, 1984. The celebration was held at her home in Pembroke. (Photo by Elmer W. Hunt)

FIRE DEPT. SPONSORS BOX SUPPER AT UNION CHAPEL SCHOOL
The Burnt Swamp-Philadelphus Rural Fire Department will sponsor a Box Supper at Union Chapel School on Saturday, July 28, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to come and support this activity to raise funds for the rural fire department. Membership in the fire department may be purchased at this event.

MEMORIAL
In loving memory of my mother, Christine L. Clark, I recognize her birthday, July 24, 1984. She is sadly missed by her husband, Solomon J. Clark and family.

Anna C. Sloan and Family
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

MEETING OF PEMBROKE PRECINCTS PLANNED
Wyvis Oxendine has called a meeting of the north and south Pembroke Precincts, Thursday night, August 2 in the Pembroke Courthouse at 8 p.m. Purpose is to receive input from his constituents in his district.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PLANS
The Robeson County Department of Social Services will distribute surplus food beginning Tuesday, September 4. Organizations, groups, churches, and various agencies in the county may pick up the food for persons who might not otherwise be able to go to the agency to pick up the food. Such persons include elderly and handicapped persons who might not be able to stand in a line at the agency. Organizations, groups, churches, and agencies who wish to pick up the food should send a representative to the Department of Social Services to obtain an explanation of distribution procedures and of the necessary forms that must be completed. This request is being made because of the very detailed records the agency must keep on the food that is distributed. The representatives may go to the agency during office hours from 8:15 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. The representatives should go to get the explanation on or before Friday, August 24.

MOCK DISASTER DRILL SET SATURDAY MORNING AT PSU
A "Mock Disaster Drill" will be held at Pembroke State University's Belk Hall Saturday morning around 10 a.m. in which rescue units from throughout Robeson County will be participating, said Larry Roberts of the PSU Campus Police. "Taking part will be county rescue units plus hospital units of Southeastern General Hospital," said Roberts. "There will be 'victims' with all of types of problems who will be transported to the hospital," added Roberts. "If anyone didn't know differently, it would look for real." The hospital participates in such a "mock drill" once a year, Roberts added. Roberts said television representatives will be present to film the disaster drill.

BAPTIST UNION TO MEET
The Burnt Swamp Baptist Union will meet at the Harpers Ferry Baptist Church on Saturday, July 28 at 10 a.m. The program theme is "The Church Today: Unity vs. Disunity." Speakers include the following: Kenneth Revels from Lowery's Chapel, Tommy Gist from Burnt Swamp, Bruce Sweet from Reedy Branch, and Graylin Mitchell from Elizabeth Heights. Special music will be provided by choirs from Union Chapel and Bakers Chapel.

INDIAN ASSOCIATION TO MEET SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD
The N.C. Indian Assoc. of Christian Ministries and the Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned will meet with the Department of Social Services on Tuesday, July 31 at 3:30 p.m. Representatives of each of these organizations will be addressing grievances relative to the Crisis Intervention Program funds. Rev. Mac Legerton will speak to the members of the D.S.S. Board on behalf of the Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned. Hubbard Lowery is expected to speak on behalf of the N.C. Indian Association of Christian Ministries. Interested persons are encouraged to attend this meeting.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT BEREA BAPTIST
Berea Baptist Church of Pembroke invites you to come to Vacation Bible School at the church building on July 30-August 3 at 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Please come and bring a friend.

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Miss North Carolina, Francy Adler, a former "Miss Pembroke State University," is shown with "Dollar Bill" Oxendine, President of the Pembroke Jaycees. Mr. Oxendine recently presented Miss North Carolina with a gift on behalf of the Pembroke Jaycees.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THOSE WITH DIABETES

Part I of a 7 Part Series Submitted by Lumbee Medical Center

Many facts presented herein may seem frightening or discouraging to you, because we have tried to present a completely frank and honest picture of just how serious a disease diabetes is. But proper control under the supervision of a qualified doctor generally means you will be able to live a full and happy life with minimal complications. It is the considered view of the American Diabetes Association that early diagnosis and good, enthusiastic, individualized control, particularly in young and middle-aged patients, can postpone and may even prevent the onset of serious complications such as in the eyes and kidneys.

If you are in good medical hands and totally adhere to instructions regarding medication, diet, exercise, rest and timing provided by your professional health team, we're not talking to you. When we explain the truth about diabetes, we're addressing the message to three groups of people:

- We're talking to the two out of every five diabetics who either don't know they have the disease or are ignoring it and not receiving proper medical attention.
- We're talking to diabetic parents or grandparents—because of the hereditary nature of the disease—who may not recognize the importance of watching for the warning signs in their children, and to adults who allow themselves to become overweight, substantially increasing their chances of contracting the disease.
- And we're talking to all of the people who consider diabetes a minor problem, not worth their concern, in the hope they will recognize the seriousness, prevalence and growing incidence of the disease and will want to do something about it.

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Robeson Gives 217 Employees Pay Raises

LUMBERTON — During a special meeting Monday evening, the Robeson County Board of Commissioners voted to give a 5 percent pay raise to 217 of the county's more than 500 employees.

In a 5-1 vote, officials approved spending an extra \$73,497 that was not included in the 1984-85 budget approved last month. The action will give all employees at least a five percent increase and is retroactive to July 1, when the new \$27.2 million budget took effect. The 217

employees will see the new increase beginning with their Sept. 1 paychecks, money owed them for July and August being included in their paychecks, said County Manager Paul Graham.

The rest of the county's more than 500 employees are already receiving raises of at least five percent, which came from a \$650,000 stipend set aside for salary hikes in the budget approved last month.

During budget work sessions in June commissioners had abandoned a \$1 million merit pay plan for county employees in order

to reduce a proposed property tax hike of 10 cents to four cents. But in passing the new budget, they instructed Personnel Director T.Y. Hester Jr. to upgrade the pay scale, using the \$650,000 limit for across-the-board pay increases of five percent.

All employees received some increases, but 217 did not receive the full five percent raises the commissioners had intended, since the budgeted amount for pay raises was insufficient. Monday's action rectified that inequity.

The only vote against Monday's pay raise was cast by Commissioner H.T. Taylor.