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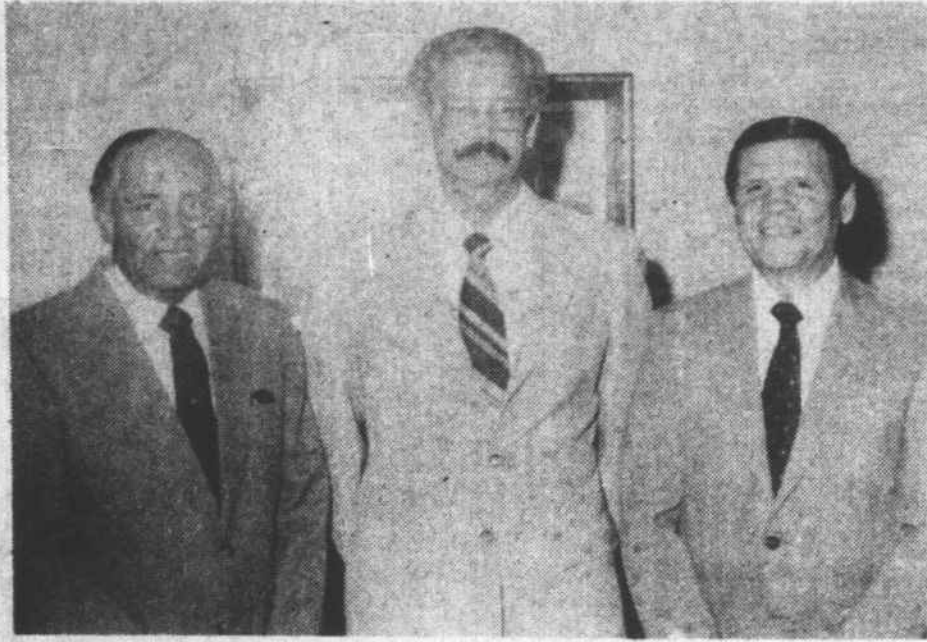
BESON COUNTY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1984



## Lumbee Bank names Curtis Pierce President

...Jimmy Hedgpeth Senior VP



Shown left to right: C.W. Maynor, Chairman, Board of Directors, Lumbee Bank; Curtis Pierce, President; and

Jimmy Hedgpeth, Senior Vice President. [Elmer W. Hunt photo]

Lumbee Bank Board of Directors recently named Curtis Pierce as the new President of Lumbee Bank, replacing Jim Hunt who recently resigned. Also named senior vice president was James "Jimmy" Hedgpeth, formerly associated with First Union National Bank in Pembroke.

Considered one of the more notable achievements in Robeson County in recent times, Lumbee Bank was chartered in December, 1971 and presently boasts more than \$14 million in assets.

Pierce, moving up from senior vice president, said, "I look forward to leading Lumbee Bank toward continued economic growth. The future looks good, with a noticeable trend toward locally-owned hometown banks like Lumbee Bank."

## Strike at the Wind! Fundraiser a Success

"Strike at the Wind" recently held a successful fund raising dinner at Sheff's Seafood Restaurant in Pembroke. The Honorable Sara Hodgkins, Secretary, NC Department of Cultural Resources, was the guest speaker. Mrs. Hodgkins commended Carnell Locklear, general manager of the outdoor drama, and his staff for taking the lead in the fund raising effort. Entertainment for the evening was provided by Willie Lowery; Men of Song of PSU; and the popular local band, Lumbee Pride.

Special guests in attendance included Purnell Swett, Superintendent of the Robeson County Schools; Rep. Sidney Locks; Rep. Pete Hasty; Senator David Parnell; Donald Edge, President of Blown Rite Insulation of Fayetteville; Judy Chavis, Director of NC Theatre Arts.

The general manager and staff of Strike at the Wind express their appreciation to those who made the evening successful.

Strike at the Wind is recognized as a professional theatre by the N.C. Theatre Arts which is funded by monies from the North Carolina General Assembly.



Seated left to right: Sara Hodgkins, Secretary, NC Department of Cultural Resources; Carnell Locklear, General Manager of "Strike at the Wind"; Julian Ransom, master of ceremonies; Judy

Chavis, director of N.C. Theatre Arts; Ken Maynor, President of Robeson Historical Drama, Inc. [Elmer W. Hunt photo]



Carnell Locklear, left, shown presenting a certificate of appreciation to Donald Edge, President of Blown Rite Insulation. [Elmer W. Hunt, photo]

## SOCIAL SERVICES SUED FOR CIP SNAFU

On Wednesday, October 10, Lumbee River Legal Services in Pembroke filed a \$130,000.00 lawsuit against Mr. Russell Sessoms, Director of the Robeson County Department of Social Services and both past and present members of the Board of Directors of the Department of Social Services. The suit was filed on behalf of 13 plaintiffs who submit that they have been denied the right to apply or receive assistance through the Crisis Intervention Program, a federally-funded energy entitlement program.

The Suit points out that the federal statutes for the LIHEAP (i.e. energy assistance) funds include proper outreach and notification of the program to the public, timely determination of eligibility, priority to greatest need, public participation in the development of a plan, and that the local Department of Social Services is the responsible party for the administration of these funds.

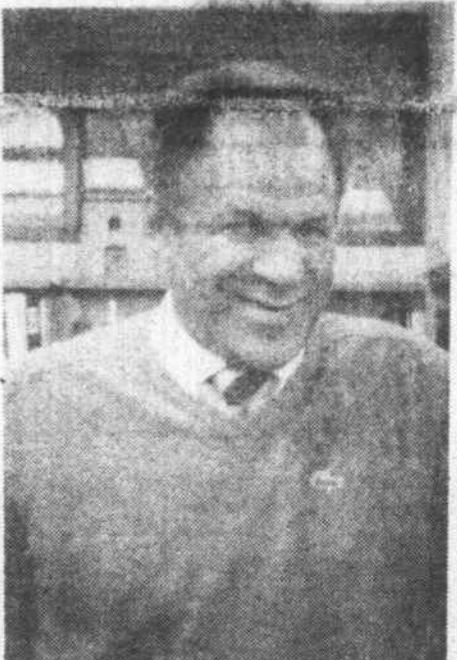
During the 1983-84 fiscal year, the Robeson County Department of Social Services only spent \$7,977.00 of the \$143,908.00 allocated to the County. The excess of \$135,000.00 was returned to the State. At the same time, the plaintiffs claim, they were told that no funds were available to help them with heating crises during this past winter when they went to the Department of Social

Services. Many of the plaintiffs were referred to other agencies and churches for assistance by the Department of Social Services.

The lawsuit includes both a temporary restraining order and a preliminary and permanent injunction that the Department of Social Services conduct a reasonable outreach program, implement and apply eligibility requirements in line with other counties, establish written policies and procedures for implementing the program, and inform all applicants of their right to a fair hearing upon denial of their application. The Suit claims that the denial of CIP funds by the Robeson County Dept. of Social Services violates the CIP regulations and the U.S. Constitution as well as N.C. State Statutes covering the utilization of CIP funds. The suit requests \$10,000.00 for each named Plaintiff in damages for physical and mental injury and punitive damages as well as the payment of attorney fees and costs and any other relief the court deems just and proper.

The lawsuit was filed with the United States District Court in Fayetteville by Mr. William Davis, managing attorney at Lumbee River Legal Services in Pembroke.

## Ray Oxendine named to Catawba Sports Hall of Fame



Ray Oxendine, Salsbury, NC-Ray Oxendine of Mt. Gilead and native of Pembroke is one of four Catawba College athletic greats from the past who have been selected for inclusion in the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame.

Oxendine, now principal of West Montgomery High School, was an outstanding athlete in both football and baseball at Catawba and later returned to the campus as a coach and faculty member. He will be joined in the Hall of Fame this year by David Taylor, one of the most honored football players ever at

Catawba and later went on to a six-year career with Baltimore; Ralph Wilson of Glen Alpine, one of the winningest coaches in North Carolina high school football; and before this he was named two years ago and a member of Catawba's Tangerine Bowl championship teams of 1948 and 1949; and Harvey Stratton, who was honored for his football and baseball play at Catawba, who returned to his alma mater for a career as a coach and faculty member. Stratton coached both Taylor and Oxendine during their undergraduate years at Catawba.

Formal induction ceremonies for the new inductees will be held on Friday, Nov. 9 as part of a special Catawba weekend including a Hall of Fame program golf tournament at the Salisbury Country Club on Friday and the Catawba-Davidson football game Saturday in Shuford Stadium.

Oxendine, who is a native of Pembroke, came to Catawba following a hitch in the Army and set about to excel on the football gridiron and the baseball diamond. He was a standout who earned All Conference honors in football two years and All-Conference and All State recognition in baseball.

He later coached at Mt. Airy and Greensboro Grimsley high schools, before returning to Catawba as a member of the physical education faculty and assistant football coach and head baseball coach. He held these posts for 10 years, earning "Coach of Year" honors in

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## LREMC Annual Meeting Oct. 16 at Pembroke

The Pembroke State University English Jones Health and Physical Education Center has been chosen as the site for the 1984 Annual Meeting of Members for Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (LREMC) according to board president Gus Bullard. The meeting will be Tuesday, October 16, at 7 p.m.

"The central location of the Pembroke State University campus makes it the best site for the meeting," said Bullard. "The accommodations plus the location are a real plus."

LREMC is the eighth largest electric cooperative in N.C. (There are 28.) LREMC serves about 11,200 consumers in Robeson County, about 4,400 consumers in Cumberland County, about 4,100 consumers in Hoke County, and about 1,600 consumers in Scotland County. With upward to 1,800 members attending the meeting each year for the last several years, facilities are very important.

"The PSU gym will seat approximately 3,000 persons," said Bullard. "And because we usually have over 1,000 voting members attend the meetings, the gym's adjacent hallways make excellent corridors for orderly walking traffic

during the voting process."

LREMC is directed by a 12-person board of directors. Each year there are four seats up for election. The board is the decision and policy making body of the company.

Seats up for re-election this year are Martin Clark (district 9, which includes all of Scotland County); Harold Dean Brewer (district 7, which includes all of Hoke County west of N.C. 211); Bradford Oxendine (district 3, which includes the townships of Black Swamp, Smyrna, Britts, Wisharts, Raft Swamp, and Lumberton); and Elias Rogers (at-large).

Three members have filed to run for the LREMC board of directors, Grady Locklear of Pembroke and Ward Clark of Maxton have both filed to run for the at-large seat. Carl Pulley has filed to run from district 3.

There are nine directors elected from nine geographic districts established by townships. There are also three directors elected at-large. Except for the at-large seats, the directors must reside in the district represented. All co-op members vote on all directors at the annual meeting.

## TURKEY SHOOT AT DEEP BRANCH

The Deep Branch Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a Turkey Shoot, beginning Friday night, Nov. 2 and running every Friday night until December 21st. The shoot begins at 7 p.m. each Friday night. Price: \$1.50.

## GOSPEL SING PLANNED

Mt. Olive Baptist Church of the Saddletree community will be holding its first monthly singing on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. This will be the first of Mt. Olive's monthly singings that is to be held the second Sunday in each month. All groups and churches are invited to attend.

## SUMMER GRADUATE AT UNC CH

Lita Locklear of Route 3, Red Springs was among the 1984 summer graduates of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received a B.S. Radi. degree. Also graduating was Kimber Leigh Cotton of Maxton who received an A.B. degree; and Jeffrey Wynn of Lumberton who received an A.B. degree.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed as Big Brothers, Big Sisters and tutors for troubled youth. For more information contact Rob Hughes, Director of Robeson County Youth Services at 739-6625.

Remember when someone helped you. Now someone needs your help. Love and care do more for troubled youth than jails or prisons.

## CANOE TRIP PLANNED

The Robeson County Recreation and Park Commission is sponsoring a canoe trip on the New River October 21. Group will leave Lumberton on Saturday, Oct. 20 traveling to Mt. Jefferson State Park for over night camping. Sunday morning floating the South Fork of the New River. The canoe trip will take 4 to 5 hours. The group will return to Lumberton on Sunday night, Oct. 21.

Last date for registration will be Friday, Oct. 12. Reservations can be made by calling the Recreation Dept. at 738-9061 or 738-9595.

## GRADUATES FROM PATROL SCHOOL

The 73rd State Highway Patrol School graduated 31 in ceremonies held Friday, Oct. 5 at the Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh.

Michael Wayne Chavis of Pembroke was a member of the graduating class and has been assigned to Camden, A-III.

Heman R. Clark, secretary of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, said about the graduating cadets, "We are very proud of these graduates. They have successfully completed a very rigorous course of law enforcement training and will make fine additions to our troopers already on the road."

"We are confident they will handle their new careers with a high degree of professionalism and competence," he said.

Mr. Adrian Williams delivered the commencement address.

The cadets took 1,201 hours of instruction in more than 101 courses during their 23 week school. Courses included instruction in human relations, criminal and constitutional law, firearms training, precision driving and other law enforcement subjects.

The new troopers will report to their duty stations on Oct. 11. They will continue their education through on the job training and in service schools throughout their careers with the State Highway Patrol.

## THE ROBESON COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO MEET

The Robeson County Retired School Personnel will meet at the O.P. Owens Auditorium Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m. The program will be presented by the Informative and Protective Services chairman. Special music will also be given. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

## SCOUTS PROMOTE CABEZA

Ron Carroll, Scout Executive of the Cape Fear Council, Boy Scouts of America, has announced the promotion of John Cabeza of Maxton, NC to the position of Field-Director for the Cape Fear Council.

Mr. Cabeza joined the Cape Fear staff four years ago as District Executive for the Western District comprising Scotland, Hoke and parts of Robeson Counties. "His outstanding record of production as well as his leadership and

personal example have earned him this promotion opportunity," stated Carroll.

Cabeza will be moving to Wilmington, NC where he will replace John Akerman who has served as Council Field Director for the past two years. Mr. Akerman has accepted a business opportunity in a family owned operation in the Orlando, Florida area.

Carroll also announced Michael Burch of Lumberton, NC, a 22 year old Eagle Scout and former Camp Staff member, will replace John Cabeza as District Executive of the Western District.

## QSP CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

Robeson County Girl Scouts are offering a service to parents and friends during their annual QSP campaign going on now through November 11. This is a magazine subscription and music selection service sponsored by Readers' Digest Association. Troops earn five percent on orders. Girls, their families and troops also receive bonus awards. Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council retains 35 percent. This money is used to provide Girl Scout program services in this county. Support your local Girl Scouts through QSP. For further information call Gail Gainey, Lumberton, 738-7440.

## UNION ELEMENTARY PTA TO MEET

Union Elementary School will hold its first PTA meeting of the year on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Following a brief business meeting, teachers will be available in their class rooms for conferences.

## FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

Deep Branch Elementary School will conduct the first official fund raising activity for the 1984-85 school year on Friday, Oct. 26 which will consist of a plate sale, Halloween Carnival and auction.

The plate sale will be from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Plates will consist of barbecue or chicken for \$3 per plate and deliveries will be made for orders of 25 or more plates.

The Halloween Carnival will be from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Main Building, consisting of Carnival Booths, where for 25c a person can win a prize every time and also a Haunted Room with a 25c admission fee.

The auction will take place in the school auditorium from 9 until 10 p.m. (or until all items are auctioned off) and the price will be determined by the highest bid.

The entire school staff will be involved with the fund raising activities on Oct. 26. They encourage the support from students, parents, and school patrons to help make the activities successful. The proceeds received will be utilized for instructional supplies and repairs, service and materials for machines to send out school related information.

## REVIVAL SERVICES BEGIN

Revival services will begin on Sunday, Oct. 14 and continue through Oct. 19 at Sandy Plains United Methodist Church, Union Chapel Road, Pembroke. Services will begin on Sunday at 7 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Guest evangelists will be the Rev. Jerry Lowry, pastor, Branch Street UM Church; Rev. Kenneth Locklear, pastor, Collins Chapel-New Philadelphia UM Churches; and Rev. S. Duffrene Cummings, pastor of Ashpole Center-Hickory Grove UM Churches. Special music will be rendered each evening by local choirs. The public is cordially invited to attend by the pastor, Rev. Simeon F. Cummings, and the congregation.



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