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New Fire Station On Horizon For Pembroke

No Tax Increase Anticipated

By Bruce Deese
Pembroke-In a way, it was a night of good news for Pembroke citizens. A new fire station is anticipated for Pembroke, and Town Manager McDuffie Cummings presented the town's tentative budget with no tax increases anticipated, along with other good news.

Both bits of good news emanated from Monday night's meeting of the Pembroke Town Council. Present were Mayor Milton Hunt; Councilmen Larry T. Brooks, Vernon Oxendine, J.C. Thomas and Henry Ward Oxendine. Also present were town attorney Arnold Locklear and McDuffie Cummings, town manager.

First on the agenda was a report from the building committee that has been studying the feasibility of building a new fire station for the town of Pembroke. Representing Pembroke Fire Department were Mayor Milton Hunt and Councilman Vernon Oxendine; reporting for the Scuffletown Rural Fire Department were Oberon Lowry and J.W. Chvis. Plans are to build a new facility that will house both fire fighting units. Anticipated project cost will be \$90,000 and the costs will be shared jointly by the town and the rural fire department. The new facility will be built on the former Cook property (behind Woodell's Park and Shop). The central location was once the source of a hotly contested legal wrangle between former property owner Alfred Cook and the town of Pembroke that was eventually settled seemingly in favor of the town.

The town also reported on bids received relative to the 201 Sewer Improvement Project that has been sought by the town for more than ten years. Bids received showed a shortfall of \$53,000. Bids were not acted upon until the town manager and attorney have an opportunity of reviewing the likelihood of receiving an additional loan from Farmer's Home Administration so that the project can be completed as designed and approved by the council. Funding will come from the sale of \$550,000 Sewer Bonds, and from a \$175,000 grant from the state Clean Water Act. The Sewer Bonds are guaranteed by Farmer's Home Administration and are at a low 5% interest. The project will significantly improve existing sewer lines, and add an appropriate 14,000 lineal feet of sewer lines. The project will also add 2 lift stations and a minor power station to the town's capabilities.

Chamber President Discusses Industrial Growth, etc...
Greg Cummings, President of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce, also appeared before the council and gave a spirited and positive presentation. He noted that Pembroke was ripe for industrial development asked the council to cooperate in developing a brochure that will be prepared for prospective developers and industry.

Cummings also announced a pig picking mix and mingle affair that is being sponsored by the chamber. The informal affair will be June 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The pig picking will be held at the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce, and will follow a brief meeting by the chamber.

New Budget Anticipates No Tax Increase
Mayor Milton Hunt announced the good news. "I want the record to show that there will be no tax increase this year. The budget is tight, and council did a good job of looking out for the town's citizens."

Town Manager McDuffie Cummings presented the "no frills" \$1,706,155 budget that includes a \$645,155 general fund, \$446,000 water and sewer estimate, and \$725,000 201 Sewer Capital Improvement. No increase in water or sewer rates are projected either.

Besides water and sewer, and the 201 project, the general budget is broken down as follows:

Governing Body: \$29,800; Administration: \$87,164; Courthouse: \$9,400; Public Bldg. & Grounds: \$12,000; Police: \$147,048; Fire: \$24,352; Public Works-Streets: \$45,809; Powell Bill: \$51,000; Sanitation: \$77,600; Non-Departmental: \$30,000; Special Appropriations: \$2,500; Recreation: \$9,000; Revenue Sharing: \$81,450; Contingency: \$38,032. TOTAL: \$645,155.

The council set June 17 as the public hearing date for the 1985-86 budget, as well as proposed use of General Revenue Sharing funds anticipated by the town.

Mayor Hunt noted at Monday night's meeting that "there has been no tax increase in Pembroke since the most recent tax reevaluation took place in the county in 1980."

The town also considered disposing of two pieces of property. One proposal was to consider a bid from Pembroke Electric for \$1,000 for a small strip of property adjoining Pembroke Electric on Highway 711, and considered possibly abandoning an unused alley way between Lorraine's Dress Shop and Clark's Muffler House. If the 60' right of way is abandoned the property would revert to the adjoining property owners. The town attorney was instructed to investigate the respective matters and report back to the council at the June 17 meeting.

The council also accepted a bid from Deese Realty of Maxton as an appraiser for the Community Development right of way for drainage program in the Jones St. area.

LUMBEE HOMECOMING POW WOW

The annual Lumbee Homecoming Pow Wow will be held June 28th and 29th at the North Carolina Indian Cultural/Tourism Center (Riverside Country Club) near Pembroke. The event will be sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association and the public is cordially invited to attend.

According to Ben Jacobs, Chairman of the Homecoming Pow Wow Committee, in charge of the event, the Pow Wow will be very exciting and entertaining. There will be more than \$1,000 in prize money for the Pow Wow dance competition. A large number of dancers, traders, and campers are expected to participate.

Jacobs said that the Pow

Wow setting will be in a natural woods area that is conducive to camping and pow wow dancing. There will also be a diversity of dances and games that the public can participate in.

To raise funds to cover the expenses of the pow wow, the Homecoming Committee will sell colorful and attractive shirts that are specially designed for the Lumbee Homecoming. The shirts will come in a variety of colors, designs, styles and sizes to meet most people's taste and desires.

Area residents are urged to make plans to participate in the annual pow wow and enjoy traditional Indian fun and entertainment. For more information call LRDA at 521-8602.



PSU Improvement

A new brick walk is being constructed in front of PSU's Sampson Hall Administration Building. A masonry worker, Howard McLaughlin of Fayetteville, sprinkles concrete powder over the wet concrete in building up the foundation.

(Photo by Donnie Roberts, PSU)

ANNUAL MISS LUMBEE PLATE SALE JUNE 14

Lumbee Homecoming and the Pembroke Jaycees will sponsor the Annual Miss Lumbee Plate Sale on Friday, June 14, 1985, in the Pembroke Town Park from 11 a.m. until. The barbecue and chicken plates will sell for \$3 each with proceeds being

used to fund Lee Pam Oxendine's Miss Lumbee 1984 wardrobe for the Miss North Carolina Pageant. Please stop by the park to enjoy some good food and show your support for our lovely Lumbee Representative, Miss Lee Pam Oxendine.

BAPTIST GROUP ENDORSES RESOLUTION

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association Preachers and Deacons, at their regular meeting on June 3, 1985, at the Baptist Building, Pembroke, N.C., gave their unanimous endorsement to a resolution calling for a broader commitment by the County Commissioners to the fight against the spread of drug traffic in Robeson County.

Specifically, the resolution recommends long range and short range commitment of financial resources to the fight against the menace of drugs in our society. Further, it recommends that the Commissioners inform the public of current resources in use to combat the problem and that they formulate a two year and five year plan of proposed funding to be used in the drug enforcement efforts by the County Law Enforcement agencies.

In order to keep the public informed and involved in the effort to stop the flow of drugs in Robeson County, the resolution calls for a citizens council to analyze and assess the major drug related questions facing this county. The council would consist of representatives from education, religion, business, law enforcement, the general public and the judicial system appointed by the County Commissioners. Reports of findings of the council would be made known to the public, the Commissioners and to State and Federal Officials.

The general concept of the resolution is to create public awareness of the problems caused by drug abuse and to have a vehicle for coordinating involvement by the citizens in efforts to address and solve the problems of drugs in our society.

Local Actors in 400th Historical Minutes

Harvey Godwin Jr., Melton Lowry and David Oxendine of Pembroke, NC are featured actors in this year's production of *We Remember: North Carolina's 400th Historical Minutes*. Premiering the week of June 9, the series of one-minute docudramas celebrates Englishman Walter Raleigh's Roanoke voyages and their impact on the course of Britain's New World colonization.

The "Minutes" are produced by the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television, in cooperation with the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters, and are telecast over the Center's nine channels as well as commercial stations. Thirty of the total 120 "Minutes" air each year of North Carolina's four-year quadricentennial celebration which began in 1984.

Last year's docudramas chronicled Raleigh's initial exploration plans to claim a New World empire for England and followed the early adventures in their discovery of a wondrous land and its mystical people.

The focus of this year's "Minutes" is the 1585 Roanoke voyage and the efforts of the spirited British to establish a permanent settlement on the island. As featured actors in these docudramas, Godwin and Lowry respectively portray Indian chiefs Wanchese and Manteo, and Oxendine portrays English surveyor and scientific observer Thomas Harriot.

For the filming of this series, authentic replicas of an Indian village and an early English settlement were constructed to capture the realism of events and atmosphere 400 years ago. The towns of Chapel Hill, Gastonia and Manteo were filming sites for much of the production.

With colorful narration by noted actor and native North Carolinian Andy Griffith, *We Remember: North Carolina's 400th Historical Minutes* provides the unique opportunity to experience the New World of four centuries ago, as well as the chance to appreciate the state's rich heritage, historical milestones and possible frontiers for the future.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS GRADUATES 170

Durham-The N.C. School of Science and Mathematics will graduate its fourth senior class on Saturday, June 8 in Durham.

Graduating from this area include Kimberly D. Chavis of Red Springs; Suzanne C. Kuo of Lumberton; Tryon D. Lowry of Pembroke; Eric P. Sanders of Lumberton; Carmen E. Worley of Marion; Suzanne G. Collins of Laurinburg; and James P. McRae of Laurinburg.

TRIP TO CAROWINDS

A trip to Carowinds is planned for Saturday, June 22 for ages 16 and over. Departure will be from the Robeson County Recreation Department parking lot in Lumberton at 7:30 a.m. Return will be at 8 p.m. Price per person is \$19.50 which includes ticket and transportation. Deadline for the trip is Monday, June 10.

For further information contact the Robeson County Recreation Department at 738 9061 or 738-9595.

CLASS REUNION PLANNED

Classmates of Prospect High School 1941-1944 will reunite at Lakeside Restaurant, (Highway 211 between Red Springs and Raeford) on July 6 at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Marl Deese at 844-3315. All classmates are encouraged to attend this reunion.

YARD SALE

A yard sale will be held Saturday, June 8 from 8 a.m. until at the corner of 4th and Odum. All kinds of items will be sold at a bargain price.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS AT DEEP BRANCH

Vacation Bible School begins June 10-14 at Deep Branch Baptist Church at 6 p.m. nightly and lasting until 8:50 p.m. Sister Sarah Scott is VBS Director and Bro. Bruce Barton is Assistant Director.

Sports Camp Canceled

1985 Sports Activity Camp at Pembroke State University June 10 through June 14, 1985 has been canceled due to lack of interest....

TRIP TO MYRTLE BEACH

The Robeson County Recreation Department will sponsor a trip to Myrtle Beach for ages 19 and over on Wednesday, June 26. Departure will be at 8 a.m. from the parking lot of the Recreation Dept. in Lumberton. Return will be at 9 p.m. Cost per person is \$7.50 for transportation. Deadline for the trip is Monday, June 17. For further information contact the Robeson County Recreation Dept. at 738-9061 or 738-9595.

OLD TIMERS BASEBALL BANQUET

Old Timer's Baseball Banquet will be held at the Southern Kitchen located on the Carthage Road Exit on Saturday, June 15. Cost per person is \$5.50. The banquet is being held by an old timer who played baseball back in the 40s, 50s, and 60s. Deadline for banquet is Monday, June 10. For further information call the Robeson County Recreation Department at 738 9061 or 738-9595.

YARD SALE

A yard sale will be held Saturday, June 8 beginning at 8 a.m. at the home of Dorothy Oxendine on Pine St. All kinds of household items clothes, shoes, etc. will be sold.

VFW TO MEET

Locklear-Lowry VFW Post 2843 will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday night, June 10 at the post home. A fish supper will be prepared by Comrade Lacy Collins. All members are urged to attend. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m.

Harold Hunt is Post Commander and Daisey Demery is Auxiliary President.

PEMBROKE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TO BEGIN TESTING

Pembroke Christian School, located at the junction of state roads 1515 and 1636 in the Bear Swamp community will begin testing June 10-14 for summer school. Day care services will be offered. Summer school, K-12, will be to improve language, math, reading and spelling skills. Transfer will not be necessary. Applications for the 1985-86 school are being accepted. \$25 per week per child. Call 521-0209.

Chapel services will begin June 9, 1985 at 10 a.m. at the school. Lesson will be St. John, chapter 1, 1-28, on a continuing basis. Call 521-0209 for further information.

Homecoming Parade Slated For July 6

The Lumbee Homecoming Parade will be held July 6, 1985 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town of Pembroke, North Carolina. This year, as usual, trophies will be presented to each category winner.

towns and organizations to solicit their reigning Queens/Princesses for participation. What is a parade without beautiful Queens, Bands and well-designed floats? Visiting queens will be heartily welcomed and they should furnish their own "ride."

Categories and trophy awards are as follows: Best Commercial Float, 1st & 2nd place; Best Community Float, 1st & 2nd place; Best Wagon/Buggy, 1st & 2nd place; Best Custom Built Car/Truck, 1st & 2nd place; Best Antique Car/Truck, 1st & 2nd place; and the Group Traveling Farthest will receive a plaque.

All judges will be qualified, experienced individuals from the surrounding communities.

This year, the committee has contracted all county schools, We'll see YOU at the parade!

Any interested persons, who want to participate in this "gala affair," should contact the ANA/JTPA Building (LRDA Office), Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., at (919) 521-0761. Parade "line-up" will begin at 8:30 a.m. (July 6, 1985) at the Performing Arts Center (Pembroke State University) parking lot.

United Way Deadline

July 1st has been set as the deadline by the Board of Directors of the Robeson County United Way for application for funds needed by agencies in the county. Agencies providing services to the people of Robeson County who believe they would be qualified to receive such funds are urged to contact the office of Lumberton Human Relations Director, James H. Moore, in the Lumberton Municipal Building to obtain information on how to apply.

At a meeting last week, the directors also announced that the first drive for funds for the newly formed organization has been scheduled for October with volunteers being sought from across the county for the effort.

Also being sought is someone to head up the United Way Office in the County Office Building on Eighth Street in Lumberton as well as a secretary. Applicants for both positions may contact Moore's office with resumes particularly urged to apply.

SINGLES

The Single Adult Fellowship will meet Tuesday night, June 11.

Ted Purcell, Baptist Campus Minister at N.C. State University, Raleigh, is the guest speaker. He will lead a discussion on "Love, Intimacy, and Sexuality"-within a christian context. A single parent, Mr. Purcell has taught a college course on human sexuality.

Singles of all ages are invited to Sheriff's Seafood

Restaurant, Pembroke, at 6 p.m., to eat and enjoy fellowship with Ted Purcell. Individual orders will be taken. (Note change in time from 7 to 6.)

The program is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Visitors are welcome-particularly college students and other young adults.

You do not have to join the singles group to attend this meeting.