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PEMBROKE NATIVE BEGINS SECOND CAREER



Ronnie Sutton, the newest member of the Pembroke-based law firm of Locklear, Brooks, Jacobs and Sutton is shown being sworn in as a

member of the bar. Sutton was presented to the bar by Arnold Locklear, the senior member of the firm. Looking

on are (left to right): Dexter Brooks, Arlie Jacobs, Bill Davis and Ken Ransom. [Elmer W. Hunt photo]

Wednesday morning, September 11, 1985 was an important day in the life of Ronnie Neal Sutton of Pembroke. On that morning he was sworn in as an attorney at law in North Carolina. This ceremony had a very special significance in that Ronnie was beginning a second career.

flowed more than 3500 hours while on active duty. He had 600 hours of combat experience in Vietnam in 1966-67.

Community near Pembroke, Ronnie is the son of the late Willie French Sutton and the late Vergie Mae Oxendine Sutton of Robeson County. He is the father of two daughters, Ronette Alesia, a freshman at PSU and Fonda Lynn, a student at West Robeson Senior High School.

Ronnie retired from the United States Navy in 1982 after completing twenty two years of active service in the military. He was in the Air Force for four years prior to entering the Navy's flight training program in 1964.

Commander Sutton graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law last May with a juris doctor degree. Prior to entering law school he earned a BA degree from the University of West Florida in 1970 and a MS from the Naval War College in 1977. In addition, he earned a MA from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in 1979.

The formal swearing in ceremony was conducted in the Pembroke District Court-house by District Court Judge Adelaine C. Dehan. Ronnie has joined the law firm of Locklear, Brooks, and Jacobs in Pembroke. He and his family reside in the Philadelphia community, between Red Springs and Pembroke.

Married to the former Geny Chavis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John French Chavis of the Philadelphia Com-

Mayor Milton Hunt Proclaims Community Health Center Week



Mayor Milton R. Hunt

TOWN OF PEMBROKE PROCLAMATION NO. 1985-3

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Town of Pembroke, Mayor Milton Hunt recognizes the importance of community-based health centers in providing high quality, accessible and affordable health care in this community; and

and that health center patients have fewer operations, fewer visits to physicians for illness, and higher rates of protection against medical problems than the general populace; and

WHEREAS, community health centers provide primary care services to the medically underserved in our region; and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Community Health Centers has declared the second week in October as National Community Health Center Week, using the theme "Community Health Centers: Keeping You Healthbound Year-round"; and

WHEREAS, preventive care is emphasized as well as the delivery of primary care services, resulting in an improved program of health promotion and disease prevention in our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MILTON R. HUNT, Mayor of the Town of Pembroke, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6-12, 1985 as Community Health Center Week in the Pembroke Health Care Corporation of Pembroke, and urge all citizens to participate in its activities and become better acquainted with the services offered by community health centers in this area.

WHEREAS, research shows that community health centers reduce hospitalization

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the Town of Pembroke to be affixed, this the 30th day of September, 1985.

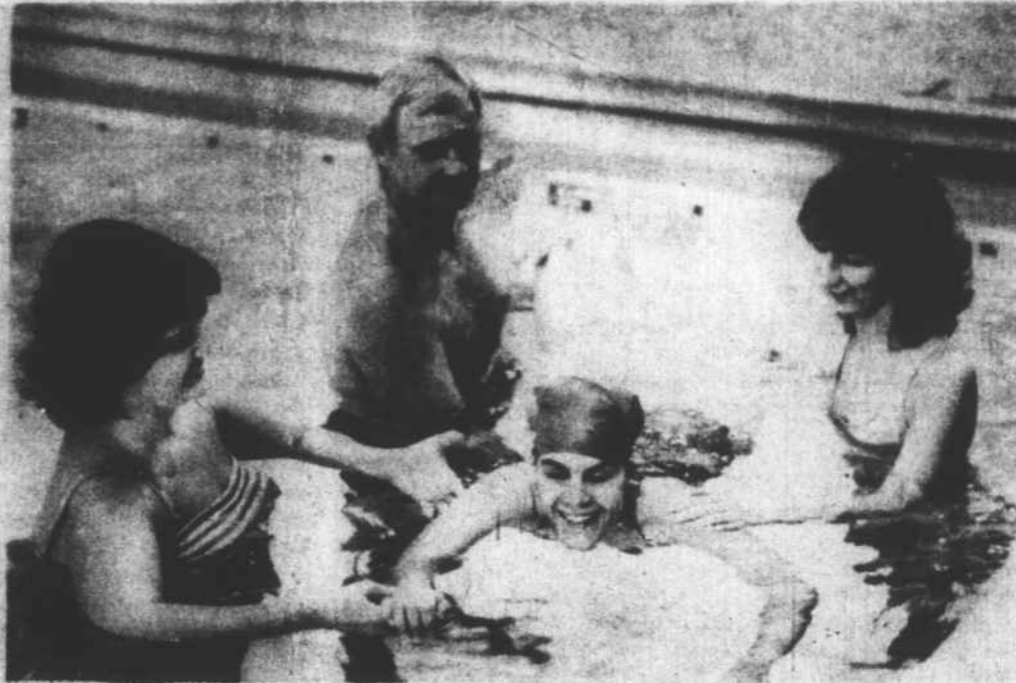
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Blind Coed Learns To Swim



In PSU's indoor pool, blind Carla Earles of Pembroke gets help in learning to swim from

(left to right) Ellen Jackson of St. Pauls, Coach Harold Ellen

of PSU, and Sharona Stone of Hope Mills.

PEMBROKE—Since she had glaucoma at the age of three, Carla Earles, a student at Pembroke State University, has been blind.

The 21-year-old senior who is majoring in special education has always wanted to learn to swim—and this semester the dream of the Indian girl from Pembroke has been realized.

Using mostly the freestyle, she has swam the distance of the 25-yard PSU indoor pool twice without stopping and has also jumped into the PSU diving tank and swam the 40 feet across the tank.

These are requirements for completing the "Beginning Swimming" course taught at PSU under Harold Ellen.

"I've been teaching people to swim for 25 years, but this is the first time I've ever taught a blind person to swim," said Ellen, who also serves as head baseball coach of Pembroke State.

Miss Earles, the daughter of Mrs. Nancy Ragsdale (her father is deceased), says she had always wanted to learn to swim because she loves "to go boating and fishing" and wanted the skill for safety purposes. So she decided to enroll in Coach Ellen's "Beginning Swimming" course.

With the valuable help of two other PSU swimming

students, Ellen Jackson of St. Pauls and Sharona Stone of Hope Mills, Coach Ellen instructed her.

"I put the two girls with her. They would take her hands and demonstrate while I was talking to her. She learned to swim one lap in six lessons," said Coach Ellen. "In so doing, she learned to swim both the freestyle and backstroke."

Ms. Jackson said Carla was very easy to work with. "She has a great sense of humor and was very energetic. She did have a fear of being on her back because, being blind, she would become disoriented," Ms. Jackson added.

Ms. Stone commented: "Carla was scared to get into the water initially. We were there to keep her on course direction-wise." Carla was also concerned about losing her glass eyes, especially when she took her first leap into the water. But she never did.

Her biggest moment came when she jumped into the PSU diving tank, which is 13 feet finches at its deepest point. That test is in the latter part of the instruction. Because of the diving tank's extreme depth, most swimming students are psychologically afraid of it even though they have learned

swimming proficiency in the more shallow depths of the adjacent pool.

"When I jumped in, I thought I had died. I was concerned about whether I would come up or not," said Carla.

But as her instructors explained to her, it is easier swimming in the deeper diving tank than the shallow pool because of the depth of the water makes one's body more buoyant.

After the initial leap into the diving tank, Carla did it again two or three more times.

Coach Ellen gave Ellen Jackson and Sharona Stone tremendous credit for helping this blind girl learn to swim. "Those girls worked so well with her. They built up her confidence. She had been so scared of the water at first," Ellen said. "She didn't want to leave the edge of the pool initially. Of course, we must remember she can't see where anything is located."

Today Carla is extremely proud of her new swimming skills.

And she is one up on her boy friend who is also blind. He can't swim, but at her encouraging perhaps he may soon take his first big plunge in learning that valuable skill, too.

OXENDINE ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER



Henry W. Oxendine

Henry Ward Oxendine has announced his candidacy for county commissioner in the Pembroke, Smiths and Maxton districts. He is married to the former Susan Lowry of Pembroke and they have three children—Stacy, 9, Brittany, 6, and Brad, 2.

Oxendine is presently serving on the Pembroke Town Council, Lumbee Regional Development Association's Board of Directors and the Cardinal Health Board of Directors. He is a Baptist minister and pastor's Tabernacle Baptist Church located near Pembroke.

Oxendine received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Masters of Arts degree in Educational Administration from Pembroke State University in 1984. He is employed by Southern National Bank of N.C.

Oxendine says Robeson County is getting into a

desperate economic situation due to the loss of jobs in local industry and agriculture. Robeson County cannot and must not continue in the ways of the past but must look forward for new and innovative ideas and ways to bring the better paying industries to our citizens. We have the potential through our people, but we have not nurtured and developed that potential so that it would entice the better paying jobs as our neighboring county of Scotland has done over the years. Local government officials must address the problems we now face and not make excuses but use that time to come up with solutions to our problems. The governing body of Robeson County must become more responsible in their decision-making and more responsive to the needs of the people.

He is especially concerned in the areas of education, new industry and industrial development, economic growth, evaluation and usage of tax dollars and alcohol and drug related problems among the youth in particular.

Oxendine stated that he would like to serve the citizens of the Smiths, Maxton and Pembroke commissioner's district and work toward building a future for our people. He also added that he would be a visible and hard working commissioner for his district. Oxendine concluded by saying that if anyone is willing to work hard in this endeavor, they should contact him at 521-4143.

Exciting Events Planned For PSU's Centennial Celebration



Dr. Paul Givens

"This all sounds very exciting," commented Chancellor Paul Givens in listening to the enthusiastic reports of PSU's 12-member Centennial Celebration Council which met Monday for an update report on the various committee activities.

"From listening to you, our Centennial Celebration will be both informative and inspiring," extolled the Chancellor. "We indeed want to make this a celebration for the total Pembroke family. Everything seems to be moving along fine."

The Centennial Celebration will be a year long event during the 1986-87 school year, but the climax will come March 4-6, 1987, when a "Founder's Day Week" will be celebrated.

Tentative plans for that March period call for a Student Dedication of the new University Center on Wednesday, March 4, at 11 a.m., followed by lunch on the grounds and an "Open House." Beginning at 1:30 p.m. that day will be student activities all afternoon. In the evening, a semiformal dance will be held in the University Center for students, faculty, staff and community people.

Although PSU's birthday is actually March 7, 1987, PSU is observing its "Founder's Day" on Thursday, March 5, because that is when the student body will be fully present. A formal convocation is planned March 5 at 10 a.m. in the Paul R. Givens Performing Arts Center with the faculty attired in their academic regalia and people like the Governor, UNC Board of Trustees, and mayors to be invited. Special PSU Centennial music is to be written and composed by Bob Borge as commissioned by PSU.

LRDA Taking Energy Applications

Applications will be taken from October 7th to November 27th, 1985, for fuel assistance through North Carolina's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program. Low-income households that need help in paying heating bills may apply for assistance at designated offices and centers of Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc.

Eligible households will receive a check through the mail in February, 1986. Persons who think they are eligible and wish to apply are urged to contact the LRDA office or center near their home.

Social Services recipients should bring the following items when they apply:

- (1) Food Stamp ID Card
- (2) Social Security numbers for household members.

Non-Social Services recipients should bring the following items:

- (1) Information about your household's income. If anyone works, wage stubs for the month of October should be included.
- (2) Information about your household's property, stocks, bank statements, bonds, and other assets.
- (3) Social Security numbers for household members.
- (4) Verification of employment, retirement, or disability (Bring copies of statements at

checks if possible.)

(5) Verification of Income from rental property, farm income, etc.

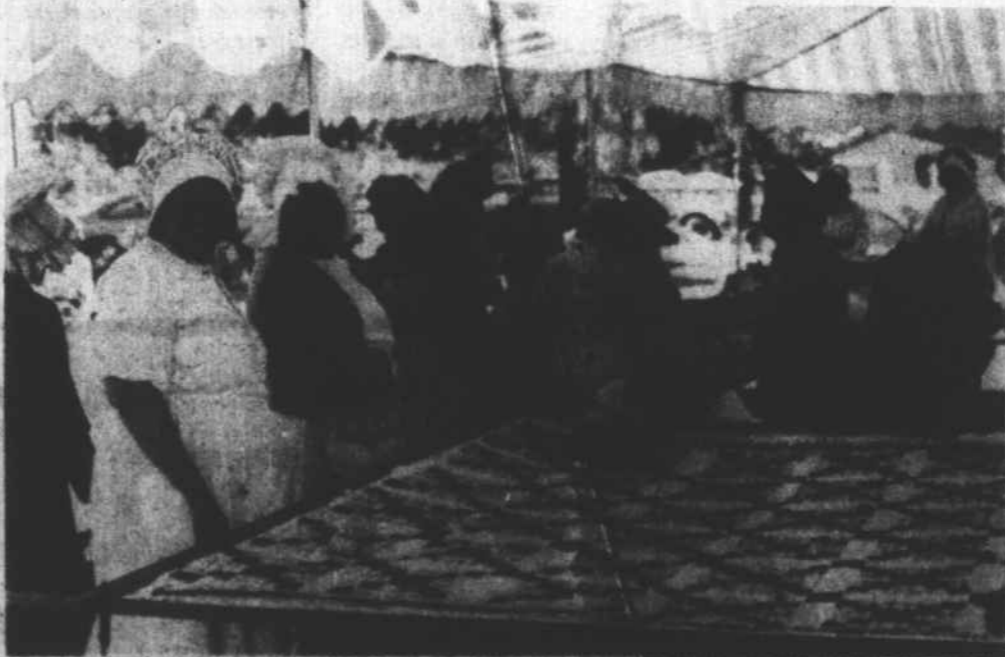
The LRDA offices and centers taking applications include:

1. JTPA Building-521-9761
2. LRDA Office-Lumberton-738-7906. (In back of E.M.C. Building/Food Lion Shopping Center)
3. All LRDA sponsored Day Care Centers-3 to 5 p.m. only.
4. N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, Lumberton Office-738-6272 Oct. 17, 24.
5. Benton's Court-Rowland 739-3032 Oct. 15 ONLY.
6. JTPA Outreach Center-Scotland County-276-6256
7. Lumber River Electric Membership-Red Springs Office-738-7906 Oct. 16, 23, 30.
8. LRDA Talent Search Office-521-8602.
9. Cherokee Indian Mission Hoke County [Date To Be Announced].
10. Lumbee Shopping Center-844-5665 Oct. 18 ONLY.

All applications will be taken from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. weekdays, unless stated differently above.

For more information about the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, contact Sherry Locklear, LRDA, or call 521-2826.

"Indian Days" In the Park



These lovely ladies are showing off their bonnets.

Indian Heritage Week in North Carolina was September 15-20, 1985. As a part of the week's many festivities, LRDA hosted "Indian Days" in the Pembroke Town Park.

"Indian Days" in the park was held on Thursday, September 19 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The LRDA staff dressed like their ancestors did in the early 1900's. The local senior citizens' chapters were involved and everyone dressed "old timey."

There were several activities on-going in the park. Some of the staff and senior citizens made butter, lye soap, and ice

cream. They cooked a chicken (rice and chicken), cooked collard greens with hoghead, and cooked chittlings.

There was also a display of tools from the late 1800's and early 1900's used in farming such as the corn sheller, corn shucker, plows, and mule harness. Some of the household items on display was a coffee grinder, a sausage grinder, iron pots, and a wooden grape huller.

Mr. Roscoe Jacobs, a LRDA staff person demonstrated the art of cleaning catfish. After they were cleaned and cooked, the public had a chance to

sample the catfish.

The senior citizens' group showed off some of the projects they had done such as quilts, dolls, pillows, and other items. Mr. Cleveland Jacobs also displayed basket-weaving.

Entertainment was provided by Mr. Earle Maynor and Mr. Willoughby Jones on the harmonica. LRDA's School of the Arts also sang gospel songs.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable day with about 300 people going throughout the day to enjoy the food and fellowship.