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## State Legislators present statement on Robeson School Merger

Senator David Parnell, Representatives Sidney Locks, Pete Hast, and Danny DeVane who represent Robeson County in the North Carolina General Assembly issued the following statement on Thursday, February 26, 1987:

### Statement On Robeson School Merger

We who represent Robeson County in the North Carolina General Assembly have been confronted with a very difficult issue. It is not one that we wanted, but yet it is one that is very important and it is one that has to be resolved if Robeson County is to move forward. And of course, I am referring to the merger of the 5 School Administrative units now operating in the county.

There are several developments that have occurred during recent years that have brought to focus this issue.

(1) The apparent inequality of educational opportunities now being afforded to the children of Robeson County as pointed out in the 1984 study of Robeson County's Educational System by the Division of School Planning of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

(2) The passage of legislation in 1983 and again in 1985 making available to local government, sales tax revenues that

can be used for funding education. It is projected that in fiscal year 1988-89, Robeson County will receive over 5 million dollars from this source.

(3) The passage of the Basic Education Program by the North Carolina General Assembly, that when fully implemented, assures every child in North Carolina access to a basic, equal education.

(4) The County Commissioners of Robeson County, recognizing the complexity of funding 5 school systems, have requested the Robeson County Legislative Delegation to introduce legislation to create a unified school district for Robeson County.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Robeson County Legislative Delegation, that we introduce legislation calling for the merger of the 5 school systems of Robeson County into one unified school district, subject to approval of the voters of the county in a referendum.

It will be our intent to devise a plan that will be fair to all races and to all geographic areas of the county and one that will require adequate funding so that no area of the county will be penalized because of the merger.

## Indian Housing Authority members sworn in



Secretary of State Thad Eure (right) administered oaths to new members of the Indian Housing Authority (IHA) board of directors recently. New members are (from left) James A. Hardin of Fayetteville, Sybil J. Bullard of Pembroke, and Lee R. Epps of Charlotte. Masager T. Richardson of Hollister was not present for the photo.

Members were nominated by the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs and appointed by Governor Jim Martin.

IHA oversees the state's public housing program for Indians. The five-member board will also include an appointment from Hoke County, currently pending.

## Railroad Opposition Group to speak to Town Council

On Monday night, March 9 at 7:00 p.m., the Pembroke Town Council will meet and hear a report and recommendations from Citizens Against Railroad Expansion (CARE) in Pembroke. Citizens involved in CARE have been working with Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned to organize opposition to the proposal of CSX Railroad to place more railroad tracks in Pembroke, adding additional crossings on the two major roads entering Pembroke from the West: Highways 711 and Deep Branch Road. Not only did Town officials decide not to fight a lawsuit by CSX challenging the Council's original denial based on the zoning regulations, they also issued a permit to CSX without publicly discussing the wording of the permit before passing it. Members of the opposition will go before the Town Council to question their actions and their stated opinion that "it is out of their hands" and bring documentation and recommendations regarding what steps the Town officials can still take to stop CSX from coming so close to Pembroke. The opposition is recommending an alternative route which will not cause CSX to build any bridges over the river or over Highway 74 West of Pembroke. This alternative route will also be discussed. Mr. Mike Calhoun, a lawyer from Durham, will speak to the Town Council regarding their avenues of opposition based on the serious health and safety risks which additional tracks will bring to Pembroke. Citizens from Pembroke and the surrounding area who are concerned about the addition of more railroad crossings in Pembroke are invited to attend the meeting.

A CARE spokesman said, "In the eyes of many citizens, Town officials have made a grave mistake by going along with CSX and not looking at all of their options to stop it before approving a permit." Questions are being raised by the group of when the Board made agreements with the railroad and whether or not the voices of citizens have mattered in this affair. Be there.

## Financial Aid Booklet available to College Students

Students in need of supplemental financial aid for college were urged today to write for a free copy of "How To Play Grantsmanship," distributed by the Scholarship Bank. Additionally, each booklet will be accompanied by an application for a five-hundred dollar scholarship.

According to the director of this nationwide non-profit foundation, over half a billion dollars is available to high school and college students, and in many cases can cover up to twenty-five percent of a student's academic year expenses. These funds are contributed by corporations,

trade, civic and non-profit foundations and are normally awarded on non-traditional basis such as academic merit, anticipated college major, geographic preferences, and even on the student's ability to consider a special research project or entering a contest. Parental factors, such as union, employer or past military experience are also considered by some donors.

The Scholarship Bank works with financial aid offices in high schools and colleges around the country to distribute information on the over 5,000 different pro-

grams in its computer bank. Each student receives a personalized print-out based on his or her individual needs.

Each scholarship has a value of at least one thousand dollars, and many are renewable yearly. According to the director, graduate level grants with awards in excess of \$25,000 are also available. All applicants receive up to 65 different aid sources.

High school and college students should send a stamped, business-sized self-addressed envelope to the Scholarship Bank, 4626 N. Grand, Covina, CA 91724.

## "PUT" Project part of county Bi-Centennial Celebration

The Robeson County Bi-Centennial celebration has brought Robeson County a full calendar of events for 1987. One such event has given a main thrust of action. The Environmental Committee of the Bi-Centennial Commission has instituted the "PUT" project which evolved from the words Pride, Unity and Toil. These terms are expressions of the commitment made to Robeson County by those who continue to support its progress and build its character.

Mr. Bill Lewis, chairman of the Environmental Committee has this vast undertaking of cleaning up Robeson County well underway. Projects have been divided among Commissioner Districts throughout the county. Each district has a designated contact person. Organizational meetings have also been scheduled for those clubs, organizations and interested citizens who wish to participate wholeheartedly in making our county cleaner and more attractive. Projects may include planting of trees, shrubs, flowers, landscaping, painting or just general clean up. (Cleanup, paintup and fixup!)

As part of the incentive to join in the cleanup effort, "Keep North Carolina Beautiful, Inc." has been contacted. Mr. Carl Lowendick, Jr., Director of Keep North Carolina Beautiful, will visit our county to review a "Before" look at potential projects. Mr. Lowendick will return some time in May to review the "After" results of the clean up. At that time, the top two to three projects will be commended and given a plaque of accomplishment. The awards will then be displayed by exhibit at Biggs Park Mall June 3rd thru 7th.

Participants are asked to keep a club record of their accomplishments along with before and after photographs of their selected project. A second undertaking named "Bag It" will also take place. "Bag It" is specifically for the bagging of litter and other debris. Hardee's and Eagle Distributing Co. are co-sponsoring the activity and will supply bags, plaques and gift certificates for those who collect the most bags of litter.

For a club record and further information, please contact Velvet Hardin at Lumber River Council of Governments, 738-8104.

## Roberts named 1987 Young Careerist of Pembroke BPW



Carolyn Spillers Roberts, lecturer in the Business Administration and Economics Department at Pembroke State University, was chosen as the 1987 Young Careerist of the Pembroke BPW (Business and Professional Women) club. Carolyn received her BS degree from PSU and a Masters degree in Adult Education and Economics from NCSU. She is presently working on a MBA degree. Carolyn is the mother of two young boys and resides on Route 7, Lumberton, NC. Her presentation at the club's February meeting was entitled "The 10 Commandments of Presenting a Positive Professional Image." The commandments concerned topics such as vocabulary, education, dress, gestures, mood swings, prioritizing, perfectionist tendencies, picking associates, contaminated emotions, enthusiasm, and curiosity. She summarized by saying "if you look sharp and act sharp, you'll give the impression that you are sharp...and this determines how you will be treated in the business world." Carolyn will now represent the Pembroke BPW in district competition.

## N.C. Symphony to perform March 6 at PSU

The North Carolina Symphony will perform at the Pembroke State University Performing Arts Center on Friday, March 6, at 8 p.m. as part of the Centennial Season 1986-87.

Conducted by James Ogle, the orchestra will perform the "Johannesburg Festival Overture" by William Walton, "Concerto in C Major for Piano, Violin, Cell and Orchestra, Opus 56, 'Triple Concerto'" by Ludwig van Beethoven and "Symphony in D Minor" by Cesar Franck.

The "Johannesburg Festival Overture" was commissioned for the seventieth anniversary of that city. It is characterized by a rhythmic drive which dominates the piece from its opening measures.

The "Triple Concerto" belongs, along with the "Eroica" Symphony, to the beginning of Beethoven's middle period. Initially the work was intended for the Archduke Rudolph, who had become a piano pupil of Beethoven in 1803, and two other amateur instrumentalists. Undoubtedly an awareness of their limitations led to the inclusion of many simple scalar and arpeggio passages in the solo parts. However as Beethoven worked on the concerto he began to realize that the solo parts were becoming too difficult for the intended soloists, and thus the premiere was entrusted to professionals.

The "Triple Concerto" was not well received in Beethoven's time, and even today critics argue its merits. Had it been composed by a contemporary of Beethoven, it would be considered a masterpiece. It is only the high standards which Beethoven set that make the "Triple Concerto" seem a lesser work.

Cesar Franck's "Symphony in D," written in the years 1886 to 1888, was a massive work. Franck's students were enthusiastic, however, the old guard passed judgement in no uncertain terms, calling the work an "abomination" and "incompetence pushed to dogmatic lengths." Tragically Franck died two years later, never knowing that future generations would reverse these judgements and elevate the work to the forefront of all French symphonic compositions.

Tickets are \$6.50 and \$5.50 general admission and \$1.00 for PSU students. Tickets may be purchased at the box office or at Crumplers Dancing Shop in Lumberton. Quick Copy of Laurinburg, McNeills Jewelers in Lumberton and Red Springs and The Dancer in Fayetteville. Call 521 0778 for reservations or information.

## local bulletin

**AA GROUP NOW MEETING IN PEMBROKE**  
Newly formed, the Pembroke group of Alcoholics Anonymous announces an open meeting each Thursday night at 8 p.m. The meetings are held in the BA Building, Room 108, on the Pembroke State University campus.

**FAMILY RECREATION NIGHT PLANNED**  
On Friday, March 13, the Pembroke area is in for a special treat. A Family Recreation Night has been planned at the Pembroke Junior High School Cafeteria from 7:30-10:30 p.m. and is being sponsored by Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned. The Family Night Recreation Program will include games for the children and square dancing for all. The Fun Night for Families is being organized because of the lack of good, clean, community-based recreation opportunities for our entire families. The Square Dancing will be taught from "scratch" so that everyone can join in. People with instruments are invited to come and play and sing during the breaks. If the Family Night goes well, more will be planned. There will be no admission charge. \$100.00 of groceries will be raffled off for a \$1.00 donation for those who wish to participate.

In sponsoring the event, Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned is responding to a spoken need for more recreational opportunities for good, clean fun in our community. This need was raised at the November meeting of the Pembroke-Maxton Cluster Group which meets monthly to discuss the needs and problems of the western area of the county and to seek common solutions to these problems. Make plans now to attend the recreation night. Put it on your calendar and bring your neighbors, old and young alike.

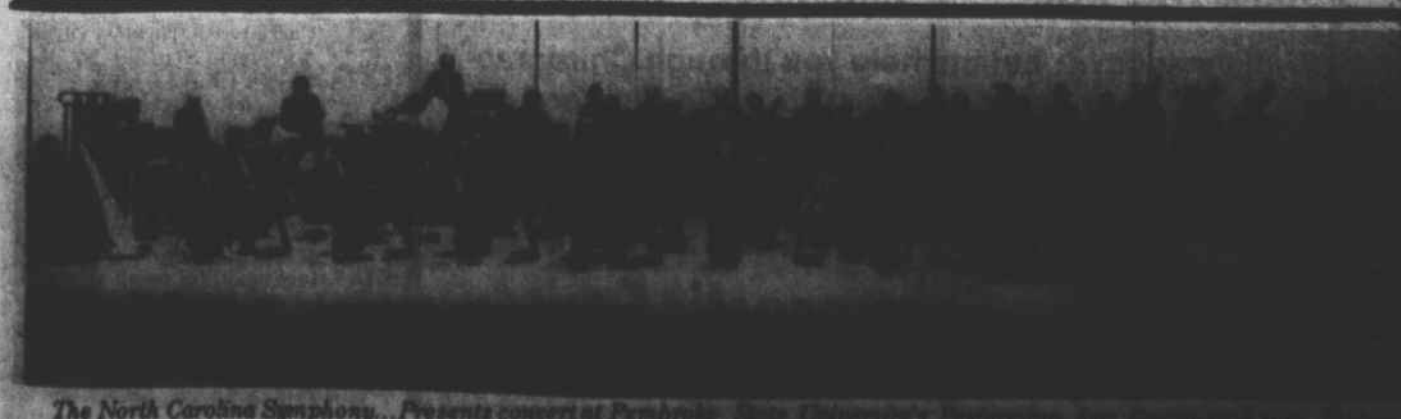
**SFVC SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**  
Southeastern Family Violence Center, a shelter for battered women and children, is presently recruiting volunteers. Training will be held at Pembroke State University on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information call Carolyn Bishop McLeod at 739-8622.

**HEAD START CENTERS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**  
The Rex Rennett and Fairgrove Head Start Centers are now accepting applications on children who will be 3 and 4 years old by October 16, 1987. This includes children who are handicapped. The Fairgrove Head Start Center is located in Fairgrove School. The number is 628-8870. The Rex Rennett Head Start Center is located at Rex-Rennett Day Care. The telephone number is 843-2562. Come by either center between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or call the numbers listed above. All services are free for eligible applicants. The program is sponsored by Lumbree Regional Development Association, Inc.  
The Head Start office number is 521-8602.

**INDIAN BUSINESS TRADE FAIR TO BE FEATURED DURING INDIAN UNITY CONFERENCE**  
An Indian Business Trade Fair will be held during the 12th annual Indian Unity Conference in Charlotte and will feature displays and exhibits by Indian businesses from across the state.  
The trade fair will be open Thursday, March 12, from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., kicking off the three-day conference, March 12-14, meeting at the Sheraton Airport Plaza Hotel in Charlotte.

Following the trade fair will be a luncheon featuring William Lynn Engles, commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans (ANA), Washington, D.C. Also speaking at the luncheon will be Cecil Brandon, executive director of Carolinas Minority Supplier Development Councils, and Lee Cook, director of human resource development with the University of Minnesota.  
The theme for this year's conference is "Preservation of the Indian Communities Through Economic Self-Sufficiency." The Indian Business Trade Fair showcases the progress of the state. Trade fair organizers also hope that the fair can be a means of bringing business leaders together to explore new markets and stimulate growth of new and existing businesses among North Carolina Indians.

**TUSCARORA TRIBE OF N.C. SCHEDULES OPEN HOUSE FOR "HOPE HOUSE" MARCH 5**  
The Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina (The Bear Clan) has just been approved by the State of North Carolina Division of Social Services to administer and operate a temporary shelter for runaway and homeless youth.  
The facility, called "Hope House," is located on Rural Paved Road 1003 between Highway 711 and Deep Branch Road. Most local people will recognize the location as "Moss Neck" Road.  
Hope House was funded in October of 1986 under the auspices of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The primary goal is to provide seven days of residential, familial, emotional and psychological support to children ages 10-16 years.  
The Tribe has scheduled Open House for March 5 during the hours of 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and later that evening between 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come by and see Hope House and its staff.  
The Tuscarora Tribe is also making available to civic groups, churches, parent groups, PTA's, youth groups, and any agency interested in children further information about Hope House and its services. We also visit and deliver on-site presentations. Just call (919)739-1254 or (919)821-0864 for further information or assistance. You'll be glad you did.



The North Carolina Symphony... Presents concert at Pembroke State University