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PEMBROKE MAYOR SEEKS THIRD TERM

TOWN ELECTIONS SLATED FOR TUESDAY

Citizens of the Town of Pembroke will elect a mayor and two town councilmen on Tuesday, November 3, 1987. Seeking re-election is Mayor Milton R. Hunt and Town Councilmen Henry Ward Oxendine and Vernon Oxendine. All three are incumbents and are running unopposed. According to reports, this will be the first election in more than twenty years that the incumbents have no opposition.

Although the incumbents are unopposed, citizens are still encouraged to go to their respective polling places and cast their vote. Exercise your right to vote November 3, 1987.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

T-H-I-S CAN YOU READ THIS?

Many people in Pembroke cannot but want to learn. You can help teach people to read by becoming a literacy tutor. It takes 3 days for 3 1/2 hours each day. Pembroke Area Presbyterian Ministry will sponsor tutor training sessions on Monday, Nov. 2-2:50 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 3-2:50 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 4, 3:50 p.m. in Room 233 of the Chavis Student Center at PSU.

If you want to teach people how to read, or if you know somebody who wants to learn to read, call 521-3231 and leave your name and phone number and we'll get back to you.

WEST ROBESON BOOSTERS TO MEET

The West Robeson Band Boosters will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 5, 1987 at 7 p.m. in the band room of West Robeson High School. All parents and interested supporters are encouraged to come out and support the band.

INTEREST MEETING TO BE HELD

There will be a meeting on Saturday, October 31, at 10 a.m. at the Town and Country Restaurant in Pembroke. The meeting will be an interest meeting to find out if there is enough interest shown to organize an Optimist Club in the area. Guest speaker will be Ed Yost, President of the Lumberton Optimists Club. The club motto is: "Friend of Youth." Interested persons are invited to attend.

Spotlight on SOUTHERN TRUCK AND AUTOMOTIVE Local Business Persons

by Barbara Brayboy-Locklear

Down on the quality of American-made automobiles? Don't tell Earl Maurice Locklear how you feel because he'll argue with you. "American-made cars today are just as good as most foreign-made cars. We (Americans) messed around in the 70s and let the Japanese get ahead of us, but we're coming back," he says.

Locklear stands firm in his argument and has 27 years of auto mechanics experience to back him up. Born and raised in the Barker-Ten Mile area of Robeson County, he was trained in auto mechanics by his late father who enjoyed a long successful career in the trade.

After graduating from Magnolia High School in 1959, it seemed only natural for Locklear to continue doing what he enjoyed most-working on cars. Fifteen years were spent with three different auto firms where he learned all facets of the business.

The 46-year-old Lumbree Indian became disillusioned with his job situation and opened his own business in 1973.

Southern Truck and Automotive became a dream fulfilled. And long-time customers still use him. Lately his business has become such that he is unable to handle all work requests. "My primary business now is regular accounts. We've kinda shied away from the general public," the bearded father says.

Locklear says his business is now more farm-related than ever and adds, "I don't like to do the same thing over and over each day. Some days I work on lime and fertilizer spreaders, then I work on grain trucks, still others I'll work on transmissions or build parts."

He says his work is a hands-on deal. "Qualified workers are hard to find, so I do most of my work myself." He enjoys building things like truck bodies. It's especially rewarding when I find and correct problems nobody else can," he adds.

The inventive mechanic recently completed work on a

wrecker he uses in his business. "I couldn't find the kind of wrecker I wanted, so I built my own. I took different parts off different trucks and different components and made one by myself," he laughs. The wrecker boasts hand crafted tool boxes and is used exclusively for towing trucks and cars to be worked on at his garage located in rural Lumberton.

Locklear says he has seen many changes in auto mechanics over the past decade and adds, "It's hard for an independent like me to keep up with the new technology." He and his only employee/mechanic occasionally attend parts distributor-sponsored classes. He views most of today's technology as something he must dig out himself with actual hands on.

On week-ends, Locklear leaves his business garage and retreats to another hidden away near his home which he shares with his wife and young son. Then he enjoys what he terms his "true love"-building Street Rods- fancy vintage automobiles. Over the years, he has built two Street Rods and is currently working on a 1933 Ford five-window coupe which he plans to show at one of the many Street Rodders' Conventions he attends throughout the U.S.

Four other vintage automobiles sit outside his garage awaiting the privilege of getting 40 coats of paint and hand-made accents from the mechanic who must first finish mechanical work on the half dozen lime spreaders, two diesel tractor trailers, four automobiles, three pick up trucks and one fire truck waiting in the yard of his two-bay business garage.

To locate Southern Truck and Automotive, from Lumberton travel 4 miles north on Hwy 301 to Magnolia High School, turn left in front of school. Go 2 miles, turn left at first paved road. Travel 1 mile, turn right at first paved road. It's the tall cinder block building on right in a field.

Business hours are 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Closed Saturdays and Sundays.



Mayor Milton R. Hunt announces his candidacy for a third term as Mayor of Pembroke.

Hunt, age 43, is married to Polly Deese Hunt. They have two children, Anthony, 19 and Kimberly, 16 and two grandchildren. Hunt is a drywall contractor.

After having served eight years on the Town Council, Hunt was elected Mayor in November 1983 and re-elected in November 1985. He is a candidate for the office of mayor again on November 3, 1987.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

H.G. "JACK" BRAYBOY

By Barbara Brayboy-Locklear
SPECIAL TO THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

"I've never torn down anything I ever built," says H.G. "Jack" Brayboy of his years laying brick. "All I ever wanted was for a man to tell me what he wanted done or show me his blueprint," he adds.

Brayboy's brick-laying began over forty years ago in Robeson County where he was struggling as a sharecropper on his late father's farm. "I decided I wouldn't be able to educate my children on the farm. So I sold my mule, wagon and plows and turned to carpentry, then to brick-laying," the father of four says.

He says his late father, Tecumseh Brayboy, encouraged him in his new profession by buying him his first trowel which cost \$1.50. Brayboy then embarked on a career which lasted 37 years.

"I began working as a helper to the late Clarence Tuck, a notable area brick-layer," he remembers. "For ten years Mr. Tuck taught me all the techniques of brick-laying."

After working under Tuck, Brayboy went solo in his work which involved building brick homes in Robeson County and into other areas of the U.S. News quickly spread of the sprightly Lumbree Indian who could lay over two thousand brick a day. "I've laid 2,500 brick a many a day, and that's a lot of stooping," Brayboy laughs.

He sits in the den of his Pembroke home he and his wife practically build alone in 1947 and talks of his years growing up in rural Robeson County.

"Times were hard back then growing up on the farm. I know plenty about hard work," he says. He was one of 11 children born in a family of eight boys and three girls. The lengthy illness of his mother interrupted his early education. "I was pulled out of school in the seventh grade and stayed by my mother's bedside for two years before she died in 1929," he says.

He, along with his brothers walked the three miles to Pembroke Graded School until he was given the school's first school bus driving assignment. "I made three trips a day on that 1927 Model T bus and was paid six dollars a month for doing it," he comments.

Brayboy drove the bus until he graduated from Cherokee Indian Normal School and married the former Attelia Graham. After getting married, he worked a brief stint with his father in the Brayboy sawmill. He became an accomplished sawer and says, "I know wood pretty good. I can walk out in the forest and tell you which tree is good or rotten without ever touching it."

Nicknamed "Jack" by an old couple he once lived with in early childhood, the grandfather says he enjoyed every day he worked laying bricks.

"I never tired of creating things with bricks. I specialized in fancy fireplaces and to build one that works properly is an art."

Raising his stubby fingers in the air, the 74-year-old brick mason says, "I recently had a little get together with myself and figured the number of brick I've laid during the past 37 years, and the way I figured, I've laid a little better than five million brick in my brick-laying career."

Brayboy no longer lays brick because of failing health. His time is spent tending his collards and turnips located in a patch of land across the road from where he lives in Pembroke. He says he will sell most of the produce to neighbors and passers-by in late fall. According to him, a lifetime of working lent little time to creating hobbies other than an occasional

making of picnic tables which he created from tile and concrete. He enjoys ink sketching and recently completed a drawing of the original Sandy Plains Methodist Church. The artwork will be used in the church's upcoming history publication.

He readily admits that he misses his work. "I feel pretty good, and if I had good eye sight, I could probably go back to laying brick. With apparent pride he adds, "I never did catch up. I had a job for 37 years, and I never once advertised. My work was the only advertisement I ever needed."



"Jack" Brayboy sits on a bench he built.

SGH TO X-RAY TREATS

Children look forward to Halloween as a fun time. Southeastern General Hospital wants to help make sure it's a safe time, too.

On Halloween night, Saturday, October 31, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., SGH will x-ray Halloween treats to make sure they are free of foreign objects. There is no charge for this service and it will be available at the hospital's Diagnostic and Treatment Center.

14 COEDS COMPETE NOV. 5 FOR MISS PSU

Fourteen coeds from seven different towns will compete for the title of "Miss Pembroke State University" Thursday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. in PSU's Performing Arts Center.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$500 scholarship, a crown, a trophy, and a bouquet of roses.

This event, which included both beauty and talent, always attracts one of the largest crowds of the year to the Performing Arts Center.

Master of ceremonies will be Fred Fox, a PSU alumnus with WEWO radio of Laurinburg for over 15 years. Assisting him as co-emcee will be Brigitte Brayboy Cummings, a PSU graduate who was "Miss Lumbree" in 1980-81. Guest entertainer will be Kimberly Clark, a PSU student from Red Springs who is the reigning "Miss Lumbree."

General admission to the pageant is \$2. PSU students will be admitted for \$1.

Sponsoring the pageant is the Pembroke State University Student Government Association.

The contestants, their home town, parents, class in school, major and sponsor are as follows:

Kathy Brown, Fayetteville, Command Sgt. Major and Mrs. Hughy Brown, junior, elementary education (K-4), Baptist Student Organization.

Angie Cox, Lumberton, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Cox, junior, elementary education (K-4), Pi Kappa Phi.

Lisa Herndon, Fayetteville, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Herndon, freshman, criminal justice, Alpha Omega Upsilon.

Kimberly Jacobs, Fayetteville, Mrs. Martha Jacobs, sophomore, broadcasting, Kappa Delta.

Janet Lane, Fayetteville, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lane, junior, music, Air Force ROTC.

Katherine LeSage, Philadelphia, PA, Mr. and Mrs. Jack LeSage, senior, business management, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

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Earl Maurice Locklear of Southern Truck and Automotive

LRDA TAKING ENERGY APPLICATIONS

Applications will be taken from November 2, to December 18, 1987 for fuel assistance through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Low income Indian households in Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland Counties that need help in paying heating bills may apply for assistance at designated offices of Lumbree Regional Development Association, Inc. (LRDA).

Eligible Indian households should receive a check through the mail in February, 1988. Persons who think they are eligible and wish to apply are urged to contact the LRDA office nearest them.

All applicants should bring the following items when they apply:

1. Food Stamp I.D. Card
2. Social Security Cards for household members.
3. Verification of wages for household members for the month of October. (5 stubs).
4. Verification of Social Security, V.A., Unemployment, Retirement Income, etc. for the month of October, 1987.
5. Information concerning your household property, stocks, bonds, bank statements, and other assets.
6. Verification of income from rental property, farm income, etc.

The LRDA offices and satellite centers taking applications are: Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (5 days per week)

Energy Office
2207 West 5th Street
Lumberton, NC
738-7906

Scotland County
Legal Services Office
120 West Cronley St.
(Across from Pope's)
Laurinburg, NC
Monday-Wednesday-Friday
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Two Days Only From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Rex Rennett School
November 18, 1987
December 9, 1987

Prospect United Methodist Church
November 16, 1987
December 11, 1987

Woodmen of the World Hall
November 15, 1987
December 17, 1987

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