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## PEMBROKE TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS \$400,000 MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

by Sam Kerns

Pembroke Town Council members voted unanimously Feb. 6th to recommend a \$400,000 municipal complex to the voters for a referendum. In discussion prior to the vote, Councilman Larry Brooks said, "We never did decide what we are going to build." Town Manager McDuffie Cummings responded, "We need to get the application submitted to the Farmers Home Administration and later the council can decide the particulars of the building. Additions and deletions can still be made but we need to set a maximum amount because the application process and the referendum will take approximately six months."

Councilman Henry Oxendine moved to set the \$400,000 maximum amount which is almost half of the original proposal. Councilman Harry Oxendine seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mr. Henry Oxendine emphasized that this "would be a bond referendum for citizens to give final approval on."

The council also approved rezoning of the former Theodore Maynor home east of Pembroke to allow LRDA and its economic company, Lumbee Industries Incorporated, to establish some additional office space.

According to Mr. Gary Deese, representing LRDA, Lumbee Industries, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of LRDA which allows them to make purchases for profit ventures and yet not interfere with the non-profit status of LRDA.

The Pembroke Beautification

Committee, endorsed at an earlier meeting of the board, appropriated \$2500 of the \$4400 requested to begin the first phase of a tree planting project. The committee was formed at the request of the Singles Club at First United Methodist Church, Pembroke, according to committee spokesperson, Mr. Henry Smith.

The original proposal by the group called for 200 Bradford Pear trees at a cost of \$6 per tree and 200 Crepe Myrtle trees at \$7 per tree. Incidental costs brought the proposal to \$4400. Mr. Smith informed the council that the committee has made contact with the PSU representative for student activities. She is going to get them a list of campus organizations who may be willing to assist with the project. He said that hopefully businesses can be encouraged to buy planters to plant flowers in the downtown area. This would be phase II. "In Phase III we may be able to encourage citizens to plant trees and other plants in other parts of town."

Councilman Harry Oxendine told Mr. Smith, "I am behind you one hundred percent on this project, but I would like you to check to see about the set back from the street or public road. We have lost some nice trees in town due to their closeness to the road."

The Mayor, Milton Hunt, said, "I do not know if we can start out with \$4400 at one time, but maybe we can go with half that amount to get you started."

Councilman Harry Oxendine

moved that the council appropriate \$2500 to start the project and Councilman Larry Brooks seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The council set a public hearing on a request by Dr. Adolph Dial to rezone his property just north of Pembroke Elementary School to allow for the construction of a medical clinic sponsored by Scotland Memorial Hospital. It would be located on a one acre tract. Another group is looking at a five acre piece of the property to construct 32 housing units for the elderly. Both projects would be privately owned and contributors to the expansion of the town tax base.

In other items of interest, Mr. McDuffie Cummings, Town Manager, reported the eventual location of two mail drop boxes for the town. Two employees will be driving to Waco, Texas for training on the use and care of the new town sweeper.

The company from which the machine was purchased will be paying for lodging and training. The lawsuit brought against the town by William Ransom was dismissed in Robeson County Superior Court Feb. 6th. The suit was brought against town policeman Grayland Locklear and county deputy Mark Locklear.

After an executive session to discuss personnel matters, the council adjourned without taking any action during the session.

## Elias Rogers Recognized For 20 Years Service To Lumbee River EMC



The Board of Directors of Lumbee River EMC recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Elias Rogers for his 20 years of service to that organization. Rogers, the first minority to serve on the EMC board, served from November 1, 1967 until July 12, 1988.

The Certificate Reads: "At a meeting of the board of directors of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, upon a motion duly made a seconded, the Board approved the following resolution of appreciation:

"WHEREAS, Elias Rogers was initially elected to the Board of Directors of the Cooperative in November, 1967, and  
"WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers ably and capably served, and  
"WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers served as President of the Corporation five (5) years and vice president two (2) years, and  
"WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers carried out his responsibilities in an exemplary manner, earning the support and respect of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation members, employees and fellow board members, and

"WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers' active and substantial involvement in Hoke County enhanced and increased his ability to serve the members of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, and  
"WHEREAS, his completion of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's course curriculum resulted in his certification as a rural electric cooperative director, and  
"WHEREAS, his total conduct during his 20-year term was an asset and benefit to the members of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation,

"Now, therefore, Be it Resolved, that the undersigned Board of Directors, individually and collectively, and on behalf of the members, wishes to express to Mr. Rogers its devoted appreciation for his dedicated service, and  
Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Rogers, and a copy spread upon the minutes of the Corporation, and a copy published in the cooperative's newsletter.

"Gus Bullard, President  
"Timothy Stricklan, Secretary  
"J.W. Hunt, Vice President."

## PSU HONORED FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

Attorney General Lacy Thornburg has announced that PSU will become the second four-year institution to be awarded certification for its postsecondary criminal justice education program. "Pembroke State is receiving only the second such certification for a university in North Carolina," Thornburg said. Western Carolina University was issued certification last year along with Wilkes Community College, a two-year institution.

Pembroke State will be awarded certification by the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission at its Feb. 24th meeting in Raleigh.

"The voluntary program was established to officially recognize those academic institutions which have adopted requirements, as set by the commission," Thornburg said. "Our aim is to improve the quality of criminal justice education in North Carolina and to advocate for higher standards."

Applicant institutions are required to submit a comprehensive self-study to the commission. The schools are also visited by a team of experts in the criminal justice education field who conducted an extensive evaluation. Five other four-year institutions and 15 two-year schools have applied for certification and currently being evaluated.

## NOTCH VICTIMS TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

There will be a meeting of the Notch victims on Friday night, Feb. 10, at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut.

Notch victims are Social Security recipients born between 1917 and 1928 whose benefits were reduced by approximately 20 percent in 1972. Guests will be Kathy Rogers and Marie Burns, both from the Southern Association of Notch Victims, an Asheville, NC based organization.

According to the association, a big miscalculation by the Social Security System in 1972 resulted in unusually high benefits being paid out from 1972 through 1976 when the error was discovered in 1977 the Security Trust Fund was near bankruptcy. Congress and the Social Security needed a quick fix" and chose approximately 11 million" born from 1917 through 1928 to help "replenish the trust fund."

Doors will open at 7 p.m. Notch victims and interested persons are encouraged to attend.

## Indoor Flea Market To Open Saturday

An Indoor Flea Market will open this Saturday at the Gathering Place in Pembroke, beside the Shoe Store and dentists' office (old post office). The hours will be 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Flea Market will be open every Saturday. Spaces are available for \$5 and the market will concentrate on children and adult clothing and specials. The special this first week is a variety of indoor and outdoor, quality paint at \$5 per gallon. Come by and shop or set up a booth. For space reservations, call 521-8012 and leave a message with your telephone number if there is no answer.

The Gathering Place is also available for birthday parties, reunions, meetings and other community activities. It has served as the home of the Pembroke Youth Theater and two new churches. One time period on Sunday morning and evenings are now open for a fellowship group desiring to begin a new church. Sunday morning time will be divided with All Peoples United Church of Christ of Pembroke.

The Flea Market will provide a place for citizens in the Pembroke area to sell goods and belongings and to purchase others from area residents. Stop by on Saturday.

## PEMBROKE KIWANIS REPORT BY KEN JOHNSON

Amy Locklear  
New President  
OF PSU's  
SGA



AMY LOCKLEAR

Amy Locklear of Wagram, who was the 1987 Pembroke State University homecoming queen, is the new president of the PSU Student Government Association.

She moves up to that position from the vice president did not return to school this semester.

Miss Locklear, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Locklear, Jr., is a junior majoring in medical sociology. A graduate of Laurinburg Scotland High School, she was chosen a Governor's page on three different occasions. She was also the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization's "Youth of the Year."

Other high school honors included being selected as the "Outstanding Youth" by the Laurinburg Optimist Club, being secretary and now advisor for the N.C. Native American Youth Organization, and a member of the Future Homemakers of the Year.

She plans to use her degree in medical sociology to seek a medical administrative position.

Miss Locklear attends Smithtown Church of God in Maxton.



Pete Ivey (left) plant manager of the Burlington Industries Plant in St. Pauls, presents a \$1,000 check to

Chancellor Paul Givens of PSU in joining the Chancellor's Club to which members give \$10,000 over a

period of 10 years. Ivey, a 1960 graduate of PSU, is the 43rd member of the Club.

## REBECCA BLACK OF RED SPRINGS RETIRES FROM DUTIES AT PSU



Rebecca Black

Miss Rebecca Elizabeth Black of Red Springs, who has served as secretary-receptionist for PSU's Office of Records and Special Programs for 16 years, retired at the end of January.

She has 25 years of service with the State of North Carolina, having served nine years with the Robeson County Board of Education prior to joining PSU.

A reception was held for Miss Black and gifts presented to her Jan. 31 at PSU as she concluded her career.

Miss Black graduated from Red Springs High School in 1948 and from Mildred Louise Business College in E. St. Louis, Ill. in 1955.

From 1951-53 she served in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) with the U.S. Army, being employed in the Finance Center in St. Louis, Mo., and Indianapolis, Ind.

She was then employed as secretary of E.B. Koonce Mortuary in St. Louis, Mo. from 1955-63 prior to going to Purvis Elementary and South Side High School as secretary in 1964-65. She was secretary for the Robeson County Board of Education from 1965-73.

Miss Black is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Miss Black says she has enjoyed "immensely" her 16 years of working for PSU, saying, "There are so many nice people working for PSU. It is like one big, happy family."

In retirement she plans to do a lot of canning, crocheting, embroidering, and gardening.

She also plans to continue being active with her church, St. James AME Zion Church of Red Springs, for which she has been secretary of district and annual conferences.

She also plans to visit relatives and friends in New York, Philadelphia, Massachusetts and Arkansas.

And she plans to pursue one of her favorite recreations, fishing.

## FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

The Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders Family Support Group meeting is scheduled to meet on Thursday, February 9, 1989. The meeting will be held at Southeastern General Hospital's Long Term Care Facility on Pine Run Drive in Lumberton beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Sonya A. Rozier at 738-8104.

## NEWS FROM OUR MEN IN UNIFORM

EDDIE LOCKLEAR

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Eddie Locklear, son of Della M. Locklear of Route 10, Laurinburg recently returned from a six-month deployment in the Mediterranean Sea.

While serving aboard the destroyer tender USS Yellowstone, homeported in Norfolk, Va., Locklear made port visits in Marseille, France; Naples, Italy; Catania, Sicily; Alexandria, Egypt; Toulon, France; and Palma, Spain.

He joined the Navy in June 1980.

Robeson County Public Defender Angus Thompson was the principle speaker at the weekly meeting held at the Town and Country Restaurant on Tuesday night. He was presented by Chairman Artie Jacobs.

Mr. Thompson is a graduate of Lumberton High School in 1970, of Morehouse College in Atlanta and North Carolina Central Law School with a Doctorate in Jurisprudence in 1977. He is also a member of the Board of Education of Robeson County. In citing his plans for the new office of Public Defender, it will be an office very open and informing the people of their rights under the law and representative of the three races. The Public Defender's Office handles only criminal cases. And has funding for investigators and secretaries and quality representation will be provided. Funding will be equal to that of the District Attorney's office. Salaries will be comparable to the DA's office. And case loads will be starting out at zero level and may build up to 60 cases per attorney. It is his plans an official of the public's to be available to the public.

Miss Paulette Baldwin, Director of the Bryan Learning Center, was awarded money for tickets to the Royal Hamford Circus, approximately 45 children will be attending this coming Friday in Fayetteville's Cumberland Auditorium. These special children will see clowns, animals and many circus acts for their enjoyment.

Preceding--President Jeff Maynor; Invocation--Jim Paul; Song Leader--Ed Toets; Program--Artie Jacobs; Reporter--Ken Johnson.