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Pembroke Town Board Approves \$495,00 Grant/ Loan Application

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Upon motion by Councilman Larry T. Brooks and a second by Councilman Harry Oxendine, the Town Board approved the submission of an application to the State of North Carolina, requesting \$495,000 in economic development grant money.

Mr. Dave Doolen, economic development coordinator with the Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina, worked up the proposal for R & R Manufacturing Company which is currently operating east of Pembroke. He then made the request to the Pembroke Town Board to request the grant which will then be loaned to R & R Manufacturing for expansion of their business to be relocated off Railroad Street in the area of Fleetwood Homes. Repayment of the loan will be made to the Town of Pembroke which will then have a revolving loan account for similar ventures.

The Board also approved awarding the administrative contract for the FY 88 community development project to T. Dale Holland. Community Development Project for 1986 was amended to allow payment of administrative services from a later block grant. This was necessary,

according to Town Manager McDuffie Cummings, due to additional units being included that were not in the original projections. Lumbee Bank was designated as the depositor for Community Development Block Grant funds with the mayor, town manager and town clerk being designated as signatures approved for expenditure of the funds. Mr. Lavira Chavis, town clerk, will also be the finance officer.

At the request of the Pembroke Police Department, the board approved allowing a carnival to locate near the old shopping center, off the Union Chapel Road. The carnival will pay the police department \$1000 in advance to be spent as the department determines.

After working toward annexation for five years, according to Mayor Milton Hunt, the board approved three resolutions of intent to annex three areas adjacent to the town. Those areas are East, off Highway 711 in the area of the Gerald Maynor property, in the northern area, around Harris' Trailer Park, and in the western area, around Pates, and over the Deep Branch Road. All proposed areas must meet statutory requirements, according to the Town Attorney Ron Sutton. Maps and study of the proposed areas to be annexed must be available for public

inspection and review 30 days before the public hearing set for August 7, 1989.

Councilman Harry Oxendine asked, "Have we completed our obligation in providing services to residents in the areas previously annexed?" Town Manager McDuffie Cummings said, "Yes, we have spent \$570,000 in the areas to make services available for citizens who want them."

From the time of the public hearing on annexation, it would be 12 months before the action could be finalized. If all areas were to be annexed, the population in town would increase by 287 according to Cummings.

In a final action, the board set a work session on the 89-90 FY budget for June 19, 1989 at 7 p.m. in the board chambers. In a brief review, Manager Cummings stated that the proposed budget is for \$1,341,725 which will be proposed without a property tax increase. The budget does propose a \$1.50 increase in sanitation charges and .10 increase in water rates per 1000 gallon consumption. This would mean that a household using 10,000 gallons of water per month would pay an additional \$1.50 per month for water use.

Robeson Historical Drama Wins Governor's Award

Robeson Historical Drama, Inc. of Pembroke has been named a recipient of the 1988 Governor's Business Award for Arts and Humanities.

The award is presented to recognize noteworthy contributions to the cultural environment of North Carolina and its communities. In the long term, the awards are intended to

encourage businesses and cultural organizations to form productive partnerships that support the arts and humanities in our state.

Robeson Historical Drama, producer of the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind" was one of 11 businesses and arts groups honored in April during the Governor's Business Council on the Arts and Humanities annual awards banquet. Robeson

Historical Drama was one of only two arts organizations, from among the more than 1,000 organizations in North Carolina, to receive this prestigious award.

Robeson Historical Drama was founded with the specific purpose of creating an outdoor drama that would present and preserve Robeson County history and culture. And for thirteen seasons, "Strike at the

Wind" has told the fascinating tale of a legendary Lumbee Indian hero, Henry Berry Lowrie, instilling pride in the local community, and attracting audiences from all over the state. Robeson Historical Drama, in addi-



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tion to fostering innovative business support in its cultural efforts, has been applauded by many leaders across the state for building bridges in a tri-racial community. The Robeson Historical Drama Board of Directors includes members from the Black, white and Indian communities

working together to promote harmony among the races. Robeson Historical Drama, along with the local business community, has worked extremely hard to eliminate a crippling deficit, and is diligently in pursuit of a much improved financial and artistic future.

New Historical Exhibit on 1958 Klan rally at Museum

The Native American Resource Center is pleased to present a new historical exhibit which concerns the 1958 rally of the Ku Klux Klan by local Indians. On January 18, 1958, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan were all set to hold a rally in a field they had reportedly leased near the Town of Maxton. But what happened that night was not exactly as they expected. Several hundred Indian men (by some reports as many as 1,000 men) also attended the rally. After an exchange of heated words, the Klan's lone light bulb was shot out, and the rally came to an abrupt end. The Klansmen disappeared into the woods, leaving behind their fallen flag, an un-burned cross and some other items. The Indian community, and no doubt the Black community and the county's progressive whites, celebrated. What could have been a massacre turned into a miracle; only a few minor injuries were suffered, and no one was killed.

Mr. Bob Fisher, presently Mayor of Maxton, but who was at the time Chief of Police in Maxton, has

generously donated his collection of photographs, letters, news articles and other memorabilia relating to this historical event to the Native American Resource Center. These items make up most of the exhibit which fills two display cases. Included in these documents are the two 1958 LIFE Magazine editions which carried news and pictures of the event.

Also featured in the exhibit is a new painting by well-known Lumbee artist Tara Lowery. Her oil painting depicts the events of what has become known as "the Battle of Maxton Field" in a beautifully precise way, capturing the spirit of the men, on both sides, who were involved. Her complete control of the facial expressions of the participants leaves viewers with a profound feeling for what happened on that night.

This educational and historical exhibit will be on display throughout the summer. The Native American Resource Center is located in Old Main Building, on the campus of Pembroke State University.

Selected for special U.S. Department of Labor Program



Terena Sheppard, a rising junior at Pembroke State University majoring in biology, has been selected by the U.S. Department of Labor to work in a two-summer Co-Op Program at Charlotte.

After the successful conclusion of that program and graduation from PSU in May, 1991, Miss Sheppard

will become a full-time Federal Government employee.

Her duties will include making certain that federal regulations in hiring of minors and women are implemented by any agency handling government contracts.

Miss Sheppard, 19, is the daughter of Duell and Hope Sheppard of Pembroke.

An '87 graduate of West Robeson High School, she was there a member of the Beta Club, Spanish Club, and Drama Club. She has also been a school cheerleader for six years.

A member of Harper's Ferry Baptist Church near Pembroke, she is former president of the Youth Class and a member of Youth Choir.

Her father is a '76 graduate of PSU, and her mother is presently attending classes at PSU.



"Paying for College" Workshop Planned

On July 6, 1989, the Native American Resource Center will present a workshop entitled "Paying for College." This workshop is designed to familiarize parents, students, guidance counselors, school principals, teachers, and others with the possible ways to pay for a college education.

The workshop will be conducted by Dr. Dean Chavers, President of the Native American Scholarship Fund, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dr. Chavers graduated with a B.A. in Journalistic Studies from the University of California at Berkeley, and holds an M.A. degree in Communications, an M.A. in Anthropology, and a Ph.D. in Communication Research from Stanford University. Dr. Chavers is the former President of Bacone College, and has for many years been involved in fund-raising for Native American organizations. Thus Dr. Chavers is an excellent resource person for individuals who wish to learn more about how to pay for a college education.

The workshop will be held from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. on July 6 in the Resource Center in the Old Main Building on the campus of Pembroke State University. There will be charge for participants. For more information, contact Dr. Stan Knick at the Resource Center, or call 521-4214, extension 282.

Kimberly Chavis

Earns Degree from Meredith

Kimberly Chavis, daughter of Maxine Chavis of Route 2, Pembroke, NC earned a B.S. Degree in Business Administration (management) from Meredith College on Sunday, May 14, Chavis was among 453 graduating seniors and graduate students at the 88th commencement exercises in the Elva Bryan McIver Amphitheater on the college campus.

Jenkins To Speak At Magnolia Graduation

Dr. Charles R. Jenkins, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Pembroke State University, will deliver the keynote address for Magnolia High School's graduation exercises in June.

A native of Rockingham and a resident of Laurinburg, Dr. Jenkins has been a member of the Pembroke State University staff since 1971. His appointment in that year to the Department of Education was but the initial step in his elevation to his current position at the university. He has served as the Director of Admissions (1975-1980), Director of Student Teaching (1974, 1976-77), Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (1977-78), Dean of Academic Affairs for Programs and Faculty Development (1978-80), and Academic Dean (1980-85).

Dr. Jenkins earned his educational doctorate from Duke University in 1975 and his graduate and undergraduate degrees from East Carolina University in 1967 and 1966, respectively.

Commencement exercises will be held at the A.D. Lewis Auditorium on the campus of Robeson Community College on Thursday, June 8, 1989 at 6:00 p.m.

HATTERAS TUSCARORA OPENS OFFICES IN MAXTON

The Hatteras Tuscarora Tribal Foundation has opened offices in Maxton, NC at 231 McCaskill Avenue. They are located two doors up from Austin's Drug Store. The phone number is 919-844-5859. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Interested persons are encouraged to come by or call to update information on tribal roll for Federal Recognition.

Hired by N.C. Indian Cultural Center

Mark Butler was recently hired in the position of Village Planning and Program Specialist with the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center of Pembroke. The Cultural Center is a major economic and tourist project that is being developed in Robeson County.

Dr. Helen Scheirbeck, Development Director of the Cultural Center, said, "We are pleased to have Mark Butler join our staff. He has much knowledge and experience with "living" history exhibits and development of natural history exhibits." She noted that Butler has broad experience with Indian studies and demonstrations of Indian lifestyles of prehistoric time periods.

According to Scheirbeck, Butler will be responsible for planning the development of an Indian village complex and related programs. The complex will show the progress in culture and technology of Indians of the Southeastern United States from 10,000 years ago to about 1840 A.D.

Butler was formerly employed as a Natural History and Living History Consultant for the Schiele Museum of Natural History in Gastonia, N.C. He is a

1986 graduate of Appalachian State University with a degree in Biology.

Butler said he has had a life long interest in the technology of pre-historic Indians. He said the Cultural Center's goal is to construct houses, tools and crafts that best represent Indian culture by using the methods and materials available to Indians of the different time periods.

Butler said, "The site where the Cultural Center will be developed has many natural resources that will be a great asset to future programs in the Indian Village complex." He said the site has a variety of plants and animals that were used in prehistoric times.

Butler said that in the future the Cultural Center will sponsor a series of workshops that focus on primitive lifestyles and technologies. He said many of the materials produced in the workshops will be used in the construction of the village complex and exhibits. He said the workshop topics will include such things as making tools, collecting and preparing materials and constructing houses.

Judge James Oxendine to speak at West Robeson Commencement

Judge James W. Oxendine of Atlanta, Georgia, will be the commencement speaker at West Robeson High School this Friday at 6:30 p.m. The commencement will be held at Pembroke State University's Performing Arts Center.

Judge Oxendine is a native of Robeson County, and is the brother of William L. Oxendine, Chairman of the Robeson County Board of Education. Judge Oxendine graduated from Fairmont High School. He received his B.S. Degree from Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee; his M.S. and Ph.D. from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee; and his L.L.B. from Stetson University

in St. Petersburg, Florida. Judge Oxendine has lived in Atlanta, Georgia for more than 30 years, and was engaged in the practice of law in the labor relations and employment law area as a trial lawyer. He has tried more than 500 jury trials, representing many of the major corporations in the southeast. In 1986, he was appointed to serve as an appellate judge in the State of Georgia by Governor Joe Frank Harris.

Judge Oxendine resides in Duluth, Georgia and has three children: Cynthia, John, and Shirley. His son John is a lawyer, continuing in the law firm established by his father. John's wife, Lee, is also an attorney in the Atlanta area. They also reside in Duluth, Georgia.