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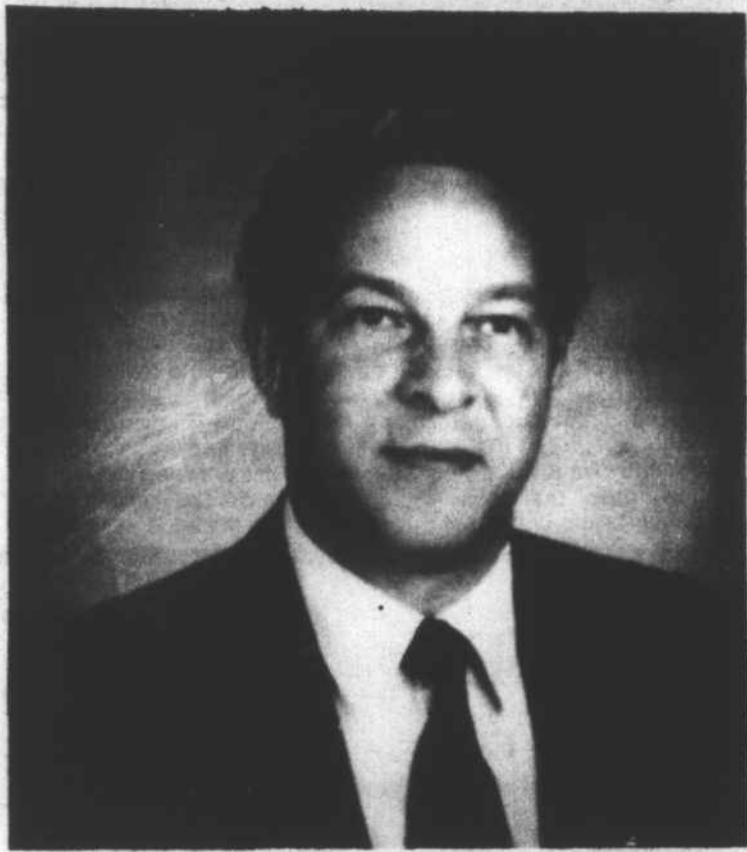
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Harry Oxendine Announces Candidacy for Town Council



Harry Oxendine

Harry Oxendine released the following statement in making his announcement for election to a seat on the Pembroke Town Council:

"To the citizens of Pembroke, please allow me at this time to declare my candidacy for the office of town council. I have held the position for the past twelve months, replacing former councilman J.C. Thomas.

"During this time I have have learned much about the operation of our town government.

"I am married to the former Carol J. Locklear. We have two daughters, Darla and Jamie. I am the past charter president of the Pembroke Jaycees. I have taught in the public schools of Robeson and Hoke Counties for the past twenty-seven years and presently am employed at Purnell Sweet High School, teaching chemistry. I attend church at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke.

"Your support for me in this election will be very much appreciated."

Pembroke Jaycees to Honor Walter G. Oxendine

The Pembroke Jaycees will host a dedication ceremony on Sunday, October 8, at 3 p.m. at the Pembroke Jaycee Clubhouse. At that time, according to Gerald Strickland, President of the Pembroke Jaycees, the building will officially be named the Walter G. Oxendine Jaycee Clubhouse. The event is being held during the approximate anniversary of Oxendine's death which was October 14, 1988. Oxendine succumbed to a heart attack after a distinguished professional career with Pembroke State University and the public schools of Robeson County.

The Pembroke Jaycees was chartered in 1966 with Oxendine serving as a charter member. Charing the event for the naming of the building will be Larry T. Brooks and Willie Harris, Jr. "We believe that it is appropriate to name the clubhouse in honor of Walter Oxendine," said Larry T. Brooks. "He was easily the most distinguished member of the Pembroke Jaycees we have ever had."

Oxendine's accomplishments with the Jaycees include being named a Jaycees International Senator, the highest honor awarded in the Jaycee organization. This honor carries lifetime membership and Oxendine was the first and only member of the Pembroke Jaycees to attain that distinction in the local chapter's history. The award is recognized in 80 countries which have Jaycee organizations.

Oxendine served in many capacities with the North Carolina Jaycees, including being administrative national director which is the equivalent to being vice president. He was one of three candidates for the presidency of the North Carolina Jaycees and was only narrowly defeated. He was named one of the five outstanding young men in North Carolina and was selected as the most outstanding of twenty-eight statewide Jaycee vice presidents.

On the local level, Oxendine served as President of the Pembroke Jaycees and chaired the committee to rebuild the Pembroke Jaycee Clubhouse which was destroyed by fire. The new building was described as one of the finest in the state. He served also as Chaplain.

J.P. Powers, chief executive officer of Progressive Savings and Loan and a Jaycee International Senator from the Lumberton Jaycees, will speak at the ceremony on Oxendine's involvement with the Jaycees. Rev. Steve Jones, pastor of Harpers Ferry Baptist Church and a former past president of the Pembroke Jaycees, will speak on Oxendine's school days. Tommy D. Sweet, Director of Special Programs at Pembroke State University, will speak on Oxendine's career with Pembroke State University.

A reception will follow the ceremony and the public, relatives, friends and professional associates of Oxendine and the Pembroke Jaycees are cordially invited to attend.



Walter G. Oxendine

Lowry to Represent Southern States Cooperative Members at Election

Lycous Lowry of Pembroke, NC will represent local Southern States Cooperative members at the Cooperative's district election meeting to be held Friday, October 13, at the Beaverdam Seafood Restaurant in Fayetteville, NC. William Scott of Fairmont, NC, and Douglas Roberts and Bobby Britt of Chadbourne, NC, managers of the local Southern States retail outlets, will also attend.

The delegates will elect a member of the cooperative to serve on its corporate board of

Pembroke Official to Participate in NC League of Municipalities 1989 Convention

Pembroke Mayor Milton R. Hunt will participate in the program of the upcoming 1989 Annual Convention of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, to be held Oct. 15-17 in Winston-Salem. About 2,000 municipal officials and guests from across North Carolina are expected to attend the convention.

Hunt is serving on the League's Nominating Committee, which will meet during the convention to propose nominees for the 1989-90 NCLM Board of Directors. Officers and directors of the League will be elected during the business meeting of the convention.

This year's convention will focus on the theme, "Back to the Future." More than 20 workshops and general sessions will examine the issues that have affected cities and towns in recent years and those likely to be critical in the 1990s. Workshop topics include the following: how to measure the effectiveness of

your community; solid waste management; employee compensation trends; how the state's annexation law has aided municipalities; environmental challenges; how the census may affect municipal election districts; and the municipal role in the war on drugs.

Terry Goodard, mayor of Phoenix, Arizona and president of the National League of Cities, will address the convention on the state of relations between the

GENE WARREN PSU Public Information Office

Pembroke State University's Givens Performing Arts Center will host an hour-long Black Issues Forum entitled "Poverty: The Widening Gap" Friday beginning at 8 p.m.

The forum, which the public is invited to at no charge, will be taped before a live audience and distributed nationally.

North Carolina Public Television, which will carry the program on its 10-channel network in North Carolina at 10 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 8, will tape the forum.

The tape will also be to be shown Sunday, Nov. 26, over Public Broadcasting Stations (PBS) via the Southern Educational Communications Association.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. so the audience, which will be asked to participate in the forum, can be in place when the taping begins at 8 p.m.

Valeria Lee, chairperson of the UNC Center for Public Television Board of Trustees and program development officer at the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, will serve as moderator.

Panelists will include Ruth Dial Woods, associate superintendent for Compensatory Education Services for

Meeting of Retired School Personnel Slated

The Robeson County Unit of the Retired School Personnel will host a meeting of District 10 school personnel on Tuesday, October 10, at the PSU Moore Hall beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch

will be served in the James B. Chavis Student Center.

District 10 is comprised of Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke and Robeson Counties.

An Open Letter to Rep. Sidney Locks

In learning that Rev. Sidney Locks, State Representative from Robeson County has decided to leave Robeson County due to his acceptance of a church pastorate elsewhere, I immediately forwarded the following letter to Rep. Locks.

Dear Reverend Locks, It saddens me deeply to learn of your plans to move from Robeson County thereby vacating your state legislative seat for Robeson County.

While you and I have maintained difference styles and different strategies in the struggle for change within Robeson County, I firmly believe that we both hold true the same goals and desires for the minority people and the poor people of Robeson County. Those being a fair and impartial judicial system, law enforcement which exemplifies the highest standards within themselves and their positions thereby operating with fairness and conduct nonprejudicial to Native Americans and Black Americans and an overall environment and atmosphere of equality for our Brothers and Sisters who live in Robeson County.

Just as we both have fought a long and diligent fight, we must continue. Surely, I am in no position to judge your heart; however, as you, through the votes of thousands within Robeson County, have been placed in the position of leadership, I surely have the right to judge your actions. The actions of which I now speak are those which resemble a captain fleeing the sinking ship.

I beseech you to reconsider how your actions shall affect every Native American, Black American and poor person who must face the wrath of the Atilla the Hun regime struggling to maintain control within Robeson County. A few years of your life surely cannot compare with the cumulative number of years which our elderly Brothers and Sisters have fought and endured.

Truly, it is a frightening, lonely and sometimes hopeless atmosphere living inside the Belly of the Beast. However, you must decide if in fact it will be more pleasant living inside the Belly of the Whale.

Your Brother in the Struggle,
EDDIE HATCHER

Forum on black issues to be aired nationally

the Public Schools of Robeson County; Robert B. Hill, director of the Institute for Urban Research based in Baltimore; and two members of the N.C. General

Assembly: Rep. Howard Hunter Jr. of Conway (5th District) and Rep. Nick Jeralds of Fayetteville (17th District).

The panelists will look back at the mid-1960s when President Lyndon Johnson began his efforts toward "The Great Society." According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the percentage of blacks attaining middle-class

status fell from 32 to 29 percent from 1969-84. Hill has completed a study showing that, although the number of blacks attaining middle-class status has soared from 1.9 to 2.8 million, middle-class white Americans have a net worth three times that of their middle-

class black counterparts. Sylvester Wooten, PSU director of Continuing Education and Summer Session who is a member of the Advisory Committee for the Black Issues Forum, was instrumental in getting the forum at PSU.

Vitalization Project Team Selected

Raleigh, NC--Consultants for the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church Vitalization Project have begun their training which will continue through December, the Rev. Stephen C. Compton, team leader, has announced. Assignments for the consultants will begin in January, 1990.

The project is designed to promote missional growth in local congregations and promises, to bring renewed hope, vision and vitality to the churches involved, Mr. Compton said.

Selection of the 15 consultants and five alternate consultants to serve as the consultant team in the conference for the four year program were made shortly before the training began in mid-September.

The 20 member team was chosen from a field of 42 applicants by a selection committee consisting of Dr. Wallace H. Kirby, Durham district superintendent, the Rev. Albert Shuler, conference associate director for ethnic minority local church concerns, Mrs. Jane Smith, a member of First UMC in Cary, and Mr. Compton.

Selected as one of the alternate consultants and part of the team was the Rev. Jerry Lowry, pastor of First UMC Pembroke-West Robeson UMC.

Each consultant will be intensively trained by Kennon L. Callahan, author of the book, Twelve Keys to An Effective Church.

Beginning in 1990, consultants will be assigned to one of 195 congregations to give guidance in a process of long range planning for growth in mission and ministry by the local church. Eleven consultations will be completed by each consultant over the four year period. Alternate team members will conduct one consultation initially, and the team leader will lead 25 consultations.

Churches not choosing to engage in intensive consultation will benefit from the project through numerous workshops and services offered through the vitalization office, Mr. Compton said.

The Vitalization Project is intended to last for four years, ending June 31, 1993. The project was enthusiastically endorsed by the members of the North Carolina Annual Conference at a called session held at Edenton Street Church on March 4 1989, Mr. Compton said.

There are approximately 218,000 United Methodists in the 5 counties, primarily in eastern North Carolina, that encompass the North Carolina Conference. The conference has 844 churches.