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## Strickland replaces Oxendine on EMC Board

Newcomer Robert Strickland unseated 15 year director Bradford Oxendine at the annual meeting of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation. Strickland defeated Oxendine 433 to 308. In other races incumbent H.E. Edwards retained his seat with 483. His opponent Rev. Elias Rogers received 256 votes. In the at-large district

incumbent Conrad Oxendine overcame four challengers. Oxendine received 233 votes; challengers Elizabeth Cole received 97; Eta B. Jones received 189; Bobby Locklear received 174; and Jimmie Hunt who was nominated from the floor received 48.

The meeting was held Tuesday night at the PSU Performing Arts Center.

## Lowery, Ltd. Opens New Daily Rental Business

Wendell Lowery, owner of Lowery Ltd., Lumberton, recently announced that he has opened a daily auto rental operation at his place of business.

"I am very excited about opening this new operation," Lowery said. "I feel it will provide the community with a needed service—a local operation where they can rent reliable vehicles at reasonable prices."

Lowery said his rental operation will offer mid-size passenger vehicles and economy cars, but that within the year he may add vans and pick up trucks to the rental inventory.

Lowery is entering the auto rental business as an Associate of A & A Auto Rental, Inc., a company that provides services to over 600 independent auto rental businesses nationwide.

Lowery opened this daily rental business at his auto sales lot at 302 E. 2nd Street in Lumberton, and can be reached at 739-1528.

"I feel most of our customer base will come from local citizens whose cars are inoperable," Lowery said. "I also hope to generate some clientele from the area's businesses, and to obtain referrals from such operations as insurance companies, body shops, wrecker services and repair garages."

"For a \$5 charge we'll pick up customers or deliver rental vehicles to any location within a 15 mile radius of our lot," Lowery added. "The way I see it, many people who need to rent a car don't always have a convenient way to pick one up. But I do have to charge something for the service, since it's a matter of gas consumption and tithes up one of my employees."

Lowery said his sales representative Wayne Collins will act as the counter rental agent. Renters must be at least age 21.

For more information, contact Wendell Lowery or Wayne Collins at 739-1528.

## Dr. Ray Brayboy speaks to PSU "future teachers"



Dr. Ray Brayboy, a '69 PSDU graduate who is superintendent of Bladen County Schools, speaks to future teachers at PSU.

by Gene Warren

Dr. Ray Brayboy, a '69 graduate of PSU where he achieved an outstanding record both academically and athletically, spoke to PSU education majors in his new role as superintendent of Bladen County Schools Tuesday and was the personification of enthusiasm for the public schools.

"You are in the most revered profession," Brayboy told the future teachers. "You are going to be missionaries for the next 30 years."

He described teaching as "a tough job—but I can't think of anything else more rewarding."

Brayboy spoke of his staunch beliefs that "all children can learn, and all children will learn" in his school system. He said he expects his system's teachers to be competent and his principals to be competent. "They had better get better, or they had better get out. You can't take mistakes with the lives of children," he said.

Referring to private schools as rivals of public schools, Brayboy asserted: "I'm not worried about private schools. I'm going to run them out of business. I'm going to have their teachers back working for me."

Brayboy said of Bladen County, which is the fourth largest county in the state: "We have 13 schools with 5,600 students and an annual budget of \$27 million. We write 800 checks per month. I'm pleased and honored to be the chief executive officers of the public education system there."

Brayboy's talk was part of the "Success Sharing Series" at PSU, sponsored by the Career Planning and Placement Center.

Brayboy became superintendent of Bladen County Schools last July 1, being chosen over 41 other applicants for the job. "I was the last person interviewed, but I always want that last slot so I will be fresh in the interviewers' minds," he said. He was one of two finalists

and told of the joy of himself and his family when he was notified he was selected.

At PSU, he majored in health and physical education, was Sophomore Class president, a marshal and a member of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." As an NAIA honorable mention All-American outfielder, he played professionally in the Minnesota Twins' farm club organization. In '84 Brayboy was chosen to be the PSU Athletic Hall of Fame. He earned his Master's at UNC-Chapel Hill and his doctorate at Penn State University.

Brayboy spoke of growing up six miles from Pembroke, attending Pembroke High School, and how his high school graduating class will have its 25th reunion Dec. 22. He told of his three brothers who graduated from Pembroke State.

"When I attended Pembroke State from 1965-69, it has had 900 to 1,000 students. It was small enough to provide fulfillment and big enough for cultural diversity. We had students from New York and Pennsylvania," he said.

At PSU, Brayboy continually ran for campus offices. "It was important to me to be popular. When I won, it did a lot for my self-esteem. God blessed me with good athletic ability, and I was a member of a Pembroke State baseball team which ranked second at one time in the nation. We were 37-9. One year Kent State came to town with a catcher named Thurman Munson (later to catch for the New York Yankees), and they thought they would beat us badly. We won 15-3," he said, expressing thanks to Ray Pennington (then baseball coach and now athletic director). "That man took me and honed my skills," Brayboy said.

But Brayboy emphasized, "I came to Pembroke State to get my degree. Athletics was just one way to accomplish this. I think PSU gave me a real solid foundation. It helped me to grow. It gave me an opportunity—and when an opportunity is there, we need to seize it."

In his superintendent of schools position, the 43-year-old Brayboy (he'll turn 44 Nov. 9) says, "Accountability is the No. 1 priority for our Bladen County School System. School is for children. And our goal should be, 'What can I do to equip my students?'"

Brayboy said at the outset of his remarks that he might say some things which might upset the future teachers. Among the innovations he described were:

A longer school year. "We go 180 days. The Japanese are killing us in this respect."

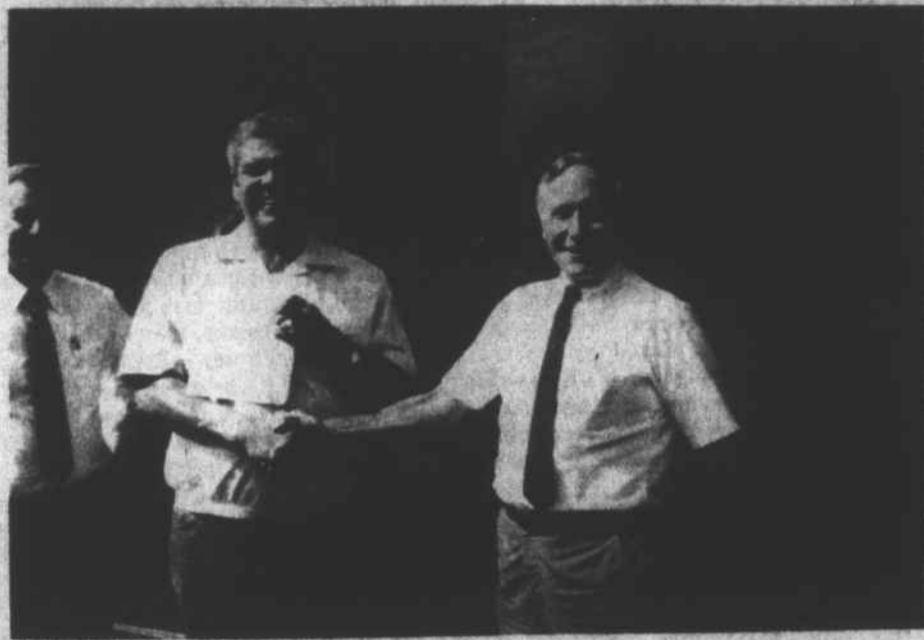
An end of the tenure system. "Give two-year or four-year contracts, and, if they can't do the job, ship them out." Brayboy said he has a four-year contract, therefore "they have a mechanism for getting rid of me. Hopefully, I will be there a long time."

Scholastic Aptitude Test scores. "We've embarked on a program with the business and industrial community in Bladen County that may be helpful in this regard."

Programs like magnet schools, tech prep, and efforts to build vocabulary skills across the county.

He emphasized to the future teachers: "If you think all children can learn, you are well on your way. You have to have high expectations. If you don't think children can learn, they won't learn. Remember you have to love children before you can teach them."

During his talk Brayboy called by name the PSU professors present who had taught him—and concluded by saying, "If you're good, you're qualified and you're committed, I hope you apply to teach in Bladen County Schools." He told the future teachers they "will never get rich" in their profession, but the difference they will make on the lives of the young people is "something you can't put a price tag on."



Shown above is Gary Strickland [center], owner of Strickland Interior Systems. His office is located at 311 Third Street, Pembroke. Also shown is Glen M. Sutherly, Project Manager and Paul Cox, vice president of J.H. Allen Co., Inc. of Goldsboro, NC. The photograph was taken as Strickland was awarded a \$1.2 million contract for work to be done on the Randolph Hospital in Asheboro, NC. At the present time Strickland Interior Systems has contracts that exceed \$3 million and employ 52 men and an office manager. [Photo by Earl Hughes Oxendine]

## Eastern Carolina Tuscarora to Sponsor Fall Festival

The Eastern Carolina Tuscarora Nation will hold its annual All Tuscarora-Iroquois Fall Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28 on their sovereign landbase, located off the Old Maxton/Red Springs Road in the Prospect/Island Grove section of Robeson County, NC.

This year's event will feature blow-gun competition and Iroquois War Dance Competition. The blow-gun competition will be featured both days with the finals on Sunday. Blow gun was used by most Iroquois Nations as well as other southeastern nations such as the Choctaws and Creeks. It was used to kill small game.

The Iroquois War Dance Competition should prove to be very exciting with the fast stepping beat of the traditional water drum. This competition will be open to all Iroquois Indians, including the Mohawk, Oneida, Seneca, Onondaga, Cayuga, Tuscarora and Cherokee. For those who have never seen Iroquois War Dancing, this is a great opportunity. The competition will be held on

Saturday with prize money going to the winners.

Other events at the festival will include movies on Iroquois culture that will be shown throughout the day, both days. The Tuscarora-Iroquois museum will be open for tours, which will give a better knowledge of the Iroquois' early history. The Tuscarora Kau-ta-noh Society Social Dancers will be performing traditional Iroquois Social Dances. There will be children's games, activities, and raffles. Traditional Iroquois foods will be on sale. There will also be demonstrations on Iroquois beadwork by local craftspeople. Iroquois arts and crafts will be displayed and for sale. There will be a youth art contest for Tuscarora youth ages 6-17 to be judged. The theme for the art contest will be *What is Iroquois*.

The Fall Festival is open to the public and there will be camping (primitive) on the landbase. No alcohol, drugs, or disruptive behavior will be tolerated. Violators will be prosecuted. For more information you may contact Mike Dunn at 919-8979 or Chief Kever Locklear at 919-821-4955 Nyaw-weh.

## Gantt to visit Lumberton Friday

The Robeson County Democratic Party invites everyone to come out to welcome, greet and meet Harvey Gantt, Democratic Candidate for U.S. Senate, on Friday, October 19, 1990 from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. on the Plaza in downtown Lumberton.

Lee Helen Thompson, Chairperson for the Robeson County Democratic Party, encourages everyone to attend. In the event of rainy weather, the event will be held at the Robeson County Court House.

## Business Opportunities Conference to be held at PSU

A Business Opportunities Conference, featuring an array of outstanding speakers including Congressman Charlie Rose, will be held at PSU's Chavis Center Friday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

There is no charge for registration, which includes lunch, coffee breaks and conference materials.

The objective of the conference is to help to provide knowledge for achieving success to those individuals

who own or wish to own their own small business.

Topics to be addressed include: (1) Available assistance to North Carolina businesses; (2) Strategies for loan preparation; (3) Service available from the Self-Help Credit Unit; (4) Doing business with federal and state governments; and (5) Opportunities for marketing overseas.

An additional feature will be a panel discussion of some economic

development opportunities in Robeson and neighboring counties.

Presenting the conference are: the Cape Fear Region of the N.C. Small Business and Technology Development Center, the PSU Office of Economic Development, and Robeson Community College's Small Business Center. Directing each of these are Dr. Sid Gautam, Dr. Bruce Mattox and Janice Davis, respectively.

## Conference on small business to be held

Charlotte, NC. State and local policymakers share ideas on how to help small businesses at the 11th National Legislative Conference on Small Business Issues to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, December 10-12.

The Conference, "Ticket to Tomorrow," is being sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration. It is the only conference for policymakers and elected officials which focuses exclusively on small business issues.

Conference workshops will examine the issues challenging policymakers and small business today.

Topics include state financing initiatives; programs supporting women-owned business; liability reform; employee benefits; telecommunications; health care; privatization; literacy, training, and small business productivity; recycling of municipal wastes; AIDS in the workplace; and export resources.

Conference brochures and registration forms can be obtained by contacting the Conference Secretary, Office of Advocacy, U.S. Small Business Administration, 1441 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20416 or call 202-634-6115.

## Charter night for Pembroke Kiwanis

The 29th Annual Charter Night was held at the Town and Country Restaurant with Albert Hunt as the speaker. The club began in 1961 with Dr. Martin Brooks as its first president. Jim Paul, Adolph Dial and Albert Hunt are still active charter members. There are 31 original charter members. They were Henry Dunn, Robert Mangum, Herbert Oxendine, James B. Ebert, William X Oxendine, Howard Thatcher, Dorsey Lowry, James A. Jacobs, Thadis Oxendine, Gus H. Locklear, James A. Hardin, Lee Neville, Walter J. Gale, English Jones, Victor Wolfe, Benny R. Sampson, Raymond Hendrix,

Samuel Locklear, Tommie Dial, Theodore Maynor, Hughes D. Lowry, Miles S. Jones and Lacy Maynor. Thirteen have passed away. The club first met in the college cafeteria, then the Charcoal House which burned down, and Minnie Pearls and now the Seafood Restaurant and the Chicken Hut. Dues were \$12, now \$20. The club has enjoyed 29 years and has meant much to the community.

Presiding—Mitch Lowry; Invocation—Garth Locklear; Song leader—Henry Ward Oxendine; Reporter—Ken Johnson.