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Pembroke Redevelopment Gets New Chairman and Executive Director

After receiving a five year appointment to the Pembroke Redevelopment Commission, Samuel Kerns was elected chairman of the Commission at the November meeting. Kerns replaces Mrs. Janelle Oxendine has led the Commission for the past year during a difficult transition period. Elected vice chairman was Hardy Bell. Other members of the Commission are Carol Paul, Janelle Oxendine and Lee Ruth Mabe.

The Commission set goals for the new year. In compliance with the reforms being promoted by HUD Secretary Jack Kemp, the Commission adopted a mission statement. This statement emphasizes the goals of HUD which are accountability on the part of HUD employees, residents in public housing, Public Housing Management and boards of commission. The Commission committed to the implementing of resident initiatives and youth/ sports cultural programs; improved management, reporting and stewardship; improved community and housing resident interaction; and more objectivity in operating public housing in the Pembroke area.

The Mission for 1991 as adopted by the Commission states:

"As we continue the transition in public housing in Pembroke which was begun November 1, 1989, we commit ourselves to the mission of establishing an accountable, credible, objective, and professional housing administration.

"We also commit ourselves to improving our public relations effort; the overall image of public housing in

Pembroke; Secretary Jack Kemp's program of Resident Initiatives and Youth Sports/ Cultural Program (which includes resident councils, home ownership, resident management, and resident business ownership among other efforts).

"We also commit to providing drug free, safe, hazard free housing for the residents. To improve communication between the Board of Commissioners, the Administration and the residents. We commit to providing an opportunity for the chair person of the overall resident councils to address the Board at each regular monthly meeting.

"We further encourage press, resident, and community attendance at our regularly scheduled meetings which are held on the last Monday night of each month at 7 p.m. at the Locklear Court Administration Building."

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Commission also hired Darlene Roberts of Pembroke as the new executive director of Pembroke Housing.

Roberts was serving previously as assistant director of the Housing Commission. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management with a concentration in Management Sciences from Pembroke State University and attended Campbell University. She has experience in bookkeeping and management as well as military experience.

Roberts served in the North Carolina National Guard and attended Military Police School in Fort McClellan, Alabama. She was discharged as a First Lieutenant.

VISTA Program Looking for Volunteers

VISTA or Volunteers in Service to America is a volunteer program that has provided thousands of volunteers to communities and neighborhood organizations. Wherever there is malnutrition, illiteracy, drug abuse and limited opportunities, VISTA volunteers are there to help make changes. The Tuscarora Tribe of North

Carolina's VISTA program is currently recruiting reading tutors, retired school teachers, and individuals interested in counseling substance abusing youths. For more information please contact Ginger Bluemke at 208 N. Main Street in Pembroke or call 521-3231. Please give the gift of time.

Convention of N.C. Farm Bureau Federation Held

Delegates to the 55th annual convention of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation completed policy decisions on Wednesday covering a die range of farm interests.

Approved resolutions become official Farm Bureau policies for 1991. Resolutions dealing with national and international issues are forwarded to the American Farm Bureau convention for consideration.

W.B. Jenkins was unanimously re-elected president of the state farm organization. Re-elected to serve with him for another one-year term were vice presidents J.M. Wright, Jr., Reidsville; S.E. Johnston, Fletcher and Atlas Wooten, Greenville.

In his annual report to the delegate body, Jenkins reported a membership gain of over 11,000 in 1990.

Among the resolutions approved, voting delegates:

--Recommended that the federal government be required by constitutional amendment to operate a balanced budget except in time of war or national emergency.

--Recommended that (self-employed) persons paying their hospital and medical insurance be able to deduct this as an expense from their federal taxes.

--Recommended that the Social Security Trust Fund, the Highway Trust Fund and similar federal funds not be commingled with the annual federal budget.

--Supported changes in the Legal Services Corporation Act to restrict its activities and to provide guidelines to eliminate harassment of business industry.

--Encouraged the use of ethanol blended fuels in all government and private vehicles in North Carolina.

--Recommended that federal and state highway fuel taxes be used for construction and maintenance of interstate highways, primary roads, secondary roads, and bridges and for no other purpose.

--Supported the law protecting established farm, poultry and livestock operations from nuisance suits when such operations were not nuisances at the time of their establishment.

--Recommended a law to prohibit the sale of seed contaminated with Johnson grass, Bahia grass, and other noxious weeds.

--Recommended adequate federal and state funding for agricultural marketing and production research.

--Recommended that farmers be compensated for or allowed tax credits for unrecoverable costs incurred due to environmental regulations.

--Recommended that a fire ant and Africanized bee eradication and or control program be initiated in North Carolina.

--Recommended that landowners be relieved of liability if injury or damage occurs to a trespasser.

--Recommended that the Commodity Futures Exchange more stringently regulate trading to prevent sharp price fluctuations of a commodity resulting from the cornering of the market by any investor.

--Recommended that the current Class 1 price differentials for Federal Milk Marketing Orders, based on mileage, be maintained at the present or higher levels.

--Recommended that the Secretary of Agriculture not use discretionary authority to set the 1991-92 national flue cured tobacco marketing quota.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Todd Stroup of Route 6, Mocksville were selected as Farm Bureau's "Young Farmer and Rancher Family of the Year" during the three day convention.

Another honor went to William Shawn Harding of Beaufort County, who was declared the winner of the organization's Young Farmer and Rancher "Discussion Meet."

Coach's Corner

By Ken Johnson

Christmas Vacation Sports

There is a big difference between what kids in the South and in the North do during their Christmas vacations. This difference of course is due to snow and ice up North and nice sunny weather here in the South. Every Christmas vacation we had plenty to do with sliding, skiing, ice skating, bob sledding, etc. So what are kids to do down here with no snow sports? Oh yes, they can go bowling. They do this, too, up North. They can play outdoor basketball, go golfing or play tennis. Around the ocean and streams they can go fishing and boating. Up North they can go ice skating. Down here they can go surfing and of course they can really get their golf games in shape

the year round and they can't do that up North. They snowmobile up there though. Down here a few do cross country motor biking and dunn carts a bit dangerously, but so is ice skating with the breakthroughs in the ice. Down here kids are in danger on the thin ice. Up North kids fall through too many times, as my brother did one time. He was lucky. Both North and South kids play basketball tournaments during their Christmas vacations and this is certainly the American way. They play ice hockey up in Canada more than basketball. When I was coaching basketball at UNC Maine in Presque Isle we were playing the University of New Brunswick and a hockey game was going on at the

same time next door. 20 people at our game and hundreds at the hockey game. So you see winter sports are really attractive more than indoor sports in winter. Wrestling and gymnastics are very good indoor

sports during the winter and there are many Christmas vacation tournaments in these sports along with volleyball. And we shouldn't forget indoor swimming meets in both the

North and South. But our Christmas vacations can be very good in many other recreational activities, thus meeting the normal need for activity.

BY KEN JOHNSON

A Nature's Christmas Celebration at Cultural Center

A Nature's Christmas Celebration will be held Friday, December 14th, beginning at 6 p.m. at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center.

According to Dr. Helen Scheirbeck, Development Director, the Celebration will feature community wide Christmas singing, involving churches from various areas of Robeson County. The program will include a "singing-living Christmas tree," a "living nativity scene," arts and crafts and free refreshments. Admission is free.

A special program of entertainment will be directed by Sheila Lowry and will include performances by youth choirs of the churches. The youth will decorate the trees with ornaments that they have made. There will be a candlelight ceremony and a bonfire.

"The public is cordially invited and encouraged to attend this event," said Dr. Scheirbeck. She explained that the program will focus on Indian traditions related to Christmas, Christianity, and nature. "As you know Indian people in North Carolina have been Christians for many generations," she said. "We have combined our respect for God, nature, sun, earth, sky and the land, as well as living things into our present day lives."

The Center will hold an open house at its office beginning at 4 p.m. the public is cordially invited to come by, meet the staff, and share in the Spirit of Christmas.

For additional information about the Celebration, contact the Indian Cultural Center at 919-521-2433.

LEZLIE Woods, Miss NASO



Leslie Woods, sophomore art major from Maxton, is Pembroke State University's new "Miss Native American Student Organization." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Woods. As first runner up in the Miss NASO last September, she moved up to queen after Eustacia Lowry (the former queen) won Miss Pembroke State University in November. Leslie is the sister of Kristy Woods, who was formerly Miss Pembroke State University.

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Dr. James Wand, hypnotist from Chicago, is shown in second of his performances at Pembroke State University, using students from the audience in demonstrating his hypnotic skills. Here a student is kissing a microphone, which Wand had told him in

trance was a beautiful girl. Wand hypnotized as many as 25 students at once, having them do a variety of things of which they knew nothing afterwards. He took polaroid pictures of their actions to show them later to their disbelief.

PSU Closer to Nursing Program

Pembroke State University is moving closer toward having a joint Bachelor of Science Degree program in nursing in collaboration with Fayetteville State University.

The UNC Board of Governors' Subcommittee on Nursing has approved a report recommending that UNC President C.D. Spangler Jr. "be asked to develop a plan, with estimated costs, for a joint program or for some other arrangement to establish the 'UNC BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) presence' in that region (central southeastern North Carolina) and submit the plan by March 1991 to the subcommittee for its review and consideration."

The subcommittee also called for providing N.C. Central University with two additional years to carry out its revised B.S. in Nursing program. This is a change from

Spangler's recommendation in April that the N.C. Central University nursing program be closed with a new one begun that would be jointly operated by PSU and FSC.

Since Spangler's April recommendation, N.C. Central officials and supporters have fought hard to keep the program there.

Spangler's recommendation came after two years of debate over how to cope with declining enrollments and poor passing rates by NCCU graduates on the state licensing exam for nurses.

In the Subcommittee on Nursing's report, it stated, "The subcommittee was impressed by the prompt and positive responses of the chancellor of Fayetteville State University and Pembroke State University to the idea of a joint program at their institutions for RN (registered nurse) transfer students."

Thomas Burns Complets Basic Training

PFC Thomas Burns, son of Cregg and Katie Jones has recently completed basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina. He is presently stationed at Camp Johnson in Jacksonville, North Carolina. He will begin school in business administration January 3.

He is a 1989 graduate of Douglas Byrd Senior High School in Fayetteville.

