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Mary Sanderson announces candidacy for mayor of Pembroke



Mrs. Mary Sanderson

Pembroke-Mrs. Mary Sanderson has filed for the position of Mayor of the Town of Pembroke. A long-time resident of the town, Mrs. Sanderson stated that she had been approached by many citizens of the town and urged to offer herself as a candidate for the mayorship.

A native of Robeson County, Mrs. Sanderson has had varied professional and civic experiences and has traveled extensively. A retired educator, she has taught high school English and drama for 32 years. Her professional career has extended to several states, including New York, Maryland and North Carolina. Her retirement from teaching was in 1979 from the public schools in Buffalo, NY, although she has continued to serve as a teacher for the Public Schools of Robeson County, having taught at Magnolia School and Pembroke Junior High. During her tenure with the Robeson County Schools, she taught at Prospect High and Union Chapel School.

She has most recently worked at A&A Realty in Pembroke and continues to work in floral design at Calvin's Florist on a part-time basis.

Additional professional service includes serving as assistant director of the American Indian Study Center in Baltimore, MD. While serving in that capacity, she established a senior citizens organization and was instrumental in organizing the Adult Basic Education Program, as well as the youth program there and the GED program.

She has also served as director of the CETA Program for the Guilford Native American Association in Greensboro, NC.

A member of Mt. Airy Baptist Church, Mrs. Sanderson is also active in community affairs. She is a past member of the Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Club and is chairman of the Education Committee for Indian Solidarity.

Mrs. Sanderson stated that she has many concerns relative to the town of Pembroke and the progress of the town. "It really concerns me when I go through the town of Pembroke and see so many stores boarded up. There has to be a way to bring more business into the town and thereby bring more tax revenues. As it is now, the residents must bear most of the tax burden. There needs to be a serious look taken at the benefits of industry coming into a town. We need to encourage people to shop at home and spend their money in the community. In order to do that, of course, we must provide the services that the residents need. There are many areas of industry and small business development that are possible, but have not been addressed in the in-depth way I feel would be most beneficial to the residents of the town, as well as the residents surrounding the city limits."

Other concerns Mrs. Sanderson expressed included recreational opportunities for the youth of the town. "There is so much to be done for our young people," she stated. "We must provide them opportunities to learn and grow as individuals, as well as provide recreational activities. This would all require cooperation between members of the town council, the mayor, the recreation department and the housing board. We should all put our minds together and set some goals for encouraging our young people to become active, contributing members of our community. We have all the resources we need. It would only require the setting of some common goals, some cooperation, hard work and dedication."

She stated that she was also concerned about the needs of the elderly and would make no promises to anyone, if elected, except to provide the best leadership she is capable of offering.

This is Mrs. Sanderson's first bid for an elected position.

NCAE President blasts teacher salary freeze; plans education hearings



Rose Marie Lowry

"Salaries are crucial to recruiting and retaining quality teachers in our state who can provide excellence in education to our children. NCAE will be working very hard to make sure the salary freeze is ended in 1992-93 and does not drag on for six years as the last one did."

With these words, Rose Marie Lowry opened her first press conference as President of the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE). She acknowledged that the General Assembly had a difficult job balancing the state budget, but she said that "as professional educators we cannot be satisfied with the deep cuts in education."

The press conference came at the start of NCAE's annual Summer Leadership Training Academy, which has registered 400 Association leaders from all parts of the state, at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Raleigh.

Lowry also asserted that teachers want and need the option to retire without penalty after completing 25 years in the public education system. "NCAE is going to help them secure that option," she said forcefully.

Lowry saved the major portion of her remarks for school

restructuring. In a time when parents want more from their public schools and children need more to be competitive in the economy of the world, Lowry minced no words.

"The classroom teacher and other school level professionals are the best people to say what changes are needed. We are going to make sure that the voices of classroom teachers are heard throughout this state," she said.

To publicize the opinions of classroom teachers and the results of NCAE reports on restructuring, Lowry announced that she will hold a series of public education hearings around the state starting in the fall.

"I want to gather testimony from citizens about the quality of education in their schools and ideas for new school reforms. I want to hear what the public has to say about the current method of financing public schools. And I want people in all parts of North Carolina to hear what classroom teachers want for the children in their schools."

Only in Robeson



I wish we would go back to measuring temperature with degrees instead of that heat-index thing. It's hotter with that machine.

The heat-index last week was over 115.

The boys I worked with drank two of those large round orange-colored coolers of water each day. Everytime the radio announcer would tell the heat-index reading the boys would drop their tools and head for the coolers.

Wednesday the heat-index reached 115 and by 11:00 o'clock those suckers had emptied both coolers. By 11:45 everyone was getting mean...the heat was getting to them and tempers were short.

I grabbed the coolers and put them in the back of my pick-up. I knew where the bossman had been getting our drinking water for the job. I drove over to this beautiful artesian well. As I drove down this clay road I could feel the cool water running over my face because as soon as I could get to the well I was going to stick my head under the cool spring.

I drove right up to that over-flow, jumped out, slammed

Strike at the Wind to host Alumni Night

The outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind!" will host an Alumni Night on August 8th. This special performance will include appearances by former cast members. Scheduled to appear are Derek Lowery as Henry Berry Lowrie, Hope Sheppard as Rhoda Strong Lowrie, Robert Bryant as Shoemaker and Carnell Locklear as Boss. These are original cast members. Except for Mr. Lowery, all are currently appearing in this year's production.

Others scheduled to appear include another original

cast member, Lee Wiggins as Lina McNair. Ms. Wiggins currently lives in Atlanta and will be recreating the role she originated. Kelvin Lowery of Pembroke will return as McGreggor, and Julian Ransom will recreate the role of the Leader.

Showtime for this special performance will be at 8:30 p.m. with pre-show entertainment at 8:00 p.m. This promises to be an exciting evening of memories and nostalgia. For more information please call (919)521-3112.

Public Library offering cents off coupons for annual book sale in exchange for recyclables

How would you like to purchase a favorite book, help preserve the environment, and help support a good cause all at the same time?

You can do all this and more as part of the Robeson County Public Library's Annual Book Sale for 1991.

The library is offering credit slips good for cents off on books purchased at the annual Friends of the Library Book Sale in exchange for donations of recyclable aluminum cans and glass bottles. The sale will be held Thursday, Oct. 10 through Saturday, Oct. 12. The library will offer credits for the recyclables at the rate of one cent per can or bottle.

In keeping with its long-standing commitment to serve the local community, Eagle Distributing Company of Lumberton has agreed to sell the collected cans for the library and match dollar-for-dollar the amount collected and donate these funds to the library for new book purchases.

The collected glass will be given to the Southeastern Industrial Center, which provides vocational training for a large number of Robeson County residents. The center

will sell the glass and use the proceeds to help fund center programs.

According to figures provided by Eagle Distributing Company, nearly 60 percent of all aluminum cans produced in 1989 were recycled, saving the equivalent of 12 billion kilowatt hours of electricity--or enough electricity to meet the needs of approximately 685,714 customers of Carolina Power and Light for one year, equivalent to roughly sixty-four cities the size of Lumberton, which currently has 9,000 utility customers, according to figures provided by the utility company and the city. In simpler terms, the amount of energy saved through recycling one aluminum can versus manufacturing a new can will power a television set for about three hours.

The book sale is set for 5-9 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday in the Osterneck Auditorium, located in the main library in downtown Lumberton.

Bottles and cans will be accepted at the Lumberton library until the final day of the book sale.

Upcoming Activities

An Interdenominational Crusade will be held August 18-23. There will be special singing each night. Services

begin at 6:1/2 p.m. on Sunday and at 7:1/2 p.m. throughout the week. For more information call 521-9850.

Pembroke BPW Club members attend national convention

by Yvonne Barnes Dial

Pembroke's Business and Professional Women's Club attended the national convention for BPW in Niagara Falls, NY July 20-24.

"Building Partnerships for the Future" was the central theme for the convention. Following committee meetings and registration, Sunday's events began with various workshops, including "How to Start a Business," "Taking Care of Ourselves, Our Children and Our Parents," "Career Strategies," "Risks and Rewards, Threats and Opportunities for Women in Business," "Stepping Stones to Leadership," and many others.

Elizabeth Athanasakos, presiding president for BPW-USA, shared her views on women's rights in the opening ceremony. Some of her key issues involving women's rights focused upon the nation and its leaders in their support for equity and women's rights.

The history of women's struggle and fight for women's rights was revealed through various skits involving such figures as Sojourner Truth and other women who bravely fought for women's rights.

Geraldine Ferraro, former Democratic Party vice presidential candidate for 1984, was a guest speaker for the convention on Tuesday, July 23. Her key issue focused upon the objection of Clarence Thomas as a U.S. Supreme Court nominee. She said she was not impressed with Thomas' judicial and trial lawyer experience, and that he was lacking in experience. Ms. Ferraro, campaigning for the Democratic nomination in the Senate, also criticized the Bush administration for not having a child-care policy and urged an attempt to have a national health care plan.

She informed BPW members that women are the first to be laid off and they received low-paying jobs. She also noted that 90 percent of all single parents are women, and 30 percent of them live below the poverty level. "That is unacceptable for a nation that prides itself on equality and justice for all," said Ms. Ferraro.

Other resolutions approved by the delegates included support for a national health care policy, establishing a family and medical leave policy, protecting women's reproduction rights, legislation addressing violence against women, and ending the policy of not using military women in combat.

Other speakers for the convention included Commander M. Jane Markley, a clinical nursing department head at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD and chair of the Command's Medical Ethics Committee. She also served in Operation Desert Storm; Rep. Shirley Chisholm, first Black female elected to the House of Representatives in 1967 and entered the 1972 presidential primaries; Rep. Louise Slaughter, and Ted Childs, director of Affirmative Action and Work Force Diversity Programs for IBM.

The convention ended with an installation of the 1991-92 BPW-USA officers and executive committee meeting.

Attending from the Pembroke club were Fay Locklear, Judy Reising, Marie Moore, Yvonne Dial, Dorothy Blue, Flora Ransom, Geraldine Maynor and Tessie Hunt.

the truck door shut and grabbed both coolers.

As I turned to walk to the over-flow I discovered that someone had hitched a big black Doberman Pinscher dog to a post next to this wonderful flow of water.

That dog had no fear of Indians because he charged at me with a speed equal to none.

Without thinking I began to run. I reasoned that that dog wanted to bite me because he showed all the signs that biting dogs show. Big long teeth.

I dropped the coolers and made a Fosberry flop on to the hood of my pick-up. That high-jump would have won a gold medal anywhere in the world.

After I checked my overalls to see if I needed a new pair, I looked around to see if anyone was watching.

Discovering that I was alone with this ugly sucker I began to call him names. That seemed to provoke the old boy, so I began to sing.

I was in a mess. I couldn't get the water and I couldn't get in my pick-up to leave.

Then that old Indian reasoning kicked in and I began to think. I climbed onto the roof of my pick-up and laid down on my stomach and when Mr. Dog went to one side of my

pick-up I reached in the window on the other side and got my lunch bag.

I had packed a seafood dinner for my lunch (two cans of sardines and a box of crackers). I grabbed that lunch bag and jumped off my pick-up and began running in the opposite direction.

After I had reached safe ground I sat down and opened my lunch.

I dumped both cans of sardines in my lunch bag. I walked up to a distance that I felt was safe and a distance that the log chain could not reach. I held my lunch bag over near Mr. Dog and he began to lurch.

I began to walk around the post that held the dog but just outside the length of the log chain.

I walked around and around.

Around and around.

Next thing that big old ugly (dumb) dog knew was that he only had about six inches of log chain between the post and his collar.

I got my coolers, walked over to the beautiful cool over-flow, filled them up, loaded them on my pick-up and drove off.