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## Pembroke Re-Elects Mayor Hunt and Elects New Council



MAYOR MILTON HUNT



LARRY McNEILL



GREGORY CUMMINGS

A low voter turn out in the town of Pembroke re-elected Milton Hunt as mayor and defeated incumbent councilman Vernon Oxendine and councilwoman Essie Jones. Incumbent Mayor Hunt overcame a challenge by newcomer Mary Sanderson, 404 to 175. Jon M. Sanderson received 31 votes.

Newcomers Larry McNeill and Gregory Cummings replaced Oxendine and Jones on the town council. McNeill, top vote getter received 401 votes. Cummings was second with 301 votes. Jones received 221 and Oxendine 114. William Locklear received 77 votes and Jeffrey Brooks received 21.

## Pemberton Place Nursing Home to Provide Needed Services and Employment

A ray of hope for area employment came to Pembroke in last week's announcement that Daniel's Home Bakery, Inc. will locate one of its plants in the small Robeson County town. The company announced that the new bakery will initially employ 83.

Added hope for the county's unemployed is right around the corner as Pemberton Place Nursing Home prepares to open its doors to residents the first week in January 1992.

The privately-owned 80-bed facility will be managed by Pemberton Place, Inc., a Pembroke-based corporation made up of a three-family partnership.

Charles Alton Maynor, local businessman and partner in the corporation, says the idea of building a facility came about three years ago after careful consideration was given to a nursing home needs assessment in the Pembroke and surrounding area.

According to Maynor all existing nursing home facilities are located inside the city of Lumberton. These consist of more than 400 beds.

The managing corporate partners successfully enlisted community endorsement from citizens and government in making application to the state for a Commission Of Need award in obtaining official authorization to build and operate the facility situated on a four and a half acre tract of land off north Union Chapel Road in Pembroke. Maynor says local reaction to the nursing home facility has been positive.

Built at a cost of 1.5 million dollars, the facility will employ between 80 and 90 skilled people, Maynor adds. The corporation announced last week that it is currently accepting applications for employment. Positions will include registered and licensed practical nurses; certified nursing assistants; cooks and kitchen personnel; licensed activity director; social worker; ward clerk and medical records clerk; bookkeepers and housekeepers.

Frances Butner, corporate partner and licensed nursing home administrator, will oversee day-to-day operations of Pemberton Place Nursing Home. Maynor says Mrs. Butner brings 20 years of administrative experiences to the position.

Of the new building Maynor says no costs have been spared in design and construction.

"Anyone who has visited or knows nursing homes and visits Pemberton Place will recognize it as the state-of-the-art facility in Robeson County," he comments.

"No expense has been spared in making it aesthetically superior. We are bending backwards to create as homey an environment as possible for our residents. The building's design has several living/ social areas for residents and visitors," he continues.

The facility also boasts of amenities such as statued courtyards; water fountains, library, chapel and store for its residents.

"Our objective at Pemberton Place is to offer professional nursing care and aesthetic value comparable to any facility of its kind in the state," Maynor comments.

"So often when people think of nursing homes they think of them in terms of being places where they go...never to return to their homes again."

"The management of Pemberton Place is committed to providing an environment for residents to get better than they initially were when they arrived.

"I envision the facility as being a place where they don't go to die; but one where they go to live," Maynor says.

The nursing home facility will open Dec. 1 for a monthlong personnel orientation. Maynor says then it will begin accepting applications for residents who will be admitted after January 1.

Those interested in employment or residency at Pemberton Place Nursing Home may contact the administrative office weekdays at 919/ 521-1273.

## NAPAC to Sponsor Forum for Board of Education

All Native Americans who are interested in seeking election to the county wide seat on the Board of Education of the Public Schools of Robeson County are encouraged to contact Cliff Sampson, chairman of the Native American Political Action Committee. Plans are under

way for a forum for candidates for the county wide seat on the board of education. This forum will be sponsored by NAPAC and an endorsement will be made by the organization for that position. Sampson can be reached at 821-4966.

## Dr. Nancy Sampson, Chief of the State's Day Care Section, talks about her responsibilities

Dr. Nancy Sampson, a former PSU professor of education for over a year has been chief of the Child Day Care Section of the Division of Facility Services for the N.C. Department of Human Resources, was recently a guest on the WPSU-TV program, "Forum."

Interviewed by Dr. Oscar Patterson, PSU director of telecommunications, she explained the work of her office. Dr. Sampson has a staff of 90, of whom 60 percent are in the field, attending to the regulatory functions of her office or their duties as licensing consultants.

Dr. Sampson said there are approximately 6,500 day care facilities in North Carolina with a capacity of 255,000.

"Our function includes the regulating of the facilities that private individuals in the public sector are offering," she said.

"It is mandated that we do a minimum of one annual renewal visit plus one unannounced visit during the year. We are trying to do more than that," she said.

She said the cost of day care ranges from \$170 a month in the lower income counties to \$400 per month in the more affluent counties.

Dr. Sampson had several suggestions for parents planning to put their children in day care.

"Don't look only at the center that's closest to you, but visit several centers. As you go in, look to see what kind of environment is set up. Look to see whether staff is warm and caring and nurturing--and if they are the kind of people you would like to see taking care of your children.

"Look to see if it is a safe environment and a healthy, clean environment. Check to see if there is litter lying around or trash cans uncovered or diapers laying exposed.

"See if activity centers have been set up. There should be any number of activity centers set up based on the age of the child. There should be planned, guided activities by the staff."

Dr. Sampson said parents interested in putting their child in a center should ask for a copy of the guidelines of the center pertaining to discipline or behavior management techniques. "I suggest they talk to the director about these policies," added Dr. Sampson.

If problems later arise, Dr. Sampson said the parents should talk to the director about the problem and, if necessary, call her Child Day Care Section office.

If a day care facility is proving unsuitable, it may receive from the Child Day Care Section office a written reprimand. If this doesn't solve the problem, a more severe written warning may follow, specifying what needs to be changed. The next step, if matters are unresolved, would be that the facility would be placed on provisional status, which is usually for at least three months. The ultimate step would be a civil penalty, meaning possible court action.

Dr. Sampson said there is more and more need for day care around the clock. "We see an increased need by parents working on second and third shifts. However, we have only one or two 24-hour programs," she noted.

To set up a day care facility is very expensive, Dr. Sampson said, pointing out that there must be 25 square feet per child of individual indoor space plus the liability insurance requirements, nutrition needs, etc.

Minimum requirements are a day care operator be 21 years old and have at least a high school education. They should contact the Child Day Care Section office in Raleigh about a pre-licensing workshop. One of that office's licensing consultants will also go over the requirements with interested party and ask that they check with local building, fire and sanitation inspectors to see if their facility is in good order, said

Dr. Sampson. Dr. Sampson earned her B.S. in elementary education at PSU, her M.Ed. in elementary education with a minor in child development at the University of Arkansas, and her Ph.D. in early childhood development at New York University.

She is the wife of Dr. Gilbert Sampson, chairman of the PSU Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.



DR. NANCY SAMPSON

## Tuscarora Classes Date Changed

by Eastern Carolina Tuscarora Nation

The November class of the Tuscarora Cultural Survival School will be moved up one week because of the Thanksgiving Holidays. The class will be held on November 23 instead of November 30. The class will begin at 11 a.m. with social dancing and singing, lunch break, Tuscarora language class, and crafts and cultural classes.

Presently there are 31 students enrolled in the school. The pre school and kindergarten age group will have a separate class beginning with the November class.

The Tuscarora Nation is accepting donations to defray the expenses of the school. For further information on the school call 919-521-4955 or 521-8978 or write to the Tuscarora Cultural Survival School, Route 3 Box 226, Maxton, NC 28364.

## New Industry Comes to Pembroke

PEMBROKE-Daniel's Home Bakery, Inc. of North Carolina will locate a facility in Pembroke. County and town officials gathered at the site in Pembroke on November 1.

The company expects to create 83 new jobs when production begins in January or February 1992. The company's total investment in the project is approximately \$1 million.

Estell C. Lee of the North Carolina Department of Economic and Community Development stated: "On behalf of Governor Martin and all the people of North Carolina we welcome Daniel's Home Bakery to North Carolina. We're glad the company selected Robeson County as the home of its new facility, and we think they made the right decision."

Daniel's Home Bakery will purchase a 30,000 square foot building to be constructed on eight acres on South Jones Street on the east boundary of Pembroke. It is scheduled for completion early next year.

Chairman Billie Britt of the Robeson County Commissioners said, "We're excited to welcome Daniel's Bakery to a part of our county that's experienced strong population growth and that's most eager for economic growth. Daniel's brings new investment, new jobs and anticipates possible expansion of the facility and employment within two years. It will also create new opportunities for suppliers and services and attract new businesses to expand our industrial base here."

Officials of Daniel's Home Bakery, Inc. selected North Carolina as the site of its new facility because of its proximity to existing markets and its local incentive package. Tennessee, South Carolina and Virginia were also considered.

Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt said, "It's a great day for Robeson County and an even greater day for Pembroke. We're committed to helping Daniel's Home Bakery to be very very successful."

Interested citizens can submit applications for employment as bakers and cake decorators to the Lumberton Employment Security Commission office. The state's free skills training program for new employees will be administered by Robeson Community College.

Don Moss and Jim Hauser, developers with the business and industry Development Division of the N.C. Department of Economic and Community Development worked with the company in siting the bakery. Also assisting were: Hunter Poole, Director of the Robeson County Industrial and Agricultural Development Commission and local developer Dottie Meacher.

Other agencies active in the recruitment are: the Robeson County Commissioners, Robeson County's Committee of 100, the Town of Pembroke, The Economic Development Board of Pembroke, and the N.C. Department of Agriculture.



The Deep Branch Cafeteria staff was recently recognized with fruit baskets from the Deep Branch PTA for National Food Services Week. Shown left to right are: Laira Williamson, Margie Jones, manager, Betty Oxendine, Louise Maynor, and Geraldine Oxendine.