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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

## Pembroke readies for 100th birthday

Centennial of Town is March 8

by Bruce Barton

Pembroke-The Pembroke Town Council met Monday at its regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Milton Hunt presiding.

The Council considered a brief agenda, including the re-appointment of John H. Sampson to the ABC Board.

**In Other matters....**

The Town Council unanimously went on record with a resolution petitioning the N.C. Department of Transportation to allow Fleetwood Homes, Pembroke's biggest employer, to transport 16-foot-wide mobile homes to South Carolina's county line. The maker of mobile homes has been hampered by the ban, and sales have declined at the manufacturing plant employing upwards of 500 people. According to Mayor Hunt, "We are the only state in the Southeast that does not allow 16' mobile homes to be transported on public highways."

"30-40 % of mobile homes," according to town attorney, Grady Hunt, who presented the resolution, "are now 16 feet wide." Town officials noted that jobs would be lost if Fleetwood were not allowed to transport the 16' wide trailers to its customers. The resolution will be presented at

the next meeting of the DOT.

The Council also, as in the recent past, continued to support grant monies allotted to support the Lumber River Council of Governments for technical assistance to towns like Pembroke, with the town's part being less than \$500.

Town Manager McDuffie Cummings touted renovations of the old jail into offices for the police department, and announced that the \$3.7 million water and sewage treatment plant is nearing completion, and is expected to go on line Feb. 13. Cummings proudly noted that the plan is "state of the art" and should serve the needs of the town for "at least the next 50 years."

The Council also approved a public hearing for March 6 to consider an annexation request for the Mattie N. Oxendine property.

**Town Nears 100th Birthday**

The town also received an update of the Pembroke Centennial Committee co-chaired by Councilmen Greg Cummings and Harry Oxendine. Still in the planning stages, citizens interested in participating are encouraged to contact either Cummings at 521-0190 or Oxendine at 521-9429.

## Grand Opening Held for College Sun-Do on Friday

The Grand Opening the new College Sun-Do Convenient Store as held on Friday at the Convenient Store. The newly expanded business is owned and operated by Edsel Lowry. The business was formerly College Exxon and is located across from Pembroke State University's Old Main. The store boasts of the "selling the lowest priced gas in town" and is open until 1 p.m.

On hand for the event in addition to Lowry and his employees, were Milton Hunt, Mayor of the town who cut the ribbon; MacDuffie Cummings, Pembroke's town manager; Ken Freeman, President of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce, and others.

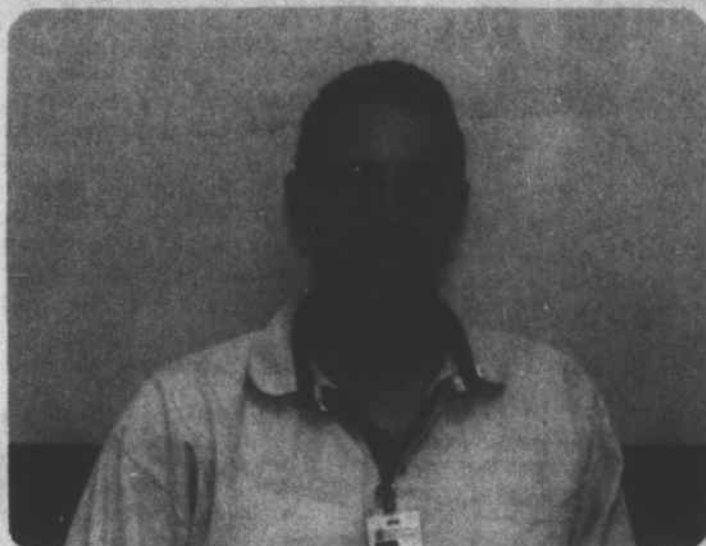
Lowry expressed his appreciation to his customers who had made the expansion possible.



Shown are, left to right, Edsel Lowry, owner and operator of College Sun Do Convenient Store, and Tommy Deese. Mr. Lowry is present the huge pot to Mr. Deese who was the lucky winner in a drawing that was held as part of the Grand Opening festivities.



Shown left to right immediately after the ribbon cutting at College Sun Do are: MacDuffie Cummings, town manager; Edsel Lowry, owner; Ken Freeman, president of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce Mayor Milton Hunt who cut the ribbon.



Joe Roberts, Jr.

## Pembroke Native Opens Lumber River Family Practice

Lumber River Family Practice is a dream come true for Dr. Joe Roberts, Jr., a native of Pembroke who has returned to Robeson County to practice family medicine. His new office is located at 3005 N. Elm Street in Lumberton.

"I wanted a name for my practice that everyone could relate to," said Dr. Roberts, who is an avid hunter and fisherman. "The Lumber River is a focal point of the county. Nearly everyone has fished or swam there at some time."

Dr. Roberts is a graduate of Davidson College, earned his medical degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and completed his residency at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro in 1990.

After his residency, Dr. Roberts spent three years in Oklahoma practicing medicine among the members of the Choctaw tribe. "My work at the small Indian Health Services hospital and clinic in Oklahoma was good experience—almost like an extension of my residency," he explained. "I did a little bit of everything there—emergency medicine and surgery as well as obstetrics."

Although there is a great demand for family practitioners throughout the country and Dr. Roberts could have had his pick of practice opportunities, he always knew he wanted to come back home. "I am needed more here than other places," he said. "I believe that, in a small way, I can make a difference in the health care of Robeson County. I am familiar with

the lifestyle and the culture of the people here."

Dr. Roberts calls himself an "average Joe" for whom hard work and patience have paid off. "Anyone planning to become a physician, most of all, must have a sense of delayed gratification," he added.

He called his choice of a career in medicine "the second best choice I ever made." His top choice, he freely admits, as marrying his high school sweetheart, the former Ramona Maynor. She is also a native of Pembroke and a graduate of Pembroke State University who went on to earn her M.B.A. (master's degree in business administration) from Oklahoma City University. They are parents of three daughters, five-year-old Samantha, Alison, 4, and newborn Jessica.

"A lot of people have influenced me—including friends and professional people, but my mother Mary Poorboy, a secretary with the Lumbee Bank for the past 17 years, was the most important person in my life growing up," said Dr. Roberts, whose father was killed in an auto crash.

As a youngster, Dr. Roberts also spent a lot of time with his grandmother, Sarah Sampson and her husband, the late Joe Sampson of the Deep Branch area. "He was like a father to me," Dr. Roberts said. "They both taught me a lot of common sense."

Dr. Roberts is accepting new patients. Appointments are available by calling 738-7789.



Brian Brewington and Tracie L. Locklear

## Students receive "C.G." Cummings Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Two Purnell Swett High School students are recipients of the Charles Gregory "C.G." Cummings, Jr. Endowed Memorial Scholarship at Pembroke State University.

Brian Brewington and Tracie L. Locklear are eligible to receive \$2,000 each during their four years at Pembroke State.

The scholarship was established in 1993 in memory of Charles "C.G."

Cummings, Jr. by his family. Purnell Swett High students and faculty and friends. The scholarship is also in memory of "C.G.'s" friend Ray Ransom.

The scholarship is open to any academic major, and awarded annually to a deserving student who demonstrates qualities of leadership and humanitarianism. The recipient must also meet academic requirements and plan to attend PSU.

## Benefit gospel sing planned at Prospect

A benefit gospel sing will be held at Prospect United Methodist Church (in front of Prospect School) on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. Featured singers will include the Jacobs Family and Mrs. Eloise, The Liberty Trip, the Oxendine Boys and others.

A love offering will be taken up for Bro. Brent Locklear of the Prospect community. For further information, contact Dexter Locklear at 521-2466.

## Carla Locklear named PSU employee of the month

Carla K. Locklear, accounting technician at Pembroke State University, was selected as the employee of the month at Pembroke State University.

Locklear works in the controller's office. She began her career at PSU nine and a half years ago as a secretary in the purchasing department before becoming an accounting technician.

She is a graduate of Prospect High School and earned her associate degree from Richmond Tech.

She is married to Clifford Locklear, pastor of Faith Baptist Church. They are parents of Christina and Colby and live in Pembroke.

## Revels re-appointed to Pembroke Housing Board

Pembroke-Olivia M. Revels has been reappointed by the Honorable Milton R. Hunt as Commissioner of the Pembroke Housing Authority. Commissioner Revels serves a five year term which expires in January, 2000.

Commissioner Revels is a lifetime resident of Pembroke. She and her husband, Juddie Revels, Jr., are co-owners of a local business. They have two daughters and a son.

## Harley-Davidson Display planned at Biggs Park Mall

Hog lovers unite and rev up engines for a Harley-Davidson Display at Biggs Park Mall on Saturday, February 25th. A \$10 donation will put you in the running to win a 1995 Harley Davidson Sportster to be given away at 4 p.m. during the Harley event. Proceeds will benefit the Robeson Chapter of the American Red Cross. Tickets are available at participating Biggs Park Mall stores. Proceeds will benefit the Robeson Chapter of the American Red Cross. Tickets are also available at Cartwright Harley Davidson Repair in Pembroke, and Peterson Toyota. Don't miss the Harley Davidson mania at Biggs Park Mall February 25th.

## Jessie Bullard honored on 81st birthday



A birthday celebration was held for Mr. Jessie Bullard at New Prospect Methodist Church on December 10, 1994. It was his 81st birthday. The event was hosted by his 14 children, 33 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren and his Sunday School class members.

Mr. Bullard was married to the late Mrs. Yvonne Bryant Bullard and they lived together for 42 years, until her death. He also has two other children who are deceased.

Everyone enjoyed the fellowship, the meal and the fun. He received many lovely gifts as well as a money tree.

The hosts and other friends and family wish Mr. Bullard many happy returns of the day and God's blessings.

## PTA Planend at Pembroke Middle

The PTA meeting for Pembroke Middle School is planned for February 21st at the school. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Parents and community persons are encouraged to attend.



Carla Locklear

## Council District 10 community meeting scheduled Feb. 23

A district wide community meeting will be held in Tribal District 10 on Thursday, February 23, 1995 at 7 p.m. at the Indian Education Resource Center in Pembroke. Tribal Councilman Gary Locklear encourages members of the district to attend for a review of happenings with the tribal council, short range and long range goals. Members are encouraged also to present ideas, comments and input into the tribal government.

## AISES to hold monthly meeting

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) will have its monthly meeting on February 15, at 3:45 p.m. at the Indian Education Center in Pembroke. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ben Chavis. Dr. Chavis has lived with several tribes throughout the United States and is a specialist on Native American culture.

Door prizes will be given. If you have any questions or run into any problems, please do not hesitate to call Maybelle Elk or Kevin Locklear at the Indian Education Resource Center at 521-1881 or 521-1886.

## PSHS student named PSU Chancellor's Scholar

Torree Jacobs, a senior from Purnell Swett High School in Pembroke, has been named a Chancellor's Scholar at Pembroke State University for the 1995-96 academic year.

Jacobs is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Jacobs of Maxton.

Jacobs plans to major in biology. Chancellor's Scholars at PSU receive \$3,000 a year to attend PSU. This almost covers the full expenses of a student living on campus with a full-meal plan.

Chancellor's Scholars take special courses, do a Master's type thesis, and receive special honors at commencement.

## Volunteers needed for Guardian ad Litem

The Guardian ad Litem program, a special court appointed child advocacy program needs community volunteers to advocate for the best interests of children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. No special education or experience is necessary. 20 hours of core training is provided initially. Personal characteristics required include: no prior criminal history, a desire and commitment to help children, an open mind, ability to speak out for a child, a willingness to work with other agencies in gathering information and services, and willingness to work with diverse cultural populations. For more information about becoming a GAL volunteer and our next training session contact Rose Locklear, Program Supervisor at 618-5582 or 671-3077.



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What you see can be done with love you must do; what can only be done with debate must be left alone.

—St. Francis De Sales