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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

Larry Brooks announces bid for re-election to Pembroke Town Council



Councilman Larry T. Brooks has announced his candidacy for re-election for a sixth term on the Pembroke Town Council in the upcoming municipal election. Brooks is employed with the Public Schools of Robeson County as Principal of West Lumberton Elementary School.

Prior to accepting his position with the Public Schools of Robeson County in 1984, he worked in Special Programs at Pembroke State University for nine years and taught math in the public schools for four years. He is also a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict.

Long active in civic affairs, Brooks is a past president of the Pembroke Jaycees and went on to represent Pembroke on the North Carolina Jaycees Executive Committee.

His business related activities include: owner and operator of Lela Anne's Learning Center, a child care facility in Pembroke; member of the Lumbree Guaranty Bank Board of Directors and chairman of the Executive Committee.

He presently serves as Mayor Pro Tem on the Council and has held this position for fourteen years.

In making his announcement, Brooks made the following statement: "Serving the past twenty years as your Town Councilman

has been a very rewarding experience for me. We've made great strides in economic development; water and sewer expansion; housing rehabilitation; curbing, paving of streets, and drainage; recreation; annexation; capital improvements; and our town continues to operate on a sound fiscal budget."

"I am concerned about our town and its residents. We are moving in a very positive direction, and I would like to see us continue to move that way. Our children deserve no less than the best we can offer."

"If I am re-elected as your public servant, I am committed to continue to work for the best interests of our town, our citizens, and our children. I will continue to use a 'people-oriented, common sense' approach to problem solving. Thinking 'people' and what is best for the 'people' before solutions can be sought for their problems."

"I sincerely solicit your continued support in my bid for re-election on Tuesday, November 4."

Season tickets available for Civic Center

The Carolina Civic Center announces the 1997-98 Family Series season ticket is now on sale. Save up to 40% on four great shows, including two local and two professional productions for family audiences. The highlight of the series is the Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration touring production of Judy Blume's "Tale of a Fourth Grade Nothing." This equity company will be in town for one performance only. The Tarradiddle Players, North Carolina's finest children's theatre company, performs "The Velveteen Rabbit." Missoula children's Theatre and a local cast will treat audiences to the classic "Pinocchio," and a local cast kicks off the season with "Huck Finn's Story." For more information, call 910-738-4339.

Lumbree Guaranty Bank Announces Opening of New Branch and Corporate Office

Pembroke, N.C. - Lumbree Guaranty Bank will open its new branch and Corporate office facility on Monday, September 8. The Bank will hold an Open House for the Public on Sunday, September 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. Mr. Larry R. Chavis, president of the bank stated, "We look forward with enthusiasm to showing our new state of the art banking facility to the public on Sunday afternoon."

The bank is also nearing the completion of a \$3 million Stock Offering, proceeds will be used

for future bank and branch expansions. Mr. Chavis stated, "We are very pleased with the success of the offering and greatly appreciate all those who invested in the Bank". The bank has already sold approximately 95% of the shares available. The offering is scheduled to close September 30, or when all the shares are sold.

With over \$85 million in Assets and eight branch locations, Lumbree Guaranty Bank is dedicated to serving the people of Robeson, Cumberland, and surrounding counties.

Tommy Swett Retires From UNC Pembroke After 26 Years

PEMBROKE--After 26 years, Tommy Swett says this "a good time" to retire from The University of North Carolina Pembroke.

He is leaving UNCP's Upward Bound and Student Support Services programs with a record of impeccable management and a lengthy history of accomplishment. Swett is the only director in the history of those combined programs.

Days before he made the decision to retire, the University received notice that one of his two federal programs won funding for an additional four years. Since 1991, these two programs have brought in \$3.2 million in grants to UNCP.

He will ease into retirement knowing his affairs are in good order.

"We have developed a program of very careful documentation, consequently we have continued to be funded," Swett said from an office full of plaques and other memorabilia packed away in cardboard boxes. "I am proud to be associated with programs where tax dollars are well managed for the benefit of young people," Swett said.

Swett is especially proud of Upward Bound, which has been at UNCP since 1973. Upward Bound is a six-week summer enrichment program for first generation college-bound high school students. "I would say 1,600 young people

have been through Upward Bound at the University," Swett said. "It doesn't sound like a lot, but if you take that number and multiply it by all the families it touched, it has impacted an awful lot of people. We've broadened a lot of horizons."

Swett said he considered retirement several years ago when he reached 30 years as a state employee. He believed he was getting stale, but the Upward Bound students changed his mind.

"Each year they reinvigorate me," he said. "With their enthusiasm and the opportunity to watch them grow, you just can't help getting personally involved."

Just as he has taken great satisfaction in the success of his young students, the low key Swett said

watching and assisting his fellow employees succeed was a great source of satisfaction.

"I have always had good people to work with," he said. "I gave them the responsibility and the freedom they needed to succeed on the job. I encouraged them to develop their leadership abilities through participation in professional organizations and community work."

Swett served as president of the state and regional Councils of Educational Opportunity Programs and on the national board.

"I've enjoyed my work and I've worked with good people," he said.

"It has been a family atmosphere here." Swett has also enjoyed working for all three UNCP chancellors - Dr. English B. Jones, Dr. Paul R. Givens and Dr. Joseph B. Oxendine. It was Dr. Jones who hired the young school teacher in 1971 as his administrative assistant with a variety of duties including alumni affairs at a university with barely 1,000 students.

"I was real close to Dr. Jones," Swett said. "I enjoyed working for him and James B. Chavis who was my mentor. (Chavis is UNCP's vice chancellor for student affairs.) I have always enjoyed the full support of my supervisors, and I'm grateful to them."

After Upward Bound came to the University, Swett's career plans changed.

Huck Finn's Story Coming to Carolina Civic Center

The Carolina Civic Center announces performances for "Huck Finn's Story" 7:30 pm on September 18-19, 2:00 and 7:30 pm on September 20 and 2:00 and 4:00 pm on September 21, at the Civic Center, 315 North Chestnut, in downtown Lumberton. Huck

Finn's story--the escape from his drunken father, his befriending a runaway slave--is an adventure tale of excitement and suspense. de-

"I was very impressed with the work that Upward Bound was doing," he said. "Dr. Jones wanted me to stay on as his aide, but he was kind enough to let me follow my instincts."

Although his instincts are telling him it's time to retire, don't look for Tommy Swett to disappear. There are a few projects yet to finish.

"Right now, I'm very involved with the Children's Bible Mission," he said. We're planning a fund-raising golf tournament on Oct. 24, and we're working on plans for a summer camp here in Robeson County."

As he has done throughout his career, Swett will continue helping young people and spend more time with church and family. In his quiet and effective way, Tommy Swett has touched many lives.



lightfully sprinkled with homespun humor. The play reveals Huck, a clever, lovable boy, who is baffled by the greed, hypocrisy, and absurd-

ity of society. Adapted from the Mark Twain classic, "Huck Finn's Story" is sure to delight and instruct.

Limited seating available. Tickets are \$5.00. To make reservations call 910-738-4339.



Oxendine Presents Piano Concert at Green Pine Church

Miss Rembert Lynn Oxendine is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Andrew C. Oxendine. She performed a piano concert Sunday afternoon on Aug. 24 at Green Pine Free Will Baptist Church.

Rembert pleased her audience by playing works by world famous composers such as Beethoven, Mozart, Bach and Tschaiakowsky. She is now attending UNC at Pembroke on a musical scholarship. She plans to major in music.

Piano Instructor Albert R. Bullock Jr.

World War II Vet Receives Medals 52 Years After War

Recently with the help of the Hoke County Service Office, World War II combat veteran Mahoney Locklear of Red Springs received medals he was awarded in 1945 but which he never received. Locklear received the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with Silver Star device and Arrowhead device, the Army of Occupation Medal and the French Croix De Guerre. Mr. Locklear also was awarded five Bronze Star Medals, but as is custom, these are being awarded as a Silver Star Medal which he will receive after it has been engraved.

State Scholarships for Children of Certain Veterans

The North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs wishes to remind high school seniors and other interested parties of the ongoing State Scholarship Program for children of certain disabled, deceased or POW/MIA veterans. The scholarships can either be used at state-owned institutions of higher learning, community colleges and technical schools, or privately-owned, nonprofit colleges and universities.

Several classes of scholarships are available. Class I & V are for children of certain veterans who died or are 100% disabled as a result of service in WW I, WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, or children of peacetime veterans whose death or 100% disability was incurred as a result of armed or direct conflict, while engaged in extra-hazardous service, or children of Prisoners of War or Missing in Action veterans. The vet-

eran must have been a legal resident of North Carolina at time of entry into service, or with certain exceptions, the child must have been born in North Carolina and resided there continuously.

Class II children are those whose parent was a war veteran and has or had at time of death a 20% or more service-connected disability or statutory award for arrested tuberculosis. Certain children of peacetime veterans may qualify based on their parent's disability.

Class III children are children of war veterans who are or were receiving at time of death nonservice-connected disability pension benefits and children of honorably discharged veterans who do not qualify under other categories, provided the child is less than 23 years of age at time of application.

Scholarships, with one exception, provide free tuition, certain fees, and a room and board allowance in State-owned institutions and \$4,500 per academic year in private institutions. The exception is that awards under the 100% service-connected disability provide tuition and certain fees in State-owned schools and \$1,500 per academic year in private institutions.

Interested persons are urged to contact the County Veterans Service Officer or the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs in Fayetteville at 486-1151 where District Service Officer will provide assistance and information.

VA Addresses Service-Connected Smoking-Related Illness According to Mr. C.J. Matuszak, Adjudication Officer for the Department of Veterans Affairs in

Fairgrove Classes of 1956-59 to hold Reunion Dec. 27

Reunion to be held for the Fairgrove Classes of 1956-1959.

The reunion will be held on Saturday, December 27, 1997, from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. It will be held at the Players Concert Club on 3459 Lackey Street Outlet Plaza in Lumberton, NC (located off I-95 Exit 20, turn left onto the service road). The dress is casual to semi-formal. The cost is \$20.00 per person and \$40.00 per couple; reservations are required and no refunds will be given.

Registration deadline is December 13, 1997.

Make check of money order payable to:

Lena H. Oxendine
205 Sunnydale Drive
Wilmington, NC 28412

For more information call: (910) 739-0160 or (910) 521-4222.

VFW Sunday

Pembroke VFW Post 2843 members will attend services on Sunday, September 14 at Berea Baptist Church. They will attend the 11 a.m. worship service. Following the service, the members will gather for lunch at the University Cafeteria. Members planning to attend should call Quartermaster Ardell Jacobs at 521-2313 or Mrs. Lois Chavis at 521-2188 in order for reservations to be made for lunch. The lunch will cost \$6 per person. Members are urged to attend the Annual VFW Sunday at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke and to enjoy a fellowship meal at the Cafeteria at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Maynor Family reunion planned

The Steve and Magnolia Maynor family reunion will be held Saturday, September 13, 1997 in the Pembroke Elementary School Cafeteria at 3:00 p.m. Reservations should be made by calling 521-4666, 521-4271, or 738-3309. Relatives are encouraged to attend.

Pembroke Class of 1968 to reunite

The last graduating class of Pembroke High School, the Class of 1968, will hold their 30th year reunion with a 7-day Alaskan cruise-Northbound on Carnival's spectacular "Jubilee." Departure is June 10, 1998. For more information, call Robert Earl Chavis at 910-521-8891.



Veterans Service Officer Thomas Squier congratulates Mahoney Locklear on receipt of the medals he earned 52 years ago in World War II.