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GOOD NEWS AT PEMBROKE COUNCIL MEETING

\$672,683 CD Grant Underway

PEMBROKE--It was a night of good news at the Monday night meeting of the Pembroke Town Council as Reed Whitesell (grant administrator) unveiled plans for the town's recently awarded Community Development grant of \$672,683 which will revitalize the Jones Street Area. A number of residents from the affected area attended the meeting and listened attentively, occasionally asking questions, as Whitesell detailed plans for the massive program which will improve the quality of life for a number of citizens in the area, and revitalize, rehabilitate or completely rebuild at least 31 dwellings in the area.

The citizens who live in the area, Mayor Milton Hunt, Councilmen Larry T. Brooks, Vernon Oxendine, Henry Ward Oxendine and J.C. Thomas, Town Manager McDuffie Cummings, and seemingly everyone in the audience were pleased at the good news, realizing that one of Pembroke's most impoverished areas would indeed be receiving some much needed help. Said Bruce Barton, editor of this newspaper, and chairman of the Pembroke Historic Properties Commission (in later remarks to the council), "It is the epitome of good government to see this positive step unfolding. It is what government can and ought to be..."

The comprehensive revitalization program will include \$216,981 for extensive water and sewer improvements in the

Brantley Blue Award

On November 9, 1984, about 90 people joined together at the Johns Hopkins Sheraton Inn to pay tribute to Brantley Blue and to award the Fourth Annual Brantley Blue Award.

This year's recipient of the prestigious Brantley Blue Award was Mrs. Elizabeth Berry Locklear. Mrs. Locklear, or "Duncan" as she is affectionately called by her friends and relatives, has been involved in Indian causes since 1966 and was one of the founders of the American Indian Study Center, now known as the Baltimore American Indian Center. Mrs. Locklear has been a strong advocate of the Indian family and a strong advocate of Indian Rights. Mrs. Locklear has served as a board member of Citizens for Washington Hill, Chairperson, Southeast Community Organization, Southeastern Community Relations, Secretary (presently secretary), Jubilee Baltimore, and Title IV Indian Education Program (presently chairperson). Mrs. Locklear is a member of South Broadway Baptist Church also. Mrs. Locklear attended Pembroke State University and is currently employed as a Senior Alcoholism Counselor.

In addition to the Brantley Blue Award, the Baltimore American Indian Center, sponsor of the event, presented several other awards to community people. Mary H. Lewis was recipient of the Board Member of the Year Award, and Avis Lowery was awarded Volunteer of the Year honors. Clara Hammonds was recognized as Senior Citizen of the Year, and James Lewis was recognized as Youth of the Year. Vera Shank was given the Distinguished Service Award for over 17 years of dedicated service to the Baltimore American Indian Center and the Baltimore Indian community. Vera Shank was also one of the founders of the BAIC.

Congratulations to all of these winners!

A Holiday Benefit for the Disadvantaged

A Holiday Benefit for the Disadvantaged will be held December 15 at the Performing Arts Center at PSU. The variety show will feature top name entertainment of the region and the area with a lively mix of popular music, country, gospel, rock, and comedy. According to Willie Lowery, spokesman for the committee organizing the benefit, the proceeds of the benefit will be used to help persons who are confined to their beds by severe handicaps or disabilities. "There are many people who can't get off their beds, who are alone most of the time and need some holiday cheer," said Lowery. "We want to help them."

The benefit hopes to educate the public to the problems of persons suffering with profound disabilities. A friend of the spokesperson is representative of the plight of the persons the Committee wishes to assist. "He has been paralyzed and confined to a bed for

general area (as well as other areas of the town), \$4,200 for clearance activities, \$71,000 for relocation assistance, \$325,500 for the rehabilitation of privately owned dwellings, and \$55,002 for administration.

Whitesell estimated that bids would be let before Christmas and building should commence by the first of the year, and possibly earlier. In the meantime, the extensive paperwork that accompanies such a massive program is underway and area residents will be interviewed and information compiled beginning today (Wednesday).

The program also includes a local option sewer improvement of \$65,580 that will go a long way toward solving some of the town's sewer and water line problems.

Said McDuffie Cummings, "It is a red letter day for the town, one that we have looked toward with much anticipation for some time."

HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION /TOWN OF PEMBROKE HOLD JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

The newly formed Historic Properties Commission and the Town of Pembroke held a joint public hearing Monday night, beginning the first step of many that is hoped will save the Pembroke Railroad Station, as well as a number of other historic properties in the town.

Bruce Barton, chairman of the commission, presented remarks to the Council and audience, detailing plans for the eventual restoration of the railroad station that was built in 1888 and is the oldest building in Pembroke.

Now abandoned by the railroad, Barton and other members of the commission (including Mrs. Mary H. Locklear, Mrs. Lucy Locklear, Dr. Bob Hersch, Mayor Milton Hunt, and Clinton Thomas, Jr.) hope to acquire the property, restore it to the use of the community and possibly add a mini-park if land can be acquired from corporate interests now owning the property adjoining the railroad station. Possible uses of the railroad station include offices for the chamber, 'Strike at the Wind', a municipal library, a min-concert hall, etc.

A lot of work remains to be done but, as Barton noted, "the journey has begun," as he met with commission members earlier in the month.

In other matters...The Town Council approved ordinances designating certain prefixes for certain streets within the town and also approved a measure that establishes a property numbering system for the Town of Pembroke.

Mayor Milton Hunt also announced that Pembroke citizens will soon see positive action on "numbers" for residences within the city limits as each residence will receive its own number, making location more easy to pinpoint for addresses. Mayor Hunt said, "We promised citizens numbers and I'm glad to see us get around to doing this."

LUMBER RIVER BASIN COMMITTEE TO MEET NOV. 29TH

The LRBC will hold its November meeting in the McLean Room of the Robeson County Public Library at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 29th. Guest speaker will be Mr. Bo Delaney of the Natural and Scenic Rivers Program of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, State of North Carolina. The public is invited to learn more of this program in the open meeting.

a year," explains Lowery. "There are many people like him who suffer in isolation and despair. During the holiday, we want to give them cheer, friendship, comfort and concern."

Featured entertainment for the event will include Willie Lowery, popular Lumbee singer; T.V. personalities, several gospel groups, and many others. Guest speakers will present information on the plight of persons confined by severe disabilities.

The Holiday Benefit is co-sponsored by the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and supported by local civic clubs and community organizations.

The Holiday Concert, in PSU's Performing Arts Center, on December 15, beginning at 7:30 p.m., will be priced so that anyone who wants to attend will be able to. Tickets, now going on sale, are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

Small Crowd Attends Klan Rally

ST. PAULS--Maybe 300 people gathered in a dusty field four miles east of St. Pauls Saturday for a Ku Klux Klan rally and twilight cross burning.

They heard F. Glenn Miller, Jr., leader of the Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, call for white racial purity and urge the crowd to take an aggressive stance against government civil rights programs. The crowd responded with frequent chants of "white power."

There were no incidents during the rally, although Miller said the Klansmen had come fully prepared for any encounter with blacks or Lumbee Indians in Robeson County. Almost all participants in the rally were armed with rifles or pistols. An occasional unmarked law enforcement car patrolled the area, but no uniformed officers were evident.

Most of the men and some of the about 40 women who attended were dressed in military camouflage uniforms. One elderly man and one woman wore white Klan robes, and another had on a magenta chaplain's robe.

After an hour of speeches, a security guard of two dozen Klansmen put aside the Confederate flags they had held during the ceremony and picked up fuel-soaked torches. Forming a ring around a 25-foot cross in the plowed field, they ignited the cross as strains from "The Old Rugged Cross" floated across the field from a public address system.

Miller urged people to join him and Klansmen from four other KKK chapters in a Jan. 26 rally in Raleigh to lay a wreath at the Confederate monument on the state Capitol grounds. He said the march would be a celebration of Gen. Robert E. Lee's birthday, designed as a show of opposition to the Jan. 19 national holiday honoring the birthday of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The implied threats of violence never occurred and many people, like a middle-aged Lumbee Indian who participated in the 1958 rout of the Klan near Maxton, said, "Good riddance! And may they stay wherever they came from."

Pete Jacobs Honored



James A. [Pete] Jacobs, Robeson County Tax Supervisor, was one of ten Tax Supervisors to receive the professional designation of "Certified North Carolina Assessor" by the North Carolina Association of Assessing Officers at its annual conference held at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill last week. A candidate for this designation must have a minimum of five (5) years experience in a tax office and must successfully complete five prescribed courses of instruction in property appraisal and assessment administration. Jacobs, a member of the North Carolina Association of Assessing Officers and the International Association of Assessing Officers, has served as county Tax Supervisor since 1972. He was president of the State organization in 1977 and was the State Representative for IAAO in 1976. He was also named the state's Outstanding Tax Supervisor in 1979.

PEOPLE PLACES D THINGS

PEMBROKE SR. HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969 REUNION

The Pembroke Senior High School Class of 1969 will observe its Reunion December 28, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut. Tickets will be on sale for \$12 single, and \$24 per couple. Contact Gwendolyn Lowry, Ed Chavis, Randall Jones or Lillie Deese. Or, for further information, contact Lilly Deese at 738-9351 during the day, or Randall Jones at 521-2371 at nights.

DIAL FAMILY REUNION

A Family Reunion for the descendants of Marcus and Elizabeth Dial will be held December 29, 1984, beginning at 2 p.m., at Prospect United Methodist Church. Descendants are encouraged to bring a covered dish and a photo of parents if possible.

HAVE A SAFE, HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS THANKSGIVING!

PEMBROKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPONSORS RAFFLE ON ORIGINAL WATER COLOR OF PEMBROKE RAILROAD STATION

Tickets can now be purchased from any member of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce as well as at the Carolina Indian Voice, for a chance to win an original watercolor of the Pembroke Railroad Station by Pembroke artist Sandy Stratil.

Tickets are being sold for \$1. The painting is valued at \$150 and will be given to the lucky winner, most likely, at the annual banquet of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce in January.

KIWANIAN PANCAKE SUPPER AND BREAKFAST

The annual Pancake Supper and Breakfast will be held at Pembroke Elementary School on Friday, Dec. 7 from 5 til 9 p.m. and breakfast Saturday morning, Dec. 8 from 6 a.m. until 10 a.m. Tickets are \$3 and may be obtained from any Kiwanian.

Speaker at the recent meeting was Henry W. Oxendine. Presiding was President Arnold Locklear. Invocation was given by Adolph Dial. Ticket chairman is Reggle Strickland. The weekly meeting was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Town and Country Restaurant.

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The deadline for applying for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program at the Robeson County Department of Social Services is Friday, Nov. 30. Low Income households that wish to apply but have not done so should go to the Department of Social Services as soon as possible. Income and reserve available to households in October will have to be verified by the agency. Households will have to meet certain income requirements to qualify depending upon the number of persons in the household.

IN THE ARMED FORCES

Air Force Capt. Keith Locklear, son of Barbara Locklear of 505 W. Fifth St., Pembroke, N.C., has participated in Red Flag '84, held at Nellis Air Base, Nev.

The exercise provided combat skills training for U.S. Air Force, Navy, Army, and Marines along with other NATO forces.

The purpose of Red Flag was to offer "combat experience" in a peaceful environment.

Locklear is assigned with the 55th Tactical Fighter Squadron at RAF Upper Heyford, England.

PEMBROKE KIWANIS CLUB MEETS

Program Chairman Alvin Ray Lowery, an Extension Agent himself, presented Kelvin Starr, the Horticultural Extension Agent, who described the new extension teletip service offered by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. The service is toll free by calling 1-800-662-7301. The hundreds of tapes dealing with food, fruits and nuts, vegetables, home maintenance, house plants, lawns, shrubs, flowers, pests in and around homes, soil testing for Ph content, are just a few of the many problems that the Agricultural Service offers to the citizens of the state.

Reggle Strickland announced work assignments for the Pancake Supper and Breakfast to be held at the Elementary School on Friday, Dec. 7th and Saturday, Dec. 8th.

Presiding was President Arnold Locklear; song leader was Ray Lowry; and invocation was given by Bernard Lowry. The meeting was held at the Town and Country Restaurant, Tuesday, at 7 p.m.

This program was in observance of Farm and City Week.

CHRISTMAS PARADE DEC. 7TH

On behalf of the Pembroke Jaycees, Town of Pembroke and the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce, we would like to invite the citizens of Robeson County and surrounding counties to participate in our 1984, 11th Annual Christmas Parade.

The Christmas Parade will start at 10 a.m. on Friday morning, Dec. 7, 1984. All interested citizens, organizations, churches and schools are asked to be at Pembroke State University, in front of the Performing Arts Center, between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. for line up numbers.

Last year's parade was very spectacular and colorful, with beauty queens, floats, marching bands, marching units, fire trucks and, of course, the main attraction, "SANTA CLAUS" and his "LITTLE HELPERS." The parade last year had well over 4,000 spectators with 82 entries participating.

The following entries will be judged: 1. Marching bands (High School and above); 2. Elementary Bands; 3. Marching Units; 4. Non-commercial floats.

For those who would like to participate, please contact: Gregory Cummings c/o Pembroke Jaycees Post Office Box 758 Pembroke, N.C. 28372 (919) 521-9761 (919) 521-2761

TUSCARORA TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. P. O. Box 1455, Pembroke, N. C. 28372 (919) 843-2160/521-4454

The Tuscarora's are once and forever a "UNITED PEOPLE", solidified and working for economic and social development within the Tuscarora Indian community.

This unification occurred on September 2, 1983 when elected representatives from the three separate Tuscarora Indian organizations realized and resolved all differences for the good of all Tuscarora Indians.

The three organizations which represented all Tuscarora Indians in southeastern North Carolina formed the "NOW" new and "EXISTING" Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina; which was incorporated on January 26, 1984 with the state of North Carolina, forming The Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina, Inc.

For the purpose of clarification the three merging organizations and the elected representative from each organization were (1) the Hatteras Tuscarora organization; Vernon Locklear, representative, (2) the Tuscarora Indian Tribe, Drowning Creek Reservation; Huel Cummings, representative, and (3) the Eastern Carolina Tuscarora organization; McKeever Locklear, representative.

At this time a governing Council Board was elected from the three united organizations; consisting of thirteen members and a Tribal Chief/Administrator.

Under the guidance and leadership of Brawleigh Jason Graham the Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina, Inc. submitted and received a grant from the Administration For Native Americans a Department Of Health And Human Services, Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the ANA grant is to promote within the Tuscarora Indian community social, economic, educational, and legal interests of the Tribal Members; preserve and perpetuate the Tribal identity and culture of the Tuscarora Indians of North Carolina; unite in a common organization those persons interested in the support, maintenance and operation of the corporation; and to pursue State and Federal Recognition for the Tuscarora Tribe.

This grant is administered by Brawleigh Jason Graham, Tribal Chief/Administrator, under the authority of the Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina's Council Board.

The Tribe will have a day of celebration in view of its new accomplishments on December 8, 1984 at 1:00 pm at the Tuscarora Tribal Administrative office located on the old Maxton/Red Springs Road.

Enrollment applications will be available for interested persons. We encourage you to join us.

Cecil G. Hunt
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