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## FORMER TOWN CLERK PLEADS GUILTY TO 39 COUNTS OF EMBEZZLEMENT

LUMBERTON--It came to a close suddenly. Mrs. Maybelle Elk, former town clerk for the town of Pembroke, pleaded guilty Monday in superior court to 39 counts of embezzlement from the town's coffers.

Judge Robert Gavin sentenced Mrs. Elk to 10 years in Central Prison in Raleigh but suspended the sentence to a probationary period of five years. Mrs. Elk, according to Judge Gavin's edict, will not be allowed to hold a position of public trust during this time.

Additionally, Mrs. Elk was fined \$10,000 to be paid in \$40.00 per week installments. She was also instructed to make restitution to the town of Pembroke for sums totaling \$26,000. This action seemingly will end the town's proposed civil action against Mrs. Elk and her husband, Ronnie.

Mrs. Elk could have been sentenced to a total of 390 years in prison if Judge Gavin had not consolidated the 39 counts into one, leaving a maximum sentence of ten years.

Gavin called the matter "tragic" and said "the town should be made whole again if possible."

Judge Gavin also noted, in his sentencing, the Elk's previous good character and name in the community and their two young children.

District Attorney Joe Freeman Britt seemed to express some ill will toward the town government in Pembroke. Said Britt, "I have not been able to get any guidance from the town of Pembroke on this matter."

But Mayor Reggie Strickland, who was called to the stand by Britt, as well as the four councilmen, said, "I hope the town can receive restitution in this matter. Whatever the court does I hope it will do what is best for the town of Pembroke."

Much of the evidence against Mrs. Elk was outlined by SBI investigator, William Creel, Jr., who presented testimony against Mrs. Elk. He traced many checks from Lumbee Regional Development Association, Pembroke State University and other accounts to Mrs. Elk's banking account. Most of the money finding its way into her banking account came from water and sewer bills, according to Creel.

The town still finds itself with thousands of dollars unaccounted for. Estimates from auditors put the figure at possibly \$40,000 or more. Besides the fine and court directive from Judge Gavin against Mrs. Elk, the town is expected to collect \$10,000 from a bonding company, the amount of money Mrs. Elk was bonded for in her duties as town clerk. That still leaves a considerable sum unaccounted for. But Mayor Strickland said, "I think this is the best the town can hope for. We're just glad it is over with."

### Hoke County Jaycees Plan Appreciation Banquet for the Indian Voice

The Hoke County Jaycees are planning an appreciation banquet for the Carolina Indian Voice newspaper. The Carolina Indian Voice is celebrating its 5th anniversary of publishing.

The banquet will be held at the Old Foundry Restaurant in Lumberton on March 18, 1978. Those wishing to inquire about purchasing a ticket should call one of the following: Rev. Elias Rogers, 875-4208 (in Raeford); Elisha Dial, 843-3573 (in Red Springs); John Locklear, 844-5348 (in Maxton); or Marvin Bullard, 281-3673 (in Aberdeen).

### RECENT PEMBROKE COUNCIL ACTIONS

Recently, the Pembroke Town Council met and decided to initiate condemnation proceedings against the Marvin Lowry Estate. The town has been involved in lengthy negotiations to purchase approximately two acres of land adjoining the Marvin Lowry Recreation Park located at the adjunct of Pine Street. The town and the heirs of the late Marvin Lowry had earlier announced a purchase agreement but, recently, two of the children of the late Mr. Lowry decided not to sell after all.

Said Councilman Milton Hunt, in making the motion to begin condemnation proceedings, "We have been fair and we need parking desperately at our park." The motion passed unanimously.

At the same meeting, the council reappointed James Edward Sampson to a three year term on the Pembroke ABC Board.

And the council agreed to a five year lease with the Robeson County Recreation Department for the Marvin Lowry Recreation Park, subject to a one year written notice to terminate the lease.

## 'A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum' Opens March 9-11 at PSU

Pembroke--"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." No, it isn't the line Caesar used to break the ice with Cleopatra. It isn't even a Henny Youngman gag. It is, however, a bright fast-paced musical comedy with ancient Rome as the setting that will be staged March 9-11 at Pembroke State University's Performing Arts Center. The production will begin at 8 p.m. each night.

Written by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart (who created M\*A\*S\*H for television), "Forum" also show cases the talents of Stephen Sondheim, who wrote the musical and lyrics. The play ran for over a thousand performances on Broadway. Sondheim's other impressive Broadway credits include the musicals "Company," "Follies," "A Little Night Music," "Pacific Overtures," and the lyrics for "West Side Story" and "Gypsy."

This musical offering is the Pembroke Players' third production of the season. Directed by Communicative Arts instructor Dick Smith, "Forum" also features the cooperative efforts of William Fritz as musical director, Dr. Harold Slagle as choral director, Enoch Morris as technical director, Gloria Canonizado as choreographer and the PSU orchestra.

Tickets are \$2 at the door, and plenty of seats are available. PSU students are admitted free with I.D. cards.

The 18-member cast features a variety of talents, interests and experience. Four actors are making their stage debuts, and five others are new comers to the PSU stage. Two student participants are music majors, five are Communicative Arts or Drama majors.

Chuck Kinlaw, a drama major from Lumberton, is playing the lead role of "Pseudolus," a Roman slave with a penchant for getting himself and others into crazy and troublesome situations. Kinlaw has been featured in productions of "Dark of the Moon" and PSU's "Ten Little Indians."

Ray Pearson plays his cohort, a house hold slave named "Hysterium." Pearson has a variety of stage experience including roles in "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Ten Little Indians." He is a CMA major from Fayetteville.

"Hero" and "Philia," the love interest in the story, are being played by Matt Trexler and Kathi O'Neal, respectively. Trexler is from Salisbury and is majoring in Music. Miss O'Neal is an Elementary Education major from Hampton, Va. Both are members of PSU's Singers and Swingers.

Scott Baker, a teacher at Robeson County Day School in Red Springs, is playing "Senex," the father. Baker, a featured performer in more than a dozen plays has appeared at PSU in productions of "The Me Nobody Knows" and "110 in the Shade."

Husband and wife team Steve and Vanessa Karns, residents of Maxton, portray major characters in "Forum." Mrs. Karns, a former Drama major at St. Andrews College, is playing "Domina," the overbearing mother. Her credits include leads in "Guys and Dolls" and "Company." Karns, a drama major, plays "Lycus," a dealer in courtesans. He has been in several plays at PSU, as well as playing "El Gallo" in Robeson Little Theatre's "The Fantasticks."

The egocentric Roman warrior, "Miles Gloriosus," is being played by Clay Johnson, a music major from Fayetteville. Johnson is in the PSU Chorus and is also a member of "Singers and Swingers."

Lumberton native Steve Kahn has the role of "Erronius," an old Roman citizen. Kahn has been in many productions including "Tom Sawyer," "Oklahoma" and PSU's "Goodbye Charlie."

Completing the cast as dancers and chorus are the six courtesans, Nena Cadel, a Spanish major from Pembroke, is "Tintinabula." Miss Cadel has been dancing and performing in ballets since age 8. Freshman Janet Burnette of Fairmont is "Panacea." The "Geminae" twins are being played by Tammy Barnes and Kay Blue. Miss Barnes, a CMA major from Fayetteville, has appeared in productions of "Pygmalion" and "The Crucible." Laurinburg drama major Kay Blue has had roles in "Oklahoma" and "Ten Little Indians." Anne Marie Clarkson, a sociology major from Fayetteville, play "Vibrata." Iris Cummings is "Gymnasia." She is a sociology major from Pembroke, a member of the PSU chorus and was in the chorus of last season's "110 in the Shade."

The final three cast members are known as "Proteans." They are utilitarian characters playing a number of different roles. Andy Ingram, a chemistry major from Laurinburg, has been in productions which include "The Fantasticks" and "Ten Little Indians." Bladenboro's Phil Edwards, a sociology major, is a PSU band and chorus member who was in "110 in the Shade." Tim Pittman is a criminology major from Raleigh making his stage debut in "Forum."

Director Smith is in his third year at PSU. Although this is the first musical he has directed for Pembroke, he has been involved in some capacity with almost 30 different productions here and in his home state of Ohio. Smith has also designed the set for "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

The play itself is set in Rome, 200 years before the Christian era. The action is continuous and takes place on a spring day.

## people and places and things

### CHARLIE ROSE'S MOBILE OFFICE

Congressman Charlie Rose (D-NC) announced the 7th Congressional District Mobile Office schedule for March 1978. Rip Collins, Congressman Rose's representative in the District will park the Mobile Office in the following designated locations:

#### Robeson County

March 1, Wednesday, Pembroke Post Office 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. March 16, Thursday, Maxton Post Office, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. March 17, Friday, Biggs Park Shopping Center, Lumberton, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. March 18, Saturday, Fairmont Post Office, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. March 29, Wednesday, Red Springs, Piggy Wigly Parking Lot, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

#### Cumberland County

March 2, Thursday, Hope Mills Post Office 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

#### Hoke County

March 3, Friday, Raeford Post Office 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. March 31, Friday, Raeford Post Office, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

### TITLE IV-A PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED

The Title IV-A Parent Committee of the Robeson County Compensatory Indian Education Project will meet on Monday evening, March 6th, at 7 p.m. at the Old Foundry Restaurant.

Business will include a progress report by the Project Director, a slide/sound presentation of the current Title IV program, and a discussion of proposed guidelines for the medical and dental services program component.

Meetings of the Title IV-A Parent Committee are open public meetings and interested Indian parents and students are encouraged to attend.

### PROSPECT SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTIONS HELD

Prospect School held their election for Advisory Council members nominations on Monday evening, Feb. 27. Nominated by the parents to serve on the advisory council were Carnell Locklear, Dorothy Lowry and Herman Locklear. Carnell Locklear and Mrs. Lowry will serve a two year term and Herman Locklear will serve a one year term, subject to approval of the Robeson County Board of Education.

### IN THE ARMED FORCES

Fl. Hood, Texas- Private First Class Jerry D. Hammonds, son of Mrs. Leola Hammonds, Parkview Terrace, Lumberton, NC recently was assigned as a mechanic with the 1st Cavalry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas. He entered the Army in January, 1978. PFC Hammonds is a 1977 graduate of Lumberton High School.

### STRIKE AT THE WIND TRYOUTS SCHEDULED

Tryouts have been scheduled for the third season of the musical outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind," according to general manager Lane Hudson. They will be held on Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m. at the Lakeside Amphitheatre on the Riverside County Club, 3 miles west of Pembroke, the summer site of the show.

Tryouts will be conducted by the new director of "Strike at the Wind," Mrs. Bo Thorpe of Fayetteville. Mrs. Thorpe, a veteran producer of the Fayetteville Little Theatre, was hired in late January to handle the 1978 version of the drama.

Hudson and Mrs. Thorpe emphasized that all parts in the drama are open to anyone who is interested in trying out. Twenty major roles and 35 smaller roles will be cast from those attending the tryouts.

The director and general manager will be looking for actors and actresses, dancers, singers, technical and back

stage crew, and other auxiliary workers. Experience is not necessary. Ages in the past have ranged from 7 to 71 years old. In case of rain, the tryouts will be held on Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m. at the theatre.

### PSU'S KATHY LITTLE NAMED TO CAROLINAS ALL CONFERENCE TEAM

Kathy Little, the main stay of PSU's women's basketball team, has been named to the Carolinas All Conference Team. Joining her on the team are Kim Dudney, Nancy Scoggins and Robin Simpson from Pfeiffer College.

Rounding out the all star squad is Susan Davis of Atlantic Christian and Jackie Meyers of Elon.

### REVIVAL PLANNED

Revival will be held at Bakers Chapel Baptist Church, beginning Sunday night, March 5th, at 7 p.m. There will be different speakers each night. The revival will run through the following Sunday night. Rev. Davis Locklear, the pastor, extends a hardy welcome to all to attend.

### LAYMEN'S REVIVAL PLANNED

A Layman's Revival will be held at Ashpole Center United Methodist Church on March 5-10. The theme for the week is The Best Thing In Life Is Free. Speakers will be laymen from Ashpole Church and Pleasant Grove Church. Speakers and special singers for each night are as follows:

Sunday morning, Rev. Dufrene Cummings with music by the Ashpole Adult Choir. On Sunday night Brother James Hunt will speak and music will be by the New Bethel Women's Chorus. On Monday night Bro. Patterson Locklear will speak and the Deep Branch Young People will sing. On Tuesday night Bro. Jerry Lowry will speak with music by Mrs. Doreen Lowry. Speaker on Wednesday night will be Bro. George Spaulding, and music will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Strickland. Speaker Thursday night will be Bro. M.C. Ransom and music will be by the Thompson Baptist Quartet. On Friday night Bro. Bobby Campbell with music by the Gospel Singing Quartet. Services begin at 7 Sunday night and 7:30 Monday night thru Friday night.

### NEW COUNCILMAN ATTENDS SCHOOL ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Newly-elected Pembroke Town Councilman Larry T. Brooks attended an intensive three day school on Municipal Government last week at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

The school was conducted at the Institute of Government and included classes in municipal revenues and budgeting, property taxes, city planning, intergovernmental relations, personnel policies, and other subjects of interest to new councilmen.

Said Brooks, "I feel the first step in addressing any situation is to better inform oneself on that situation and then go ahead with the facts. This experience has given me insight into municipal governments and its functions. I am sure that the knowledge that I have gained will help me to serve the people of Pembroke more effectively."



Larry T. Brooks

## BOXING COMES TO ROBESON

Lumberton- Ringside Promotions is gearing up for this Friday night's Boxing Extravaganza at Lumberton National Guard Armory.

Headlining the card will be Winston-Salem's classy "Sugar Ray" Timmons (18W 8L 0D) in ten rounds against the county boy slugger, Claman "Sandman" Parker (17W 2L 0D) 10W by KO. "Sandman" Parker has been named January 78's Heavyweight Prospect of the month. Recently, Sandman has scored a third KO over Big Paul Adams in Shelby, NC as well as a ten round unanimous decision in his spectacular win over "Choo Choo" Sims on Feb. 10 at Bellwood, NC. "Sandman" Parker was the guest of honor at Shelby, NC's Chamber of Commerce Sports Banquet, as well as being named N.C. most outstanding boxer for 1977. This

prestigious award to be given to Sandman at the upcoming March 3rd Lumberton bouts.

Also on the card for this great night of boxing will be Odie "The Chief" Locklear, former Lightweight Golden Gloves Champ of North Carolina and South Carolina against the upcoming prospect Anthony "Tony Pro" House and prior that will be a bout of fistic fury between Gary "Sundance Kit" Barlow and "Steel" Bill McQuery, plus three other bouts to make this an exciting night of boxing.

Ringside Promotions President, Joe Flynn and "Sandman" Parker have been invited to Camp LeJune to be at the all Marine Boxing Tournament with newly crowned champ, Leon Spinks as well as top contender, Ken Norton.



"Sandman" Parker got his name because he puts his opponents to sleep. He is headlining Ringside Promotions' March 3rd card in a ten round heavy weight main event against "Sugar Ray" Timmons of Winston-Salem.

The Royal Villa Motor Inn in Raleigh, NC will be the site for the conference with a \$16.00 registration fee which

The Lumbee Regional Development Association of Pembroke, NC announces plans for the third annual Indian Unity Conference to be held March 7-9, 1978.

Once again the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs hosted conference will mark the highlight of the year for many Indian tribes and groups throughout the state of North Carolina. And once again Indian people will gather to listen to, discuss, and hopefully find solutions for many of the problems they face today as a minority.

The Royal Villa Motor Inn in Raleigh, NC will be the site for the conference with a \$16.00 registration fee which

includes a dinner banquet.

The featured guest speaker for the March 8, banquet will be the Honorable James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor of the State. Mr. Lamond Godwin, Administration, Office of National Programs, U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) will also speak during the banquet.

Added to the agenda of work shops this year is the Indian Job Fair, a component of the Unity Conference that will have the participation of many industries in North Carolina. Guest speaker at the luncheon will be Mr. Alexander "Sandy" MacHabb, Director of Division of Indian and Native Americans, U.S. DOL.

Registration, a welcome and overview of conference purpose will take place Tuesday noon until that evening. Wednesday's agenda will be workshops on the subjects of the 1980 Census, Indian Recognition, Legislation, and Resource Mobilization. Thursday morning will cover finalization of resolutions drafted earlier.

### NOTICE!

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Pembroke Town Council, set for March 6, 1978 has been postponed and rescheduled for March 20, 1978.