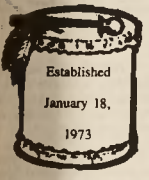


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GOV. HUNT ADDRESSES THE INDIAN UNITY CONFERENCE

FAYETTEVILLE--More than 700 participants took part in activities during the Fourth Annual Indian Unity Conference just concluded in Fayetteville.

The Unity Conference is sponsored by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs; the executive director of the Indian commission is A. Bruce Jones.

A concert and pow wow kicked off proceedings Thursday night and Gov. Jim Hunt addressed the assemblage Friday.

Other featured speakers during the impressive gathering included A. David Lester, head of HEW's Indian desk; Jean Chavers, a Lumbee Indian himself and president of Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma; Helen Schierbeck, a native of Robeson and now affiliated with the International Year of the Child, and a long time adherent of Indian rights; Jim R. Lowry, chairman of the Indian Commission; Kenneth Maynor, LRDA's executive director; and other important leaders in the Indian world.

Said an observer, "It was mighty impressive and an indication that Indians are finally learning the meaning of unity."

Displays and art exhibits were also an important feature of the conference, as well as workshops in many provocative and interesting topics of interest and concern to Indian people.

Gov. Hunt, in his remarks Friday, emphasized creating jobs in rural areas where most Native Americans live.

Herbert Hyde, secretary of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, also appeared at the conference, stressing preventive measures concerning the highway patrol. The highway patrol is under the auspices of the department of crime control and public safety. Hyde said that he was initiating an advisory council on trooper training in human relations with the Indian Commission.

Also appearing was Eugene Crawford, director of the Lutheran Church's effort in Indian programming.

Crawford was the guest speaker at the banquet Friday night, replacing La Donna Harris who was unable to attend reportedly because of a death in her family.



The Indian Unity Conference at Fayetteville's Bordeaux Motor Inn, drew participants from far and wide.

Shown at the podium is the erudite Helen Schierbeck, daughter of the late Lucy Maynor and Mrs. Sally Maynor of Pembroke. A Lumbee Indian, and one of the authors of the Indian Education Act, she spoke Saturday morning about her involvement in the International Year of the Child, a United Nations



Gov. Jim Hunt is shown addressing the Indian Unity Conference Friday. Shown to his right are Jim Lowry, chairman of the N.C. Commission on Indian Affairs, and Ken Maynor, executive director of LRDA (Lumbee Regional Development Association) in Pembroke.

Lumbee River Legal Services Elect Officers

The board of directors of Lumbee River Legal Services met recently at their offices in Pembroke.

The meeting was chaired by Julian Pierce, executive director of the organization that is charged to provide legal assistance to poor people in Robeson, Richmond, Scotland, Hoke, and Cumberland Counties.

The legal services organization also offers legal services to non-reservation Indians residing in North Carolina, principally the Lumbee Indians of Robeson and adjoining counties.

Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc. is part of the state-wide Legal Services for North Carolina, a program responsible for providing legal services to poor people in North Carolina.

Lumbee River Legal Services has been in

operation since October of last year.

Elected as officers were: Pembroke attorney Dexter Brooks, President; Lumberton attorney W. Earl Britt, Vice-president; Sally Hunt, Secretary; and Lumberton attorney Angus Thompson, Treasurer.

Serving three year terms on the board are Attorney Chris Smith, Brooks, and Britt. Serving two year terms are attorneys Angus Thompson and Herbert Richardson. Elected to one year terms were attorneys Artie Jacobs and Earl Strickland.

Client members serving a three year term were Vashli Sinclair and Cornelius Coleman. Serving two year terms from the community are Sally Hunt and Bobby Chavis. Sadie McMillan also was elected to a one year term on the board.

The board will meet quarterly.

NEW MEDICAL FACILITY ASSURED FOR PEMBROKE

PEMBROKE--The Pembroke Town Council had a public hearing Monday night to consider a request from Pembroke Medical Services, Inc. to change the zoning classification of the location of their proposed facility from RA (Residential, agriculture) to OI (Office, Institutional).

The planning board considered the measure after the public hearing and unanimously recommended the request be approved with the added provision that curbing and guttering be required.

After some debate the measure was approved unanimously.

The medical facility is being developed with seeming wide community support. Hubert Oxendine, long affiliated with the Pembroke Rescue Squad and a local jeweler, is chairman of the board of the organization.

Two medical personnel are part of the developers. Dr. Frank Warriax, a family doctor will be a part of the medical team along with Dr. Jeffery Collins, a dentist. Plans also call for a physician's assistant with a room built in for expansion.

Ground breaking for the facility will be announced later this month. Construction is ready to proceed at the proposed site off Union Chapel Road.

Financing details were not released but it is understood that some federal and state financing is involved with a proviso that the medical personnel will have an option of buying the facility out right at the end of the financing period.

Reportedly Farmer's Home Administration is backing the venture to encourage medical personnel to practice in rural settings like Robeson County. Both Warriax and Collins are Indians and natives of Robeson County.

In Other Matters...

The council, with Councilman Milton Hunt voting "no," awarded the contract for their proposed \$145,000 maintenance facility to Stan Hatcher Construction Co. of Rockingham.

And the council, after some debate, decided to install two hour parking signs along Main Street beginning approximately at the Sunoco Station and running down past Town and Country Restaurant. It was done at the behest of local businessmen who complain about parking spaces being tied up indefinitely.

The council also awarded the contract for the town's auditing to Edward and Lewis Accountants.

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Said Councilman Milton Hunt, "I'm tired of it," when informed that the appraisers had not agreed on a mutually satisfactory price for the condemned property now undergoing condemnation proceedings. The property is being condemned for parking facilities at the Marvin Lowry Recreation Field at the end of the Pine Street extension.

Under state law when a price cannot be agreed upon between the municipality condemning a property and the family, both can appoint an appraiser. Afterwards those two are supposed to appoint a mutually agreed upon third appraiser. Two of the three appraisers must then agree upon a price, subject to approval of the court and the parties involved in the dispute.

The appraisers have thirty days to agree before the courts step in.

Initially, Pembroke offered some \$8,000 for approximately 2 acres to the heirs of the late Marvin Lowry. The family did not accept the offer and condemnation proceedings were begun on almost three acres of property, including enough to provide for a 60 foot right away at the end of the Pine Street extension.

The family is reportedly asking for somewhere in the neighborhood of \$25,000 for the property.

The deadline for the appraisers to agree on a price is April 12.

The town has been trying to claim the property for almost three years.

"Dr. English E. Jones Day" Dinner Apr. 20

Pembroke--"Dr. English E. Jones Day," a little over two weeks away (April 20), PSU, has received a number of inquiries from people who cannot attend the 7:30 p.m. appreciation dinner that evening, but wish to contribute toward the gifts and scholarships in honoring Dr. and Mrs. Jones. Dr. Jones retires as PSU chancellor in June after being president or chancellor of the university for 17 years.

"Anyone who would like to send in a check for this cause is asked to make it payable to the PSU Foundation, Inc., and send it to the PSU Office of Resource Development, PSU, Pembroke, NC 28372," said Walter Oxendine, director of that office and coordinator of the "Day."

The gift is tax deductible, emphasized Oxendine.

Over \$6,000 has been raised in preliminary efforts for the "Day."

A total of 1016 tickets have been distributed for the dinner to be held in the varsity gymnasium of the English E. Jones Health and Physical Education Center April 20. Tickets to that dinner are \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. Many benefactors of PSU are paying much more for their tickets than that as a gesture toward the fund raising efforts.

Directing ticket sales for the PSU facility is Dr. Howard Dean, director of the PSU Graduate Program, while directing ticket sales for PSU administrators and staff personnel is Dr. James B. Chavis, vice chancellor for student affairs. Both are long-time friends of Chancellor Jones.

In charge of Pembroke community sales is Oxendine.

Other committee members for Jones Day are: Dr. Gerald Maynor, dinner committee; William S. Mason, ticket committee; Bruce Barton, publicity committee; Dr. David Kuo, facility committee; Dr. Harold Slagle, program committee; Miss Ruth Martin, gifts committee; and Gene Warren, slide presentation committee.

Plans are to set up a huge thermometer in front of PSU's Sampson Hall Administration Building to dramatize each day the progress of the fund raising campaign.



Chief W.R. Richardson, longtime Chief of the Hallwa Indians, listens intently. Chief Richardson was one of the original organizers of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs and served for many years as chairman. He still serves on the board.

PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS... CESES

REVIVAL PLANNED

A Revival meeting will be held at Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church of Pembroke April 9 thru 14. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening with the Rev. Vernon Clark of Lumberton as speaker. The pastor, Rev. Elton Bryan extends a hearty welcome to everyone.

Also Easter Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. the church will show a film titled *A Distant Thunder*. This is a gripping story of how conditions might well be during the Great Tribulation.

BASEBALL MEETING

The Tri-County Baseball Organizational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Robeson County Recreation Department's office.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Ladies of the First United Methodist Church, Pembroke will hold a rummage sale next Saturday, April 7. The sale will be at the church from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. You are invited to attend and bring your friends and neighbors.

HARPERS FERRY PLANS REVIVAL

Harpers Ferry Baptist Church is planning a revival for April 8 thru the 13. Evening services will begin at 7:30 p.m. with the Sunday evening service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Preachers for the week will be the Rev. Alonzo Oxendine and the Rev. Chesley McNeill. Everyone is cordially invited to attend by the pastor Rev. Steve Jones.

REUNION PLANNED

Any member of the Class of 1974, Pembroke Senior High School, who has not been contacted regarding the forthcoming reunion, please call Robin at 521-8252 or contact any class officer before Sunday, April 15, 1979.

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS ADMINISTERED AT P.S.H.S.

During the week of March 19-23, tenth grade students at Pembroke Senior High School were administered diagnostic tests in Reading and Mathematics. By adopting a solid approach and concentrating on those areas of skills deficiencies that are so critical to success, efforts can be made by the school to provide adequate instruction for those students with identified skill deficiencies or difficulties in Reading and Math. In view of this fact conference times have been scheduled for parents April 10th and 11th from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Pembroke Senior High Media Center. Parents are asked to make a special effort to come during these hours to discuss their child's test results and deficiencies with the guidance counselors and the remediation specialists.

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REVIVAL BEGINS

Revival services begin Sunday at 7 p.m. at Bear Swamp Church. Services will be held Monday night through Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Guest speakers will be Rev. Johnny Chavis and Rev. David Hunt. Special singing presented nightly. The pastor of Bear Swamp Baptist Church is the Rev. T.M. Swett. He extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

BALLET TO BE PRESENTED AT PSU TONIGHT

Ballet Folclorico Nacional de Mexico will be presented at PSU's Performing Arts Center tonight. A presentation of the Robeson Community Concert Association, the change from the Lumberton High School to PSU, was precipitated by the recent fire at Lumberton High.

PSU SINGERS AND SWINGERS TO PERFORM FRIDAY NIGHT

PSU's Singers and Swingers will present their annual spring concert Friday night at 8 p.m. at PSU's Performing Arts Center. Admission is free.

PEMBROKE DISTURBANCE

Seven persons were arrested Saturday following a disturbance at a Pembroke car wash. More than 100 persons congregated during the incident which was broken up following the arrests.

ROBESON PLANS DEFENSE IN SUIT

Robeson County attorney Joe P. Ward was authorized Monday to represent the county manager and county sanitarian in a suit brought against them by a former garbage collections service owner.

The action was taken by the Robeson County Board of Commissioners after J.D. Odum, former owner of Sanitation Services, added county manager Paul Graham and county sanitarian Ed Wilkins to the lawsuit last month.

Odum last year sued two health department employees for allegedly following his trucks and harassing him in an effort to put him out of business. The suit seeks \$120,000 in actual and punitive damages.

The two employees sued earlier, Charles Jamin and William Hall, said in affidavits they had followed Odum's trucks into Bladen County, where garbage was picked up and later dumped in the Robeson County landfill.

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New Members of Board



RALEIGH--Mrs. Grace Epps and Dr. E.B. Turner were elected to the board of governors of the University of North Carolina last week in balloting in the North Carolina General Assembly.

Mrs. Epps, a long time resident of the Saddletree Community, was nominated by Robeson legislator, Horace Locklear. Although "bolder than ever," Mrs. Epps recently retired as an educator in the Robeson County Schools. She is the widow of the late and esteemed Frank Epps, longtime principal of Magnolia School.

Mrs. Epps becomes the first Indian to serve on the board of governors of the 16 campus University system. Pembroke State University is one of the 16 constituent members of the university system.

Dr. Turner, a Black City Council member in Lumberton, is also chairman of the Robeson County Democratic Party. Dr. Turner, after a hard fight in the legislature, was re-elected to the board. Both will serve 8 year terms.