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LUMBEE RIVER LEGAL SERVICES OBSERVES TENTH ANNIVERSARY



Federal Judge W. Earl Britt is shown giving the keynote speech at the banquet held in observance of the

tenth anniversary of Lumbree River Legal Services.

a dream, but a reality to everyone in our society regardless of station in life, or ability to pay."

A segment of the program was donated to the recognition of individuals, organizations and agencies rendering support to the ten-year old program based in Pembroke.

Musical entertainment was rendered by Christopher Kemp and Donald Leach. Pembroke attorney Dexter Brooks presided over the three-hour program which concluded with the unveiling of a portrait of the late Julian T. Pierce.

Of Pierce, Brooks said, "He was a man of great intellect and great energy. He was not a man of racism even though he dealt with racism and poverty on a daily basis. He was the most kind-hearted of souls...he had a kind word to say of all people...he left this place a better place than he found it. He was a good man."

The portrait, painted by artist Tara Lowery, will hang in the law library of the Julian T. Pierce Law Building located at the office of LRLS in Pembroke.

Center For Community Action Holds Annual Banquet

The Annual Banquet of the Center for Community Action will be held on Saturday, November 12, at 6 p.m. at the Southern Kitchen Restaurant off Interstate I-95 and Carthage Road Exit. Keynote speaker for the event will be Mr. William Sanjour, Policy Analyst, Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C.

The banquet will be a tribute to the late John Godwin, who was once vice chairman of the Center's Board of Directors, and at the time of his death a community organizer for the Indian community. Godwin died March 22, 1988 at Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton from injuries suffered in a March 10th car accident.

But the work he started continues. "He roamed the county listening to the heartbeat of the people, he heard it was ailing," said his son, Tony Godwin. "But he got it started again and now it's up to the people here to keep it beating."

"His life stands as an example that individuals can make a difference in our democracy, when they become involved and work with others for the common good," said the Rev. Mac Legerton, executive director of the Center for Community Action.

Friends say Godwin believed that truth and time were on the side of the oppressed. All that was needed was someone to organize them. He carried the torch of nonviolent resistance, arranging marches that drew huge crowds, but followed the letter of the law. Violence threatened his cause when two Indians took hostages at gunpoint, but he helped negotiate a peaceful solution.

It is significant that Godwin counted the successes not as his own but as those of the people he sought to motivate. The greatest achievement, he said, was that people had begun to vote. That makes more change possible.

The board of directors of the Center feel that there is no better way than this tribute to show appreciation for the strength, foresight, integrity and, most of all, the concern of John Godwin for the lives of others.

The banquet will include a celebration of the past year's accomplishments and work of the Center. Speaking will be individuals who have participated within the various clusters of the organization. The cluster groups are: Eastside Park (Fairmont); Greenville (between Fairmont and Lumberton); Pembroke; Littlefield; and Lumberton. The banquet will also be a kick off for the 1989 recruitment drive for the Center's revised membership plan and publication of the Center's first quarterly newsletter due to roll off the press in Early 1989. Membership will be \$3 and automatically entitles one to receive the Center's newsletter.

GENE LOCKLEAR PAINTING OF PEMBROKE DEPOT UNVEILED

by Barbara Braveboy-Locklear
Charles Alton Maynor, director of the Gene Locklear Art Gallery, last week announced the recent completion of a Gene Locklear painting of the Pembroke Depot. The 30 x 36-inch work was unveiled last week at the gallery by Miss Lumbee Angelina Moore.

In making the announcement, Maynor said a limited number of prints of the original work has been produced.

"In doing the prints, the artist and I felt it would allow area collectors to own a piece of local history." The decades-old depot, once located at the corner of Railroad and Main Streets in Pembroke, was destroyed by fire last year.

"The art project will serve twofold. It will offer some memory of the landmark in a print, while raising

money for the Gene Locklear Art Scholarship at Pembroke State University," he says.

While Locklear, a Lumbee Indian, has produced several paintings of the landmark, Maynor says there will be no further works on the subject by the artist for promotion purposes. According to the gallery director, further works of the depot may be handled solely by private commissions.

Plans are incomplete on the method of selling the original painting of the depot. Maynor says an Open House is planned at the gallery for the Christmas holidays when Locklear, a San Diego-based artist, visits his native Pembroke. Until then, the limited edition prints, measuring 17 x 21 inches, may be purchased at the gallery located on Union Chapel Road.



Miss Lumbee Angelina Moore unveiled Gene Locklear's painting of

the Pembroke Depot.

The Center for Community Action, formerly Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned, is a community organization which formed in 1980 in order to organize citizens and build an effective organization with the power to improve the political, social, and economic conditions in Robeson.

The Center also seeks to balance creative ideas and new approaches in protecting and promoting grassroots, community interests as a social change organization. Two of its most

visible and successful endeavors have been a hazardous waste organizing project and a leadership development project. The former promotes environmentally sound and appropriately scaled facilities for hazardous waste treatment and disposal. The latter organizes and trains local citizens to become leaders for social change.

For reservations call the Center office at 739-7851 or 739-7854 as soon as possible. Tickets are \$8 per person.

SAY YOU READ IT IN
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THE OPTIMISTIC CYNICS

By Karen Coronado & Wm. Richard Mathis

WE WOULDN'T WISH IT ON OUR WORST ENEMY

"George Bush," our five year old son replied on election day when we asked his presidential preference. Surely there was some mistake. He had heard extended dialogues about Bush's role in the Iran-Contra and Noriega scandals; not to mention numerous jokes and snide remarks.

"Why would you vote for George Bush, son?"

"Because his name is shorter."

Huh? What does that matter?"

"Because it's easier to write."

Our son is on the way to becoming a precocious pundit. If he had mentioned that Bush is taller, does not have heavy eyebrows, does not speak in choppy sentences, shows emotion and has a good smile we'd be trying to hustle him as appearance Nightline.

He would be on Nightline as the short sage if he had added that a lot of people voted against Dukakis because he is a -gasp-liberal. Folks have told us they voted against Dukakis because he's for abortion or he gives weekend passes to incarcerated murderers so they can rape and plunder at will. It's all part of the liberal conspiracy to make secular humanism and the national religion: first they got rid of prayer in the schools, now it's the pledge of allegiance.

These same people who voted against Dukakis don't seem to be disturbed by Bush having run against Reagan in 1980 on a platform which supported abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment. Nor do they appear to mind Bush now championing the economic policies he once characterized as "voodoo." apparently, they believe Dukakis made more of a mistake with the Massachusetts furlough program than Bush did in selling missiles to the Ayatollah or dealing with Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega.

But we're neither bitter nor upset by Bush's victory. In fact, we are rather glad he is going to be president. Bring the next four years, we would much rather see a "conservative" than a "liberal" take the heat of coping with the astronomical national deficit, our deepening foreign debt, and the strong likelihood of raising taxes. The next president will have to cover all the rubber checks extravagantly written during the past eight years or else wait for our creditors to seek repossession.

It would certainly be a switch to see a Republican get the rap for raising taxes. But that wouldn't be the first switch of roles in this nasty campaign. At times we have been so confused about who is the Republican and the Democrat that we have termed it the "Bushkakis" campaign. Bushkakis is usually shortened to Bushkaka.

The Republicans were once the leftist radicals. During the Civil War and reconstruction, they advocated civil rights and sought to dismantle the economic system of the south.

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Pembroke attorney Dexter Brooks is shown as he unveiled the portrait of

by Barbara Braveboy-Locklear
...but I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep." Borrowing the line from one of poet Robert Frost's works, Lumbee River Legal Services executive director Kathleen McKee reaffirmed her staff's commitment to lend legal services to indigent people in Robeson, Scotland, Cumberland and Hoke counties.

McKee was among those who spoke at the organization's tenth anniversary banquet Friday night at Ramada Inn in Lumberton. Two hundred twenty-five people attended.

"The wonderful thing I can tell about legal services is that sometimes out jobs are grinding, but our people are not ground down," the newly-appointed executive director remarked. McKee replaces the late Julian Pierce who served in that capacity until early this year when he resigned to run for the office of Superior Court judge. Pierce was later murdered in March at his home in Wakulla.

McKee directs a team of seven attorneys, three paralegals and support staffs who provide free or reduced legal assistance in the area of civil law to 104,000 low-income people in a four-county service area. Based in Pembroke, the organization has a branch office in Fayetteville and satellite offices in Laurinburg and Raeford.

"When one person is denied access to the courthouse, it diminishes the quality of the justice we receive," McKee said. "When laws become guaranteed for some and

Julian T. Pierce. [Tara Lowery, artist].

denied to others, we become a nation of the lawless; not the lawful."

Keynote speaker for the program was Judge W. Earl Britt who serves the U.S. District Court in the Eastern Division. A native of McDonald, Britt was the first representative from the Robeson County Bar to serve as a board member to LRLS.

"Our society has an obligation to provide legal representation to those charged with crimes, even though the accused is indigent and unable to afford counsel," he said.

According to the federal judge, for years the obligation was met by society for the accused by the private bar, first without compensation and later with some compensation through the federal and state treasuries. More recently the obligation has been met through the public defender program with full-time counsel from the federal treasury. Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc. is one of 15 legal services agencies affiliated with the state agency.

Though primarily funded by monies allocated by Congress to the Legal Service Corporation, the tax-exempt organization solicits support from contributions by the general public and governmental units. Since its inception in 1978, the organization has grown from one office and three employees to 21 employees and four offices.

"Even though the program was resisted from its inception, and even now from the organized bar, the public defender programs in the state have proved their value," Britt commented. "Our goal must ever be that equal access to the courts is not



Allstate Insurance Company makes a \$2,000 gift to Pembroke State University's Chancellor's Scholars fund. The funds came from proceeds of the Allstate Junior Golf

Classic, an annual event from which PSU will continue to benefit each year. Dr. James B. Chavis (left), PSU vice chancellor for student affairs, receives the gift on behalf of PSU

from Dennis Knox (center) of Allstate Insurance Company. Looking on is Dr. Pete Wish, PSU associate professor of physical science.