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## N.C. HIGHWAY PATROL RULES "NO EVIDENCE" IN BRUTALITY CASE INVOLVING TROOPERS EVELYN AND COVINGTON

The North Carolina Highway Patrol, according to a letter addressed to McDuffie Cummings, Pembroke Town Manager, from Colonel John Jenkins, NC Highway Patrol Commander found "no evidence to indicate that more force than necessary was used to control Mr. Oxendine (O'Neil) and effectuate his arrest."

In spite of the fact that 31 stitches were needed to close the wounds in Oxendine's head, Col. Jenkins, in his letter to Cummings said, "we do not find that these two officers were motivated by prejudice as alleged...I (Col. Jenkins) do not believe that racial prejudice exists among our troopers in Robeson County..."

The findings were part of an administrative investigation conducted by the Internal Affairs division of the NC Highway Patrol...by supervisory personnel.

The in house investigation found, according to its findings, "substantial and vigorous resistance by Oxendine."

Contrary to the testimony of both Oxendine and Cummings, who observed the incident, the highway patrol found that Oxendine's resistance "included an assault upon Trooper T.J. Evelyn."

The incident, which resulted in District Court, Judge Charles G. McLean finding Oxendine guilty of driving with an expired

driver's license, resisting arrest, and driving under the influence, has been appealed to superior court.

The case has drawn state wide coverage because Cummings charged the troopers with brutality and assault upon Oxendine. Cummings claimed that Evelyn "passed the first lick." The incident occurred in April on Union Chapel Road in front of Cummings' home.

The investigation was a result of a letter written by Cummings to Col. Jenkins. In the letter, Cummings blamed the fracas upon the conduct of the troopers.

Cummings has also asked District Attorney Joe Freeman Britt about the possibility of taking out a warrant against the troopers. Britt said that a warrant against a law enforcement official could not be drawn without a preliminary investigation by his office. Britt is out of town attending a conference of district attorneys and could not be reached for comment. According to a spokesman in his office, "the investigation into the conduct of the troopers is still going on."

A number of Indian elected officials, including the town council of Pembroke and Maxton Commissioner Herman Dial have demanded action in the case. According to an unconfirmed source, the town council is considering a motion making it unlawful for either Troopers

T.J. Evelyn or Hubert Covington to be in Pembroke except upon official business.

According to other reliable sources, the two troopers have been instructed to stay out of the Pembroke area. The same sources contend that both troopers are to be transferred out of the county. Neither supposition could be confirmed at press time.

Dr. James B. Chavis, newly named ombudsman for North Carolina, if formally asked, would have the authority to look into the matter and arrive at a determination in the matter for the governor.

Additionally, the civil liberties union is seriously considering involving themselves in the case. Also, lawyers outside Robeson County have been approached about handling the appeal in the case. Reportedly, Attorney Henry Ward Oxendine, who handled the defense in district court, is withdrawing from the case.

The Carolina Indian Voice, at press time, was unable to find out what kind of procedure was used by the highway patrol in "investigating" the matter. According to information gathered by this newspaper, neither Cummings or Oxendine were interviewed by the patrol. If investigators came to Robeson County to look into the matter, they came quietly and did not come to Pembroke to talk to either the participants or observers in the incident.

## Commencement Address At PSHS By S. Gabe Paxton, Jr. Acting Deputy Commissioner-Office of Indian Education

The following is the graduation address given by S. Gabe Paxton, Jr. to the graduating class of Pembroke Senior High School on June 9, 1977:

Thank you very much for inviting me to address you on this very important 1977 Commencement. I address congratulations to the 225 graduating seniors.

Did you read this morning's paper? If so, you may have glimpsed some clues that indicate the real, sometimes unreal, world into which you are entering. The issues were emphasized.

At the world level, there were important concern and universal issues. These involved political, social, scientific, and economic matters. At the national level, there were also political, social, scientific, and economic issues. At the state levels, these sweeping issues were also reflected. And at the local level, these same political, social and economic issues were underscored.

It is within these larger and smaller frameworks that you must cope, operate, interact, and have impact. And each of you will for a greater or lesser degree. It does not take a great deal of knowledge to make such a prognosis. I suppose this would not be a real graduation speech if I didn't say, the future will be an immense, sometimes almost insurmountable challenge to you.

What can I predict for you in this challenging future--this real world in which you are expected to cope--this real world in which your education has prepared you to impact?

I can safely predict you will face a world of change. No doubt I can say there is nothing permanent except change. No doubt I can confuse the issue by saying there is nothing new under the sun, only mutations of thoughts and shapes which acquire new meanings in your new survival school--the real world.

You, the new generation, will spend your most productive years, the next forty years, in a society and a world so different from that of your present teachers that they will marvel at the most important survival skills which they gave you. Change is a variation from an existing condition. Change comes slowly as people, institutions, and systems tend to resist change. But changes will surely come. If your teachers and school systems have prepared you well, you will be able to cope with the new developments and new ideas.

I can safely predict that the information explosion will continue, and the capacity of your brain to absorb that knowledge has not yet reached its peak or limit.

For the past several thousand years, knowledge and information have increased and accumulated. Since 1900 this explosion of knowledge has multiplied over 100 times. By the time you are in

mid-career, this explosion will have multiplied a thousand times. It is this condition which makes the future exciting. I would not have you think of the future in negative terms, but in bright, positive terms. The possibilities, the options, the alternatives are so fantastic as to make the mind soar. And I envy you and your opportunities.

Especially in education, there will be changes in content, methods, and procedures. Many people will have access to a good, meaningful education from early childhood to the aged. There will be more equal opportunity for the culturally diverse ethnic groups. There will be countless new directions in the learning process. All of these will be designed to help individuals achieve what they want to achieve in their individual lives.

I can safely predict great scientific and technological advances. In your lifetime, countless diseases will be conquered. In your lifetime, space travel to other planets in our solar system will become reality. Moon travel may be common place. New forms of automation will change our habits. New forms of energy will be utilized. Life spans will be prolonged. There will be chemical control of mental illness.

In my own lifetime, air travel has matured, communications have increased, motion pictures have grown, television has appeared and grows, and atomic energy has erupted. And at the same time, such problems as polluted air and foul water have appeared and accelerated. There continue to be urban-rural conflicts and problems. Technology can help resolve these problems.

I have suggested that change is a mutation from the status quo, that change comes slowly, but change is inevitable.

The man with the hoe is different from the man with a tractor. The person riding a horse is different from the person comfortable in supersonic flight. The person of the future who works 30 hours per week is different from the one who works 60 hours per week.

But the greatest change of all is in human relationships. This is the greatest opportunity and challenge all over the globe, throughout our fifty states and territories, within our state and community--the improvement of human beings getting along with human beings. It is human beings who operate social, political, economic, scientific, artistic, moral, and philosophical systems. It is here you, the educated generation, can best have great impact. It is here you can soar to great heights as a human individual.

As you go forth to perform your life's tasks, I wish you well. Your parents wish you well. Your teachers wish you well. And, your classmates wish you well. Congratulations!

## people and places and things

### DULLARD FAMILY REUNION PLANNED

The descendants of the late John Bullard and the late Cattie Graham Bullard will hold their third annual Family Reunion on Fathers Day, June 19 beginning at 12 noon. The affair will be held at the John Bullard homeplace, now the home of a grandson, John R. Brayboy. Coordinating the affair are: Mrs. Dorothy Locklear, Mr. Billy R. Harris, and Mr. John R. Brayboy. All grandchildren of the late couple. All family members are cordially invited to attend.

### CORRECTION AND AMPLIFICATION

Also contributing to the Pembroke Jaycees' recent Golf Tournament for the Robeson County Cancer Fund was Pembroke Drug Center. They were unintentionally omitted from last week's article concerning the event.

### LRDA DIRECTORS TO MEET

The Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. Board of Directors will hold its regular monthly meeting on June 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the LRDA Annex Building in Pembroke. Interested persons are invited to attend.

### POW WOW TO BE HELD

The 5th Annual Pow Wow of the Lower Creek Muscogee Tribe will be held at Tama State Indian Reservation July 2, 3, and 4. There will be many Indian Dancers from all over the United States attending another great pow-wow. The public is cordially invited to attend.

There will be Indian singing, gospel singing, and country and western singing, pow wow dancing competition, Indian princess and Brave contest, also Indian sports (ball games, sack races, lacrosse) pony rides, Gopher race (bring your own gopher), Indian story telling, and real good Indian food. Indian arts and crafts will be on display.

### THE SENSATIONAL AND EXCELLENT DRAMA SOUNDS FROM THE SWAMP

will be performed. This is an educational drama which contains the myths, legends, and history of the Creek Indian People. The drama spans the history of the people's past, present and future aspirations. Don't miss this great event. The Lower Creek Muscogee Tribe is located at Tama Reservation, Route 1, Cairo, Georgia 31728.

### PRO WRESTLING CARD TO BE PRESENTED AT PSU

In an effort to raise funds for the Pembroke State University Alumni Association, a professional championship wrestling card will be presented Wednesday, June 29, at 8:15 p.m. at PSU's Jones Health and Physical Education Center. The main attraction will be a grudge match between Chief Wahoo McDaniel, who will defend his heavyweight title against the unknown Mr. X. Other outstanding pro wrestlers will also appear on the card.

### Wayne Bailey, alumni director of PSU, is coordinating arrangements for the event.

"This appears to be one of the best wrestling cards ever offered to the wrestling public," says Bailey. Tickets can be purchased, said Bailey, from the PSU Alumni Office or from any member of the PSU Alumni Association.

### CAR WASH PLANNED SATURDAY

A car wash will be held Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Lumbee Bank in Pembroke. Funds from the car wash will be used for Lumbee Homecoming 1977. The car wash is being sponsored by LRDA. A wash and vacuum will be \$3.00.

### BREAKFAST PROGRAM AT PEMBROKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A breakfast program will begin June 20th from 7-9 a.m. at Pembroke Elementary School. Everyone is eligible to participate with no charge for anyone between 3-21 years of age.

### RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Pembroke Elementary School will offer recreational activities at three Pembroke locations. The locations for the program are Pembroke Elementary Gym, June 20th from 2-5 p.m., Maynor Manor and Locklear Courts 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. For additional information contact Wade C. Hunt at 521-4204 or 521-4569.

### SQUARE DANCE TO BE HELD

On Friday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m. there

will be a square dance held in the circle at Dial Terrace in Pembroke sponsored by Pembroke Housing Authority Satellite Social Services Program. There will be a booth set up at the site by the staff of "Strike at the Wind" for ticket sales and donations. Carnell Locklear, also known as Boss Strong in Strike at the Wind, will be on hand to sing and entertain.

Summer is here and it is time to come out of our homes for some fun and relaxation. So ya'll come on down to the square dance on June 24th for fun and to support Strike at the Wind.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS AT UNION CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Vacation Bible School has begun at the Union Chapel Community Church with the enrollment of 270 students. The VBS will close Friday, June 17. The lead teachers are: Choirster, Mrs. Molly Jacobs; Music, Miss Jo Ann Thomas; Nursery, Mrs. Nelly Ruth Locklear; Beginners Girls, Mrs. Bonnie Hunt; Beginners Boys, Mrs. Barbara Locklear, Primary Girls, Mrs. Cherry Blue; Primary Boys, Mr. Jason Baker; Junior Girls, Mrs. Gladys Pierce; Junior Boys, Mr. Archie Scott; Intermediate Girls, Mrs. Virginia Harris; Intermediate Boys, Mr. Laney Locklear; Young People, Rev. Chasen L. Oxendine; Adults, Rev. John W. Jones. Principal of VBS is Mrs. Lou Henry Oxendine. Superintendent is Mr. Archie Oxendine.

### 1957 CLASS OF PEMBROKE HIGH TO HOLD REUNION JULY 2

The 1957 graduating class of Pembroke High School will hold their third reunion July 2, 1977 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy D. Swett on Highway 74, Pembroke. Mr. Swett, class president, invites all members of that class who have not been contacted to come. He may be contacted at P.O. Box 786, Pembroke, or at Pembroke State University. The event begins at 6:30 p.m.

### GOSPEL SING TO BE PART OF LUMBEE HOMECOMING EVENTS

As a component of Lumbee Homecoming activities sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association, a gospel sing will be held at the Riverside Country Club site on Sunday, July 3, 1977. Hours will be from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. The program will feature such groups as Felix Deal and Family, The Glory Bounds of Hoke County, The Shannonairens, The McNeill Trio, The Gospel Singing Quartet, The White Hill Singers, The New Bethel Quartet, The Sampson Brothers and the Union Light Singers. Admission for the event will be \$1 for adults and no charge for children under 12.

Tickets are available at the CETA Annex Office in Pembroke. The LRDA Annex, Riverside Country Club and members of the gospel sing committee. Tickets will also be available at the gate. Proceeds will go to STRIKE AT THE WIND!

### SUMMER MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM TO BEGIN

Teachers in the Summer Migrant Education Program in the Robeson County School Unit will be tutoring some 350 children of migrant parents in five school centers for a period of eight weeks. Special emphasis will be given to reading and mathematics.

The school centers to be used for the Migrant Program are Oxendine, Proctorville, Rex-Rennett, Pembroke Elementary and Green Grove. Through the School Food Service, a type A lunch will be served at all centers. Seven buses will be used for transporting the students to and from the centers.

Furman Brewer, director of the Summer Migrant Education Program, has announced the following staff: Fannie Blue; Debra Brooks; Healen Carter; Jean Crouch; Paulette Deese; Vivian Esters; Helen Hammonds; Timmy Hunt; Mary Lowry; Marvin Ransom; Mollie Robinson; Robert McGirt; and Linda Jessie. Alice Evans is the program secretary.

The summer conference for the program will be held at the Wilmington Hilton, Wilmington, NC from June 20-23. School for migrant children will begin on June 27 and conclude on August 12.

### DISCO PLANNED

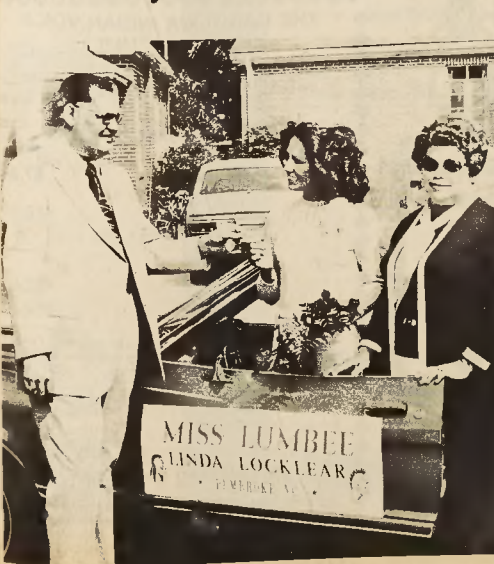
The American Indian Student Association on the Pembroke State University Campus will sponsor a Disco on Friday night, June 17 from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. at the Pembroke Javce Clubhouse. Admission is \$1.50.

## Miss Lumbee 1977 Contestants



Shown above are the contestants in the 1977 Miss Lumbee Pageant to be held soon at the PSU Performing Arts Center. They are, left to right: Karen Sue Lowry, sponsored by Ty's Mini Mart; Yvette Thompson, sponsored by Pembroke Kiwanis Club; Betty Carol Maynor, sponsored by WAGR and WJSK radio stations; Teresa Jacobs, sponsored by the PSU American Indian Student Association; Wanda Jane Hunt, sponsored by the Fairgrove Jaycees; and left to right, seated: Brenda Carol Hunt, co-sponsored by the Pembroke Jaycees and Lycourus Lowry; Joan Bullard, sponsored by Eugene Locklear, University Sportswear; and Jackie Oxendine, sponsored by Herbie Oxendine, Old Foundry Toyota. (Elmer W. Hunt Photo)

## Royal Send Off For Miss Lumbee



The Town of Pembroke took a moment Sunday afternoon to give Miss Lumbee, Linda Gail Locklear, a royal send off as she prepared to depart for the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant in Winston-Salem where she will be a contestant. She will be seen Saturday night on local television as the new Miss North Carolina is crowned for 1977. Miss Locklear will be accompanied to Winston-Salem by her chaperone, Mrs. Florence Ransom, and a throng of admirers who are planning to attend the week long pageant and cheer Miss Lumbee on.

Pembroke Town Manager McDuffie Cummings served as master of ceremonies.

Many Pembroke notable and organizations attended and wished Miss Lumbee the best in her quest for the coveted title, Miss North Carolina. She was presented a key to the city by Mayor Reggle Strickland and given gifts and accolades by number of local organizations.

Special guest were the lovely lasses vying for Miss Lumbee 1977.

Miss Lumbee, Linda Gail Locklear, is shown in photo at left with her chaperone, Mrs. Florence Ransom, right, and Mr. Kenneth R. Maynor, executive director of Lumbee Regional Development Association, sponsor of Lumbee Homecoming.



Mayor Reggle Strickland is shown presenting the proverbial Key to the City to Miss Lumbee, Linda Gail Locklear.

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