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JULIAN PIERCE SELECTED AS LEGAL SERVICES CHIEF IN PEMBROKE

Pembroke-Washington, DC attorney Julian Pierce, a Lumbee Indian and Hoke County native, has been selected as executive director of the newly formed Lumbee River Legal Services (LRLS) Program, according to Denison Ray, executive director, Legal Services of NC.

Ray, who was a member of the LRLS advisory board selection committee said that Pierce will officially assume his duties on October 16. However, before the program begins operation, Pierce and the other new staff members will participate in extensive legal services training at both state and national levels.

"We are extremely pleased that Julian Pierce will be joining the LRLS program as executive director," said Ray. "As a native of the area, and as an attorney, Mr. Pierce is well aware of the civil legal needs of low income Indian and non Indians of Southeastern North Carolina."

LRLS was organized this summer to provide free civil legal assistance to low income residents of Robeson County. The program hopes to be fully operational by January 1, 1979. Program offices will be located in the former Locklear and Son Funeral Home Building on Union Chapel Road in Pem-

broke.

Funds for LRLS and nine other legal services programs in North Carolina are provided by Legal Services of North Carolina, a statewide non-profit organization, by the National Legal Services Corporation in Washington, DC.

Pierce received his bachelor of science degree in chemistry from PSU in 1966. Following a career as chemist with the Newport News and Norfolk Naval Ship Yards in Va. he attended law school at the North Carolina Central University Law School in Durham.

He received his juris doctor degree from NCCU in 1976. And he has recently earned an advanced law degree from Georgetown University Law School in Washington.

Pierce is currently serving as an attorney in the General Council's Office of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, DC.

Pierce is licensed to practice law in North Carolina and Virginia.

Pierce and his wife, Patricia, and their children, Julian, Julia and Avery will be making their home in the Pembroke area.

An Open Letter To Indian Parents

Dear Indian Parents:

The Title IV, Part A Indian Education Project will hold open public elections for representatives to the Countywide Title IV, Part A Parent Committee at 8 school districts on Monday, September 18 and Tuesday, September 19.

Although the elections will be held by school district; it is important for each school to have a representative or representatives.

Indian parents, teachers and students have a vital role to play in Indian Education, and the representative from the school on the countywide parent committee is elected to assure that the feelings and attitudes of the Indian community are expressed in the planning and operation of the Indian Education Project.

In order to serve, a person must attend the parent elections or the nomination cannot be honored.

If you are concerned about representation and the Title IV Part A Project in your school, then you should make every effort to attend the parent elections and make certain you have good representation from your school on the countywide parent committee.

The following is a schedule of parent elections in the Robeson County Schools:

Monday, Sept. 18: Prospect/Oxendine at Prospect School; Parkton/Rex Rennett at Rex Rennett; Fairgrove/Green Grove at Fairgrove; Allenton/Smiths and Littlefield at Littlefield. The meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 19: Magnolia Piney Grove at Magnolia; Pembroke School District at Pembroke Senior High (includes Union Chapel; Pembroke Elementary; Pembroke Junior; Pembroke Senior; Deep Branch; Union Elementary and Purvis); Rowland/Southside at Rowland; Orrum/Proctorville/Long Branch at Orrum. Meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The following is a breakdown of representation from each school district for the 1978-79 parent committee elections:

Fairgrove and GreenGrove- 3 parents and one parent-teacher. Littlefield, Allenton and Smiths, 2 parents; Magnolia, one student, one parent, one parent-teacher; Orrum, Long Branch and Proctorville- one parent and one parent-teacher; Parkton and Rex-Rennett, two parents; Pembroke Senior, two parents and one student; Pembroke Junior, two parents and one parent-teacher; Pembroke Elementary- three parents and one parent teacher; Deep Branch, one parent, one parent teacher; Purvis, one parent; Union Elementary, one parent and one parent-teacher; Union Chapel, two parents; Prospect, one student, two parents, and one parent teacher; Oxendine, one parent; Rowland, Southside and Ashpole, two parents and one parent-teacher; Piney Grove, 1 parent and 1 parent teacher.

You are encouraged to contact persons in your school district who are interested in serving on the parent committee and encourage others to attend the parent elections. Members of the Title IV Project Staff, the Board of Education and Principals are not eligible to serve on the parent committee. Only Indian parents, teachers and high school students who reside in the school district are eligible to vote.

Parent elections are held to provide an opportunity for the Indian community to elect representatives to serve in the best interest of their respective school districts. Your vote is important and this is your opportunity to express your voice and your concerns about Indian education.

Please attend the meeting in your school district.

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Project Director

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REVIVAL PLANNED FOR CHEROKEE METHODIST CHURCH

Cherokee Methodist Church will hold their revival the week of September 17-22nd, 1978. Sunday night service will begin at 7:00 p.m., and week nights at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Roy Clark and Rev. Monroe Woods will be guest speakers. Everyone is invited to attend. Rev. Julian Ransom is pastor.

GRADUATES FROM UNC

Peggy Lowry Strickland of Pembroke received her B.S.P.T. Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this summer. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Lowry of Barker Street, Pembroke, and is married to Earl Homer Strickland of Route 1, Pembroke.

TRIP TO HOLY LAND PLANNED

Educational opportunities offers you a great deal- Travel to the Holy Land with Ruth H. Mundy, direct from Charlotte, NC. Nine days of inspiration and learning about Jesus, His life, His time. His and, his faith is planned. The group leaves Charlotte Feb. 13, 1979. Cost is only \$2075. For more information, call 738-5635.

APPRECIATION DINNER PLANNED

You are invited to join your friends at a Celebration Appreciation Dinner at the Old Foundry on Saturday night, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. for good food, good fun and good fellowship as Rev. Bob Mangum leaves his post as Director of the Robeson County Church and Community Center and becomes pastor the Prospect United Methodist Church. Cost of tickets \$4.00 and you can get your ticket at the Robeson County Church and Community Center or from the following persons: Rev. J.F. Cummings, Sidney Locks, Charles McDowell, Adolph Dial, Ms. C.L. Hocker, Howard Cooper, Tommy Swett. Call today to reserve your place.

VISITS CADET AT AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Mrs. Mildred Davis, a teacher at Union Elementary School, visited her son, Howard D. Davis, Jr., a cadet at the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado. The occasion was annual parents weekend.

Cadet Davis is one of more than 1400 cadets officially accepted into the cadet world after completing six weeks of Basic Cadet Training (BCT). This was extensive field training. Acceptance in the Wing as a 4th Classman is equal to the freshman year in a university.

WOODS STORE MANAGER RECEIVES PROMOTION

Woods Store manager Clarence E. Hall of Pembroke has been promoted and transferred to Elizabethtown, NC. Mr. Hall has been with the Woods Co. for over 11 years. He is a native of Roanoke, Va. He is married to the former Geraldine Edwards of Roanoke, Va. They have three children, Mrs. Stan Davis of Savannah, Ga., two sons, Ronnie and Donnie Hall who are also with the Woods Stores. The Halls have three grand children. They reside in Lumberton at the present time.

Said Mr. Hall: "I would like to express my appreciation to the people of Pembroke. I enjoyed the past three years that I managed the Woods Store in Pembroke, finding it a friendly town with friendly people. I feel as though I made a lot of new friends that will be missed but never forgotten. Thank you so much for your support as friends and customers during my management in Pembroke."

PEMBROKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MEET

The Pembroke Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday night, Sept. 14th at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED AT OXENDINE SCHOOL

Oxendine School will hold their first Open House of the school year on Thursday, Sept. 21, in the school cafeteria beginning at 7 p.m. Parents are encouraged to be present by the principal, Noah Woods, to become more informed about parental involvement, promotion and retention, fund raising projects, etc.

MAGNOLIA SCHOOL PLANS OPEN HOUSE

Magnolia School on Highway 301, will hold its first open house for this school year. Open House will be Monday night, Sept. 18, from 7 until 9 p.m. All teachers and staff members will be in their respective areas during that time to speak with visitors. The cafeteria staff will prepare and serve refreshments in the school cafeteria. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend.

MAGNOLIA SCHOOL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND IEA ELECTIONS TUESDAY NIGHT

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at Magnolia School to elect three parent representatives from Magnolia School to the 40-member IEA Committee. Members of the Magnolia School District are encouraged by the principal, J. Mark Brooks, to attend.

LOCKLEAR FOUND GUILTY OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER

Harold Fred Locklear was found guilty last Thursday of second degree murder in the death of Annie Sue Anderson on September 18, 1977.

Sentence was pronounced by Judge Henry A. McKinnon. The jury deliberated 25 minutes before returning with their guilty verdict. District Attorney Joe Freeman Britt had asked for death in the case.

Locklear was defended by Pembroke attorney Arnold Locklear and Lumberton attorney Bruce Huggins.

McKinnon sentenced the defendant to 20-25 years.

BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MEET TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

The Robeson County Board of Education will meet Tuesday evening at 4 p.m. in the Board of Education Building, Lumberton for their September meeting.

Revival To Begin At Sandy Plains

Revival services will begin Sunday, Sept. 17, at Sandy Plains United Methodist Church near Pembroke. Services will be held each evening, Sunday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. There will be special music each evening.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Thomas G. Holtzclaw, pastor of the Concord United Methodist Church, Roxboro, NC. Presently serving his 6th appointment. He is a graduate of Morris Harvey College, receiving his Master of Divinity Degree from Divinity School at Duke University.

Mr. Holtzclaw is Secretary of the Division of Evangelism of the North Carolina Conference, Director of Evangelism in the Durham District. He has held revivals throughout the state of West Virginia and eastern North Carolina.

He is married to the former Helen Mae Mason and they have three children, Andrea, Timothy and Jason.

The Rev. Simon F. Cummings extends a special invitation to the public.

Rev. Elias Rogers Announces Bid On LREMC Board



Elias Rogers

The Rev. Elias Rogers, President of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Board of Directors, has announced his candidacy for re-election to that board. Rev. Rogers is completing his first year as president and his 11th year as a member of the board of directors. He is a candidate at large. In making his announcement, Rev. Rogers released the following statement:

"I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve you the members of the Lumbee River EMC. New programs, policies and ideas have been implemented this year.

"Two of the major member-benefiting programs have been load management residential central air conditioners, heat pumps, and electric water heaters and the joint LREMC-Farmers Home Administration Home Weather-

zation Improvement Program.

"This past year, peak demand for electricity was reduced significantly through load management of these appliances, and over approximately \$10,000 was credited on participating member's power bills. Under the Home Weatherization Program, 28 members were helped financially to add insulation and storm windows to their homes, and another 200 members were given Home Weatherization advice by co-operative employees. Members on low and fixed incomes were helped to pay their electric bills through the cooperative's participation in a federally funded program."

Rev. Rogers continued, "This year as president of the cooperative seems to have gone by rapidly. I have been busy, learning and applying what I have learned to make Lumbee River EMC the best member-owned cooperative in the nation.

"I humbly ask that you consider me as a candidate for re-election to the LREMC Board of Directors. I urge each of you to attend the 38th Annual Meeting of the Members on Tuesday, October 17 1978 at the Pembroke State University Performing Arts Center. Your support will be greatly appreciated."

A Salute to Willie Lowery

by Bruce Barton

Pembroke- Willie Lowery is an artist. He writes music and performs it. He is constantly expanding his limits, seeing how far he can go. The sky is the limit.

Willie recently combined his talents with those of Lumbee Regional Development Association's Lumbee Indian Education Project.

The result was a children's musical drama named STAND AS ONE. Created and written by Willie Lowery, the show was presented at the Strike At The Wind's outdoor drama amphitheatre at the Riverside Country Club in nearby Red Banks. It was a good and snappy show. A sing a long type of composition that made one want to clap and smile broadly. The children cavorted and had a good time. And the audience enjoyed the production immensely as evidenced by loud and frequent outbursts of applause.

Yes, it was a salute to Willie Lowery, too, a talented Indian who has returned home after wandering up and down the musical trails in America. He has returned home to make his roots part of his music. The wildly successful music maker for Strike At The Wind! Willie's latest effort, STAND AS ONE, shows him still growing and learning and expanding.

A special presentation preceding the production were live performances by Willie, Carnell Locklear, Miriam Oxendine and Brenda Hunt, a former Miss Lumbee. It was a special fun filled two days of entertainment.

The play was presented on Friday and Saturday nights (Sept. 8 & 9). Except for an occasional mosquito bite, and inferior microphones, it was a lovely way to spend an evening.

Too, the play produced a bonafide star, Maurice Lowery, Jr., who has a crystal clear tenor voice that tingles like a bell. He might grow into a Henry Berry Lowry type in a future Strike At The Wind!

Too, Melton Lowry, who played Henry Berry Lowry in this year's production of Strike At The Wind! mimicked wonderfully as the old man who pontificated through out the evening. But the lyrics won the evening. Hopefully, more people will get to see the show before it is put upon the closet shelf.

Congratulations, Willie! May you continue to grow as an artist. Salute!

Sandy Plains Church Honors

"Mr. Lonnie"



Mr. Lonnie H. Oxendine is shown on the steps of Sandy Plains United Methodist Church. [Photo by Bruce Barton]

Pembroke-It was billed as A Service of Recognition to Mr. Lonnie H. Oxendine and that's what it was. But it was also a love in, Rev. Oscar Cummings, with tears streaming down his face, recounted his remembrances of "Mr. Lonnie."

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Indian, Patrol Relations Eyed

RALEIGH (AP) — If the Highway Patrol troop in Robeson County had equal numbers of white, blacks and Indians, and if troopers in certain areas of the county were required to live there and become familiar with the Indian point of view, relations between the patrol and the Lumbee Indians would improve.

Those are some of the recommendations of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, made Thursday in an effort to improve relations between the two groups. That relationship has been strained lately by complaints from Indians of abuse by troopers. However, the commission's recommendations did not deal with any of those specific complaints.

Currently, the Highway Patrol troop in Robeson County has two blacks, 15 whites and no Indians. However, the county's population is about one third of each race, according to the report.

And almost all the patrol officers live in Lumberton, which is predominantly white, according to the report, which was written by a committee of representatives from the commission, the state Human Relations Council and Robeson County residents.

The recommendations, which were sent to J. Phil Carlton, secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, included:

—Suspension of a patrol rule that patrolmen cannot return to their home counties until they have been with the force for 10 years. The report said the rule keeps Indians in the patrol from serving in Robeson County.

—Organization of a recruiting campaign among Indians in the counties that have significant Indian populations. The report showed that there are seven Indians among the 1,136 highway patrolmen.

—Elimination of the practice of sending patrolmen with records of problems in other counties to Robeson County.

—Supervision of troopers more closely and including supervisory and human relations skills in requirements for the training of troopers.

—Participation by patrolmen in community activities.

—Screening prospective patrolmen for attitude problems.

—Appointment of a task force of members of the highway patrol, commission on Indian affairs and state council on human relations to monitor the implementation of recommendations and report to the commission.