

# AN EDITORIAL EXPRESSION

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school district so if the school lines can be re-drawn for whites, then why can they not also be re-drawn for Indians? Let us put to rest the double standards of the past; let us demand that these Indian people receive the same consideration as the Parkton lobbyists.

## Lobby Your Legislators

If you wish to prevent this nefarious annexation; if you want to end the old, outmoded double standards then contact your legislators; for your convenience their names, addresses and phone numbers appear below. If you talk to Rep. David Parnell remind him of the fate of former representative Gus Speros. As you recall, former Rep. Gus Speros ignored the pleas of Indian people on the double-voting issue; thereby, leading to his downfall in the 1974 elections. Please do call Black Rep. Robert Davis and Indian Rep. Horace Locklear and tell them that you do appreciate their stand on this most important issue.

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## Sen. Sam Noble

The position of Sen. Sam Noble is critical and according to news accounts he has not taken a stand as of yet; however, according to informed sources, he is privately working to effectuate the Parkton annexation. In fact, the signature of Senator Noble's wife, Jean, a Parkton landowner, seems to appear on the petition submitted to the county board of education at its last meeting. Additionally, according to our sources, Senator Noble's closest political ally, Robeson County Clerk of Court Ben G. Floyd, has personally called legislators Horace Locklear and Robert Davis and school board member David Green in an effort to get them to withdraw their opposition to the proposed annexation. It seems that Mr. Floyd was concerned lest they "damage" themselves by their efforts; fortunately for us all, however, they have resisted such efforts to this point.

From what information we have been able to gather, the idea to make the annexation bill a referendum so as to allow Locklear and Davis to quietly withdraw their opposition to Parnell's legislation came from Senator Noble himself. Rumor has it that the Senator agreed to support the Parkton annexation if David Parnell would agree to nominate a Noble crony, Rev. E.B. Turner, to the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina; Turner, who has lost favor with Blacks across the State, was not re-nominated to the Board by a group of Black legislators. According to what we have been able to determine, David Parnell did in fact make the nomination, but denies that any kind of deal was made. But it is a fact that Rep. Parnell's bill can't become law without the affirmative support and vote of Robeson's only senator; however, if he does in fact support this nefarious legislation then we propose to nominate Senator Sam Noble for the Gus Speros Award-Senate Version. Various individuals in the Indian community have already been contacted by certain whites interested in Indian support for a race against Senator Noble; their candidacy would suddenly appear a lot more attractive if Senator Noble did in fact endorse David Parnell's nefarious pending local legislation.

## Magnolia-Saddletree

The Indian people of this community must realize that they are being sold a bill of goods by Bill Herndon and David Parnell. The issue here is clear: Will the consolidated high school for the northern part of the county be located in the Town of St. Pauls or will it be located in the more friendly areas within the county system? Do not be deceived by a Bill Herndon who is quite willing to give up his own local high school within the Town of Parkton. He knows as do the members of the St. Pauls Board of Education that the six school system status quo existing here in Robeson cannot survive the next few years. Each year there are fewer and fewer city school systems across the State and each year the effort to eliminate them entirely gets stronger; the other counties across the State are not going to continue supporting financially our own local racial madness in this county forever. In the very near future, consolidation will occur for all of us - Pembroke, Prospect, Fairgrove and Magnolia - the only question that should concern us is who will be making the determination as to the locations of these new schools? As we understand the law, public hearings must be held before any high school can be discontinued and the

location of the northern consolidated school is still tentative. The only reason any location was specified at all was because the county commissioners required such a non-binding determination before they would approve the bond issue. With Parkton within the county system the residents of the Magnolia area will participate in the selection of a site for the northern consolidated high school; if Parkton is annexed to St. Pauls that privilege will be lost forever to the Magnolia residents. That's about it.

## Oak Ridge

The community with the most to lose in the Parnell-Herndon effort is the old Oak Ridge School Attendance area. As most folks recall, the modern Black school of Oak Ridge was closed in 1970 in favor of the outmoded Parkton School when the whites of the area objected to attending the formerly all-Black school; therefore, the Black school children were bussed over to the old formerly all-white school. Although it is evident from the petition presented to the county school board by Black Lumberton attorney, Angus Thompson that the Blacks of Oak Ridge do not want to go to Parkton, Rep. David Parnell, over their objections, has included them in his bill. From what we have been able to gather, the Parnell-Herndon group feels that they need to include at least some Blacks in order to prevent the wrath of the federal authorities.

The move is educationally unsound and seemingly racially motivated. Given the even-handed treatment of all racial groups by the county school board—witness the building of the East Robeson Primary School in a predominately white community—the move can only be construed as an effort to escape the jurisdiction of a majority Indian-Black school board.

## Racial Disharmony

The effort cannot succeed for if it were to do so racial progress in this county would be set back at least ten years, Indian and Blacks can ill afford to allow whites to change the rules of the game once the minorities acquire a measure of political power. Already we hear the rumblings of discontent from Indians on the street to the effect that if Parkton goes then the primary concern of our board of education should be the Indian schools of Pembroke and Prospect rather than Orrum and Littlefield. Such thinking, if it becomes widespread, could bode hard times for the remaining predominately white schools in the county school system.

## The Voting Rights Act

Since Robeson County is covered by the Voting Rights Act of 1965, any such change affecting voting has to be approved by the United States Attorney General before it can be enforced. Already Indian people are thinking about challenging the annexation in federal court if it is enacted by the legislature. It is contended, and rightly so, that without Parkton and Lumber Bridge Townships a Black could not be elected to the county school board; the election statistics bear this out. For that matter, it would likewise be impossible to elect a white to the board, especially after the racial disharmony created by this move.

## The Lumberton School Annexations

As many people recall, the annexations to the Lumberton City School District which occurred in the late sixties and early seventies were objected to by the federal authorities after their belated submission in 1975; therefore, we are informed that an injunction could easily be obtained from the federal courts preventing the residents of such areas from voting in Lumberton school elections and preventing the children from such areas attending the city schools. Several Indians have remarked to this editor that if Lumberton Senator Sam Noble supports the Parnell bill that they will not sit idly by and continue to allow the white residents of the Lumberton annexed areas to attend schools outside the county system. The area in question encompasses all of the upper middle class white area to the north of the City of Lumberton, including Wycliff and Lakewood Estates subdivisions.

## Conclusion

The experience of the Robeson County Board of Education these past two years has been an experiment; a test to see if, in fact, the three races can work together for the common good. As of this date we would say that it has been a tremendous success; however, the effectuation of the aims of David Parnell and Bill Herndon will deal it a death blow. Race will be set against race and community will be set against community to the detriment of us all. Progressive thinking individuals should unite to prevent the consummation of this nefarious annexation and to rebuke those persons responsible for suggesting it in the first place.

## WARRIORS DEFEAT HALLSBORO

by David Malcolm

Pembroke-Winning pitcher Dwylan Locklear scattered 4 hits in going the distance for Pembroke as the Warriors, sparked by Kelvin Sampson's 4th inning grand slam homerun, defeated Hallsboro 8-2 here Saturday afternoon.

Hallsboro got the jump on the Warriors in the top half of the first inning when Donald Sasser's sacrifice fly to center field scored Ronald Williamson from third after the Tigers had loaded the bases with no outs on a single and two walks. Dwylan Locklear got the next two batters to hit fly balls to end the inning.

Mike Sampson led off for Pembroke in the bottom of the first with a single to right field. Sampson went to third when the ball got by the right fielder, Tim Powell. Hallsboro got Allen Oxendine on strikes before Kelvin Sampson singled to rightfield, scoring Mike Sampson to even to score at 1-1. Kelvin stole second and third base and scored when Bobby Taylor hit a sharp grounder to Ronald Williamson at second. Glenn Thomas singled but Reggie Didier struck out to retire the side.

The Tigers saw their first batter pop up to the shortstop and the second strike out before Tim Powell singled. Warrior catcher Donnie Carter made a spectacular diving catch of Ronald Williamson's popfly in front of the Pembroke dugout for the third out.

The Warriors got a standup double from freshman Anthony Locklear to lead off their half of the second inning. Donnie Carter went down on strikes for the first out. Billy Joe Maynor was out at first on a

fielder's choice that advanced Anthony Locklear to third base. Mike Sampson hit a grounder to the shortstop whose throw to first base was in the dirt, allowing Locklear to score and Sampson to go into second. Hallsboro got Allen Oxendine to ground out to end the inning with Pembroke on top 3-1.

Neither team could mount much of a threat in the third inning but the Warriors more than made up for it in the bottom of the fourth. Pembroke loaded the bases with none out when Reggie Didier was safe on a throwing error by the pitcher, Anthony Locklear walked, and Donnie Carter bunted safely. The Tigers forced Didier at the plate on an fielders choice for the first out. Mike Sampson's single scored Anthony from third before Kelvin Sampson unloaded on a Harvey Baldwin fastball, hitting a towering grand slam into deep right-centerfield to make the score 8-1. Bobby Taylor's hit down the rightfield line dropped fair for a single before Glenn Thomas was thrown out at first on a fielder's choice by the Hallsboro shortstop.

Billy Baldwin hit a solo homer to rightfield with two out for Hallsboro's final tally. Dwylan Locklear gave up a walk to Donald Sasser before retiring George Batten on strikes for the third out.

Reggie Didier walked before the Tigers struck out Anthony Locklear and Donnie Carter and got Billy Joe Maynor to hit back to the first baseman.

Dwylan Locklear gave up his fifth walk to Larry Nye to start the sixth inning. Locklear then proceeded to mow down the next three batters on strikes to bring up the top of the Warrior

batting order.

Pembroke threatened in the bottom of the inning when they got two runners aboard after Mike Sampson and Reggie Strickland both grounded out. Glenn Thomas' hit to the shortstop, Keith Hoffman, forced Bobby Taylor at second base.

Pembroke struck out the first Tiger batter and the second popped up to the pitcher. Billy Baldwin's pop up to third base was caught by Eli Locklear for the final out.

The Warriors host the Hoke County Bucks tomorrow after noon at 4 p.m. on the Pembroke Senior High diamond.

Pembroke-8 Hallsboro -2

HSBS: 100 010 0-2

PSHS: 210 500 x-8

### PITCHERS & CATCHERS

HSBS: LP-H. Baldwin (0-1), Jones (4) and B. Baldwin.

PSHS: WP-D Locklear (1-1) and D. Carter.

### LEADING HITTERS

HSBS: B. Baldwin (1 for 4) homerun.

PSHS: K. Sampson (2 for 4) grand slam homerun and single (5 RBI's).

### HITS AND ERRORS

HSBS: 4 hits and 4 errors

PSHS: 8 hits and 0 errors.

### RECORDS

HSBS: Unavailable

PSHS: 2-2

## JOSEPH DRAKE CUMMINGS

Final rites were held for Joseph Drake Cummings, 31, on Wednesday, March 14, at 4 p.m. at Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Cummings is survived by his wife, Sheila (Doris Ann) Demery Cummings of Pembroke; three sons: Joseph Randolph, Earnest Drake and Franklin, all of Pembroke; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Earl Cummings of Elton, Md.; four sisters: Barbara Simmons of Fayetteville, NC; Sandra Revels of Pembroke; Gloria Dale Simmons of Fayetteville; and Geraldine Cummings of the home. He is grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Franklin Oxendine of Pembroke and is also survived by his brother, Early J. Cummings of New Port News, Va.

## BILLY DEAN CHAVIS

Funeral Services for Billy Dean Chavis, 35, were held on Sunday, March 11, at 3 p.m. at Baker's Chapel Church. Officiating ministers were Rev. Steve Jones, Rev. David Locklear, and Rev. Charles Maynor. Burial followed in Lumbee Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Hunt Chavis; one daughter, Wanae Dawn Chavis; and one son, William Spencer Chavis, both of the home; two brothers Bruce Chavis and Samuel Chavis, both of Rowland; five sisters: Mrs. Shelby Jean Seals of Lumberton; Mrs. Lucille Jacobs of Red Springs; Mrs. O'linda Bullard of Rowland; Ms. Patricia Chavis and Ms. Willsa Dean Chavis, both of Pembroke.

## RON JACOBS

Final Rites for Ron Jacobs 4, were held Sunday, March 11, at 2 p.m. at the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Officiating ministers were Rev. Jack Hunt, Rev. Ramkisson, Rev. Tommy Haggins and Rev. Nash Locklear.

He is survived by his mother and father, Kathrine and Gilbert; two brothers: Clark and Mark; two sisters, Lahomah and Windy; parental grandparents, Ronnie Lee Annel and Vashti Lowery and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Booster Club to Meet

The Pembroke Senior High Booster Club will hold their meeting on Monday night, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the school. Topics to be discussed are the upcoming awards banquet and the future of the Booster Club. President, Jim Poorboy encourages all interested Warrior fans to come out and participate.

## Revival Planned

The Cherokee Methodist Church in the Wakulla Community will hold its revival beginning Sunday, March 25 through March 30. The service will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday. The remainder of the service for the week will begin at 7:30 p.m. Speakers for the revival will be the Rev. Tommie Sweet and Rev. Julian Ransom, pastor of the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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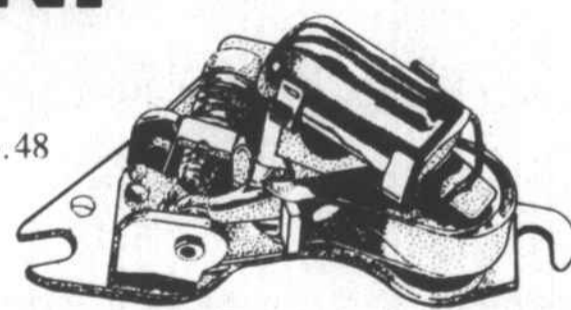
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