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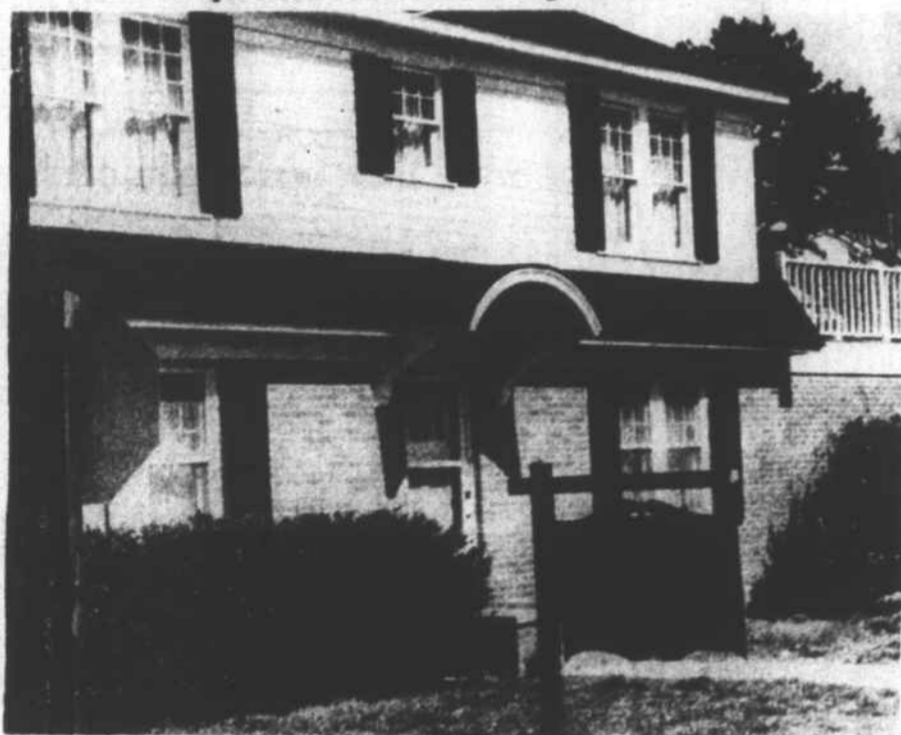
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1979

ROBESON COUNTY

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Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc. Operational

Open House Set For April 13, 1979



Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc. is housed in the old Locklear and Son Funeral Home Building at the corner of East Main Street and 2nd Street in Pembroke.

Pembroke—Most give local attorney, Dexter Brooks, and then LRDA Staffer, Robert Locklear, the lion's share of credit for Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc.

The legal services agency also employs three staff attorneys, a community legal education specialist, two para legals, three legal secretaries and a receptionist.

They took an idea that seemingly germinated in the board room of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs and saw it through to the reality of the Open House set for April 13 at the legal services offices in Pembroke.

The legal services has been operational since last October. The hiring of the staff is now complete.

The Open House will be Friday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the offices of Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc. at the corner of East Main Street and Second Street in Pembroke. The event is open to the public.

Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc. is an adjunct of the Legal Services of North Carolina, a state wide program responsible for providing legal services to the poor people of North Carolina. Legal Services of North Carolina is part of the national Legal Services Movement. Legal Services to poor people first began in the U.S. in 1876. In 1965 legal services became federally funded. Each grantee like Lumbee River Legal Services is a private, non-profit corporation responsible to the laws of the federally enacted 1974 Legal Services Corporation.

Julian Pierce is executive director and Dexter Brooks is chairman of the board of the community-based board of directors.

See additional photos and biographical sketches of the staff of Lumbee River Legal Services on page 4.

Roberts Elected JC President



Larry T. Roberts

The Pembroke Jaycees at their annual elections on April 4th elected Larry T. Roberts as President of their organization for the coming year. Larry is currently serving as Internal Vice-President and has also held the office of Director. He will assume the responsibility of president on May 1, the beginning of the Jaycees' fiscal year.

Other officers elected for the new year are Gerald Strickland

Internal Vice-President; David Locklear, External Vice-President; Doug Locklear, Ways and Means Vice-President; Jimmy Goins Treasurer; Donald Bullard, Secretary; Rick Jones, State Director; and Wesley Revels, Ted Locklear, Timothy Strickland, Jr. and Carlton Dial, Directors.

Besides his Jaycee activities, Larry is also a board member of the Pembroke Housing Authority and Redevelopment Commission and the Pembroke Volunteer Fire Department where he serves as Chairman of the Firemen's Relief Fund. He attends Pembroke Gospel Chapel.

President-elect Roberts commented that "During this new administration, I would like to stress more community involvement and place greater emphasis on the personal growth of the Jaycee member himself." He also encourages all young men between the ages of 18 and 36 to become involved in their community and join the Pembroke Jaycees.

Special Program for Elderly Nears End

Said Mrs. Betty Purkey, "She really cares about people..."



Ms. Barbara McMillan is shown checking the blood pressure of Mrs. Leslie Jones of Maxton. Ms. Jones, 79 years old, laughed heartily as Ms. McMillan chided her about "your boy friend." (Bruce Barton photo)

by Bruce Barton

Said Mrs. Betty Purkey, "She really cares about people...she actually went beyond the call of duty...she was excellent...I hate to see her go and so do the people whose lives she touched each week...more than this she was performing a much needed service...one that needs to be continued in some way in the future..."

Of course, Ms. Purkey, director of the Robeson County Church and Community Center, was referring to Ms. Barbara McMillan and her implementation of a program developed by the center which provided a Health Coordinator for Senior Citizens in the four county area of Robeson, Bladen, Hoke and Scotland Counties.

SOME BACKGROUND

The program was funded by a grant from the Methodist Church as part of a special offering from the Methodist Women's "Call to Prayer and Self Denial."

The program began in November of 1977 and is scheduled to phase out at the end of April.

The proposal, which was eventually put in operation, called for the Nurse Coordinator visiting the 13 Senior Citizen Centers in the four county area and administering blood pressure and urine checks to monitor the two scourges of the Senior Citizens—high blood pressure and diabetes. Ms. McMillan has found that a high percentage of those checked regularly show some evidence of or high blood pressure and diabetes.

Some goals of the program are to:

- (1) Provide outreach health clinics in blood pressure control, and diabetes in cooperation with the county health departments;
- (2) Provide multiple types of health education, nutrition, cancer, drug, alcohol, hygiene to help inform senior citizens and to possibly effect family health care through the grandparents;
- (3) Provide events, activities, sessions to improve mental and spiritual health using services of the local mental health departments and the local church;
- (4) Provide information to raise awareness so that the health needs of the senior citizen can be met;
- (5) Be an advocate for the senior citizen; and
- (6) Seek funds and means to establish the programs on a continuing basis.

All health departments have shown some interest in continuing the monitoring phase of the program with some modification but none have taken the initiative to continue the program as is.

Ms. Betty McMillan, a volunteer

Senior Citizen Centers. Ms. McMillan was actually greeted with cheers and she spent the next two hours busily checking blood pressure and chatting easily with the senior citizens. Later she led them through some very mild exercises and talked to them about their diets and the need for exercise and good food. Said she, "You need to take a nap after eating. Be good to yourself."

When told that the program would be ending soon, groans were actually heard. "Oh, I hope not," said one of the senior citizens. "We like Ms. Barbara—why, she's been good to us and we hate to lose her."

Candlelight Ceremony Scheduled

There will be a special candlelight communion service tonight at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Pembroke. Rev. Kelly Sanderson will bring the message. Special music will be provided by the Deep Branch Gospel Singers. The public is cordially invited to attend.

School Bond Monies discussed

Because of recently moving out of the county, Mrs. Shirley Britt resigned from the board of education on Tuesday. Ralph Hunt was re-elected chairman and Donald A. Bonner, Albert Hunt and J.C. Humphrey, the assistant superintendents, had their contracts renewed for four years.

Supt. Purnell Swett discussed the need of a time frame for construction to be done with the bond issue monies. He reported on public hearings that had been held at Rowland and Fairgrove Schools relative to merger into South Robeson School. He stated that such a merger would increase the curriculum offerings for the students.

The board did some prioritizing of construction. Additions and renovations will be stated this year. The central office will receive some addition and will be renovated somewhat. Union Chapel will receive a cafeteria and a some additional classrooms. Deep Branch will receive a media center and a cafeteria. Also in line for cafeterias are Long Branch, Orrum and Proctorville. Planned for 1980 are:

South Robeson High School, estimated at \$1.5 million, and North Robeson High School, estimated at the same value, and a school in West Robeson, estimated at \$2 million. Also Rowland Primary and Fairgrove are scheduled for a library and other renovations.

The schedule for 1981 includes classrooms at Parkton and a primary building at Prospect, and classrooms at Green Grove; and East Robeson Elementary. School bond monies for the county totaled \$2,860,000.

Mrs. Mable Revels was named principal of Ashpole School where she was serving in the absence of the late A.G. Spaulding. And East Robeson Primary School, on motion by Mrs. Lillian Fay Locklear, was so named with the stipulation that it could be changed when Allenton and Smiths Schools ceased to be.

You are cordially invited
to the
Open House
of
Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc.
on Friday, April 13, 1979
from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.
at
Corner of East Main and Second Street
Pembroke, North Carolina

PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS... C E S

SUNRISE SERVICE PLANNED

There will be an Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 15, 1979 at 5:00 a.m. at Island Grove Baptist Church.

Reception For Anniversary Planned

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Cummings will be given a reception in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary by their family on Saturday, April 14, from 1-3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Bear Swamp Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Pembroke, N.C.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

THREE ROBESON & CUMBERLAND COUNTY, N.C. OFFICERS WIN NATIONAL HONOR

Three local lawmen have been cited by a national magazine for their work on a murder case. The editors of True Detective Magazine have presented the publication's Distinguished Service Award to Detective Garth Locklear of the Robeson County Sheriff's Department and Sergeants Harry Parham and Jerry Spiller of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.

The officers have been honored for their work in the skillful investigation into the July 3, 1977 murder of Lester Collins.

A detailed, illustrated account of the award-winning investigation, titled, "Clue of the Missing Toe," appears in the June issue of True Detective Magazine, which has just reached local newsstands.

The magazine award cites the three officers "in national recognition of achievements in the highest traditions of law enforcement."

OUTDOOR CONCERT SCHEDULED

Chapel Hill—Jimmy Buffet headlines an outdoor concert scheduled for April 21 at Kenan Stadium on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill. Appearing with Jimmy Buffet will be Nantucket and the Spinners. For information on tickets call 919-933-5201 or 919-932-2285.

PREREGISTRATION DAY AT LUMBEE LEARNING CENTERS

The Lumbee Longhouse Learning Centers of Pembroke, Magnolia, and Fairgrove will hold preregistration on Tuesday, April 17th from 8:30 a.m. till 5 p.m. All parents who wish to enroll their four-year-old children should come by the center in their community and complete an application.

The Pembroke Learning Center is located at the Lumbee Regional Development Association Annex building. The Magnolia Center is located behind the Saddletree Church of God. The Fairgrove Learning Center is located at the Reedy Branch Church community center.

The Lumbee Longhouse Learning Centers are funded through the Lumbee Indian Education project of Lumbee Regional Development Association of Pembroke, a federally funded, non-profit agency.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS TO BEGIN

Robeson Technical Institute announces the beginning of a class in Photography. This 30-hour course will register on Tuesday, April 17th at 7 p.m. in room #705 on Campus. The class will include: understanding the camera, focusing, shutter speeds, film speed, composition of photograph, color slides, slide processing, bulk loading film, using the flash and much more. Frank Pierce will be the instructor.

A \$5.00 registration fee will be charged all students less than 65 years of age. Students 65 years of age and older will not be required to pay the registration fee. Students are encouraged to bring a 35mm camera to class. For more information call RTI at 714 7101.

SINGING PLANNED

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association will sponsor their quarterly sing Sunday, April 15, 1979 at Bear Swamp Baptist Church. The singing begins at 2 p.m. All groups are invited to come out and sing.

LANDSCAPING COURSE

Mrs. Catherine Jones will be the instructor for a 30-hour course in Landscape Gardening sponsored by Robeson Technical Institute. The course will register on Wednesday, April 18th at 7 p.m. in room 8-1 on Campus. The course will include: planting trees and shrubs, soil testing, soil preparation, watering, pruning, fertilizing, weeding; propagating, basic design principles for landscaping; bulbs, annuals, perennials, roses, azaleas and camellias.

A \$5 registration fee will be charged all students less than 65 years of age. Students 65 years of age and older will not be charged a registration fee. Students must be 18 years of age or older. For more information contact RTI at 738-7101.

TO SPONSOR CAR WASH & BAKE SALE

The Pembroke Senior High Band boosters will sponsor a car wash on Saturday, April 14, at First Union National Bank Parking Lot between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. They will also sponsor a bake sale on the same day in from of the Piggly Wiggly in Pembroke from 9 a.m. until.

Set For April 20



DR. ENGLISH JONES

Dinner To Honor Chancellor

PEMBROKE — A dinner honoring Dr. English E. Jones, retiring chancellor of Pembroke State University will be held April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jones Health and Physical Education Center.

The dinner is part of the festivities at the campus planned for Dr. English E. Jones Day proclaimed by Gov. Jim Hunt. Proceeds from tickets sold for the dinner will be used to help establish a scholarship in his wife's name, Mrs. Margaret Jones. For more information and ticket purchases, contact Pembroke State University, 4000 University Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27606.