

PUBLISHED EACH THURSDAY

# THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

"Building Communicative Bridges  
In A Tri-Racial Setting"

VOLUME 7, NUMBER 24

PEMBROKE, NC

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1979

ROBESON COUNTY

15¢ PER COPY

## CLERK OF COURT BEN FLOYD OVER RULED IN DEMOCRATIC PARTY DISPTUE

by Bruce Barton

Raleigh- New Robeson County Democratic party chieftan Mark Brooks got his baptism in Robeson County Democratic Party politics recently as he attempted to mediate "a problem", as one political source put it.

When local party officials found out what Senator Waller had done they went to Raleigh and confronted him and Senator Sam Noble who feigned innocence in the matter. Chairman Mark Brooks, Rev. E.B. Turner, Mayor Reggie Strickland and others confronted Walker and insisted on appearing before the state board.

New Party Chairman, Mark Brooks urged the state board "to apply the rules equally to everyone in the party."

Turner told the state board Floyd's protest was submitted 52 days after the nominations were made. Party procedure require that a protest be filed within 72 hours, Turner said, making Floyd's protest invalid.

"This letter is simply the protest of one man to the action of the entire county," Turner said. "There are no affidavits, notarized statements or signatures from anyone else protesting the March 24 meeting."

Brooks, who became the first Indian party chairman May 19, told the state board he had checked the records of the meeting and could find no violation of procedure that would have invalidated the nominations.

"We would plead with you not to victimize us because of delays at our party headquarters," Turner told the state board. "We ask you to appoint the people selected by the folks back home."

"If you do that then we can go back to Robeson County and work our problems out within the party," Turner said. "We are asking you not to penalize the Democrats at home because of a problem we can't work out among ourselves."

"We want the party to prevail," Turner said. "And I know that right will prevail."

Kenneth Babb, state elections board chairman, called Walker during a lunch recess, and told the full board the controversy would be passed to the party's review council.

State law requires that elections board seats be filled the first Tuesday in June, meaning that the party review council could not reach a decision in time to advise the state elections boards on its appointments.

Shortly thereafter new party chairman Mark Brooks was notified by political operatives within the county that the names submitted by the executive committee would not be approved in Raleigh. It was at this time that Brooks' baptism began. He resisted and said that the recommendations of the party should be considered.

This dispute finally wound up before the state board of elections in Raleigh last Tuesday for a solution. Normally nomination for county election boards are approved by county party officials and then submitted to state party headquarters.

The state party chairman then forwards the nominations to the state board of elections for approval.

However, Robeson's nominations were not submitted by party headquarters. The nominations were pigeonholed

"This is probably the toughest decision we've had to make on appointments since we've been on the board," Babb said. "I'm just not equipped to settle a party fight."

Babb recommended the state board appoint McDowell and Locklear for two more years because the board knew nothing about Maynor or Mrs. Hunt.

Democratic board member Sidney Barnstable, however, said the controversy seemed to center around Maynor, not the other two nominees.

He then moved that McDowell and Mrs. Hunt be given four-year terms on the county elections board.

Old timers termed it "the first defeat ever" for Ben Floyd and his adherents.

There has seemingly developed an internecine feud in the party dating back to 1976 when Glen Maynor bested the late Hilton Oxendine in a race for the city councilman seat from Lumberton's 7th precinct.

Too, some have resented the successes of Glen Maynor in the Democratic Party because he was briefly registered as a Republican during the popular administration of Republican Governor Jim Holshouser.

Said one observer, "The old timers hold cross overs from one party to another in particular contempt although many wonder why..." Glen Maynor, a registered Democrat, is a close ally of Dr. E.B. Turner, who is presently at odds with Ben Floyd.

Said a political wag, "It seems to me that Floyd and his adherents are the ones who are out of step with the Democratic party. They under cut Dr. Turner when he was party chairman." Turner was the first black to hold the office and Mark Brooks is the first Indian.

Floyd and his aggregation regularly bypassed Turner during his tenure. Many contend that Floyd has a pipeline to Governor Jim Hunt's office and has the life and death sway over appointments emanating from Robeson. Few dispute this assertion.

Turner called the state board of elections decision to seat McDowell and Mrs. Hunt, "a great victory for the democratic party."

An observer noted, "the casualty is Leon Maynor-an innocent bystander whose only sin is his family connection to Glen Maynor. He's a nice guy, personable and talented."

Leon Maynor heads the Pembroke Alcoholic Counseling Service.

## Prisoner Walk-a-thon Exceeds \$1,000 Goal



Some of the more than 100 inmates taking part in Saturday's "inside the walls" walk-a-thon head for the finish line after ten miles or 55 times around the prison yard.

Lumberton- More than 100 inmates at the Lumberton Correctional Center were a part of history in the making last Saturday morning. They were participants in the "First time ever" prisoner walk-a-thon for Easter Seals. The project was the brain child of Willie Burch, the project chairman and Dellon Scott, the president of the institutional jaycee chapter. Burch said, "I am proud of this project and the way the guys have responded to it. Everyone feels good about themselves... after all, this is for Easter Seals, a very worthy cause. We are doing something for someone else. That's what makes it so good."

The goal was to raise \$1,000.00 for the Easter Seals Foundation. According to Ms. Nora Hunt, program director, "the walk-a-thon was a rousing success. We've gone over our goal. We believe this is the first one of its kind." According to Ms. Hunt, other prison units have shown interest in developing similar programs.

Area businesses and individuals have been receptive, according to Scott and Burch.

Lending visible and moral support, also, was camp superintendent Joseph Brooks and his staff. Brooks said, "To me something like this shows real rehabilitation. A lot of the guys are putting the needs of their fellow man above that of their own."

Easter Seals helps support camps and rehabilitate programs for crippled children.



Dellon Scott, [right] president of the Eagle Claw Jaycees Chapter, makes hi- rounds with Rudy Barnes and Herbert Freeman, present and past presidents of the Fairgrove Jaycees, the sponsoring chapter who helped organize the Prison Jaycee Chapter.

attempt to keep up with inflation which seemingly eats everything in its path.

We pray fervently that you will continue to subscribe to The Carolina Indian Voice, still one of the best bargains around at any price. We do sincerely need your support, both financially and morally. We also solicit your prayers.

To lessen the blow as much as possible, we have extended the date for beginning the new rates to June 15, 1979. You may extend your present subscription before this date for the existing rates.

We appreciate your support as a subscriber. But we must increase our prices like the rest of the business community or perish.

Bruce Barton, Editor  
The Carolina Indian Voice

## PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS C E S

### STRIKE AT THE WIND BANQUET DINNER PLANNED

The outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind!" is sponsoring a Friendship ball Friday, June 22, at Pembroke Senior High School.

There will be a social hour from 7 until 8 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and beverages being served. An elegant buffet dinner will be served at 8 p.m. followed by special entertainment and a dance.

"Strike at the Wind!" needs your continued support. They need additional equipment at the theatre and some equipment needs repairing or replacing.

The price of this fun-packed evening is \$10 per person. Tickets are available at the "Strike at the Wind" office, or call 521-2401.

### NC COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS BOARD ELECTION TO BE HELD

A meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on June 18, 1979 at the Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. Annex Building for the purpose of electing a member to the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Commission on Indian Affairs.

The elected member will represent the Pembroke, Philadelphus, Maxton and Smiths townships. Eligibility requirements to be elected or to vote at this meeting are: (1) must be Indian; (2) must be eighteen (18) years or older; (3) must reside in one of the above named townships.

Mr. Ertle K. Chavis is currently serving in this position and his term expires on July 1, 1979. The elected member will serve a three year term.

### DISCO DANCE PLANNED

There will be a Disco Dance on Saturday, June 23, from 8:30 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut. The dance will be for couples only. The price is \$8 for non-jaycees and \$6 for jaycee couples.

### TO RECEIVE M.D. DEGREE FROM CHAPEL HILL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

CHAPEL HILL--Joan Margo Baker of Route 3, Box 186, Maxton, N.C. received the doctor of medicine degree (M.D.) from the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill during commencement exercises here May 13, 1979.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie C. Baker of Route 3, Box 186, Maxton, N.C.

Baker will begin postgraduate training in Family Medicine at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville, N.C. beginning July 1.

She attended Prospect High School and completed her premedical studies at Pembroke State University in Pembroke, N.C.

### CPR CLASS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE AND JULY

The Pembroke Fire Department will sponsor a CPR class every Monday night beginning June 11 through Monday July 2 from 7-10 p.m. at the Fire Station. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be no charge for this class. Interested persons should contact Joseph Jones at 521-9447.

### REVIVAL AT PRESTON GOSPEL CHAPEL

A week-end revival will begin at Preston Gospel Chapel, beginning June 13 at 7:30 p.m. through June 17 at 8 p.m. Pastor is Dennis Burton.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS AT TEN MILE CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH

The Vacation Bible School will begin at Ten Mile Center Baptist Church June 18 through 22 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Rev. T.M. Swett from Pembroke delivered the message at Ten Mile Center Church June 4 at 11 o'clock.

Miss Brenda Chavis celebrated her birthday June 8. She was 27 years of age.

Mrs. James Blakes was a visitor Thursday at Mrs. Nora Lee Hardin's.

There will be a Revival and Singing each Tuesday night of the week, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the service at Lonnie Hammonds place in Saddletree.

Submitted by Mrs. Nora Lee Hardin

### THE COUNTRYMEN TO APPEAR AT MT. OLIVE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

The Countrymen of Bladenboro, N.C. will be appearing June 10, 1979, beginning at 7 p.m., at Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church. The sing is sponsored by the G.A.S. Everyone is welcome.

### RICHMOND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE DEAN'S LIST

HAMLET, N.C.--Richmond Technical Institute has released the Dean's List for the Spring Quarter. According to Teri Jacobs, RTI registrar, 186 students have been named to the honor's list and 36 of those are all "A" students.

Straight "A" students from Robeson County were Jan Gillis and Margaret Thomas, both Electronic Data processing students from Maxton.

Robin Strickland, a Business Administration student also from Maxton was also named to the Dean's List. In order to make the Dean's List at RTI, a student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 ("B" average) with no grade lower than a "C" while carrying at least 12 quarter hours.

### COOKOUT

A cookout will be held for Miss Lumbee June 15 at the Town Park in Pembroke. The Pembroke Jaycees will sponsor the chicken and barbeque plate sale. Plates will sell for \$2.50 each.

### REVIVAL AT ST. ANNA CHURCH

St. Anna Church will host a revival beginning at 7 p.m. June 17. The revival will run through Friday night, June 22. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday night. The pastor, Rev. Luther Locklear, extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

## Glorious Occasion for Seminary Graduates

May 27th was a glorious occasion for Harold Dean Jacobs and Samuel Wynn as they completed their graduate studies at Ashbury Theological Seminary (ATS) in Wake Forest, Kentucky. Harold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. (GAB) Dean Jacobs and Samuel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. (GAB) Wynn.

## Price for the Carolina Indian Voice going up ...reluctantly

Pembroke- Alas, rising costs (and galloping inflation) are forcing us to raise the price of single issues of The Carolina Indian Voice, as well as one and two year subscriptions.

Beginning June 15, the single cost of The Carolina Indian Voice will increase to 20c. The price for single issues has remained constant at 15c since we began publication January 18, 1973.

Beginning June 15, the cost of a one year subscription to The Carolina Indian Voice will increase as follows:

IN STATE  
(WITHIN NORTH CAROLINA)

One year was \$7 and 28c tax for a total of \$7.28.

The new price will be \$9.00 and 36c tax for a total of \$9.36.

A two year subscription was \$10.00

and 40c tax for a cost of \$10.40. The new price will be \$15.00 and 60c tax for a cost of \$15.60.

Out of state subscriptions will increase as follows:

From \$8.00 for a one year subscription to \$12.00 and the cost of a two year subscription will increase from \$12.00 to \$16.00.

This will be only the second increase since the Carolina Indian Voice was incorporated in 1972. But printing costs have increased five times in the same time frame, usually 10% increases at a time; and Uncle Sam (the postal service) has just recently increased mailing costs by 10% not including the seemingly yearly increase of stamps for mailing letters, statements, etc. Plus everything in America has increased in a furble

## No Tax Increase But...

Councilman Sam Dial said, "Tell them (the citizens) that we did the best we could to keep from having to raise taxes...we didn't want to do that." But citizens in Pembroke can expect a slight increase in water and sewer rates if the proposed town budget for 1979-80 is adopted as proposed by Town Manager McDuffie Cummings. The law specifies that the budget be adopted by July 1. The hearing on the budget is set for June 18 at 7 p.m. in Pembroke's Town Hall.