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Chamber Plans Give-a-ways as Part Of Lumbee Homecoming Celebration

Amidst rising curiosity and excitement Pembroke merchants continue to give away tickets for a free drawing with purchases. A color console TV and a set of tires will be given away July 7th right after the Lumbee Homecoming Parade in a drawing sponsored by the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and Participating Pembroke Merchants.

"This is exciting. We haven't done something like this in a long time, and the response is terrific," says Curt Locklear, President of the Chamber. "I hope this will be the beginning of great things for our Chamber of Commerce and the merchants of the town." "I would not have believed this many merchants could get together on a

promotion such as this, but 40 is almost unbelievable. It really makes you feel like the Chamber has a future in this town," another merchant participating in the promotion said. The promotion is the result of several months of organizing by the Chamber of Commerce in an effort to become more visible in the community and add new

members. But area consumers care more about the possibility of winning the Grant Prize Color TV. Who will win? Will it be you?

The only way to win is to shop at Participating Pembroke Merchants. The tickets are free with a minimum purchase.

Local Indians Elected as Methodist Delegates

Fayetteville--A Maxton man and a Pembroke minister were elected here June 7, 1979 as delegates to a regional United Methodist conference, the South eastern Jurisdictional Conference. Luther Harbert Moore, of Maxton and the Rev. Simeon F. Cummings, Pembroke were elected by the North Carolina Annual Conference meeting here, June 4-7.

This Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, which includes delegates from a nine-state area in the Southeast, will be held July 15-18, 1980, at Lake Junaluska, N.C.

The North Carolina Annual Conference, meeting for four days, is the annual business session for the 847 United Methodist Churches in the eastern 56 counties of the state. Over 1350 lay and clergy members have registered.

A member of Prospect United Methodist Church, Moore has held numerous church offices and is currently on the Administrative Board and is Church School Superintendent.

He serves on several conference agencies including the Council on Ministries, the Committee on Episcopacy and is a trustee of the Methodist Home for Children.

He is the chairperson of the Southeastern Regional Native American Committee and is on the denomination's Commission on Religion and Race.

Cummings is the director of the Robeson County Cooperative Parish, which is made up of seven Native American Churches in Robeson County. He formerly served on the Council on Ministries staff of the conference with offices in Raleigh. During his five years on staff, the minister was responsible for the evangelism, mission and health and welfare work of the conference.

Cummings was the pastor of Prospect United Methodist Church for 20 years. He is currently active on regional and national committees working on Native American concerns.

The men are among 21 laypersons and 21 clergypersons who will represent the North Carolina Annual Conference at the 1980 Jurisdictional Conference. One of the most important decisions to be made there will be the election of new bishops.

At least three of the jurisdiction's bishops will be retiring due to the church's rules for retirement, so it is expected that the Jurisdictional Conference will elect three bishops.

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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, Philadelphia, 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.

SEVENTH ANNUAL CREEK INDIAN POW WOV PLANNED

You are cordially invited to attend the Seventh Annual Creek Indian Pow Wow to be held July fourth through the seventh, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine, at Tama State Indian Reservation, Cairo, Georgia.

HALIWA RURAL HEALTH CENTER, INC. OF HOLLISTER, N.C. RECEIVES OPERATIONAL GRANT

W.R. Richardson, Chief of Haliwa Tribe and acting project Director of the Haliwa Rural Health Center, received word from Congressman L.H. Fountain that the center had been awarded a grant for the amount of \$159,522 for operational money and \$26,910 Non-Federal share making a total of \$186,432.

It is anticipated that the Health Clinic will be built near Essex. The clinic will work in conjunction with the Lake Gaston clinic at Littleton, N.C.

ARC Plans Reunion

The Robeson County Alcohol Recovery Center is gearing up for its very first Class Reunion on Saturday, June 16, at the Riegglewood Tree Farm Park. A full day of fun and food is in store for everyone who has graduated from the A.R.C. treatment program since it began operation in 1976.

The Reunion is set for 10 a.m.-6 p.m., with dinner on the grounds planned for 1 p.m. A sample of the day's recreational activities includes dancing, pingpong, horseshoes, bingo, and volleyball. Heading the bill of live entertainment is the well-known Willie Lowery of Pembroke. Also scheduled to appear are the Midnighters of Lumberton; the Lumberjacks and Jills, who will present a square dance exhibition; and a group from Robeson Little Theatre who will perform selections from *The Sound of Music*.

A committee composed of A.R.C. staff and alumni is spearheading the organization of the festivities. The purpose of the Reunion, according to one Planning Committee spokesperson, is "to provide a day of good, clean fun and to celebrate the fact that many folks troubled by alcoholism can and do recover."

The Alcohol Recovery Center is a part of the Alcohol Treatment Unit of the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Center. In addition to the 14-day A.R.C. residential treatment program, the Alcohol Unit also operates a Halfway House for de-tox; alcohol education classes; out-patient counseling services; and one satellite unit, Pembroke Alcohol Services in Pembroke.

The Reunion Committee urges graduates to pre-register for the Class Reunion. Anyone who wants further information may contact Mr. Bill Watts, at 736-1431.

SEVERAL ROBESON COUNTY SCHOOLS OFFERING MEALS FOR CHILDREN AGAIN

Several Robeson County Schools will again offer meals for children this summer. The schools are: Allenton, Deep Branch, Fairgrove, Green Grove, Long Branch, Magnolia, Oxendine, Parkton, Pembroke Elementary, Pembroke Junior High, Piney Grove, Proctorville, Prospect, Rex-Rennert, Union Chapel and Union Elementary. Pembroke Elementary will offer a breakfast program for the children of Locklear court and Maynor Manor, with Pembroke Junior High catering the lunches.

The program begins June 18th and ends August 17th. Serving time for lunch begins each day at 11 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. Serving time for breakfast begins at 8 to 8:30 a.m.

In the operation of United States Department of Agriculture Feeding Programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color or national origin.

For further information regarding this program, please contact the principal of the above named schools or contact the Robeson County School Food Service Office.

PROSPECT DECADE REUNION

There will be a Decade Reunion for classes 1947-1956 of Prospect School. If you graduated during these years or if you would have graduated during these years, please come and be with us. The reunion will be held in the high school gym on June 30th at 6 p.m. The price is \$4.00 single and \$7.00 if you bring your spouse. Please pay your money by June 20th so that we can make adequate plans. Make check payable to Verdia Locklear and sent to Rt. 2, Box 43, Pembroke, N.C. 28372. Verdia's phone number is 521-4597. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Note: This article submitted by planners for the Prospect Decade Reunion.

PEMBROKE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1974 PLANNING REUNION

The Pembroke Senior High School class of 1974 is planning a class reunion at Quincy's old place in Lumberton for July 7, 1979.

Class members interested in attending should contact any of the class officers or Robin Cummings at 521-8257. Tickets are \$20 a couple and \$12 for singles.

Quincy's is reserved that night for this class reunion. Only classmates and their invited guests may attend. Tickets will be available until July 1, 1979. Don't miss this opportunity to visit with your former classmates.

Tony Blue Found Guilty

Sentencing Scheduled Today

LUMBERTON--Many who have followed the case fear the worst and expect Superior Court Judge Anthony Brandon to impose an active sentence today on Tony Blue who was found guilty in Superior Court Wednesday of driving under the influence and assault on an officer.

Blue was appearing a guilty no contest and a suspended sentence today.

RALLY SCHEDULED JUNE 23 AT PSU'S FOOTBALL FIELD

To Express Feelings About
Chancellor Selection at PSU

PEMBROKE--As a result of a meeting of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs last Thursday it has been decided to have a "real" rally concerning the selection of Dr. Paul Givens as chancellor of Pembroke State University over two Indian nominees, Dr. James B. Chavis and Dr. Joseph Oxendine.

The action follows a "non rally" when letters went out anonymously asking for a "real" rally in the Pembroke Park recently and no one showed up to claim credit for the so called rally.

This rally is being backed fully by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, and just about every Indian organization in the two Carolinas, including Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) quartered in Pembroke.

Janie Maynor Locklear is serving locally as coordinator for the rally scheduled for June 23 at 7 p.m. in the football stadium of Pembroke Senior High School. Organizers are hoping to have some barbecued pigs for the enjoyment of those who will be attending. The program, still tentative, is expected to be addressed to Bill Friday, head of North Carolina's university system (of which Pembroke State is one of the 16 campuses).

The board of directors of the Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA), in a letter sent to Bill Friday last week, demands that the UNC system president hold a public meeting with the board to answer the charges.

Friday last month named Dr. Paul Givens to succeed Dr. English Jones, who is retiring this week after 16 years as the school's only Indian chancellor.

Givens was selected from a list of four candidates, including two Indians, that had been recommended by the PSU Board of Trustees.

A search committee appointed by the trustees had recommended one Indian and two whites, but the trustees added

the name of a second Indian to the list before sending the recommendations to Friday.

"We understand that the search committee was not duly appointed by the Board of Trustees according to their provisional by-laws," the letter from James Woods, LRDA chairman says.

Therefore, we as a committee to have been an illegal constituted group and any activity or decisions made by this group to be illegal," the letter says.

Woods says the PSU trustees were aware she committee was illegally constituted, but "overtly approved this committee's activity..."

"In any event, you seriously -- and, we believe, intentionally--neglected your responsibility and duty by failing to inform the Board of Governors of these facts.

"To cover up your own irresponsibility, and that of others, statements have been released to the press declaring the lack of unity in the Indian community to be the primary reason an Indian was not named as chancellor," the letter says.

The letter concludes the integrity of the university system has been damaged by Friday's action, and asks Friday to appear before the board in a public meeting to explain his actions.

Friday has reportedly agreed to meet with the group in Chapel Hill, refusing to come to Pembroke. The Indian Commission is also threatening to use its subpoena powers to question Friday concerning his selection of Givens over two seemingly qualified Indian candidates.

One of the Indian candidates by passed is Dr. Joseph Oxendine, presently chairman of the school of health, physical education, recreation and

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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 feeble

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

Lumbee Poet Achieves 'Literary Knighthood'



Lew Barton

Manteo, the Hatteras Indian for whom Manteo, North Carolina is named, became the first American Indian to receive a title of English royalty in 1587. Under authority of Queen Elizabeth I, he was knighted to become Sir Manteo, Lord of Roanoke and Dasamonquepeuk. Now a Hatteras descendant has been elected to knighthood. American-style and literary-style.

He is Lew Barton of Pembroke and he is a Lumbee Indian.

"Dear Lew Barton," wrote Cyril Clemens, nephew of Mark Twain and editor of the *Mark Twain Literary Journal*, June 5. "In recognition of your outstanding contribution to American Poetry, you have been unanimously elected this day, A Knight of Mark Twain."

The late poet Robert Frost considered this recognition so important when it was conferred upon him in 1937, he went all the way to Kirkwood, Missouri to receive his Gold Medal on March 29 of that year. Other recipients have included such writers as William Faulkner and John Fitzgerald Kennedy whose *Profiles in Courage* helped to put him into the White House.

Barton credits the 3rd Century Artist program for this high literary distinction. "The North Carolina Arts Council, the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, the Robeson County Public Library, Maxton

City Schools, the Robeson County Department of Human Resources--there could have been no such achievement without them. They fed me while I wrote. Now, I can say, 'Hey, folks, look what we accomplished! And I really do mean we!'"

Strangely enough, recognition of Lew Barton as a poet of considerable merit was first given in England in 1972 when he was included in *The International Who's Who in Poetry*. A number of other English awards have followed.

Much of Barton's poetry within recent years has appeared in *The Carolina Indian Voice*, owned, edited and published by three of his children, Bruce Barton, Garry Lewis Barton and Connie Barton Brayboy. The 61-year-old Indian poet has worked with the Poetry-In-The-School Program and has had poetry published in a number of magazines. He is proudest of his poem, "Nightmare Cabin," which appeared in the *North Carolina Folklore Journal* several years ago. Two recent poems -- "Today Just Hasn't Been My Day" and "Two Silhouettes" seem to have been influential in the judging, however, Barton, whose first poem was published in the 1930's under the pen name, "The Diamond Kid," writes verse for the sheer enjoyment of creation. "It's the best way to say a lot in a little bit of space," he explains.

The Mark Twain Gold Medal was first conferred upon President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 and the *Journal* was established in 1936. Since then, such writers as Robert Frost, William Faulkner and President John F. Kennedy have been honored. Barton is the only American Indian ever so honored.

"I am awed," said Lew Barton. "Mark Twain is my favorite American author. If I in any way fit his ideas as to what a great poet should be, I am most grateful."

Creative Writing Workshop to be Held At PSU

PEMBROKE--A workshop designed to encourage the aspiring writer and to develop the skills and strategies of the practicing writer will be held at Pembroke State University, June 18-July 6, when PSU offers a creative writing workshop.

The instruction will center on writing articles, features, fiction, and poetry. The three-week workshop will begin with a review of journalism and then the second week will focus on how to write a short story. The third week's sessions will concentrate mainly on poetry.

"The workshop is open to undergraduate and graduate students as well as any potential or serious writer able to attend the workshop," explained Dr. Shelby Stephenson, associate professor of English at PSU and co-instructor for the workshop. He will conduct the workshop with Grace Gibson, assistant professor of English at PSU,

The creative writing workshop is one of eight special programs PSU is offering during the summer school sessions. Persons wishing to register for the three-week workshop in creative writing may contact Dr. Stephenson or Prof. Gibson at Pembroke State, (919) 521-4214, Ext. 298.