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## PEMBROKE COMPLAINT AMENDED

**Pembroke**—Dexter Brooks, town attorney for Pembroke, has amended the town's counter complaint against Alfred Cook, a property owner who has sued the town and certain town officials for \$3 million.

Cook originally sued the town for false imprisonment, charging that he was caused great mental anguish and embarrassment. The town counter sued, claiming that Cook was guilty of injury to real and personal property and resisting arrest. The town's attorneys have also sued Cook for slander and libel in regard to news stories published locally about the case.

The charges against Cook were never prosecuted, and were dismissed by District Court Judge Craig Ellis because he contended the matter was a civil one and not criminal. He contended he did not have jurisdiction over the case.

Now, the suit has been amended by the town. They are asking \$110,000 in actual and punitive damages, and seeks clear title to the disputed piece of property located behind Woodell's Shop and Park in Pembroke. The town asks

the court to enjoin Cook from continuing to barricade the piece of property that was used "and traveled by the public" for 32 years as an alley way. The town claims ownership because of the traditional use of the property without dissent from the property owners until Cook plowed up the property and later erected a fence, stopping the flow of traffic.

The town, in the suit, also claims right of way privileges, and alleges Cook was abusive and vulgar when confronted by Police Chief Vernon Oxendine and then Policeman Harvey Bullard.

The amended complain also claims that Cook's complaint is "a perverted use of the judicial system to injure, embarrass, harass and intimidate the defendant town and its officers."

The counter action also accuses Cook of libel and slander. No court date has been scheduled although Brooks has asked for a dismissal in the case and/or a trial by jury.

## A Correction, Of Sorts...

Concerning Outgoing Mayor Reggle Strickland

In the November 15 issue of *The Carolina Indian Voice* we published a statement from outgoing Mayor Reggle Strickland. He used the forum as an opportunity to thank the people of the Pembroke Community for their support during his tenure as mayor. He was defeated by incoming Mayor James A. "Pete" Jacobs in the Nov. 6 election.

We labeled the news item "A Statement from the Former Mayor." A number of readers have reminded us that he is not the former mayor and, in fact, is the mayor until December 3, 1979 when incoming Mayor James A. "Pete" Jacobs is sworn in and officially assumes the duties as mayor of Pembroke. Until that time Reggle Strickland is still mayor of Pembroke.

We apologize for the mis-statement of fact. We meant no disrespect to Reggle Strickland or any of our readers. We respect Reggle Strickland and James A. "Pete" Jacobs. Both are decent and honorable men. We wish both well in their new undertakings.

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## Little League Champs!



Pembroke Little League Football Champions for 78-79 are shown above with their trophies. They are coached by Earl Demery, left, second row; Lacy Jacobs, right, second row; and Kelvin Sampson, back row. The champs and the season undefeated. (Bruce Barton photo)

## Pembroke's Bill Paul Still Missing



Shown above are many of the citizens who turned out to search for the missing William French "Bill" Paul. The picture shows some of the rough terrain

In the area where Paul disappeared, his truck was found nearby undisturbed and parked beside the road. (Bruce Barton photo)

At press time no leads had been uncovered concerning William French "Bill" Paul, who disappeared Nov. 14, 1979 while surveying land he owned near Rennett.

The case has baffled law enforcement officials.

An estimated 300-400 people turned out Sunday evening to join in a search party in the wooded area. The search party was coordinated through the efforts of Sim Oxendine and area churches. Many rescue squads, jaycee chapters and simply concerned citizens turned out to no avail.

Paul, a native of Pembroke and Robeson County, is well known, having distinguished himself as a Hollywood, California personality as a motion picture producer and agent. He returned about five years ago to manage his family holdings.

He is described as 5 feet nine inches tall weighing around 155 lbs. with blue eyes and greying hair.

Anyone with information concerning Paul's whereabouts is urged to contact the Robeson County Sheriff's Department or the Pembroke Police Department.

## Cherokee Chapel Pastor and Lay Person Honored



Rev. Julian Ransom is shown, left, receiving his Certificate from Bishop R.L. McArthur, which proclaims that he is now Dr. Julian Ransom. (Connie Brayboy photo)



Mrs. Jessie Bell Chavis is shown displaying her Certificate from Bishop R.L. McArthur which proclaims that she is now Dr. Jessie B. Chavis. (Bruce Barton photo)

In an impressive ceremony, complete with Latin incantations, Rev. Julian Ransom, pastor of Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church, and Mrs. Jessie Bell Chavis, retired public school teacher and dedicated lay person of that church, became Dr. Ransom and Dr. Chavis on Sunday, November 18, 1979. The ceremony was held at Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church following worship service. Dr. R.L. McArthur, North Carolina Bishop of the Holy Episcopal Church in America, acting as regent for the Archbishop, the Rt. Rev. George Cook Lyon, officiated at the presentation.

Episcopal Church. Each Bishop in the Holy Episcopal Church in America is given a rotating opportunity to recommend two people for these honors. The Bishop makes his recommendation to the Board of Directors and their decision may be overridden by the Archbishop. The North Carolina Bishop, the Rev. Dr. R.L. McArthur had visited often at Cherokee Chapel Church and was very familiar with the numerous contributions of Mrs. Chavis to her church and community and he felt that both these people deserved the honor. Receiving the seal of approval from the church and the Archbishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. George Cook Lyon, N.C. Bishop, Rev. Dr. R.L. McArthur officiated.

With the exhortation of the Bishop of the Holy Episcopal Church in America to "Praise God's Kingdom always," Dr. Ransom and Dr. Chavis continue their services to their fellowmen.

## Pembroke Day Care Center to be Dedicated

A dedication ceremony for Pembroke Housing Authority's newest hour development and day care center will be held Friday, November 30, at 4 p.m. on the site at Barker and Godwin Streets.

Located on a 27-acre tract, the development features a 10,500 sq. ft. day care community building. With 91 leases already signed, total occupancy is expected by the middle of December. The housing development named for Mayor Reggle Strickland consists of 100 units ranging in size up to four bedrooms. The 36 four bedroom units are individual houses. With features like underground utilities, no apartment larger than a duplex, a broad color scheme and lots of landscaping, the development designed by Tomberlin Associates, Architects of Atlanta, Georgia gives the appearance of a private development. According to the authority's Assistant Director, Neil Lowry, the average rent will fall in line with its overall average of approximately \$55 per month.

The day-care community building named for the Authority's Executive Director, Clinton L. Thomas, Jr. features three light and cheerful classrooms, with individual junior size rest rooms, a large kitchen, a laundry room, and a general purpose meeting-play-dining room. In addition, outdoor space was salvaged for a special playground. The playground features childproof wooden play equipment, sand boxes to dig in, rubber rings to climb through, and a four foot wide tricycle track to ride on. The play area is completely fenced in. See back for

Also being recognized in the program is Housing Commissioner Larry T. Roberts, President of the Pembroke Jaycees. The street within the development has been named Roberts Avenue in his behalf.

Approximately two acres of undeveloped property is being held in hopes of building a recreational park that could serve the entire town. Formal dedication plans set for 4 p.m. Friday list State Senator Sam R. Noble of Lumberton, North Carolina as guest speaker for the occasion. Other participants will include the Mayor and Town Council of Pembroke, the Board of Commissioners of Pembroke Housing Authority as well as other dignitaries.

The public is invited to attend.

## Pembroke Elementary PTA To Meet

The Pembroke Elementary School PTA will meet on Thursday night, Dec. 6, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. All parents and teachers are cordially invited to attend. Be a part of a growing organization that has the concern and interest of every child's education as its main concern. The Pembroke Elementary School PTA met on Nov. 9, 1979 for an organizational meeting. The following were elected officers for the 1979-80 school year:

- Donald Bullard ..... President
- Richard Lowery ..... Vice-President
- Millie H. Jacobs ..... Secretary
- Jo Ann C. Lowery ..... Treasurer

Monthly meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. Please attend and be a voice for America's future.

## GOSPEL SING AT EVERGREEN CHURCH

A gospel sing will be held at Evergreen Holiness Church Saturday evening, November 24th. Jimmie Jones, the youth director, will be in charge. The Youth Singers of White Hill will be one of the headlining singing groups.

The Graham Family of Pembroke will be on the program also. They will be joined by other groups.

Mr. Jones says the sing is for the benefit of the Evergreen Church Youth Program. The program is new, having been started at the church only about a year. This is the first event the youths have staged.

All church members and all Christians who understand the importance of helping young people work in the church are asked to plan to spend Saturday evening listening to some good, soul-stirring gospel music, praising the Lord, and showing the young people they are loved.

The sing will get underway around 7:30 p.m.

## PEMBROKE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TO RELEASE COMPETENCY TEST SCORES

Pembroke Senior High School will be releasing competency test scores to all parents with children who took the test last October 9th and 10th, 1979 on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, December 5th and 6th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Every parent is urged to attend and pick up their child's test score.

## FREE GOSPEL SINGING

There will be a free Gospel Singing at Ten Mile Center Baptist Church, featuring the Singing Samaritans, on December 1st, beginning at 7 p.m. Come and enjoy yourselves in the Lord. The pastor is the Rev. Jimmie Strickland. Mrs. Daniel Strickland celebrated her birthday on Saturday, Nov. 24th.

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Snowflake Shoppe will be held on Friday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the O.P. Owens Agriculture Building in Lumberton. The building is located on Highway 72 and 711.

The public is invited to come and shop for Christmas gifts and decorations that are made by master craftsmen, painters, and extension homemakers. Come and visit the Snowflake Shoppe on December 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## PROSPECT CLASS OF 1989 REUNION

The Prospect High School Class of 1989 invites you once again to attend its second class reunion on December 21, 1979 which will be held at the North Holiday Inn, Lumberton (I-95 & 211 intersection), same location as before. The big event will begin at 7 p.m. till 12 p.m. at which time a dinner buffet will be served. Following dinner music will be provided by a Disc Jockey.

In order to make all arrangements final the organizers are asking that if you are planning to attend to please send your check or money order to Jo Ann Locklear at the above address no later than November 30, 1979. Please make checks payable to Prospect Class Reunion of 1989.

The Organizers state that they are looking forward to hearing from you again. Please don't forget the deadline is November 30, 1979.

Submitted by the Class Committee

## Thompson Resigns as General Manager of "SATW!"

Robeson Historical Drama, Inc. announced Tuesday the resignation of General Manager, W.H. Thompson, Jr.

According to Adolph Dial, Chairman of the historical organization, a general manager is now being sought for the 1980 season of "Strike at the Wind!" Anyone interested in applying should have experience in fund raising, office management, public relations, and sales.

"Strike at the Wind!", Randolph Umberger's outdoor drama, the story of the Lumbee Indians and Robeson County, will play next summer July 5th through August 30. According to Dial, resumes for general manager should be mailed to "Strike at the Wind!", P.O. Box 1059, Pembroke, N.C. 28372.

## Braves win Season Opener

Pembroke State delighted a home crowd of some 2,000 Wednesday night with an 88-59 victory over Division III Methodist College.

The Braves placed 11 players in the scoring column, five in double figures.

Center Roger Carr, a sophomore transfer from East Carolina, and reserve Louie Hunter paced the winners with 13 points apiece. Chris Owsalt added 12 and George Drawhorne and Mark Schultz, a sophomore transfer from George Mason, 10 each.

Hillman George led Methodist with 12 points. Earl Jones added 11.