



THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE



"Building Communicative Bridges
in A Tri-Racial Setting"

VOLUME 7, NUMBER 50

PEMBROKE, N.C.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1979

ROBESON COUNTY

20¢ PER COPY

SANTA CLAUS MAKES AN APPEARANCE DURING PEMBROKE JAYCEE'S CHRISTMAS PARADE



Santa Claus appeared during the Pembroke Jaycees' annual Christmas parade last Friday morning. He received a tumultuous welcome.

The appearance of Santa was the highlight of the annual Pembroke Jaycees' Christmas Parade last Friday morning in Pembroke.

As usual, Santa Claus wished everyone a hearty Merry Christmas!

Some 60 units participated in the popular parade with Maxton reaping the honors in the band competition, Pembroke State University won second place.

In the competition for the best float, Prospect School won with Oxendine School finishing second.

Chairman of the parade was Gregory Cummings. Cummings said, "The Jaycees would like to thank everyone for participating in our biggest Christmas parade ever."



One of the many floats appearing in the parade.

PEOPLE AND L AND THINGS... C E S

Cardell Spaulding Receives Life Sentence

Raleigh-Central Prison inmate Cardell Spaulding was sentenced to life imprisonment Friday when a Wake County Superior Court jury failed to agree on what punishment he should receive on a conviction of stabbing a fellow inmate.

In a highly unusual occurrence, some jurors said during two individual pollings that they did not agree with the unanimous decision announced by the foreman.

Acting under state law, Judge John C. Martin imposed a life sentence.

Spaulding, who already is serving a life sentence, was convicted Thursday in the 1978 stabbing death of Hal Roscoe Simmons, a fellow inmate at Central Prison.

The jury, which began sentencing deliberations Thursday after convicting Spaulding, had to decide whether he would be sentenced to die in the state's gas chamber or given a life prison sentence.

When polling revealed that the sentence was not unanimous, Martin ordered the jury back to the jury room for an additional 10 minutes to see if they could reach agreement.

But, when polled a second time, still another juror disagreed with the decision. Martin then ordered Spaulding be sentenced to life imprisonment.

Spaulding had admitted stabbing Simmons Feb. 10, 1978, but he said he had acted in self-defense.

It was the second time Spaulding was convicted by a Wake County Superior Court jury in the Simmons stabbing. He received the death sentence for the first conviction, but that sentence was overturned by the state Supreme Court this fall. A new trial was ordered because the high court said it found errors in the first trial.

A number of people from Robeson County attended the trial and testified that Spaulding grew up in the Union Chapel community under harsh and exacting conditions. The harshness of life in Robeson County was intended to show the jury that mitigating circumstances, in fact, were present in the case.

Spaulding's father, now deceased, was presented on the witness stand as exceedingly cruel to his family. Testimony showed that his father killed the eldest Spaulding son and gave away their only sister when she was six years old. She was present during her brother's trial too.

Testifying were Gladys Peirce, Trudy Lee Oxendine, J.B. Spaulding and Josephine Woodell. All grew up with the Spaulding family in the Union Chapel community.

Testimony showed that Cardell Spaulding was the 7th of ten sons and one daughter. A number of his brothers, his sister, and his mother, now living in the High Point area, attended the trial.

Spaulding's attorney was the famed criminal lawyer Wade Smith of Raleigh. He was assisted by his brother Roger, Smith is also the attorney for Dr. Jeffrey MacDonald and Mrs. Archie Johnson, who was acquitted earlier in the year in the fatal shooting of her husband.

"NOTHING CONCRETE" IN BILL PAUL CASE

A spokesman for the Robeson County Sheriff's Department notes, "There is nothing concrete" to report in the case of William French "Bill" Paul, a Pembroke man reported missing since November 14 when he was last seen on some property near Rennett that he owned and which he was surveying for possible timber cutting.

Sheriff Hubert Stone, according to local news reports, is still attempting to schedule lie detector tests to persons last reported to have seen Paul.

SANTA CLAUSE EXPECTED IN PEMBROKE

Santa Claus is expected to appear in Pembroke Sunday. According to reliable sources at Woods, Santa will appear there Sunday at 2 p.m. All children (and adults too!) are invited to come out and meet Santa...and tell him what you want for Christmas.

DEEP BRANCH TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS CONTATA

Deep Branch Baptist Church will be presenting a Christmas Contata, Love Transcending, by John W. Peterson on Sunday, December 16, 1979 at 7 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Deep Branch Baptist Church, located across from Deep Branch Elementary School, is located approximately five miles from Pembroke.

The pastor of Deep Branch Baptist Church is Rev. Chesley McNeill.

Narration will be by Rev. Ted Brooks.

PROSPECT LADIES AUXILIARY TO MEET

The Prospect Ladies Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, December 13, 1979 at 7 p.m. at the Prospect Fire Department. Any lady who resides within the Prospect Fire District is welcome to join the auxiliary.

PROSPECT CUTIES VS JAYCEES

The Prospect Fire Department (Prospect Cuties) will play the Prospect Jaycees in a spirited game of basketball on Friday night, Dec. 21 in the Prospect School Gym. Admission will be \$1.00. Proceeds will go to the Ladies Auxiliary for community projects.

PSU VS ASHEVILLE

Pembroke State will play UNC-Asheville in the final basketball game before Christmas December 15, 1979 at 2 p.m.

TO SHOW SLIDES

Ronald Locklear, from Zambia, Africa, will show slides at First Baptist Church in Pembroke Thursday, Dec. 13th at 7 p.m.

Come one, come all.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Community Development Block Grant Hearing

A public hearing will be held by the Pembroke Town Council on December 3rd, and December 17th, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pembroke Town Hall, to allow initial input in a Community Development Program proposal to be submitted to HUD. Program requirements, funding limits, and other information will be presented at the hearing.

All persons residing within the corporate limits of the Town of Pembroke are encouraged and encouraged to participate.

Billy R. Smith
Town Clerk

Les Maxwell School Returned to the Use of the Indians of Cumberland County

Editor's note: This article is reprinted from the December issue of THE SAPONI, the newsletter of the Cumberland County Association of Indian People. We gratefully acknowledge the reprint source.

berland County Association of Indian People. We gratefully acknowledge the reprint source.

Fayetteville, NC--

After an almost five year effort to obtain Les Maxwell School for use as a cultural center, museum and social services center for the Indian community, the Association has signed an agreement with the Board of County Commissioners that will return the school to the Indian people.

The agreement specifies that the school will be leased to the Association for \$1.00 per year. The lease will be signed on September 1, 1980.

Within one month of the signing of the lease, the Association will have moved into the school building and begin its operation from that location.

The Les Maxwell School was built in 1959 as the county's only school for Indian people. Many of the items at the school were purchased by funds raised in the Indian community when county funds for the school ran out.

For ten years the school played an integral part of Indian education in the county. The school was closed in 1969 after federal regulations ended segregated schools.

The return of Les Maxwell School to the Indian community became an explosive emotional issue with the Indian people.

The value of Les Maxwell can only be understood in terms of its historical significance within the Indian community.

Les Maxwell is more than just a building, it is part of a living tradition.

Currently the school is being used to house administrative offices for the County Board of Education and also used for storage space.

The administrative and storage operations will move

from Les Maxwell to Walker Elementary School which is currently owned by the city school system.

Both the county and city school boards became involved in the negotiations to facilitate the turn over of Les Maxwell to the Association. The city system owned Walker Elementary School where the county wanted to move its operations from Les Maxwell.

After the negotiations were completed, all involved parties were satisfied with the final agreement and there were no additional obstacles in the way of the turn over of Les Maxwell to the Association.

The Association was supported in its efforts to obtain Les Maxwell by many prominent individuals and organizations throughout the county. The County Human Relations Advisory Commission sent a letter of endorsement on the Association's request for Les Maxwell to the County Board of Commissioners.

The Association is deeply appreciative of the response throughout the county in assisting it in its efforts.

The Indian community can once again look to Les Maxwell as a symbol of their struggle to enrich the lives of the Indian people.

Les Maxwell will provide the much needed space to expand the programs and service to the Indian people and will house a cultural center, library and museum.

As of local point in Cumberland County of Indian activity, Les Maxwell will once again become part of a living tradition.

Pembroke Jayettes Celebrate 10 Years of Service



Shown left to right are: Patsy Prevatte, President of the North Carolina Jayettes; Doris Cummings, President; who gave the welcome; Joy Locklear, key note speaker; Theresa Locklear, who gave the invocation; Andrea Scott, who introduced the speaker; Frances Chavis; Sandra Oxendine; Joyce Cummings; Dorothy Powers, President of the Lumberton Jayettes in 1969; not shown are Barbara Strickland; Norma Oxendine and Helen Locklear. [Bruce Barton photo]

Pembroke-The Pembroke Jayettes celebrated ten years of service to the community last Saturday night with a banquet and dance.

Banquet speaker was Ms. Joy Locklear, the first president of the Pembroke Jayettes. Also presenting comments were Mrs. Dorothy Powers, president of the Lumberton Jayettes in 1969 when the Pembroke Jayettes were organized; and Ms. Patsy Prevatte president of the North Carolina Jayettes and a past president of the Lumberton Jayettes.

The Lumberton Jayettes was the sponsoring Jayette Chapter.

It was a night of reminiscing and fun as Ms. Locklear recalled many of the humorous happenings of the last ten years. She also recalled the many community orientated projects the organization had participated in, too.

The Pembroke Jayettes presidents since 1969 have been: Joy Locklear-1969-70; Theresa Locklear-1970-71; Barbara Strickland-1971-72; Norma Oxendine-1972-73; Helen Locklear-1973-74; Sandra Oxendine-1974-75; Frances Chavis-1975-76; Joyce Cummings-1976-78; Andrea Scott-1978-79; Doris Cummings-1979-80.

Theresa Locklear was the first Pembroke Jayette of the year.

Speaks at Magnolia High School

T/Sgt. Wm. P. Revels USAF Retired, spoke to approximately sixty students at Magnolia High School on December 7, 1979. The date was very significant to most Americans. It was the 38th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. To the speaker, the date had even more significance because he was on Pearl Harbor when it was attacked.

The students, representing two civics classes, listened intently as they got a first-hand account of the event. Some were amazed at the description of what happened there. They were told of the planes flying overhead and of the bombs falling. They were told of the many ships and planes that were destroyed. Then, in a lowered voice the speaker told of the many, many lives that were lost that day.

Cont'd ON Page 10

BEASLEY & LUCILLE BULLARD BURNED OUT

The mobile home of Beasley and Lucille Bullard of the Red Banks area was completely destroyed by fire recently. The Bullards are now living with Mrs. Bullard's parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Alex Locklear. Anyone wishing to contribute to this family in any way should call 521-9064 or call the Carolina Indian Voice at 521-2826.