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MOTIONS IN ALFRED COOK VS. McDUFFIE CUMMINGS, VERNON OXENDINE, HARVEY BULLARD, TOWN OF PEMBROKE, ETC. POSTPONED "DUE TO HEALTH PROBLEMS OF W.O. LEE, JR."

by Bruce Barton

LUMBERTON--Motions scheduled to be heard in the Alfred Cook vs. Pembroke court case before resident Superior Court Judge Henry A. McKinnon, Jr. Monday, March 17, were postponed unexpectedly "due to health problems of W.O. Lee, Jr.", Cook's attorney.

The attorneys for McDuffie Cummings, Vernon Oxendine, Harvey Bullard and the Town of Pembroke were expected to ask Judge McKinnon to "throw out" the complaint of Alfred Cook, a property owner in the Town of Pembroke who had sued them for some \$5 million dollars for related charges of (1) trespass upon real property; (2) assault and battery; (3) false arrest and imprisonment; (4) causing criminal process to be issued against plaintiff for the purpose of harassing him and coercing him to give up certain property rights and (5) a later charge of trespass upon real property.

For the above Cook and his attorneys of record, Osborne Lee, Jr. (W.O.), and W. Earl Britt, are asking for some \$5 million in damages.

Some background...

"On or about the 20th day of May, 1978" an incident allegedly occurred between Pembroke property owner, Alfred Cook, and certain town officials, to wit, Police Chief Vernon Oxendine, Policeman Harvey Bullard and Pembroke Town Manager McDuffie Cummings.

Alfred Cook filed a complaint in the matter more than a year later, at 9:04 a.m. on the 20th day of July, 1979. The story of the complaint appeared in *The Robesonian* on the same day.

Cook's complaint noted that his deceased wife owned two parcels of land located behind Woodell's Park and Shop Convenience Store in Pembroke, among other properties at the time of the alleged incident.

Cook's complaint reads:

"Cook charges that he was plowing land on his Pembroke farm on May 20, 1978 when town officials approached him and told him to stop plowing.

"Cook says he refused to do so, and that he ordered the town officials off of his land. They refused to leave, Cook contends, and then Oxendine and Bullard proceeded unlawfully, willfully, and maliciously to commit an assault and battery upon Cook by yanking him off his tractor, thereby seriously and permanently injuring his back."

Cook also complains in his law suit that he was unlawfully imprisoned causing him great mental anguish and embarrassment.

Cook charges that McDuffie Cummings "desired to have a right of way across the plaintiff's land." Cook claims that he was coerced by Cummings, acting as an agent for the Town of Pembroke.

According to records Cook was charged by Police Chief Vernon Oxendine with injury in real and personal property and resisting arrest.

According to witnesses, Cook was offensive and abusive to the police officers when they approached him and asked him to stop plowing the land in question.

The lots in question had been used as a public alley way "as long as I can remember," according to a long time Pembroke resident.

The Town of Pembroke, in a counter suit, has sued Alfred Cook for \$100,000 for causing so-called libelous statements to be printed in the *Robesonian*, the county daily newspaper. Cook's attorney, W.O. Lee, Jr. is the attorney

of record for the *Robesonian*, explaining to many how Cook's original complaint appeared in the *Robesonian* on the same day it was filed in court.

Some observers also assert that Lee seems to have a vendetta of sorts against the Town of Pembroke for incidents relating to the naming of former chief District Court Judge Sam Britt as a special superior court judge. Lee was reportedly considered for the judgeship too.

Local Pembroke attorneys, including Dexter Brooks, the attorney of record for the Town of Pembroke, reportedly backed Britt in the jockeying for the superior court seat.

Lee was also by-passed recently when W. Earl Britt, his official law associate in the Cook case, was nominated as a federal district court judge.

Brooks and Dickson McLean, Jr., the attorney for Cummings, Oxendine and Bullard, had been expected to ask

Judge McKinnon to throw out Cook's complaint because the statute of limitations (1 year) had run out in the matter of the assault and battery and false imprisonment phase of his basic complaint.

Cook's complaint was filed 1 year and 2 months after the incident allegedly took place, according to court documents in the case. The incident occurred May 28, 1978 and Cook did not sue the town until July 20, 1979.

Attorneys reportedly agreed to a postponement until March 27 because of "health problems of W.O. Lee, Jr."

Questions remain. For instance, why couldn't W. Earl Britt, the other attorney representing Cook, appear in court to answer the anticipated motions of dismissal?

McKinnon has reportedly rescheduled the court proceedings for March 27, 1980.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR MISS LUMBEE PAGEANT

by Ben Jacobs

The Miss Lumbee Pageant Committee is now seeking potential contestants for the 13th annual Miss Lumbee Pageant to be held July 4th during Lumbee Homecoming festivities.

According to Mrs. Florence Ransom coordinator of the pageant, attractive and talented Lumbee ladies between the ages of 17 and 26 are encouraged to complete a pageant entry form by March 31st. All contestants must be single and be high school graduates. Entry forms can be obtained at the Lumbee Regional Development Association Annex.

Mrs. Ransom said that young women are encouraged to enter early so that they will have lots of time to secure sponsors and make preparations for the pageant. She noted that the pageant is a preliminary to the Miss North Carolina Pageant and is sanctioned by the Miss America Pageant.

Area businesses that are interested in sponsoring a contestant are urged to contact Mrs. Ransom. For additional information about the pageant, please contact Mrs. Ransom at the LRDA Annex or call 521-2401.



RECEIVES EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

New Market, Maryland--In a formal ceremony, Terrence Dean Brayboy, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bobby Dean Brayboy, received his Eagle Scout Award on March 1.

The 14-year-old Lumbee Indian earned the highest award in Boy Scouting in four years of participation. In citing the accomplishments of Terrence, the Honorable Beverly Byron, United States House of Representatives, and guest speaker for the event, reminded the

attending guests that less than one percent participating Boy Scouts in America achieve an Eagle Award. There are several million Boy Scouts in America.

Others on the program were Brayboy's uncle Representative, Horace Locklear of Lumberton who gave the "trail of the Eagle," Pinoake Browning, Scout Master, Troop 268; Dr. Raymond T. Moreland, pastor of New Market Methodist Church Andrew Petranek, member of Troop 268; Dr. James H.



Dr. Paul Givens, center, shown addressing the staff of LRDA at their recent staff meeting. Shown, right, is Ken Maynor, executive director of LRDA; and left, is Janie Maynor Locklear, Lumbee Indian Education director.

Addresses LRDA

PSU CHANCELLOR SEES NEED FOR "BUILDING COMMUNICATIVE BRIDGES"

by Law Barton

For years now, I have dreamed of a better rapport between Pembroke State University and the Indian community which chartered the institution. Nor is the dream mine alone. For example, Janie Maynor Locklear dreamed out loud at the rededication of Old Main recently. And Dr. Paul R. Givens, PSU's new Chancellor, has already begun to dream similar dreams. "Let's not strike out in different directions," he challenged Monday. We're all traveling in the same direction."

He was addressing the staff of the Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. (LRDA) at the Indian organization's regular staff meeting in the LRDA Annex where he said he was impressed by LRDA's programming. He also spoke commendably of the schools he had visited locally. He pointed out that we are all engaged in the same pursuit -- that of educating the people of the area.

"There are areas in which you can help us--and others...in which we can help you," Dr. Givens asserted.

We didn't smoke the peace pipe.

Something better was done. LRDA Executive Director Kenneth R. Maynor offered the services of one person to be present on each after-classes use of Old Main. It is understood that the LRDA employee will be attached full-time.

Chancellor Givens mentioned the need "to build communicative bridges between the university and the community at large. In that direction, he voiced the hope that PSU will some day have a television station to aid in the area of education and the matter of informing the public at large.

Everyone got at rapt attention during the discussion and a number of questions were asked and answered afterwards.

Dr. Givens explained that the three components of Pembroke State University are that of an academy, a research center, and a service center. He said that the university should strive to make its research and services more available to the community.

Dr. Givens said he would like to have more youths and other adults involved in activities at the university. He noted the need for more effort from the PSU alumni, also.

Those from Robeson County attending the ceremony were: N.C. Representative and Mrs. Horace Locklear, their children Millicent, Bryan and Jasper. Ms. Adore Clark also attended.

Terrence is the grandson of Mrs. McKinley Jones, Sr. and the late Mr. Jones of Wakulla, and Mr. and Mrs. Tecumseh B. Brayboy, Jr. of Pembroke.

Terrence resides in Monrovia, Maryland with his parents and two brothers, Bryan McKinley and Carv Allen.



Terrence is shown with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Bobby D. Brayboy.

PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS... C E S

"Super Saturday" at PSU March 22

PEMBROKE--Saturday, March 22, has been tabbed as Super Saturday 1980 with many activities planned for the entire day. The day, being organized by Sports Information Director Gary Spitzer, features baseball, track, tennis, a fish fry, an oldtimers game, and a concert that night.

"I hope that everyone will plan to come out to Pembroke State on that day and bring the whole family," stated Spitzer. "There are many activities planned and everyone will have a fun day."

Free baseballs will be given to all kids attending the 2 p.m. baseball game, limited to the first fans to arrive for the game.

The schedule for Super Saturday is as follows:

11 a.m.-6 p.m.--BRAVES CLUB FISH FRY--The athletic booster club will be sponsoring the fish fry to boost the Athletic Scholarship Fund. It will be held on the PSU soccer field and price is set at \$2 per plate.

12 noon--OLD-TIMERS BASEBALL GAME--Former PSU baseball players will return to campus to play an intersquad game.

12 noon-4:20 p.m.--BRAVES TRACK CLASSIC--PSU's track team, a national contender, will host this exciting track meet to open their 1980 season.

2 p.m.--PSU BASEBALL GAMES--Pembroke State's baseball team will be hosting Guilford College in a Carolinas Conference doubleheader.

2:30 p.m.--MEN'S TENNIS--PSU's men's tennis will be competing against High Point College in a Carolinas Conference match.

8 p.m.--DR HOOK CONCERT--The Student Government Association will sponsor this concert in PSU's Main Gym.

Anyone wishing further information should contact the Sport Information Office at Pembroke State University (919) 521-3522 or (919) 521-4214.

REVIVAL SERVICE AT UNION CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Union Chapel Community Church will hold its spring revival beginning Monday night, March 24, thru Friday night, March 28. Service is to begin at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Montana Locklear, Pastor of Shannon Assembly of God, will be preaching.

The regular fourth Sunday night singing will be held at 6:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend. Rev. Monroe Woods is the pastor.

WACHOVIA BANK AND TRUST COMPANY TRY FOR DOWNTOWN BANKING FACILITY

Wachovia Bank and Trust Company has applied to the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency for permission to establish a main banking facility in downtown Lumberton.

Announcement of the action was made by M.H. McCrary, vice president and city office executive.

The bank's application asks for approval to open a new office in the central business district of 407 N. Elm Street. Wachovia's present office at 2775 Elm Street will continue to operate as a full service branch, giving Wachovia two offices in Lumberton.

McCrary said that the decision to locate the office in the central business district reaffirms Wachovia's commitment to the downtown areas of cities throughout the state.

"We are applying for this office in order to better serve the needs of businesses and the many residents who use the downtown area for shopping, banking and other commercial transactions," McCrary said. "This additional facility in Lumberton will enable Wachovia to be more accessible and convenient to its customers by offering full service banking in two locations of the city."

GET ADVANCE TICKETS TO SEE FILM "JESUS."

Get advance tickets at a 20 percent discount to see the Genesis Project film "Jesus" coming to Lumberton's Town and Country Theatre # 2 March 28-April 10. This film is being promoted locally by an Ecumenical Committee. You may get your tickets at: Christian Book Store, Chestnut Street, Lumberton or at First Baptist Church on Walnut Street, Lumberton. For more information call Ruth H. Munday at 738-5615 or Dan Gurash at 739-4336.

1980 ROBESON COUNTY HOG SHOW JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The 1980 Robeson County Hog Show will be held on Wednesday, March 26, at the Jaycee Fairgrounds in Lumberton. According to Rosemary Tucker, Assistant Agricultural Extension Agent, the morning will begin with weighing and entering the hogs from 8 a.m. The official judging will begin at 12:30 p.m. with our judge this year being Dr. Bob Jones, Extension Swine Specialist from N. C. State University. The afternoon programs will be for the youth 4-H and FFA judging teams to prove their skills in judging livestock.

exciting day, the last event on the program will be the sale of hogs with Adolph Stuart of Pate's Stockyards auctioneering.

Ms. Tucker says that the show this year is expected to be another fine event with many entries that represent the quality hogs produced in Robeson County. Everyone is invited to come out and participate or just to observe the show. The hog show, which is sponsored by the Robeson County Agricultural Extension Service, the Lumberton Jaycees, and the Robeson County Livestock Association, is an event which is for the entire county to enjoy.

Following the youth judging, the evening program will begin with the men's and women's civic judging teams. Awards will be presented to the hog show winners and judging team winners as well. To close out a truly

For further information on the show, contact the Extension Service at (919) 521-3522.