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MATTIE LOCKLEAR FIRED AT COUNTY LIBRARY BECAUSE SHE REFUSES TO WORK ON SUNDAY

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Robeson County Public Library, because she refuses to work on Sunday. Mrs. Tope refuses to comment on the firing saying, "I have been advised by legal counsel not to say anything

Mattie Locklear has been fired by Mrs. Diana Tope, the librarian of the

period."

Mrs. Locklear, an Indian who has been employed by the public library for ten years, says "I don't believe in working on Sunday."

The problem arose in February when the library expanded its hours to Sunday, opening from 2 to 4 p.m. in the afternoon.

Mrs. Locklear and her husband, Larry, attend Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church in Pembroke. Both are Christians and both hold strong views about working on Sunday, believing it to be, seemingly, a sin and an affront to God.

Their views are held by many Robesonians, Indians, Blacks and whites. Many Robesonians believe that it is a sin to work on Sunday, ascribing to the Biblical thought that God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. Many consider Sunday the Lord's Sabbath Day, therefore Holy.

According to Tom Long, chairman of the board of directors of the library, Mrs. Locklear was offered alternatives to working on Sundays, one being that she could work every Thursday night from noon until 9 p.m. and/or work extra Saturdays. Mrs. Locklear refused both alternatives noting that she would have been punished punitively, by having to work odd hours when, in fact, the Sunday duties are rotated and only occurs every two months or so.

Dickson McLean, formerly the chairman of the board of directors of the library, and now legal counsel, was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

The library is considered one of the most enlightening experiences in Robeson County although the racial makeup of the board of directors and the staff falls woefully below the county figures. There are only two non whites on the board of directors, one being Mrs. E.B. Turner, a black. Mrs. Delton Lowry, the sole Indian representative, rarely attends a meeting. Mrs. Locklear's dismissal leaves one Indian employed by the library. According to unofficial records (Mrs. Tope refused to share the information with this reporter) there are four blacks employed by the library, including a black janitor.

Long noted that "there just aren't many Indians in library sciences... Indian employees are hard to find."

In response to Mrs. Locklear's firing Long said, "In all fairness we have to treat every employee the same. We have tried to work out something with Mrs. Locklear but we just couldn't do it." Long also said, "From all reports Mrs. Locklear is a good employee... I do not know of any other problem we have had with her."

According to unofficial records there are 23 employees at the Robeson County Public Library.

Said an employee who wished to remain anonymous, "Freedom to read books also gives one the right to worship God as one wishes, including not working on Sunday."

The library is a joint venture of the City of Lumberton and the County of Robeson.

A Jim Chavis Memorial Salute

An enthusiastic crowd turned out at the Pembroke Senior High School Cafeteria for the Jim Chavis Memorial Salute on Tuesday evening. The event was a fund-raising activity to raise funds to erect a historical marker to the late James E. (Jim) Chavis. The function was chaired by the versatile Cornell Locklear and featured many talented local folks. The Carolina Indian Voice will carry further coverage of this event next week.

NOAH WOODS APPOINTED TO NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION



Noah Woods

The appointment of Noah Woods of Pembroke to a three-year term on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education by President Jimmy Carter was announced by Senator Robert Morgan (D-NC) last week.

Nominations for the National Advisory Council on Indian Education are solicited annually by the Deputy Commissioner for Indian Education from Indian tribes and organizations and are reviewed for recommendations to the Commissioner of Education for recommendations to the President for appointment. Woods' nomination was forwarded for recommendation by Lumbee Regional Development Association.

The National Advisory Council on Indian Education is unique among the advisory councils in the Office of Health, Education and Welfare. The Council was established by the U.S. Congress in 1972 to advise the Congress, the Secretary of HEW, the Assistant Secretary for Education and the Commissioner of Education with regard to programs benefitting Indian children. The Council is a grant-receiving council which makes recommendations and has a legislative responsibility to select candidates for

the senior level Deputy Commissioner of Indian Education position, it is comprised of all Indian representatives, and the 15-member Council represents diverse geographic areas of the country and includes both reservation and non-reservation Indian representation.

As a Council member, Woods will serve with other members in advising the Commissioner of Education with respect to the administration of programs benefitting Indian children and adults, will participate in reviewing applications for assistance for programs and services under the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 and the Adult Education Act, will conduct evaluations and disseminate information about programs and projects of HEW; will provide technical assistance to local educational agencies and to Indian education agencies, institutions and organizations to assist in the improvement of the education of Indian children; will assist in reviewing and developing criteria and regulations for the administration and evaluation of grants under Title IV, Part A; in making recommendations for the improvement of programs and services, and will consult with the Commissioner of Education regarding eligibility criteria for programs and services for Indian children.

Woods is Principal of Oxendine Elementary School of the Robeson County Board of Education. He is a native of Robeson County and received his early education in the Robeson County Schools after which he received a B.S. Degree from Pembroke State College, a M.A. in Educational Administration from East Carolina University, and an Educational Specialist Degree from East Carolina University. He is a member of the Pembroke Jaycees, the Robeson County Democratic Committee, the N.C. State Democratic Committee, and has served in numerous offices and committees with local, civic and community organizations.

Woods is the third Lumbee Indian to be appointed to this prestigious Council. Karma Hunt Torkle and Earl Hughes Oxendine were appointed by President Nixon to previous terms on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

The Rabbit Who Wanted Red Wings

The Elementary Department of Magnolia School will present a musical program entitled *The Rabbit Who Wanted Red Wings* on Friday, May 16, 1980 at 9:30 a.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

DR. PAUL GIVENS INSTALLED AS PSU CHANCELLOR

Pembroke-Saturday was proclaimed "Dr. Paul R. Givens Day" by Governor Jim Hunt and the new chancellor of Pembroke State University was saluted by Dr. William C. Friday during installation ceremonies of Dr. Givens here Saturday.

Friday, president of the University of North Carolina System, said Givens "Will build on the strong tradition of Chancellor English Jones," whom Friday saluted repeatedly.

Jones, who retired as chancellor last June 30, was unable to attend the ceremonies because of illness. He was chief administrator of PSU for 17 years, and was visited by President Jimmy Carter at Jones' home after

the ceremonies.

William A. Jones, chairman of the UNC Board of Governors, also praised Givens.

In his installation speech, Givens said, "I am optimistic that we shall fulfill the calling of this university to be one of the finest in the state and nation."

Givens said the tri-racial makeup of the student body—65 percent white, 23 percent Indian and 12 percent black—is one of the university's most important features.

"We see at Pembroke State University where three races walk hand-in-hand without malice or discord."

PEOPLE... AND PLACES

AND THINGS

ROBESON TECHNICAL COLLEGE?

Dr. R. Craig Allen has proposed that ROBESON TECHNICAL INSTITUTE be named ROBESON TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

The possible name change was discussed at a meeting of the RTI Board of Trustees Monday. No action was taken on the suggestion although a number of the trustees present seemed to be in favor of the measure.

The name change would have to clear a number of procedural hurdles, including how the name change would affect the operations of nearby Pembroke State University. Also, the measure would have to be approved by the trustees, the county commissioners and state officials.

Allen said, "If we're going to do it I'd like to do it by July 1."

COMMITTEE AGAINST FLOURIDATION OF PEMBROKE'S WATER FORMED

A committee against the flouridation of Pembroke's waters has been formed and will hold its first meeting May 22 (Thursday) at 8 p.m. at Maynor Manor in Pembroke.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

The committee is the outgrowth of a mostly one man campaign waged by Walter Musgrove, a librarian at Pembroke State University.

The committee is named the Pembroke Commission on Flouridation Study.

Pembroke has announced that they intend to flouridate the town's water supply.

Musgrove and others opposed to the flouridation of the town's water would like to see the matter tabled until further study can be done so that the citizens can learn more about the dangers, as the opponents see it, of flouridating the water.

Revival planned at Gospel of Grace Baptist Church

A weekend revival will be held at the Gospel of Grace Baptist Church on West Elm Street, Maxton May 22- May 25. On the first night of service the pastor of the Gospel of Grace Baptist Church, Rev. Warren Bowen, will deliver the message. On Friday night Rev. James Lowery of Fayetteville will be guest speaker. Speaker for Saturday night will be Rev. James Kivett of Monroe, N.C. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 p.m.

The revival will conclude on Sunday when the church will observe Old Fashioned Day. The members and pastor invite everyone to attend. Said one member, "Our church is the end of your search for a spiritual and loving church. Everyone is someone special at our church. We have a good old fashioned preacher."

Tuscarora Indian Pow Wow Begins May 16

The Tuscarora Indian Tribe will sponsor a Pow Wow on May 16-18 at Drowning Creek Reservation (Clark's Landing) in Maxton. The public is cordially invited to attend this three day event. There will be no admission and arts and crafts will be on display and for sale.

Probe death by shooting near Clio

CLIO—State and local authorities are investigating the death Sunday of a 56-year-old Pembroke, N.C., man who was shot by a highway patrolman while the latter was attempting to arrest him.

Willie Campbell, 56, died shortly after having been shot three times by Highway Patrolman Charles McNair who is stationed in Marlboro County.

The incident took place on a secondary road near McLaurin Crossroads near Clio in Marlboro County.

According to reports, McNair attempted to arrest Campbell when he saw Campbell walking erratically along the road.

McNair was attacked by Campbell, according to Capt. Decil Dilworth, Florence district highway patrol commander.

"Patrolman McNair followed all the proper procedures in attempting to arrest an individual who appeared to be publicly intoxicated, according to several witnesses," Dilworth said. "We believe he acted properly in defending himself."

Marlboro County Sheriff Jack Weatherly said his department's investigation showed that McNair saw Campbell walking on the road. Campbell was weaving and stumbling when the patrolman arrived.

The sheriff said witnesses reported that Campbell struck the highway patrolman.

A preliminary autopsy showed that Campbell was shot in the lower back, upper abdomen, and left thigh.

INDIAN COMMISSION ADMINISTERS ENERGY CRISIS FUNDS

The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs will administer the distribution of Energy Crises Assistance program funds to needy Indian households in Halifax, Warren, Sampson, Harnett, Robeson, Hoke, Scotland, Cumberland, Guilford, Columbus and Bladen Counties.

The program will help low-income families pay fuel bills incurred since September 1, 1979. First priority will be given to elder households receiving SSI. Interested families may apply May 12-23. The applicant must bring verification of income and previous bill from past month. Call Eve Locklear at 521-9761 for further information.

Revival underway at Hopewell Church

Hopewell Holiness Methodist Church of Route 1, Rowland will hold their revival May 11-16. Guest speakers are Rev. Grady Cummings and Rev. Steve Locklear. There will be special music nightly. The pastor, Rev. James H. Woods, and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to the public.

Graduation Scenes at PSU



Here is part of the 399 undergraduates and eight graduate students who received their degrees Sunday in the 40th annual commencement exercises at Pembroke State University.



Chancellor Paul R. Givens personally congratulates each graduate and presented each degree individually to the 407 total graduates in commencement exercises Sunday. Shown in the background is Dr. Norma Jean Thompson, dean of admissions and registration who assisted Dr. Givens. Receiving her degree is Deborah Anty of Hamlet.



President WILLIAM FRIDAY of UNC system begins installation ceremony at Pembroke State University May 16. Seated behind him (left to right) are Jesse Oxendine of Charlotte, chairman of the PSU Board of Trustees; Chancellor Paul R. Givens; and William A. Johnson, chairman of the UNC Board of Governors.