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'THE FAMILY THAT STUDIES TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER'

**Dr. Gilbert Sampson
and Dr. Nancy Sampson**



Shown, left to right, are Christopher, Glenn, Dr. Gilbert Sampson, Daniel, Dr. Nancy Sampson, Juliana and Gregory.

BY BRUCE BARTON

PEMBROKE—This reporter jokingly said, "I guess you could say that the family that studies together stays together." Dr. Gilbert Sampson smiled and said, "that is a true statement if I ever heard one." Dr. Nancy Sampson, his wife, nodded in agreement. Both recently completed their course work and their doctoral studies and are now officially Dr. Gilbert Sampson and Dr. Nancy Sampson. They are also man and wife and the proud parents of five children. They point the children out by saying "...now this one was born about the time I finished my masters ...and the baby now ten weeks old was born seven days after we returned from our last trip to New York University."

The Sampsons were selected by the UNC Board of Governors to work at a university of their choice for a year on their doctoral theses.

They were two of seven chosen from a candidates list of "more than fifty." It was the first time a man and a wife had been chosen. Both are Lumbee Indians. The special scholarships are set aside for minorities in order to upgrade the number of minorities on university faculty. It is part of the university's program to eliminate racial duplicity. Both chose to do their studies at New York University. They have made many trips back and forth to New York University in pursuit of their doctorates. Dr. Nancy Sampson had her fifth child while their doctoral studies were going on. Daniel was born on June 7; Dr. Nancy Sampson received her doctorate degree in Early Childhood Education on May 21. Dr. Gilbert Sampson, the father, received his doctorate in Mathematics Education on July 23.

The couple both graduated from Pembroke State University and the University of Arkansas and began immediately thereafter working on their separate doctorates "between babies." Mrs. Sampson remembers, "We thought there was no way for two members from the same family to be chosen ...but we decided that the one who was not elected would be mother and father for the year of studies." Since both were selected, "(we) both decided to share the responsibilities." Dr. Gilbert Sampson is as adept at changing a diaper or burping an infant as he is at working a complicated mathematical equation. Says both Dr. Sampsons, "Our studies have made us a family; we both enjoy the things and have mutual interests. ...we have been able to have our own, continue our studies and have a family at the same time. Our children have been quite helpful too ...the older helping out with chores and the younger after the younger ones."

Nancy Sampson is an assistant professor at nearby Fayetteville State University. Dr. Gilbert is an assistant professor at

mathematics at Pembroke State University. His grandfather, Oscar Sampson, was the long time chairman of the board of trustees of Pembroke State and is considered, in some quarters, as the "educational father" of the university. His father, James Albert Sampson, also served with distinction for a number of years on the board of trustees of Pembroke State.

Mrs. Sampson's thesis is on the self concept of black, white and Indian children in grades 3-12 living in an urban and rural setting. She tested children in Robeson County and in

Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Gilbert Sampson's thesis is related to children's ability to grasp certain mathematical concepts and he is comparing his concept to Piaget, a Swiss psychologist.

Both are looking forward to returning to the classroom in the fall. The only problem resulting from their new educational status is that when someone rings them at home and asks for Dr. Sampson they have to reply "which one?"

Students Gain Health Careers Experience Through PSU

Pembroke—Fifteen students from four different colleges recently completed the fifth annual Clinical Work-Study Summer Health Program at Pembroke State University, gaining valuable experience—with pay—for working for 10 weeks at medical agencies in this area.

During the regular academic year eight of the students attended Pembroke State University, five attend UNC-Chapel Hill, one attends Davidson and one attends Southeastern Community College.

Their work experiences this summer was under the auspices of the N.C. Health Manpower Development Program. The students were supervised by health professionals at the different locations.

Six of the students were employed by Pembroke Medical and Dental Services, three worked at Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton, two gained work experience at Scotland Memorial Hospital in Lumberton, and two others worked for the Hardin Health Center at the Robeson County Health Department. One each was employed by Rowland Medical Services and the Robeson County Department of Social Services.

Larry Brooks, assistant director of the Regional Health Careers Recruitment-Counseling Center at Pembroke State University, commented: "This is a wonderful program because of the vast on-the-job experience."

Brooks gave examples. "Joe Roberts, a pre-med student at Davidson College, gained valuable experience working with Dr. Eddie Powell of Pembroke. Anthony Locklear, a UNC-

Chapel Hill student studying health administration, worked with Ms. Carolyn Emanuel, executive director of Pembroke Medical and Dental Services. Harry McMillan, a senior physical therapy student at UNC-Chapel Hill, worked in physical therapy at Scotland Memorial Hospital in Lumberton."

To qualify for the program, a college student must be a member of a minority race or be economically disadvantaged. They must have at least a 2.5 grade point average and show motivation and potential for a health career. Of the 15 taking part, 13 were Indians, one was Black, and one was from Jamaica. The pay was \$3.10 per hour—or \$124 per week. The program began June 2 and ended Aug. 8.

"We try to place students in the settings where they will be working as health professionals," says Tommy Swett, director of the Regional Health Careers Recruitment-Counseling Center at PSU which operates this summer program.

The summer program is funded by CETA funds through the Lumbee Regional Development Association and the Robeson County Department of Human Resources.

Locations of students' clinical work-study, their work experience there, and their class in college:

Pembroke Medical and Dental Services: Terry Bullard (laboratory), sophomore at Pembroke State; Donna Cummings (dental assistant), freshman at Pembroke State; Taniel Kerns (main office), sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill; Anthony Locklear (main office), senior at UNC-Chapel Hill; Kyle Ann Lowry (medical assistant), freshman at Southeastern Community College; and Joseph Roberts (Medical Assistant), sophomore at Davidson College.

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NOTICE

The public should take notice that the Town of Pembroke intends to file an application with the Local Government Commission of the State of North Carolina for the approval of a bond issue. The purpose of the bond issue is to improve the Town's water treatment facility; to construct a new water well; to modify the sewerage treatment plant; to rehabilitate existing sewer lines; to install new sewer lines and a lift station; and to purchase cleaning equipment. The water improvement will cost the Town \$175,000.00 and the sewer improvements will cost the Town \$492,000.00. The maximum amount of bonds to be issued will therefore be \$667,000.00; however if approved, this bond issue will be supplemented by an EPA grant of \$748,993.00 and a North Carolina Clean Water Bond grant of \$223,732.00 which will make the total cost for Sewer Improvements \$1,464,725.00.

Any citizen or taxpayer of the Town of Pembroke may, within seven days after the date of the publication of this notice, file with the governing body of said Town and the Local Government Commission a statement of any objections he may have to the issue.

This the 21st day of August, 1980.

Town of Pembroke
McDuffie Cummings
Town Manager

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

REVIVAL AND SINGING PLANNED

There will be a revival meeting at the Mt. Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church of Pembroke beginning August 25, 1980 and continuing through Sunday night, August 31.

The Rev. Walter J. Nash of Tulsa, Oklahoma will be the evangelist. Rev. Nash came to the Pembroke area a number of years ago and to our people he is known as the bicycle preacher.

The services will begin each night at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday the evangelist will speak at the 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. services.

There will also be a singing at the church August 31, to be held at 2:30 p.m. Everyone has an invitation to attend and share their talents with the congregation and to worship the Lord with them.

THE CLASS OF 1960-MAGNOLIA HIGH PLAN 20 YEAR REUNION

The 1960 graduating class of Magnolia High School will hold their 20th year anniversary Labor Day weekend, August 30.

The reunion will be held at the Golden China Restaurant, Lumberton, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The evening will begin with a planned program, followed with dinner and dancing.

A picnic will be held August 31 for the graduates and their families, beginning at 2:00 p.m., the exact location and other information will be made available at a later date.

Those 1960 graduates who have not received their invitation are asked to contact James C. Chance at 738-5948; Olivia Sloan at 738-7844; or Mildred Harris at 738-3078.

HUNT PARTICIPATES IN TWO-HOUR SEMINAR

Mrs. Mary B. Hunt, employed by Hilly Branch Vocational Center, had an opportunity to participate in a two-hour seminar of the Micronet, Inc. located in the Watergate Complex in Washington, D.C. on August 11, 1980. The Micronet Inc. is commonly known as the "Paperless Office" - the first of its kind in the world. This totally automated office utilizes advanced office technologies, fully integrated in a single office equipment and demonstrates practical business application. The "Paperless Office" is the integration of Computer, Word Processing, Micrographics, automated retrieval, voice input and telecommunication. The "Paperless Office" demonstrated the feasibility of Coordinating technologies to solve today's information handling problems. Ms. Hunt indicated that she heard about Micronet, Inc. at the 1980 Summer Vocational Conference in Winston-Salem, in which she was a participant. She further states that such tours and seminars enables one to keep abreast of new and advanced technology in their career field, and that she looks forward to sharing this visit and data gathered with her Data Processing I class and other co-workers.

JOIN GIRL SCOUTS!

Computers, spaceships, photography, careers for women, the wonderful world of the out-of-doors -- these are just a few of the many programs enjoyed by Girl Scouts today. The best of traditional Girl Scouting has been retained and is enhanced by new programs as contemporary as the girls themselves. Robeson County Girl Scout troops are forming now. If you are a girl between the ages of 6-17 or an adult of any age, male or female, Girl Scouts want YOU! Have fun, make new friends, be a part of something great! In Robeson County, call Anne Grantham, Lumberton, N.C. at 738-3315 today.

YOUTH NIGHT PLANNED

Inland Grove Baptist Church Youth Night will be August 27, 1980 at 7 p.m. A film will be shown entitled "A Day in the Life of Bonnie Bonito." The public is cordially invited to attend. Pastor of Inland Grove Baptist Church is Rev. C.M. Cummings.

COUNTY TITLE IV-A COMMITTEE TO MEET

Chairperson Woodrow Dial of the Robeson County Title IV Part A Indian Education Committee has called a meeting of the Parent Committee for Monday, August 25th at 7:30 p.m. at O.P. Owens Auditorium in Lumberton.

Business scheduled for this meeting includes review of FY 80 proposed program components; update on Indian Student Certification; a proposed amendment to the by-laws to provide for proxy votes; approval of the FY 80 Parent Committee Calendar; approval of FY 80 Parent Committee Elections Procedures and Schedule, and personnel matters.

The public is cordially invited to attend all open public meetings of the Robeson County Title IV Part A Indian Education Committee.

NO DELAY IN THE OPENING OF COUNTY SCHOOLS

Contrary to the wishes of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, the Robeson County schools will open on schedule August 27. The commissioners voted Monday night to request a delay in the opening of school because of a delayed tobacco harvest in the county. In a special called meeting of the Robeson County Board of Education that board agreed once again to have schools opened on schedule. The motion to remain on schedule with the opening was made by Laymon Locklear and seconded by Lillian Locklear. Voting against the motion were Sim Oxendine, J.R. Muscleville, E.B. Morton and Tommy Swett. Voting in favor were the two Locklears, David Green, Jerry Lowry and Ronald Hammonds.

SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING TO BE HELD BY JAYCEES

The Prospect Jaycees will hold a senior citizens outing for persons aged 60 or older of the Prospect and Wakulla communities. The outing will be held Saturday, August 23, at the Prospect Church Camp Ground on the Lumbee River, near Alma and entertainment and refreshments will be provided. The outing will start at 1 p.m. and last until 5 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

The Prospect Jaycees held a boat raffle on August 13 which was won by L.S. Dean of Wilson, NC. Dean works on the tobacco market with a member of the Jaycees and was most happy to receive the two-man boat. The Prospect Jaycees are very grateful for the people who participated in the raffle. The proceeds go to the Jaycee Building Fund.

NOTICE

The regular Monthly Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Pembroke scheduled for September 1, 1980 has been changed to September 2, 1980.
Rudy N. Smith
Town Clerk

elected to the LRDA Board

In a meeting described as "as exciting as the political conventions," James H. Woods was elected to the board of directors of LRDA. The meeting was held Monday night at the LRDA annex. Approximately 200 persons from the Union, Pembroke and other townships came out to vote for their chosen candidates.

Past chairman of that board, who had recently been defeated in an election by Henry W. Gresham, the Lumbee Indians and Southern Indians, were the only candidates for the position of chairman.

RICARDO ALFONSO: ARTIST

PEMBROKE—Ricardo Alfonso is a developing artist. He loves to paint and wants to learn more about it. He plans to enroll at Pembroke State University this fall and, of course, matriculate in art.

Alfonso, 26, is married to Janie Locklear and they reside in the Moss Neck community with their two children.

He laughs and says, when asked his nationality, "I sort of have been adopted" as a Lumbee since he married a local girl. He has been in the area for five years, moving here when an enlistment in the Army was up at Fort Bragg.

But he loves to paint. He has been doing it, on and off, for the last 16 years although he has gotten serious in the last year or so.

Ricardo, born in Rochester and raised in Puerto Rico, loves the rustic life in Robeson County. He is interested in old buildings, history and the Lumbee lore. He would love to see a statue of Henry Berry Lowry in the Pembroke Park.

His most recent painting is of Henry Berry Lowry. It is a full length painting of Lowry, rifle in hand, standing in the swamps of his haunts. It is a realistic painting, capturing Henry Berry Lowry as reported in Garry Lowry Burton's THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HENRY BERRY LOWRY.

Says Alfonso, "I have enjoyed painting Henry Berry Lowry. He is a hero and I have tried to portray him as he has been recounted to me by Lumbee people."

