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INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION FORMED IN WAKE OF DECEMBER DRUG BUSTS

The First American Civil Rights Organization (F.A.C.R.O.) has been formed in the wake of the Robeson County Sheriff's Department December drug bust. The group calls the arrests of nearly 100 of the county's Indian youth "an attack on the Indian community."

Those arrested and their supporters in the new civil rights organization state that Sheriff Hubert Stone's midnight round-up was a smoke screen for harassment of Indians. The group charges that what was portrayed as a crackdown on drug pushers was in reality a staged mass arrest with cameras rolling of low-income, minority youth on petty drug charges. They state that informers were placed in the low-income Indian areas and that young people, students, single mothers, etc. were charged with small sales. Warrants which were sworn out as long ago as last July were all served in the middle of the night and that no drugs were found on most all of the defendants.

Pointing out that the vast majority of arrests were of Indians and the students came from only minority high schools, the First American Civil Rights Organization said they raise two demands: (1) that all charges be dropped against all defendants, and (2) that Sheriff Stone's S.W.A.T. team be dismantled.

The organization cites the S.W.A.T. team which Sheriff Stone is developing as a terrorist unity to be aimed at the minorities in Robeson County, not at any imagined threat of Cubans traveling I-95 as stated by Sheriff Stone. If he utilizes what he admits is the only rural S.W.A.T. team in the nation, arrests such as those on December 5 may not be so peaceful, given the "combat readiness" of the Sheriff's Department.

FACRO states they have hired lawyers

to represent a large number of the young people charged. They state they intend to fight police repression and brutality in the Indian community as well as the Black community and where ever it arises. They further claim they will not stand idly by while officials build political careers at the expense of Indians.

James David Lucas is acting president of the fledgling organization.

Sale of Beer & Wine on Sundays to be Considered Feb. 2nd

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PUBLIC WILL TAKE NOTICE that the Town Council of the Town of Pembroke will hold a public hearing concerning amendments to Sections 6-1021, 6-1022, 6-1051 & 6-1052 of the Code of Ordinances at 7:00 p.m. on February 2, 1981, at the Town Hall. In particular, among other amendments, the Town Council will consider amendments to the so-called "Blue Law" to allow the sale of Beer and Wine on Sundays by package stores and to regulate the hours thereof. Also to be considered will be the allowance or

disallowance of any activity on Sundays and the hours of such regulation.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard at said hearing before the Town Council acts on any amendments to the aforesaid sections of said Code.

This the 6th day of January, 1981.

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PEMBROKE HEARS C.D. UPDATE, ETC.

Pembroke-The Pembroke Town Council met for its first session in 1981 and heard from McDuffie Cummings, the town manager, about the progress of the community development project which is now underway in the Strickland Heights area of town.

The town's engineer on the project is Don Jacobs. Jacobs has recommended that canal improvements in the area be limited to broadening, sloping and simply replacing tile underway existing roadways. He estimates that the alternative will save the town an estimated \$118,000. Cummings said that the savings could be used on more rehabilitation.

Cummings said, "The project is progressing nicely...some rehabilitation work has already begun."

The town's community development grant is for \$719,000.

IN OTHER MATTERS....

Mrs. Judy Britt, who is heading a recently activated Chronic Disease Clinic from the department of health appeared before the council and explained the program to them. She encouraged the council and on lookers to "tell people about the program, especially the elderly."

All persons 60 years and older are eligible. Mrs. Britt suggests that those who would like to avail themselves of the program should call the health department for an appointment. The number is 738-7231.

The clinic can check for high blood pressure, diabetes, glaucoma, breast cancer, and cancer of the uterus.

Another program offered by the health department is one placing special emphasis on black and Native Americans. She noted that Blacks and Native Americans seem to have a high rate of high blood pressure, diabetes and the

like. In addition to a clinic located at the health department every Monday after noon from 1-4 p.m. (located between Highways 72 and 711), other clinics are located at Maxton Medical Services every first and third Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m.; Pembroke Medical Clinic every second and fourth Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m.; and at Rowland Medical Clinic every second and fourth Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST...

The council tabled a consideration of sanitary adjustments for area churches and other non profit organizations. The council also deferred action on consideration of approving construction of buildings to house flouridation equipment by tabling the matter indefinitely.

And, after considerable discussion, the council set a public hearing for February 2 to consider developing a zoning amendment which would allow multi housing within the zoning jurisdiction of Pembroke. The public hearing will discuss setting aside Zones RA and R2 (both residential) to allow future construction of apartments and condominiums and etc..

The council ended its session in executive session to discuss "contracts and litigation." And ended the session by adjourning without comment about what took place in the executive session until the public hearing on February 2.

At the February 2 public hearing the council will also hold a public hearing to consider the public sale of beer and wine on Sundays.

And, in a final note...

The council authorized Councilman Sam Dial to approach the highway department concerning the possible paving of certain streets and roads in the recently annexed West End section of Pembroke.



VICTOR ELK



ALPHONZO McRAE



FORACE OXENDINE

PSU To Induct Three Into Hall Of Fame

PEMBROKE-Victor Elk, Pembroke State's first cross country All-American in 1973; Alphonzo McRae, who led the Braves to the NAIA national tournament in 1973 and almost again in 1974; and Forace Oxendine, a baseball luminary of the 1952-55 era, are the three new additions to the Pembroke State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

They bring the number in the Hall of Fame to eight. The five charter members, inducted last year, were: Mike Carruthers, Greensboro; Joe Gallagher, Richmond, Va.; Theodore Maynor, Pembroke; Tom Oxendine, Arlington, Va.; and Ned Sampson, Pembroke.

The three new members will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at ceremonies at the annual PSU alumni banquet Saturday, January 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Elk, a 1974 graduate of PSU who now resides in Woodbridge, Va., was formerly an officer in the Marine Corps. He became PSU's first All-American in cross country in 1973 when he finished ninth in the NAIA national meet at Salina, Kan. In 1972 he won the state collegiate championship in the six mile run at Duke, helping PSU win the team title there. He was district cross country champion three years in a row, district three mile champion three years in a row, and district champion one year. He was also ninth in 1974 in the NAIA indoor meet at Kansas City, competing in the two mile run, and won honorable mention All-American.

McRae, also a 1974 graduate of PSU, who is now counselor of special programs at PSU is the number two all-time basketball scorer at PSU with 1,577 points. A two-time NAIA honorable mention All-American in both 1973 and 1974, he was chosen the MVP in the 1973 district playoffs at Wilson and also the 1974 Campbell Tip-Off tournament at Fayetteville. He almost led the Braves to another national tournament in 1974 when the Braves lost to Virginia State in the district finals by three points.

After one 24 point McRae barrage at Campbell, the Campbell coach, Danny Roberts, remarked, "Next time we aren't going to try to guard him. It doesn't do any good."

Oxendine, an ex-serviceman who was a right-handed pitcher and left-handed hitter in baseball was chosen PSU's best all-around athlete when he graduated in 1955. He died at the age of 37 in 1965. A strikeout artist, he fanned 23 batters in one game in 1955 when Pembroke State played its first game under the lights against Fort Bragg. That single game school strikeout record still stands. He was also a power hitter who played outfield when he wasn't pitching. In basketball, the 6'1" Oxendine played forward and was a great leaper. His scoring average was in the 15-16 point range. Oxendine's son, Forace, Jr., also played for the Braves in the late 1970's. Oxendine's daughter, Audrey, is now a freshman at Pembroke State.

VISTAs Begin work with LRDA

A VISTA project was recently implemented by Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. to attack poverty in Robeson, Hoke, Scotland and Bladen counties. The project consists of eight VISTAs (Volunteers In Service To America) and a project supervisor.

The VISTAs will be working with low-income senior citizens and youths of the four counties to provide them training in decision making and leadership development. The VISTAs will begin organizing small groups to meet in local communities of the four counties. The groups will be organized to help solve problems in the local communities that affect poor people.

Sue Maynor, who served as a VISTA in 1973, is the project supervisor. The VISTAs are Sally Brooks, Martha Bullard, Dorothy Marie Byrd, Martha Evans, Margaret Gasman, Jane Locklear, Mable Locklear, and Frances Woods. The volunteers are locally recruited and are very familiar with the problems of poor people in the four counties.

The VISTA Project will be working with LRDA community offices and other programs and agencies that serve senior citizens and youths. The volunteers have pledged their service to VISTA for one year. They will receive a stipend for their work, which is paid by ACTION, in Washington, DC.

In 1964, Congress created VISTA as a national corps of volunteer men and women to fight poverty in the United States. Since then about 70,000 VISTA volunteers have worked with millions of poor people to help them become more involved in the decision-making processes in their communities.

NIXES RETIREMENT PLANS



Horace Locklear, N.C. House of Representative today released the following statement:

"Two weeks ago I announced my intention to resign my position from the North Carolina House of Representatives. I cited business and family as reasons for my decision.

"Since my announcement, the influx of 'do not resign' support has been overwhelming; thus resulting in numerous conferences and meetings with supporters from the 21st District.

"As a result of the overwhelming support, I am today announcing my decision to retain my elected position to the North Carolina House of Representatives. I pledge to all the good citizens of Robeson, Scotland and Hoke counties the continued representation they so rightfully deserve."

-A Correction of Sorts- EDUCATIONAL CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOSE IN OL' ROBESON

Many of you remember Ol' Reasonable Locklear, don't you? Well, following last week's issue of the Carolina Indian Voice, we heard from him after a long hiatus.

Said Ol' Reasonable, "Boy, you wrote an article about education sort of and

look how you spelled 'Roost.' You spelled it 'ROOSE.' Why any dang fool knows you spell it 'ROOSP'... oops, I meant 'ROOST.'"

We appreciate Ol' Reasonable pointing out that horrible mis-spelling... There's a legitimate reason for the word

turning out to be a "Roost" instead of a "Roost." But we won't bore you with it... We say, oops, forgive us.

The above captioned headline in last week's issue of The Carolina Indian Voice should have read "Educational Chickens come home to roost in Ol' Robeson."

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'54 Union Chapel Class holds Reunion



The Union Chapel 8th grade class of 1954 held a reunion recently at the Union Chapel School Cafeteria. Nineteen of the class members attended. Special guests included the principal of the school and the seventh and eighth grade teachers in 1954.

Pictured from left to right are: front row seated- Don F. Harrington, Norris Cummings, Bonnie E. Wilkins, Evelyn Locklear, Louise McMillan, Bernetha Locklear, Janice Oxendine, Lucille Oxendine, Ruth Locklear. Second row, left to right, standing:

Ovie L. Locklear, Lancy Locklear, Western Locklear, Alma Locklear, Dortha Chavis, Nash Woods, Rev. Julian Ransom, Rev. Simon Cummings, John E. Cummings, Ray Wilkins, Russell Locklear, Jr., Johnson Lowery, Gene A. Oxendine. (Elmer Hunt photo)

LRDA's Lumbee River Singers Perform for Parents

The Lumbee River Singers, the voice students of LRDA's Lumbee River Native American Center for the Arts, presented a melody of Christmas songs for the December 16, 1980 parent meeting. The students were accompanied on piano by the Center's piano students. This was the first performance by the Center's students. A large number of parents and community people were in attendance at this first parent meeting.

Prior to the students' performance the parents elected the following officers to the parent committee: President, Ms. Vera D. Malcolm; Vice President, Ms. Deanna Lowery; and Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Sharon Doss. The committee will be working closely with the Center during the coming year.