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SIXTH ANNUAL INDIAN UNITY CONFERENCE BEGINS TODAY

Charlotte-The sixth annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference begins today (March 5) and continues through March 7.

The conference will be held this year in Charlotte at the Quality Inn located at 201 South McDowell Street.

The theme is "Indian Progress with Tradition." Charlotte is the home of the progressive Metrolina Native American Association, Inc., a member of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs.

A number of workshops will be held during the three day conference, includ-

ing sessions on Women's issues, education, national Indian issues, grantsmanship, cultural awareness, and employment opportunities in the 80s.

Each day will be highlighted with general assemblies featuring outstanding Indian leaders, governmental officials, and elected officials.

Thursday speaker at the general assembly will be noted Indian writer and philosopher Vine Deloria.

Friday's assemblage will be addressed by Joe Grimmsley, secretary of the Department of Administration; and Bur-

ley Mitchell, secretary of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

A. David Lester, director of the Administration of Native American programs in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will also address the general assembly on Friday afternoon.

The banquet speaker on Friday night will be Ron Andrade, executive director of the National Congress of American Indians.

Congressman Charlie Rose will address the convention on Saturday morning,

according to a spokesman from the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, the host for the annual conference.

Governor Jim Hunt is not expected to attend the conference although Lt. Governor Jimmy Green has indicated that he will attend along with other elected state officials.

The stated purpose of the conference is to bring together the Indians of North Carolina to address and plan strategies for the educational, legislative and economic development of Indian communities and to share cultural experiences relative to Indian pride and heritage.

County Commissioners Increase Garbage fee to Porter Sanitation

Lumberton-The Robeson County Board of Commissioners voted Monday to increase by 16 cents per cubic yard the amount it pays Porter Sanitation Service for garbage pickup service.

The action was taken on a 4 to 3 vote, with commission chairman Herman Dial breaking a tie.

The action occurred despite an implied threat of legal action by Browning Ferris Industries (BFI), the company that held the garbage contract for the county before Porter Sanitation.

Porter had asked for a 25 percent increase, citing high and unanticipated gas price increases.

The board went into executive session at the suggestion of Jack Morgan, the Red Springs Commissioner, who wished to "discuss legal implications" of Attorney Horace Stacy's threat "to take whatever action we deem necessary to protect ourselves."

Interestingly enough Commissioners Bill Herndon, H.T. Taylor and Sammy Cox, who violently opposed the price hike, refused to attend the executive session. Said an observer, "It was the first time that I can ever recall

commissioners refusing to go into executive session....It seemed almost as if racism had been injected into the matter. At the least it showed a lack of respect for Morgan and the others."

James Porter, the majority owner of Porter Sanitation Service, is an Indian; Herndon, Taylor and Cox are white. Three of the four who supported the price hike are Indians, including Morgan, Herman Dial, the commission chairman, and J.W. Hunt, also voting in favor of the measure was Carl Britt, the commissioner from the Fairmont District.

The board action took place following a report to the board of the special committee named by Dial to look into the matter. The committee, composed of Britt, Morgan and Hunt, approved the 16 percent hike instead of the requested 25 percent by Porter.

The Fayetteville Observer, in its Tuesday edition, identified Lumberton attorneys Billy and Fred Musselwhite, and highway commission employees Fred Martin and B.H. Harris as minority owners of Porter Sanitation Service. The newspaper listed the four as owning 12.25 percent each.

DEEP BRANCH CROWNS QUEENS

Love is in the Air was the theme for the annual crowning of the Little Miss and Junior Miss Deep Branch Queen for 1981-82.

Fourteen lovely girls from kindergarten through sixth grade performed. The girls were chosen to participate on the basis of their academic ability as well as their talent, attitude and poise.

First on the program was a dance routine to the theme song "Love is in the air." Next, each girl performed their different talents, followed by their gown competition. At the conclusion the nine finalists each chose a question from Mr. Eyrle Ransom, Master of Ceremonies, and responded to the audience.

After a short deliberation the names were announced for the new 1981-82 queens, Miss Rebecca Laura Holden and Karen Scott were chosen for Little Miss and Junior Miss Deep Branch Queens.

Coronation was done by Miss Teresa Carter, 1980-81 Junior Miss Deep Branch and Miss Coretta Chavis, Little Miss Junior Deep Branch 1980-81.

Judges were Mrs. Lucy Locklear, retired teacher of Deep Branch; Mrs. Pandora Strickland, band director of Prospect High School; Mrs. Debbie Williamson, registered nurse; Mrs. Jackie Sherrad, Robeson County Secondary Supervisor; Mr. James Hunt,

teacher of Piney Grove School and Dr. Gerald Maynor of Pembroke State University.

Special talent was rendered by Miss Tiffany Deloria Locklear, Little Miss Lumbee, Miss Gina Marie Maynor; Miss Pembroke Senior High School, Mrs. Teresa Williamson, Mistress of Ceremonies, accompanist, Miss Miriam Oxendine; Mrs. Carol Beck and Yevonn Downing, school employees.

The list of the contestants and the parents, beginning with kindergarten are: Tara Nicole Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dale Sampson; Lesley Heather Hunt, Miss Le Verchus Hunt; Rebecca Laura Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Holden; Marsha Catina Oxendine, Mr. and Mrs. David Oxendine; Lucindy Carol Locklear, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Locklear; Nikki Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Locklear; Tina Ronea Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Griffin; Nora D. Hunt, Miss Norma Dell Hunt; Shawanna Hope Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Delton Burns; Karen Lynn Scott, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Scott; Kimberly Lacole Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brewer; Kimberly Lynn Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Vardell Scott; Rebecca Hammonds, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hammonds and Demetrise Owens, Miss Lousteen Owens.

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

VFW TO HONOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AT REGULAR MEETING

Locklear-Lowry VFW Post 2843 of Pembroke, NC will honor the local law enforcement officers of the area on Monday night, March 9, 1981 at the Post Home at 7:00. This will be Law Enforcement Appreciation Night and all VFW members of the Post are urged to attend.

S. PRESTON DOUGLAS AND ASSOCIATES CONTINUE AS COUNTY AUDITORS

The county commissioners decided Monday at their regular meeting to retain S. Preston Douglas and Associates as auditors of the county's business.

PSU LEADS IN MINORITY ENROLLMENT IN UNC SYSTEM

Lowering admissions standards to increase minority enrollment at the University of North Carolina's mostly white campuses would increase the percentage of black students on academic suspension a UNC official said Tuesday.

Dr. Gary Barnes, UNC assistant vice president for planning, told an administrative law judge for the Department of Education that the academic-suspension rate "is related to academic ability."

Barnes testified for the second day before a judge hearing arguments on the department's proposed cutoff of nearly \$100 million a year in federal funds to the 16-campus UNC system. DOE maintains that the university has failed to sufficiently integrate North Carolina's public higher education system.

UNC has five predominantly black campuses and 11 mostly white institutions.

A study of 1,100 freshmen who entered UNC's predominantly white institutions in 1977 showed that 12.3 percent of the blacks and 6 percent of the whites had been placed on academic suspension by 1979, Barnes said.

Maintaining that the university has made significant progress toward integrating all its campuses, he added, "It's very difficult to find numbers that don't support that conclusion."

"As of 1980, four of our predominantly white institutions, excluding the School of the Arts, have substantial minority enrollments," Barnes said. He said Pembroke State University has the highest enrollment of minorities, followed by UNC-Greensboro. PSU was once an all Indian school, boasting at one time of being the only 4 year degree conferring Indian college in America.

DISCO DANCE CONTEST PLANNED

Prospect Volunteer Departments' Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a Disco Dance at Prospect School Gym on Saturday night, March 7 at 7 p.m. There will be a dance contest. Dancers will be judged in three categories: Kindergarten thru 4th grade; fifth grade through seventh grade; and eighth grade through adult. Admission for the event is \$1.00 and the public is encouraged to attend.

REVIVAL AND MISSIONS CONFERENCE SLATED AT PROSPECT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. J.T. Seamands, Professor of Missions at Asbury Theological Seminary and former Missionary to India will lead a Revival March 29-April 3, 1981 and a Missions Conference April 4 at Prospect United Methodist Church. District and area churches are invited to attend.



Karen Scott, Miss Junior Deep Branch.

Win \$\$\$\$ at 'Strike at the Wind!' drawing



The drawing for Strike at the Wind was held Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Carolina Indian Voice. Winning the grand prize of \$500 was Alyssa Bryant, daughter of Ms. Teresa Bryant and Randy Hunt. Alyssa is shown in the arms of her mother. Also shown is Cornell Locklear, general manager of Strike at

the Wind and Gerald Johana Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lynn Hunt who drew the winning tickets. Winning second prize of \$150 was Aaron Rueben Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nash Woods. Third place winner, Doris Brooks of Route 2, Pembroke, won \$100. (Bruce Barton photo)



Rebecca Holden, Little Miss Deep Branch.



Shown back row, left to right: Kim Scott, Kimberly Lacole Brewer, Rebecca Hammonds, Shawanna Burns, Demetrise Owens. First row, left to right, Rebecca L. Holden, Karen Scott, Tina Griffin, Lucindy Locklear, Marsha Catina Oxendine, Nora Dawn Hunt and Tara Nicole Sampson. (Not shown are Nikki Lowry and Lesley Heather Hunt.)