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Legal Services term Reagan proposed Budget Cuts "Unconscionable"

Pembroke is the home of Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc., one of the programs funded by L.S.N.C.

RALEIGH, N.C.--Board members, attorneys and clients of Legal Services of North Carolina, Inc. (LSNC), the state-wide program which provides civil legal assistance to poor people, responded today to an announcement by the Office of Management and Budget that the Reagan administration will ask Congress to eliminate all funding for the national Legal Services Corporation, an independent agency created by Congress in 1974.

"I feel the president's decision to abolish civil Legal Services for the poor is unconscionable," said LSNC Executive Director Denison Ray. "For millions of Americans who are poor and who are already being called upon to suffer the

most under 'Reaganomics,' I feel the additional burden of having their own access to our system of justice taken away from them, will have disastrous consequences."

Joining Ray at an afternoon news conference today were: Greg Malhoit, director of East Central Community Legal Services in Raleigh which serves low-income people in Harnett, Johnson, Lee and Wake counties; Dick Taylor, director of North State Legal Services in Hillsborough which services Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Moore and Orange counties; and Doreatha Merritt of Smithfield, a Legal Services client and member of the statewide LSNC board of directors.

Malhoit and Taylor agreed that the abolishment of the federally-funded Legal Services program in North Carolina which serves about 20,000 people a

year with a budget of about \$7 million, will create additional hardships for poor people across the state.

"Ours is a fair, but complex, system of justice," said Malhoit. "And without access to a lawyer, poor people are going to be denied access to this system."

Taylor, whose program receives some local funds, said that he was certain his program would cease to exist if the federal funds were terminated.

"We can't look to the state for funds because it's hard-pressed financially, and we can't look to local governments, either, because they're also having difficulty making ends meet."

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To serve on N.C. Indian Commission



Rep. Horace Locklear

Rep. Horace Locklear has been chosen to serve on the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. Rep. Locklear was designated to serve by Speaker of the House of Representatives, Guston B. Ramsey.

The Board of Directors of the Commission includes the Governor, Lt. Governor and the Speaker of the House or whomsoever they designate.

Rep. Locklear stated that he was willing to serve and would serve the people of the state to the best of his ability.

PLEADS GUILTY TO....

LUMBERTON--In a surprising move, Ralph Hunt, and his two business associates, pleaded guilty Tuesday in Robeson County Superior Court to receiving and conspiracy to receive stolen tobacco and were given suspended sentences and relatively light fines.

Hunt, a political power in the county, and former chairman of the board of the Robeson County Board of Education, was fined \$2,500 and given a suspended sentence of 4-6 years.

Howard Oxendine, his partner in the operation of Lumbee Warehouse in Lumberton, was fined \$1,000 and given a 3-5 year suspended sentence. Ralph Hunt's brother, Charles, who worked at Lumbee Warehouse, was given the same sentence as Oxendine.

The defendants were charged with receiving 15 sheets of stolen tobacco at the Lumbee Warehouse on Aug. 2, 1979 from three Robeson County men.

One of the men, Hayden Dwayne Hunt, testified in Tuesday's sentencing hearing that the three were paid about \$1,500 for the 3,200 pounds of tobacco they delivered.

The Hunt brothers and Oxendine were convicted last Aug. 29 of federal charges of illegally identifying and marketing stolen tobacco in the same incident.

Ralph Hunt was sentenced to pay a \$10,000 fine, his brother, Charles a \$2,500 fine, and Oxendine a \$5,000 fine in the Fayetteville U.S. District Court case.

The three men have appealed their convictions in the federal case.

The men tendered their plea to Superior Court Judge Bradford Tillery.

Carl Barrington, Ralph Hunt's attorney, affirmed that no plea bargaining arrangement was made with District Attorney Joe Freeman Britt.

Oxendine was represented by Osborne Lee, Jr.; Charles Hunt was represented by Pembroke Attorney Arnold Locklear.

Jordan named "SATW!" Director for 6th season



Dr. Chester I. Jordan

Carnell Locklear, General Manager of "Strike at the Wind!" announced today that the drama will begin its sixth season July 4, 1981. Auditions will be held Saturday, April 11, 1981, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 12, 1981, from 2 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., at the "Strike at the Wind!" site located at the Lakeside Amphitheatre on the grounds of the Riverside Country Club, 3 miles west of Pembroke.

Locklear also announced that the director for this year's season will be Dr. Chester I. Jordan, Assistant Professor, Theatre Area, Communicative Arts Department at Pembroke State University. This will be Dr. Jordan's second season with the drama. He served as stage manager during the 1980 season.

Dr. Jordan recently directed the enjoyable musical production "Godspell" at PSU, as well as, "The Skin of Our Teeth" and "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Dr. Jordan also teaches speech and theatre courses at the University.

A native of New York, Dr. Jordan came to North Carolina from Alpine, Texas where he was Artistic Director of the theatre of the Big Bend, an outdoor summer repertory company for four years. While in Texas, he also served as director of theatre at Sul Ross State University where he

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CIC Continues to Serve by Jim McDuffie

Despite the lack of adequate funds, the Carolina Indian Circle at the University of North Carolina has continued to serve the Indian community. CIC Chief Joseph Bell said Wednesday.

Bell, a member of the Lumbee tribe in Pembroke and a senior at UNC, said more financial support to the organization would allow it to provide additional services to its members.

The Indian Circle was started in 1975 as a social club with only six members. Since then it has increased its membership to 35 and expanded its activities to include a wide range of service-oriented and social functions.

Indian Cultural Week, held each spring, highlights the circle's year. Indian performers, dance groups, and lecturers are brought to UNC for the event. Also, in the past two years, the circle has sponsored the American Indian Health Conference during this week. Indian health professionals throughout the country have participated in the annual meet.

Bell said the circle had worked hard to provide these programs with the limited resources available. Last year the UNC student government did not appropriate any funds for the club and this year it gave only \$500 -- an amount Bell said was far too low to pay the regular bills and finance the special events.

"I think that we have helped recruitment and retention of Indian students more than anything else at UNC," he said. "With more money the Indian Circle could reach out to more students..."

According to Bell the biggest concerns of Indian students at UNC are the academic and cultural adjustments--adjustments which could be made easier with the program expansion that increased funding would provide.

Because many Indian students have poor academic backgrounds, for example, more money would allow the circle to initiate more services such as the tutorial program, he said.

Jim McDuffie is a student in the UNC School of Journalism. He attended Pembroke State University for two years and was editor of its newspaper.

"Any student who comes here has to go through an adjustment, but it's different when you come in as a minority--the overlooked minority," he said.

"You're raised as an American Indian and you know nothing else. Then, when you are put in the situation where suddenly there are very few Indians around, there is a loss of identity. It's like nobody is paying you any attention."

"They call it a cultural shock. Pembroke isn't but 110 miles away, but the way I was raised and the way the people think here are two very different things. It's hard to adjust and still keep your own identity."

Bell said that as a child he was taught certain priorities which are mostly insignificant to the average UNC student.

"You're kind of wary ...because everything you do is seen through the eyes of somebody who doesn't understand where you are coming from."

"You want people to give you the benefit of the doubt because you are different--because you come from a background that they might not understand. Yet, some people don't look at it that way."

Bell said these cultural and academic problems are common among the seven tribes which are represented in the Indian circle and that additional funds could help to alleviate them.

In speaking about the status of Indians at UNC in general, Bell said he would like to see the admissions office actively recruit Indians "like they do blacks." He estimated that there were about 45 to 55 Indian students at UNC despite the university count of over 100.

Bell said that if he could broadcast one message to the university it would be that Indians had an identity that they were proud of. "We don't want any handouts. What we want is some consideration when it comes to our identity and heritage."

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

PLATE SALE PLANNED

Piney Grove School will be the setting for a plate sale April 10, 1981. They will be serving home cooked barbecue and chicken plates for \$2.50 each. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. and last until 7 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

PRE SCHOOL CLINIC PLANNED AT R.B. DEAN SCHOOL

Pre-School Clinic Registration at the R.B. Dean School will be held Thursday, April 9th from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. The clinic will be held in the kindergarten building. All children living in the R.B. Dean School District who will be five or six years old on or before Oct. 16 should be registered by their parents or guardians. The parent or guardian should bring the child's birth certificate and immunization record for proper registration. Please do not bring the child.

UNION CHAPEL 4-H CHIEFS HOST DANCE

Union Chapel 4-H Chiefs hosted a dance at the Union Chapel School gym Feb. 14, 1981. During a break for refreshments the club selected a new King and Queen for the year 1981. Miss Judy Hunt and Master Arrin Baker were elected. Master Arrin presented Judy with a beautiful bouquet of roses and escorted Miss Judy around the gym to the tune of "You Are So Beautiful." Miss Judy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hearold Hunt. Arrin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ozell Baker. Both Judy and Arrin reside in the Union Chapel Community. Approximately 150 guests attended the dance and everyone seemed to have a nice time. Club reporter is Janet Locklear.

PEMBROKE JAYCEES SPONSOR ANNUAL KITE CONTEST

The Pembroke Jaycees will sponsor the annual Kite Contest Saturday, March 28, 1981. The contest will be held next to Ty's Mini Mart from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Young people 12 years of age and under are urged to participate. Prizes will be awarded in various categories.

COMMUNITY WATCH MEETING

The Saddletree Community will have a community watch meeting Tuesday, April 7, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Saddletree Jaycee Club House. At least one member from each household is urged to attend.

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT FALL AT PEMBROKE ELEMENTARY

Registration for Kindergarten and First Graders entering Pembroke Elementary School next fall for the first time will be conducted on Friday, March 27, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, in the school gym according to Principal James C. Dial.

A survey has been made and letters containing registration forms have been distributed to parents. Any parent who has not received the registration forms may secure them from the principal's office at the school.

The parents are requested to complete the registration form and return to the school prior to the pre-school clinic on March 27.

All children must be five (5) years old on or before October 15, for kindergarten, or six (6) years old for first grade.

Parents of children already enrolled in kindergarten at Pembroke Elementary School will not be required to come for registration.

A birth certificate and an immunization record must be presented at the registration desk. Children are asked not to attend this clinic.

BEDTIME STORY TIME

There will be a Bedtime Story Time at the Robeson County Public Library for children 3 to 5 years old tonight (Thursday, March 26), at 7 p.m. The program will be 30 minutes long. Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring their teddy bears.

SPEAKER FOR MIGRANT-TITLE I MEETING

B. Clermont McBee, former principal of the R.B. Dean School in Maxton will be the guest speaker at the Migrant-Title I Meeting scheduled to be held in the Media Center at the R.B. Dean

Democrats from Robeson County will caucus at their precinct polling places tonight (Thursday, March 26), at 8 p.m. Any registered Democrat is eligible to attend.

Raleigh-Forestry officials lifted a ban on outdoor burning Monday after rain and snow lessened the danger of forest fires that have destroyed some 16,000 acres in the last two weeks.

Some 1,300 fires occurred even with the ban in place and officials say more fires could still occur if the weather becomes dry again.

"The weather has definitely alleviated a bad situation," said a forestry official Monday as the ban on burning lifting was announced.

The weather has given fire fighters a well deserved rest.

ROBESON DEPUTY WOUNDED

Fairmont--A Robeson County Sheriff's deputy remained in critical condition this morning in Southeastern General Hospital after a Monday night shooting incident during a domestic dispute with his wife.

Ernestine Locklear was charged with shooting Deputy Jimmy Locklear, 35, two times with his own .357 magnum revolver.

Mrs. Locklear was released on her own recognizance. Hospital officials said this morning Locklear was still in the intensive care unit of the hospital.

Sheriff Hubert Stone said Locklear was shot twice in the stomach about 5:30 p.m. at the Locklears' Route 3, Fairmont home.

Stone said Locklear was on duty at the time, but he refused to provide other details concerning the shooting.

State Bureau of Investigation agents have been called into the case because it involves a deputy, Stone said.

Lockler is a seven-year veteran of the sheriff's department.

ABC STORE VOTED DOWN AGAIN IN LUMBERTON

Lumberton citizens, for the third time since 1968, have voted down an ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control) Store in Lumberton, the county seat.

Lumberton is the only municipality with a substantive population that does not have an ABC store.

The vote was 2,236 against and 1,752 in favor of Tuesday's balloting.

Thomas Middleton, who headed the campaign for the ABC Store, said the city would realize more tax dollars for the community if the measure passed.

Middleton said, following the more than 3-2 defeat, "There was apparently a pretty heavy church vote..."