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DR. ENGLISH E. JONES DIES AFTER EXTENDED ILLNESS



Dr. English E. Jones

PEMBROKE--Dr. English E. Jones, 59, chancellor emeritus of Pembroke State University, died at 2:45 p.m. Monday at his home five miles from Pembroke. He had been in deteriorating health for over a year with myeloma. His death was attributed to that and kidney failure.

Dr. Jones died less than two years following his retirement on June 30, 1979, after serving as president and then chancellor of Pembroke State University for 17 years. It was during his administration that the school experienced its greatest growth.

Only eight days before Dr. Jones' death, Pembroke State University presented him in absentia with its first honorary doctorate at its May 10 commencement. Receiving the Doctor of Humanities for his ill father was Dr. Jones' eldest son, Rev. Steve Jones, pastor of Harpers Ferry Baptist Church. A bronze bust of Dr. Jones was also unveiled at the commencement, a gift from the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs to the University.

Funeral services for Dr. Jones, the first and only Indian to serve as president of Pembroke State University, will be held at 4 p.m. today at Harpers Ferry Baptist Church. The body will lie in state from 2 until 4 p.m. and, for the first time ever, Pembroke State University will be closed at 2 p.m. for those wishing to attend the funeral. The family received visitors from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Lockleaf and Son Funeral Home in Pembroke.

President William C. Friday of the University of North Carolina system said after learning of Dr. Jones' death: "English Jones served the University with uncommon devotion, great energy, and with total personal commitment. His good humor and his joyful life were contagious. He was always inspiring.

A salute to "Strike at the Wind!" planned for June 12

LUMBERTON--An extravaganza is in the making: a salute to "Strike at the Wind!" The event is planned for June 12, 1981 and will include a mammoth cook out in the park (hopefully the Pembroke Town Park) and an evening of entertainment (most likely a gospel sing) in Lakeside Amphitheatre, the home of "Strike at the Wind!" which is located at Riverside Country Club in the Red Banks community approximately three miles from Pembroke.

The extravaganza is being jointly sponsored by First American Showcase, Inc., a non profit organization interested in artistic expression by the Indian community and friends; and Robeson Historical Drama, Inc., the sponsoring agency of "Strike at the Wind!" Other sponsors are being actively pursued.

"Strike at the Wind!" is busily making plans for its sixth season. General manager, Carnell Locklear is infusing the popular outdoor drama anew with his enthusiasm and determination to make this year the best year ever for "Strike at the Wind!", the outdoor drama which tells of the exploits of Henry Berry

always helpful, and he shared his friendship with thousands of us. We shall greatly miss this good colleague and friend."

During his 17 years as leader of Pembroke State University, Dr. Jones piloted the institution from a struggling small college to a constituent university of the UNC 16-campus system. He led in Pembroke State's developing its present Master's Degree program in Education with its first degrees being conferred in 1979, his last year at the institution.

The record of PSU's growth between 1962-79 during Dr. Jones' administration was remarkable: enrollment, 758 to 2,334; number of faculty, 35 to 134; campus value, \$1,448,293 to \$16,666,000; number of buildings, 9 to 25; number of graduates each year, 98 to 410; number of staff positions, 22 to 159; financial aid, \$30,000 to \$977,000; percentage of faculty-members holding doctorates, 22 percent to 61 percent.

Son of tenant farmers, Dr. Jones was encouraged by his first teacher, the late James K. Braboy, to begin school. Upon the death of his mother when he was 14, he began making his own way financially in continuing his education. He worked his way through the Indian Normal School's high school, then served in World War II as an Air Force first sergeant in Europe.

After the war with the help of the G.I. Bill of Rights, he earned a B.S. from Western Kentucky University and M.S. from N.C. State University. Wake Forest University honored him with an honorary Doctor of Laws in 1965.

Before coming to Pembroke State University, he taught in the North Carolina public schools and worked with the North Carolina State Extension Service for a total of eight years. In 1956 he joined the faculty of Pembroke State College as a professor of agricultural science and biology. Advancing rapidly, he became president of the institution in 1962 and convinced then Gov. Terry Sanford and the state legislature to support a bold expansion program for the college.

In 1973 the newly constructed health and physical education center at Pembroke State University was named in Dr. Jones' honor with President Friday of the UNC system making these dedicatory remarks: "Sir, I salute you. And may this magnificent building now bearing your name be an imposing tribute to your great efforts in the service of this institution."

Dr. Jones' many honors included serving as first vice president of the N.C. Baptist State Convention. He has served on the White House Conference on Children and Youth, appointed by then President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and on the N.C. Good Neighbor Council, appointed by the Governor.

In 1976 in Raleigh, with future President Ronald Reagan as the speaker,

Lowrie and the Lumbee people and their white and black counterparts during the explosive Civil War. Lowrie's exploits had a profound effect on the state's politicians, bringing about a new era of social progress and voting rights to all citizens.

"Strike at the Wind!" is an exciting story of love, hope, tragedy and high adventure, suitable for the whole family to enjoy.

Organizers have set a goal of \$7,500 to be raised for "Strike at the Wind!" All monies, other than expenses incurred, will be given to "Strike at the Wind!" in order to assure its continuing success.

Plans are tentative at the moment but will include a cook out in the town part from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. and an evening of entertainment in Lakeside Amphitheatre beginning probably at 7:30 p.m. Organizers will announce their definitive plans in the next issue of *The Carolina Indian Voice*.

Bruce Barton, president of First American Showcase, Inc. said, "Strike at the Wind!" is worthy of our success; it brings out the best in us."

Dr. Jones was named the North Carolina Jaycees' "Boss of the Year."

He has been a trustee of the Baptist Children's Homes of the Baptist State Convention, the N.C. Cancer Institution, the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, and Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton. Listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," Dr. Jones has been a member of the National Association of School Administrators, the National Education Association, the N.C. Education Association, and the N.C. Association of Colleges and Universities.

Particularly close to Dr. Jones' heart was his service to Harpers Ferry Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School for 25 years and served as chairman of the deacons as well as moderator of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association. He headed the building program transforming the former wooden Harpers Ferry Baptist Church into a modern brick structure and personally worked on building programs at Odum Baptist Children's Home adjacent to the PSU campus.

On April 20, 1979, "English E. Jones Day" was proclaimed by the Governor throughout North Carolina and many tributes were paid to Dr. Jones as a special banquet in his honor attended by almost 1,000 persons.

Following a standing ovation at this banquet Dr. Jones said: "I have three great loves in my life. In order, they are: (1) my Lord, my God. Who has been so good to me; (2) my family; and (3) this institution." Then his voice broke, tears came into his eyes, and he had to recover before continuing. It was a moving moment for all who attended.

Survivors include Dr. Jones' wife, the former Margaret Sheppard; three children, Rev. Steve and Randy of Rt. 1, Rowland, and Judy, of Rex; a brother, Sandy, of Fairmont; and three grandchildren.

Second Slander Lawsuit Filed in Pembroke Dispute

PEMBROKE--The second slander suit has been filed against Bob Brewington, a former town councilman for the Town of Pembroke. The lawsuit has been brought by Clinton L. Thomas, Jr., executive director of the Pembroke Housing and Redevelopment Commission.

The suits arise out of the recently passed water and sewer bond referendum in Pembroke, which passed by a comfortable margin.

The suit, filed by Knox Chavis, the attorney for the housing and redevelopment commission, charges that Brewington "went to several (housing authority) apartments...and stated to certain individuals that the plaintiff was using his employment to illegally coerce various residents to vote in favor of" the recently passed \$725,000 water and sewer bond referendum in Pembroke.

Thomas' suit charges that Brewington's alleged actions were "untrue, unprivileged, and malicious" and have exposed Thomas to "public hatred, contempt and ridicule."

Thomas asks for \$200,000 in punitive damages and \$200,000 in general special damages.

Thomas filed his suit in Robeson District Court Monday afternoon. His suit follows one filed last Thursday by Ms. Millie Collins, an LRDA CETA worker assigned to the housing authority. Ms. Collins' suit asks for \$100,000 in damages.

Ms. Collins' suit charges that Brewington did... "upon information and belief, on or about April 23, 1981, the defendant stated to said William Locklear that plaintiff was using her employment relationship with the housing authority illegally coerce and intimidate various such residents into voting in favor of the water and sewer bond referendum held in the Town of Pembroke on April 27, 1981.

"That upon information and belief the defendant made the same statements to various other persons residing within and without the Pembroke community,

LUMBERTON--Donnell Thompson, a former grid iron star at Lumberton High School, was honored at a luncheon sponsored by the Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce Tuesday at the Red Carpet Inn in Lumberton.

Thompson, who just finished a successful career with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a football lineman, was a first round draft choice of the Baltimore Colts.

Al Kahn, a member of the chamber, and the owner of WAGR Radio and its FM affiliate in Lumberton, was the emcee.

Others on the program included Bob Osterneck, a mentor and friend; Paul Willoughby, the football coach at Lumberton High; Charles Waddell and Moyer Smith, members of the Tar Heel coaching staff; Rev. E.B. Turner; Hugh Hines, mayor pro tem of Lumberton; Jerry Blue, from Southern National Bank, and others.

Thompson thanked the city for its support of him and expressed appreciation for the day.

The city council at its meeting Monday night designated last Tuesday as "Donnell Thompson Day" in Lumberton. Thompson also received the keys to the city, as well as a number of plaques from appreciative fans and organizations, including the Robeson County Black Caucus and Lumberton High School.

NEW TIME FOR SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AREA BOARD

All future meetings of the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Area Board, beginning with the May 26th meeting, will be held at 6:45 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Area Office at 207 W. 29th Street, Lumberton. Past meetings have been held at the Southern National Bank, Lumberton.

All meetings are open to the public.

"That defendant's such slanderous accusations or declarations were and are untrue, unprivileged, and malicious, and meant, and were taken to mean by those hearing them, that plaintiff was engaged in illegal activities in so coercing and intimidating such residents to vote in such a fashion.

"That upon information and belief defendant made such accusations or declarations with malice, actual knowledge of their falsity, or with reckless disregard of the truth or falsity thereof.

"That upon information and belief the aforesaid actions of defendant have thereby inexcusable exposed plaintiff to public hatred, contempt and ridicule, impeaching plaintiff's honesty, integrity, virtue and reputation causing plaintiff great and substantial injury.

"That the aforesaid actions of defendant have further caused plaintiff to suffer great mental anguish, physical pain and inconvenience; including various expenses--time, automotive, gasoline and otherwise--in defending against and as a result of said actions."

Thomas' suit further claims that... "Upon information and belief, on or about May 5, 1981, the defendant went to several apartments located at Pembroke Housing Authority in Locklear Court and stated to certain individuals that the plaintiff was using his employment relationships with the Housing Authority to illegally, coerce and intimidate various residents to vote in favor of the water and Sewer Bond Referendum held in the Town of Pembroke on April 27, 1981, and tried to obtain from them an affidavit to that effect.

"That the defendant stated to one person that "he wanted Thomas' job" and promised him if he would sign an affidavit to the effect that he had been forced to vote for the Water and Sewer Bond Referendum "that he would get him the job as security officer with the Housing Authority."

Donnell
Thompson
Honored
in Lumberton

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Pembroke will hold a public hearing on May 25, 1981, at 7 p.m., at the Pembroke Town Hall for the purpose of discussing the proposed uses of General Revenue Sharing funds during fiscal year 1981-82.

The Town will receive approximately \$74,000 in General Revenue Sharing funds.

Citizens are invited to offer oral or written comments.

Ruby N. Smith
Town Clerk

PEMBROKE JAYCEES SPONSOR DISCO DANCE

The Pembroke Jaycees are sponsoring a Disco Dance June 6, 1981, from 8 p.m. until at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut. Admission is \$3.00.

WHY DO THE MORMONS THINK THE INDIANS ARE SPECIAL PEOPLE?

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly called the "Mormons" are having their opening house Friday, May 22nd, at 6:30 p.m., lasting until 8:30 p.m. The church is located near the "Chicken Hut" in Pembroke.

The purpose of the open house is to educate people concerning the doctrines, beliefs, and teachings of the "Mormons."

Robeson Co. Indian Caucus 1st Official Appearance

LUMBERTON--The newly formed Robeson County Indian Caucus made its first official appearance at the Monday night meeting of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners. The group appeared in behalf of a resolution calling for free tolling from the northern and western part of the county by Carolina Telephone Company.

The commissioners unanimously endorsed their resolution. The group, in an official press release, stated:

"Purpose: We the members of the Robeson County Indian Caucus, do propose to do our duty to God, our fellowman, and our country by acting as a voice of Indian people. Voicing our opinion as a unified body of concerned citizens concerning issues in order to promote continuity among the Indian communities.

"Objective: A. Have a county wide voice of Indian people by having unification among our Indian communities.

B. Conduct forums (an assembly for the discussion of public matters and current issues) in organized approach for the betterment of Indian people.

C. To act as a liaison by collecting materials or information of concern and disseminating it to the individuals of the communities for better awareness."

The next meeting will be May 26, 1981, 8 p.m. at Mt. Airy Jaycee Hut. Lloyd M. Locklear is serving as chairperson of the organization.

PEMBROKE RESCUE SQUAD SPONSORS YARD SALE

The Pembroke Rescue Squad will sponsor a Yard Sale Saturday, May 23, 1981. The sale will begin at 9 a.m. at the Rescue Squad Building.

MINORITY STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

CHAPEL HILL--Minority students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill were recognized for outstanding academic achievement here recently by the UNC-CH chapter of the Pre-Professional Health Society.

The society, an undergraduate organization for students pursuing degrees in health-related fields, honored 108 black and American Indian undergraduate students who have maintained a "B" average or better.

Dundi Holt, a UNC-CH English graduate student and president of the campus United Christian Fellowship program, was the featured speaker.

Some of the area students honored were Bobby Maynor, a freshman, from Pembroke; Jacqueline Hunt, a sophomore and Beverly Lessane, a freshman, both from Lumberton; and Kimberly Spaulding, a sophomore, from Clinton.

ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE FOR ROBESON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Annual Used Book Sale for the Robeson County Public Library will be held on May 28, 29, and 30, in the Osterneck Auditorium at the library. Over 3,000 books will be sold, with the funds to benefit the book fund of the library. The sale will begin at 9:30 a.m. each day and continue until 5:30 p.m.

The basic price for hardcover books will be fifty cents per volume, and paperbacks will be ten cents. Sets of books will be sold for a price per set. All books still remaining on May 30 will be sold for ten cents.

The sale is being held to make available to the public, for a reasonable price, books which the library can no longer use. Many of these books have been stored in the old firestation to be sold at the regular annual booksale in October. Since the library has returned the old firestation to the city, the books can no longer be stored.

Pam and Randy are coordinating the book sale for the library. Volunteers will be helping with the sale.

RTC SPONSORS 84-HOUR COURSE ON SMALL ENGINE REPAIR

Robeson Technical College will sponsor an 84-hour course on Small Engine Repair beginning Monday, May 25, 1981, at 6:30 p.m. The course will meet on consecutive Monday and Thursday evenings for 12 weeks on the Barker Ten Mile campus of Robeson Technical College.

The course will concentrate on repair of one- and two-cycle engines with special emphasis on chain saws, minibikes, lawn mowers, and rotary tillers.

The instructor will be Mr. Russell Lee, well-known locally for his many years of experience in small engine repair. Cost for the course is \$5.00, with registration being conducted during the first class meeting.

Interested persons may register during the first class meeting on Monday evening. For further information, contact Mr. Hubert Bullard, Director of Occupational Education, at Robeson Tech, 738-7101.

We want your news . . .

The Carolina Indian Voice welcomes personal items and news stories for this newspaper. While personals and short stories may be phoned to 521-2826, longer stories should be mailed or brought to *The Indian Voice*. All contributions should be in hand by 5 p.m. Tuesday for the current week's issue, except for late-breaking news stories.

An exception is that information for wedding write-ups should be in the office not later than noon Monday for insertion in the current week's issue.