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SCHOOL LAWSUIT RUMORED "TO BE DROPPED"

LUMBERTON--Robeson County Board of Education, today released a statement in response to rumors sweeping the area that plaintiffs are being pressured "to drop the school lawsuit."

Hammonds said, "It has come to my attention that the Robeson County Board of Education and Phil Diehl (attorney for the Concerned Parents of North Robeson) have come to an agreement to drop the school lawsuit filed by Diehl asking for a unitary system."

"Per telephone conversation with Mr. Diehl Tuesday night at 11 p.m. I learned that the Robeson County Board of Education will file a motion July 15 requiring that all plaintiffs in the lawsuit post bonds. This comes in the aftermath of the Robeson County Board of Education going on record supporting the school suit."

"In my conversation with some plaintiffs they state they have no knowledge of the suit being dropped, including the ones filed by other school systems."

"The agreement is that all suits will be dropped, including the ones filed by other school systems. This would allow the Robeson County Board of Commissioners to release the bonds for sale which they have probably already discussed in their meeting."

"It was further stated to me by Mr. Diehl that the \$1.4 million allocated for North Robeson would now be diverted to the West Robeson School; this would offset the escalated cost in building materials incurred by the delay in the sale of school bonds. All other systems would continue with their building plans."

"Pressure is now being applied to the plaintiffs in the suit to drop the case for fear of monetary repercussions by having

to post bail monies.

"As a member of the Robeson County Board of Education I have not been informed of any negotiations or the diversion of funds from North Robeson to West Robeson."

"It is my opinion, from the information that I have been able to gather that once again North Robeson, as in the past, will be depleted in facilities, curriculum, and student population for other parts of the county without regard for tactics used to achieve means. The end result will be nothing for North Robeson."

The federal lawsuit in question was filed by Diehl on May 28, 1980 on behalf of a group of concerned county parents. The suit was filed in the Eastern Federal District Court in Fayetteville.

The suit was filed by the parents in [CONTINUED PAGE 6]

Wesley Revels seated on Housing Board

The "Oath of Office" for new Commissioner Wesley Revels, and the posthumous recognition of Commissioner Riley (RJ) Locklear, Jr. highlighted the regular monthly meeting of Pembroke Housing and Redevelopment Commission this past Thursday night. Revels, as was announced last week by Mayor James A. (Pete) Jacobs to fill the remaining term of former Commissioner R.J. Locklear.

With flag banners decorating the Commission Chambers, the affair took on a very patriotic spirit. Housing Chairman, Andrew (Carl) Lowry chaired the meeting. Chairman Lowry called on the Rev. Jimmy Strickland, Pastor of Ten-Mile Baptist Church to give the invocation, after which the National Anthem was offered.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

COUNTY TO BEGIN WATER TAP ON'S

The county commissioners reported at their meeting Monday that their first water customers could tap onto the countywide water system within days.

County manager Paul Graham told them that the St. Pauls-Parikon phase is completed; the water system is expected to cost \$15.5 million when completed.

The first customers are expected to be billed in July.

COUNTY ADOPTS TENTATIVE BUDGET

Herman Dial, chairman of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners said, "...it's a fair tax rate and budget...we were as conservative as we could be without anyone suffering." He was referring to the county's budget which was tentatively approved at a work session Tuesday night.

The new budget for 1981 and 1982 calls for an 82 cents tax rate per \$100 valuation and totals \$22.4 million.

County employees will get a 5% increase under the new budget and the schools will receive \$4.2 million, plus \$32,000 for school garage maintenance.

The Robeson County Public Library received a shearing. They were allocated \$100,000 down from the requested \$173,000. The library is operated on a 50/50 basis with the City of Lumberton where the facility is located.

A public hearing on the budget will be held Monday night at 7 p.m. with final approval expected at the June 13 meeting.

EVERGREEN CHURCH NEWS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

The Evergreen Church News has been suspended temporarily due to the illness of Mrs. Maggie C. Locklear, the mother of our correspondent--Ms. Leacie Brooks. Ms. Maggie C. Locklear is also the great aunt of the editor, Bruce Barton.

Our prayers and concern go out to Aunt Maggie and her family.

PIANO RECITAL PLANNED

The piano students of Phyllis Jacobs will present their Spring Recital at Harpers Ferry Baptist Church, Pembroke, N.C. on Saturday, June 6 at 4 p.m.

Students to participate are Ginger Brewington, Lela Ann Brooks, Katina Dial, Shelia Ransom and Shawnda Revels.

LOCAL AREA STUDENT EARNS DOCTOR DEGREE

Michael Coward Hunt graduated May 7, 1981 from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. Earning a Doctor of Medicine degree, he will begin his internship in July at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Michael is the son of Mrs. Maitland Hunt of Fairmont.

1961 CLASS REUNION

To all members of the 1961 graduating class of Pembroke Senior High School: The Class of 1961 will hold its 20th Year Class Reunion July 4, 1981, 7:30 p.m. at Revels Fish Camp. Cost per couple will be \$20. All those who wish to attend, for wish further information please contact Deloris Jones before June 19, 1981.

CONCERNED CITIZENS MEET TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER OF NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION

A group of concerned citizens are

holding a meeting to establish a chapter of the National Kidney Foundation.

The meeting will be held at the Lumbee Regional Development Association on Tuesday, June 16, 1981 at 7:30 p.m.

They are very concerned about the growing number of people being effected by kidney diseases, and want to do something about it.

Input is needed, especially from people that are directly effected by kidney diseases. Your attention and support are encouraged at this meeting.

If you know of other persons who would be interested in this issue that effects all people, please share this information with them, and encourage them to attend.

If additional information is needed, please call 521-8602 and someone will be happy to work with you.

STUDENTS SELECTED FOR SUMMER SCIENCE PROGRAM

Two eighth grade students at Magnolia School have been accepted to a one week summer science program for gifted and talented students at East Carolina University.

The students are Jonathan Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy E. Hall of Rt. 8, Lumberton and Albert Haats, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haats of Rt. 3, Lumberton.

The total camp program will include an in-depth instructional curriculum based on expressed interests of each individual student, free and structured recreation periods, and an evening lecture series.

SUMMER SCIENCE PROGRAM

Chad W. Hammonds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hammonds of Rt. 3, Lumberton has been accepted to a two week Summer Science Program for Gifted and Talented students at Appalachian State University.

The program is an enrichment program that fosters insight and creativity for each participant in several areas of science. Participants are challenged through the in-depth study of selected concepts and principles consistent with their current knowledge and background levels. The classroom and small group laboratory activities are supplemented with field experiences as well as individual projects.

Chad is a seventh grader at Magnolia School.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

There will be Vacation Bible School at Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church of Pembroke, June 8th through 12th, from 7 til 9 p.m. The church would like to encourage your attendance. There will be classes of all ages, including adults.

The theme of the school this year is, "Jesus, Your Word Lives In Me!"

GOSPEL SINGING

There will be a gospel singing Sunday night at Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church of Pembroke, N.C. June 7th 7:30 p.m. The featured singers are from Bladenboro, N.C. and they will bless your heart with the word in song. Many of you have heard them before and know that we are speaking of the "Countrymen."

They will be looking forward to seeing you, as well as Mt. Olive Church.

Travis Bell & Scott Sisters headline 'Salute to Strike at the Wind!'



The Glory Bound Gospel Singers is one of the fine Gospel groups which will appear at the Gospel Sing on June 12 at Lakeside Amphitheatre as part of the "Salute to Strike at the Wind!"



Headlining the Gospel Sing Friday night, June 12, beginning at 8 p.m., is Travis Bell and the Scott Sisters, one of the most popular singing groups in the area. They are shown above in a file photo.

Dale Edwards m.c.; cookout in the Pembroke Town Park from 11 a.m. until

Plans are feverishly underway concerning the "Salute to Strike at the Wind!" which is set for June 12. Organizers are expressing satisfaction about plans to date and are looking forward to an exciting day and night in a special fund raising "Salute to Strike at the Wind!", the exciting outdoor drama centered around the exploits of Henry Berry Lowry and the Indians of Robeson County.

The outdoor drama, which is held each summer at the Lakeside Amphitheatre on the grounds of Riverside Country Club is scheduled to open July 4.

Bruce Barton, editor of the *Carolina Indian Voice*, and one of the co-sponsors of the fund raising activity, said, "I really believe Carnell Locklear and his staff deserve the community's support. They have been hard at work getting ready for this season and we want to do this to help them assure a successful season."

The fund raising extravaganza will begin Friday, June 12 in the Pembroke Town Park with an old fashioned barbecue with all the trimmings. Entertainment will be continuous throughout the day, including two mini concerts featuring music and cast members from "Strike at the Wind!"

Later that night a gospel sing will be held in Lakeside Amphitheatre where "Strike at the Wind!" is held each season. The gospel sing will begin at 8 p.m.

Headlining the gospel sing will be Travis Bell and the Scott Sisters and the Glory Bound Gospel Singers. Another group will be announced in the next few days.

Well known Gospel Music Disc Jockey Dale Edwards of WSTS in Laurinburg will act as m.c. Organizers are hoping for a large turnout.

Co-sponsors and Friends Respond to Fund Raising

The fund raising is sponsored by First American Showcase, Inc. Co-sponsors are Riverside Country Club, Robeson Historical Drama, Inc., the Town of Pembroke, the *Carolina Indian Voice*, Lumbee Regional Development Association, and the Pembroke Jaycees.

A number of people have donated hogs and other necessities. For instance, five hogs have been given through the auspices of the Saddletree Jaycees and their president, Chuck Chavis. Others have donated hogs and agreed to sell tickets.

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John L. Carter honored by Mt. Airy Church

Mount Airy Baptist Church honored John L. Carter, May 9, 1981, by dedicating the Mount Airy Church Pool to him.

This pool is located on an eight acre tract of land purchased by the church for the purpose of furnishing recreation facilities for the church members and their families. So far there is a ball park, swings and slides for the children. Also, a Boy Scout Troop Number 326. The Troop leader is Rencil P. Locklear, Scoutmaster. He has two scouts already enrolled for the National Jamboree July 29-August 4, 1981. They have a scout building fully equipped.

The latest addition to the Park is a 25 x 50 foot swimming pool, fully equipped with all the necessary facilities to entertain the children and adults. There is also a picnic shelter.

John L. Carter is a long time member of Mount Airy Baptist Church, and a staunch supporter of the Park and its facilities. He has been a full-fledged member of Mount Airy Church since 1921. He has served the church in several capacities: Sunday School teacher, Deacon, Secretary, Trustee, Treas-

urer, and Sunday School Director. Those taking part in the service were the pastor, Rev. Mike Cummings; Miss Pamela Oxendine, Queen of Pembroke Junior High School. Miss Oxendine cut the ribbon. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Oxendine.

Mr. Carter was very appreciative of the honor bestowed upon him. It has been his dream that the church and the people of the community would provide a place for the young people to enjoy themselves. He feels that the youth in the community should be a priority.

It is through the cooperation of the church and the community that the facilities were acquired. Mr. Grady Locklear has been one of the prime pushers and the leader in promoting and financing the project. He is the Executive Director. Mr. Rencil P. Locklear is the Director. Mr. Earl Cummings, Chairman of the Board. Mr. Sam Carter, Maintenance. Mrs. Rita Locklear, Activity Director and Life Guard, assisted by Mr. Darrel Strickland.

The church is trying to build the children physically, socially and spiritually.

Water, Sewer Bond Appeal Denied

RALEIGH--The N.C. Board of Elections met Tuesday and denied an appeal lodged by Pembroke townspeople Bob Brewington and Henry Smith.

Smith and Brewington were protesting a water and sewer bond referendum in the amount of \$725,000 which passed in April by more than 100 vote margins.

Smith and Brewington had claimed violations of the voting rights act, improper influence by town officials and improper conduct of election officials.

The elections board upheld the action of the county board when they also denied allegations of Smith and Brewington relative to the election. Warren Pate, Raeford attorney, who represented Smith and Brewington in the matter did not rule out further appeals, saying "One of our options is to go to court."

At the same meeting Harbert Moore, an Indian from Prospect; and Percy Shaw, a black; were confirmed to seats on the Robeson County Board of Elections, replacing Dexter McLean and Mrs. Louise Hunt. Republican Ray Revels retained his seat on the panel.

The new board takes office June 16.

Robbery at Ty's Mini Mart

PEMBROKE--An armed robbery at Ty's Mini Mart Monday night of some \$1,700 remains unsolved. Two hooded men robbed Denise and Gina Oxendine and made a get away.

A suspect was called in for questioning but released for lack of evidence.

Ty's Mini Mart, owned by Pembroke businessman Tryon Lowry, is located on Union Chapel Road.

A police spokesman confirmed at press time that no arrests had been made in the matter.



Shown above, right, are John L. Carter, and Mike Cummings, pastor of Mount Airy Baptist Church.

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.