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THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE CELEBRATES 9 YEARS OF SERVICE

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by Bruce Barton

Pembroke—Time flies. It's amazing but the Carolina Indian Voice has completed nine years of service and has stepped into its tenth year of publication.

The first issue was published January 18, 1973. Our headline was "PSU Convocation...Dedication of Buildings Today." The buildings were the English E. Jones Health and Physical Education Center and the Herbert G. Oxendine Science Building.

Another headline heralded "Indian Unrest Tops Poll." And there was a picture and story about my friend, W.J. Strickland, being appointed chairman of the now disbanded CENA (Coalition of Eastern Native Americans).

One ad, in particular, is recalled with fondness. The Lumbee Bank, newly formed itself, offered congratulations to "The new kid on the block." That was us. We are happy to report that both Lumbee Bank and the Carolina Indian Voice are alive and well.

The Carolina Indian Voice has never missed a publication date although we have skirted with disaster from time to time.

We began publishing with a used Varityper justewriter and recorder and a recalcitrant headliner 800. We now use a typesetter made by Compugraphic Corporation.

We began with 73 subscribers and now send the Carolina Indian Voice out to 3,000, mostly by mail and news stands.

Howard and Brenda Brooks, Emma Lee Locklear, and the founders of the now defunct Henry Berry Lowry College were invaluable in organizing and giving us direction and encouragement. Also, my father, Lew Barton, has helped me whenever I have called upon him to do so. He still contributes an occasional column when he feels up to it. He taught me mostly what I know. He charted my directions a long time ago. He was once the editor of the Pembroke Progress, a forerunner of the Indian Voice in the forties.

And my sister, Connee Brayboy, continues to stand with me through the perils of getting an issue out each week. She is our associate editor, and my brother, Garry Lewis Barton, has been with me since the beginning except for a temporary moment here and there. He is probably the best typesetter this side of the Mississippi River. And Connee is our in house "social services bureau."

Heartaches, euphoria, and the like have been our fare. A brother and sister (Ruth and Ernie) have died in the interim, both victims of car accidents. Ruth was 39 when she died in 1979 and Ernie was 31 when he died in 1980. We put out issues during those grief stricken days. It was hard, almost unbearable. But I knew they would have wanted us to publish and I am glad we did. It was, in a way, a testament to them.

And time marches on. We have cried, laughed, had good times and bad...But the need for a communications vehicle from the Indian perspective is needed today as much or maybe more than it ever was.

When we began the Carolina Indian voice in 1973 a stamp cost eight cents; it now costs 20. Costs in the graphic arts area have sky rocketed, quadrupling over the last nine years. The economy is crazy, out of sorts. But the Carolina Indian Voice continues, correctly.

billing itself as the largest weekly newspaper in Robeson County. We have, from time to time, attacked dragons, sacred cows, dared to lament evil doers in our midst. We are proud to have championed the breaking of double voting and other schemes which denied people basic rights guaranteed in the name of the constitution and decency.

So, thanks to all of you. A newspaper is only as good as the community it serves and the people who subscribe and advertise in its pages. We are proud to be a part of the Lumbee experience, an exciting adventure for all of us.

And, of course, if you want to subscribe it's as easy as pie.

If you wish to join our effort toward knowing what is going on in the Indian community and Robeson County and points east and west, we invite you to fill out the subscription form to the right and return with payment.

Our mailing address is the Carolina Indian Indian Voice, P.O. Box 1075, Pembroke, NC 28372.

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Thanks again...to all of you, even our distractors who have kept us reasonably honest over the years.

It has been a marvelous experience, one we cherish and look forward to in the coming years. Happy birthday! The Carolina Indian Voice.



Lillian Faye Locklear

Lillian Faye Locklear bids for Another Term on School Board

Lillian Faye Locklear who has served as a member of the Robeson County Board of Education for six years, has filed for re-election to one of two seats in the upcoming elections for District IV which includes Pembroke Township, Union Township, Burnt Swamp Township and the portion of Raft Swamp Township within the county school district.

In announcing her bid for re-election, Mrs. Locklear stated that she would continue to support consolidation of school districts for the improvement of instruction and expansion of educational programs and services; to seek additional revenues and increased financial support for public education; to support and maintain high standards of quality leadership and strong financial management at all levels of the school district structure; to support increased communications with the public and to encourage increased parental involvement in the education of the children as a process for a more informed community and restored public confidence in the schools. Mrs. Locklear stated that educational decisions should be founded on the needs of the students and the communities in which they live, and that these needs should dictate educational decision-making.

"I am acutely aware of the problems of low academic achievement, the inability of many parents to become actively involved in school affairs due to conflicting work schedules, the low rate of tax support for public education, and the problem of community dissatisfaction with changes which were made years ago in the structure of our public schools; however, we must rise above the past and deal creatively and responsibly with the current problems of school drop-outs and alternative educational programs for our youngsters, the demand for better trained educators, administrators and school personnel, and the continuing need to evaluate and improve our educational curriculum."

Reacting to concern about standardized test results and the ranking of the Robeson County School District, Mrs. Locklear noted that it was important for educators, parents and community leaders to begin to think positively about the progress which has been made and to commit themselves to continued progress, taking into account that we are still experiencing vestiges of inequitable educational training and preparation as well as inequitable school systems with which the current Board is called in to account to correct.

"If I am re-elected to the Robeson County Board of Education, I pledge to continue to support high standards of educational decision-making which will guide the continuing progress and improvement of the Robeson County Schools as responsible institutions for providing quality educational programs and services to develop responsible youngsters for the changes and challenges of our society—institutions which will be responsible to the needs of those youngsters who are potential drop-outs, those who need career orientation and vocational training, and those who inactivate a desire to continue their education beyond high school."

Mrs. Locklear is currently employed as Coordinator of Indian Education for the Cumberland County Board of Education and has worked in the field of education for nineteen years as a classroom teacher, school social worker and educational administrator. "Realizing that no one individual board member can promise what decisions will be made, rather than an individual must function as a member of the total board, I will make an effort to represent District IV in a manner which will be beneficial to each of the communities served and in a manner which will provide the best educational possible within our means and resources available to us."

Ronald Hammonds Announces Re-election Bid



Ronald Hammonds

Ronald Hammonds has filed for election to the Robeson County Board of Education representing District II. He was appointed to the Board July 1, 1979. District II is composed of the Magnolia School Attendance Zone.

Hammonds, a Saddletree farmer, attended Piney Grove School and is a graduate of Magnolia High School. After the completion of a course of study in electrical work at Wayne Technical College, he was employed with Carolina Power and Light Company for nine years as an electrical linesman and later a serviceman. Born and reared on the farm, he entered farming part-time while employed with CP&L. Drawn to farming, he later entered full-time.

He served as President of the Saddletree Jaycees from 1978-1979. As a Jaycee he received numerous awards, among which were the Rookie-Of-The-Year, Jaycee of the Year, and was recognized as one of the Top Ten Outstanding Local Presidents for the state. He served on the State Executive Committee as a District Director. He attributes his accomplishments as a Jaycee to the many fine Jaycee members and community support.

Mr. Hammonds serves on the Robeson County Employment and Training Advisory Council, North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, District Agriculture Committee for Democrats and the Title I Advisory Council for Magnolia.

Mr. Hammonds and his wife Linda have four children. He is a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Mr. Hammonds states that his views toward the importance of education are expressed in the words of John Dewey who said: "Education is not the tool of life, it is life itself."

"I am concerned with the economic situation facing our country. Each day we are faced with the realization that there is no such thing as 'free education.' School systems in other states are closing their doors because of lack of operating monies. Yet, here in Robeson County five school systems are operating as an independent universe. We are experiencing heavy cut backs in local, state, and federal monies for education. In order to purchase the maximum with our tax dollars, we should be trying to pool efforts together as a county. We have teachers and students operating under adverse conditions because of lack of funds (materials, buildings, low student enrollment, etc.). I am concerned with the quality of education being consistent, regardless of what part of the county in which a child may live.

"A major concern of any board member should be for his district, but there has to be concern for the total county, as well. When I cast a vote, my decision is based upon three things: my responsibility to the students, the views shared with me by parents, and the impact my vote will have on education today and tomorrow. If elected I will continue to be Straight, Honest, Open, and Caring."

Pembroke Medical Services Moves to New Quarters

Pembroke—The future of Pembroke Medical Services seems to have been assured with permission from the Pembroke Area Presbyterian Ministry for them to move into the fellowship hall of the Pembroke Presbyterian Church for the time being. The church is located behind Pates Supply Company.

Rev. John A. Robinson, Jr., director of the ministry, confirmed Wednesday that his board of directors have given permission to the medical services facility to move into the Presbyterian Church Building for six months, with a review of the situation in three months.

The action follows a suit which was filed against the clinic's existing board of directors by Carolyn Emanuel, formerly the clinic's executive director, until forced to vacate premises Dec. 29. The lawsuit asks the board to rescind the sale of the facility to Dr. Frank Worriax, a private physician, rehire its seven employees and re-open the facility. The lawsuit was filed by Raeford Attorney Phil Diehl.

The original Pembroke Medical Services Clinic is located off Union Chapel Road and is now occupied by Dr. Frank

Worriax.

Hubert Oxendine, the chairman of the existing board of directors has refused to comment on the matter for publication.

The newly re-organized clinic, which is to be housed in the Presbyterian Church, more than likely, will appoint new board members. Dr. Emma Balaquer, the staff physician, Earl Cummings, physician's assistant, and Emanuel are expected to go with the re-located Pembroke Medical Clinic.

Ms. Emanuel contended in her lawsuit that "we had to abandon all patient records, financial records and federal property."

The private, non profit clinic was built with a loan from Farmers Home Administration, and much of its equipment was secured with federal funds, according to Diehl. The clinic has been in operation two and one half years and was formed to provide reasonably priced medical care.

Ms. Emanuel also contends that the facility was not in dire financial trouble and had recently received a \$36,000

grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Foundation. According to reliable sources, negotiations are continuing between the two factions in an attempt to reach an out of court settlement. At stake is the interest rate Dr. Worriax will assume. Chances are the interest rate will be raised from its present 5 percent to whatever existing rates are, probably 12 percent. Too, some equity is being asked for by the ousted group headed by Ms. Emanuel.

Ms. Emanuel's suit was filed in Robeson County Superior Court on January 11. According to Diehl, the clinic can be sold if federal guidelines are followed. He said the procedures were not followed in the sale, which was performed under a lease-purchase agreement.

Ms. Emanuel said negotiations to sell the clinic had been underway for some time but that the employees were assured in December that they would have their jobs until at least June.

The lawsuit also claims the clinic was improperly closed and that patient records were delivered to a person not authorized to receive them.

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