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Dear reader,

The Carolina Indian Voice, along with a number of other newspapers and media outlets, in the area is sponsoring a Media Night on August 14 at 'Strike at the Wind!' We frankly want to fill up the audience that night as our token of appreciation for the fine entertainment we have been provided over the last seven years.

'Strike at the Wind!' is a clean, family-type show but honest enough to evoke for us "how it must have been back then" in the Civil War era it is set in. The show honestly portrays all the unique and interesting ethnic groups in Robeson County without making either all evil or all holy, unlike other portrayals of recent years.

On August 14 the area newspapers,

and radio and television stations, will be at 'Strike at the Wind!' with a number of door prizes to be given away, and special activities.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th of August. The show begins with a pre-show at 8 p.m. and 'Strike at the Wind!' begins at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

This is our way of saying "thank you" for all the wonderful nights 'Strike at the Wind!' has given us "under the stars" at the Lakeside Amphitheatre located on the grounds of Riverside Country Club in the Red Banks Community approximately three miles west of Pembroke just off Highway 72. You can call 521-3112 for further information on ticket sales.

Hope to see you there!

Clyburn Pines-Country Club area to begin a Tri-racial Scholarship Fund

The Clyburn Pines-Country Club area Citizens Committee Board voted at a recent meeting to begin plans for a tri-racial scholarship fund. The fund would benefit academically worthy and economically needy students in all three races in Clyburn Pines-Country Club area.

Spokesman Eric Prevatte stated that the mechanics of the fund are being discussed with Walter Oxendine at Pembroke State University and would be directed with the assistance of the financial aid office.

Prevatte said, "We have found in our community a real need for educational assistance. Our community is low to middle income with a 23% minority

student population. The overwhelming majority of students in our area simply can not afford higher education. It is our belief that every effort should be made to provide educational opportunity to all people regardless of race or economic condition."

Tentative plans call for 1 student of each racial group to be selected each year for financial aid to Pembroke State University. "Our ultimate goal," said Prevatte, "is to have 12 students (3 in each class level) earning degrees at Pembroke State." Funding of the scholarships will be raised from private donations and community projects, with the first scholarships to be awarded in 1983.

Thanks...for making
the Lori Ann Locklear
Concert a rousing success.

BRUCE BARTON and
'STRIKE AT THE WIND!'

By Connie Brayboy

A seemingly regular board meeting became quite interesting Tuesday night as the Robeson County Board of Education fired the law firm of Locklear, Brooks and Jacobs, in Pembroke.

After a lengthy executive session to discuss personnel and student reassignment, Laymon Locklear moved that "In the best interests of the Robeson County Board of Education, we terminate the services of Locklear, Brooks and Jacobs, more specifically Dexter Brooks, effective right now." The motion was seconded by Lillian Faye Locklear.

During the discussion of the motion Attorney Dexter Brooks asked why. "Why? Is there displeasure of my services?" he asked. To which Locklear replied, "...The attorney serves at the pleasure of the board. We can assume by the motion that the board is no longer satisfied..."

Ronald Hammonds spoke to the issue. Said he, "It is obvious that dirty politics is bleeding over into the board of education...There has been no board thought for discussion to my knowledge. ...But this is not the first time I have been shot...I plead with this board to do what's best for kids in Robeson County... Sometimes it is better to have some people with you than on the other side of the fence."

And Attorney Brooks said, "I want to address this question to the administration: has any complaint been lodged by the administration as to the quality of my legal service?"

And Superintendent Purnell Swett replied, "I have no complaints...You have given competent legal service."

And Brooks responded, "We do have pending matters...Clyburn Pines and other things...Due process to me entails notice and a right to be heard...Since this item is not on the agenda, I'd like to have an opportunity to find out the reasons...Because of pending litigation, I am uncomfortable to discuss this in open session..."

And Ronald Hammonds said, "We have three board members who are not present...I move that we table this matter and give us time to get information that some other board members have gotten...It seems everybody here has been told how to vote except for me and maybe one other person." Gerald Maynor seconded his motion.

Voting for Hammonds' motion to table were Hammonds and Maynor. Voting against the motion were Laymon Locklear, Lillian Faye Locklear, Pete Clark, Rufus Graham, J.R. Musselwhite. Those members not present for the vote included E.B. Morton and John A.

Gibson who did not attend the meeting at all, and Jerry Lowry who sat in for approximately half the meeting. Lowry returned as the meeting concluded.

Maynor stated that he was concerned about the legal questions raised by the attorney. Chairman David Green stated that he was not responsible for those board members who had not attended. And then they voted.

Voting for Locklear's motion to dismiss Attorney Brooks were Locklear and Lillian Faye Locklear, J.R. Musselwhite, Rufus Graham and Pete Clark. Voting against the motion were Gerald Maynor and Ronald Hammonds.

After his dismissal, Attorney Brooks stated: "I am gratified by the years of service to this board. We have had quite a few problems and I've gained a lot of experience. I've become a better person because of it. I am dismayed by the action, but I will accept it...I will not do to this board in summary fashion as they've treated myself..."

On motion by Lillian Faye Locklear the law firm of Ward, Strickland and Kinlaw and Earl Homer Strickland in particular were hired to replace Locklear Brooks and Jacobs at a fee comparable to the outgoing firm.

Voting for her motion were: in addition, to herself, Laymon Locklear, Pete Clark, J.R. Musselwhite, Rufus Graham. Voting against were Ronald Hammonds and Dr. Gerald Maynor.

Attorney Brooks informed the board that he would acquaint Mr. Strickland with the litigation, etc. in process and that he would work with him during the transition period. Chairman David Green expressed the board's appreciation for the service of the law firm. And the meeting adjourned...

DENNIS LOWERY: LUMBEE BUSINESSMAN EXTRAORDINARY

DuPont was one of the first companies Dennis D. Lowery, a Lumbee Indian, called on as he sought to expand his fledgling chemical business seven years ago. That call has since developed into more than \$500,000 in DuPont purchases.

In 1975, explains Al Duckett, chemical buyer at the Carolinas Regional Office of E&M, DuPont's need for phosphoric acid did not meet the manufacturer's minimum order requirements. Duckett asked Lowery if his Continental Industrial Chemicals company could stock sufficient quantity to meet order requirements, and then redistribute as DuPont required.

Lowery accepted the challenge and Duckett persuaded the manufacturer to establish Continental as a distributor for phosphoric acid, solving DuPont's supply problem and providing a minority firm with new business. Continental also

supplies DuPont with a variety of solvents and special chemicals used in textile finishes. So well did Continental perform, that DuPont's Chemicals and Pigments Department has set up the firm as a distributor for many of its products in the southeastern region.

IMPRESSIVE PHYSICAL PLANT

Continental's plant is a modern 50,000 square foot, brick warehouse on a 10 acre site on the edge of Charlotte. The

company operates its own fleet of stainless steel tankers, and acts as distributor for 34 major producers of chemicals.

At any one time \$800,000 worth of chemicals is stored in Continental's warehouse or underground storage tanks. Ten bulk tanks already are in the ground and 13 more are ready for installation.

Last year, Lowery's firm chalked up sales of \$15 million. That was up 107

percent from the previous year, and in 1982 he confidently expects sales of \$22 million.

INNOVATIVE SERVICE A KEY

"The firm is innovative, service-oriented, and competitive," observes Jim Loper, DuPont's buyer currently handling the Continental account. "They do a beautiful job on service, particularly in meeting emergency needs and unusual requirements."

As an example of innovative thinking, Lowery suggested to DuPont last year that it accept phosphoric acid in plastic drums rather than the usual stainless steel.

"The plastic drum is safer, meets purity standards, and carries only a \$50 deposit, compared to \$200 on stainless steel," explains Lowery. "So we've cut DuPont's cash outlay substantially."

Lowery also stocks an anti-foam agent

in large drums and repackages it in 5-gallon containers to fill DuPont's requirements. "Many chemical suppliers don't want to deal in small containers," he says. "But, because many of our customers are pharmaceutical and cosmetic manufacturers who can't take bulk shipments, we repackage for them."

TO MEET SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

The firm has even installed a special "hot room" with storage space for 4,000 drums of temperature-sensitive materials such as amines, caustics, and anti-foam agents. "It's the largest facility of that type in the east," claims Lowery, "and gives us an edge over competition."

Although it's now doing business in 40 states, Lowery wants to keep the firm centralized and operating out of its Charlotte warehouse rather than setting up branches.

"Our philosophy is to utilize moving equipment (tank trucks, for example) rather than set up small storage facilities every 200 miles or so. By centralizing our storage we can stock more than enough of a chemical to assure we won't run short, and guarantee expedient delivery anywhere in our trucks."

Dennis D. Lowery grew up in Robeson County, in Pembroke, North Carolina, attending Indian schools there. He earned two bachelor of science degrees in art. ed. at Pembroke State University, a college established primarily to serve the Lumbee tribe.

The Lumbees, he notes, are a "close-knit people," practically all living within a 60 radius of Robeson County, where some 45,000 of them now constitute about a third of the county population. Lowery, in fact, was one of the first of the tribe to leave the area. In 1961 he packed up his newly-awarded diploma and left for Charlotte and his first job as a pharmaceutical salesman.

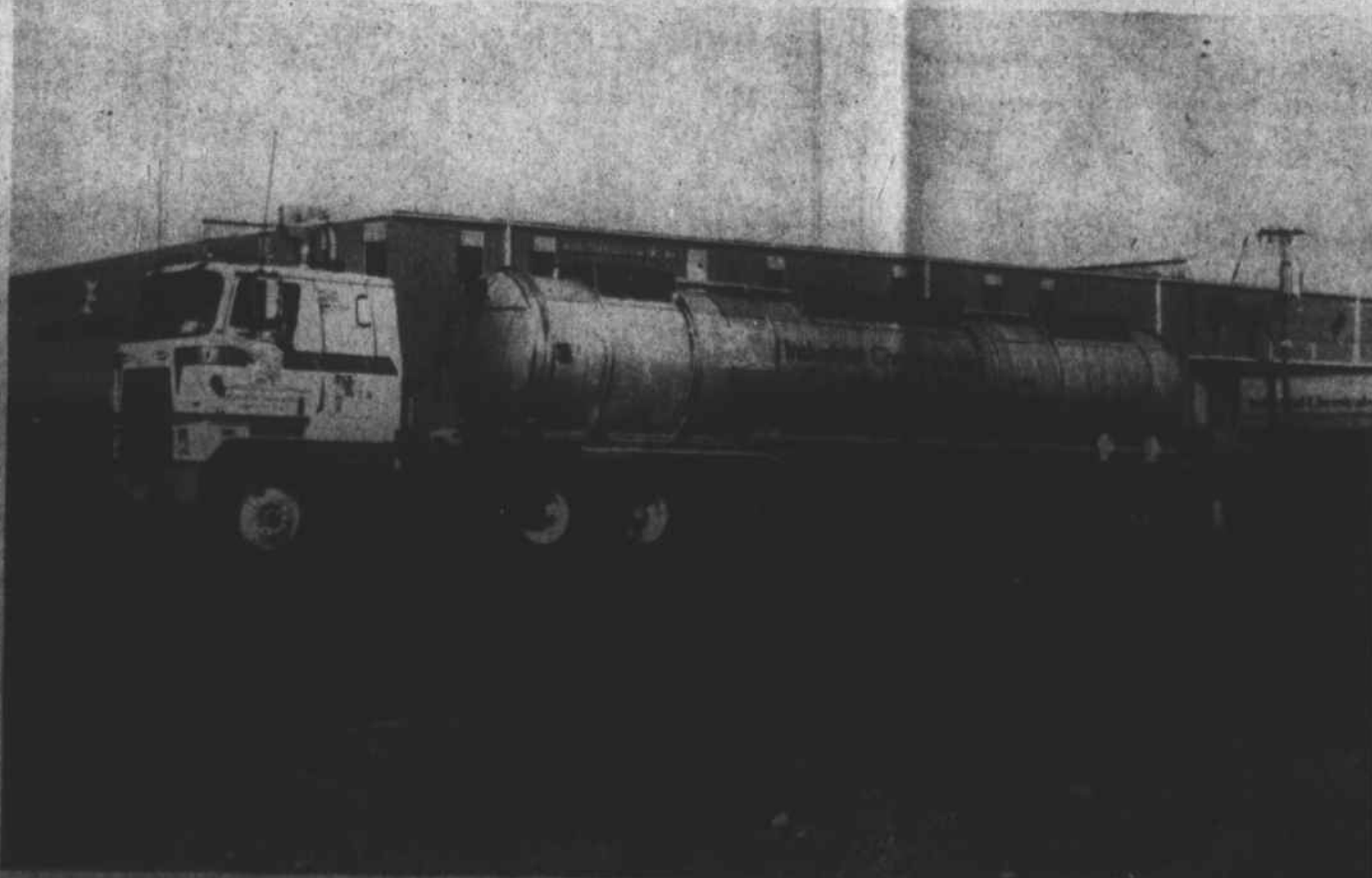
"I'm proud to be Indian, but I'm also proud to be American," says Lowery, adding with a twinkle in his eye, "Where but in America can you start out shining shoes as a kid and wind up in the chemical business?"

In 1979, Lowery received the U.S. Small Business Administration's "Small Business Person of the Year Award" in North Carolina.

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Lori Ann Locklear leads the overflow audience in a hand clapping sing-a-long last Friday evening while in concert preceding the evening performance of "Strike at the Wind!"



One of his company's fleet of tankers.

