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LEGAL NIGHTMARE OVER

Alfred Cook Vs. Pembroke

Settled Out of Court

On Friday, September 10, 1982, a settlement was reached in the litigation brought by Alfred Cook against the Town of Pembroke and certain of its officials. According to McDuffie Cummings, Town Manager, the settlement does not represent any admission of liability by the Town or any of its officers for the arrest of Mr. Cook on May 20, 1978. "On the contrary," said Cummings, "under the circumstances, the Town still contends the officers acted properly on that date." Nevertheless, the settlement was agreed to on the morning of the fourth day of trial in federal court upon the vigorous urging of United States District

Court Judge Frank Dupree though those involved felt that the Town would have prevailed before the jury or judge. After a State Supreme Court action praying for damages in excess of \$1,500,000.00 was dismissed, Mr. Cook's attorney brought similar charges praying for approximately the same amount in federal court. Under the terms of the settlement, according to Cummings, the Town agreed to drop all of its pending court claims against Mr. Cook. In return, Mr. Cook agreed to sell to the Town the southern two lots of his downtown property, together with the donation of a wedge-shaped piece at the corner of

Fourth Street and South Main, at a purchase price of Fifteen Thousand Dollars payable in two equal annual installments with simple interest of ten percent per annum. This purchase price compares favorably with the appraised value of the property. In addition, the Town will forgo any further use of the disputed street and will also reroute the drainage line presently running under the Cook property. Mr. Cook further agreed to drop all charges against the Town. Each party will bear its own costs in the prosecution or defense of the litigation.

Cummings said, "By its strong defense of the action, the Town has served notice that it is willing to litigate to the limit to protect the interest of our citizens. Nevertheless, it is regrettable that such protracted litigation was so necessary. Apparently under the influence of others, one of our more faithful taxpayers, Mr. Alfred Cook, filed a court action, which regrettably could have been avoided, more than a year after the arrest incident giving rise to the lawsuit." Cummings continued, "In any case, however, the matter is now closed and the Town can look forward to positive use of its newly-acquired property secure in the knowledge that no lingering animosity exists between Mr. Cook and our Town."

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO HAMILTON McMILLAN TO BE HELD

A memorial tribute to the Honorable Hamilton McMillan (1837-1916) will be held September 21, 1982 at 11 a.m. in the Old Main Auditorium of Pembroke State University.

Presiding will be Adolph L. Dial. Invocation will be by the Rev. Welton Lowry. Professor Adolph Dial will discuss "Hamilton McMillan - the Legislator." Dr. Dalton Brooks will speak of "Hamilton McMillan the Visionary." Lew Barton will speak on "Hamilton

McMillan - The Man." Professor Emeritus Clifton Oxendine will speak on "Hamilton McMillan - The Historian." Response will be by Miss Jane McMillan of Red Springs, granddaughter of Hamilton McMillan.

The Hamilton McMillan Memorial Committee is composed of Adolph L. Dial, chairman; Dr. Dalton Brooks, treasurer; Lew Barton; Clifton Oxendine; J.A. Sharpe; and R.D. McMillan, Jr.

Remember This Man Well, Robeson County!

HE CHANGED ALL OUR LIVES....

FOR THE BETTER!

By Lew Barton
Knight of Mark Twain

Remember this man well, Robeson County! For he has changed all our lives for the better!

Hamilton McMillan was born one of the hottest days of the year for those living in southeastern North Carolina, on August 29, 1837. And it was just by some weird streak of luck that this should come just two years after the Indians of the area lost all their civil rights. Or was it really a stroke of Providence, instead?

We know little about his early life, except that he was born in Scotland County, an only child and that his mother's name was Ann. We also know that he had a doting grandfather, a McMillan, who influenced the boy's life for good from the very beginning.

It was with the elder McMillan that Hamilton lived and grew-up. The studious old man taught and cared for the young grand son well. There must have been signs of greatness in the boy from a very early age, for he could speak several languages fluently. Later in life he taught Latin and Hebrew.

McMillan's humanistic and scholarly interest in the Indians were deeply stirred on a fateful night in the latter part of 1864. From that moment until 1916, he was almost constantly active on behalf of the Indian people of Robeson County.

At 11 a.m. on September 21, a special service in honor of Mr. McMillan will be given at Old Main. (See story elsewhere in this issue). I am going to be there and I hope you will be, too. We owe so much to the memory of this man who did so much for so many of us! Without him there would not be a Pembroke State University today.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

By Steve Tynar



Quarterback Davy Bell won "Warrior of the Week" honors for the Red Springs game. Bell was elected not for any offensive statistics but for intangible qualities that make him an invaluable asset to the team.

"Davy has an unusual ability to read defenses and react quickly," according to

Head Coach Ralph Ward. "He's also intelligent which enables him to not only understand instructions given but to remember those instructions throughout the game. These are things that you can't see in statistics." Davy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry T. Brooks of Pembroke.

MEDICAL CENTER OPEN HOUSE CEREMONY

An Open House Ceremony was held for Lumbee Medical Center on Sunday afternoon, September 12, 1982 at 3 p.m. The new medical facility is located on East Third Street, Pembroke.

In the absence of the Pembroke Mayor, James A. Jacobs, the welcome was given by Matt Morrison of PSU. Invocation was by the Rev. Steve Jones, Pastor of Harpers Ferry Baptist Church.

The keynote address was given by David Parnell of the N.C. House of Representatives. He was introduced by

Jim Hunt, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Lumbee Medical Center.

The ribbon cutting was done by Carolyn Emanuel, executive director of the center and Joseph Lowry. A tour of the building was by Annie P. Cummings and Karen S. Campbell.

Lumbee Medical Center, Inc. is a non-profit organization controlled by a Board of Directors composed of seven community members. They are Jim Hunt, chairman, Micheline Lowry, vice chairman, Kenneth R. Maynor,

secretary, Jimmy Goins, treasurer, Rabon Lowry, Norman Layne and Carolyn Emanuel.

Rep. Parnell stated the goals of Lumbee Medical Center. They are 1. Insure that all citizens are provided adequate medical care, that no individuals, regardless of financial status is without medical care; and 2. To provide a medical program that is coherent to the needs of the people in the rural areas where and when medical care is not available.



Shown left to right are Jim Hunt, Carolyn Emanuel and Kenneth R. Maynor. (Connec Brayboy photo)



Rep. David Parnell was the guest speaker. (Connec Brayboy photo)



Shown cutting the ribbon and the Medical Center are, left to right: Rhonda Flanagan, Miss Lumbee, Joseph Lowry, and Carolyn Emanuel, director of the Open House Ceremony for Lumbee Medical Center. (Connec Brayboy photo)

PEMBROKE VFW PRESENT

LORI ANN LOCKLEAR

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Country & Western Music

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8:00 p.m.

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Door \$4.00

