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ATTORNEY FEES SOUGHT IN LUMBERTON VOTING RIGHTS CASE

Pembroke-Julian Pierce, executive director of Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc. in Pembroke today confirmed that attorney fees are being sought from the Lumberton City Schools in the celebrated Lumberton City Schools Voting Rights snafu in which they were found guilty of illegally annexing portions of the original county school system.

In the long and complex challenge, a compromise was reached between the Robeson County School System and the Lumberton City Schools whereby Clyburn Pines and Country Club areas were returned to the county school system, adding some 350 students to the county system.

But it was a long and extended court battle, reaching even to the U.S. Supreme Court before reason and common sense seemingly prevailed.

The suit was brought against the Lumberton City Schools by a group of concerned Indian parents. Pleading their case was Lumbee River Legal Service, Inc. in Pembroke; LRLS was assisted ably by the American Civil Liberties Union, Atlanta, Georgia.

In action filed in the eastern district court the lawyers in the case have filed for attorney fees. Representing Lumbee River Legal Services (LRLS) was Julian Pierce; the American Civil Liberties Union was represented by Laughlin McDonald. They are asking a combined total of $61,995.00 plus $1,302.89 in expenses.

In the civil action, Pierce and McDonald said, "This case has been in litigation for the past three years. An award of fees and expenses is appropriate now."

The suit also notes, "This action sought to enforce section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Plaintiffs fully and completely prevailed on the merits..."

The suit says, "As a result of this action (legal), minority citizens of Robeson County will enjoy the full benefits of Section 5 for the first time since its enactment in 1965."

The justice department ruled that Lumberton City Schools had illegally annexed certain areas within the county school system into the Lumberton Schools. The suit pressed the point and eventually forced a settlement whereby Clyburn Pines and Country Club areas were returned to the county system, effectively ending the long standing legal battle.

AUDITIONS!!

Auditions for Strike at the Wind will be held April 2, 3, 1983 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. each day at the Lakeside Amphitheatre, 3 miles west of Pembroke on State Road #1354. In case of rain, the auditions will be held at the LRDA Annex.

Strike at the Wind is a non-profit organization which receives funds from the North Carolina Theatre Arts which is funded from the North Carolina General Assembly. For more information call 919-521-3112.

Community Medical Clinic now affiliated with Southeastern General Hospital

The Community Medical Clinic has recently relocated its office to the Pembroke Medical and Dental Clinic building on Wardell Drive. Under the direction of Earl Cummings, physician's assistant, in association with Ben Hardin, M.D., the Community Medical Clinic offers local access to medical services for the people of Pembroke and surrounding communities.

Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 noon on Saturday. Currently patients are seen on a first come, first served basis with emergency services available after regular hours by phoning 739- 8553.

According to Cummings, the Community Medical Clinic health care providers are proud of the fact that they are from the community they serve. He added that through the clinic's association with Southeastern General Hospital, complete diagnostic studies including laboratory work and X-rays are available to its patients as well as hospital care, if necessary.

Cummings concluded, "We welcome the opportunity to answer questions about the clinic's services or fees either in person or by telephoning at 521 -2816. By knowing and understanding the local community, we feel that we can provide the quality health care they need and deserve."

WATER BOND PASSES HANDILY

LUMBERTON — Robeson County voters gave their approval Tuesday to a $7 million bond issue to build the second phase of a countywide water system.

Voters approved the bond issue by a margin of almost 3 to 1.

With all 39 of the county's precincts reporting, election officials reported unofficial returns gave the bond issue approval by a vote of 2,138 to 744 against it.

The total voter turnout was low, but County Manager Paul Graham said he was pleased with the final count.

The voters gave approval to the second phase of the water system which will finance construction of a water treatment plant, five water tanks, six deep wells and 230 miles of water lines.

The system was started after voters gave approval of a countywide water system in a referendum held in 1978. The issue in the referendum gave approval to local funds to match federal grants.

With completion of the first phase, about 3,700 people in the rural sections of the county have water from the system.

The second phase is expected to provide service to as many as 10,500 users.

The Robeson County Board of Commissioners has pledged to repay the bonds from revenues produced by the system. It will not be necessary to raise taxes to pay off the bonds, they said.

Commenting on Tuesday's election results, Graham, said, "I think the success of the referendum is that the people of Robeson County want good, clean water and are concerned about economic conditions., There's no easy way we can reach all the people in the county until Phase 2 is done."

This is the Washington Ballet, a company of 18 dancers who will perform at PSU's Performing Arts Center Monday, March 14, at 8 p.m.

Washington Ballet coming to PSU

The Washington Ballet will perform on Monday, March 14, in the PSU Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. They will present a repertoire on classical and contemporary dances. The program will be divided into three parts, Part I: "Allegro Brillante," Part II: "Facets," and Part III: "Fives." These will include music by Peter Ilyitch Tachaikovsky, Benjamin Britten and Ernest Bloch; and choreography by George Balanchine, Gray Veredon and Cho San Goh.

The Wasington Ballet is part of "The Season 82-83." Ticket prices are $6, $5, $4, and may be reserved by calling the Performing Arts Center Book Office at 521-0778.

The next exciting "The Season" event is scheduled for April 21 at 8 p.m. when Vincent Price, star of stage, screen and film, will lecture on how "The Villians Still Pursues Me." Ticket prices are $7.50, $6.50, $5.50 and may be reserved by calling the Peforming Arts Center Box Office.

GENE CRAWFORD ONE OF SPEAKERS AT INDIAN UNITY CONFERENCE

Eugene ("Gene" Crawford, Executive Director of the National Indian Lutheran Board, will be one of the speakers at the Eighth Annual N.C. Indian Unity Conference, held March 10-12 at the Bordeaux Motor Inn Convention Center in Fayetteville. The Indian leader and spokesman will be guest speaker Friday, March 11, at the General Assembly which will begin at 1:30 p.m. and last until 2:30 p.m.

Crawford is the first American Indian to be a staff member of a Lutheran organization. He serves as Director for Indian Services in the Division of Mission Services of the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. He also provides staff services for the National Indian Lutheran Board, a 12-member board comprised primarily of American Indians. These two positions enable Crawford to assist the three major Lutheran churches in coordinating their ministries among American Indians. He also assists Indian people in making their voices heard and their opinions understood in the church.

Crawford is a member of the Sisseton Sioux Tribe, born on the Sisseton Reservation in South Dakota. He attended Northeast Junior College in Monroe, La., and is a graduate of Huron College, South Dakota. He holds an M.A. degree from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion.

Crawford served as head of the American Indian Center in Omaha prior to joining the Lutheran Council Staff. He has served on the Indian Advisory Boards of the Universities of Nebraska and Notre Dame, and as a guest instructor in Indian Studies in schools in South Dakota, Nebraska and California.

The program agenda for the Indian Unity Conference capsuled the essence of Eugene "Gene" Crawford best by noting: "(he is) a good friend and supporter of all Indians in North Carolina..."

'Strike at the Wind!' presents a Spring concert

Pembroke--"Strike at the Wind" will present a spring concert at the Performing Arts Center March 31 with the Honorable Rufus Edmisten acting as Master of Ceremonies along wiht Lori Ann Locklear, Willie Lowery, Lumbee Pride, and Alan Sugar. The price for admission is $4 in advance and $5 at the door.

Strike at the Wind is in its eighth season and things are really looking good for the upcoming season, according to Carnell Locklear, general mamanger. "This concert will enable everyone to help just a little, and at the same time enjoy some of finest entertainment one can imagine."

Locklear continued, "Lori Ann Locklear will be one of the performers. This young lady can really bring soul to any song she delivers. And the audience enjoys her tremendously. Strike at the Wind is very fortunate to have all these wonderful talents on the same program.'

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

PAGE APPOINTMENT

Edwina Lowry of Pembroke was appointed by Lieutenant Governor Jimmy Green to serve as a Page in the North Carolina Senate during the week of March 7-11, 1983. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Earl Lowry.

The duties of North Carolina Senate Pages includes working with the fifty Senators, and with the staff members of the General Assembly and in the Senate Chamber during the Senate's daily Sessions. They are also assigned to the various committee meetings during the day when the Senate is not in session.

SERIES OF FUNDRAISERS TO BEGIN CARL J. STEWART TO KICKOFF

Carl J. Stewart, Candidate for the Democratic Nomination for Lieutenant Governor, will kick off a series of fund raisers in Lumberton, March 23 at Pine Crest Country Club at 7 p.m.

Serving in the Legislature from Gaston County for 14 years, Stewart was elected Speaker of the House in 1977 and re-elected in 1979, making him the first person in 100 years to serve in that capacity more than once. While serving as Speaker, Stewart was rated the most effective legislator in the State by the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research.

A graduate of Duke University and Duke Law School, where he won full scholarships to both, Stewart is a self-employed attorney in Gastonia. He is married to the former Donna Lynn Womble of White Lake and is the father of five children.

Tickets for the fundraiser will be $25 a person. The Lumberton Fundraiser will encompass Robeson, Columbus, Hoke and Scotland Counties. For further information on the fundraiser, please contact Mitch Baker at 738-8161.

PSHS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS NIGHT OF ONE ACTS

The Pembroke Senior High drama Club will present a "Night of One Acts" on March 9 and 10 in the school cafeteria. Advance tickets are $2 and may be purchased at the school. Admission at the door will be $3. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

POSTER CONTEST

A poster contest was held at Townsend Middle School on Feb. 25. The theme of the posters was "America the Beautiful." Third place winner was Jennifer Caparco, first place was Tyrone Hailey and second place winner was Gregory Evans. The contest was used to emphasize the North Carolina Beautification Program. Prizes were given to each finalist.

TOWNSEND'S ESSAY CONTEST

Townsend Middle School's sixth grade students participated in the Robeson County Soil and Water Conservation Essay Contest. The topic was "Conservation of Soil and Water, Our Hope for the Future." The school winners were as follows: Kimberly Ann Horne, first place; Dawn Carpenter, second place; and Renee Locklear, third place. The first place winner had an opportunity to compete in the district competition, hoping to become a countywide winner.

We thank those students who did participate. Without their quality of work,w e could not have chosen three winners.

N.C. REPUBLICAN CONSERVATIVE FORUM

Ed Johnson, the 1982 7th District Republican Canddiate for U.S. Congress, announced the formation todayof a statewide Republican Organization whichis named the N.C. Republican Conservative Forum.

Johnson said he decided to organize such an organization after seeing so many Republicans serving in the N.C. General Assembly supporting the Ted Kennedy version of the Nuclear Freeze. According to him, the so called peace movement is nothing more than unilaterial disarment of the U.S. which is orchestratedout of the Kremlin.

Coach of the Year

Kelvin Sampson

Butte, Montana-Kelvin Sampson, a former star at Pembroke Senior High, and a member of the basketball and baseball teams for four years at Pembroke State University (1974-1978) was recently named basketball "Coach of the Year" in the tough Frontier Conference in Montana.

Coach Sampson, the coach at Montana Tech, moved the Orediggers from last place a year ago to a Distirct 12 play off berth this season.

Coach Sampson is completing his third season at Montana Tech. He is married to the former Karen Sue Lowry and they are the proud parents of 15-month old Lauren Elizabeth Sampson.

Coach Sampson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sampson of Pembroke. His father "Ned" is a member of PSU's Sports Hall of Fame and coached his favorite sport of basketball and other sports for a number of years at Magnolia and Pembroke Schools. He also served as athletic director at Pembroke High for a number of years. Coach John W. Sampson now teaches drivers ed in the local schools.

PRE SCHOOL CLINIC

A pre school clinic for next year's kindergarten students will be held on Friday, March 18, 1983 from 9 a.m. until noon at Pembroke Elementary School.

Parents are asked to complete registration forms and return them to the school before the clinic. Forms can be picked up at the principal's office if parents have not received them.

Children must be 5 years old by Oct. 16, 1983. Parents are asked to bring the child's birth certificate and immunization records.

BULLARD HEADS PEMBROKE REPUBLICAN PRECINCT

Wolfheally Bullard has been named Republican Chairman of the Pembroke Precinct. He was chosen in balloting recently at the organizational meeting of Republican precincts throughout the county.

Velma Mitchuson was named first vice-chairman, and Marilyn Brewington will serve as precinct judge.

LOCAL INSURANCE PROMOTION

James B. Harris, Jr. has been promoted to Associate General Agent for Georgia International Life Insurance Company effective March 1, 1983, according to a news release from Ed Johnson, General Agent.

Harris' promtion was based upon his outstanding service to his clients since he joined Ed Johnson and Associates in 1980. He is the only Robesonian ever to earn membership in the Million Dollar Round Table for every year that he has been in the business.

Harris resides in the Prospect community with his wife JoAnn and their daughter, Jolliann.