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INDIANS TAKE A SHELLACKING IN TUESDAY'S BALLOTING

Oxendine, Hunt and Locklear Lose In Local Races

By Bruce Barton

Lumberton-Said an observer at Tuesday night's canvassing at the board of elections here, "The Lumbee Indians are sort of like a Timex watch...they take a licking and they keep on 'a ticking.'" And the Indians took a political shellacking in Tuesday's voting, no doubt about it.

Only Jack Morgan, the Indian incumbent commissioner from the Red Springs District, was able to avoid a resounding loss, and he beat an Indian-former commissioner Bobbv Dean Locklear--to retain his seat. Morgan garnered 1,683 votes to Locklear's 1,324.

Other Indians were not so fortunate. In the Rowland Commissioner District, incumbent Commissioner J.W. Hunt lost to a Black farmer, Henry Douglas, 1249 to 1206. It was Douglas' first electoral foray.

In the center piece race for district court judge Henry Ward Oxendine lost to Adelaide Behan, lady barrister from Lumberton, by a 11,846 to 6,516 margin in the two county--Robeson and Scotland--district. This was also Behan's first political race.



Jack Morgan

Behan polled 9740 votes in Robeson County to Oxendine's 7329; in Scotland she garnered 2106 to 1187 for Oxendine.

Oxendine, of course, led in the predominately Indian precincts. For instance he received 598 vote in North Pembroke and 545 in South Pembroke, and 226 in North Smiths and 339 in South

Smiths. He also scored heavily in Burnt Swamp and Raft Swamp with 583 and 191 respectively.

Conversely, Behan fared poorly in these same precincts with 69 in North Pembroke, 69 in South Pembroke, 25 in North Smiths, 15 in South Smiths, 91 in Burnt Swamp and 95 in Raft Swamp.

On the other hand Behan swamped Oxendine in Lumberton and in other predominately white precincts in Robeson. For instance, Behan received 1082 in Lumberton #1 to Oxendine's 120 and 520 to 40 in Lumberton #8.

The real surprise was how poorly Oxendine did in Black precincts like Lumberton's famous #6, home of Rep. Sidney Locks, Lumberton City-

Councilman E.B. Turner and other leaders of the Black community. Oxendine receive a mere 145 to Behan's 641. In Maxton, Behan polled 359 to 346 for Oxendine.

Also of interest was the vote totals from Lumberton #7 the Indian precinct and home of Lumberton City Councilman Glenn Maynor, the only Indian on

Lumberton's City Council. Behan received 79 to 214 for Oxendine.

It seemed that the Indians were the odd man out this electoral season, with the Blacks and whites ganging up to help one another. The Indians were seemingly the political sacrificial lamb.

But the real culprit in Oxendine's loss was the low turnout. Although the Indians voted for him resoundingly less than 30 percent went to the polls to vote. The low turnout killed Oxendine's chances even though he led in the May 8 race 5842 to 5311, in Robeson County balloting.

Incumbent Fairmont Commissioner Carl Britt (who also serves as chairman) won handily over Black challenger P.E. Shaw Sr. 2064 to 922. And incumbent county school board member E.B. Morton Jr. lost out to newcomer Marion Rice 661 to 477.

Said a long time Indian political wag, "I believe this is our darkest day since we received the vote. Maybe we should give it back...we sure don't know what to do with it."

PSU OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT SET JUNE 11-16

The Pembroke State University Open Tennis Tournament will be held June 11-16 at PSU. Events will include: men and women single and doubles, junior boys singles and doubles, senior men and women singles and doubles (35 and over). Entry fee will be \$5 for single and \$5 for doubles team. Each player must furnish a can of new balls. Deadline for paying entry fee will be Friday, June 8 at 6 p.m. Send fees to: Ken Johnson, 1 Dogwood Lane, Pembroke, N.C. Or call 521-4694 for further information.

BALTIMORE AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER SPONSORS RECEPTION FOR DWIGHT LOWRY

The Baltimore American Indian Center, Inc., 113 South Broadway, Baltimore Maryland and the South Broadway Baptist Church are sponsoring a reception for Dwight Lowry June 9, 1984. Dwight Lowry is a catcher with the Detroit Tigers. The reception will be held at 211 South Broadway and everyone is invited to attend. Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

YARD SALE PLANNED

New and used items will be on sale at a yard sale on Saturday, June 16 beginning at 8 a.m. at the Bill Sapp Recreation Center (Teen Room). The sale is sponsored by the Robeson County Committee on Domestic Violence.

VBS AT MT. AIRY

The Mt. Airy Baptist Church will be having their Vacation Bible School June 18-22. The hours will be from 6-9 p.m. Registration will be Saturday, June 16 at Mt. Airy Church from 2-3 p.m. All kinds of fun and games will be at the church park from 3-6 p.m. In order to be admitted to the park, you must go by the church and register. The pastor is Rev. Mike Cummings.

FAMILY REUNION

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. John E. Woodell are planning a reunion on Saturday, July 7, 1984 at 4 p.m. at the Old Home Place (Gladys Sampson's residence on Chavis Street, Pembroke). Please come and bring a covered dish.

REV. DUFRENE CUMMINGS ORDAINED AS METHODIST MINISTER

Rev. Dufrene Cummings was one of 14 new ministers ordained elders in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church during services held on the Methodist College campus Sunday, June 3.

The ordination service was one of the highlights of the annual meeting of the conference. Rev. Cummings joins his father, Rev. Simeon Cummings, pastor of the Sandy Plains Methodist Church in Pembroke, as two of only four Indians presently ordained as elders of the church. The others are Rev. Bill James Locklear, Associate Pastor, Prospect; Rev. Sam Wynn, assigned to Pleasant Grove-Fairview; and the newly ordained Cummings who is assigned to Ashpole United Methodist Church, Route 1, Rowland.

LRDA FREE BOOK DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

Free books are distributed at the LRDA Annex in Pembroke every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

LUMBER RIVER CANOE TRIP

The Lumber River Basin Committee will sponsor a canoe trip on the Lumber River on June 9, 1984 as part of the celebration of American Rivers Month. The trip will start at 9 at the Harper's Ferry access area (NC 710/711) and will end at Kirby's Bridge on State Road 1003. The expected float time will be approximately three hours. For more information please contact Dean Williams at 521-4387.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS

Burnt Swamp Baptist Church will conduct Vacation Bible School June 11-15 beginning at 6 p.m. each evening. Refreshments will be served. All ages are cordially invited to attend. Tommy Gist is the pastor.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Effective July 1, 1984, the state driver's license offices in Pembroke, Fairmont, Red Springs, and St. Pauls will be open two days a week instead of the current one day. Offices are open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The new office schedules are as follows: Pembroke Monday and Tuesday; Fairmont, Wednesday and Thursday; St. Pauls, Thursday and Friday; Red Springs, Tuesday and Wednesday; Rowland, Friday; and Maxton will continue on Mondays.

Sampson to speak at LRDA Day Care Center Graduation



Mr. Norman (Woody) Sampson will be the guest speaker at LRDA's Day Care Center graduation exercises which will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Pembroke Elementary School auditorium on June 10, 1984.

Mr. Sampson is presently the Principal of West Lumberton Elementary School. He also serves as the Director of Indian Education for the Lumberton City Schools and incredibly serves as a part-time instructor with Robeson Technical College.

"The LRDA Day Care Program is indeed fortunate to acquire such a versatile and talented person as guest speaker at our graduation exercises," said a spokesman for LRDA's Day Care Program.

Edmisten edges Knox in Run Off

Attorney General Rufus Edmisten defeated former Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox in a tight runoff Tuesday for the Democratic nomination for governor, according to unofficial returns.

With 2,350 of 2,352 precincts or 99.9 percent reporting, Edmisten had 352,108 or 51.9 percent compared to 326,442 votes or 48.1 percent for Knox.

In the Republican runoff primary for the lieutenant governor nomination, John Carrington, a Raleigh businessman and political newcomer, defeated maverick Frank Jordan. With 99.8 percent of the precincts reporting, Carrington had 20,934 votes or 61.2 percent. Jordan, a retired Army sergeant and small businessman from Richmond County, had 13,248 votes or 38.8 percent.

Unofficial returns showed two-term incumbent John Brooks comfortably winning over state Sen. Richard Barnes in the runoff for the Democratic nomination for labor commissioner.

With 2,350 or 99.9 percent of 2,352 precincts reporting, Brooks had 315,158 votes or 54.8 percent. Barnes, of Forsyth County, had 259,771 votes or 45.2 percent.

Interestingly enough though, Knox again let Robeson voting by a 9344 to 7953 margin. Some of Edmisten's strongest support seemed to be in the Indian camp; for instance, he bested Knox 438 to 223 in North Pembroke and 362 to 260 in South Pembroke.

Two of Edmisten's strongest supporters locally were McDuffie Cummings, Pembroke's Town Manager; and Clinton Thomas, Jr., head of the housing authority in Pembroke.

New Advertising and News Deadlines

Effective immediately, it shall become the policy of The Carolina Indian Voice that Tuesday at 1 p.m. shall be the deadline for articles to be submitted for publication in the current week's issue of The Carolina Indian Voice. Any articles submitted after the 1 p.m. Tuesday deadline will appear in the following issue of The Carolina Indian Voice.

Deadline for advertisers shall be 1 p.m. Wednesday of the week in which the ad should appear.

School Board Race Still Undecided

Lumberton-The Robeson County Board of Elections met Friday and decided to turn over Larry Chavis' protest to the state board of elections for a finding of fact. Noting that the run off primary would already have taken place, Ms. Emma Locklear, elections board chairman, said, "The results of the election won't be known until the state board decides it."

Chavis was challenging incumbent Pete Clark in District 6 for a seat on the Robeson County Board of Education and finished 567 to 527 behind Clark, but Chavis immediately filed a protest.

alleging a number of voting irregularities, including voters voting out of their precinct, and voters not residing within the precinct they voted in, and more.

The board, in other business, also decided to reunite North and South Smiths Precincts into one precinct as it originally was, before it was split last summer. Board member Bob Stevenson cited dwindling voter participation, and confusion as to polling places, as reasons for the move. Republican Bo Biggs voted no but the motion carried with the affirmative vote of Stevenson and Ms. Locklear, the chairman.

Southern Interiors sets Grand Opening date



Charles and Shelia Maynor

Pembroke-Charles and Shelia Maynor have announced plans for the grand opening of Southern Interiors, Holiday House and JoAnn's, located in the same building, will share the grand opening festivities with Southern Interiors.

The grand opening will be June 21, 22 and 23 with their ribbon cutting ceremonies set for Thursday, June 21 at 10 a.m.

Special guests will be Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt, Chamber of Commerce officials, Miss Lumbee and other dignitaries.

Free refreshments will be served each day with special prizes given away.

The businesses are located in a modern and spacious building on Union Chapel Road near Pembroke.

MISS LUMBEE

PLATE SALE FRIDAY



Reigning Miss Lumbee Sandra Rene Locklear, left, is shown with Mrs. Florence Ransom, pageant director.

The 1984 Miss Lumbee Pageant will be held July 6 at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center on the PSU campus.

The young lady who wins the title will receive a scholarship of \$700. The first runner up will receive a \$200 scholarship. The second runner up will receive a \$100 scholarship. These scholarships will be used at the college or university of their choice.

On June 8, 1984 the Lumbee Homecoming Committee and the Pembroke Jaycees are sponsoring the Annual Miss Lumbee Plate Sale. The proceeds will go toward Miss Lumbee's wardrobe and to help defray her expense during her

week's participation at the North Carolina Pageant.

The plate sale will begin at 11 a.m. and last until 7 p.m. The sale will be in the Pembroke Town Park.

The reigning Miss Lumbee, Sandra Locklear and the eight contestants that will be vying for the title July 6th will be present to mingle with everyone.

There will be barbecues and chicken that will be prepared and served by the Miss Lumbee Committee. The price of the plates will be \$3 each.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy good food and fellowship.