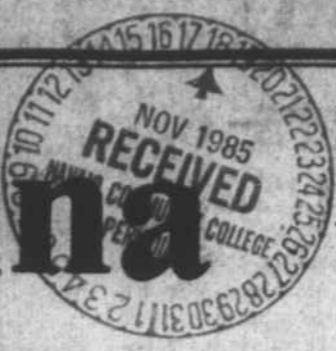


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Robeson Malpractice Suit Heard LOCAL INDIAN WOMAN WINS LAWSUIT AGAINST DR. ERNEST BROWN

Lumberton-It took a tri-racial Robeson County jury less than an hour's deliberation to decide to award Mrs. Cynthia Johnson \$150,000 in damages for injuries incurred after Dr. Ernest Brown, a Lumberton gynecologist delivered her baby in 1980.

The sizable award for damages was against Dr. Brown and the Lumberton Clinic of Obstetrics and gynecology. The trial began October 17, and the verdict was announced Friday afternoon, Oct. 25. Mrs. Johnson was represented by Fayetteville attorney, John Michael Winesette. Brown was represented by Lumberton attorney Osborne Lee, Jr. and James D. Blount, Jr. of Raleigh. Judge Lynn Johnson presided at the lengthy trial, punctuated through

out by technical medical testimony.

Mrs. Johnson delivered her baby Feb. 22, 1980 at Southeastern General Hospital. Before going to the jury, the hospital was dismissed from the lawsuit, as well as Dr. A.H. Westfall, a Brown associate.

According to testimony, Dr. Brown, in preparation for the birth, performed an episiotomy on Mrs. Johnson. The surgical procedure is an incision between the vagina and anus that is supposed to prevent vaginal injury during childbirth.

According to Mrs. Johnson's complaint, Dr. Brown cut her spinctor muscle in the operation and failed to properly repair the area of the episiotomy and/or recognize

injury to the rectal spinctor." To complicate matters, a piece sponge or gauze was in her vagina according to the complaint and resulting testimony. According to the testimony, in time, Mrs. Johnson developed a recto vaginal fistula, an abnormal passage between the rectum and the vagina. The fistula caused her pain and mental anguish, according to arguments made by her attorney.

She underwent surgery to repair the fistula and continues to incur "substantial medical expenses," according to the complaint. She also suffered medical complications, lost wages and permanent damages, her attorney argued.

Attorneys for Brown and the clinic denied the charges

in testimony. Brown's attorneys asked Judge Johnson to set aside the verdict and hold a new trial.

Blount said the request to set aside the verdict was made because the verdict is against the weight of the evidence, that the judge made errors of law during the trial and the jury's award was "grossly excessive."

Brown, who is also Chairman of the Robeson County Republican Party, did not indicate immediately whether he intended to appeal the sizable judgement against him.

STRIKE at the WIND!

RAFFLING OFF NEW BUICK



Here is a picture of the 1985 Buick Skyhawk which will be given away on Easter Sunday

on TV Channel 62-WFCT. Tickets are \$1.00 each and can be purchased from any board

member, or from a number of outlets in the area. For more information call 521-2826.

On Easter Sunday some lucky person will be announced as the winner of a 1985 Buick Skyhawk, compliments of 'Strike at the Wind' and Blecker Motors in Red Springs.

Details of the raffle was announced at a recent meeting of Robeson Historical Drama, Inc.; the sponsoring agency of 'Strike at the Wind,' folk hero, Henry Berry Lowrie and the Lumbee Indians.

Meeting in Pembroke, general manager, Carnell Locklear announced plans to sell 50,000 raffle tickets at \$1 each. Locklear said, "This is a creative way to tackle our potential money problems that have haunted us over the last few years due to excessive rainouts and other budgetary shortfalls. I am excited about this project, and believe we can sell these 50,000 tickets."

The raffle was the brainchild of Don Edge, one of the

new board members added to the non-profit organization which is now entering its 11th season. Edge, from Cumberland County, has become a vibrant supporter of 'Strike at the Wind' and encourages the public to accept his challenge. Edge said, "This is a painless way to help 'Strike at the Wind.' Most of us can cough up a dollar, and when you put fifty thousand of us together 'Strike at the Wind' has a fighting chance to survive these troubling, financial tim-

Others added to the board of directors were: Dr. Oscar Peterson, Dr. Robert Hersch, Mr. Dewey Hill, Mr. Harvey

Godwin, Ms. Carolyn Oxendine, Mr. Bruce Barton, Ms. Adele Hall and Mr. Tommy Cox. Continuing as officers of the organization are: Dr. Adolph Dial, chairman, Mr.

Hector, McLean, vice chairman; Mr. Kenneth R. Maynor, president; Dr. E.B. Turner, vice-president; Ms. Lucy Lowry, treasurer; Ms. Pauline Locklear, secretary; and Mr. Ira Pate Lowry, person-at-large.

Carnell Locklear, the general manager, also praised Blecker Motors for allowing 'Strike at the Wind' to raffle off the 1985 Buick Skyhawk which was purchased at cost. Bob Blecker, president of Blecker Motors said, "I hope this raffle will be successful. This is a way for us to show our support for this wonderful drama that showcases the

Tickets are available from any board member, and can be purchased at a number of local outlets. You may also enter the raffle by filling this coupon with an accompanying \$1.00 and mailing to: Strike at the Wind, P.O. Box 1559, Pembroke, NC 28372.

HARRY OXENDINE FOR TOWN COUNCIL



daughters, Darle, 19 and Jamie, 16. Mr. Oxendine has served as a public school teacher for 24 years. Twenty of those years of service have been rendered to the Robeson County School System. He is presently teaching at West Robeson High School. He has taught for four years in nearby Hoke County.

Oxendine stated that his major objective, if elected, is to be a spokesman for all the people of the Town of Pembroke. "I believe that in the past, the Pembroke Town Council has been insensitive to the issues and feelings of residents. I believe in equal representation for all citizens. I am sure with my back ground and education, I would do a good job representing all."

"I would appreciate support from all the citizens of Pembroke."

Harry Oxendine announces his candidacy for election to the Pembroke Town Council. Oxendine is making his second attempt for election to the Pembroke Town Council. He is a life time resident of Pembroke and married to the former Carol J. Locklear of Pembroke. They have two

Levin To Address Pembroke Chamber of Commerce



person speak, you are invited to attend.

For further information call Gregory Cummings, President of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Levin is Professor of Business Administration and Associate Dean of the School of Business Administration at the University of North Carolina. He holds two degrees in Industrial Engineering and a Ph.D. in Economics and Business Administration. He teaches business strategy, planning, finance, and new ventures in business. Dick has worked as an industrial engineer for United Mills, as a purchasing officer in the United States Air Force, and as visiting professor at Cornell University. He is the author of fourteen books. In 1969, he took one of the four companies he has founded public. He has done consulting for firms including: Arthur Andersen, Blue Bell, Coca-Cola, Cone Mills, Deering Milliken, Duke Power, Exxon, IBM, Syracuse China, Wachovia Bank and Weyerhaeuser in addition to the U.S. Government and the governments of three foreign countries. He is married and has three children.

Dick Levin The Pembroke Chamber of Commerce would like to invite all area Chambers of Commerce in Robeson County, the County Industrial Commissions, and the Public to hear Dr. Dick Levin speak at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut, Nov. 6, 1985 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Levin will be speaking on the successes and failures of large and small businesses with economic conditions of today. As business people and citizens, if you would like to hear a dynamic successful

Baxter Smith and James Hunt Receive Eagle Rank



Baxter Smith and James Hunt received the Boy Scout rank of Eagle Scout, October 20 at an Eagle Court of Honor

of Mrs. Bonnie Maynor of Pembroke. Baxter and James are members of Troop 416 which is sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church. They are former members of Troop 415 which is sponsored by the First Presbyterian

Baxter joined Scouting in November 1981 and James joined in November 1980. Both boys completed the requirements for Eagle on June 3, 1985. Baxter and James have been very active in Scouting. They have both been Den Chiefs, Assistant Patrol Leaders, and Patrol

Leaders. Baxter has been Troop Scribe and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Both boys are members of the Leadership Corps and the Order of the Arrow. James attended Boy Scout Camp Bowers every summer from

1981 until 1984 and Baxter attended from 1982 until 1984. In 1984 they both graduated from the Brown Sea 22 Program which is modeled on the camping program of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts. In the summer of 1985

James was a canoeing instructor at Camp Bowers. Also in the summer of 1985 both boys went to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico where they participated in a thirteen day high adventure wilderness experience.

Baxter and James are both sophomores at Red Springs High School. Baxter is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and James is a member of the First Baptist Church in Pembroke.

BLOUNT TO RUN FOR U.S. SENATE

GREENVILLE, NC—Martin K. Blount, Jr., a local attorney, has approved the formation of the Blount for North Carolina Committee and has filed the required papers with the federal Election Commission. Both steps move him closer to bring a declared nomination for the U.S. Senate.

The completed forms were sent today to both the Secretary of the U.S. Senate and the State Board of Elections as the Federal Election Commission requires, since "more than \$5,000 has been raised or spent" on behalf of Blount's unannounced candidacy for the seat currently held by Senator John East.

The Blount for North Carolina Committee has also today retained the services of Matt Reine & Associates, Inc. of Arlington, Virginia to serve as general political consultant. A native of Greenville, Blount received a law degree from Wake Forest University in 1966.

INDIAN NEWS

NOTES

The University of California, Berkeley is inviting applications from American Indians and Alaska Natives to graduate programs and there is still ample time to secure information and applications and to file them on time.

The director of the program, Ms. Elaine Walbroek, pointed out the multiple degree programs that lead to rewarding, prestigious and well-paid positions. Those in the professions include law, journalism, business administration, engineering, education, forestry, natural sciences architecture, city and regional planning, library sciences, public health, social welfare, public policy, and others.

Ms. Walbroek pointed out that there is extreme need for American Indians at the professional level to teach in colleges and universities in such fields as art, botany, languages, history, music,

paleontology, philosophy, political science, sociology and in many other areas. "There are very few Indian academicians who teach at the college or university level and bring their competence, and cultural awareness to fields such as anthropology, literature, and history," she said. "It is important to have such teachers or professors to serve as role models for young Indian students just starting college."

February 1, 1986 is the closing date for receipt of applications to most graduate programs at the University of California, Berkeley. Further information can be secured by writing to the American Indian Graduate Program, 140 Warren Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA. 94720 or calling (415) 642-3228 and asking for Elaine Walbroek or Georgia Makris.

Robeson County Department of Social Services

Applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) are currently being accepted at the Robeson County Department of Social Services. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, November 27th. Since October 7, 2,495 applications for the program have been accepted. Last year 6,056 households received a total of \$1,013,454 from the program.

In order to qualify for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program, households must meet certain income and asset requirements. Eligible households will receive a one-time payment for fuel needs in early February.

In addition to the Low Income Energy Assistance Program, the agency also

administers the Crisis Intervention Program. This program is designed to assist households in a heating or cooling related crisis. In order to be eligible for this program, a household must be experiencing a life threatening or health related emergency and sufficient, timely and appropriate assistance is not available from any other source.

The Crisis Intervention Program places emphasis in reaching households containing elderly and disabled persons and very young children since these groups are more likely to suffer in the event of a heating or cooling-related crisis. Also, certain income requirements must be met for a household to qualify for the Crisis Intervention Program.