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## JOINT COUNTY PUBLIC MEETING ON GSX SERVICES INC. SET FOR MONDAY

by Mac Ledgerton

On Monday, March 24, 1986 at 7 p.m. the Robeson and Scotland County Commissioners will sponsor a public meeting on the GSX Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility proposal at the Pembroke State University Performing Arts Center in Pembroke, NC. Chemists, Water Specialists, Attorneys, State and local elected officials, elections candidates and community leaders will address officials from the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, Governor's Waste Management Board and the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Branch as to the inappropriateness of the GSX siting in Scotland County.

Citizens are encouraged to come early and attend each of the following events:

1. A free barbecue plate dinner will be served by area volunteers (from 4 to 6:30 p.m.) and is open to the public at an area adjacent to the PAC;

2. A "Trail of Tears" March (at 4:30 starting from the Pembroke Junior High School to the University, sponsored by students from the West Robeson Sr. High School. The theme of the March was chosen to illustrate the forced removal of the Native people from NC and the forced destruction of our communities if the state permits GSX to locate in the

3. A candlelight vigil (at 6:30) sponsored by Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned outside the entrance to the PAC; and the Public Meeting itself at 7 p.m.

GSX proposes siting above one of the State's most active aquifers, processing up to 500,000 gallons of hazardous chemical waste, and dumping at least half a million gallons of waste by products into the Lumber River daily. GSX plans to pump more than 50 toxic substances into the river at maximum contaminant levels, many of which are not regulated by State or Federal standards. Among these toxics are DDT, Chromium, Lead, Benzene, Cyanide, Lead, and a variety of pesticides. Many of the toxics to be dumped will not be tested for toxicity at all.

Technical experts and citizens are outraged by the proposal and cite numerous reasons why this facility should not be located in this region, renowned for its sandy, porous soil, high water table, "sole source aquifer," and meager waste generation. Recent analysis reveals that GSX proposes to accept between 2,000 and 200,000 tons of hazardous waste each year for each of the 577 hazardous wastes listed under the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. This amounts to the handling of more than 11 billion pounds of hazardous waste annually; it

means that one company would be accepting more than 50 times the amount waste North Carolina industries send off-site for treatment within a given year.

Certainly, the mass-market approach to Hazardous Waste Treatment poses grave risks to the environment and the health and safety of area residents, not only through virtually assured water contamination, but also through the gross number of waste truckings and unspecified amounts to be shipped in by rail. GSX has proven to be inept in its waste management practices in landfilling (in South Carolina) with numerous fines and violations cited. GSX can neither be trusted to operate responsibly in North Carolina.

The GSX application review has been ongoing for almost two years, and cities, counties, civic organizations, churches and chambers of commerce are still committed to assuring that the GSX license permit is denied by the North Carolina State officials.

The Performing Arts Center has approximately 2,000 seats. It is hoped that citizens of Robeson and Scotland County care enough about their future that every seat will be filled. Citizens are urged to come early and participate in the other planned activities.

## Pembroke Lions Club And Lioness Club Hold Anniversary Banquet



Adolph Blue was selected "Lion of the Year." Mary H.

Locklear was selected "Lioness of the Year."

[Photo by Elmer W. Hunt]

The Pembroke Lions Club and Lioness Club with Club President Gregory Goins presiding and Leslie Locklear as Master of Ceremonies held their 24th Anniversary Banquet at the Town and Country Restaurant in Pembroke on Monday evening.

Benjamin "Ben" Sealy, Jr. Past District Governor 31F, was the keynote speaker for the affair.

The Club tapped Adolph Blue for "Lion of the Year." Danford Dial, Jr. presented the plaque of designation. Fannie L. Oxendine presented Mary H. Locklear, who was named "Lioness of the Year," the plaque of designation.

Club President Gregory Goins presented Benjamin Sealy, speaker of the evening, a Certificate of Appreciation.

The pledge to the Flag was led by Lion John W. Sampson and the invocation was given by Lion Neal Graham, Lion Adolph Blue presented the Lions, their ladies and guests. Lion Welton Lowry introduced the speaker.

Lion and Mrs. Carl Sechrist were guests as well as Mrs. Benjamin Sealy, District Governor 31F, and Mrs. Sealy, District Secretary and Lioness Liaison Officer.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

### Chavis To Meet With Supporters on Saturday

A free feed will be held on Saturday, March 22, 1986 beginning at 11 a.m. at Sandy Grove Church in the Smiths Precinct. Those who attend will have the opportunity to meet Randall Chavis, Candidate for a seat on the Robeson County Board of Education. Chavis is seeking a seat representing Smiths and Philadelphus Precincts. Residents of the two districts are cordially invited to attend. In addition to free food and fellowship, registrars will be on hand to register those people who have not yet registered.

Sandy Grove Church is located in the northern area of the Smiths Precinct.

### CHICKEN AND BBQ PLATE SALE

A chicken and BBQ Plate Sale which is sponsored by the Pembroke American Legion Post and the Pembroke Rescue Squad will be held Friday, March 21, 1986 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Pembroke Rescue Squad Building on Union Chapel Road. Price is \$3.00. All proceeds go to help finance the Pembroke American Legion Baseball Program.

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### GSX Proposal to Build a Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility

Should GSX be allowed to build a Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility 4,000 feet from Lumber River? Robeson County will have an opportunity to voice her concerns to the State of North Carolina at a public meeting on Monday, March 24, 1986 at 7 p.m. Secretary of Human Resources, Phillip Kirk, William Meyer of the Hazardous Waste Section and other state officials will be present. The meeting will be at the Performing Arts Center, Pembroke State University and is sponsored jointly by Robeson

County and Scotland County Commissioners. All citizens of Robeson and Scotland Counties are invited and urged to attend.

### Largest County Barbecue Set for Monday

The largest, free county-wide Barbecue in Robeson County will be held next Monday, March 24, prior to the Public Meeting with State officials concerning the proposed GSX hazardous waste treatment facility. The Barbecue will be held from 4-7 p.m. next to the parking lot of the Performing Arts Center. The barbecue plate dinner will be free for all citizens who are there to attend the Public Meeting at 7 p.m. Opposition to the proposed GSX facility has united county residents and the barbecue is an opportunity for all who are opposed to the facility to come and be with one another. At press time, 20 hogs had been donated. Any citizens, church, or civic organization which would like to assist in the barbecue, please call the Carolina Indian Voice at 521-2826.

### Trail of Tears March and Candlelight Vigil Planned

The Student Council of West Robeson High School is planning a Trail of Tears March on Monday, March 24, to show the opposition of high school students to the proposed GSX hazardous waste treatment facility. Students from West Robeson will be meeting at the Pembroke Junior High School at 4 on Monday afternoon and will arrive at the County Wide Barbecue at 4:30 on Monday Barbecue at 5:30. All students at West Robeson are invited to attend. A police escort will provide direction and protection for the students. The Trail of Tears March has been organized to protest the forced destruction of our county if state officials permit the GSX facility to locate here in spite of strong local opposition and sound judgment.

A short, candlelight prayer vigil will also be held at the close of the barbecue at 6:30 p.m. in front of the Performing Arts Center. The Prayer Vigil is being coordinated by Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned.

## Albert Long, Lay Evangelist, Returning To Lumberton For First "Happening" Since '80

by Gene Warren

Lumberton-Albert Long, a lay evangelist and motivational speaker from Durham, is returning to Lumberton for a "Happening."

The dates are April 13-16 at Lumberton Senior High School's auditorium, and the local committee planning it want this "Happening" to be a county-wide event. The time will be 7:30 p.m. each evening.

The last time Long, a 54-year-old who looks much younger, was here was in 1980 for what he described as one of his most successful happenings ever. Excellent crowds attended the programs at the high school each night, and many decisions for Christ were made, he said.

Again, Long will be bringing his team with him--and it is even more extensive this time than last.

Returning will be Randy Atcheson of Greenwich, Conn., who is the only double major in the history of the Juilliard School of Music in New York. He will again have an organ concert at Chestnut Street United Methodist Church besides playing at the "Happening."

Another team member back is Donna Stephenson of Benson. She received her voice training from East Carolina University and has sung in Alice Tully Hall in the Lincoln Center in New York, performed with the Cincinnati Opera, and sung in New York's Metropolitan Opera Guild. Also back is Lester Matzie of Durham, who holds a black belt in karate and operates a fitness center. Debbie Bingham Pullen of

Clemmons, a former "Miss Congeniality" in the "Miss North Carolina" pageant, will be here this time. She will demonstrate God's power and the love through drama and action, says Long. Mrs. Pullen missed the 1980 event due to childbirth.

Two newcomers to the "Happening" team are David and Mike Alexander, world champion cloggers known as the "Carolina Kids." They have appeared with Kenny Rogers and on such programs as the Grand Ol' Opry and Hee-Haw. The Alexander brothers hail from Newland in the mountains of western North Carolina.

Chairing the local committee planning this "Happening" is Jim Kirkland of Lumberton, who had a committee breakfast meeting March 12 and another meeting March 16 in planning this four day event. Besides ministering in the evenings, the Albert Long team will be ministering in the area during the daytime.

"This is going to be a great experience," Kirkland told his committee. "I've called the busiest guys in town for our committee because I know they are the kind who will put their shoulders to the wheel and get the job done."

Kirkland said all expenses for this "Happening" will be raised without having to approach the churches for funds. "It will be similar in structure to an event held in Fayetteville in 1984 which was put together by lay people, non denominational and para church," he said.

However, he said all the churches' help will be needed

in helping to publicize the "Happening" in their churches bulletins, on their signs, and from their pulpits. "The youth can participate in the love through drama and action, says Long. Mrs. Pullen missed the 1980 event due to childbirth.

Plans are to form a choir to sing two songs each night, said Kirkland. Volunteering as choir director of this non denominational body is Mark Frazer of Chestnut Street United Methodist Church. Nancy Fontaine of Cornerstone Assembly of God Church has also volunteered to play the piano at the "Happening."

Other committees include a counselors committee and prayer committee. At the end of each Albert Long message there will be an invitation "like at a Billy Graham Crusade," said Long. "There will be counseling and follow up to every decision made," he emphasized. "Local churches and ministers will be notified concerning prospective members."

Kirkland said that letters "have gone out to every school superintendent, school board member, and every junior and senior high principal about the event."

Kirkland said, "There seems to be no goal setters in the schools any more. No hero figures. You know how you used to say, 'I would like to be like that guy.' Now the so-called heroes are doing dope and drugs."

The committee bringing Albert Long to Lumberton and Robeson County wants to show the youngsters and oldersters "some real values" it says, "and the real hero who is Jesus Christ."

## LRDA CENTER FOR THE ARTS TO PERFORM



Lumbee Regional Development Association's Lumbee River Native American Center for the Arts presented their Touring Company presentation of "1986, the Year of the Native American" and "Standing Room Only" on

Thursday, March 13, 1986 at 7 p.m. at the annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference in Greensboro.

In addition, the Center for the Arts will present the same Touring Company show, including special student pre-

sentations on March 21, 1986 at 9:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the Givens Performing Arts Center at Pembroke State University.

Admission is free to all. Come and support the cultural and performing arts.

## County Wide Lay Ministry Training

On Saturday, March 22, there will be a county-wide lay ministry training. The training event will include a Bible Study, presentation on the meaning of ministry, identifying our gifts, directions for ministry, types of ministry, and a celebration of the ministry of Clergy and Laity Together. The training event will begin at 10 a.m., dismiss at 3 p.m. and will be held at Branch Street United Methodist Church (behind Leviner's Florist) in Lumberton. The program is being sponsored by Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned.

The training event, entitled "Empowering the Laity for Ministry" will be led by recognized trainers in the area of lay ministry in North Carolina. The leaders are part of a lay ministry training team of CLAY, CLERGY AND LAITY TOGETHER in Minis-

try--which is an interdenominational training service which helps laity and clergy identify their gifts and ways to use them in specific ministries. The theme of CLAY is: When God's gifts to each of us enable our giving to others, when God's call invokes a sense of vocation and direction to our lives, when service expresses our response to God's love, and the substance of Faith is shared--We celebrate Entry into Ministry as one people.

CLAY has a whole series of training events for individual churches and associations. We are privileged to have their training team come to Robeson County for the first time. Each interested church and community organization is requested to send at least two representatives to the training. A registration fee of \$5 is required of each person by CLAY. Churches in Robe-

son County rarely come together across denominational and racial lines. Here is an opportunity for us all to join together as God's people and seek a better understanding of our mission.

So, if you are: feeling that church has become more what you go to and do for rather than who you are? Responding more to what others ask of you rather than to what you feel directed or called to do? Wishing you knew how to relate faith to real life issues better. Feeling that God has provided you with many gifts which have been forgotten, rejected or overlooked. Drained rather than sustained in your attempts to be of service to others...

Then, come to the county wide lay ministry training on March 22. Interested lay persons and clergy are urged to attend. For more information, call 739-7851 or 739-7854.

## PSU's New Distinguished Executive-In-Residence

JOE SANDLIN is shown in his new office at PSU in his new position as PSU's Distinguished Executive-In-Residence. His office is Room 237 of Old Main. It has been newly carpeted and has the same furniture which Sandlin had as president of Southern National Corporation, with which he was associated for 23 years. The furniture was a gift from the corporation. Sandlin will be teaching business courses at PSU this fall. This spring he will be helping PSU in fund raising, counseling Chancellor's Scholars, and counseling graduating students in finding jobs. Teaching in a college setting is nothing new for Sandlin. For the past 18 years, he has taught at the annual Business Institute at UNC-Chapel Hill. "I love teaching," says Sandlin. 48