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ROBESON COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO MEET AT PROSPECT

by Connee Brayboy

Robeson County recently observed the first anniversary of the Human Relations and Unity Commission. That organization was the fulfillment of a dream for many Robesonians. Ann Crain, director of the Rural Advancement Fund, recalls a county commissioners meeting in March, 1987. At this meeting three local ministers appeared and made presentations before the commissioners in an effort to relieve some of the problems faced by citizens. Included among these presentations were the need for a civilian grievance and review panel, a public defender and the issue of police brutality and abuse.

These ministers appeared as members of the Concerned Citizens

for Better Government organization. They were Rev. Charles McDowell, Rev. Mike Cummings and Rev. Bob Mangum.

Rev. McDowell addressed the commissioners and recommended the establishment of a civilian grievance and review panel. "Any citizen of Robeson County who is concerned about crime, community relations and justice for all will agree that such a committee ought to exist in our county," McDowell said in 1987.

The county commissioners took those issues "under advisement."

"The establishment of the Human Relations Commission in 1988 was not a novel idea," Crain said, "but it was an idea whose time had come. We had just experienced the take

over of a local newspaper by two Tuscarora men. This act of desperation placed a responsibility on all justice minded citizens of Robeson County," she continued.

"There was an urgent need to do something to prevent the feelings of hopelessness and helplessness expressed by these two men. The county responded by establishing the Human Relations Commission," she said.

The establishment of the commission alone did not solve the problems Crain explained, but it was a step forward and can be an effective vehicle in correcting injustices suffered by Robeson County citizens. She feels strongly that each person has a moral obligation to help the commission perform effectively.

On May 30, 1989 at 7 p.m. Ann Crain and members of her staff will make an appearance before the Human Relations Commission. They will present statistics and facts to the commission relative to the county's employment which clearly shows the lack of minority hiring. They will address the need for an effective affirmative action plan, the necessity of county employees being reflective of the tri-racial make up of the population and other employment problems.

"We at the Rural Advancement Fund's Justice Project are delighted that the Human Relations Commission has allowed us the opportunity to present our research on the county employment to them," Crain said. "We are not their adversary. We are

going to be helpful...We understand that dealing with the real day-to-day issues affecting citizens in our county is stressful. That is why we wish to assist the commission...We will present our research and make our recommendations for dealing with the employment situation as it exists...What the commission does with our information is up to them...We are hopeful that they will respond positively to the problems and make public moves to equalize employment opportunities for all people in Robeson," Crain said.

She stated that she would love to see a clear, written statement of the commission's goals or "mission."

"I understand," she said, "that the commission established to listen to problems perceived by

citizens; investigate complaints, gather facts and make recommendations to the appropriate agencies to correct and effectively work toward better human relations in all areas. On May 30 we will attempt to help them help us all," she concluded.

Joining Crain at the meeting will be Mitchell Locklear and Jennifer Mickles of the Justice Project. These two have gathered the information, compiled the statistics and are eager to make the presentation.

The meeting will be held at Prospect School at 7 p.m. Citizens are encouraged to attend...Any further information may be obtained by calling 738-8200 and talking with Crain, Locklear or Mickles.

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Former Teammate says PSU getting a bonus in Oxendine

by Gene Warren

PSU Public Relations Director

Bill Norment, retired managing editor of The Robesonian in Lumberton who played football with Dr. Joseph B. Oxendine at Catawba College in the '49 and '50 football seasons, says Pembroke State University landed a gem in the selection of Oxendine as its next chancellor. Oxendine takes office July 1.

"I think a good choice was made," said Norment, who played right tackle while Oxendine played right end on the football team. "I am very delighted that he got it."

Norment, who supported Oxendine as a candidate from the very start, says he believes Oxendine "can handle the job and be a credit to the University," adding: "I think we are getting a bonus at this particular time because of the situation in the (Robeson) county."

Norment said that at Catawba College, Oxendine was a "very conscientious and caring person." Norment added that Oxendine was active in the Student Government Association at Catawba.

"He was a three-sport varsity athlete in football, basketball and baseball," said Norment, who played only two years there because of injuring his knee.

At Catawba, from which Oxendine graduated in '52 with an A.B. in health and physical education, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1974, was inducted into the Catawba Sports Hall of Fame in 1978, and was awarded an honorary doctorate in 1979.

In '53 Oxendine earned his Ed.M in physical education with educational administration as a supporting area and in '59, he earned his Ed.D in physical education with supporting



Dr. Joseph B. Oxendine

areas in educational psychology and educational administration. Both Oxendine's Master's and Doctorate degrees were from Boston University.

"I think that (President C.D.) Spangle (of the UNC system) selected Joe Oxendine not because he's an Indian, but because of his merit," said Norment. "Joe has always been a conscientious person in the educational field. I'm just delighted that he got the position."

Norment said he met Oxendine in front of The Robesonian in Lumberton several months ago when Oxendine was promoting his book, "American Indian Sports Heritage," published in 1988. "I said, 'Is that you, Joe?' and he said, 'Is that you, Bill?' and we had a good chat in the parking lot."

Norment agrees that the impression that Oxendine is a "regular guy" is true--and "that what you see in him is what you get."

JACOBS JOINS INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER

Ben Jacobs was recently hired in the position of Business Developer with the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center in Pembroke. The Cultural Center is a major economic and tourist project that is being developed on highway 74 near Pembroke.

Dr. Helen Scheirbeck, Development Director of the Cultural Center, said, "We are pleased to have someone with Jacobs' experience and talent to join our organization. He has much knowledge and experience with the development of the Cultural Center and in business development with Indian tribes and organizations of the state."

Jacobs has worked for over 10 years in leadership positions in Indian affairs, planning, and business development, according to Scheirbeck. She noted that his role with the Center will be to help develop ventures that are profitable to Indian entrepreneurs and to the Center. The Center recently began a

survey of the production of Indian arts and crafts in the state to improve the marketing of these items.

Scheirbeck said the Cultural Center is moving ahead with the plans to develop facilities that will attract tourists to stop in the area. She noted that the 600 acre site that has been purchased for development already has some outstanding attractions.

"Strike at the Wind" is a popular outdoor drama that is performed from the first of July to the first of September and has attendance of about 10,000 people each year, she noted. Other facilities include a challenging 18 hole golf course, picnic area and swimming pool.

The site has exceptional natural resources that include the Lumber River and a 100 acre lake. "We are pleased that the State is considering designating the Lumber River as a natural and scenic river. We look forward to working with the state and local government to develop facilities that will enable nature lovers to enjoy the river," she said.

SCHOOL NEWS



On April 22, 1989 the Office for Student Counseling and the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill held its recognition ceremony for Academic Achievements of Minority Students. Among those receiving plaques were Brian Keith Brooks, a junior from Pembroke, NC. Brian was awarded a plaque for having the highest semester grade point average (GPA).

Brian is the son of Betty O. Brooks and the late John Mark Brooks of Pembroke, NC.

Golden Gleams

The world is like a ladder: one goeth up, the other down.
—James Howell.

All this visible world is but an imperceptible point in the ample bosom of nature.
—Blaise Pascal.

The world is a beautiful book, but of little use to him who cannot read it.
—Carlo Goldoni.

The world is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel.
—Horace Walpole.

The world is his who can see through its pretension.
—R.W. Emerson.

One half of the world must sweat and groan that the other half may dream.
—H.W. Longfellow.

How True
The fact that figures don't lie is a good reason to stick to a diet.
—Cowier, Waterloo, Ia.

About Others
When others clamor for a newspaper to tell the truth, they mean the truth about somebody else.
—Eagle, Wichita, Ks.

No Fun
Today it costs more to amuse a child than it used to cost to educate his father.
—Santa Fe Magazine.



EDDIE HATCHER
At San Francisco Hearing

Hearing On Extradition Of Hatcher Is Continued

A Staff And Wire Report

SAN FRANCISCO — An extradition hearing for Indian activist Eddie Hatcher, who faces 14 counts of kidnapping in connection with the takeover of a Lumberton newspaper more than a year ago, was continued until Friday.

The hearing, in San Francisco Municipal Court, originally was scheduled for Tuesday.

Tom Beerman, a spokesman for California Gov. George Deukmejian, said Monday that an extradition has been signed there. It's now up to the San Francisco police and the Robeson County Sheriff's Department to arrange transportation, he said.

Hatcher said in a telephone interview from the jail that he is seeking a continuance to allow time to file court papers challenging the validity of the warrant and raising questions about his safety if returned to North Carolina.

Hatcher was arrested March 10

after unsuccessfully seeking asylum at the Soviet consulate in San Francisco. He is being held in the San Francisco Jail.

Hatcher has offered to waive extradition if he could be housed in the Orange or Craven County jails, but Robeson County District Attorney Richard Townsend has refused such a deal. Hatcher, who jumped bail after being indicted last December, has said his life would be in danger in Robeson County.

Hatcher and co-defendant Timothy Jacobs are charged in connection with the takeover of The Robesonian newspaper in Lumberton in February 1988. Jacobs has been held in the Cumberland County Jail since being extradited from New York in late March.

The two were acquitted on federal hostage-taking charges and then were indicted on state kidnapping charges.

PEMBROKE KIWANIS

BY KEN JOHNSON

Dr. Sherwood Hinson of the Lumberton Chiropractic Center was the Tuesday night speaker at the Town and Country Restaurant. He was presented by program chairman Mitchell Lowery.

In learning about your back, Dr. Hinson explained how your back when healthy is strong, flexible and pain free. Its parts are in delicate balance. It must be in proper alignment with support of strong back muscles and ligaments. It has discs--pads of cartilage between the vertebrae that absorb the pressures of body weight. Normal aging and wear can cause the discs to distort thus putting painful pressure on the

sensitive spinal nerves.

Dr. Hinson passed out illustrative literature depicting the anatomy of the back and pictures of the many causes of back pain such as poor posture, improper lifting, poor back conditioning thus making the back prone to injury with the lower back particularly vulnerable. Its weight-bearing joints can be pushed out of

alignment with painful results. Using spinal adjustments, a form of manipulations and other techniques, your Doctor of Chiropractic can treat many of the common lower back problems such as muscle sprains and ligament sprains, the sacro-iliac syndrome, slipped discs, scoliosis (curvature of

the spine). Many of these conditions can be prevented by proper lifting, avoiding sudden twisting movements of the back while working and playing. These injury conditions can occur while standing and walking, driving your car, sitting and sleeping. There are many do's, such as keeping a straight back while lifting, standing and walking, while driving sit with your feet flat on the floor, and while sleeping on a firm mattress bend your knees and use a pillow under your knees. Prevention is so important for back injuries. Walking is one of the best exercises a person can do for his back health, advises Dr. Hinson.

BY KEN JOHNSON

COMMUNITY

A APPLICATIONS FOR MISS LUMBEE AVAILABLE
The applications for the Miss Lumbee Pageant are now available. The pageant will be held June 30, 1989 at the PSU Performing Arts Center. Applicants must be Lumbee Indian and must be a high school graduate between the ages of 18 to 25 by the day of the pageant.
For additional information, please contact Patricia B. Locklear or Belinda S. Harris at (919)521-8602 at Revels Plaza.

A Deadline for applications is May 15, 1989.

R BAKER'S CHAPEL PLATE SALE MAY 12
The Baker's Chapel W.M.U.'s will be holding a plate sale on May 12th at the Baker's Chapel Church, located on SR 1165 just off Hwy. 74 West approximately five miles from Pembroke. Chicken and barbecue plates will be sold for \$4.00 with proceeds going to the W.M.U.'s INTERDENOMINATIONAL CRUSADE COMMITTEE SCHEDULES YOUTH NIGHT

The Robeson County Interdenominational Crusade Committee has scheduled a "Youth Night" and young people are needed to form a Youth Mass Choir. Grade 7 through college are encouraged to participate. Practice will be held on May 7 at 4 p.m. at Mt. Airy Church in the fellowship hall. For further information, contact Mr. Harold Jacobs at 521-8669 or Mrs. Janice Bryant at SHENAN'S SCHOOL OF DANCE SPRING RECITAL
SheNan's School of Dance in Pembroke will present its Spring Dance Recital for public school children on Tuesday, May 9 at 10 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Pembroke State University. Reservations for the

performance may be made by calling 521-1392. Admission is \$1.00 for students. Teachers accompanying a class are admitted free. The public is welcome to attend. SheNan's School of Dance is a non-profit organization. PEMBROKE ELEMENTARY PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC
Pembroke Elementary School will hold a Pre-School Clinic May 5 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Children who enter kindergarten in the fall must be five (5) years old on or before October 16, 1989. Parents are asked to please bring each child's immunization record, social security number, a certified birth certificate, and Indian children should bring a tribal enrollment card.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NEXT JUBILEE HOUSE

Applications are now being accepted from families in Robeson County to be home-buyers of the next Jubilee House. Anyone who can demonstrate financial resources to pay the minimum monthly payment but cannot qualify for a conventional home loan may apply. Applications may be obtained by contacting Robeson County Church and Community Center, 210 East 15th Street, Lumberton, or 404 W. Central Street, Maxton.

JAZZ RECITAL AT ROWLAND UMC
The Rowland Centennial Commission will sponsor a Jazz Recital on Tuesday evening, May 9, at the Rowland United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Allan Youngblood, visiting artist at Richmond Community College, will be on keyboard and Maggie Pate, formerly of Rowland and currently a radio announcer in Wilmington, will be vocalist. There will be no admission charge.