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CLIFTON SAMPSON JR. NAMED CHAIRMAN OF JUSTICE PROJECT ADVISORY BOARD

Lumberton-The Rev. Robert Mangum, chairperson of the Rural Advancement Fund Justice Project Advisory Board for the past four years, announced the results of the Project's recent election of officers

for the 1990-93 term. The new officers are Chairperson-Clifton Sampson; Vice-chair-Jack Crain; Secretary-Harold Smith; and Treasurer-Eugene Morris.

The Justice Project, formerly known as Friend in Court, has been working in Robeson County since 1984. According to its director, Anne Crain, the Project focuses on criminal

justice issues and also works with citizens regarding education and employment problems because of the impact of illiteracy and unemployment on the court. The Project monitors the courts, provides limited



Clifton Sampson

social service to those involved in court actions, meets with local and state court personnel and local legislators to help improve the substance and the image of criminal

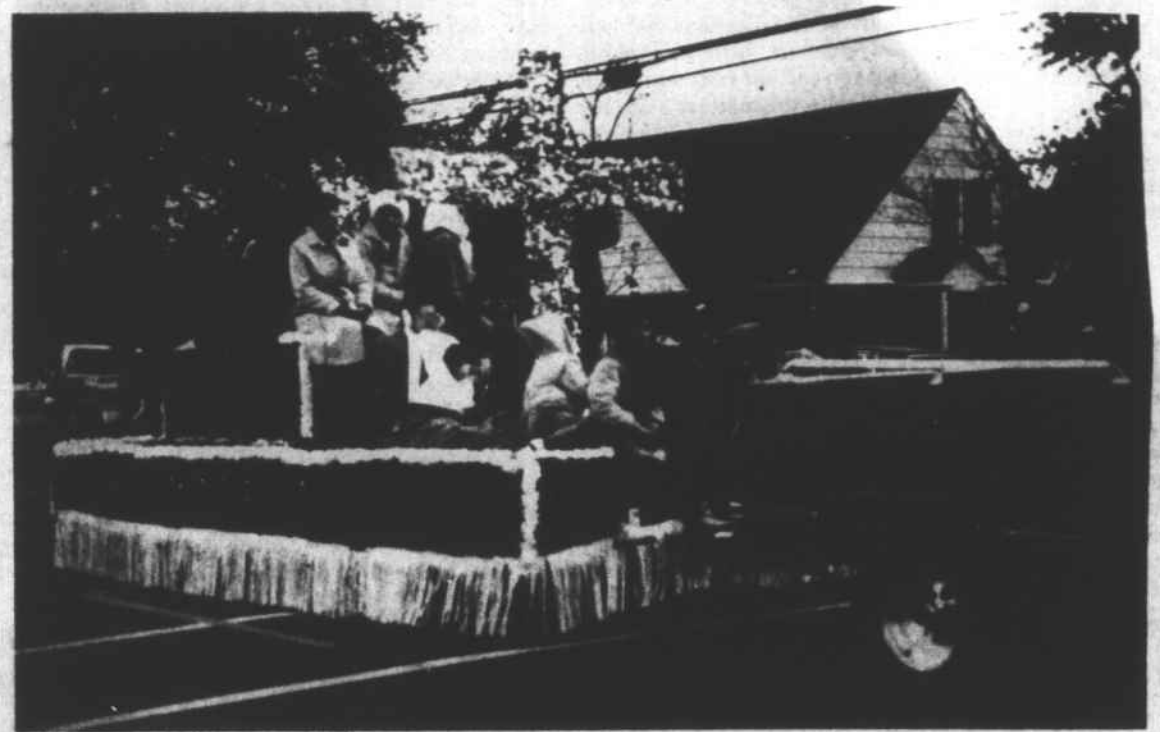
justice in Robeson County, does research and provides data regarding court and county problems, and helps citizens organize to correct injustices and resolve problems.

According to Mangum the Project has helped effect such important additions to the county as a Public Defender's office, a Dispute Resolution Center, and a Human Relations Commission. "Through dialogue with court personnel and other involvement in the courts, we have made the

courts more aware of the needs and desires of the people regarding a fair justice system and more open to modifying their methods to better address the problems," Mangum stated. He said that the Project's involvement in the Concerned Citizens for Better Government helped clarify for the public the changes needed in the court system and how people working together could bring about such change.

The Justice Project is affiliated with the Rural Advancement Fund with offices in Charlotte and Pittsboro.

A SCENE FROM THE CHRISTMAS PARADE



This float by New Prospect Methodist Church was part of the recent

Pembroke Jaycees Christmas Parade in Pembroke. The float won an award

in the non-commercial category. (Photo by Alta Nye Oxendine)

Concerned Citizens for Better Government to sponsor Show

The Concerned Citizens for Better Government is sponsoring a Talent Show which will be held on January 19, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. at Pembroke Elementary School. Price for tickets are \$3.00 in advance, and \$5 at the door. Anyone interested in participating may call 521-0349 or 521-4296. Prizes will be given.

Tuscarora Language Classes to Begin

by Mike Dunn

The Eastern Carolina Tuscarora Nation of Robeson County, NC will begin classes in the Tuscarora Language beginning Tuesday, January 9, 1990 at 7 p.m. and will continue every other Tuesday from then on.

This will be the first time that a native language will be taught in Robeson County. The classes will deal mostly in the teaching of Tuscarora words and phrases, and is

called a Beginning Tuscarora Language course.

The classes will be held on the Sovereign Landbase of the Eastern Carolina Tuscarora Nation, located in the Prospect-Island Gov area of Robeson, off of the old Maxton-Red Springs Road. All enrolled members of the Eastern Carolina Tuscarora Nation who want to enroll in the class should call (919) 521-8978 or (919) 521-4955.

Nyaw-toeh

Creator, Creation, Creature

Man is a spiritual being. The American Indian helps to point this out very well. In their relationship to each other, to their world, and to the Great Spirit; it always had a spiritual core. Today modern humans have lost a lot of their spiritual base and begun to seek advice from the Native Americans as to how to regain their spirituality. Some humans have even declared themselves to be God. It is really simple. The Creator made the Creation. The Creatures are to respect each other and the creation and respect and reverence the creator most of all. A simple Indian solution.

by I.H. Hawk

IT'S A FACT!



Not all wise men are old. Many great inventions and discoveries were made by young men. Guglielmo Marconi, for example, the man who developed commercial wireless telegraphy, was only 20 when he began radio experiments in 1894. Within four years, the first commercial wireless message and also the first news transmissions were made.

Today many young people follow in Marconi's footsteps. Children and teenagers as well as young adults have amateur (ham) radio licenses. As ham radio operators, they communicate with people around the country and around the world. They help coordinate rescue operations. In times of disaster, ham operators are often responsible for communicating with public safety officials. For more information about ham radio, write: The American Radio Relay League, Dept. GM, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111.

As a final reminder, please don't forget to recycle your Christmas tree. Please take your tree to one of the collections centers as listed in other articles in this paper and let your tree be used to help re-establish the sand dunes at our beautiful southern beaches.

The Cherokee One Feather

Wednesday, December 13, 1989

First Native American Superior Court Judge Visits Cherokee

by Richard Welch

Dexter Brooks, Superior Court Judge in the 16th District of North Carolina was in Bryson City during the last week of November conducting court in Swain County.

During his free time I had the pleasure of introducing him to people in and around the Cherokee community. This week it is appropriate to introduce Mr. Brooks here in the newspaper.

Dexter Brooks was born, reared and educated in Pembroke North Carolina. The second youngest of five boys and two girls he is the son of a public school teacher who farmed and served as a Baptist deacon. His mother also taught school, part-time in the public school system.

At Pembroke grade school Baxter excelled in reading and mathematics a quality he took into high school where he received the Senior Mathematics Award and was a Senior Class officer.

He attended Mars Hill College on a scholarship where again he received high honors in mathematics. From Mars Hill he progressed on to the NC State University, graduating in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering with high honors. He also received the Owens Corning Fiberglass Corporation scholarship and was admitted to a number of honor fraternities including Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Mu Epsilon, and Eta Kappa Nu.

In 1968 until '71, he again attended State and received a Master of Mathematics degree, again with high honors. Then in 1973 until 1976, he returned to college this time at UNC at Chapel Hill where he received his Juris Doctorate. From '66 to '68 he served with the US Army in Vietnam with the First Cavalry Division. He was awarded the National Defense Service medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 bronze stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal among others.

During his professional service, Mr. Brooks taught school in a number of public schools as well as in the court field. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the NC Bar Association, the State Bar, Robeson County Bar Association, and the American Indian Bar Association.

Brooks was named to "Who's Who" in American Law in 1986. At the present he serves on Minorities in the Profession Task Force and the Board of Directors, Law Alumni Association of the UNC system.

Mr. Brooks was appointed to the Superior Court following the death of Julian Pierce. In January 46 year old Dexter, became the first Indian to serve on the NC Superior Court Bench. He also holds the



distinction of being the first American Indian to graduate from law school at UNC-Chapel Hill.

On his visit here Brooks was impressed with the reception given him by the community. "I was cordially received and made quiet comfortable," he told me. "Please extend my appreciation to all those I had the pleasure of meeting."

His primary interest here in Cherokee and the 30th District, stemmed from a recent report made by the NC Department of Administration concerning the treatments, in court, of Indians. Brooks feels Indians should elect native Americans to public office and use their political clout to get Indians appointed to such positions as

assistant district attorneys, Highway Patrol troopers, probation officers and other court positions so the native community members will know they will receive fair treatment.

He encourages younger members of the native community to seriously consider a career in law. He pointed out that there are currently no native Americans in the NC General Assembly and it could take as much as 50 years before there is one.

He has also offered to help with native American students at Cherokee High who are willing to set their sights on a Law Degree and will be willing to come to the school to speak to students if requested to do so.

Judge Brooks will be visiting Cherokee on the many occasions he will be holding court in the area. His next scheduled court date will be in Sylva.

According to one newspaper article, Brooks is quoted as saying, "My involvement in politics was more addressed to making the system open to people regardless of race. I was less interested in running for office."

Brooks finds himself in a very high position in the state court system but his first, and an equally impressive position, is the fact that he has not lost sight on where he came from or the Indian community which he is a member of.

I, personally was impressed with Dexter Brooks, both professionally and on the personal side.

Happy New Year

Step lively into the brand new year ahead! Hope it finds you healthy, prosperous and happy!

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EXTENSION SCENE

By Everett Davis

The last of the year is always a good time to reflect on the things that have happened during the past 365 days. Naturally, some of the things that have happened have been very good, while others have been less than enjoyable.

For an agricultural producer, or any other businessman, a thorough review of the past year can give some good insight into how plans should be laid for the coming year. Identification of those practices that have provided profits can enable a manager to plan for the coming year in such a way as to capitalize on those practices. Conversely, identification of those practices that cost more than they returned can provide the information needed to modify or eliminate those practices for a more profitable operation.

The review of past experiences is very good when there is sufficient data on which to base decisions. If there are adequate records available, then it is rather easy to identify the good or bad practices. In addition, information is generally available from this data to give some indication of how these practices can be changed if necessary. The lack of proper records can leave one as lost at the end of the year as they were during the year.

With the end of a year, the first-thoughts are naturally focused on the need to file income tax returns. Many business operators are forced to keep a certain amount of records in order to prepare the tax forms. These records can very easily account for any expenses or incomes over a total operation, but they seldom differentiate between the different activities within that operation.

A completed tax return may indicate to an agricultural producer

than his operation has generated a profit during the past year. However, it may not indicate, for example, that his livestock operation generated a large profit while his crop operation experienced a loss. At the same time, it may not indicate that certain crops, or farms within a total operation, experienced large losses while other crops or farms experienced a small loss.

A good record-keeping system will enable an operator to determine these factors. Once determined, modifications can be made that will increase the likelihood of profitable activities throughout the entire operation.

While efforts are being made to assemble the information needed to complete income tax returns, it is suggested that thought be given to the information that may be gained from these records that will allow for better management of the farm operation. These production records, unlike tax records, provide the information needed to consider each crop, farm, or production practice individually. Additionally, information within these records will indicate more accurately the profitable practices that can be beneficial, or the more costly practices that can be modified or eliminated.

As you begin to spend long hours gathering your receipts together for your accountant to do your tax returns, ask yourself if there might be a better way that will provide you with more useful information and create less headaches for you at the

same time. If you feel that you would like to at least "look" at another system, please call the Extension Service at 671-3276 and speak to Craig Waddell, Area Farm Management Agent for Robeson County. Craig will be glad to explain the new

record-keeping system that is being offered for a small charge by the Economics and Business Department of North Carolina State University. He will also explain how this system will maintain tax records as well as production records.