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## GOVERNOR HUNT TO SPEAK AT INDIAN UNITY CONFERENCE

The Lumbee Regional Development Association of Pembroke, NC announces plans for the third annual Indian Unity Conference to be held March 7-9, 1978.

Once again the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs hosted conference will mark the highlight of the year for many Indian tribes and groups throughout the state of North Carolina. And once again Indian people will gather to listen to, discuss, and hopefully find solutions for many of the problems they face today as a minority.

The Royal Villa Motor Inn in Raleigh, NC will be the site for the conference with a \$16.00 registration fee which

includes a dinner banquet.

The featured guest speaker for the March 8, banquet will be the Honorable James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor of the State. Mr. Lamond Godwin, Administration, Office of National Programs, U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) will also speak during the banquet.

Added to the agenda of work shops this year is the Indian Job Fair, a component of the Unity Conference that will have the participation of many industries in North Carolina. Guest speaker at the luncheon will be Mr. Alexander "Sandy" MacNabb, Director of Division of Indian and Native Americans, U.S. DOL.

Registration, a welcome and overview of conference purpose will take place Tuesday noon until that evening. Wednesday's agenda will be workshops on the subjects of the 1980 Census, Indian Recognition, Legislation, and Resource Mobilization. Thursday morning will cover finalization of resolutions drafted earlier.

Anyone interested in attending the conference must contact Ms. Lynne-tah Jacobs at 521-9761 no later than February 17, 1978 in order to insure the availability of room accommodations. Additional information on the conference may be obtained also at this number.

## Ruth D. Woods Honored as Community Leaders Award Winner



Ruth D. Woods

Ruth Dial Woods of Pembroke was presented the Community Leadership Award on behalf of the N.C. Human Relations Council at the Annual Awards banquet held at the J. S. McKimmon Center at N.C. State University on Friday, Feb. 11, 1978. The presentation was made by Grover Mooneyham of the North Carolina Human Relations Council.

The improvement of any community depends upon the collective efforts of all its citizens working together for a common good. Excellent leadership is necessary to insure a responsive community geared to improving the quality of life for its citizens. Pembroke is such a responsive community and Ruth Dial Woods is such a leader.

She is well known in local and state circles for her high level of involvement in many aspects of community betterment. She is willing to speak out on

issues as they affect the human rights of all people. For these reasons, and many others, the Community Leadership Award was presented to Mrs. Woods.

Mrs. Woods has served as chairperson of the planning council which established the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. She has been president of the Pembroke Business and Professional Womens Club and now serves as Vice President to the National Federation of Business and Professional Clubs. She is also an active member of the North Carolina Women's Political Caucus. She was vice-chairperson of the state delegation to International Women's Year Conference in Houston, Texas. She has worked as a secretary, teacher, counselor and administrator. She is presently Project Director for the Robeson County Indian Education Project.

Said Mooneyham in making his presentation: "Perhaps because of her own Lumbee Indian background, Mrs. Woods realized earlier and more completely than most of us that 'poor' wasn't a matter of race but an economic condition; that 'disadvantaged' was not a matter of choice but of circumstance; that extending opportunity--not the dole--is the key to helping the poor and disadvantaged; that education--gaining the skills needed to seize and exploit opportunity--is essential to the process; and that motivation is the key to successful education.

"Above all, the hallmark of her approach has been recognition of the basic elements of human rights, and her commitment to 'helping people help themselves.' This keen recognition of the essential dignity and worth of every individual, and her unselfish service to that ideal, produced the outstanding record for which we honor her tonight."

## Million Mile Club Member



James Cleo Maynor of Pembroke Post Office has been admitted to lifetime membership in the exclusive Million Mile Club of the National Safety Council for driving more than one million miles without a preventable accident.

Membership in this international honor society is limited to those professional drivers of any type of vehicle who have demonstrated their expertise and safety consciousness over many years and despite continued exposure to accident-causing traffic situations.

In recognition of his outstanding record and membership in the Million Mile Club, Mr. Maynor received a handsome walnut and bronze plaque engraved with his name and organization, together with a gold metallic wallet card similarly engraved. In addition, his name and organization have been

entered on a permanent Roll of Honor at the National Safety Council headquarters in Chicago. This Roll of Honor will be on display at the National Safety Congress held each fall in Chicago.

Sharing the special occasion with Maynor, a Rural Mail Carrier for 28 years, were: (left) J. Norman Moore, Supervisor, Station Branch Operations, Fayetteville and (right) Bob Doan, OIC, Pembroke.

Maynor (shown in center) was nominated for the prestigious award by Moore during his recent stint as officer in charge of the Pembroke branch.

Also present for the occasions were Frank Sessions, representing the N.C. Rural Mail Carriers Association and J.O. Walden, Safety Manager for the Sectional Center in Fayetteville.

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### VOTER REGISTRATION SCHEDULED IN SMITHS TOWNSHIP

Stanley G. Clark, Registrar for the Smiths Precinct, will be at Prospect Fire Department on Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of registering voters. Anyone who will be 18 years before the November election, is eligible to vote. Also this registration is scheduled to give the voters in Smiths Precinct who have been purged an opportunity to register again. Mr. Clark will also be at the Oxendine Club House, Oxendine School district, on Feb. 23, at 7:30 for the same purpose. All interested persons are urged to attend.

### TEA HONORING DR. J.J. JOHNSON

All citizens are invited to a tea honoring Dr. J.J. Johnson for his Christian and civic service to the church, community, county and state. The occasion will be held Sunday, February 19 at Owens Agricultural Auditorium, corner of highways 711 and 72, Lumberton, N.C. from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The tea is sponsored by Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, North Main, Fairmont.

### STANFORD UNIVERSITY OFFERS FELLOWSHIPS

Stanford University is offering 100 minority students an opportunity to work toward a master's degree in engineering each year. Each student participant receives a \$3,000 fellowship as well as tuition and summer employment at a research laboratory. Contact Dr. Douglas Dupen, c/o Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif. 94305.

### LOWRY QUALIFIES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN CHALLENGER CLUB

Willie Von Lowry of West 3rd Street, Pembroke has qualified for membership in Challenger Club, an honorary organization for Agents of The Nationwide Insurance Companies.

Membership is awarded to Nationwide Agents who achieve high standards in "Sales and Service." Lowry along with his wife will be honored at a banquet in Raleigh, N.C. on March 24th.

### MAGNOLIA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The Magnolia High School Honor Roll for the second 9 weeks reporting period has been released from the office of John Mark Brooks, Principal.

The "A" honor roll: Lora Bell, Mary Jo Ingram, Kenneth McNeill, Oma Jane Maynor, Gerita Brewer, Jennings Chestnut, Elizabeth Stephens, Doris Bell, Anita Hagans, Marita Nowlin, Kimberly Wynn, Timothy Morgan, Jackie McGriff, Annette Tyner, Todd Bell, Veronica Shoves, Roselie Ann Freeman, Jeff Brewer, Eugene Lamb.

The "B" honor roll: Felicia Brewer, Henry Brewer, Teresa Brewer, Sammy Chavis, Edwina Dove, Barbara Hamrick, Janice Morgan, Michael Locklear, Gomer Lowery, James Jacobs, Regina Brewer, Peggy Brooks, Terry Bullard, Barbara Freeman, Lisha Harris, Deano Kerns, Abby Gail Locklear, Denise Maynor, Mindy Ruth Miller, James Braddock Stokes, Carol Jean McGriff, Faye Burnette, Bobby Jones, Jerry G. Locklear, James McMillian, Perry Revels, Gwendolyn Pierce, Margie Snow, Dixie Smith, Joseph Matthew Adam, Bonnie Dee Brooks, Gina Revonda Jacobs, Priscilla Jacobs, Gwendolyn King, Ann Locklear, Melody Locklear, Rose Ellen Locklear, Danny Lowery, Bobbie Malone, Sharon McNeil, Jeffery Wynn, Calvin Hernandez, Bellinda Knights, James Freeman, Charles Raby, Denise Emanuel, Jeannie Salisbury, Jeanne Brewer, Tony Bullard, Arnold Revels, Felicia Locklear, Roger Oxendine, Shari Blue, Alvin Bell, Lara Faye Bell, Karna Sue Wynn, Lacy Freeman, Jamie Hammonds, Paula Winley, Madeline Williams.

### DRIVER KILLED IN COLLISION WITH TRAIN

A car-train collision at Moss Neck Crossing at 2:30 a.m. Sunday claimed the life of Don Earl Worriax, 23, of 3401 Cumberland Road, Fayetteville.

Trooper W.L. Lambert said the driver, travelling alone, apparently did not see the train crossing rural paved road 1003.

The auto struck the train 62 cars from the engine and was knocked 83 feet from the train on impact.

The Seaboard Coastline train, traveling west, was engineered by R.C. Williams of Wilmington.

Investigators said the impact of the car with the train caused one of the freight cars to derail. Worriax was dead on arrival at Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton.

### GODWINS IN CHARGE OF SERVICE AT WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. Langford Godwin and his wife, Gertrude, will be in charge of the 11:30 a.m. services at West End Baptist Church on Sunday, Feb. 19th. The public is invited to attend.

### DEFENDANT FREED IN MURDER CASE

Harry Locklear was acquitted Friday of the murder of Archie Clinton "Ted" Oxendine.

The Superior Court jury returned the not guilty verdict Friday morning after reaching a unanimous decision that the prosecution had not provided enough facts to prove Locklear's guilt.

### MAYNOR JOINS COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Jimmy Maynor, formerly a detective and drug officer with the Lumberton Police Department, joined the Robeson County Sheriff's Department as a deputy this month.

Maynor started with the Lumberton Police Department as a radio dispatcher in 1968 after graduation from Magnolia High School. In 1970 he was sworn in as a police patrolman and became a detective with Lumberton in 1974.

Attending classes at Robeson Technical Institute, Maynor is working toward his associate of arts degree in police science. Maynor and his wife, the former Becky McNeill, live in Lumberton.

### R.B. DEAN ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET

The R.B. Dean School Parent Advisory Council of the ESEA Title I and Migrant Education Program will meet in the Media Center at the R.B. Dean School on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m.

All school administrators, school board members, parent advisory council members and other parents and patrons are cordially invited to attend.

### OXENDINE SCHOOL PTA PLANNED

Oxendine School will have a PTA meeting on Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. Garth Locklear with the Robeson County Sheriff's Department. He is a detective of drug enforcement. The public is cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

### SEVENTH SEMESTER A UNC WIFE AVERAGE

Robin G. Cummings, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Simon F. Cummings of Raleigh, NC recently completed his 7th semester of academic work at UNC-Chapel Hill with a 4.0 GPA. (4.0 = A, 1.0 = D) on all work attempted. Mr. Cummings took a total of 16 hours work including courses in the physical sciences. He now becomes eligible for membership in Phi Beta Kappa, one of the nation's most prestigious academic fraternities which requires for a candidate 90 or more hours of cumulative quality grade average of 3.5.

## HOKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER FILES FOR RE-ELECTION



James A. Hunt

James A. Hunt of Hoke County recently announced his candidacy for re-election to the Hoke County Board of County Commissioners. In making his announcement, Hunt released the following statement:

"I have filed for re-election to the Hoke County Board of County Commissioners. I once again pledge that if I am elected, I will do my best to serve all the people of Hoke County. I am very proud of the progress our county has made in the last few years and I pledge to continue to work for progress, expansion of industry, county support of education, and support of our volunteer fire department programs. In supporting these programs, I promise not to forget our main responsibility--the people of our county. I ask for and will deeply appreciate the support of each citizen of Hoke County."

## ELIAS ROGERS TO SEEK SEAT ON HOKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION



Elias Rogers

for a seat on the Hoke County Board of Education. If elected, Rogers will be the first Indian to ever be seated on the Hoke County Board of Education. Rogers released the following statement:

"In filing as a candidate for the Hoke County Board of Education, I demonstrate my belief in quality education for all the children of Hoke County. If I am elected, I promise to make the interest of each child in our school system my prime concern. I also realize that to have a truly effective school system, the views and interests of teachers and administrative personnel must also be actively considered because our entire system rests on the shoulders of these individuals. As I understand it, we also have some problems with the physical plant of the school system, and if I am elected, I promise to support continued improvements in this area. I actively solicit and appreciate the support of all citizens who are interested in better education for the children of Hoke County."

## Gibson Files For Sheriff



Tom Gibson

Tom Gibson of Lumberton has filed with the Board of Elections for the office of the Sheriff of Robeson County.

Gibson stated, "Law enforcement can only work with close cooperation with the public. It would be a very small task to accomplish this cooperation by a strong and unselfish move to familiarize the public with law enforcement. This will be successful only by setting up a non-discriminatory, courteous, and tactful department. Law enforcement of Robeson County is financed by tax money, therefore, the public should receive their money's worth no matter what their race, sex or creed may be."

"Also, may I urge the people of the State of Robeson to register and to vote. We must begin somewhere to strengthen our county and be proud to call Robeson our home."

In the past 12 years, Gibson has been employed with Lakewood Texaco and Canal Industries, Inc. and recently with the Robeson County Sheriff's Department.

He completed Lumberton High School and attended Pembroke State University and Robeson Technical Institute. He also completed the following schools: 167 hours of Introduction to Police Science, State of North Carolina Basic Jail Operations, Fayetteville Technical Institute Jail Operations, FBI Fingerprint and Identification, Aircraft Rescue, Arson Detection, Standard and Advanced First Aid, Sex Crimes, Firearms, United States Department of Justice Jail Operations, and Radioactive Monitoring.

In the past, he was a Sunday School teacher at Chestnut Street Methodist Church. He is presently attending Antioch Baptist Church in Wisharts Township.

Over the years, he has been involved in various organizations such as: Boy Scout leader, chief of a county fire department, volunteer coach for the Lumberton Recreation Department, and funding of the New Odum Home Cottage in Pembroke.

Rev. Elias Rogers, President of the Board of Directors of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Cooperative, filed