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## "THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HENRY BERRY LOWRY" NOW OFF THE PRESS

AUTOGRAPH PARTY SCHEDULED FRIDAY AT LRDA ANNEX

by Bruce Barton

Pembroke--"If I had known as was such hard work I probably would never have begun writing it; writing a book is back breaking work. But I got started on *The Life and Times of Henry Berry Lowry* and I couldn't stop until I went as far as I could go with it."

And a book is where the research took Garry Lewis Barton, the associate editor of *The Carolina Indian Voice*. Initially, his interest was what when he read a transcript of a court proceeding concerning Andrew Strong, one of the members of the band that gathered around the leadership of Henry Berry Lowry. After that his curiosity caused him to look for other records, books, newspaper clippings, etc., and he noticed a glaring fact: "Everything was written by non-Indians...and most times the writers were white conservatives. Like Mrs. Mary C. Norment's book--her husband was purportedly killed by the Lowry Band. How could she have been sympathetic? Every history of Henry Berry Lowry and his band, in some degree, was based on

Mrs. Norment's book entitled *The Lowry History*.

Henry Berry Lowry is the focal point of "Strike at the Wind!" the outdoor drama now entering its fourth year of production. Held at the amphitheatre at Red Banks (near Pembroke), the outdoor drama tells the story of Henry Berry Lowry, his band of Merry Marauders, and the reactions of his black and white neighbors in Robeson County during the Civil War period of American history.

It's a well written book. If it suffers from anything, it's too much detail. But it answers a lot of questions and offers a number of possibilities (all them plausible) about what may have happened to Henry Berry Lowry. He disappeared in 1872 never to be heard from again. Indians have surrounded his memory with myth and legend. No one really knows except that, as Barton says in his book, "He seeped into the heart of every Indian of Robeson County where he continues to live even today."

The book has a foreward by Lew Barton and an afterward by Bruce Barton.

The book is also the first publishing venture (other than the weekly newspaper) of the Lumbee Publishing Co., Inc., the corporate umbrella of the newspaper and printshop called *The Carolina Indian Voice*.

Garry Lewis Barton, 27, is associate editor of *The Carolina Indian Voice* but, more and more, finds himself in the printing shop where more publishing ventures are planned. Since beginning the book, Barton has wed. His wife, Doris, is proud of him and tells those who will listen of "her author husband."

Asked if he has any more books planned, Barton says, "No," emphatically, "not for a while...at least not until I recover from this one."

### AUTOGRAPH PARTY PLANNED

An autograph party will be held for

Barton on Friday evening beginning at 3:30 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by *The Carolina Indian Voice*, LRDA, Robeson County's Indian Education Project, and the Pembroke Area Presbyterian Ministry. The party will be held at LRDA's Annex on Highway 711, Pembroke.

Because of the limited press run, the book is being sold "first come first served." If you have already purchased an advance copy, come out and get it autographed by the author. If you are unable to attend, your copy will be going into the mail in the next few days.

You still may get a copy of the book, until they're all sold, by sending a check for \$6.19 to *The Carolina Indian Voice*, P.O. Box 1075, Pembroke, NC 28372 or by coming by the office on Highway 711 in Pembroke. Ask if the book was good, Barton said: "Good? That's for the critics to say but...well, it's interesting, that's for sure. It is a literary labor of love."

only to good fellowship but "to gaining input as to whom we presented the association's Distinguished Service Award and Outstanding Alumnus Award at the spring meeting."

The program for the Jan. 27 banquet calls for a welcome by Chancellor English Jones, who will provide a briefing of campus progress.

Rev. Milford Oxendine will give the invocation and make the memorial observance for deceased members of the alumni association.

New alumni officers to be installed Jan. 27 are: President, John A. Locklear, Pembroke; vice president, Welton Lowry, Pembroke; treasurer, Mrs. Deborah Sampson, Pembroke; secretary, Dr. Norma Jean Thompson, Pembroke and board members-- Miss Dehaeva Drake, Lumberton; Mrs. Jennifer Jones Hazen, Laurinburg; Mrs. Faye Lewis, Pembroke; Alphonzo McRae, Orrum; Patrick Montgomery, Rockingham; and Gilbert Vereen, Lumberton.

## Area Briefs

### BATTEN ACCEPTS NEW POST WITH STATE FHA OFFICE

H. Jerry Batten has accepted a post with the state office of the Farmers Home Administration, vacating his position as director of the Robeson County FHA program.

A new county director will be named within weeks, according to James Johnson, state FHA director.

Robeson's FHA program is the largest single county program in the state, making more than \$23 million in loans to rural residents.

Batten was promoted to the position of Farmer Program Specialist after serving in Robeson for 15 months.

### AMERICAN INDIAN MEDICINE SOCIETY

XAT (pronounced Katz) is a traditional spiritual and cultural society headquartered in Seattle, Washington. Until recently, most of its activities have been in the western half of this country. XAT is the individual's desire to participate in traditional Indian community activities centered around the drum. The Medicine Society is a returning to within the sacred circle of the people, and the seeking of individual spiritual growth.

Arnold Richardson of Hollister, NC has been selected as the coordinator for XAT in the east. He has a vast knowledge of the crafts, cultures, and traditions of Indian ancestors. For additional information write to P.O. Box 130, Hollister 27844.

## 'Strike at the Wind!' names new Assistant General Manager

Pembroke--The new assistant general manager of "Strike at the Wind!" is a native of Robeson County-- Mary Lowry Sanderson. She replaces Anthony Locklear who is now employed on the Pembroke State University campus.

A graduate of PSU, Ms. Sanderson has had an extensive teaching career--mostly in the Buffalo, New York area. Most recently she was employed as assistant director of the American Indian Study Center in Baltimore, Maryland and as director of the Center's Adult Basic Education Program.

Said Bill Thompson, the general manager, "It is official. We are looking forward to working with her. We are looking for her a place to stay right now."

In her 50s, Ms. Sanderson, who is divorced and has one child, hopes to settle in the Pembroke area.

## GUEST SPEAKER AT LAUREL HILL



Dr. James B. Chavis

Dr. James B. Chavis, vice chancellor for student affairs at Pembroke State University was the guest speaker on Jan. 11 at Carver Middle School at Laurel Hill.

Principal of this school is Ray Brayboy, a '69 graduate of PSU who is now working on his doctorate at Penn State University.

Dr. Chavis, who last year was chief ombudsman for the Governor North Carolina discussed his experiences in that position.

A native of Pembroke, Dr. Chavis received his B.S. at PSU, his M.A. at East Carolina University and his doctorate from Duke University.

Dr. Chavis has served Pembroke State University in many capacities-- as director of the Student Union from 1964-66, financial aid officer from 1966-67, administrative assistant to the president from 1967-71, director of admissions and registration from 1971-72, and dean of student affairs beginning in 1972 until receiving a leave of absence to serve as the Governor's chief ombudsman.

Chavis has been listed in "Outstanding Young Men of America" and as college student in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

He has served as chairman of the Board of Directors of First Union National Bank in Pembroke, past president of both the PSU Alumni Association and Pembroke Kiwanis Club, and is a member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

## PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS... C E S

### REP. DAVIS APPOINTED TO COMMITTEES

House Speaker Carl J. Stewart, Jr. of Gastonia announced the appointment of Rep. Robert E. Davis of Maxton to serve during the 1979 General Assembly as Vice Chairman of the Committee on Health, and as a member of the House Committees on Corrections, Election Laws, Finance, Judiciary III, and Local Government I.

### REP. LOCKLEAR APPOINTED TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

House Speaker Carl J. Stewart, Jr. of Gastonia announced the appointment of Rep. Horace Locklear of Lumberton to serve during the 1979 General Assembly as Vice Chairman of the Committees on Judiciary III, University Board of Governors, and as a member of the House Committees on Agriculture, Corporations, Finance, and Wildlife.

### SENIOR SUPERLATIVE AT TIFT COLLEGE

Forsyth, Ga.--Jo Ann Thomas of Cartersville was named a Senior Superlative at Tift College recently.

The outstanding Tift senior has served as editor, news editor, and feature editor of the student news paper, "Campus Quill." She was a journalism intern at WZGC in Atlanta this summer and is a student assistant in the Tift College Public Relations office.

The 1978 Junior Class May Day representative was elected "Miss Congeniality" in the 1977 Miss Tift Pageant.

She has been a member of the Tift College Choir and the Student Association of Educators. The Cartersville High School graduate is Student Faculty Relations chairman of the Women's Athletic Association.

Miss Thomas, an English and journalism major, is the daughter of Mrs. Lucy O. Thomas of Pembroke and Charles J. Thomas of Cartersville. Her hobbies include playing the piano and bass guitar, running and reading.

### GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE TO BEGIN

An annual American tradition--the Girl Scout cookie sale--will begin in Robeson County January 26. Girl Scouts will be taking orders through Feb. 12. The cookie sale is a major source of income to keep Girl Scouting on the move and growing. Proceeds are used for ongoing program and services, for purchase of equipment and for maintenance and development of Girl Scout projects. Troops receive a bonus for each box sold to help finance their own programs and community projects. Through the cookie sale, girls are trained in salesmanship, planning and budgeting.

The first nationally franchised cookie sale was in 1936. Some 70 million boxes of cookies are expected to be sold nationwide this year. Last year Robeson County Girl Scouts sold 27,096 boxes.

If you are not contacted by a Girl Scout and wish to order cookies, please call Herbie Oxendine, Lumberton at 738-5241.

### EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET

The Employment and Training Advisory Council will meet Thursday, Jan. 18, 1979 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Robeson County Department of Human Resources, at the corner of 8th and Elm Streets (formerly the Agriculture Building) in Lumberton. The public is welcome to attend.

### PLANNING BOARD MEETS

The Pembroke Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting Monday night, Jan. 15, in City Hall. The meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. Clinton Thomas.

A general discussion was held on the new proposed Pembroke Medical Clinic. A preliminary discussion was held on the new North Field Subdivision Plant to be developed by Mr. W.R. Oxendine and Mr. W.R. Harris.

The Pembroke Planning Board will hold its next monthly meeting Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in the City Hall. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

## Robeson School's IEA Project Holds Open Meeting

More than 170 Indian persons gathered in the O.P. Owens Auditorium on Tuesday night. The occasion was a countywide public hearing to discuss programs and activities for the 1979-80 school year. The Robeson County Schools have been notified of a planning grant for \$740,742.96.

The persons in attendance represented the eight school districts in the county system and Indian communities throughout the county. Woodrow Dial, Chairperson of the Robeson County Title IV, Part A Parent Committee presided at the public hearing.

Discussion at the meeting was varied as well as interesting. Both Tuscaroras and Lumbees were in attendance. And parents from both groups addressed issues affecting Indian students. After much discussion from parents who were not receiving applications for their children to attend the Gifted and Talented program, Janie M. Locklear, member of the 40-member parent committee, made a motion that the board of education require principals to cooperate with the IEA program to insure that every child was given an opportunity to participate in its many activities.

Kever Locklear, Tuscarora parent, stressed to those present that they did have a means of making sure that principals did not deny their children the opportunity to participate in IEA programs. He stated that the board of education could insure that principals inform parents and students of available opportunities possible through Indian Education.

Ruth D. Woods, project director for the Title IV, Part A Indian Education Project in Robeson County talked at some length about the goals of the program. She stated that in five years when people looked back they could see what Indian Education had done in Robeson. She presented statistics on Indian dropouts in our county, competency test scores, suspensions in the county schools, etc. She emphasized that Indian parents had an opportunity to participate in how Indian Education monies were spent. She said working together to combat the high number of drop outs and the low competency test scores by Indian children, that we need produce doctors, lawyers, teachers, etc. Ms. Woods expressed dismay at the high number of drop outs in our schools and proposed that we

## HOMECOMING BANQUET/ BASKETBALL GAMES JANUARY 27



These three members of the PSU Alumni Association are selling tickets to the alumni's homecoming banquet scheduled Jan. 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the PSU Student Center. Tickets are \$6.50 per person. The PSU athletic department has also proclaimed Jan. 27 as

by Gene Warren

Pembroke--One of PSU's biggest homecomings ever is planned for Saturday, Jan. 27, with a galaxy of activities on schedule.

"We are looking forward to a huge number of alumni returning to our university, especially since this will be the last homecoming during which Dr. English E. Jones will serve as chancellor," said Mrs. Martha Beach, president of the Alumni Association. Dr. Jones retires in June.

The alumni newspaper has been mailed to PSU alumni, informing them of the events on that day. All faculty and staff members of the university are also invited.

Special invitations have also been mailed to all Chancellor's Club members, the 32 past presidents of the PSU student government, and all those who have won "Miss PSU," "Miss-Indianhead," or "Miss Homecoming" honors in the past.

For the price of \$6.50 a ticket, a person can attend the homecoming reception, Old Timers game, the alumni

"Alumni Night," meaning the ticket for the banquet also admits one person to the homecoming basketball games, the \$6.50 tickets can be purchased from, left to right, Welton Lowry, Woodrow Sampson and Ira Pate Lowry-- or from the PSU Development Office.

banquet and both the men's and women's homecoming games. At the banquet and again at the games there will be a special drawing for two chain saws, each valued at over \$100.

The tickets can be obtained from the PSU Development Office, whose director is Walter Oxendine, or from members of the homecoming ticket committee: Welton Lowry, Woodrow Sampson and Ira Pate Lowry. These men are making tickets available at all Pembroke civic clubs and area schools.

Activities for PSU students and alumni scheduled Jan. 22-27 are as follows:

Monday, Jan. 22--Disco from 8-12 p.m. in Student Center (for students). Tuesday, Jan. 23--Movie, "American Graffiti," at 9 p.m. in Old Gym (for students). Wednesday, Jan. 24--Coffee House in cafeteria, 9 p.m. (for students). Thursday, Jan. 25-- Student Soak Hop with "Dynamic Upsetters" in Old Gym. Friday, Jan. 26-- Homecoming Parade at 11 a.m.; semiformal student dance at South of the Border from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m., music by "Gaston." Saturday, Jan. 27--2 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.-- Reception for different



Jerry Lowry of Rowland, past president of the PSU Alumni Association, is donating a chain saw to the lucky ticket holder at the alumni's homecoming banquet. Lowry operates Lowry's Chain Saw Company in Maxton. The saw is a \$129 value. Lowry is also donating a chain saw to be given away at a Braves Club sponsored drawing during half time of the Jan. 27 men's homecoming game. Tickets can be obtained from the PSU Development Office.

alumni classes Wagon Wheel Room of Student Center, 4:30 p.m.-- Old Timers basketball game, sponsored by Braves Club; 5:30 p.m.-- Alumni Homecoming Banquet and installation of new officers in Student Center (guest speaker will be Dr. Ed Crain, NAIA national "Cross Country Coach of the year"); 6 p.m.-- Women's homecoming basketball game with NC Central; 8 p.m. Men's homecoming basketball game with Coastal Carolina (Homecoming Queen will be crowned at halftime); 10 p.m.-- Student dance featuring "Ruckus" in Student Center; 10 p.m.-- Braves Club Victory Party at Pembroke Jaycee Hut (\$5 per person for everyone who is not a member of the Braves Club).

One of the alumni Board of Directors members, Mrs. Betsy Montgomery of Rockingham, is writing to every member of her graduating class of 1968. "I'm going to see if my class can have the most alumni present," said Mrs. Montgomery who will be hostess for the alumni reception from 2-5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Beach, completing her term as alumni president, is looking forward not

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