

# THE BALTIMORE EXPERIENCE



Betty Biggs is shown chatting with Carl Durkee, attorney.

by Herbert H. Locklear  
A committee of representatives of the Baltimore Native American community has been formed under the auspices of the office of mayor of Baltimore City, called the Committee for Native American Minority Contracts. "The purpose of the committee," says its chairman, Ms. Betty Biggs, "is to develop and monitor an affirmative action plan for Native American contractors, and for Native American Small Business Owners and Operators."

Ms. Biggs has been employed by the City of Baltimore as Equal Opportunity Compliance Officer since February. She was recommended by representatives of the Indian community.

It was learned that the position occupied by Ms. Biggs was established as part of the Mayor and City Council's concern that Native Americans in and around Baltimore City have liaison with city government, especially in the area of business relationships with the city and for equal employment considerations. Mayor William Donald Schaefer has repeatedly shown his personal concern for Baltimore's Indian population by his visits to the community and to attend its affairs. "The mayor has personally intervened in transactions on certain occasions to the benefit of the Native Americans," says one informed source.

Ms. Biggs recruited Native Americans to serve on her committee whom she felt best represented Native Americans in the area of the committee's charge. They are: Barry Richardson, acting executive director of the Indian Center in Baltimore; Rev. James M. Dial, Pastor, South Broadway Baptist Church;

Minnie S. Maynor, Office Manager, Indian Education Project; Gaynor Oxendine, Director, Community Alcohol Services, Indian Program; and Herbert H. Locklear, assistant director, Baltimore's Department of Social Services, Income Maintenance Operations.

According to Ms. Biggs, the committee met last on March 9, 1982. She informed that the main topic of that meeting was the procedures necessary for Indian businesses to become "Certified or Prequalified" for government contracts. She states that people oftentimes feel that they are not "sophisticated" enough to obtain contracts with city, state or federal governments. "We want to reverse that thinking," says Ms. Biggs.

Other issues discussed were centered around questions of the group, i.e. Rev. Dial asks "What are problems in trying to become prequalified with the city government?"

A major project planned by the group is the development and circulation of a "Minority Enterprise Directory;" Native American owned businesses in the Baltimore area will be listed and identified as such.

All members of the committee seemed to agree with one man's assessment, who referred to a popular T.V. commercial when he quoted "the very fact that this committee exists as part of the Mayor's official government shows that 'we've come a long way, baby'."

Ms. Biggs stated that her job is highly satisfying and, she believes, a major contribution to Indian people in the area of Baltimore City.

## Indian-Owned Businesses

by Herbert H. Locklear  
"Native American owned and operated businesses in the Baltimore, Maryland area seems to be on the increase," spoke a city government official recently at a seminar on Minority Business Enterprises, "and it's about time," the spokesman continued. Thompson and Locklear Construction Company, formed in early 1981 is an example of such growth



Lindsey Locklear, left, and George Thompson inspect their work done at the church.

expressed by the government representative. Billed as a Small Business Enterprise, the Thompson-Locklear firm is prepared to accept contracts for many types of work. Their initial work related focus was industrial painting.

The principals of the company, all accomplished painters, have an accumulation of many years experience in both industrial and domestic painting and remodeling work. George Thompson, the Company's Vice President, has made his home in Baltimore since 1962 with his wife Myrtle. Mr. Thompson brought supervision and foreman experience to the company along with his obvious skills in building improvements.

"One of the jobs which have brought me the most satisfaction has been an opportunity to work on the remodeling of our Church," Thompson states. "When one appreciates the real beauty of the South Broadway Baptist Church, one must also appreciate the skill of the owners of this company," remarked a member of the church.

Along with Mr. Thompson, the company is owned and operated by Lindsey M. Locklear, Treasurer; John C. Thompson, Secretary and Executive Officer. Mr. Carl E. Stokes, President, lives in Virginia. The others live in Baltimore and are active members of the South Broadway Baptist Church.

According to John Thompson, also known as "Johnny"

"...the aim of the company is to gain prequalification status with the Federal, State and City governments. To seek and obtain contract work throughout the State of Maryland."

Lindsey Locklear says he believes that the company can succeed with hard work and taking care of all the little details. He wants to see the company "make it." He would like to be able to provide employment in the company for many local Native American youths.

This "minority" company is viewed to have much potential for success. They have enjoyed a reputation for sincerity, thoroughness and has demonstrated concern for quality work, is the view, as summarized, by many who have come to know the members of the Thompson and Locklear firm.

## If Summer Comes... Poetry Corner

by Serena G. Mills

If summer comes-unrioted, unshamed. Then let the bigots prove that Human Rights, though set on trial, Did rue the test from Government. If Summer comes, and I have passed your way With Baha'i Love, and I have helped Your seeking Soul to bask in my Radiance, How more than this will you, with us, Spread that light among your kind, Convinced that Baha'i is right for you and them?

If Summer comes and you can live The new-found Baha'i life, and Not feel sorry, lest your friends rebuke you For that Light-then, I'm convinced Your search has meant you've found the way To the Chosen Few, and believe in the Challenge of God!

## EXTENSION SCENE

North Carolina



AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE

JOHN G. RICHARDSON  
Robeson County Extension Chairman

During the span of a year the Extension Service promotes soil testing for many different purposes. Recently, we were promoting soil testing by farmers so that they could more closely determine specific fertility needs for individual fields and tailor make their fertilizer application to this information that was made available through the soil test report. Additionally, we encourage home gardeners and persons who are interested in correcting lawn problems or having beautiful lawns to take soil tests.

Following the taking of the actual soil test, a copy of the test information is received by the county Extension office. Naturally, with over 4,000 samples taken each year, there is not time to review each one carefully. However, during the past few months I have noticed a fairly large number of reports indicating very high pH levels. By this I simply mean that any pH level above 6.5 begins to enter the range of very high. Certainly, a pH of 7.0 or higher is considered extremely high. Upon observing these high pH levels, they are generally correlated to lawns or some other landscape plantings. Also, coupled with the high pH, there is also generally a relatively high phosphorus level in the soil. Yet, the potassium level seems to run consistently lower.

Also, without directing criticism towards the soil testing laboratory and their recommendations regarding specific grades of fertilizer, it is important for anyone who has taken a sample and who has received the information back with recommendations of grades such as 10-0-10 or

6-6-12 to pay very close attention to the "or equivalent" when actually making a determination as to the fertilizer to use. We consistently receive calls from individuals who indicate they are unable to locate grades such as those mentioned. Naturally, we are very emphatic to these people and realize that not everyone has a broad understanding of fertilizer material. Therefore, it is probably wise to call the Extension office for an explanation of the test report if it is not completely understood.

While doing this column, I was looking at one report that was taken from a lawn in Lumberton. There were four samples that were taken, and two samples indicated a pH level of 7.0, while two others indicated 7.1. Also, the phosphorus levels for two samples were as high as the testing laboratory can determine, which is 166+, and the other two samples had moderate to high levels of phosphorus. However, three out of the four samples had potassium levels that were considered very low which is an index of less than 25. Therefore, while obviously no lime was recommended, the fertilizer grades of 6-6-12 or 10-0-10 were recommended for one or more of these tests at the rate of 20 up to 35 pounds per thousand square feet. Since these grades are probably quite hard to find, the homeowner who had this specific report, which is pretty characteristic of many reports that we review, could easily correct the low potassium levels and at the same time provide a slight amount of phosphorus and nitrogen by purchasing fertilizer from a farm supply store with the analysis of 6-6-18. Six-six-

eighteen is a tobacco fertilizer that is readily available throughout Robeson County. Also, when considering grades like 10-0-10, one should keep in mind that even though high phosphorus levels do exist, that it is extremely hard to add too much phosphorus in normal fertility programs. Thus, if the homeowner only needs to use a total amount of 50 to 100 pounds of fertilizer materials, then it is probably better to go ahead and buy a 10-10-10 grade or 8-8-8 and simply forget about the phosphorus that is being applied that is unneeded.

Thus, the point that I encourage everyone to remember when reviewing the computer soil test reports is that the "or equivalent" has considerable meaning, and on lawns or similar areas where very small quantities of fertilizer materials are needed that considerable time and effort should not be expended in trying to find the exact grade that is indicated on the soil test report. Yet, close attention should be given to those recommendations, and they should be followed as closely as possible, but close scrutiny should also be given to the other information that is contained in the soil test report and that information be considered when a choice of fertilizers is being made.

Naturally, if all of this gets confusing for the novice landscaper or gardener, a call to our horticultural agent, Jeff Morton, or to any of our other agents for further guidance is highly recommended.

"Talk sense to a fool, and he calls you foolish."  
Euripides

"Friends have all things in common."  
Plato

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### ADULT ENRICHMENT EDUCATION

COURSE	DAYS	TIME	DATE	LOCATION	BLDG. & ROOM NO.
Calligraphy	M	7:00-10:00	4-5/5-10	Lumberton	E.A.C. #2
Japanese Flower	Th	9:00-12:00	4-1/6-3	Lumberton	E.A.C. #2
Braided Rug Making	T	7:00-10:00	4-6/6-8	Lumberton	E.A.C. #1
Crocheting & Doll Making	T	7:00-10:00	3-30/6-8	Lumberton	E.A.C. #2
Fabric Painting Skirts & Bags	Th	7:00-10:00	4-8/5-27	Lumberton	E.A.C. #2
Basic Flower Arranging	Th	7:00-10:00	4-1/6-3	Lumberton	E.A.C. #1
Basic Flower Arranging	F	9:00-12:00	4-2/6-4	Lumberton	E.A.C. #2
Home Landscaping	W	9:00-12:00	3-24/4-28	Lumberton	E.A.C. #2
Microwave Cooking	M	7:00-10:00	4-5/5-10	Lumberton	E.A.C. #1
Watercolor	W	1:00-4:00	3-31/6-2	Lumberton	E.A.C. #2
Needlepoint	W	7:00-10:00	3-31/6-2	Lumberton	Knit & Needle
Cross Stitch/Needlept. & Candlewicking	Th	7:00-10:00	4-1/6-3	Lumberton	Knit & Needle
Macrame	W	9:00-12:00	3-31/6-2	Lumberton	Mohr Plaza
Method Painting-Magic White	T	7:00-10:00	3-23/5-25	Lumberton	Knit & Needle
Bible Study	W	7:00-9:00	3-24/6-30	Lumberton	Hester Baptist Church
Soft Sculpture Dolls	M	7:00-10:00	4-5/6-14	Lumberton	Brown House
Spring Crafts	T	7:00-10:00	4-6/6-8	Lumberton	Brown House
Spring Crafts	W	9:00-12:00	4-7/6-9	Lumberton	Brown House
Macrame	Th	9:00-12:00	4-8/6-10	Lumberton	Brown House
Macrame	Th	7:00-10:00	4-8/6-10	Lumberton	Brown House
Intermediate Sewing	M	7:00-10:00	3-22/5-31	Robeson Tech	503
Beginning Sewing	T	7:00-10:00	4-6/6-8	Robeson Tech	503
Speaking for Success	M	7:00-10:00	4-5/5-31	Robeson Tech	502
Pottery	T	7:00-10:30	3-30/6-8	Robeson Tech	8-1
Pottery	W	7:00-10:00	4-7/6-16	Robeson Tech	8-1
Photography, Continuing	Th	7:00-10:00	3-23/6-1	Robeson Tech	705
Making Ruffled Curtains	T	9:00-12:00	4-1/6-3	Robeson Tech	503
Making Ruffled Curtains	Th	7:00-10:00	4-1/6-3	Robeson Tech	502
Pillow Making	T	9:00-12:00	4-6/5-11	Robeson Tech	502
Pillow Making	T	7:00-10:00	4-6/5-11	Robeson Tech	502
Interior Decorating	Th	9:00-12:00	4-1/6-3	Robeson Tech	502
Interior Decorating	Th	7:00-10:00	4-1/6-3	Robeson Tech	8-1
Ceramics	M	6:30-10:30	4-5/6-14	Robeson Tech	502
Ceramics	Th	6:30-10:30	4-8/6-10	Robeson Tech	8-1
Beginning Cake Decorating	T	7:00-10:00	4-13/6-15	Fairmont	High School
Braided Rug Making	M	9:00-12:00	4-5/6-14	Fairmont	Middle School
Macrame	T	7:00-10:00	3-30/6-1	Orrum	Home of Glens Hunt
Macrame	W	7:00-10:00	3-31/6-2	Orrum	Home of Glens Hunt
Macrame	Th	7:00-10:00	4-1/6-3	Orrum	Home of Glens Hunt
Basic Flower Arranging	T	9:00-12:00	4-6/6-15	Fairmont	Middle School
Basic Flower Arranging	M	7:00-10:00	4-5/6-14	Fairmont	Middle School
Macrame	T	7:00-10:00	3-30/6-8	Pembroke	Maynor Manor
Macrame	Th	7:00-10:00	4-6/6-10	Pembroke	Bakers Chapel
Beginning Decorative Painting	Th	7:00-10:00	4-1/6-3	Red Springs	High School
Int. Decorative Painting	W	7:00-10:00	3-29/5-31	Red Springs	119 W. 5th Avenue
Advanced Decorative Painting	M	9:00-12:00	3-31/6-2	Red Springs	High School
Macrame	W	7:00-10:00	3-31/6-2	Red Springs	Old City Hall

COURSE	DAYS	TIME	DATES	LOCATION	BLDG. & ROOM NO.
Beginning Sewing	T	9:00-3:00	3-30/5-4	Maxton	Evans Crossroads
Beginning Sewing	W	9:00-3:00	3-31/5-5	Maxton	Smithtown
Beginning Sewing	Th	9:00-3:00	4-8/5-13	Wakulla	Cherokee Chapel
Macrame	T	9:00-12:00	3-30/6-1	Prospect	Green Pine
Beginning Sewing	M	9:00-3:00	4-19/5-24	Prospect	Island Grove

E.A.C. - Enrichment Activity Center is located at 901 North Pine Street, Lumberton.  
\*A.M. CLASS

### ADULT OCCUPATIONAL EXTENSION EDUCATION

COURSE	DAYS	TIME	DATES	LOCATION	BLDG. & ROOM NO.
Auto Mechanics	M & W	6:30-10:00	4-5/6-28	Robeson Tech	927
Auto Mechanics for Beginners	T	7:00-10:00	4-6/6-22	Robeson Tech	927
Blueprint Reading	T & Th	7:00-10:00	4-6/6-24	Robeson Tech	924
Emergency Medical Technician	M & W	7:00-10:00	4-12/8-9	Robeson Tech	822
EMT Refresher	T & Th	7:00-10:00	5-11/6-1	Robeson Tech	TBA
First Aid & CPR	T & Th	7:00-10:00	4-6/4-22	Robeson Tech	TBA
Home Gardening	M	6:30-9:30	4-5/7-12	Robeson Tech	501
Nurses Assistant	T & Th	6:30-10:00	4-13/7-8	Robeson Tech	822
Real Estate Prelicensing Prog.	T & Th	7:00-10:00	4-13/9-9	Robeson Tech	501
Rescue College	F & Sa.	7-10/8-4	4-30/5-1	Robeson Tech	Student Lng.
Welding, Electric	T & W	6:30-10:00	4-6/6-23	Robeson Tech	101
Woodworking	M & W	6:30-10:00	4-5/6-28	Robeson Tech	928
Word Processing, An Introduction (The TRS-80)	T	6:00-9:00	4-6/5-11	Robeson Tech	819
Air Conditioning & Refrig.	T & Th	6:30-10:00	4-6/6-24	RTC-BT	4-1
Auto Body Repair	T & Th	6:30-10:00	4-6/6-24	RTC-BT	3-1
Boatbuilding	M & W	6:30-10:30	4-6/6-22	RTC-BT	2-1
Foodhandling	T & Th	7:00-10:00	4-27/4-29	RTC-BT	1A-3
Foodhandling	T & Th	7:00-10:00	5-25/5-27	RTC-BT	1A-3
Foodhandling	T & Th	7:00-10:00	6-22/6-24	RTC-BT	1A-3
Furniture Refinishing	T & Th	6:30-10:00	4-6/6-24	RTC-BT	6-1
Sewing Machine Mechanics	M & W	7:00-10:00	4-5/6-28	RTC-BT	6A-1
Small Engine Repair	T & Th	6:30-10:00	4-6/6-24	RTC-BT	6A-3
Taxidermy-Fish	M & T	6:30-10:30	4-5/6-28	RTC-BT	1A-1
Upholstery	T & Th	6:30-10:00	4-6/6-24	RTC-BT	6-2
Furniture Refinishing	M & W	6:30-10:00	4-5/6-28	Fairmont	Middle Sch.
Small Engine Repair	T & Th	6:30-10:00	4-6/6-24	Fairmont	Middle Sch.
Lamaze Childbirth Techniques (Call for enrollment information.)	Th	9-12 or 7-10	4-8/6-10	Lumberton	Hospital
Medical Laboratory Review	M & W	6:30-10:00	4-14/7-14	Lumberton	Hospital
Nurses Assistant	M & W	6:30-10:00	4-5/9-28	Marletta	Community Building
Upholstery	T & Th	6:30-10:00	4-6/6-24	Maston	High School
Homestead Gardening	T & Th	7:30-10:00	4-6/6-24	Pembroke	RTC Sewing Center
Custom Sewing	T & Th	7:30-10:00	5-11/6-1	Pembroke	Rescue Squad
EMT Refresher	T & Th	7:30-10:00	OPEN	Pembroke	RTC Sewing Center
Industrial Sewing	M & Th	6:30-10:00	4-15/7-5	Prospect	Headstart Center
Upholstery	M & W	6:30-10:00	4-5/6-28	Red Springs	Fourth Avenue

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