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LRDA IN ACTION

by Garry Lewis Barton
LRDA Public Relations
Officer

AGRICULTURE AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets for the Agriculture Awards Banquet, to be held Saturday, July 3, 1982 at 4 p.m. in the PSU Auxiliary Gym, are now on sale. Call 521-8602 or come by the LRDA Public Relations Office located at the Revels Motel Complex on Highway 711

East in Pembroke. Tickets are \$3 each and door prizes will be given away.

T-SHIRTS ON SALE
LRDA's Community Food and Nutrition Project and LRDA's Talent Search Project have a limited number of specially designed and beautifully designed T-shirts on sale. Blazoned across the top of the T-shirt are the words: "Lumbee Homecoming." There is a

striking picture of an Indian head encompassed in an eye-catching circle, with horizontal lines that indicate the passing of time; a rising/setting sun that typifies the passing of an old era and the birth of a new one; and stars and stripes that symbolize Lumbee Homecoming, an active part of the New America, while remaining the epitome of the national American - still a Patriot!

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Call the CFNP staff at 521-8602 or the Talent Search staff at 521-8664.

Old Foundry Restaurant Scene of Homecoming Activities

Lumberton, N.C. - A wise man once proclaimed: "You can not know where you are going, if you do not know where you have been." With this premise in mind, the theme for Lumbee Homecoming 1982 is: "Keeping Lumbee Pride Alive."

In this same vein, Lumbee Homecoming 1982, sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association, will begin with a "Kick Off Dance" Wednesday, June 30, at Old Foundry Restaurant in Lum-

berton. The Miss Lumbee Coronation Ball will also be held at Old Foundry Restaurant, Friday, July 2.

With the rich Indian history of Old Foundry Restaurant, owned and operated by Hubert Oxendine (A-Lumbee), it is more than appropriate that Lumbee Homecoming 1982 begins here.

Lumbee Homecoming realizes that it is not necessary to dwell upon the past. However, while struggling with the present and equipping oneself to handle the future, it is good and proper to take an occasional backwards glance. If for no other reason than to keep things in their proper perspective while helping us appreciate our present lot or position in life, let us travel back in time. To 1946. When racial prejudice was rampant, at times causing a warped mentality to prevail.

History of Old Foundry

The present owner of Old Foundry Restaurant, Hubert Oxendine, was discharged from the Army in 1945. He began working with his (now deceased) brother, Hilton Oxendine, who operated a single-car garage on Highway 41 in Fairmont. The small garage, that dabbled in selling used cars also, was located next to a station operated by his mother.

Hubert and Hilton Oxendine's parents, the late Tilmon Oxendine (an Indian) and Daisy Snipes Oxendine (white) were one of the first mixed marriages in the area. Prejudices were so rife at one time in their early marriage, the young couple was forced to flee to South Carolina in order to find refuge. They eventually ventured back to Fairmont to deal with the then warped mentality of the time that considered such a marriage a taboo.

The small garage, which Hilton Oxendine had been renting for some time, was sold out from under them. The white owner lived in another state. Said Hubert: "We knew nothing about the sale until the new owner arrived one day. He gave us 5 days to vacate the premises and move everything off his property. We lost a number of cars we had for sale because we simply couldn't move them in time."

"Using money accumulated by Hilton," said Mr. Hubert, "we bought a 50' by 350' tract of land at the present site of Old Foundry, here on 5th Street in Lumberton." He smiled: "It was hard for an Indian to buy land in Lumberton then. I don't know if it was an ordinance, or if it was just an understanding among the land owners that you do not sell land to Indians."

The present site of Old Foundry Restaurant was considered in the country at the time of its purchase by the Oxendines in 1946. It has since then been incorporated into the Lumberton City Limits.

"We didn't know it at the time," Mr. Hubert stated, "but we had bought a big hole. We had to haul dirt in to fill the hole before we could begin building the Restaurant." The hole was used by an old cast iron foundry business formerly located on the site that manufactured cast iron grates for the stoves. The building was constructed by

Mr. Hubert and his two brothers - the late Hilton Oxendine who was the oldest, and Dobbs, Sr. who was between Hubert and Hilton in age.

The reason the business became a success, according to Mr. Hubert, was "Because me and Hilton pooled our resources. We worked together. If you done something to Hilton, you done something to me. We were close."

After the building was constructed, the three Oxendines were faced with the task of choosing a name for the business. "We considered naming it 'The 3 Little Indians,'" revealed Mr. Hubert. "But, despite this, every time a truck driver, or a customer, would ask for directions, people would tell them; 'you know where the old foundry was?'"

"We realized then," smiled Mr. Hubert, "that the place already had a name. So we changed the name on a new neon sign our front and it's been called Old Foundry ever since."

Shortly after opening for business in July, 1946, Dobbs Sr. parted company with his brothers and moved to the New York area. He sold cars there for 25 years before returning to open a car lot in Lumberton.

"In the 40's, 50's and 60's," according to Mr. Hubert, "Indians could not go into a restaurant and sit down to eat. If he wanted to order food he had to stand outside until his order was ready. Then he had to take his food off the premises before he could eat it."

Old Foundry Restaurant was the first restaurant in the Lumberton area to allow Indians to sit down and enjoy a meal in an eating establishment. Also, most public businesses had 3 different bathroom facilities - 1 for whites, 1 for Indians and 1 for Blacks. Old Foundry Restaurant, according to Mr. Hubert, never complied with standard prejudiced procedure. There was only one bathroom per sex for all races in Old Foundry Restaurant. In all likelihood, Old Foundry was the first to break the ice in this regard, also. "It used to be hard," said Mr. Hubert. "Highway 301 used to come right by our place (now 5th St.) If a white traveler or customer came into the restaurant and saw a dark face, he would load up his family and simply walk out. I've seen as many as 3 car loads at a time get up and leave. It was heart-breaking. Especially at first when money was so tight."

"Although we owned the restaurant and land, lien free," Mr. Hubert explained, "local banks refused to lend us \$500 because we were Indian." "If I would have changed the spelling of my last name to E-x-e-n-d-i-n-e instead of O-x-e-n-d-i-n-e," he kidded, "things would probably have been easier for us. But we weren't in it just for money; we were proud to be Indians and thought Indians deserved a place where they could sit down and eat with their heads held high."

"Throughout it all," Mr. Oxendine maintains, "the doors of Old Foundry Restaurant have been open to Indians." "That's why," he flashed his smile again, "I am glad to see that Lumbee Regional Development Association has not forgotten the past, even though it's evident their eyes are on the future."

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•All schools in the Robeson County School System have achieved full state accreditation by the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction;

•New and modern facilities have been completed at East Robeson Primary School, Pembroke Elementary School and South Robeson High School and new facilities are underway for West Robeson High School and are proposed for North Robeson High School with additional facilities and renovations at existing school sites;

•A high level of support has been given to identifying additional resources for improved educational programs and services in the Robeson County Schools including:

--The establishment of the Hilly Branch Vocational Center to provide for vocational, technical and career orientation and training, advanced studies, and date processing and computer programming;

--The Community Schools Program which has elicited a broad base of community support and involvement by extending the role of the school into the larger community;

--The Title I Reading and Math programs which have contributed to improved student achievement and performance on standardized tests in grades 1-7, with students scoring at the national average on mathematics during the 1981-82 school year;

--Title IV Indian Education funds have contributed to expanded educational opportunities for gifted and talented students, cultural enrichment programs, focus on improved student performance on standardized and competency testing, and provision for medical and dental services to eligible students;

--Identification, recruitment and referrals of students interested in pursuing health careers and related professions through the Health Careers Project, and

--Additional programs focusing on improved school attendance, drop-outs, out of school programs and alternatives to suspension.

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"Old Foundry Restaurant" as it appeared in 1946 when first built.



The late Hilton Oxendine



Hubert Oxendine (Owner of Old Foundry)

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