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## AROUND THE COUNTY

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The Robeson County Board of Elections met Tuesday morning and officially received a number of requests for run offs around the county.

Wyvis Oxendine, the second place finisher in the race for the commissioner seat from the Pembroke-Smiths-Maxton District, officially called for a run off against incumbent Herman Dial, the top finisher in the June 29 primary.

And Lillian Faye Locklear officially called for a run off against Bill Oxendine for the second seat on the Robeson County Board of Education from District 4 which encompasses Pembroke, Raft Swamp, Burnt Swamp and Union. Dalton Brooks garnered enough votes to escape a run off and is assured a seat. Locklear finished third in the race for two seats but Oxendine, the second place finisher, did not receive enough votes to avoid the run off with Mrs. Locklear.

The six top vote getters in the June 29 primary will vy for 3 seats in the N.C. House of Representatives from the 16th District. On the ballot will be Bill Gay, the only incumbent, John Hasty, Sidney Locks, the only minority to make the run off, Tommy Wellington, Daniel H. DeVane and L. Louise Sanderson, the only woman in the field.

Another race of interest will be

another race for a seat on the county board of education from District 2 where incumbent Ronald Hammonds has challenged front runner Ronald Revels. Terry Smith, the third place finisher in the June 29 primary has challenged Revels' residency contending that he does not live in the county system but a letter from Purnell Swett, superintendent of the county school system contends that Revels is indeed a constituent of the county school system. The board of elections took no action on Smith's challenge saying, in effect, that it was up to him to prove otherwise.

The board of elections also recounted the vote totals from the Saddletree Precinct without any noticeable change, at the behest of Bill Herndon, the winner in the commissioner race in the St. Pauls District who asked for the recount "to remove any doubt."

#### INDIAN COMMISSIONER FROM HOKE COUNTY ALSO IN RUN OFF

James Hunt, an incumbent commissioner from nearby Hoke County, also finds himself in a run off to retain his seat. Hunt will be challenged by Mabel Riley, another incumbent, and newcomers Thomas Howell and Cleo Hatcher. Two seats are up for grabs.

# STRIKE at the WIND!

Now In Its 7th Season

'Strike at the Wind', the musical outdoor drama about the Lumbee

Indians, is now in its 7th season. Some 400 hearty souls braved the threatening weather Saturday night as the season officially opened.

In the next few weeks we'll be telling you about some of the cast members. The drama revolved around the exploits of Henry Berry Lowrie, the popular hero of the Indians of Robeson County, and is set in the period before, during, and after the Civil War.

Returning as **Henry Berry Lowrie** is **Melton Lowery**, himself a distant relative of the famous folk hero he plays. Melton has become a fixture in the part, and is now in his fifth season. Melton, a consummate actor, lives in the Union Chapel area, and enjoys entertaining the audience and meeting people.

Playing his head strong wife is **Ruby Hammonds**, a resident of Fayetteville where she has performed in many productions including "Guys and Dolls," "Indians," and "The King and I." This is Ruby's first season as **Rhoda Strong Lowrie**, a perfect match for the dauntless Henry Berry Lowrie.

More in weeks to come... The drama runs July 3 through August 28 and is performed live each Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the Lake-side Amphitheatre on the grounds of the Riverside County Club, 3 miles west of Pembroke on U.S. 74 and the banks of the Lumbee River. You can call 521-3112 for details on tickets.



MELTON LOWERY



RUBY JANE HAMMONDS

### \$100,000 made available for Indian Scholarships

Some \$100,000 in scholarship funds for the state's Indians has been appropriated by the N.C. General Assembly and became available July 1 for the 1982-83 fiscal year.

The funds will be used to provide non-service scholarships at institutions within the University of North Carolina system for needy resident North Carolina Indians.

The UNC Board of Governors will administer the scholarship money. The Board may seek the advice of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs in determining the eligibility of applicants, according to the ratified bill.

With 65,000 Native Americans, North Carolina has the largest Indian population of any state east of the Mississippi and the fourth largest Indian population of any state in the country. The five state-recognized tribes are Cherokee, Coharie, Hall-wasaponi, Lumbee and Waccamaw-Sioux.

The scholarship money is the first appropriated by the state through the university system especially for Indians, according to Bruce Jones, executive director of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs in the N.C. Department of Administration.

"Our people are in great need of scholarship funds," said James A. Lumbee.

### Ruth Dial Woods Will Not Seek Re-election to North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs

Ms. Ruth Dial Woods of Pembroke has announced that she will not seek re-election to the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs for another term. Ms. Woods' term of appointment expires June 30, 1982. It will be the responsibility of LRDA to announce, schedule and hold elections for a new member to fill this vacancy and representing the Pembroke/Smiths district.

In announcing her intent not to seek re-election, Ms. Woods stated: "I am deeply appreciative of the confidence which the Indian Community placed in me to represent their needs, interests, problems and issues as a member of the North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs. During the past three years, I have sought to represent these concerns as they related to all Indian

people in Robeson County as well as in other Indian communities across the state. Because I believe in developing leadership, as opposed to confining leadership, this will provide an opportunity for someone else to serve in this capacity and to expand Indian leadership."

Ms. Woods has recently accepted an invitation to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Center on Public Policy and Research based in Raleigh, an organization concerned with maintaining broad public awareness of governmental issues, concerns and operations. She is also completing a second year as a member of the State Teacher Education Evaluation Committee of the N.C. State Department of Public Instruction by appointment of Dr. Craig A. Phillips.

### LRDA IN ACTION

by Garry Lewis Barton  
LRDA Public Relations Officer

### BEAUTIES, AWARD

### WINNERS AT

### LUMBEE HOMECOMING 1982

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Rhonda Flanagan, daughter of Mrs. Magnolia Flanagan, was crowned Miss Lumbee 1982 Friday night, July 2, before a packed house in PSU's Performing Arts Center.



Alonzo Elizabeth Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael B. Dunn, was crowned Little Miss Lumbee 1982 Wednesday night, June 30, at the Little Miss Lumbee Pageant held in PSU's Performing Arts Center.

### "MIRACLE CHILD" ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

by Bruce Barton



Mr. and Mrs. William (Olivia) Revels are shown with their children Penny, age 7,

and little Amy Jo, considered "a miracle baby" after surviving Kawasaki Disease.

ST. PAULS--For those who have never seen a "real miracle" I would suggest that they travel to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Revels in the Antlock Community near St. Pauls and observe pretty and vivacious Amy Jo Revels cavorting about the house in high spirits.

Now at home, after a 65 day stay in Duke University Medical Center last summer, little Amy Jo celebrated her first birthday on May 17. Chances are, thanks to the first rate medical attention she received, she will celebrate many, many more. But her chances were not always so bright. Little Amy Jo was a mere four weeks old when she

developed a rash and started running a high fever last summer. Her parents were concerned about her constant crying and hardly knew where to turn until Dr. Joseph P. Goldston, a local physician, correctly it turned out, diagnosed Amy Jo's problem as Kawasaki Disease. After a two week stay in Southeastern General Hospital, Amy Jo was immediately referred to Duke Hospital in Durham.

Duke physicians diagnosed Amy's condition as Kawasaki Disease, named after the Japanese doctor who first

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Shown above are the recipients at the Awards Banquet held Thursday night, July 1, in the Pembroke Jaycee Hst. They are, left to right--James W. Thomas, Distinguished Service Award; Clayton Oxendine, Henry Berry Lowrie

Award winner; Peggy Bewington, Lumbee Business Award; and Dr. Walt Maynor, Advancement of Education Award winner. For more details see Page 7 of this issue.