

# THE BALTIMORE EXPERIENCE

## Title III Trains Indians for Employment

by Herbert H. Locklear

In a concerted effort to bridge the gap between employment for Native Americans and the skills required to obtain that employment, Title Three, Section 302C of the Comprehensive Employment Act is still one of the most viable resources. Administered in the Baltimore area as part of the Mayor's Office of Manpower Resources, that section of the Title III Program for Native Americans, is headed by Mrs. Ramona Cil Bentley, Lumbee. Mrs. Bentley has been the analyst for the program since January, 1977.

When funding for job skill training of Native Americans became a possibility in 1973; the Indian Center in Baltimore applied for prime sponsorship. The program became a part of the Baltimore Consortium in 1976.

According to Mrs. Bentley, the program has assisted "several hundred" Indian people since its inception. One hundred and seventeen persons have benefited from the program this calendar year, Mrs. Bentley informed.

The Title III Program consists of several components including on-the-job training; skill training and until recently, Public Service Employment. It is the only employment training program in the Baltimore area designed specifically and exclusively for Native Americans. "Training opportunity in this program are varied," said Mrs. Bentley. Some of the vocational career fields chosen by candidates include Nursing, Computer repairs, Clerical fields, and Culinary Arts.

Ramona Bentley, former student at Pembroke State University, shares one of the highlights of her experience with the program was the Youth Conference held in Washington, D.C. at which she and some of her program participants were invited. Aside from their meeting with several political dignitaries, a conference was held on the White House lawn.

Mrs. Georgeline Sparks, Sioux from South Dakota is the Program Counselor. Mr. Arnold Palmer is Supervisor.



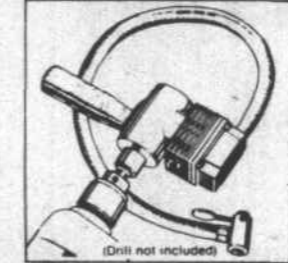
Mrs. Bentley, center, shown at leisure with her sisters, Lisa and Greer.



The Career Wagon shown part of Program's Outreach parked at Indian Center as Project.

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## MT. AIRY NEWS by Violet Locklear

The Home Choir and the Prayer Band rendered special music on Sunday morning. The Prayer Band is a group along with Bro. Robert Locklear, goes into the homes of the sick, hospital, etc. each Thursday and Saturday night and has prayer service with different individuals who are shut ins not able to attend church. To me there is nothing they could do any better.

The pastor spoke briefly from John 13:1-8. De we think of how Jesus laid down his life for us? Greater love has no man than this. He would love for us to love as he did. After which we observed Holy Communion (Celebration of the Lord's Supper).

Miracle Sunday this Sunday, the climax of three months of prayer. Rev. Steve

Jones will be bringing the message. We want 400 in Sunday School. We are planning on a big dinner together. Good singing right after our lunch at the church. I do hope we have a fine day together.

The revival is in full progress this week, souls being saved, hearts being made to rejoice. I believe the saving of souls is the greatest of all miracles. For that is life's most important issue.

The speaker this week is Rev. Johnny Hunt from Wilmington. He is such a talented young man. His church choir will be with him Thursday night. I know they are really proud of him.

The Grace Gospel Singers from Gastonia (formerly of Robeson) will be with us Saturday night beginning at 7 p.m. Preacher Mike will

ask. I am really proud of our pastor, of the work he is doing not only in our church but in our community, etc. A good pastor is invaluable in time of need.

A large group from this area spent the weekend in Gatlenburg, Tenn. They reported they had a wonderful trip.

Please remember our sick ones. Bro. Herbert Locklear, a wonderful member of our church. Mr. Stantley Locklear, Mr. Monson Locklear, also Mr. Grant Maynor and the family and ties of Mr. Eutie Wilkins who lost their grand children Monday morning by an accident of the school bus.

This was written due to an accident lately in which I got offended.

As It Goes Are we to help only those who deserve it? If so, how do we determine who they are? Is this the way the gospel works-only for the deserving? When Christ gave his life, did he offer it only to those who deserve it? How many people are Christians because they somehow qualify? Who is good enough to receive the love of God? Think!

Those we offer wood to this winter deserve to be warm as much as anyone else. Their morals, their attitudes, their behavior do not enter into the picture. What we respond to is their need to be warm. Their need to survive the winter is as important as ours. Listen-our call is to help who ever needs help and let God decide if one is more worthy than another.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY My deepest sympathy goes out to my cousin, Mrs. Leacie Brooks, in the loss of her only son, Mr. J.C. Brooks. I know you are going through some dark hours, but whatever life shall bring your way, through each and every fleeting day, throughout the mon-

the and long years too. God in his heaven still care for you. Not ours to know the reason why from loved ones we must part; but ours to live in faith and hope; though bleeding in the heart and kind Father in Heaven be with his dear sisters also.

J.C. was a friend. His absence from us who loved him so well will always be remembered.

### LET'S KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT

I am extremely glad that Lacy Cummings and Ronald Hammonds were elected to the LREMC Board of Directors on Tuesday evening, Oct. 19. Those were two of my favorite candidates. I believe that it is a step in the right direction for the consumers. It is my hope that both these gentlemen will keep contrite hearts and work for the members. I hope that they won't take \$100 just to sit in a meeting and do nothing while so many people are on disability and can hardly pay their electric bills. I hope these gentlemen will stay in touch with the needs of the consumers. Those electric bills are hard to pay for many people. I have one question for these men. Will you speak now?

### ARMY CHAPLAIN WINS AWARD

Major John C. Williams, chaplain, U.S. Army, will receive the second annual Witherspoon Chaplain's Award from the Laymen's National Bible Committee during the annual Bible Week luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City on November 19. The award was instituted in 1981 to memorialize Capt. Maurice M. Witherspoon, a distinguished Navy chaplain who served LNBC as a director for many years. It goes to an Armed Forces chaplain who promotes use of the Bible among military personnel.



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