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A Front Page Editorial

Race Rears its ugly head in the 7th Congressional Run Off, But Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend is Still Going to Win on June 4

Indians and Blacks in Robeson County are on the verge of self-destruction, being played off against one another like ping pong balls. Congressional candidate Mike McIntyre and his people, including his campaign manager, Lumberton attorney David Branch, are telling Blacks that Indians are "taking over everything in Robeson County. How foolish and untrue that sentiment is. Indians and Blacks are still woefully under represented in Robeson County. Racial division is being encouraged, even fanned into a roaring fire in some quarters. But we are not going to fall for it this time, whether the puppeteer is Mike McIntyre, Tom Jones, or a disgruntled Indian from New Jersey. Many Indians and Blacks are trying to find out why they are lining up in such weird alliances. Never have we seen such strange, political bedfellows. For instance, the Black Caucus has endorsed Mike McIntyre for congress, but McIntyre doesn't know whether that is good or bad since the majority of his supporters are White, arch-conservatives like himself. Blacks aren't doing political hand stands either; many of them are embarrassed about it. For instance, Tom Jones, the Black candidate, received a mere 67 votes in Mike McIntyre's Precinct, Lumberton #1 in the recent register of deeds race. Indians are frustrated, and concerned that the warped political turns might adversely affect Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend's bid for congress. Go figure. Only in Robeson!! See if you can follow this. The Black Caucus, with defeated Register of Deeds Candidate Thomas "Tom" Jones, Jr as president, decided, after the primary, to endorse Mike McIntyre. Talk about sour grapes. Neither McIntyre nor the Black Caucus seem to want to brag about the endorsement too much. It seems that those Blacks who have lined up with McIntyre have done so because they are mad with Indians. As reported in last week's front page editorial, Jones, and his supporters, believed they had a solid commitment from the Indian community in the register of deeds race. They didn't. Vickie Locklear, an Indian, won the Democratic primary. Strange, huh? A few Indians have also decided, for what ever reason (God only knows!!), to support Mike McIntyre too. Why? We have no earthly REASON, or editorial RATIONAL, for such a strange turn of events. Think about it! There are actually Indians and

Blacks in Robeson County who would rather have an arch-conservative White male from Lumberton represent them in congress than a liberal female, Lumbee Indian from Pembroke. Go figure! Only in Robeson!!! Some of us still, seemingly, want to be treated as children, the paternalistic approach suits us just fine. The question begs an answer: do we always think well of ourselves?

LET'S SUPPORT ROSE MARIE LOWRY TOWNSEND ANYWAY!!

Let's support Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend anyway, especially after we ask Mike McIntyre the right kind of questions. For instance, will Mike McIntyre support the extension of the 1965 Voting Rights Act when it comes up shortly in Congress? Did you know that Robeson County is subject to the Voting Rights Act for past discriminatory practices? The Voting Rights Act is what opened political doors for Indians and Blacks in Robeson County. Have any of us forgotten so soon? Also, another question you might ask Mike McIntyre is: Does he support the Motor Voter Act? Wouldn't it be nice to be able to register to vote and get your driving license all at the same time? And, the third question we will ask him, if we get a chance before the election, is: is he in favor of affirmative action? All three of these agenda items will help (or have already helped) Indians and Blacks, and many Whites too. We should be asking the candidates questions like these, instead, McIntyre and his minions are spreading out across the district questioning Lowry-Townsend's financial support, and whether or not she is a true daughter of Robeson County. Why not ask her father, Pembroke native and Rev. Welton Lowry? He probably has a good answer to that question. Also, McIntyre and his people ought to be asking Lowry-Townsend whether or not she has broken any election laws. She obviously has not. That question has never been asked. Why? McIntyre and his people are frantically fanning the racial fires in Robeson County, hoping to split the Indian and Black informal coalition that has held sway in recent elections. McIntyre's only hope for victory is to throw political dirt on Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend and split the Indian and Black electorates. We do not believe he will be successful. It makes one wonder why a man like Mike

McIntyre, who talks about being a Christian publicly, and champions "family values", would stoop so low as to talk disparagingly about Rev. Welton Lowry's daughter. Ummmmmm!!!!!!

BUT ENOUGH ABOUT STUFF LIKE THE ABOVE. LET'S TALK ABOUT THE RUN OFF ON JUNE 4.

Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend needs our support to win the congressional run off. She hopes to lead Robeson, as well as Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, New Hanover, Onslow, and Pender Counties. WE PRAY THAT THE INDIAN AND BLACK CONSTITUENCIES IN ROBESON COUNTY WILL COME TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SENSES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. There are many elections ahead of us, and neither side can afford to be narrow minded and lose sight of the future when Robeson County will TRULY be governed by all three races, unless some of us lose our electoral way. Are there any right thinking Robesonians--Indian, Black or White-- who really want to go back to the way it was in the demeaning fifties and sixties? Let's support Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend anyway, and tell the negative ones in our midst that we are not going back to the segregated past for any reason, even the temporary joy of saying something nasty about another race. We are very disturbed about the strange turn of events but not enough to throw the primary baby out with the run off wash; we hope the leaders in both camps (Indian and Black) will say and do the right thing on June 4 in spite of the hurt feelings from the May 7 primary.

In spite of all of the above, 98% of the Indians and many Blacks and Whites in Robeson County are going to vote for Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend on June 4. Common sense and decency demands it, and she is the best qualified candidate too. PLEASE VOTE ON JUNE 4! WE RECOMMEND ROSE MARIE LOWRY-TOWNSEND TO YOU! And we predict, just as we did before the May 7 primary, that Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend will win the Democratic Party run off on June 4. Remember, you read it on the front page of the Carolina Indian Voice Newspaper first. After that, she will win the general election in November and go on to the U.S. House.

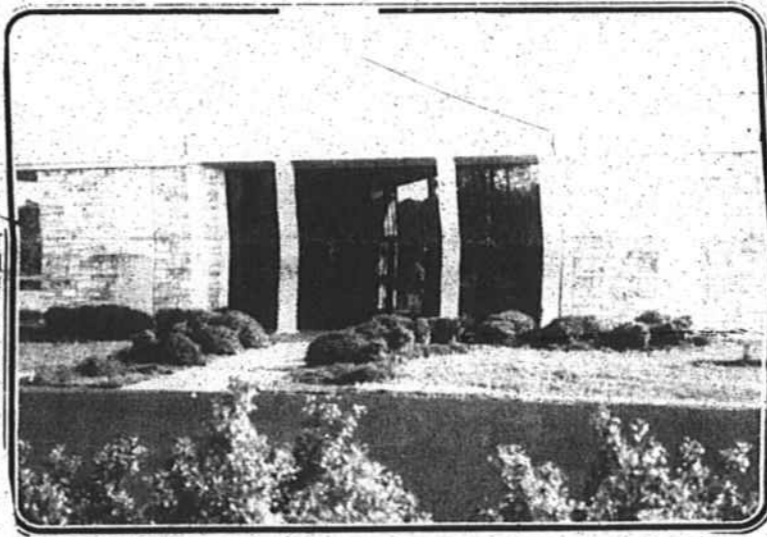
Lumbee Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum, Services of Revels Funeral Home

by Rik and Bruce Barton
Pembroke- Mr. and Mrs. Juddie Revels, Jr., owners, are justifiably proud of Lumbee Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum, the crown jewel of their family-owned business-Revels Funeral Home in Pembroke.

Moss Neck Community, was purchased from the Cooper Family in 1990. The Revels family added the Mausoleum in 1993.

The stately and majestic building housing the Mausoleum was built in 1993 on the grounds of Lumbee Memorial Gardens. The edifice has 260 crypts (or sleepers), both inside and outside.

the Mausoleum also contains a chapel for private family and funeral services. Mr. Revels built the chapel "larger than usual" in honor of those buried there. Revels, the funeral director and CEO of Revels Funeral Home and related businesses, takes special pride in the Mausoleum. "I wanted something very special, and something family members could be proud of."



The stately and majestic mausoleum sits on the grounds of Lumbee Memorial Gardens in the Moss Neck Community, approximately 5 miles from Pembroke and Lumberton.

Triangle Native American Society's Pow Wow to be held

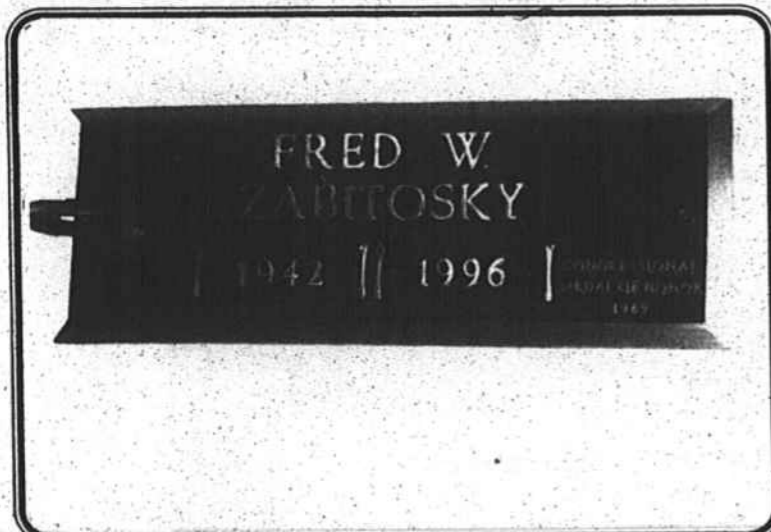
Triangle Native American Society's Second Annual Pow Wow will be held June 1 and 2 at the State Farmers Market, Raleigh, NC. MC will be Jim "Two Fox" Chavis. Host Drum will be Red Wolfe with Southern Sun.

Adult Head Dancers: Joel Moore and Christy Strickland. Youth head Dancers: Willie Silver and Le Ann Strickland.

Grand Entry at 12 noon Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Prizes drawings to dancers, native American Traders with arts and crafts, native foods, raffle, demonstrations, face paintings, etc.

Admission is free. For further information contact Gwen Locklear of Darlene Jacobs at 919-779-5044 Host Hotel: Best Western, Cary, NC.

Lumbee memorial Gardens, spacious and encompassing 61 acres in the



One of the crypts in the Mausoleum is the final resting place of Fred W. Zabitosky, a Congressional Medal of Honor winner.

LRDA to sponsor Blood Drive

Friday, June 28, 1996
1:30-6:00p.m.
First United Methodist Church
Pembroke, N.C.

For More Information
Please Call Patricia Brayboy at
738-5057 or LRDA Talent Search at
521-8602

Lowry graduates from UNC School of Medicine with Highest Honors



Terry Stephen Lowry graduated from the School of medicine at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill on Sunday, May 12. He received his Doctor of Medicine with Highest Honors. Lowry was an honor graduate and received several honors awards.

Lowry was among the Board of Governors Medical Scholars and received the Gilbert Cuthbertson and Megan Danton Memorial Award.

He is now employed by the University of Rochester at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York. He will be there for six years and is specializing in heart and lung surgery.

Lowry is the son of Neal and Ruth Lowry of Red Springs and the grandson of Snodie and Bracey Lowry of Red Springs, NC.

Activities from Pembroke Housing Authority

On May 23, 1996 some of Pembroke Housing Authority's Youth had the opportunity to view the sixth annual re-enactment of the Battle of Gettysburg, "Tears to Glory." The re-enactment was written by and directed by John Hodges, a history teacher at Purnell Sweet High School. Pembroke Housing Authority Youth take off their hats to actors and actresses who made this historical re-enactment a successful event.

May 23, 1996 was also the day for Pembroke Housing Authority's first girls softball team to register for the

season

Pembroke Housing Authority will be having a Drug Awareness Day in the Park at Strickland Heights on June 14, 1996.

"We are planning to have some great speakers such as Mayor Milton Hunt, Sheriff Glenn Maynor and others. We will also have games for everyone and a cook out for lunch. Mr. Carnell Locklear will be performing along with other local groups, said Mitchell "Bosco" Locklear, PHDEP Coordinator.

SOS Program holds Awards Program at Pembroke Middle

The Support Our Students Program at Pembroke Middle School held its first Annual Celebration and Awards Program on May 16 in the school cafeteria.

Parents and guests were registered, welcomed and entertained by students. The guest speaker was Ms. Anissa Emanuel, of the Healthy Young People Program sponsored by the Robeson County Health Department, who spoke to the parents concerning "What you know about your adolescent child." Many parents felt quite pleased about the "little things" they about their children.

After dinner, awards of participation were presented to 58 students by Mr. Noah Woods, Principal, and Ms. Maureen Regan, SOS Program Director, and to our special volunteers, the HYPE group from the Robeson County Health Department, the Palmer Drug Abuse Program and the Robeson County 4-H staff.

Four special student achievement awards went to Kayla Phipps for Best Attendance in SOS, Stacie Nutting for Leadership, James Vince Bryant for Most Improvement and Candace Lowry for Academic Achievement.

The program concluded with student performance: singing, a puppet show and a talking skit with a healthy lifestyle focus.

Parent's appreciation of their children and the Support Our Students Program was evident in the laughter and applause they showered upon the students, volunteers and staff.

SOS, an after-school program, is one of Gov. Hunt's special initiatives to create lifelong positive attitudes in middle grade students while keeping them in school. The SOS Program is sponsored by Robeson County Communities in Schools. Additional information may be obtained by calling 521-0071.

Tribal Council elections set for August 24

Pembroke, N.C.- The Lumbee Tribal Council Elections Board has set August 24, 1996 as Election Day for the Lumbee Tribal Council. Seven seats will be filled, including 1 vacancy in District 15.

Those interested in filling for office have been from June 3 thru June 28 to make application at the tribal office in Pembroke. The office is open weekdays 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. According to Mr. Harbert Moore, Chairman of the Tribal Elections Board, each candidate will have to meet the qualifications for office as stated in the Tribal Constitution. Those qualifications are: (1) Must be Lumbee and 21 years of age; (2) Must reside in the tribal district; (3) Cannot hold any public elected office; (4) Cannot be subjected of a felony conviction for

the past 7 years to include any probation or parole time.

Incumbents are: Mr. Eugene Lowery, District 2; Rev. Jerry McNeill, District 5; Mr. Robert Locklear, District 8; Mr. Ponce D. Chavis Jr., District 11; Rev. Steve Locklear, District 14; vacant, District 15; Rev. Hilton Deese, District 17; Mrs. Zelma Locklear, District 20. Each candidate is required to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable filing fee. For further information, please call 910-521-9999.

(The Tribal Elections Board has provided that where an election arises as a result of a vacancy and no more than one (1) qualified candidate exists, that candidate shall be declared the winner, and immediately sworn into office.)

Exercise your right to vote Tuesday, June 4, 1996

Be on the look out for a "Special Edition" of the Carolina Indian Voice during Lumbee Homecoming