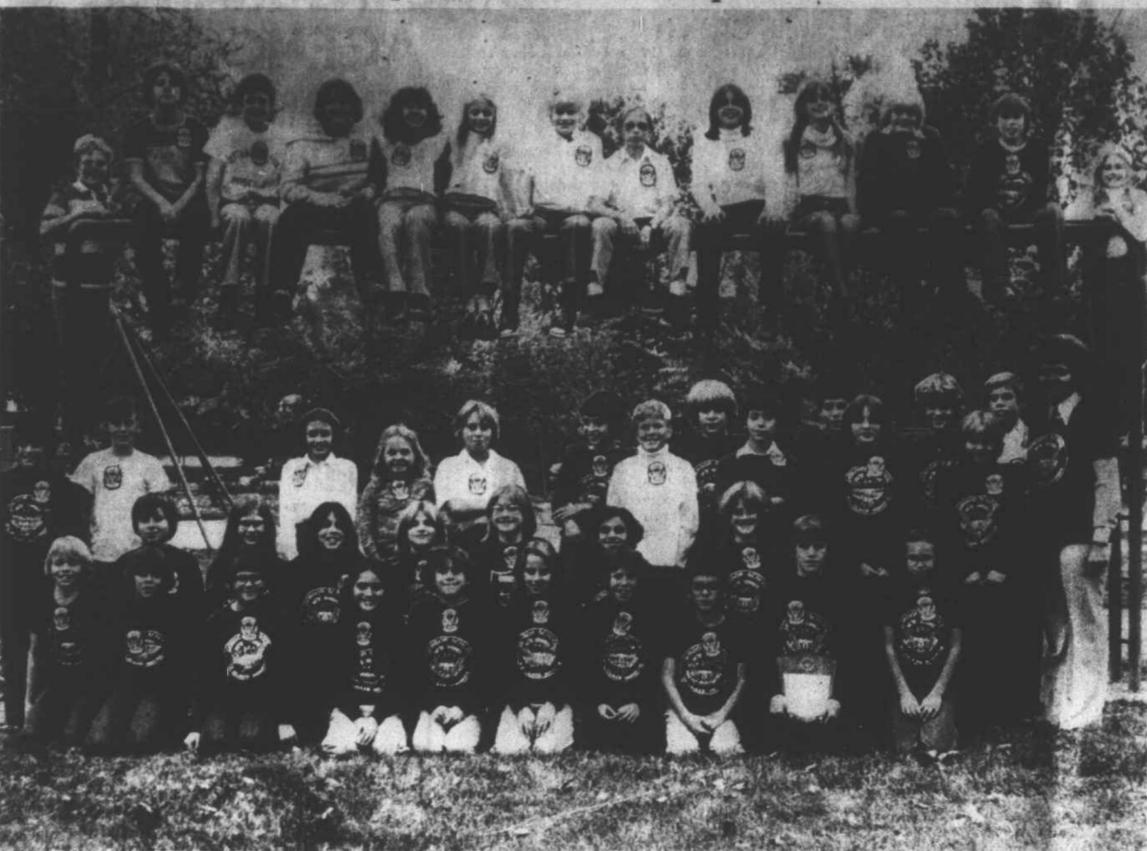


A Teacher With "Robeson Roots" Honored In Michigan Schools Physical Fitness Competition



Mrs. Doris Hammonds Hall, far right standing, is shown with her whirling class.

by Bruce Barton

Michigan--We remember her almost as a legend. Red haired, vivacious, lively, Ms. Doris Hammonds astounded us all back in the 50s when she left Robeson County to teach in the Far East. She taught in schools set up for children of military personnel initially. Her nerve was almost unheard of back then before our so-called enlightenment of recent years. Back then Robeson County's educational system was controlled by far away non-Indian types in Lumberton in alliance with local school

committees who held sway over the employment of local teachers.

Now married and teaching in Michigan, Mrs. Doris Hammonds Hall recently was honored for her teaching exploits in the field of physical fitness in Michigan competition with other schools.

A physical education teacher at Ardmore Elementary School in St. Clair Shores, Michigan, Mrs. Hall was honored at a recent awards presentation by local school authorities.

It is the third time her students have won honors in the competition. The State Champion Physical Fitness competition was established in 1972 to promote physical fitness. It is co-sponsored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Ardmore and another school in the school district, Gordon, were proclaimed state champs. The schools had the highest percentage of students passing the individual physical fitness test.

Mrs. Hall still visits as often as possible in Robeson County. She has many relatives locally.

"Total abstinence is easier than perfect moderation." St. Augustine



The leaf is the national emblem of the Welsh.

Indian Museum Launches Membership Drive

The Indian Museum of the Carolinas is launching a membership drive in 1979. For the first time in the museum's history, individuals have the opportunity to join and participate in one of the Carolinas' foremost educational and research institutions.

Because the museum is beginning a period of unparalleled growth and expansion, it was decided to expand the basis of support to persons wishing to involve themselves more fully in one of the area's leading cultural institutions. Membership categories are: \$2.50 student membership; \$10 individual; \$25 family; \$50-\$99 contributor; \$100-\$499 sustaining; \$500-\$999 donor; \$1000-\$4999 patron; \$5000 life time member.

Members are invited to special lectures and film programs at the museum, receive discount rates at the museum gift shop, receive free guided tours of the museum, and receive a free subscription to The Museum Today!, the newsletter of the Indian Museum. All memberships and donations are tax-deductible.

The Museum Today! is an organ of publicity published by the office of the director. Its purpose is to keep persons informed of current happenings at the museum, and to disseminate information about

the museum to interested members of the general public. As another feature, it includes information about the

American Indian with every issue, in a unique section entitled "Native Drama." Interested readers are encouraged to submit letters and articles for consideration for publication. The newsletter which appears six times yearly, is available for a donation of \$1.00 or more (to cover postage and handling costs). It is available free-of-charge to schools, churches, newspapers and civic groups which wish to keep abreast of museum events.

In related news, attendance at the Indian Museum has increased dramatically over the past year. The guest book shows that 2,403 persons visited the museum and signed their names during 1976. The year of 1977 saw 2,503

visitors while 1978 saw a total of 2,721 persons signed their names and toured the museum. This is an increase of nearly 50 percent in one year.

Those persons wishing to become members of the museum, those wishing to donate or those desiring a subscription to The Museum Today! may call or write: Indian Museum of the Carolinas, 607 Turnpike Road, Lenoir, NC 28352. (919) 276-5880.



Robert Hillard Oxendine Receives Football Scholarship From Duke

It's official. Robert Hillard Oxendine of Arlington, Virginia has received a football scholarship from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Robert Oxendine is the son of Elizabeth and Tom "Tom Boy" Oxendine, and they reside in Arlington, Virginia. His father, "Tom Boy," as he is affectionately remembered in Robeson County, is the Public Information Officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C.

He is also the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Oxendine who reside near Pembroke. His grandfather is also honored in this issue by the local Braves Club for his contributions and dedication to Pembroke State athletics.

Oxendine was signed by Red Wilson, Duke University's football coach. Wilson, who was football coach at Elon College before taking over at Duke University, has fond memories of Lumbee Indian linemen. While at Elon he had what was labeled in the local press as "the Lumbee Line." The line was anchored by Ricky Locklear and Clint Locklear, sons of Mr. Weldon

"Tuggan" Locklear of nearby Fairmont. Ricky now coaches football at Pembroke High School.

The Locklears were joined on the line at Elon in the mid 70s by Randy Oxendine and for a while, Ricky Brooks (all natives of Robeson County).

Wilson was heard to say once, "I'll take all the Lumbee linemen I can get." Wilson was particularly impressed by Mr. Weldon Locklear during his years at Elon. Mr. Locklear was an Elon follower and traveled to all the games played by Elon. Wilson seemed to like Mr. Locklear's straight forward approach to doing things, as well as being impressed with his ruggedness and discipline. The traits were passed on down to the sons who helped make Wilson a successful coach at Elon. Robert's father and grandfather and his many uncles and relatives in Robeson and elsewhere possess the same kind of traits.

Wilson hopes Oxendine can put them to use at Duke where he will be a middle guard probably, like he was at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia.

Oxendine was a product of an athletic family. He was a member of the football squad at Washington-Lee along with his older brothers, Tom and Bill. His brother, Tom, Jr., is now a senior at Washington-Lee University and is a

stellar member of the wrestling squad there. Tom, Jr., is conference champ in the 177 lb. class.

His brother, Bill, was voted 1977's most valuable member of the football squad at Washington-Lee High School. He is now a pre-med student at the University of Virginia.

Robert is a wrestling star too, wrestling as a heavyweight. He is an imposing 240 and 6'4". He is the youngest but the biggest son.

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