

To Carol Oxendine, job is a matter of Dignity to Indian people



Mrs. Carol Oxendine

Carol Smith Oxendine has always been interested in Robeson County Indian genealogy. "I have always been curious," stated the wife of the Rev. Alonzo Oxendine who has been hired as a Consultant to Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. "If I live and die without finding out all I can about my people," she said, "I will feel that I have been cheated out of something in life."

Ms. Oxendine began working with Lumbee River Legal Services in January of this year, specifically beginning in the year 1790 and tracing Indian genealogy back as far as possible. "My work at LRDA," she stated, "is really only an extension of the work I have been performing at Lumbee River Legal Services since January."

The mother of three children—2 boys, Brian Keith and Allan Wayne who presently attends PSU, and one girl, Caroline Denise—she received her B.A. in Sociology at Pembroke State University.

She worked with Robeson County Church and Community Center for four years. However, for the past couple of years she has been conducting independent research. "In the past couple of years," she said, "I have been conducting independent research, amassing and compiling countless records and research materials. In the process I have learned quite a bit about Robeson County Indian genealogy."

Ms. Oxendine will be working closely with Rebecca Sieb who directs LRDA's Federal Acknowledgement Project which also works in conjunction with Lumbee River Legal Services. "I was specifically hired," said the native Robesonian Lumbee, "to take information submitted by Indian enrollees in the Lumbee Tribe and trace their genealogy, comparing and corroborating this submitted information with existing documentation. She will be working as a Consultant to LRDA until

July 31, 1982. "Not only will I be working with Lumbees," she maintains, "but hopefully I will be working with other Indian enrollment projects as well."

Besides having the distinction of being one of the most experienced and informed genealogists in the area of Lumbee Indians, Ms. Oxendine is also reportedly the first Native American in the United States to be certified as a tutor/trainer in the Laubach method of teaching.

In speaking with the very personable Indian lady, one comes away with the impression that Lumbee Indian genealogy has all but become a passion with her.

Indeed, she declares quite adamantly: "This is not a job...this is a matter of dignity to Indian people."

IS YOUR HOME ONE OF THE 34 MILLION?

A recent Gallup Poll showed that 34 million American households are growing food in their backyards. The total value of produce from all our gardens in 1980 was \$14 billion — an average yield of \$440 for each garden.

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The average cost of a typical backyard garden was estimated at \$20 in 1980. Subtracted from the average yield gives an estimated total savings of \$420 per family!

LRDA IN ACTION

by Garry Lewis Horton
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Mini Workshops Feature Price Comparison



Sam Braswell, sales representative for Golden Eagle

A facet of day care programs often overlooked by private enterprises is the area of training. Specifically, training in the area of food and supplies, estimating and purchasing. Such has not been the case with Lumbee Regional Development Association, according to Lynneetah Jacobs, Day Care Program Director.

Due to the continual rising costs of food and such expendable supplies as soap, bath room tissue, etc., Jacobs has begun a series of seminars on products cost and purchase.

Janitorial Supplies.

These seminars involve demonstrations of products by sales representatives from various wholesalers. One of the benefits of these mini-workshops is an awareness by the eight day care center directors of price, quantity and quality comparisons of various products. These comparisons provide a valuable illustration in achieving a cost efficient operation of a day care center in today's expanding service market.

Pate-Derby of Fayetteville demonstrated several brands of food items. One vegetable presented for a comparison was green beans in a #10 size can. Each of three cans was a different brand at different prices. The beans were emptied into separate trays. Each brand had its one quality in both color appearance and taste. The middle-priced beans proved the best buy with the best color and flavor. Wallace Willoughby, Pate-Derby sales representative also demonstrated comparisons of yellow corn and dry cereal. The dry cereal presentation showed that ounce for ounce, the pre-packaged corn flakes in plastic bowls proved to be comparable in cost to buying bulk cereal, disposable bowls and using time and labor in serving the cereal.

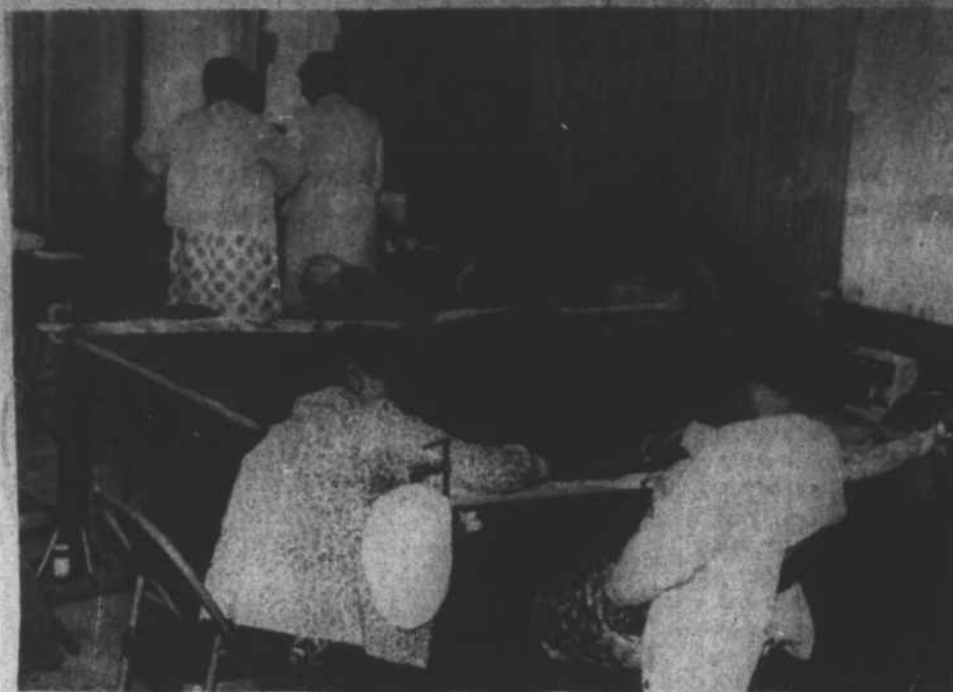
Another benefit brought out by Mr. Willoughby at Ms. Jacobs' insistence were the savings that could be made by having manufacturer's sales passed on to LRDA by the wholesaler.

On March 26, the Golden Eagle Janitorial Supplies dealer in Pembroke had sales representative Sam Braswell demonstrate their line of products. These products included floor wax remover, liquid hand soap and dispensers, paper towels, glass and all purpose cleaner, and cleaning tools such as brooms, mops, brushes, toilet plungers, rubber gloves, etc. Again a cost comparison was made to demonstrate the savings in using concentrated or commercial strength products that can be diluted.

Mr. Braswell commented that while price-wise they might not be able to compete with some of the larger distributors in eastern North Carolina, they could make up the difference in service as a locally established business.

Also on the March 26 agenda was guest speaker Christine Moore, Assistant CETA Director, who provided a CETA program update. The topic of concern to the day care center directors who supervise the CETA PSE enrollees was regulations governing annual sick leave earned by these enrollees.

Smithtown Senior Citizens Enjoy Quilting



The purpose for Lumbee Regional Development Association establishing and implementing the ANA [Administration for Native Americans] Project is to help Indians of Robeson, Hoke, Scotland and Bladen Counties develop programs to address the many existing socio-economic problems confronting them daily.

One of ANA's 8 project

components is the operation of 16 Indian Senior Citizen Chapters. The senior citizens receive instruction in arts and crafts, and cultural and educational activities.

Senior Citizens from the Smithtown Senior Citizen Chapter are presently busy at work sewing individual dresses. Ms. West meets each Wednesday with the Smith-

town Senior Citizens and conducts sewing classes that are sponsored by Robeson Technical College. Another popular activity the senior citizens enjoy is the age-old practice of quilting. The ladies are shown above quilting at Smithtown Neighborhood Service Center. Many of the chapters prepare a well-balanced, nutritious and indescribably delicious meal when they meet.

Ever Green Church News by Mrs. Leacie Brooks

Glad to report that the Superintendent, Bro. Henry Chavis, was able to be in church Sunday. Keep him on your prayer list because he is still not well.

The lesson for Sunday was "Called to Holy Living," Thessalonians 4:1-12.

Paul gave three reasons why a Christian should live a life of holiness. First of all, God hath called us unto holiness and not unto uncleanness. He wants to reproduce holiness in us. His second reason was that impurity is a sin against the Holy Spirit whom God hath given to us. It grieves the Spirit of God when a believer fails to live a holy life. And the final reason was that God will punish those who pass over the boundary of sanctification. The commandment to holiness is not a man-made law. It is a commandment of God and should be taken seriously by every believer.

There were two reasons why the Thessalonians should work. First they were to work so they would have a testimony of honesty before the world. What influence could a shiftless person have on the world? Absolutely none. The world has no respect for a lazy Christian. The other reason why they should work was so they would not be dependent upon the brethren. They were to provide for their own needs by their own labor.

God has called us to holiness and that requires separation from all impurity, love for the brethren, unselfishness, honest living, and growth in love.

Sister Dina Blue's class put on a nice program of singing. Sister Mary Locklear's class got the attendance banner. Those paying birthday offering was Scottie Chavis.

The Brotherhood did some special singing. The pastor Rev. Joseph Lee Locklear preached to us from 1 Kings Chapter 18 verses 19-24. Using for his subject "God Answered by Fire" The

In a true democracy there would be no special favors for business, men or institutions.

It's quite the popular thing these days to have poor health; it can be very convenient.

Everyone wants to be popular but the price asked is often too exorbitant.

In Loving Memory of Marvin Blue

Lord used his servant. Our souls were blessed. Pray much for our pastor and his family. Bradley Oxendine celebrated his 5th birthday with his family, father David and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Oxendine.

I was proud to have three of my sisters with me in the Adult Class.

They were Mrs. Ida Hunt, Mrs. Sherlie Lowry and Mrs. Lurenia Canady.

Keep praying for Lurenia and her husband. Also pray for my brother Welton Wilkins. He's been very sick this week.

Thought For Today
My leaning post...When I'm so tired and restless...I've learned to lean on Jesus... Without Him, I have no leaning post...Darkness is here just for a season darkness—troubles...But because of my leaning post which is Jesus...I've found joy will come in the morning...Please Pray for us at EverGreen.

There are some things more important than getting rich—a fact that many people learn too late in life.

Legs have always been important. Years ago, reporters used them to get news; nowadays, photographers depend upon them for their art.

March 26, 1978 on Easter Sunday at 7:00 p.m., we the Blue family lost someone very dear to us. It has already been 4 years since he departed. But remember it as though it was yesterday. We the family still remember him a very warm and fun loving man, that always offered us help when we needed a hand.

Yes, Marvin was a great man he never grumbled or worried about one single thing because he always held his head up high as though he could see the world from a different point of view, than what we always seen it. But in his heart he knew this was true because he knew exactly what to do in a time of trouble and need.

Those of you that have a loving father or grandfather please don't wait until it's too late to express your gratitude of love towards him, do it now while he is with you.

Written by members of the family. P.S. We still love you very much.

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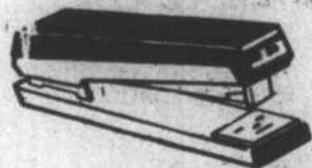
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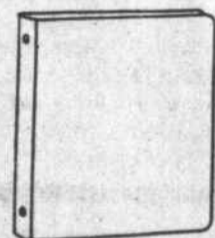
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