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I Believe in Race... But Firstly and Foremost THE HUMAN RACE

by Lew Barton

I believe in race...but not in racism. I believe in the spirit of Henry Berry Lowry, the man who felt it was better to ward off enslavement with the last ounce of your strength and the last drop of your blood, and when die you must, to die game.

But I also believe in Hamilton McMillan, the man who gave more than half-a-century of his life for the same

cause, though by different methods. It makes no difference to me that one man was a Lumbee and the other White. I would have admired them if one had been striped and the other polka-dot. A man is a man. Humanity is humanity. And tyranny is tyranny. Both espoused the same cause on that fateful day in the latter part of 1864 when two Lumbee braves lay dead, having resisted conscription into a slave camp. "We have always been free!" cried George Lowry, an uncle of Henry Berry Lowry, indignantly, agonizingly to the great concourse of people who had gathered to discuss the sad plight of the Lumbee people.

My people had always been free. But now it had come to this! We had been wiped out by tyranny! Now all that faced a proud, free people was enslavement... which was exactly what conscription into any man's slave camp amounted to, for whatever purpose.

It was not to be borne! And it would not be! Because two champions of the Lumbee cause launched careers that day, if you can call them careers.

One was a White man, born in Scotland County, and the other a Lumbee. But in the years ahead, both would change the history of a people, of a county and of a state.

Things have not since been the same.

Sometimes order comes out of conflict, good things out of bad, for the ink of history may at times be blood. Human blood. And I'm told it all runs red.

Had there been no fateful date in the latter part of 1864, Pembroke State University would not exist today. True the Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina under the influence of Hamilton McMillan establishing PSU did not come until 1887. But because of McMillan, Lumbees got their first schools in 1885, and the whole thing has its roots in 1864. It has its roots in the lives and blood of people.

PSU has Indian friends, it also has White and there are some Black friends and supporters, too. It greatly enhances us as an Indian people to honor ALL our friends, not just those among ourselves.

God forbid that we should forget our friends, and most especially those who stood by us down thru the pages of history when the chips were down!

And there are still others yet to be honored in a special way, such as Gov. Angus Wilton McLean and Judge L. R. Varner.

We owe debts of gratitude to these people and their memory, because we are all better off because of the friendship they gave us and the real human services they rendered us.

Doubtless, we've all meant to do something about this. But let's do it NOW! They didn't hold back when we needed THEM, did they?

Never mind your particular race, religion or politics. We need you. We want you. We welcome you. If there is one thing ALL the people of this area ought to be able to do together, surely it ought to be this special remembrance of a great human being who was also a great humanitarian.

I want to see LRDA involved. I want to see PSU involved.

Lew Barton, Bruce Barton and the Carolina Indian Voice are already involved. So come on in! The water's just fine!

Our purpose is simple and single: a lasting memorial to the father of Pembroke State University, one which is commensurate with that high and singular distinction, and one which will not fade away with the passing of time.

We oppose no one. We seek to discredit no one, nor to detract from the contributions of anyone else. Our full and complete purpose is contained in the paragraph which precedes this one.

Revival begins at Deep Branch

Beginning the 3rd Sunday night April 18, Evangelist Rev. Lindbergh Chavis will hold a revival at Deep Branch Baptist Church. Tuesday night will be Sunday School night. Thursday night is Family night. There will be special music and singing each night. Sunday Service begins at 6 p.m. and the nightly services Monday thru Friday begin at 7:30. Pastor Rev. Harvey Brewington and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to everyone to join them.

Plate Sale

A plate sale will be held on Friday, April 16, 1982 at the Prospect School Cafeteria from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. The dinner is being sponsored by Supporters of Herman Dial. Proceeds will be used in the campaign to re-elect Herman Dial, county commissioner for the Pembroke-Maxton-Smiths District. Everyone is invited to attend.

Green Named again as Chairman of County Board of Education

by Connee Brayboy
Members of the Robeson County Board of Education discussed at length the sewer system for the forthcoming West Robeson High School on Tuesday evening. After much discussion they tabled the matter until the May meeting. David Green, chairman, appointed the following committee to meet with officials from the Town of Pembroke on the matter and report at the May meeting: Gerald Maynor, E.B. Morton, Ronald Hammonds and John Gibson. Hammonds was the only member who voted against the motion to table the matter.

Immediately following an executive session to discuss personnel, the matter of the board chairman was dealt with.

The chairman is chosen at each April meeting. Superintendent Purnell Swett presided at the elections. Prior to accepting nominations for the positions, he stated that "Roberts' Rules of Order does not indicate a need for a second on a nomination...."

E.B. Morton nominated David Green who has served for one year in the position. Dr. Gerald Maynor nominated Laymon Locklear saying that Locklear had never missed a meeting since he

began serving as a member of that board. With no other nominations, they voted. Voting for Green were: David Green, Rufus Graham, John Gibson, all Black; E.B. Morton and J.R. Mussewhite, the two whites; and Pete Clark, Indian.

Voting for Locklear were Gerald Maynor, Ronald Hammonds, Lillian Fay Locklear and Laymon Locklear.

Jerry Lowry was not present for the meeting.

In other matters the board authorized the superintendent to submit the application for funding for the 1982-83 school year for Chapter I which was formerly called Title I and the Migrant and Summer and Fall Program. They passed a resolution of support for the "Industry on Parade" in Robeson County on the recommendation of Supt. Swett who stated it would be a means of saying "Yes, we support the concept of Industry on Parade."

The Board also approved the budget request for the upcoming school year to be submitted to the commissioner. The budget request will include a 15% increase in the over-\$2 million in current expenses and a 10% increase in current outlay which was approximately 1/2 million dollars this year.

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PEMBROKE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE TO MEET
There will be a meeting of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Inc. on Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Pembroke Town Hall.
The Chamber will be electing new officers and directors at this meeting.

to Speak at Holocaust Memorial Day



One of the speakers at the special services commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day on the Pembroke State University campus will be Adolph Dial, a PSU professor, and head of the Indian Studies Department, who visited a number of concentration camps while on active duty in World War II and stationed in Europe.

Dial, one of a number of speakers, is expected to speak at 11:15 a.m. and will be introduced by Rev. Julian Ransom who is PSU's Purchasing Agent.

The special services, being coordinated by Dr. John Rimberg, will be held Monday, April 19. A luncheon will follow the special services. The services will be in the Bell Tower Gardens on the PSU campus.

Robeson NCAE Plans "Meet the Candidates Night"

The Robeson County Unit of the North Carolina Association of Educators will host a Meet the Candidate's Panel Discussion to be held at the O.P. Owens Building in Lumberton on May 6, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The candidates will be those seeking a seat on the Robeson County Board of Education. They will give their reasons for seeking that seat and the last half of the meeting will be devoted to questions and answers. Rose Marie Lowry is the president of the Robeson County Unit, NCAE.

Sheff's Seafood opening Pembroke "Probably Monday"

Pembroke-Sheff's Seafood and Company is the latest addition to the Pembroke Community. The business is expected to open "probably Monday" if renovations are completed.

The business is a joint venture of Phil Davis and James Sheffield. The seafood restaurant will be the eighth one Davis is involved in. He is the owner of Jimmy's Seafood in Lumberton, now being franchised.

Davis, a 1974 graduate of Pembroke State University, said, "I have been considering the Pembroke business community for a long time. I have just been waiting for the right person to manage it...and James (Sheffield) is that man. I just like him. He is responsible and hard working and a member of the Pembroke community himself."

The restaurant is expected to employ 15 to 20 employees when fully operational and will be open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Sheff's Grill, located in the front of the building formerly housing Sim's Restaurant and the Meeting House will be Monday through Saturday with a full line

of sandwiches and short orders. But seafood will be the specialty of the house with the appetizing menu developed at Jimmy's Seafood and famous throughout the area. But, noted Davis, "We'll also have steaks, at least three cuts, including Ribeye, Sirloin and T-bone."

Davis speaks highly of Sheffield. "He is the kind of man I like to do business with. We're still deciding what percentage each of us will own. But I know that I'll be fair to James whatever the arrangement is." Sheffield has worked with Davis for the last few months at Jimmy's Seafood in Lumberton.

Sheff's Seafood and Company is located next to Pembroke Drug Center and directly in front of the Pembroke Park on the corner of Third and Odum Streets.

The building has undergone a complete face lifting. The building has been completely renovated inside and out. Said Davis, "We're excited about this new business venture and look forward to being intimately involved with the Pembroke business community."

Ray Emanuel A Jefferson Awards Finalist



Ray Emanuel (2nd from right) a Lumbee native of Robeson County, is shown with other winners of the prestigious

Jefferson Awards which were presented by Channel 5-WTVF-in Nashville, TN recently.

Franklin, Tennessee-Public service leaders were on hand recently as five Tennessee candidates were presented the 1982 regional Jefferson Awards.

WTVF Television Five, regional sponsor of the Jefferson Awards program, presented the awards during a luncheon held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Receiving the 1982 Medallions were James Bush of Glasgow, Ky., H.Ray Emanuel of Franklin, Lois Anne Peterson of Clarksville, and Nannie Hereford and Rosalind McGee, both of Nashville.

The Jefferson Awards, begun in 1973 by the American Institute of Public Service, are presented in recognition of "the highest ideals and achievements in the field of public service in the United States."

The winners of this year's regional awards were selected from 15 finalists, all of whom were honored at the gathering.

Finalists and winners in the regional Jefferson Awards program were selected from over 300 nominations. The five regional winners will participate with winners from other programs around the country in the national Jefferson Awards program this year.

Mr. Emanuel is a Lumbee Indian from North Carolina who came to Middle Tennessee in 1969 and helped found the Tennessee Indian Council, working first as a volunteer and later as the financial director for the Council. Going far beyond the duties of financial director, Mr. Emanuel spent untold hours in helping indigent Indians find work or work training programs, food and housing. In 1981, when all funds for the Council were cut off, Mr. Emanuel continued his work on a volunteer basis. Weekend and part time jobs allow him to devote full time to the Indian Council. As a disabled person himself, he is

highly aware of the problems of the physically disabled and is a vital force with the HEW Handicapped Task Force and related advisory committees. Born in St. Pauls, NC Emanuel is one of 14 children born to the late Willie Paxton Emanuel and Mrs. Anna Lowry Emanuel who still lives in the St. Pauls area.

"The whole family worked at growing such crops as tobacco, corn, cotton, onions and cucumbers for market.

"After selling the crops, we would give the landowner 50% of the profit and pay for the growing expenses. That did not leave us with much money to live on," Emanuel said.

In addition to growing up poor, at the age of 5 he lost his left arm below his elbow while unknowingly playing with a dynamite cap.

Normally such adversity would be enough to discourage most people, but not Emanuel.

He attended Magnolia High School and in 1963 enrolled at Pembroke State University in Pembroke. There Emanuel met people from diverse, economic backgrounds and for the first time realized that poverty did not have to be a permanent, social condition.

Explaining this change, he said: "When you are raised up poor, you assume everyone is poor. But when I went to college and saw that all people are not poor, I realized that I must really get trained to help my people improve their lives."

Believing that Indian people must get into influential positions in business and government to bring about meaningful, social changes, Emanuel got an associate degree in business administration and has been a part time student ever since.

After working with Western Electric of Greensboro for two years, he got laid off and moved to Nashville in 1969 hoping to find work at the company's plant here.

Not finding employment with the company, Emanuel held various jobs from working in a florist shop to that of an accounting clerk at the Mid-Cumberland Resources Agency.

In 1977 he helped found and became the financial director of the Tennessee Indian...
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