

# Celebrating 100 Years of Indian Education in Robeson

Editor's note: Our Indian Renaissance began with passage of 1885 N.C. Laws, Ch. 51 designating Robeson County Indians as "Croatian Indians" and providing for an Indian School System. Read the Carolina Indian Voice weekly as we tell this remarkable story throughout 1985 in celebration of our CENTENNIAL OF EDUCATION.

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Little Miss Deep Branch Leslie Barton and Junior Miss Deep Branch Natascha Wagoner are accompanied by the first Tiny Miss Deep Branch Shelly Denyale Scott.

## PAGEANT WINNERS AT DEEP BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Deep Branch Elementary School held their annual Little Miss and Junior Miss Deep Branch Pageant Friday night in the school auditorium.

Miss Leslie Barton, a third grade student of Ms. Evelyn Meares, is the new Little Miss Deep Branch. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barton of Route 4, Lumberton. Leslie sang "Put Your Hand In The Hand" for the talent competition. She was accompanied on the piano by Mr. Danny Elliott. Miss Cynthia Oxendine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delton Oxendine of Route 1, Rowland was first runner up. Miss Tanya Deese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Deese of

second runner up.

The Junior Miss Deep Branch is Miss Natascha Wagoner, a sixth grade student of Ms. Rosella Brooks. Natascha did a song and dance routine "My Guy." She is the daughter of Ms. Nyra Wagoner. The first runner up was Miss Nataschia Hunt, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Grady Hunt, Rt. 6, Lumberton. Miss Wanda McNeill was the 2nd runner-up. She is the daughter of Mr. James McNeill.

The faculty and staff would like to thank everyone who helped to make this pageant possible. Mr. Walter G. Oxendine is the principal of Deep Branch. (Photo by Bill Hunt)

## Electea to Serve On Consumer Board

Ms. Shirley Locklear, Project Director of the Community Service Block Grant at Lumbee Regional Development Association, has been elected to serve on Food Lion's newly organized Consumer Advisory Board.

In serving on the Consumer Advisory Board, Ms. Locklear will assist in evaluating Food Lion's operation and making recommendations as to how they can better serve its customers. She will be one of ten members on this Board from throughout their six-state operating area. Each Board member will serve a one-year term and attend quarterly meetings in Salisbury, North Carolina.

Ms. Locklear was informed of her new appointment by Ms. Mare Robinson, Special Projects Administrator of Food Lion. Ms. Locklear had been recommended for the position.

## PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS

### PRECINCT MEETING AT NORTH PEMBROKE

Welton Lowry, Precinct Chairman for North Pembroke Precinct, encourages all Democrats to attend a precinct meeting on Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m. at the Pembroke Middle School, which is the polling place for North Pembroke Precinct.

Chairman Lowry urges all interested Democrats to attend and participate in the election of nine delegates to the County Democratic Convention to be held April 13 in the Lumberton Court House.

### SATW MINISERIES TO BE PRESENTED

Strike at the Wind mini series will be presented April 20, 1985 at the Riverside Country Club Amphitheatre. Admission for children is \$2.00. Admission for adults is \$3.00. The show will begin at 8 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

### Miss Teen Pageant April 21

The U.S.A. Teen Miss Scholarship Pageant is competing festivities being held in the grand ballroom of the Marriott Hotel in Raleigh on Sunday, April 21st.

Girls in grades seven thru twelve that would like to represent their area in the official state finals, may receive an application by submitting a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: N.C. Teen Miss Applications, 31 Mill Plan Road, Danbury, Conn. 06417, or by calling the national headquarters at 203/748-982.

Each girl accepted as a contestant will receive a tiara and sash and will officially represent the pageant in parades and other local activities during their one year reign.

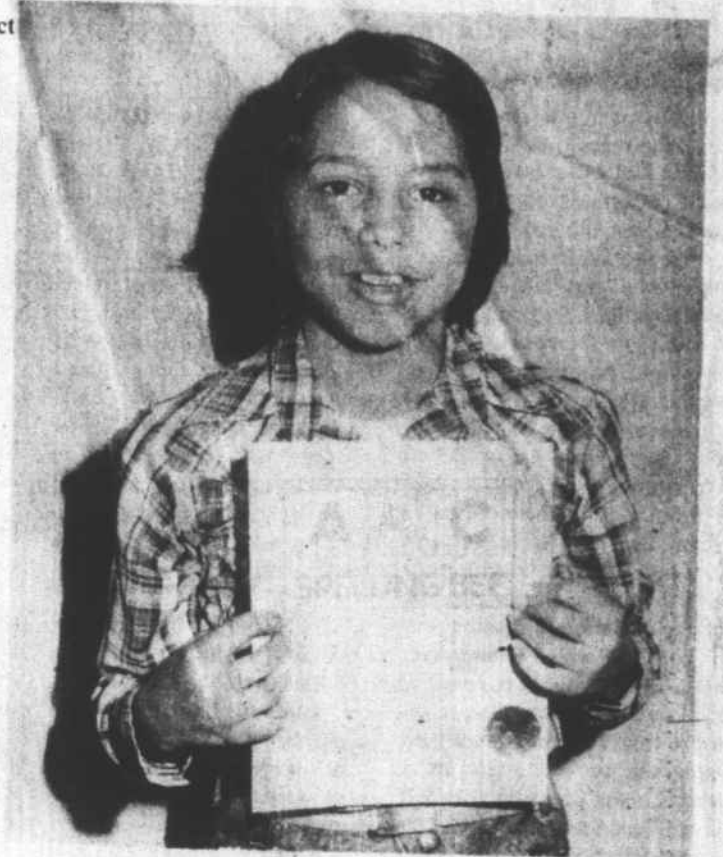
Contestants will compete for the state title and crown in Evening Gown, Interview and Communications Competitions. The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash scholarship award. Each of the ten semi-finalists will receive a self-study modeling course and trophies will be awarded to the court-of-honor; plus, numerous recognition awards.

The newly crowned N.C. State Winner will go on to compete with 49 other state finalists in the New York City National Finals where she will be competing for \$10,000 in awards.

### NAME CHANGE

The Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Association, Inc announces its change of name to TELAMON CORP.

Established in 1965, the organization has operated human services programs primarily for migrant and other seasonal farm laborers. Expansion of programs to other low income groups was a factor in seeking a name change. Telamon Corp.'s offices in Robeson County will continue to serve farm workers through employment and job training programs. For information concerning eligibility or program services contact: P.O. Box 1120, College Court, Pembroke, NC 28372. (919) 521-8511.



Sean Chavis, son of Mrs. Francine Chavis of Pembroke, is an outstanding student of the sixth grade at Pembroke Middle School. He was the winner of the school's spelling competition and represented his school in the Robeson County Spelling Bee held March 12 at the county library.

Another honor included winning the sixth grade math competition in his school. He will enter the county math contest April 12th. Sean, a student in Mrs. Ruby Buchanan's room, is a well-rounded, all American boy who enjoys sports, reading and other hobbies. (Photo by Elmer W. Hunt)

## -A Continuing Saga- CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF INDIAN EDUCATION IN ROBESON

### MY UNFORGETTABLE FIRST DAY IN SCHOOL

By Lew Barton

Before the U.S. Supreme Court, in effect, banned The Holy Bible and public prayer in U.S. schools, the schools of our people held chapel exercises regularly. There was an opening prayer, Bible reading and various announcements and comments, by members of the school staff, usually, after which the children gave short recitations or recitals. The practice was referred to as "giving a speech." It gave teachers an opportunity to show-off and encourage promising students, and was, in all probability, the most popular activity of the school week.

I still wasn't old enough to enter, though, when my eldest sister, Mary Jane Barton, took me to school with her one day. Her one wish was to show-off her only blood brother-in-full. But I only brought her shame and regret.

When time came for the students to give short recitals, I was urged forward to do my bit, too, right along with the kids already enrolled. I knew several short poems from memory. But if Mary Jane had realized "the little speech" I would recite, she probably would have set on me to keep me off that stage: "The woodpecker sneezed, the woodpecker coughed, the woodpecker sneezed so hard he sneezed his pecker right off!"

Unaware of the ambiguity of my pitiful little offering, I thought I did pretty well. After all, the kids clapped, and yelled, and laughed their hearty approval, didn't they? I got a bigger hand than anyone who spoke that day. But Mary Jane was aghast. She snuck me away and took me home the minute the bell rang. "Mama, do you know what this crazy young-un did at school today?" She burst out, in tears, as soon as we

reached the house. "Wha'd I do? Wha'd I do?" I wanted to know. And so did Mama.

"He quoted a nasty poem right up on the stage in front of the whole school, that's what he did! Boy, you'll never go with me to school again as long as you live! You hear me?"

"It's your own fault!" said mama, scarcely able to conceal her amusement. "I told you Ludy (the nickname she always used for me) wasn't old enough to go to that school with you! I told you, but no, you wouldn't listen!"

"Well, it's his first day and his last day, so far as I'm concerned! Mama, how am I ever going to face my friends again?"

Mama told Mary Jane comfortingly that "nobody in their right mind would pay any attention to the mistakes of a child that small."

But they did. And what I failed to understand was why. They still remembered when I entered the Primer Grade the next year. But by this time I'd sworn-off poetry, "forever," I told myself.

My next chapel appearance was to play "There's An Old Spinning Wheel In The Parlor" on a harmonica.

Needless to say, however, my second public appearance didn't evoke as much applause as my first. And as for Mary Jane, she was as pleased as a peacock.

See? I told you. I've always been a ham... but seldom a bore.

I still remember with great warmth Mrs. Elizabeth Oxendine Maynor who took me in hand early in my school years. She tried to make something out of me, and remained my friend until her death some time ago.

I don't have room to tell you how Tom Russel Goins and I used to chop wood to keep her and her pupils warm. Besides, you'd only think I was bragging.

## PSU MATH PARTICIPANTS



High school and junior high school students from 43 schools in southeastern North Carolina took part in the

annual PSU Mathematics Contest last Thursday. Plaques went to the winning individuals and teams in the Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry categories.

## MAGNOLIA SCHOOL'S

"Miss  
F.H.A.

Sweetheart



Magnolia School's annual Sweetheart campus recently crowned Donna Jacobs as "Sweetheart." Other winners in the contest were Kellie McGirt, McLenn, and Craig. This annual contest is sponsored by Magnolia Club Homesteaders, which is sponsored by Mrs. Esther L. Sarr. Home Economics in Magnolia Club is Craig McMillan.

**LET'S SAVE**

**THE PEMBROKE RAILROAD DEPOT!**

Artwork by Mr. Paul Van Zandt

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For a renewed sense of spiritual contentment on this holy day.

**FOR A JOYOUS EASTER  
COME TO  
CHURCH**