

Celebrating 100 Years of Indian Education in Robeson



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Editor's note: Our Indian Renaissance began with passage of 1885 N.C. Laws, Ch. 51 designating Robeson County Indians as "Croatan 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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PEMBROKE ELEMENTARY QUEENS



Two lovely little ladies became queens at the Pembroke Elementary School's Little Miss Pageant. Nakesha Locklear is the newly crowned Miss Pembroke Elementary School, representing grades three through five. Heather Maynor is now the Little Miss Pembroke Elementary School, representing kindergarten through second grades. Queen Nakesha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Locklear and is in the fourth grade class of Miss Cindy McClenney. First runner up is Mary Lowery,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lowery and fourth grade student of Mrs. Shirley Locklear. Second runner-up is Kristie Revels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Revels and fourth grade student of Miss Cindy McClenney. Queen Heather is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Maynor, Jr. and is in Mrs. Rhonda Dellinger's Kindergarten class. First runner up is Jacinta Salcido, the daughter of Ms. Suzette Salcido and the kindergarten student of Mrs. Reba McMillan. Tying for second runner up were

Jennifer Pickens and Emily Love. Jennifer is the daughter of Ms. Wanda Dial and is in Mrs. Joyce Sampson's first grade. Emily's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Love and her first grade teacher is Miss Joan Morris. Each of the fifteen contestants received a trophy. The girls showed their appreciation to Mrs. Sandra Drawhorn for giving so much time and love as the pageant chairperson by giving her flowers and a trophy.

South African Foe of Apartheid Visits Pembroke Area

Dennis Mumble, an exiled South African and foe of apartheid visited Pembroke last Thursday and discussed religious and racial issues of South Africa with concerned citizens who met with him at the Baptist Building in Pembroke. Mumble, an ardent Christian, spoke out strongly against the white government in South Africa, lamenting the fact that whites control the country although they are, in fact, in the minority in the country. Whites make up only 4 1/2 million of a nearly 29 million populace. Mumble chastised the U.S. government for economic cooperation with the South African country saying that America is sanctioning a country that systematically discriminates against the Black majority populace.

Mr. Mumble's visit was sponsored by the Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned. Mr. Mumble is traveling throughout the country telling the story of the maligned and oppressed black people of South Africa. He encouraged economic sanctions against South Africa until a sharing of power with all the people of South Africa is realized.

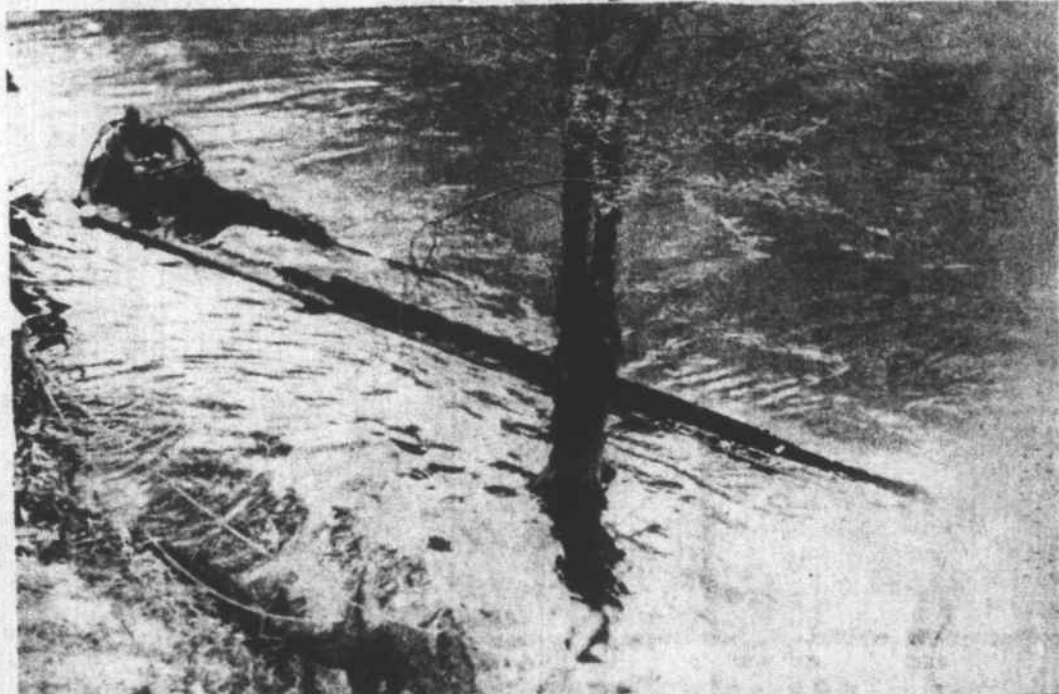


Dennis Mumble (left) is shown expressing his concerns for his beloved South Africa. Listening intently is Mac Legerton, executive director of Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned. [Bruce Barton]

CANOE RECOVERY INDICATES INDIAN PAST

Paul Valenti lives in the Clybourne Pines Area near Lumberton, and works for the City of Lumberton at its water filtration plant. But his real love is diving and exploring Lumber River. He dives for pleasure, and finds many interesting items that tell of the area's past in the depth of the black and mysterious Lumber River. On Monday, May 20, Valenti watched as underwater archaeologists from Fort Fisher pulled his latest find from Lumber River. It was the remains of a canoe that seems to be hundreds of years old, and was probably used by Indians of the area as much as 500 years ago. Valenti discovered the canoe near the bank of Lumber River at McNeil's Bridge. Before the canoe was recovered, Valenti contacted Linda Oxendine at PSU's Native American Resource Center and she, in turn, contacted the state. Bringing the canoe to the surface were Leslie Bright and Mark Wilde-Ramsing, two divers and underwater archaeologists from Fort Fisher. They work for the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. Bright said the canoe seemed to be cypress or pine, and was hollowed out by a burning process known to have been used by Indians long before

the whites came to Robeson County in the 1730s. Burn marks were quite evident as the canoe was brought to the surface by the divers sporting scuba diving gear. The divers worked for some 30 minutes positioning the canoe on a wooden platform devised by the under water archaeologist. Valenti said he discovered the canoe while scuba diving earlier in the month. Valenti collects old bottles and other items that seem of historical worth and said, when he observed the canoe that it looked unusual. Ms. Oxendine was excited about the find and said, "It's an incredible find. Most things found to date have been contemporary or, at the least, in the 1800s. This will be from a period that is little known." Ms. Oxendine, who has made arrangements for carbon 14 dating of the canoe envisions the canoe being on eventual display at the Native American Resource Center if preliminary conjectures are confirmed by testing of dating of the canoe that measures some 47 feet in length. Valenti, an ardent historical buff, indicated his wishes for the find to be displayed at PSU. He remembered, "I took swimming and scuba diving lessons at PSU. It would be nice if it goes to PSU."



The canoe is shown being lifted from Lumber River's murky waters. The canoe, estimated to be more than 500 years old, was discovered by Paul Valenti, a local diver. If confirmed as historically significant, as preliminary findings indicate, the canoe will eventually be displayed at PSU's Native American Resource Center. [Photo by Bruce Barton]

Know Your Policemen...

by Cheryl Bullard



ification requires 284 hours of basic training." According to Officer Woods, police certification is a three step process. He said, "First, there is a probationary period, then general and intermediate." Officer Woods also completed a 15 hour Human Relations course at RTC on February 28, 1985. In addition he is a member of the National Rifle Assoc., which involved 16 hours of training, Woods said. Woods said, "I was also a police officer for the Rowland Police Dept. for two years and a dispatcher for the Maxton Police Dept. for three years. Woods also enjoys fishing and playing baseball for the Pembroke Police Dept.'s ball team. Officer Woods, his wife Hazel Woods and their seven year old daughter live in Pembroke and attend Union Chapel Methodist Church. He is the son of Rev. Monroe and Cora Lee Woods of Pembroke.

Jerry Woods, 27, is a certified police officer of the Pembroke Police Dept. Officer Woods completed his training at Robeson Technical College on June 22, 1981. He said, "Police certi-

Bus Driver of Year Honored

LUMBEE BANK PARTICIPATES IN CREDIT AGREEMENT

NEW YORK MAY 20—Lumbree Bank, Pembroke, NC is participating in the largest single credit agreement between a major US corporation and a consortium of minority-owned financial institutions. Avon Products, Inc. announced today that Lumbree is among 45 minority-owned banks from throughout the US taking part in a \$25 million revolving credit agreement with the company. Under the agreement, Avon has the right to borrow up to \$100,000 from the bank during the next three years. Freedom National Bank, New York City, acted as the Agent for the revolving credit arrangement. Representing Avon in the development of the credit agreement were Jules Zimmerman, group vice president and chief financial officer, and John E. Donaldson, Jr., Avon resident and treasurer. Corporate Advisory Board to Corporate Advisory Board to the National Bankers Assoc., a trade association representing minority banks. The company has \$34 million in credit arrangements, including this agreement, with minority-owned banks. It also maintains substantial time deposits and places all of its tax deposits in several of these financial institutions. a beauty, health care and direct-response company, Avon has sales of more than \$3 billion a year.



Norm Merton of Lumberton Oil Company, is shown making the presentation to Barbara Jane Lowry. [Photo by Lavonia Hunt]

The Tracy Lea Calhoun Award has been presented to Barbara Jane Lowry for outstanding achievement and school bus safety during the current school year. Mrs. Barbara Lowry has been driving the handicap bus for seven years. She is currently driving for Pembroke Elementary under the supervision of Mrs. Verdis A. Deese, the assistant principal.

STOP VBS Begins SMOKING CLINIC

The Robeson County Health Department will be offering an evening Quit Smoking Clinic beginning on June 11 at 7 p.m. Participants will meet at the health department for six consecutive Tuesdays. To register for the clinic or for further information, contact Gaylen Hayes, 738-7231.

Mt. Airy Baptist Church will be having Vacation Bible School June 10-14 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Registration will be Saturday June 8 from 2 p.m.-3 p.m. at the church which is located on Hwy. 72 nine miles west of Lumberton. There will be fun and games and a cookout held at the church park from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. after registration. The pastor, Rev. Mike Cummings, invites everyone to come out and enjoy the event.



The final presentation of Strike at the Wind's musical series will be presented Saturday night at the Lakeside Amphitheatre at Riverdale Country Club in the Red Banks area. The popular production begins at 8:30 p.m. and is part of a six staged evening that will also include appearances by Robeson County School's 11th IV [Indian Education] youth, Rev. David Carter and the Sounds of Deliverance and the Prospect United Methodist Church's Youth Choir. How are some of the school age children (ages 8-12) who will be performing. This is the last musical series presentation on the eve of another exciting season of Strike at the Wind, the area's exciting outdoor drama about Henry Berry Lowrie and his Indian, white and black friends and foes. Don't miss it. It promises to be an evening of family entertainment. Admission is a mere \$5, and funds will be used to support Strike at the Wind for a 1986 season beginning July 5.