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Market Study To Be Conducted For Proposed N.C. Indian Cultural Center

A market study has been undertaken in the continuing plans for a North Carolina Indian Cultural Center.

According to A. Bruce Jones, executive director of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, the market study will provide information to help make long-range plans for the development of the cultural center.

"We wish to determine what attractions can be developed that will best represent the Indian culture of North Carolina and that will draw enough tourists and revenues for the center to be self-sufficient," Jones said.

The Winfield Group, a marketing consulting firm from Atlanta, has been hired

to conduct the study. Representatives of the firm will be visiting Indian communities and tourist facilities over the next few months to gather information from Indian people and travelers in the state.

The North Carolina Indian Cultural Center is a cultural and tourism project being developed by the State of North Carolina and Indian tribes and organizations in the state. When completed, it is expected to be a major tourist attraction of the Southeast and is expected to be of comparable size and quality to other major Indian tourist attractions in the United States.

The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs is providing

administrative support to help develop the center.

The commission is the only state government agency with the specific responsibility of addressing the needs of North Carolina Indians. Through its field offices and varied programs, the commission works to assure the rights of Indians to pursue their cultural, social and religious traditions and to increase their economic and educational opportunities.

North Carolina has the largest Indian population of any state east of the Mississippi River, with 65,000 Indians composing the Cherokee, Coharie, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin and Waccamaw-Siouan tribes in the state.

Tuscarora Tribe Of NC Hold Food Give-Aways

During the past holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina had two food give-aways in which many needy tribal members received turkeys and other food and articles to help them through the holidays.

The Tribe feels that this was a big success and plans to keep doing these type of give-aways to help the Tribal members.

The Tuscarora Tribe would like to thank Timothy Jacobs who works at the Tribal Office under the Youth Program for the time he spent and his help in the distribution of the food for the Tribal members. Timothy's connections in Washington, D.C. to the organization that funded the food was of great help. Timothy also did the Traditional Indian artwork on the

Office spent many hours working and calling to make sure that the food came and was distributed to the needy Tribal members. Ms. Sanderson exhibited a great compassion for the needy and a love to help them. The Tribe benefits greatly from her services.

Secondly, the Tribe would like to thank Timothy Jacobs who works at the Tribal Office under the Youth Program for the time he spent and his help in the distribution of the food for the Tribal members. Timothy's connections in Washington, D.C. to the organization that funded the food was of great help. Timothy also did the Traditional Indian artwork on the

Thanksgiving and Christmas cards that were given to each family with the food. Timothy is also the lead singer for the Tuscarora Kau-Ta-Noh Society Singers, the drum group for the Tuscarora Tribe.

The Indian way is that of giving. The Tuscarora Tribe is trying to establish this Traditional way again.

There are Indian organizations that do not do this. They do not work for the needy and the grass-roots Indian people. They work for themselves, and only special ones. The Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina is going to work for all the people, and especially those who need help the most.

Submitted by the
Tuscarora Tribe of N.C.

Jimmy Earl Cummings Supporters To Meet

There will be a public meeting on January 15, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. at West Robeson Senior High. The meeting is sponsored by Concerned Citizens for Better Government in

Robeson County. Everyone is welcome to share their concerns about the killing of Jimmy Earl Cummings by Kevin Stone, son of Sheriff Hubert Stone.

State Calendar Girl Tiny Miss Queen



LaTeisha Rogers, six, participated in the State Calendar Girl Pageant in Wilson, NC on Dec. 19 and 20, 1986 where she won the Tiny Miss division. She was judged according to her performance in beauty, talent and interview categories. Along with her title she received a television, cabbage patch doll, diamond necklace, \$100 savings bond and a robe. LaTeisha is the first state calendar girl in the Tiny Miss division. She is the daughter of Melvin and Teresa Rogers of Lumberton and is a first grade student at Long Branch Elementary School.

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo To Perform

Pembroke--Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo will perform at PSU's Performing Arts Center on Saturday, January 24, at 8 p.m. as part of the Centennial Season 1986-87.

"The Trocks" are all male dance company whose take-offs of traditional classical and modern ballets are performed with a combination of subtle humor and serious technical proficiency. Essentially these men are first class ballerinas with a Woody Allen sense of self-mockery. They gently kid the conventions of ballet, sometimes by exaggerating the style and the mannerisms just a degree, occasionally just by playing the whole thing straight. The dancers also assume the names, personalities and program biographies of such artists as Natalia Schmalzova, Olga Supphozova, Delilah Razzmatazzmova, Uri Sakitumi and Adam Baum.

"What started as a joke has turned into an international business," claims company co-director, Natch Taylor. He critically acclaimed 11-member company, which began its spoofs in Manhattan lofts almost 10 years ago, has appeared in 31 of the 50 states and 11 foreign countries. The performers are not only gifted comics but accomplished dancers. It is the blend of the satiric edge with essentially sound dance technique that makes the company's performance accurate, funny and effective.

Tickets are \$5.50, \$4.50 general admission, and \$1 for PSU students and may be purchased at the box office or at Crumplers and McNeills Jewelers in Lumberton, Quick Copy of Laurinburg and The Dancer in Fayetteville. For reservations or information call the box office at 521-0778.

New Athletic Director at FMA

Mr. Bob Gillis has been appointed Athletic Director for Flora Macdonald Academy for the remainder of the 1986-87 school year. He assumes the position left vacant by Ms. Marlene Johnson who resigned to enter private business. Mr. Gillis, who comes to FMA with 35 years of teaching and coaching experience, is a resident of Hope Mills. He is a native of China Grove, NC and graduated from South Rowan High School. He received his undergraduate degree from Appalachian State University in 1952 and his Master's from the same university in 1955. He is certified in P.E. Social Studies, Language

Arts, Vocational and Driver's Education. Mr. Gillis is also a certified principal and supervisor. He is married, father of three children, and his wife, Barbara, is a bookkeeper at Southview Junior High.

Upon making the announcement of Mr. Gillis' appointment, Mrs. Elna R. Averitte, Headmistress at FMA, said that "We feel we are extremely fortunate to have a man with the experience and background that Mr. Gillis has to come to FMA. Because of this background, training and personal achievement, he has proven himself capable of handling challenges in his field with unusual success. We welcome him."

TUSCARORA TRIBE OF N.C.

Native American Non-Profit Organization

Tuscarora Heritage And What It Means To Be Tuscarora

Being Tuscarora means that you come from an Indian Tribe that existed long before the white man came to these shores. You are from the Iroquois Family which are some of the most fierce fighters and highly intelligent of all Indians.

Tuscaroras controlled the state of North Carolina at one time. Tuscaroras were feared by both white and other Indian tribes. The only reason that the Tuscarora people were defeated in the War of 1711 was because the whites allied the other Indian tribes that had feared the Tuscaroras. But it still took about two years to defeat them.

The bad part about it is that these same Indian tribes that took sides with the whites against the Tuscaroras were later destroyed or sent on the "Trail of Tears" to Oklahoma by these same whites they allied with.

Being Tuscarora also means that you have a true identity, traditions, culture, language and that there are no gaps or unsurity in your roots and heritage.

Knowing who you are, the truth in who you are, means a

lot. When one is asked "What tribe are you?" One can say proudly, "I am Tuscarora," thus knowing that you have a true identity and heritage.

Being Tuscarora also means that if we send our Tuscarora Princess to represent the tribe, she does not have to borrow from other tribes in dress, customs, traditions, and language because Tuscaroras have all of these things.

Tuscarora blood is strong in Robeson County, the Locklears, Lowrys and those with Cumbo descent. The truth is coming forward. The Iroquois up north know of these things and admit to them. It is no secret anymore. Truth will always prevail.

The Indian youth of Robeson County need to be taught these things, to be proud of being Tuscarora, to hear the truth and then let them decide.

The Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina has many things that they are trying to accomplish and one of these things is instilling pride in being Tuscarora. For those desiring to contact the Tuscarora Tribal Office, the number is 739-1116.

LOCAL BULLETIN

QUARTERLY SING TO BE HELD JANUARY 18

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association will hold its quarterly singing Sunday, January 18 at 2 p.m. The singing will be held at Thompson Baptist Church where Rev. Sanford Locklear is pastor. All singing groups are encouraged to attend and participate.

PLATE SALE PLANNED

The Pembroke Rescue Squad will have a plate sale Friday, January 16, beginning at 11 a.m. Chicken and barbecue will be sold. Plates are \$3.50 each. Deliveries of five or more plates will be made within the area. All proceeds go to Pembroke Rescue Squad. Come out and each lunch and supper with the members of the Pembroke

Rescue Squad. Help them help you.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Come join us for the Robeson County tribute to the works and life of the late Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Guest speaker for the program is Dr. Timothy Autry, Vice President of Student Services for South Carolina State College, with performance by a Robeson County Mass Choir and the Journeymen. Plan now to join us on Friday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Carolina Civic Center on the corner of 4th and Elm Street, Lumberton. Admission is free. Come let us celebrate together. For further information please call 739-6031, ext. 150.

News Briefs

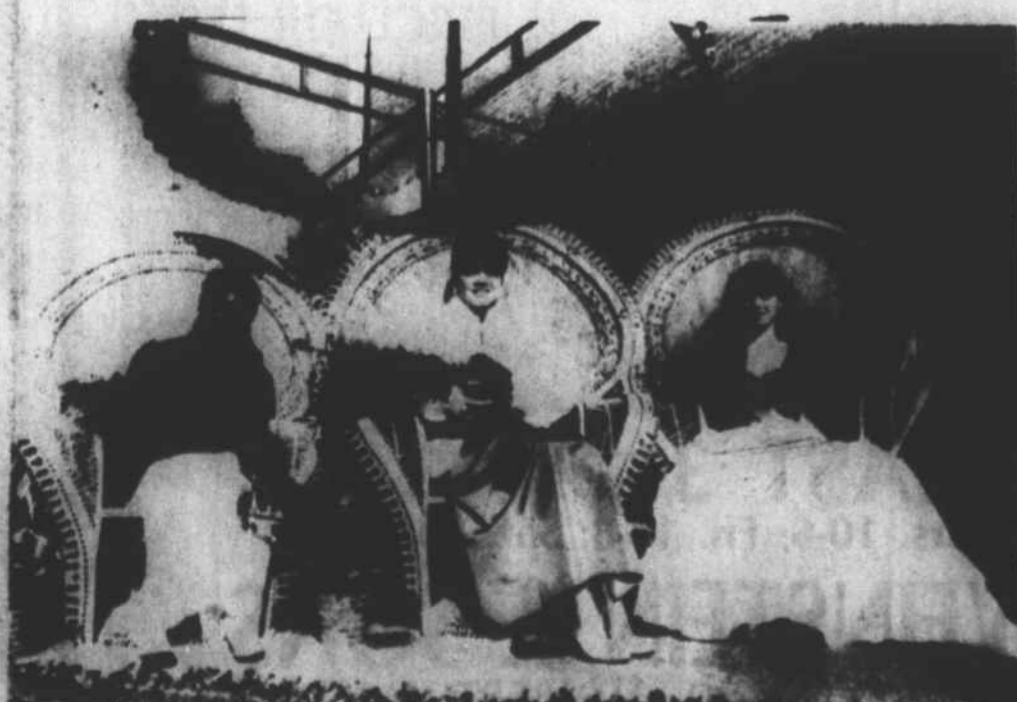
The Lumbee Regional Development Association's Talent Search Program announces the 1987 Indian Fellowship Applications.

If you are Indian and planning a course of study leading toward (a) A post baccalaureate degree in medicine, psychology, law, education, clinical psychology, guidance counseling and related fields; or (b) an under

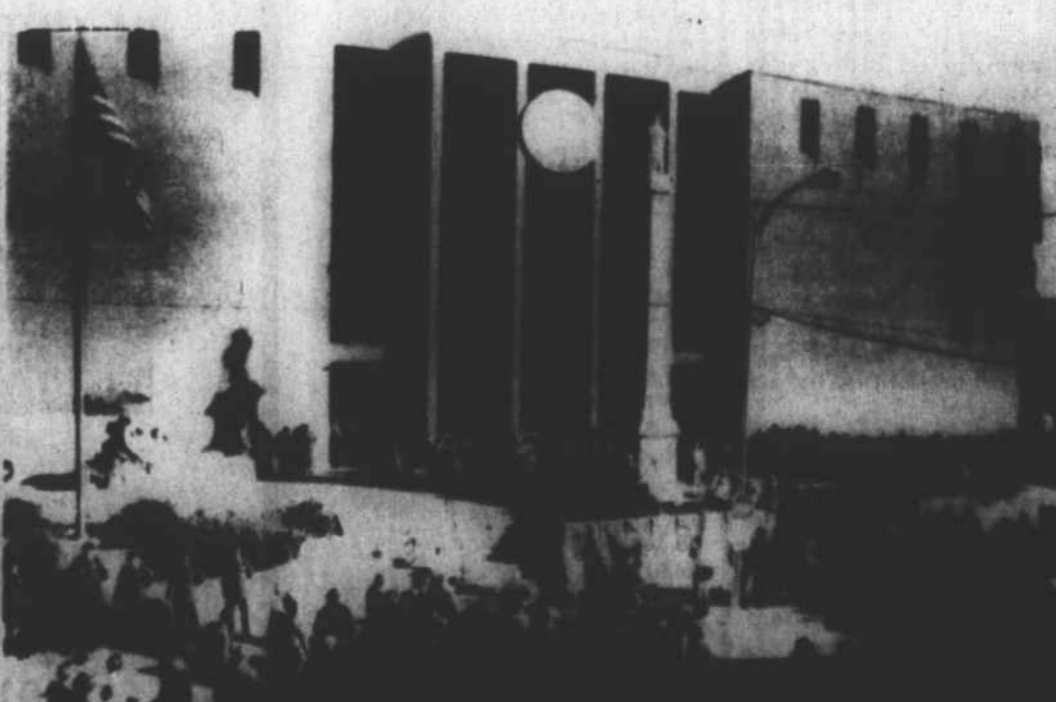
graduate or graduate degree in engineering, business administration, natural resources and related fields you can compete for funding. The deadline for the Indian Fellowship is February 6, 1987.

Persons interested should contact Belinda S. Harris, Talent Search Director, Lumbee Regional Development Association, P.O. Box 68, Pembroke, NC 28372, (919) 521-8602.

ROBESON COUNTY BICENTENNIAL SCENES



These three queens representing the three major races of Robeson County are shown on the Bicentennial float. Left to right, the queens are Sherri Bliss, Lashia Rogers and Pige Lewis.



This was the scene in front of the Robeson County Courthouse as the year-long bicentennial celebration of Robeson County began Jan. 6. Some 500 people were in attendance.



Hector MacLean, chairman of the Robeson County Bicentennial Commission, displays a federal certificate designating the county as an official U.S. Commission bicentennial community.