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LOCAL POLITICAL ACTIVIST HONORED IN KENTUCKY



SAM DIAL

Sam Dial, long time political activist with the State of North Carolina recently acquired another award for his service to mankind. This time Dial was honored by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Honorable Martha Lane Collins. Governor Collins commissioned Dial to the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

What makes a Kentucky Colonel? The recipe is no secret, simply a blend of friendliness, good fellowship, good will, and good fun. Add the ingredients of capacity for service and accomplishments in some worthy line of endeavor. All this leads to the Governor's signature and an honorary appointment on the staff.

How do you become a Kentucky Colonel? This is a familiar question and the answer is simple. You must be recommended to the Governor for outstanding contributions to your community, state, or nation, or for some worthy endeavor or achievement. The Governor's approval will soon lead to your being presented with a commission as a Kentucky Colonel.

The list of Kentucky Colonels resembles a Who's Who, including many men and women from other countries. The certificate with the Governor's and Secretary of State's signatures and the seal of the Commonwealth of Kentucky hangs on the wall of many distinguished government leaders, businessmen, and entertainers. The late Bing Crosby, Red Skelton, John Glenn, Jr., who was commissioned while orbiting the earth, the late President Lyndon B. Johnson, and the late English Prime Minister Winston Churchill are among many to have been honored with the rank of Kentucky Colonel.

It all began with the first Governor of Kentucky, Isaac Shelby, who gave his son-in-law, Charles S. Todd, the title of Colonel on his staff. Shelby later issued commissions to all who enlisted in his regiment in the War of 1812. Later Governors commissioned Colonels to act as their protective guard; they wore uniforms and were present at most official functions.

The "Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels" was founded in 1932 by Governor Ruby Laffoon and has since been officially incorporated as a charitable organization. The Order's formation was the idea of Charles Pettijohn, then chief counsel of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, who was appointed the first National Commanding General of the Order. This position included responsibility for the finances of the Order as well as its highest rank. Anna Bell Ward was appointed Secretary and given the job of "organizing" the Colonels.

The Governor and the Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky serve as the Commander-in-Chief and Deputy Commander-in-Chief respectively. All officers serve with no remuneration.

Serious thoughts are put aside and fun time for the Colonels comes once a year at the Kentucky Derby, when they arrive in Louisville from all over the world. Mint juleps are familiar sights that weekend, for the thousands of honorary Colonels are proud of the Southern traditions and hospitality. An official dinner the day before the Derby and a barbecue the day after are two main items on the agenda.

Dial was presented a certificate inscribed with these words: Commonwealth of Kentucky, Martha Layne Collins, Governor to all those whom these presents shall come, greeting:

Know ye that Honorable Sam Dial of Pembroke, North Carolina is commissioned a Kentucky Colonel. I hereby confer this honor with all rights, privileges and responsibilities there unto appertaining.

In testimony whereof I have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed. Done at Frankfort, the Sixth Day of March in the year Year of our Lord 1987 and in the one hundred 95th year of the Commonwealth.

Martha Layne Collins, Governor
Drezell R. Davis, Secretary of State

Dial was recommended for the honor by a long-time friend of his, Granville Sizemore of Manchester, Kentucky. The two met in Chicago, Ill. in 1966. At that time Dial was being honored as the Man of the Year by the Music Operators of America.

Dial, a Lumbee Indian, is the first Indian to ever receive the commission as a Kentucky Colonel. Other honors received by Dial included an award from President John F. Kennedy, the Great Seal of the United States in Platinum from President Lyndon B. Johnson. Dial has also been honored by President Jimmy Carter, Vice President Walter Mondale and Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd.

Dial is a former member of the Pembroke Town Council where he served during three decades under the administrations of Mayors Earlie B. Maynor, Reggie Strickland and Pete Jacobs. Dial has been honored many times locally for his contributions to the betterment of life for the citizens in and around Pembroke. The most notable of these is his efforts for low-income housing for the Pembroke area. One housing development, Dial Terrace, was named in his honor. Dial is often referred to as the "Father of Public Housing."

Local Principal To Improve Management Skills Through Techniques Gained At UNC Institute

Chapel Hill-Robeson County principal Kelly K. Sanderson, Prospect School in Maxton, is among the state's most informed school administrators on management techniques following completion of an intensive education program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill March 20.

Sanderson is one of 35 administrators participating in the 10th Principal's Executive Program at the UNC Institute of Government. The program began Jan. 5 and met six three-and-a-half-day sessions. The graduates improved their knowledge in 23 management and education areas.

Other Robeson County principals who have participated in the program are Howard Davis, R.B. Dean Elementary; Barry Harding, Green Grove Elementary; Wade Hunt, Union Chapel Elementary; Colon Lane, Park Town Public School; Jack Morgan, Rex-Rennett School; Mabel Revels, Southside/Ashpole Elementary; and Bruce Walters, Orrum High School. More than 350 principals have completed the program, which began in September 1984. The program gives these administrators a chance to stay up-to-date to maintain their effectiveness, hone their skills and continue their commitment to professional development.

The Principal's Executive Program was developed in response to concerns about school management expressed by Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III and C.D. Spangler Jr., former chairman of the N.C. Board of Education and now UNC system president. Nine programs for principals and one for superintendents have been completed. Classes scheduled through September 1987 are filled.

"The program brings principals back to the classroom to learn new administrative skills and to think creatively

about management in a school setting," said Robert Phay, program director. He said that the curriculum teaches principals how to run more effective instructional programs and leaves its mark on participants long after the program has ended.

During the program instructors will teach more than 150 hours in such areas as leadership, personnel management, personal development, improvement of instructors and curriculum, students and legal issues. Also included are special presentations by the UNC faculty in the arts and humanities. Many of the 118 sessions of the program are taught by the case method, and all classroom teaching tries to involve principals in thoughtful inquiry of an issue.

Program faculty come from the Institute of Government, the School of Education and the School of Business Administration at UNC, the N.C. Department of Public Instruction; private consultants; and faculty members at other universities.

Principals are selected through nominations by their superintendents. One principal can be nominated for every 10 principals in the school district.

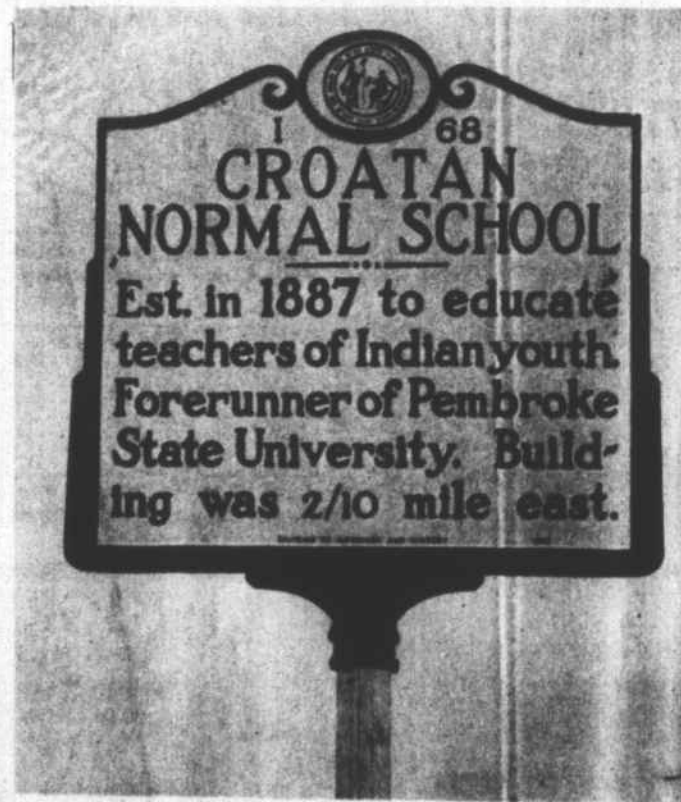
Program costs, including housing and meals for participants, are covered by legislative funding.

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, principals receive a special certificate. Annual update conferences will bring the principals back for advanced work in school management.

Through the principals' program, a session for superintendents was developed. Thirty-two superintendents from across North Carolina worked a four-week management program and 150 hours of classroom instruction into their schedules. The program ended in February.

Phay and Drs. Ellen Burgess and Joseph F. Miller direct the Principals' Executive Program.

Historical Marker Designating Site Of Forerunner Of Pembroke State University Now Up



This is the new historical marker near the site of the first building which evolved into what is now Pembroke State University. The sign is located at the intersection of NC 710 and State Road 1515 near New Hope Church 1 1/2 miles from Pembroke.

A historical marker has been erected near the site of the long vanished wooden building which was the forerunner of Pembroke State University.

The marker is located at the intersection of NC 710 and State Road 1515, approximately eight miles south of Red Springs and 1 1/2 miles west of Pembroke. The marker is only two-tenths of a mile from the wooden building's original site, which was in what is now a field adjacent to New Hope Church.

Following approval by the NC Highway Historical Marker Advisory Committee, the NC Department of Cultural

LREMC Members Honored At Annual Statewide Meeting

The manager of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Red Springs, has been re-elected as an officer of the power supply branch of North Carolina's statewide organization of EMCs.

Ronnie Hunt of Fairmont was elected to a second term as vice president of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC), a generating and transmission cooperative serving EMCs across the state.

The election came during the 1987 Annual Meeting of the statewide EMC organization in Raleigh.

NCEMC functions as a power supply agency of the statewide EMC group. It is headquartered in Raleigh, along with two sister corporations which provide other services to the EMCs.

Hunt, who has been an employee of Lumbee River EMC since 1977, was named manager there in 1983.

Resources' Division of Archives and History requested that the work be done. It was completed March 17 by the NC Department of Transportation.

The historical marker says: "Croatan Normal School. Est. in 1887 to educate teachers of Indian youth. Forerunner of Pembroke State University. Building was 2/10 mile east."

The marker evolved in a chain of events beginning last summer when Dr. Clifton Oxendine, 87-year-old Lumbee Indian patriarch, was interviewed by PSU public information director Gene Warren concerning the exact site of Croatan Normal School, the forerunner of Pembroke State University.

Oxendine took Warren to the exact spot and explained the history concerning that first school's construction. After Warren's article appeared in the newspapers, the PSU public information director received a telephone call from Winfred Lowry of the Lumbee Regional Development Association of Pembroke suggesting that a historical marker be placed near the original site.

With the assistance of Dr. Adolph Dial, chairman of PSU's American Indian Studies Department who suggested the wording for the sign, Warren followed up on Lowry's suggestion.

Material concerning the significance of a historical marker there had to be submitted to the NC Highway Historical Marker Advisory Committee. Official word that the sign had been approved was received by letter on Jan. 21, 1987.

As people pass that sign on NC 710, they can reflect about the two-story wooden building erected near there in 1887 by the Indian people at their own expense, how 15 students enrolled in the first classes there in the fall of 1887, how in 1909 the school was moved to Pembroke--and how that school has grown into what is now Pembroke State University, one of 16 campuses in the University of North Carolina System.



J.W. Hunt of Route 1, Fairmont, a director of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Red Springs left, has been cited for his years of service on the co-op's board. He was presented with a "meritorious service" plaque during the 1987 Annual Meeting of North Carolina's

statewide EMC organization in Raleigh. The award cited him for 15 years of service as an EMC director. Presenting the plaque is R.W. Blanchard Jr. of Route 1, Turkey, a director of Four County EMC, Burgaw, and outgoing president of the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives.

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LEUKEMIA SOCIETY OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES BIKE-A-THON CHAIRPERSON FOR PEMBROKE

The Leukemia Society of America, North Carolina Chapter announced today that the 1987 Spring Bike-A-Thon Chairperson for the town of Pembroke will be Delora Cummings. The Leukemia Society of America is dedicated towards the conquering of leukemia. Proceeds from the Bike-A-Thon will be used for research and patient-aid. At the present time, the Leukemia Society of America, North Carolina Chapter is supporting \$1.8 million in research projects in the state of North Carolina. These research projects are being conducted at Duke University, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Wake Forest University. The Leukemia Society of America is also providing financial assistance to 795 patients in the state of North Carolina. In spite of remarkable medical advances in the last ten years, leukemia remains the number one killer disease of children. Leukemia is no longer a hopeless disease. There is hope for children and adults with leukemia due to the research that has helped in treatment and diagnosis. When a rider comes by asking you to sponsor them in the upcoming Bike-A-Thon, please consider that the funds will be used here in North Carolina for research and patient-aid. Anyone wanting further information about the event should please contact Ms. Cummings at 521-9831.

INDIAN HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Indian Health Scholarships are now available. You may pick up an application at Lumbee Regional Development Association, Revels Plaza-Room 12 or you may request one by writing to Belinda Harris, LRDA, P.O. Box 68, Pembroke, NC 28372 (919)521-8602.

Areas to be funded are pre-nursing, pre-accounting, pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, dentistry, engineering, health records, medicine, nursing, accounting, pharmacy, public health-MPH, dietitian/nutritionist, sanitarian, medical technologist, health care administration, statisticians, dental hygiene, health education, and chemical dependency. The deadline date is April 30, 1987.

THREE WEST ROBESON STUDENTS ADVANCE TO DISTRICT COMPETITION

Three students from West Robeson have been chosen as finalists for the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Award. They are Deidre A. Nicholson, daughter of Mrs. Shirley Rodgers of Pembroke; Monique Anne Cayton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cayton of Maxton; and Cheryl Lynn Chavis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zeak Chavis of Pembroke.

The interviews are scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at the Holiday Inn in Fayetteville, NC. The scholarship is worth \$5,000 each.

ACHIEVEMENT TEST SCHEDULED AT WEST ROBESON
The California Achievement Test will be given at West Robeson Senior High School on Tuesday, March 31 through Thursday, April 2. All sophomores are urged to be present for testing.

ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL WORKSHOP

The Rockingham District of the North Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church, will sponsor a Vacation Church School Workshop on Thursday, March 26 at Galilee United Methodist Church, McGirts Bridge Road, Laurinburg, NC from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Classes to be taught are as follows: Age-level curriculum; Younger, middle and older elementary; Music, Arts and Crafts, Camping and Special Days; Rev. Theodore Carter is host pastor, Rev. William Sherman, District Superintendent. Mrs. Roberta Scipio is Coordinator of Children's Ministries for the District. All workers with children in all areas are invited to be present for this occasion.

"NORTHERN PLAINS TOUR" JUNE 16-30 ANNOUNCED BY PSU'S AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT

An American Indian Studies "Northern Plains Tour" from June 16-30 has been announced for Pembroke State University by Dr. Adolph Dial, chairman of PSU's American Indian Studies Department.

Cities to be visited chronologically will include: Wheeling, W. Va.; Mackinaw City, Mich.; Green Bay, Wis.; St. Pauls, Minn.; Sioux City, Iowa; Rapid City, S.D.; Billings, Mont.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Omaha, Neb.; St. Louis, Mo.; and Nashville, Tenn.

American Indian historical sites will be visited on the tour plus other places of interest.

Four semester hours credit will be provided for participants. The trip, based on 30 participants, will cost \$800. This includes rooms, bus transportation and tuition. Transportation will be by Deese Coach Line of Pembroke.

For those interested, the first deposit of \$100 is due April 1. The remaining \$700 will be due June 1.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Dial at the American Indian Studies Department, Pembroke State University, Pembroke, NC 28372, or telephone (919)521-4214. Ext. 266. Dr. Dial's home address is Route 2, Box 295, Pembroke, NC 28372, phone (919)521-4638.

The trip is on a first come, first serve basis, said Dr. Dial.

CLEAN UP DAY AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

The N.C. Commission of the Indian Affairs and N.C. Indian Cultural Center respectively request your assistance in holding a Clean Up Day on April 4 at the N.C. Indian Cultural Center. We would like to get a large force of volunteers from Robeson County and from Indian communities about the state to assist in the Clean Up Day. Please contact Ben Jacobs, Economic Development Specialist, at 919-733-5998.

GOSPEL SINGING PLANNED

There will be a gospel singing Friday, March 27 from 7pm until at the Rex Rennett Elem. School gym. Guest singing groups will include The Pierce Family, D&L Gospel Singers and The McNeill Trio. The singing will be sponsored by Collins Chapel United Methodist Church.

Prospect Class of 1988 Plans Reunion

The Prospect High School class of 1988 is planning its 1987 class reunion. All members are to meet at Terry Wayne Locklear at 821-9541 or Dennis 521-3740.