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Tulsa, AZ 86556John L. Godwin - One of Three  
To Receive Nancy Susan Reynolds  
Award

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (Nov. 14) -- Three North Carolinians -- a Lumbee Indian who works for equal treatment of all people, and Iredell County woman who has helped struggling farmers hold on to their land, and an Asheboro woman who showed the black community that progress was possible -- are this year's winners of the Nancy Susan Reynolds Awards for extraordinary leadership at the grassroots level.

The winners are John L. Godwin of Pembroke, for advocacy; Edna Harris of Harmony, for personal service; and Addie S. Luther, of Asheboro, for community change.

The Nancy Susan Reynolds Awards are a project of the S. Smith Reynolds Foundation and are given annually to as many as three North Carolinians who have worked without recognition and in ways that may be outside the mainstream of existing organizations.

Each award is accompanied by a grant of \$25,000, \$20,000 of which is designated to charitable organizations chosen by recipient, and \$5,000 of which is given to the recipient. The awards are believed to be the only ones of their kind.

Lieutenant Governor Robert B. Jordan and Smith Bagley of Washington, D.C., a trustee of the Foundation and the son of the late Nancy Susan Reynolds, presented the awards at a luncheon today (Editors: Saturday, Nov. 14) attended by more than 200 people at The Hilton at University Place in Charlotte.

John Godwin, 67, who won for advocacy, is retired, but he works fulltime as an advocate of equality for all people in tri-racial Robeson County. A Lumbee Indian, Godwin spends much of his time working for causes that affect his people, but he also works for and with the black and white communities in Robeson.

After a deputy sheriff fatally shot an Indian last November, Godwin helped form Concerned Citizens for Better Government in Robeson County. As chairman of the group, he organized a march on the courthouse in Lumberton last Easter Monday to draw attention to alleged injustices in the county.

Godwin is also vice chairman of the Center for Community Action, formerly the Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned. This group and Concern Citizens have been the major forces in examining alleged abuses in the court system in Robeson and Scotland counties, and in scrutinizing law enforcement practices, the system of court-appointed lawyers, prosecutorial conduct, and accountability of elected officials.

Other examples of his advocacy have been his work for fair employment for all people and equal educational opportunities. Realizing that quality education is essential for good jobs, Godwin has been a leader in promoting the merger of the five school systems in Robeson, a very controversial issue. He has also taken a leadership role in the Robeson Senior Citizens Action Group's project to build a "total life center" for older adults and led a campaign against the location of a hazardous waste site in the area.

Godwin's approach to people is simple. He said, "I think of all people as being first class citizens until they prove otherwise. I don't like to think of people as being members of the white race, or black race, or Indian race. We're all members of the human race, and if we can't accept that fact, then we're not progressing; we're regressing."



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John Godwin is retired, but he works fulltime as an advocate of equality for all people and harmony among all people in tri-racial Robeson County, a place where equality and harmony cannot be taken for granted. A Lumbee Indian, Mr. Godwin channels much of his energy toward causes that affect his people, but he realizes that to be successful, he also must work with and for the large white and black minorities in Robeson.

After an Indian was fatally shot by a deputy sheriff last November, Mr. Godwin was the leader in forming Concerned Citizens for Better Government in Robeson County. He serves as chairman of this very active and increasingly influential group. He is also vice chairman of the Center for Community Action, formerly the Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned. Under his leadership, these two organizations have been the main forces in examining alleged abuses in the court system in Robeson and Scotland counties, and in scrutinizing law enforcement practices and other highly visible issues involving court-appointed lawyers, prosecutorial conduct and accountability of elected officials.

A courageous and outspoken champion of human rights, he organized a large march on the Courthouse in Lumberton last Easter Monday to draw attention to alleged injustices in Robeson County, speaks at public meetings on a regular basis, and writes reasoned and persuasive letters to editors.

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Spotlight on Strickland Barber Shop  
Local Business Personsby Barbara Brayboy-Locklear  
Special To The Carolina Indian Voice

Steve Strickland cuts the hair of his fellow barber, Herb McMillian.

The customer is always boss at Steve Strickland's barber shop. "When a customer walks through the door and requests a particular style haircut, I oblige," says the 27 year veteran. Strickland and his fellow barber, Herb McMillian, have seen styles change over the years. And the changes pose no problems for them.

"I've stuck mostly to the basic haircut. My specialty is the full cut which leaves the hair close to the ears," says Strickland. The shop does other cuts like the drop temple, flat top with fender skirts and drop caps. There, too, are the beards, Chicago and Mohawks cuts. "When a fellow comes in and asks for a Mohawk, I just direct him to Mr. McMillian who does it better than I. I just don't feel comfortable doing it," says shop owner Strickland.

The customers who command the barber's undivided attention are babies. "Customers wonder how I can cut a young child's hair. I keep my guard up while working on them. When he moves his head, I simply follow the movement, too,"

he laughs. He says when word got out that he was good with young children, he was brought the roughest ones. Experience has taught the barber to always have a good supply of lollipop in hands reach when working with very young customers. Those babies receiving "first" haircuts at the shop receive an inscribed certificate commemorating the event.

The 60-year-old grandfather admits to some embarrassing experiences during his career. "What's really bad is when you're cutting a customer's hair and you reach behind your back to get the thinning shears and mistakenly pick up the regular cutting shears and begin cutting on an already cut head of hair," he comments. "Of course, the customer is not happy, and I'm certainly not happy. When I really mess up I find it easier to tell the customer while he's sitting down," Strickland laughs. He says he does not charge for "boo-boos."

Among other services offered by Strickland and McMillian are shaves, shampoos, facials and mustache trimming. The shop shies away from doing high fashion hairstyles due to the time involved and the high demand for regular cuts.

Locking the door to his barber shop at day's end doesn't always mean the end of a workday. "I usually leave the shop and stop by the home of a customer who is physically unable to come in for a haircut. Sometimes a shave is given during the visit," he adds.

Sporting a line mustache, Strickland often gets invitations to visit local schools to demonstrate and lecture to young people regarding proper scalp and hair care. He says he never misses an opportunity to instruct others on this kind of care.

Another opportunity he never misses is one which takes him to the golf course. "I'll tell you, every chance I get I'm on the golf course. I really like to play golf," he grins. He says he used to bird hunt, but the birds just couldn't compete with the birdies.

His love for golf does not end at the greens, instead is taken back to the shop where he puts into an electric putt return. "On a slow day at work, I just take a putter from my bag which is always near by, and knock the ball until a customer comes in," he says.

Strickland occasionally lays down his barber shears and golf clubs and picks up his guitar and banjo. Several pieces of musical equipment stored in his business office stand as a reminder of years spent entertaining area folks with country and blue grass music.

"Sometimes I'll go back in the room and pick the guitar a little," says the musician. "I've been picking it since 1945, when I started playing with the Chavis Brothers - an entertainment group popular in the 1960's."

Strickland says retirement is around the corner for him. "I've enjoyed meeting and making longtime friends during the past 27 years. My customers will never imagine how thankful I am of their friendship and patronage. The rewards have been many."

"My old barber school instructor was right when he said I'd never get rich cutting hair, but could make a living. I didn't get rich with money, but I sure did get rich with friendships," Strickland says.

Strickland Barber Shop is located at 806 West 5th Street, Lumberton. Business hours are Monday thru Friday 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

## Fearby Thomas Hunt

Special To THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

by Barbara Brayboy-Locklear

It has been years since Fearby Thomas Hunt left her childhood community in rural Robeson County. The past 72 years in the city have done little to change some of the customs she learned as a child. Today at age 91 she continues to design and sew quilt tops the same way her mother taught her.

The great-grandmother no longer actually quilts. "I don't do it because somebody's got to make the tops and somebody's got to quilt them. I do only the making," she says. She says she use to quilt but no longer does because of poor eyesight.

What started out as an annual housekeeping necessity (quiltmaking) has become a mini business for Hunt and her younger daughter, Tessie. "Visitors, all colors, rich and poor, come into the area, see our quilts for more," Hunt adds with a smile. There is never a loss of pattern ideas to use in creating various quilt tops, Hunt keeps stacks of them near her work area. She doesn't always cut from ready made patterns. "I can look in a book and make a design. Sometimes I just make my own," she comments. "I even have what customers call the 'Fearby' pattern." Her favorite pattern is the log cabin which depicts logs stacked on each other. She rarely uses the star design because of its tedious construction. Hunt says she stopped using the pedal machine years ago because the electric one is quicker. When she tires of sewing, she picks up her crochet needles and creates throw rugs, pillows, placemats and chair pads.

IN between rests from these hobbies, she piddles in the greenhouse which adjoins her East 15th Street home in Lumberton. For 48 years she has grown plants and flowers in the house where she has lived for the past 72 years. "When my husband died my children were in school, and I just wanted to do something, so I started messing with flowers," she says. People in the area heard of her hobby and she began selling flowers and often-times simply gave them away to friends and family. Blooms and greenery from the garden and greenhouse adorn neighbor's windowsills and porches.

When her church built a fellowship hall several years ago, she furnished the shrubbery for its landscape. Bouquets from the Hunt yard have graced the Altars of Mt. Olive Baptist Church for over four decades. A longtime member of that

church, she has several perfect attendance pins, including a four-year one. "I try not to miss church, and I've been going to the Association and Unions for years," she adds.

Hunt, a widow, shares her home with a daughter. She still prepares her own meals and adds, "I do the dishes too. I know good and well if I cook, I'll wash the dishes too," she laughs.

She says she is proud of her three children who are all retired public school teachers. "My husband and I tried to keep them in school."

As a young child, Hunt attended non-graded Antioch School and successfully completed the seventh grade reader. She enjoys reading religious books and reads the Holy Bible daily.

Never once did she work a public job other than as a farm worker in her youth. The Lumbee Indian offers her view on those mothers who work: "I feel like young mothers' duty is to be home with children. In doing so they show more love. Today children are in and out, every which way."

Known in the city as "The Flower Lady," Hunt says she's been puny lately and has not been able to attend her church every Sunday. These days she spends less time with her flowers due to her poor health. She adds, "The Lord's blessed me this long, so I'm not worrying over not being able to work with my flowers."

Voter Registration Planned  
In Pembroke

Registrars in the Pembroke Township are planning a concentrated effort to register everyone who is qualified to vote. Registrars will be located in three shopping areas on Saturday Nov. 21, and Dec. 5th to help those persons who need to register. Hill's Food Store and Piggly Wiggly and Bo's Food Stores will have persons there to help voters.

A special appeal goes to those persons who have allowed themselves to be purged from the rolls by not exercising their right to vote, and also those persons reaching the age of eighteen (18). Voting is a privilege, so get registered and VOTE!

The hours are from 9:00 a.m. until



Fearby Thomas Hunt displays plant in her greenhouse.

## Festival of Trees Opens Nov. 28

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"Christmas Fantasies" will be transformed into glittering reality at Hospice of Robeson's Festival of Trees scheduled for November 28 through December 1 at the Bill Sapp Recreation Center. The second annual Festival features 24 uniquely decorated trees, holiday music, door prizes and more.

Visitors to the Festival will have an opportunity to help decorate a special tree with white, silver and gold doves in honor or in memory of a loved one. This Tree of Honor is a special project of the volunteers of Southeastern General Hospital and Hospice of Robeson.

Festival hours are 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. except for Sunday, November 29, when the display will be open from 1:00 until 6:00 in the afternoon. Admission is \$1 for adults and .50 cents for children and senior citizens. All proceeds from the Festival go to the Hospice's program of care for terminally-ill patients and their families.

A grand drawing for prizes--2 decorated 8-foot Christmas trees and 2 ten-speed bicycles will be held at the conclusion of the Festival. Winners need not be present.

For more information or group admission rates call, 738-6441, extension 7777.

BUSINESS  
BRIEFS

Time Insurance Company Presents The Excellence Award To James B. Harris, Jr., Pembroke Resident Milwaukee, WI-November 9, 1987--James B. Harris, Jr. received Time Insurance Company's Excellence Award in recognition of his outstanding life sales and quality customer service. He was one of only 145 agents to receive this performance award.

Harris has been serving the insurance need of the community through the Life & Health Services, established in 1965. He was a member of The Million Dollar Round Table for five years, and a recipient of The National Quality Award for five years.

"Time welcomes this unique opportunity to recognize Harris' exceptional performance during 1986, through our award program," commented H. William Markey, CLU, Vice President - Sales.

Milwaukee-based Time Insurance Company markets its life and health products in 47 states through more than 10,000 independent agencies. Established in 1892, Time is a market leader in individual and small group medical insurance and ranks in the top ten percent of life companies. Time is a subsidiary of the AMEV Holdings, Inc. The company is rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best Company, independent insurance analysts, based on financial condition and operating performance.