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## OXENDINE SCHOOL STUDENT WINS COUNTY-WIDE MATH COMPETITION



Holly Floyd Locklear is shown with his student, Landon Keith Woods.

by Barbara Brayboy-Locklear

"He's a natural born leader," says teacher Holly Floyd Locklear of his student Landon Keith Woods. The 12-year-old sixth grader has a collection of awards claiming his leadership in scholastics. For the past six years he has challenged other students in Robeson County schools with his knowledge in mathematics and spelling. On April 21, the math whiz took top award in a county-wide mathematics competition held at Fairgrove School. "I didn't know when the county meet would be. My teacher told me about a week before competition," Woods comments. The straight "A" student says he did nothing special to prepare for the gathering which brought 20 other sixth graders to the rural Fairmont school. He says he just looked over some practice problems before the day of competition. To be selected for county wide participation, Woods first became a mathematics winner at the school he's attended for the past six years, Oxendine Elementary.

On the test which was administered last March at Oxendine, he missed only five out of 40 which consisted of mostly reading and fraction problems. At Fairgrove, he successfully answered

80 math problems out of 89. Woods says no part of the test gave him any real problem.

"We were allowed 15 seconds to study and then 50 seconds to work it," he explains. "I had to think of it real hard, write it down and then work it." The achiever admits the test gave him some nervous moments.

"Math and science seem to be his thing, and even though spelling isn't his favorite subject, a recent spelling bee in his class proved 100 percent successful," comments his teacher. "His fellow students well respect Landon. They respect his scholastic standing because he is such a modest student."

Locklear said his young scholar, one of 29 students in his class, has worked as a math tutor to one classmate this school year.

Woods is not a newcomer to county-wide scholastic competition.

As a fourth grade student, he entered a county-sponsored math competition at Pembroke Elementary School. He won first place.

He also competed in the recent Quiz Bowl held for students in the county. His team, Robeson County, took second place at the meet.

Woods was recognized at his home school for his most recent accomplishment in mathematics. Upon hearing the announcement of his win over the school intercom system, his fellow classmates gave him a loud round of applause. And when his classmates presented him with a Bible a few days later, his teacher says the modest student appeared a bit irritated over the fan fare.

"He's the type child who gets along with all children," Locklear says.

Learning comes relatively easy for Woods, the older son of Keith and Nita Woods of Wakulla. He has a younger brother, Ashton, who will enter school next session.

He usually completes his homework immediately after school lets out in the afternoons before he returns home. He says this allows him time to sometimes read to his brother who he describes as being rowdy. It leaves time, too, for him to help his grandfather with his blue berry bushes and tomatoe plants. His summers are filled with study. Last summer he attended an Indian Education-sponsored three-week enrichment session at PSU. There he studied subjects such as math, Spanish, drama and dance. He enjoys drama and often takes part in church-sponsored drama programs at Cherokee Chapel Church near his home.

Woods said he wants to go to college at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He hasn't yet decided on a field of study but thinks of being a doctor or lawyer one day.

"With proper training and guidance, it's a wide-open field for Landon Woods. He will succeed in life," his proud teacher says.

Landon is the grandson of Inez Chavis and the late Sherman Chavis, also Eva Gladys and Henry Woods, Jr.

## FAMILY OF BILLY McKELLAR RESPONDS TO TASK FORCE REPORT



BILLY McKELLAR

The family of Billy McKellar who died in the Robeson County Jail made the following comments relative to the report released by the Task Force appointed by Governor Jim Martin to investigate his death:

"The McKellars are pleased with the Task Force's report, but not Hubert Stone's report."

"The autopsy reported that Billy died of bronchial asthma. We call it murder without a gun."

"From the Robesonian, January 26, Sheriff Hubert Stone stated 'McKellar was still alive when he was transported to the hospital.' Untrue. Dr. Tuton, the physician in the emergency room, stated that Billy was dead when he arrived at the hospital, meaning he died in the jail house."

"Hubert Stone stated 'Billy stockpiled medication and gave it away.' Untrue. If he had medication stockpiled and could not get his breath, don't you know he would have taken it instead of begging for medication and oxygen? He would have been alive today."

"Hubert Stone stated that 'Billy smoked.' Untrue. He has never smoked."

"Hubert Stone stated 'Austin George asked Billy if he wanted to be moved to another cell.' Untrue. No inmate picks the cell he wants to be in. If Austin George felt that Billy needed to be moved, why didn't he move him? Or if he felt that he was that ill, why didn't he take him to the hospital? Or call his family, if he could not do it?"

"In the United States of America, there are laws prohibiting cruelty to animals. Why does the law in Robeson County allow cruelty to the human race?"

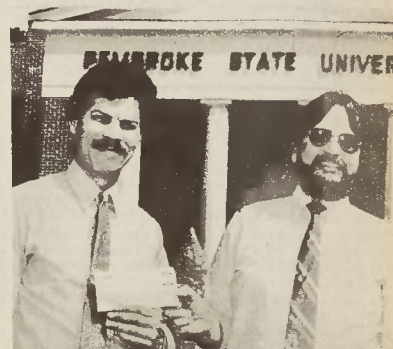
"According to People Magazine, February 18th, 1988, Hubert Stone stated: 'A small little group of trouble makers account for the recent travail in Robeson County.' If Billy had been Hubert Stone's son, would he not be a trouble maker?"

"The family of Billy McKellar is not pleased with the way he died. So we are not going to sit and see him treated less than an animal."

"It will not help him, but maybe it will help someone else. If anyone wants any further information, contact Attorney Nance of Fayetteville."

JOHN & BETTY McKELLAR  
Lumberton, NC

## SATW! RAFFLE SUCCESSFUL



Mrs. Robert Locklear, General Manager of Strike at the Wind, accepts a check for \$303 from Dr. Stan Knick, Director/Cumtior of Native American Resource Center.



Mrs. Janice Goolsby, staff member of Native American Resource Center, presents the "Rhonda" print to raffle winner Mr. Roger Hunt.

The Native American Resource Center has just concluded a raffle to benefit Strike at the Wind! The item being raffled was a beautifully framed reproduction of Ellis Sampson's painting "Rhonda" (a depiction of the wife of Henry Berry Lowrie). The winning ticket was drawn from 303 tickets; and the winner is Mr. Roger Hunt, an employee of Hardee's in Pembroke.

Most of the tickets were sold by members of P.S.U.'s Native American Student Organization in a joint project with the Resource Center. The students participated in a friendly competition to see who among them could sell the most tickets. Top honors were taken by Miss Pamela Locklear, who sold 92 tickets, and Miss Edith Locklear who came in a very close second with 86 tickets. These two, and all the students who took part in this worthwhile community project, are to be commended for a job well done.

Mr. Robert Locklear, the drama's General Manager, accepted the check for \$303 on behalf of Strike at the Wind! P.S.U.'s Native American Resource Center and Native American Student Organization extend their best wishes to the drama for another outstanding season!

## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

Ben B. Locklear

by Barbara Brayboy-Locklear

Special to THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

For the bigger part of Ben B. Locklear's life his daily work schedule was dictated by the "can see, can't see" rule. "It simply means that I'd begin work in the morning when I could see and stop in the night when I couldn't see," laughs the 88-year-old retired farmer.

Locklear lives on 28 acres of the original 100 acre tract of land which was granted by the state of North Carolina to his grandfather's grandfather in 1791. Five weather-worn barns surround his tin-roof frame house in the Prospect Community.

"He's been living in the rural Robeson County community 'off-and-on' all the days of his life. One of twelve children born to Isham and Mary Liza Locklear, he remembers his early years growing up on the family farm which once was 'woodsland.' "I helped clear this land with the help of two mules," the overall-clad widower remembers. He also remembers buying logs from a local man, heaving them into

construct barns used in storing crops and tobacco-curing. Locklear and his late wife, Sarah Catherine, moved to the homeplace in 1945. The couple married for 60 years, had no children. He and his wife worked the farm with two mules and a plow until the mules died. He then bought a farm tractor and used it until three years ago when he retired. He says he delayed retiring because he enjoyed working the land which has been held in his family almost 200 years. He says he misses farming "bad in the world."

Today Locklear has a sharecropper. He no longer takes an active part in tending his land. Instead he enjoys driving his farm truck around the area just to watch Mother Nature at work. He keeps corn from his farm stored in a log barn. His two chickens eat their fill of it daily. He says the chickens serve not as food for his table, but as company to him. There was many a year he raised eggs, milk and butter off the farm to sell in nearby Maxton. And neighbors used to flock to his place to buy premium hams from the eight to ten hogs he butchered annually.

The staunch Republican goes to the voting poll every election year and has been doing so since 1921. He says he registered with the Republican party because his father did. And he did alright," he explains.

Locklear's days begin a little later in the morning than years past. He stays physically fit by walking, but does drive to Sunday worship at Prospect United Methodist Church a few miles a week from his home. A home health aide visits four days a week to help with his domestic chores. On her days off, his "suddy" and nephew, Holly Floyd Locklear helps out.

He says he never learned to cook, but enjoys eating certain foods. A favorite dish is fried chicken. "I'm like a preacher. I like chicken," he chuckles. During winter months, meals are sometimes prepared from a six-eyed, enameled cast iron wood-burning kitchen stove.

"I do like my old stove and in order for me to get rid of it,

one would have to get rid of me first."

Locklear attributes his long life and good health to a moderate diet, rest, and obeying his parents and old people. He doesn't take long distant trips because he never wanted to - never did. "There's no place like home," he adds.

Few can make a claim to living on the same land walked by nine generations of a family as Locklear can. And he'll content himself to walking through the flower gardens his wife established...to wandering among tall pines on his property...to long rocking sessions on the front porch swing at his home...and to memories of working to "can see to can't see."



Ben B. Locklear stands in front of a log barn he built on his farm in the Prospect Community.

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## local bulletin

MISS LUMBREE PAGEANT NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 1988 PAGEANT

The Miss Lumbree Pageant Committee is now accepting applications for the 1988 Miss Lumbree Pageant. Applications may be picked up at the Revels Plaza, Room #4, or will be mailed upon request. Requests for mailing may be made to Ms. Madeline Deese, at 521-8602.

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. A contestant must be single and never been married, or had her marriage annulled and must not be and never have been pregnant.
2. A contestant must be a high school graduate by the Labor Day immediately preceding the National Finals in which she will compete.
3. A contestant must be a female whose age shall not be less than seventeen, nor more than twenty-six years on the Labor Day immediately preceding the National Finals in which she will compete.
4. A contestant must be of good moral character and shall not have been convicted of any crimes and shall possess talent, poise, personality, intelligence, charm and beauty of face and figure.

### FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP WILL MEET ON THURSDAY

The Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders Family Support Group will meet on Thursday, May 12, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. at Southeastern General Hospital Long Term Care Facility (cafeteria) on Pine Run Road in Lumberton. All interested persons are welcome. A film and refreshments will be offered. For further information, call 738 8104.

### INDIAN HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Lumbree Regional Development Association would like to announce that the Health Scholarship Applications are now available at the Talent Search Office in Revels Plaza, Pembroke, NC. Application deadline is May 27, 1988. For more information call Belinda S. Harris at (919)521-8602.

## PEMBROKE TOURISM WEEK PROCLAIMED

WHEREAS the tourism industry is extremely important to the Town of Pembroke, contributing to our employment, economic prosperity, and international trade, peace, understanding and goodwill; and

WHEREAS each of us benefits from the effects of tourism. It substantially enhances our personal growth and education. Tourism also promotes intercultural understanding and appreciation of the geography, history, and people of Pembroke. With the economy growing, personal incomes and leisure will increase more rapidly. Tourism, therefore, can be expected to play an even greater role in the lives of the people of Pembroke; and

WHEREAS in recognition of the significance of the tourism industry to the enhancement of trade, peace, understanding, and goodwill to the citizens of Pembroke;

NOW, THEREFORE, I MILTON R. HUNT, Mayor of the Town of Pembroke do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 15, 1988 as Pembroke Tourism Week, and call upon the people of Pembroke to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

WHEREAS THEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the Town of Pembroke to be affixed, this 11th day of April, 1988.

Milton R. Hunt  
Mayor

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