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DOROTHY LOWERY ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION TO LRDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



DOROTHY LOWERY

Dorothy Lowery has announced her candidacy for re-election to the board of directors of Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA), representing Pembroke and Union Precincts. She has held this position for three years. In making her announcement, Lowery released the following statement:

"I have been an honor to serve as your representative for the past three years. I have gained much knowledge during my tenure and wish to continue to serve as your board member.

"We have seen some changes relative to the agency and the community working together for common goals. If I am re-elected I will continue to work toward LRDA becoming more people-oriented and wish to see the agency reach its

full potential as an advocate for Indian people."

Lowery is employed with Pembroke-Prospect Urgent Care. She attends Friendship Baptist Church and is active in civic and community affairs. The daughter of the late Jim Chavis and Mrs. Edna Chavis of Pembroke, Lowery and her husband, Walter, reside in Pembroke with their two daughters, Julieanna and Evangelyn.

The election will be held December 1, 1988 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Voting for the Pembroke Precincts will be held at Pembroke Elementary. Union Precinct voters will vote at Union Elementary. In order to vote in LRDA elections, a person must be 18 years old and Indian. It is not necessary to be a registered voter in order to vote in this election.

ATTENDS NATIONAL SOUTHERN FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Thursday, November 5, 1988, Abby Wilkins, Henry Oxendine and Mary B. Hunt, Advisor attended the National Southern Fall Leadership Conference along with 2300 FBLA/PBL members from across the southern states. The students and advisor traveled with approximately 80 delegates from North Carolina to Mobile, Alabama.

The students gained much know-

ledge from the many workshops and meetings they attended. The trip was not only workshops but also a good time for sharing ideas and meeting fellow FBLA members. One of the highlights of the trip was an invitation to dine with our state officers and being transported by limousine to one of Alabama's most popular restaurants "The Pillar."

ASSOCIATION COLLECTING FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

The North Carolina Indian Ministerial Association is collecting donations for needy families for Christmas. Donations should be sent to the Baptist Building, P.O. Box 1207, Pembroke, NC. Contributors should designate that the contribution is for the Christmas Fund. There is \$138.00 in the fund at this time.

Public Meeting Planned For Tuscaroras

A General Public Meeting of all Tuscarora people will be held Friday night at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Tuscarora Land Base Building, near the home of Keever Locklear. The meeting will be held to discuss present issues and to make plans for the upcoming visit of Chief Leon Shenandoah and Vince Johnson of the Six Nations.

All interested Tuscaroras are encouraged to attend.

ROBESON LITTLE THEATER AUDITIONS PLANNED

Auditions for Robeson Little Theatre's production, NO EXIT, will be held at the Robeson County Public Library on Tuesday, November 29 and Wednesday, November 30 at 7 p.m. Two men and two women are required, three of which are leading roles, for the cast. Robert Locklear will direct this Jean-Paul Sartre play adapted from the French by Paul Bowles. Production dates are January 27, 28 and 29.

Pembroke Jaycees Christmas Fund Begins

The Pembroke Jaycees are collecting monies for their Christmas fund. All proceeds will be used to make Christmas happier for needy families in the area. Chairman of the Christmas Fund is Willie Harris, Jr. For further information on the Christmas Fund, you may call Mr. Harris at 521-3282 after 5 p.m.

Those wishing to contribute to the fund should make checks payable to the Pembroke Jaycees and send to P.O. Box 785, Pembroke, NC 28372. Gerald Strickland is president of the Pembroke Jaycees and encourages the public's participation in this project.

THE COACH'S CORNER

PANEL ENDORSES PLANS TO TIGHTEN SCHOOL DISCIPLINE Raleigh A.P.

This headline appeared on the front page of the Fayetteville Times this morning, Nov. 22nd. and went on to say, "A legislature study panel Monday endorsed a dozen proposals for cracking down on disciplinary problems in public schools after members voiced concern that campuses might become armed camps."

Having more alternative schools for "chronically disruptive students" and continuing to reduce class size is good, but why not suspend disruptive students? "Getting tough" and using the paddle has always worked. "Sparing the rod and spoiling the child" has always worked too. Idle hands always have gotten into trouble. There are two principles the schools are leaving out these days. 1. leaving our religious Bible readings, even trying to leave our Christmas manger scenes. 2. Leaving our physical education classes for the sophomore, junior and senior years. "They had too many other courses they-the State Department of Public Instruction-felt they needed to get in, so they left p.e. out. Now as it is "only the privileged few" the varsity get to play basketball. How about the other 950 out of 1000 students in high school? They get no instruction in basketball or other sports. What has happened to the "President's Council on Physical Fitness? Papers like the Raleigh News and Observer have always said North Carolina doesn't come to the national standards in knowledge testing. "You can't have a sound mind without a sound body." This statement is as old as the hills. So put required p.e. back into the program. This will improve discipline. It will improve morale. It will improve knowledge test scores. And it will educate for self-discipline. You cannot have good health without physical activity, strenuous activity is best. Schools are supposed to meet the interests, needs and ability to comprehend. Our state department is not doing this.

Ken Johnson

Family Reunion Planned

The Jimmy Oxendine family reunion will be held November 26, 1988 at the Mt. Airy Boy Scout Building. The event will begin at 12 noon with lunch. All descendants are encouraged to attend and bring a covered dish.

REFLECTIONS BY ALTA NYE OXENDINE

SOME THANKSGIVINGS TO REMEMBER

1937-I was ten. It was Thanksgiving Day. I had the mumps!

I don't remember anything I could eat that day. But I do remember our whole family splurging, by taking a ride through the bare country-side on the "benchland" above our home town of Red Lodge, Montana (located in a narrow valley down a steep mountainside from the Silver Gate entrance to Yellowstone Park). It was a gray, but "snow-less" November day! (I still tend to think of November as being dark and dreary--an attitude I need to change, especially with the sunshine and pretty skies this past week here).

1946--My second year in college. To help pay expenses, I was working as a part-time waitress in downtown Missoula. A friend from Wesley Foundation took me for a ride in the mountains near Missoula. A welcome break from the grind of school and work!

1950--My second year working on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in northern Montana. Waist deep snow fall--our biggest storm that winter. (At least it didn't last for months like the Christmas storm the year before, when cars were buried on the streets of Browning. And some families had to carve steps in the snow to get in and out of their houses.)

1959--I had just learned I was pregnant with our first baby, who turned out to be our little explorer, Donny. Picking up pecans was a new experience for me, but something Leon had done all his life. (Nuts have to be shipped to Montana. We bought them twice a year--for Thanksgiving and for Christmas.)

1964--I was expecting my third baby. Donny was born on Flag Day, 1960. Wanda Kay was born on Independence Day, 1962. And we thought our new baby might arrive on another U.S. holiday--Thanksgiving. But our calculations were off. Gordon arrived three days after Christmas, on December 28, 1964. (My son-in-law's second birthday.)

1982--A former PSU classmate invited Wanda Kay and me to her home for Thanksgiving dinner. We met her brothers, and her dad, who became a special friend of mine.

1983--Along with Marie and his

other children, I attended her father's Thanksgiving Day wedding, with a variety of mixed feelings. The day was gray. And I tended to feel that way. (That winter I grieved over four people--Leon, Donny, Gordon and Kirley.)

1986--In my column I wrote about how meaningful the first Thanksgiving was for our family. Our children have had both an Indian and a "Pilgrim" heritage (since my mother's father was a descendant of John and Priscilla Alden).

1987--I went, shortly before Thanksgiving to hear Vernon Bellecourt speak at the Native American Resource Center. Besides "setting history straight" he told us about the New Alliance Party.

1988--This past Sunday I went to "Miss Elsie's" house to share an early Thanksgiving meal and a kind of "reunion" with the Hunt family. As usual, the food was delicious and the fellowship was great. (I always enjoy being with my son-in-law's family.)

There is so much to be thankful for!

FREEDOM TO WORSHIP

Last spring as I attended the Robeson County Crusade I was struck by the stark contrast. In many parts of the world today, Christians are confined to prisons, slave labor camps, or psychiatric hospitals where their minds are being altered--if they are allowed to live at all! And here we were, hundreds of us, worshipping God together, openly, without any "state" supervision or even special permission from the government.

As I listened to the beautiful music and inspired preaching, I watched the sky change from blue with white clouds, to sunset colors, to the shades of night. I could not help but thank God for the privilege of living here--in spite of all the problems our country--and our county--are facing. When we have a personal relationship with our Creator, and our Saviour, we have all we really have to have--all that we can take with us into Eternity.

But, at least for the time being, you and I in Robeson County, also have the opportunity openly share with one another in Christian fellowship.

Forest fire came close enough for post volunteer

By Kimball Perry
Staff Writer

Dennis Dial had trouble breathing as he sat at the controls of his UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter.

It wasn't just nerves. It was smoke billowing from a fire that seemed ready to consume his U.S. Army chopper.

"I was cranking it (trying to get the helicopter started) and there was all of this black smoke," said Dial, a chief warrant officer with Fort Benning's 48th Medical Company (Air Ambulance.)

Dial was one of eight Fort Benning soldiers dispatched this month to Montana and Wyoming to help fight forest fires in Yellowstone National Park. The two four-man crews and two Black Hawks helped firefighters battle the blaze that has ravaged more than 1.1 million acres of the park. They returned to Fort Benning on Monday night.

Dial and his crew survived a close call, he said. They were performing routine checks on the helicopter when the fire, steered by gale-force winds, suddenly veered from its expected path.

That's when things got hot -- literally.

The fire raced down the mountainside to where the crew was camped. Soldiers and U.S. Forest Department rangers set back-

fires to try to block the blaze. Dial and the crew also decided to move their campsite.

When the backfires failed to halt the wall of fire, they jumped into the helicopter and revved it up, hoping to get the helicopter out before it was permanently grounded.

"The fire almost got it," Dial said of his helicopter. "Things got a little touchy. The fire was really jumping."

As the flames gulped trees and brush in the area, Dial and his crew noted the suddenly scorched look of the campsite they'd hastily vacated.

When the helicopter was revved up and could take off, Dial said, he could barely see because of the dense, black smoke. But the fire was so near, he said, that he had little choice but to try.

"It was close enough," he said. "It was about as close as we wanted to play with it."

The crew managed to fly the "bird" out of danger without any damage to the copter or themselves, and experienced no similar problems during their 20-day stay. Dial said they spent most of their time standing by for emergency rescues -- rescues that, thankfully, were not needed.

In fact, had it not been for their brush with the fire, Dial said, his crew wouldn't have had much excitement. But those few minutes of drama were enough.

"That was close," he said.



Chancellor Paul Givens of PSU celebrated his 65th birthday November 15. He displays a sweater which was the gift of the PSU staff

members in Sampson Hall Administration Building. Dr. Givens retired as chancellor next July 1 after 10 years as PSU's top administrator.

This is the newly designed billboard sign about PSU approximately four miles west of the campus on U.S. Highway 74. The PSU logo depicted here was the suggestion originally of Anthony Locklear, PSU director of admissions.

Happy Thanksgiving

May the bounty of good food and the company of close friends and cherished loved ones that you enjoy this Thanksgiving Day grow in even greater abundance in the coming years.

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