

WHAT NEXT???

"The more I see of the representatives of the people, the more I admire my dogs."
LAMARTINE

Congress has decided to try again. The U.S. House of Representatives is proposing for themselves at least a 7% cost of living raise and a pay raise of 25% by 1991. For these increases, House members would not accept payment for speeches.

The U.S. Senate is not likely to follow the House lead. Senators have already been very successful in subsidizing their salaries by selling, to the highest bidder, their words of wisdom.

Regardless of the outcome, we find it ironic that Congress places restrictions on raising the minimum wage for all Americans, but sees little need to 'bite the bullet' themselves.

Many of these so-called "public servants" complain about having to maintain two households and about not having money to send their kids to college. This, to us, sounds somewhat hollow when Americans earning the minimum wage cannot afford decent housing, health care, clothing or education.

Perhaps a compromise is in order, somewhat like the compromise reached on the minimum wage bill. Senators with less than 18 years experience would have to accept a

sub-suary while they are in "training." Old timers would receive a pay increase.

If you are going to discriminate against youth, let's do it with members of the House and Senate also. After all, they are no better than the average working person.

The decision by East Germany to allow freedom of travel from east to west was a very historic occasion.

The Berlin Wall, which was erected in 1961, was a symbol of oppression and fear—perhaps the time has finally arrived when the communist government will allow its people to make their own decisions free from oppression and fear.

The Berlin Wall is a good symbol for our problems here at home; more specifically, here in Robeson County.

Each of us has the tendency to build such a wall—we fear our neighbors, we fear those who are different, we fear the unknown. So, we make alliances, build walls and in the long run, we imprison ourselves.

Perhaps we, all of us, can be as progressive as the East Germans. Can we start knocking down walls of prejudice; can we begin tearing down the walls of fear and control; can we begin to really share and enjoy the fresh air of freedom and cooperation in Robeson County?

As history illustrates, much is to be gained if we do—much will be lost if we do not!

READERS' FORUM

What the State of North Carolina Has Done to the Indian People


To the Editor:
I just wish that everybody could understand what's goin' on in the muddy waters otherwise known as Indian Affairs and what the State of North Carolina is attempting to "ho doo" the Indian people with. It is the objective of the efforts of the Cherokee Indians of Hoke County tribe to regain all that the government has taken away from our people. Yes, we want the Indians set free to be Indians. So what exactly did the State of North Carolina do or take away from the Indian people? Notice now that all of this has been done by law. But yet it is still a crime. They used the Lumbee law to do their dirty work.

- 1) They put a lie for a name over top of the 2000 people who voted for "Lumbee" back in 1952.
- 2) They hid your heritage that the State of N.C. General Assembly had recognized in 1913. Your rightful name is "Cherokee." There is no other name for our people. Remember: Pembroke State University was once named "Cherokee Indian Normal School." Why? Because that's

who you really are: Cherokee Indians of Robeson County.

- 3) When they (the State) put "Lumbee" on the Indian people, they stripped you of your rights as Indians and made you a "citizen." The Lumbee are barred by the Lumbee Law from the BIA and have no special status as Indians. None whatsoever.
- 4) The Lumbee Law is the reason that we lost our Indian school. Under CH 123 of the Sessions Laws of North Carolina, the Cherokee Indians of Robeson County are legally entitled to "separate Indian schools" and state funded medical care, etc., etc. The Lumbee Laws are the real reasons that the county, state and federal governments are taxing Indian people to death and back again. The Lumbee Laws are why Indian people have to buy hunting licenses.

So friend, why don't you folks do what makes sense and throw away all the Lumbee cards. Amen.
REV. DOUGLASMAYNOR
Asst. Chief Cherokee of Hoke County Tribe



Huggins & Jacobs To Wed Nov. 18 At North Lumberton Baptist Church

Deborah L. Huggins of 51 Crescent Street in Lumberton, announces her engagement to James A. Jacobs, Jr. of Pembroke.

Miss Huggins graduated from Pembroke State University in 1979 with a B.A. in sociology. She is presently attending Campbell University and is employed by Robeson Community College.

Her fiancé graduated from Robeson Community College in 1974 and is currently employed by the Robeson County Inspection Department.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, November 18, 1989 at 3 p.m. in the North Lumberton Baptist Church. No invitations will be sent; friends and relatives are invited to attend.

PEMBROKE KIWANIS REPORT

Program chairman Bill Oxendine presented Dr. Gerald Maynor, professor of education at Pembroke State. Dr. Maynor spoke on teacher education and how it might look in the 21st century. Education and teaching preparation has received a lot of attention in the media lately. Education reform started in 1983 with the realization that we are a nation at risk with competition from abroad and we must underscore national security as our education is eroded by mediocrity as others may surpass us. This is alarming. We have always been the best, but now we're not. The college board exams showed our college bound students need to do better in math, science, english and social studies. Better teacher preparation is essential for this improvement. We must recruit better minority and Indian students for our goal in improving education. More careful screening for teacher preparation of students is going on. Low skilled students shouldn't enter the teaching profession, thereby insuring new teachers have good basic skills. On the funding side, more and better salaries are needed in order to attract the best teachers. A national board for teaching standards is recommended for the 21st century. Teachers may be required to be certified. PSU is committed to certification of teachers. The outlook is good for the 21st century.

A vote was held and it was decided to give \$100 to assist Farm and Country Week with expenses. On Tuesday, Nov. 21 a luncheon pig picking will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The public will be served at the Regal Tree Farm on the Red Springs-Lumberton road.

Buddy Bell announced the highway trash pick-up will be this Saturday morning at 9 a.m. from the Prospect-Red Springs road 710 to the intersection of 710 and 711. Volunteers are welcome. Be at the Bay Side Station at 9 a.m.

Ronnie Sutton announced plans are going forwards for the pancake sale Dec. 1 and 2.

Presiding-Ronnie Sutton, invocation-Dorsey Lowry, program chairman-Bill Oxendine, reporting-Ken Johnson.

BY KEN JOHNSON

Magnolia Classes to be Reunited

Magnolia High School, classes of 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, and 1954, will hold a Class Reunion on December 23, 1989 at the Old Foundry Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 919-521-4622 or write to P.O. Box 346, Pembroke, NC 28372.

Engagement Announced



JENNIFER FAYE BRAYBOY

seh Brayboy, III of Route 3, Warrenton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Faye to Mr. Eric Herbert Locklear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Locklear, Jr. of Pembroke.

Ms. Brayboy is the granddaughter of the late Luther Lynch and Mrs. Inez of Warrenton, and the late Tecumseh B. Brayboy, Jr. and Mrs. Eva Brayboy of Route 2, Pembroke.

Ms. Brayboy graduated from Warren County High School in 1986 and is a graduating senior at Pembroke State University. Mr. Locklear is a 1984 graduate of West Robeson High School and is a graduating senior at Pembroke State University.

A wedding is planned for Saturday, December 30, at 2 p.m. in Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Warrenton. Invitations will be sent.

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Holiday Food Safety

THANKSGIVING arrives this week, when food often gets left on the table for hours during the day. But be careful... that feeling that you've over-eaten, or that the food was 'too rich', may actually be caused by food poisoning from bacteria build-up.

Those who are very young, or very old, are in special danger from food poisoning. Symptoms can include headache, diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, or just 'not feeling well.'

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