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## Local Educator Recognized for Leadership in Indian Education



DR. RUTH DIAL WOODS

The Fifteenth Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference was held in Greensboro at the Sheraton Convention Center on March 15-17. At the Awards Banquet on March 16, Dr. Ruth Dial Woods, Associate Superintendent for the Public Schools of Robeson County, was presented the Distinguished Award for Indian Education by United Tribes of North Carolina, Inc., the sponsoring organization of the conference. More than 600 representatives of the six Indian Nations of North

Carolina and guests attended the awards banquet. In presenting the award, Ms. Shelby Patrick of Bolton recognized Dr. Woods' contributions to Indian Education, a state-wide network of parents of Indian students and

members of Indian Education Parent Committees, co-organizer of a national network of American Indian and Alaskan Native educators, and involvement in Indian Education at local, state, and national levels.

The Indian Education program of the Public Schools of Robeson County is the largest funded project by the Office of Indian Programs of the U.S. Department of Education in the eastern United States, and the second

largest funded program in the nation. Dr. Woods has been the principal administrator for the public schools since 1977 during which time the program has grown in funding levels from \$700,000 in 1977 to \$1.3 million in

1989. Several of the program components have been cited by the Office of Indian Programs during this period of time, including a locally developed culture-based curriculum that has been disseminated state-wide for use in promoting increased awareness and understanding of American Indian history and culture of the Indians of North Carolina.

In accepting the Distinguished Award for Indian Education, Dr. Woods stated that she accepted the award "on behalf of many people and staff who had assisted her in promoting Indian Education, members of parent committees who were involved in the administration, planning, and implementation of Indian Education programs in the public schools, and to those who had made a commitment to improve the education of Indian students by striving to unite their talents and energies for the common good of all American Indian and Alaskan Native peoples."

## Distinguished Service Award Presented



Shown left is Mr. Ralph A. Kimel being presented the Distinguished

Service Award by the Robeson County Association of Principals and

Assistant Principals. Making the presentation is Noah Woods, right, president of the association.

Mr. Ralph A. Kimel was presented the Distinguished Service Award by the Robeson County Association of Principals and Assistant Principals at the March 26th meeting which was held at the Southern Kitchen Restaurant in Lumberton, NC. Mr. Noah Woods, president of this association, presented the award which honored Mr. Kimel for "tireless services rendered to the organization."

Mr. Kimel received his B.S. degree from North Carolina State University in 1948; his Masters

Degree in 1961; and his E.D.S. in 1965, both from Appalachian State University. Additionally, he has worked as a teacher for 10 years and as a principal for 28 years at Arcadia School in Clemmons, NC.

He also received several honors and held many offices during his career such as being selected as the North Carolina Principal of the Year (1972), served as president of the North Carolina Association of Educators (1973-74), executive director for the North Carolina Principals/

Assistant Principals Association (1976-89), presently serving as interim executive director for the Tarheel Association of Principals 1 assistant

Principals and on the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (Board of Trustees), and he has also served as a lobbyist for educators for the past 25 years.

Mr. Kimel is married to Mary Delapp Kimel and they have one daughter, Tanya.

## Coach's Corner by Ken Johnson

### TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON HURLEY

Basketball has gotten so stereotyped with its "one guard-point man" that UNLV's defense completely "bottled-up" Duke's offense. I wouldn't say this if I hadn't come up through the old time basketball ranks when there was no ten-second line and there was very little dribbling of "bringing-the-ball-up" the court. In other words, if you had two guards bringing the ball up court the action would be speeded up thereby taking a lot of the pressure off of Hurley. The forwards would be lined up opposite the foul line thereby allowing a quicker reception instead of being in so deep near the

base line as so happens so much in today's game. Defensive balance is much better with the "two-guard system" as one guard is always back as the other one can penetrate or if you want to split the middle with a high post system, the Kentucky Adolph Rupp system, the forward would resolve back on defense and become guards thus preventing many fast breaks. Anyway, I think angle cuts of the "elder-no dribble style" is much faster and would work with so many 7-footers doing the rebounding and the "rebound triangle" further protected by your 6'8" forwards, with a 2-3 offense.

Anyway, the chances are the game might have been closer instead of

both teams playing the same system except the slow down Duke system just couldn't stop the "Vagas-Runnin Rebels." Along with Hurley's illness it was sad to see but Duke must have credit for not coming completely apart.

by Ken Johnson

## Optimist Club to sponsor Junior Golf Tournament

The Lumberton Optimist Club is sponsoring its annual Robeson County Junior Golf Tournament on April 28 at 2:30 p.m. at the Pincrest

## Sheila Lowry to be Soloist at PSU Gospel Music Festival



Sheila Lowry

[Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles about those performing in the first annual Gospel Music Festival sponsored by Pembroke State University on Saturday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at PSU's Performing Arts Center.]

She has sung on television, at churches in the surrounding area and at Raleigh, for clubs and for the "Miss Lumbree" pageant--and now Sheila Lowry will be a soloist at the first annual Pembroke State University Gospel Music Festival Saturday, April 28.

The festival will begin at 7 p.m. that evening in PSU's Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$5 for everyone. The idea, which is that of PSU Chancellor Joseph Oxendine, is to have a good, enjoyable gospel sing as a cultural event. "But," he cautioned, "because PSU is a

state-supported institution, it cannot be an old-fashioned revival with preaching, testimonies and altar calls. Rather, this is a program of music, a good form of art."

A committee, formed in January, has been working long and hard to make it just that with a list of impressive performers invited.

Sheila Lowry, 26, the daughter of Mary K. Lowry (her father is deceased), is a senior Music Education major at PSU from Pembroke. She is also choir director at First United Methodist Church of Pembroke.

An '81 graduate of Pembroke Senior High, she was there a member of the choir, band, Music Club, Drama Club and annual staff. Other institutions she has attended besides PSU have been East Carolina University for two years and Robeson Community College for a semester. In 1989, she won the Talent Show at RCC.

A mezzo soprano, she sings contemporary Christian music. One of her favorite songs is "In the Name of the Lord," sung by Sandi Patti, one of the greatest voices in gospel music today.

Lowry has sung on television at Greenville, N.C., sung at various churches in Robeson, Cumberland and Hoke counties, and for the Christian Woman's Club in Lumberton.

She started singing in junior high school, and her popularity as a musical artist has climbed ever since.

She has no recordings, but is in the process of doing one.

Commenting on this first PSU Gospel Music Festival, she said: "I think it is great. Because of it, more people will come out and see what the community has to offer in musical talent. The Performing Arts Center is a good place to sing."

Winner of a music scholarship to PSU, Lowry plans to teach in high school after graduation.

Along with singing, her hobbies are sports, spending quality time with her family, being with friends and traveling.

Tickets to the Gospel Music Festival are available at the PAC box office and also its usual outlets: The Dancer at Cross Point Center in Fayetteville, Quik Copy in Lumberton, Doc's Hallmark Shop in Lumberton, and McNeill Jewelry in Lumberton and Red Springs.

Among the other places where tickets are being placed are Merrimac Music Co., the Christian Book Store and the Robeson Baptist Association, all in Lumberton; and the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association in Pembroke.

## Horse Show to be held at Cultural Center

by Ben Jacobs

A horse show featuring some of the best show horses in the region will be held Saturday, April 7 at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center which is located off highway 74 near Pembroke.

According to Willie Collins, chairman of the horse show committee, over 100 horses from North Carolina and adjoining states are expected to be shown in 24 events and classes. "Owners of horses who have won national and world class shows have said they would be here," said Mr. Collins.

"You see the best in beauty, style, performance, and speed at the show," said Mr. Collins. "This is exciting entertainment that will be fun for the whole family."

Mr. Collins noted that horse riding and showing is very popular in the area. He explained that the show is an annual event held in Pembroke and has been rated one of the best shows in southeastern North Carolina.

Mr. Collins said the show will begin at 2 p.m. with children's competition and will end with the major

competition for game horses, quarter horses, and racing horses. Admission is \$2.00.

"The Cultural Center site is an excellent location for the show," said Mr. Collins. "We have a beautiful setting that has picnic and playground facilities. Boating, fishing, and golf are also available at the site."

Mr. Collins explained that while much of the competition categories require special equipment, some categories are open to novice riders. He said the Indian pony and children's lead-in competitions are unusual and exciting events.

The show is sponsored by the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center and proceeds from the event will be used to help develop the cultural center as a tourist attraction.

The announcer for the show is R.W. Sharley. The racing and quarter horse judge is James Raye. Other members of the show committee are Ray Strickland and Lyeurous Lowry.

For additional information about the show contact Willie Collins at 521-2433.

## April 7-14 is Community Development Week

The week of April 7-14 has been proclaimed as Community Development Week by the town of Pembroke. The following proclamation was recently adopted.

Whereas, since 1982, communities in North Carolina have used Community Development Block Grant funds to create over 12,000 jobs, rehabilitate over 13,700 homes, construct 260 miles of water line, 125 miles of sewer lines and 127 miles of street improvement; and

Whereas, the Town of Pembroke has been an active participant in five Community Development Block Grant programs since 1982; and

Whereas, Community Development Block Grant funds have been used in Pembroke to rehabilitate homes, construct water and sewer lines and repair and improve streets in all sections of town; and

Whereas, Governor Martin is designating this week as "National Community Development Week" in North Carolina;

Now, therefore, I Milton R. Hunt, Mayor of the Town of Pembroke do hereby proclaim the week of April 7-14 to be "Community Development Week" in the Town of Pembroke.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the Town of Pembroke to be affixed, this 2nd day of April, 1990.

## Addresses Pembroke Kiwanis

Mrs. Mary Alice Teets, Principal of the Janie Hargrave School in Lumberton was the Tuesday night speaker at the Town and Country Restaurant. She was presented by her husband, Ed Teets, program chairman for the evening.

Using visual charts, the "Mega-Millennial Trends of the Future" were shown reachable as Mrs. Teets compared them to the "Little Mega-Train Climbing the Mountain." And saying, "I think I can, I think I can." And finally does climb the mountain. These mega trends are ten in number including--Booming global economy with its working women singles; its

poor people; Renaissance in the Arts replacing much sports; as shown by the PSU arts programs; and the County Arts programs; the free market socialism; the Global Life cultural nationalism; representative of McDonald's in Moscow; Privatization of the welfare state shown by UPS and our mail service and eleven million on welfare; the rise of the

"Pacific Rim" with Los Angeles as the hub with its eighty-four different languages; this is also the decade women in leadership positions; the "Age of Biology" with medicines battling AIDS, cancer and other diseases; and Religious Revival of the new millenium; and the triumph of the individual for human rights.

What can we do about these mega trends? "Education is part of the answer but not entirely, it also takes faith and commitment like the strong roots of a tree including the character traits of meekness, love, goodness, peace, patience, joy, temperance, gentleness, families that care and convictions of what is right and trust in each other.

Mrs. Teets said, "Daddy Pinchbeck always said 'We are only a prayer apart when we are absent from each other.' And we can reach the top of the mountain with our mega trends."

Presiding--Ronnie Sutton; Invocation--Dorsey Lowry; Song--Ed Teets; Program--Ed Teets; Reporter--Ken Johnson.

Country Club in Lumberton. There will be both a boys and girls division each with two age groups, 15-18 years and 14 and under. Entry fee is \$5 which includes the golf and other

goodies. Contact Mr. or Mrs. J. Wallingford at 738-7834 for more information and or an application. Deadline for entries is Thursday, April 26.