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## Lumbee Bill expected to be out of Senate committee in Mid-November

Arlinda Locklear, tribal attorney for the Lumbee Tribe, is optimistic about the Lumbee Bill which is now before the Senate Select Committee. "It is hoped that the Bill will come out of Committee with a bi-partisan vote...If that happens, the chances are extremely good of the Bill passing in the Senate."

There is much speculation about what Sen. Helms will do relative to the Lumbee Bill. He has been

asked by the neighboring Cherokee to block the Bill. It is possible for one Senator to stop the Bill from getting to the Senate floor, simply by procedural objection. If that happens, it would require 60 votes to then get the Bill on the floor for a vote. Nevertheless, Locklear is optimistic that the Bill will be out of Committee by mid-November and a Senate vote will be taken by the end of January, "depending upon what Sen. Helms does."

## 15 area students nominated for Morehead Scholarship Award

Fifteen high school seniors were nominated recently by their high schools to receive the prestigious Morehead Scholarship award.

According to Mike McIntyre, Chairman of the Robeson County Morehead Scholarship Selection Committee, a reception will be held in honor of the students on Sunday afternoon, October 13. The reception will be held at the fellowship hall of Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke from 3 until 4:30 p.m.

McIntyre stated that the selection committee will conduct interviews on Tuesday night, October 15, in Lumberton.

The Morehead Foundation was established in 1945 by the late John Motley Morehead, a native of the state and an 1891 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Morehead Awards are presented each year to public and private high schools and independent school seniors who have demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership, academic standing, character and physical vigor. Because the awards are based solely on merit, financial need is not taken into consideration. Including both academic studies and summer enrichment programs as well as other college expenses, the Morehead Scholarship is worth approximately \$42,000 for in-state students. Over 1,900 Morehead Scholars are now alumni of the Morehead Program and the University.

Robeson County has had a least eleven winners of the scholarship since the program's beginning.

Selection committee members this year in addition to McIntyre include: Mary Ann Masters of Rowland, Gary Lynn Locklear of Pembroke, Cheryl Ransom Locklear of Red Springs/Pembroke, and Justin Oliver of Marietta.

The county committee will select four of the fifteen candidates to advance to regional competition. These four will receive the North Carolina Merit Award, a new

program begun this fall by the Morehead Foundation. The four county winners will receive a one-time \$500 scholarship if they attend UNC. If they ultimately win the Morehead Award, then the Morehead Scholarship would supersede the Merit Award.

The fifteen nominees include:  
**Lumberton Senior High:** Juan Carlos Bustamante, son of Herman Bustamante of Atlantic City, New Jersey, and Blanca Olivia Ospina of Lumberton.  
**Carlton Gregory Cauthen**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lee Cauthen of Lumberton.

**Ann Lenore Taylor**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Taylor of Lumberton.

**Fairmont High School:** Frank Wilson Neely III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson Neely, Jr. of Fairmont.

**Charity Elizabeth Rogers**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall Rogers of Fairmont.

**Tonya Carol Floyd**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Floyd of Fairmont.

**Amanda Gem Floyd**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dale Floyd of Fairmont.

**Red Springs High School:** Luther C. Oxendine III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther C. Oxendine Jr. of Maxton.

**St. Pauls High School:** Jack Dempsey Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dempsey Smith, Jr. of St. Pauls.

**Michael Todd Becker**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Becker of St. Pauls.

**Parnell Sweet High:** Robin Rodrickus Lowery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robin Lowery of Pembroke.

**April Lou Blue**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Blue of Rowland.

**Lucy Jane Maynor**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Steven Maynor of Pembroke.

**South Robeson High School:** Delores Irene Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dixon Miller of Rowland.

## New member of Pembroke Redevelopment Commission



Mrs. Audrey Locklear is shown above taking the oath of office as a Pembroke Redevelopment Commissioner. The oath was administered by Pembroke Magistrate Jerry Cummings at the monthly meeting on September 30. Looking on is Pembroke Town Councilwoman Mrs. Essie Jones who appointed Mrs. Locklear to the unexpired term of Mrs. Janelle Oxendine.

## PSU's Greater Robeson County alumni chapter to host dance Oct. 19

The Greater Robeson County Alumni Chapter of the Pembroke State University Alumni Association will have its scholarship dance on Saturday, October 19, from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. in the Chavis University Center. Alumni and friends are invited.

Those attending are requested to make a \$10 donation if single or \$15 if a couple.

All proceeds will be used to help begin a scholarship fund by the Greater Robeson County Alumni Chapter. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

## Benefit singing planned

A benefit singing will be held October 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Deep Branch Church. Proceeds from the singing will be used to defray medical expenses incurred by Mrs. Annie Lois Freeman. Featured singers will include Mary Ann Lowery and the Lumber River Quartet.

Hot dogs will be sold. Tickets are available for \$3 in advance and will be \$4 at the door.

For further information call 738-5409. The public is encouraged to attend and support this worthy cause.



Pembroke State University student, Kim Aaa, is shown painting the face of a local student visiting the PSU Campus on the second annual Pembroke Day, October 2. [Photo by Susie Brenfleck-PSU Campus Newspaper Photographer]

## Taking applications for Low Income Energy Assistance Program

The Robeson County Department of Social Services will begin taking applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program on October 14, 1991. Applications for the program will be accepted through Wednesday, November 27, 1991.

Applicants who qualify will receive a one-time payment of help with high fuel bills this winter.

To qualify, applicants must meet certain requirements. A household's total income must be at or below 110 percent of the current poverty level.

A one-person household can have a monthly income of 606.00 or less to qualify while a family of four can have no more than 1228.00 per month.

Applicants cannot have assets or more than \$2200 and must be responsible for heating bills. All applicants should bring with them verifications of income for all household members.

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program is not a first come/ first served program. Any eligible household that applies between October 14 and November 27, 1991 will receive assistance.

## WHERE IS THE PEMBROKE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1943?

Come May 7, 1993 the Pembroke High School graduating class of 1943 will be eligible to observe and celebrate the 50th anniversary since the receipt of their high school diplomas. Receiving one's high school diploma marks the first major plateau on one's journey into life's sojourn. The high school years during our development are probably the most enjoyable and critical years in the maturation process of us humans. We approach our teenage years having an impressionable outlook, and may be easily swayed by events going on around us. Having a good family-teacher liaison during the teenage years and growing-up process will usually keep one traveling down the right path.

I was a member of Pembroke High School's graduating class of 1943. I remember surnames like Brooks, Carter, Chavis, Clark, Cummings, Dial, Jacobs, Godwin, Locklear, Lowry, Oxendine, Martin, Maynor and Sampson. First names such as Edith, Clara, Cletus, Hazel, Lucille, Mary, Mavis, Nettie, Nova, Coolidge, Barto, Clyde, Donald, Harold, Harvey, Knox, Millar, Monroe, Peter, Spyrgon and Willie have been retained over the years. What has happened to my high school classmates since 1943? Some have passed on to an existence beyond earth, while others have migrated to other parts of this country leaving a few still living in Robeson County. We entered high school in 1939 as freshmen in the new Pembroke High School, and was the first class to complete four years at the new high school. This same year World War II was beginning to heat up in Europe, and we were kept informed of the current events relating to this war in our history classes. Patriotism for our nation's war efforts was very high, and some of my classmates were eagerly awaiting their 18th birthdays so they could volunteer their services for our country. World War II had great effects on the class of 1943 throughout high school as it pertained to our outlook for the future. The war years of the forties probably caused our class not to make any plans for future class reunions.

Pembroke High School did not publish yearbooks during our four years there, and we can't look at pictures depicting us as we were some 50 years ago. We had some very attractive girls as members of this class, and their youthful appearances have been lost from the printed pages. We will have to rely on our memories and mental pictures of the fairer gender belonging to the class of '43. Thanks to a classmate, Harold Lloyd "Mutt" Jacobs, and his 620 brownie camera, I have preserved a picture wearing my high school cap and gown on the campus of Pembroke High School in May of 1943. After taking my picture this fellow classmate sold me his 620 Brownie camera for one dollar, and I have used it to take other pictures in the forties which I have preserved. Harold Lloyd "Mutt" Jacobs, along with other high school

classmates, traveled to other areas to pursue their careers. I would love to know what happened to my high school classmates, and I believe a class reunion could provide some of the answers. Willie French Paul was classmate throughout elementary and high school. He would entertain his classmates when we were still attending Pembroke Graded School with his unique way of telling stories by acting the part of some of the characters. He concentrated on his singing while in high school and was an interesting conversationalist. One summer Willie French Paul came by our farm on his way to Lumber River to fish during fodder pulling time. We Lowry boys talked him into helping us pull some fodder, by promising him we would go with him fishing after our days work assignment was finished. He didn't pull much fodder, but he kept us entertained with his continuous conversation. We kept our promise and went fishing with him. Willie French Paul spent several years in the professional entertainment industry before his mysterious disappearance from Robeson County. His vanishing closely parallels that of another Robeson County native, Henry Berry Lowry. It would be nice to hear some stories concerning the lives and activities of other classmates.

I discussed the possibility of having a 50th anniversary high school class reunion with a classmate in February, 1990, while attending the homecoming for alumni of Pembroke State University. Mary Agnes Martin became a classmate in the 4th grade at Pembroke Graded School around 1935. She and I, along with a few other classmates progressed through Pembroke's graded school, high school, and state college. Sometime after accomplishing this goal, Mary Agnes Martin added Bell to her name. I believe Mary Agnes Martin Bell is the right person to spearhead the movement toward a 50th year reunion for Pembroke High School's Class of 1943 to take place sometime in 1993. She demonstrated her leadership abilities throughout our school days, and it would be nice to know more of what Mary Agnes Martin Bell accomplished in her adult life, along with other classmates. A good way to find out is to have a class reunion. If this is to happen, first we need a current list of class members, present addresses, and their opinions on pursuing this venture. Any classmate, relative, friend, or persons knowing the whereabouts of any member of Pembroke High School's graduating class of 1943, send

information to: Mary Martin Bell, Fourth Street, Pembroke, NC 28372. The response may determine whether I can find out-Whatever Happened to Harold Lloyd "Mutt" Jacobs, along with my other 1943 high school classmates.

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## Emergency improvement funds awarded to Pembroke Housing

Pembroke Redevelopment Commission was recently awarded \$435,500 in Emergency Comprehensive Improvement Funds. These monies will be used to improve the existing housing units. An inspection has been completed of all the units to assess the priorities for spending. Major concerns are roofing, windows, doors, repair of termite damage, and the renovation of vacant units.

A close study will be made of what aspects of

improvements can be done internally and what work will have to be contracted out.

The grant was through the auspices of the HUD Regional Office in Greensboro. Larry J. Parker is manager of Region IV.

Pembroke Redevelopment Commission plans to apply for CIAP next fiscal year, 1992. Those improvements that are not top priority will have to be tabled until next year.