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## RECEPTION PLANNED FOR NC HOUSE CANDIDATE LARRY TOWNSEND



Larry Townsend

A Fund-Raising Reception for Larry Townsend, 1992 at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut from 3 until 6 p.m. candidate for the N.C. House of Representatives, District Townsend, a Lumbee Indian, is a native of Robeson XV Wake County. The reception will be held February 2, County.

### Under the DOME

#### Candidate emerges from new district

When legislators drew new boundaries for state House districts in Wake County, they lured Larry M. Townsend into the spotlight, so to speak.

Mr. Townsend, 44, of Raleigh, said the new lines have convinced him it is time to chase a lifelong dream — winning a seat in the General Assembly.

The district he wants to represent is a new one with no incumbent. Generally speaking, it takes in a portion of southeast Wake County.

"I have thought about it since I was in Vietnam in 1969," Mr. Townsend said. Back then, "I said

to myself 'Why am I here?' and I thought about various things and the common answer was politics, politics, politics."

Mr. Townsend, a Lumbee Indian, said he promised himself then he would do whatever he could to get involved in the political process and to help shape government policy.

Since then, the Southern Bell technician has helped in the political campaigns of Democrats running at virtually every level of government.

He was a Michael S. Dukakis delegate to the 1988 Democratic National Convention and a fellow at the Institute of Political Leadership in Wrightsville Beach in 1989.

He is a member of the committee that has been working on legislation that would award official government recognition of the Lumbees. The measure recently passed the U.S. House.

He was president of the Triangle Native American Society, a group formed in 1989 to promote and protect Native Americans. He intends to run, he said, as the working man's candidate.

"We're looking at workplace fairness," he said. "We're looking at tax equity. We're looking at the dignity of the working class."

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— Larry W. Townsend, state House hopeful

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## NC Commission on Archives & History Honored for book on Lumbee Methodists

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Conference Commission on Archives and History has received an award from the North Carolina Society of Historians for the book "The Lumbee Methodists: Getting to Know Them" by Smith and Smith.

A "Special Merit Award" in the Religious Section of the Society's 1991 history book awards, was presented to the commission Nov.

2, during the annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of Historians, at the Brownstone Inn here.

Mrs. C.W. Twiford, Goldsboro, a member of the North Carolina Conference Commission on Archives and History, has been named "Historian of the Year in the East" by the NC Society of Historians. She was recognized at the Nov. 2 meeting.

Those attending were Joseph and Jane Smith, Cliff Shoaf, Harry Gattton, Pat Bailey, Mrs. Twiford and Lawrence Lugar.

The book can be purchased from the commission by sending \$8.95 for softback books and \$14.95 for hardback books to the NC Conference on Archives and History, P.O. Box 10955, Raleigh, NC 27605.

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### DINNER MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DUCKS UNLIMITED CHAPTER

The first chapter of Ducks Unlimited in this area will host a dinner January 31 at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut. The Pembroke Chapter of Ducks Unlimited is the first minority chapter of the organization in this area. Ducks Unlimited is concerned with conservation efforts and strives to restore, conserve and create wet lands.

The January 31 meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will

include door prizes. The president of the local chapter is David Brooks. More information on this organization is available by calling 521-3431. Local hunters are working toward conservation of wet lands and encouraging the increase of ducks in the area. Dues for Ducks Unlimited are \$40 and memberships will be available at the door.

## Pembroke Kiwanis Report

Attorney Ron Sutton was the Tuesday night speaker discussing "Redistricting." He was presented by President Clayton Maynor.

This plan has District 16, the white; District 85, the Indian and District 87, the Black. And Robeson County has three at large members. What is redistricting and

why. The Legislature every ten years as a result of 1990 census report submits to the court system for approval before it is enacted. This year Robeson County picks up an additional number. The Voting Rights Act does not allow the deletion of a district. Congress must

stay away from gerrymandering, the improper districting. The speaker presented each Kiwanian with a drawn out map of the proposed districting.

Speaker Sutton presented Representative Adolph Dial. "Constitutionally speaking—every ten years redistricting takes place. Done through a mandate and the Justice Department approve it. Creating minority districts, but this does not mean it will help minorities. As both major parties are looking out for themselves." Dial is not running this year as his health will not permit it.

Presiding—Clay Maynor; invocation—Albert Hunt; song leader—Ed Teets; program—Ron Sutton; reporter—Ken Johnson.



Purnell Swett High School nominated eleven seniors for the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program.

The program was designed in order to meet the increasing demand for top-quality teachers for North Carolina's public schools, the General Assembly in 1986 established the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program.

The most ambitious teacher recruitment in the nation, the Teaching Fellows Program provides \$5,000 per year for a maximum of four years of college to as many as 400 high school seniors who agree to teach in North Carolina's public schools after graduating from college.

The program is governed by the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Commission, a group of eleven individuals who were appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House. The

program is administered by the Public School Forum of North Carolina.

Students nominated from Purnell Swett High School were: Carla Chavis, Shantonia Chavis, Emily Crain, Leslie Epps, Aaron Locklear, Lawrence T. Locklear, Stacey Locklear (not pictured), John K. Lowery, Dawn Lowry, Lucy Maynor, and Jacqueline Strickland.

The qualifications for becoming a Teaching Fellow are stringent. Applicants are screened and interviewed by committees within their school district and, then, by a regional screening committee. Both the local and regional committee examine a number of criteria, including high school grades, writing samples, class standing, SAT scores and extra-curricular activities.

The Teaching Fellows Program is succeeding in attracting North Carolina's brightest and best students into teaching.



In a middle school reading program, sponsored by the PSU men's basketball team, Robeson County school children were encouraged to read as many books as possible. Title of the program was: "Athletes and Leaders Looking for Readers." PSU basketball players and community leaders visited the various schools promoting the effort. There were some 80 winners in the program, and these seven were recognized during halftime of the Jan. 11 PSU basketball game with Mt. Olive. Left to right, they are: front row—Cherry Ann Hunt, Orrum Middle; Tony Bridgett, Fairmont Middle; LeTonya Jones, Fairgrove; back row—Kimberly McNeill, Red Springs; Kevin Leach, Carroll Middle; Catherine Britt, Orrum Middle; and Amanda Reeves, Fairgrove.



Fleetwood Homes in Pembroke, a subsidiary of Fleetwood Enterprises, ranks safety a top priority. Fleetwood produces 3,000 homes annually, and ships to 190 retail centers in the mid-Atlantic and Southeastern region and has an annual rate of employment of 220 associates.

A plate associate administered safety program has steered the plant in a whole new way of doing business where safety comes first. The concept was instituted by an 8-member panel of production line associates who worked in various areas of the plant. The plant sets and tracks goals, solicits safety suggestions, awards prizes and maintains an open line of communication. The safety committee stresses that a clean, safe work

environment assists all associates in producing a clean, quality product. According to Bobby Barnes, the Safety Committee Chairman, the last lost-time accident was in March of 1990. They currently have 780,000 man-safe hours and are making plans for when they will reach the plant's first million man-safe hours celebration.

The safety attitude is very prevalent at Fleetwood Homes in Pembroke. The total commitment of all plant associates has helped the Pembroke facility to reach goals that were once thought unobtainable.

Shown in the photo above: first row, left to right, Chairman Bobby Barnes; Helen Oxendine; Julian Sanderson. Second row: Michael Oxendine, Roy Lee McCallum, Jeffery Cummings and Skeet Cummings.

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