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On Sunday, March 15, at 7 p.m. Prospect United Methodist Church will hold its Bi-monthly Gospel Sing. Shown above is the Youth Choir of the church who will be one of the groups to sing the gospel in song.

The public is invited to participate by singing or by listening to others. In any event, the public is welcome to worship at Prospect United Methodist Church.

## Lumberton native runs for governor



Marcus W. Williams

A Lumberton native, Marcus W. Williams is running for Governor of the State of North Carolina. His platform is "A New Vision. He visualizes the governor's office as a place to stimulate and foster a job-producing economy; assure access to Comprehensive health Care; enhance and equalize base funding for primary and secondary educational opportunities; to safeguard and preserve the environment; reduce government spending and promote efficient and effective use of tax dollars; encourage family planning and maintain a Woman's Right to Freedom of Choice; assure uniformity of sentences and certainty of punishment in the state prisons; enforce pay equity in the public sector; reform the welfare system to facilitate full implementation of workforce and job training.

Williams, was born in Lumberton in 1953 to Russell and Sadie Williams. He is married to Assistant District Attorney Althea Williams and they reside in Wilmington. His education background includes St. Madelines Catholic School; South Lumberton High and Lumberton Senior High; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and the University of Minnesota School of law.

He has practiced for more than 12 years as a licensed attorney in Minnesota and North Carolina; was selected to Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship Program; served as Executive Director of LEgal Services of the Coastal Plains in Ahsokie; and Executive Director of Legal Services of the Lower Cape Fear in Wilmington.

Williams' political activities include serving as Student Body President of Lumberton Senior High; student Body President of UNC in Chapel Hill; Student Body President at the University of Minnesota Law School; two term Democratic chair of Precinct 16 in Wilmington; third vice chair of NEW Hanover County Democratic Party.

He is an appointed member of the Federal Court Advisory Committee for the Eastern District; Board of Directors of the New Hanover County Bar Association; NC State Bar; NC Bar Association; MN Stat Bar; Federal District Court; U.S. Fourth Circuit Court and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Community involvement includes serving as a former member of the Z Smith Reynolds Foundation Advisory Committee; Founding Technical Advisor for the Wilmington/ New Hanover Community Development Corporation; Former Fundraising Chair of the Tileston School Restoration Project.

He is a former parish council president of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Ahsokie; member of the St. Mary Catholic Church in Wilmington.

## Pembroke Kiwanis Report

Mrs. Polly Cunningham, Director of the Robeson County church and Community Center was the principal speaker at the Tuesday evening meeting at the Town and Country Restaurant. Her topic was the "Reading Program at the Center." Mrs. Cunningham was introduced by Buddy Bell, program chairman for the evening.

"One in three adults are functionally illiterate, not meaning they are not smart. Many are very bright. But they don't read. The disability reading program was started by Rev. Robert Mangum in the 70s. At one time, a fifth grade level was thought to be adequate, now with an increasing complex society, the U.S. government considers an 8th grade level is necessary for competency. 18,000 adults in Robeson County cannot read a menu, a newspaper, a map, a telephone directory, the Bible or anything else." Mrs. Cunningham said. "If you can read, you can teach someone else. And learning to read is not just for kids."

PSU will be putting in a reading course next fall. There are 21 new tutors in different Robeson County towns. Some tutors work night times, some in the day time. Instruction is one on one. Concentration is necessary and the students want to be there. There is a 10 1/2 hour workshop, 3 1/2 hours a day with different progressive levels. Older people can learn. It isn't as if you can't teach an old dog new tricks. The one on one method eliminates this idea.

The program is funded by the Methodist Church, Southern National Bank and the United Fund.

The illiteracy nation wide is 22.5 million adults cannot determine their monthly account statements, 1 in 5 cannot understand what they read, 26 million cannot address an envelope, so you see the need is great for our country to learn to read. Questions and answers followed with many interesting details of our nation's reading problem.

## Lumbee student to study nutrition habits of Lumbees for doctoral degree

Recent studies have shown that Lumbee Indians have higher rates of cancer, diabetes, and heart disease than other races in the state.

Research has also shown that these killer diseases are related to the foods that Lumbees eat as well as lifestyle factors. Positive changes in diet and lifestyle can go a long way toward lowering the risk of these diseases in American Indians.

Ronny Bell, a Lumbee, and native of Pembroke is in the process of conducting a nutrition research project among the Lumbee communities for his doctoral degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Bell is being funded to do this study by the National Cancer Institute to document the typical eating habits of adult Lumbee Indian Women in Robeson County.

This is a voluntary participation project and Bell

expects to sample study about 150 Lumbee participants.

Lumbee Regional Development Association's board has endorsed Bell's efforts and, Chairman Adolph Blue stated

that "the knowledge gained through this study will be invaluable to the tribe if we are federally recognized by Congress and Indian Health Services becomes a reality."

The goal of the study is to examine how diet is related to the high rates of cancer in the Indian communities and identify changes needed to lower the risk of cancer.

LRDA encouraged community cooperation in this study that could help improve Indian people's quality of life through improved eating habits and lifestyle changes.

For more information or to volunteer to participate in this study please contact LRDA's main office at 919-521-8602 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays.

## Area boy listed on honor roll

Fork Union, Virginia--A local boy, Cadet Noah Olin Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Woods, of Pembroke, has been listed on the Honor Roll for Term III at Fork Union Military Academy at Fork Union, Virginia. This is in recognition of high academic achievement.

Fort Union Military Academy has used its highly successful One-Subject Plan in grades nine through twelve since 1950. In this system, a boy studies only one subject at a time for a period of seven and a half weeks, completing the year's work in the subject without interruption.

More than 500 boys attend the high school section, which includes one year of post secondary study. Approximately 100 boys attend the separate Junior School, which encompasses grades six through eight and uses the traditional teaching plan. The boys studying at Fork Union this year represent 35 states and 15 countries.

## The Coach's Corner

By Ken Johnson

### THE AMAZING RAY FLOYD

He won \$252,000 in winning the Doral Open on Sunday, by beating his Ryder Cup teammate, Fred Couples, by two strokes. Floyd's 17 under par tied him with Sam Snead's record of winning over four decades. Floyd at 49 years is 18 years senior to Couples at 31 years of age. And is on a roll this year having won last week's Tuxson open. Yet Floyd won with a superlative attitude. When skills, knowledge and attitudes are considered in winning, attitude is the most important. A good attitude brings confidence, without it, tension and tightness springs into your swing and you end up in the trash as did Couples on 18. Trying to keep a good attitude is the key to success in any sport. So many young athletes loose out when they give up and quite. It is hard to "ride the bench" when you think the coach is overlooking you. But fight to keep a good attitude in spite of everything. All things come to him who waits is a pretty good attitude to have. It is said that maturity is defined as the accumulation of a bunch of good attitudes. So patience is a must in your development is most important, even over skill and aptitude. Floyd and Couples are excellent role models for all athletes. These golfers earn their money. It is not given to them as is happening in baseball. What else can be said about Ray Floyd except he is amazing. Yes, he is from Fayetteville.

## Reflections

By Alta Nye Osandine

### I'LL FLY AWAY

When the new NBC program "I'll Fly Away" disappeared from the Tuesday evening lineup, I was shocked and disappointed. Now it is back on Friday nights. And I'm glad!

### STEREOTYPES

"I'll Fly Away" reminds me of the situation in northern North Carolina when I arrived to do church and community work there in 1953. In spite of having already let go of my own childhood prejudice toward "Browns," I was still prejudiced against southern whites because I just knew they were all prejudiced against blacks.

However, during my three years in Caswell County, I got to know black and white families who had a special caring relationship with one another. Also some of my white friends actually shared my deep desire for equality for all people, including Indians and Blacks.

Wherever I have lived, especially at the Blackfeet Reservation, I have had to revise many of my overly simplistic stereotypes. Another example: before coming to the southeast, I used to think all easterners and southerners were totally different from "us" northwesterners. Now I feel really at home in both North Carolina and Montana. I'm not even sure whether I'm a southerner, a northerner, or a westerner. (I guess I'm just an ordinary American).

### GREATER SENSITIVITY

To me "I'll Fly Away" shows a greater degree of sensitivity toward the problems of both Black and white families than most of the programs we see on t.v. As I watch, I find myself entering into the daily struggles of Forrest (the white attorney whose wife is in a mental institution) and his family, as well as the daily struggles of Lillie (the intelligent, reflective Black housekeeper who has become a substitute mother for his children) and her family.

Because I wanted to follow these two families each Tuesday night, I gave up a chance to study Spanish. However, I hope I'll have another chance to learn Spanish. In spite of my childhood fear of Mexican migrant workers, I now find myself automatically wanting to communicate with Spanish speaking people. How I wish I knew their languages.

Thank God, with His help, we can change. He can help us to appreciate all people--His children--as precious fellow human beings.



These seven PSU employees have received plaques for their years of service to the university and the State of North Carolina. Left to right, they are Pat Lanford, dormitory supervisor; Brenda Jacobs, secretary for the Music Department; Sheila Johnson, secretary for the Native American Resource Center; William Blue,

accountant; Jo Ann Pearson, director of Computing and Information Services; Emma Locklear, secretary for the Printing Department; and Ethel Ward, clerk-receptionist for the physical plant. Jacobs, Pearson and Locklear have 20 years of service, while the others have 10 years of service.

## LOCAL NEWS BRIEF

### VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE SUPPORTERS TO MEET

The Very Special People Supporters of Robeson County will meet Sunday, March 15, 1992- 3 p.m. at the Baptist House across from Pembroke State University, Pembroke, NC.

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