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News Briefs

Glenn Maynor Heads List of Candidates in Sheriff's Race



Maynor carried sixteen of the county's forty-one precincts. A run off is expected in June.

distanced four other candidates to win the bid for sheriff of Robeson County. Receiving 35.5 percent of the vote, Maynor failed to obtain the necessary forty percent required to avoid the runoff. Unofficial vote tallies show Maynor with 8,296 votes. Coming in second place was Robeson County Sheriff's Department Chief of Detectives, Lum Edwards. He received 6,095 votes. Third place went to the Black candidate, Emmett Brown who received 4,484 votes. John Flynn the other white candidate finished fourth with 2921. The other Indian candidate, Lee Edward Sampson finished fifth with 1590 votes.

Glenn Maynor, in his second bid for Sheriff of Robeson County, out

Pembroke's Kelvin Sampson Named to Head Oklahoma Sooners



Sampson, 38, takes the reins at Oklahoma after a successful stint at Washington State, a member of the Pacific 10 Conference. Sampson was quoted as saying that he "agonized" over the decision because his career at Washington State had been a good one, and he especially enjoyed a good relationship with his players.

At last report, his wife, Karen and children, Lauren Elizabeth, 12, and Kellen, 8, are already in Norman, Oklahoma making plans for a "new home and getting enrolled in a new school. His wife, Karen, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Von Lowry of Pembroke. Coach Sampson's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John W. "Ned" Sampson of Pembroke.

At last report, Coach Sampson's plans were to continue preparing for the upcoming Goodwill Games to be held in Russia July 23-August 7. He was recently named an assistant coach to USC's George Raveling.

Pembroke-Pembroke is abuzz this week with the news that local son, Kelvin Sampson has been named head basketball coach at fabled Oklahoma.

Dwight Lowry New Manager of the Fayetteville Generals



he has entered the managerial ranks as the new manager of the Class A Fayetteville Generals in nearby Cumberland County. His announcement on the 29th of April caught all of his friends and family in Robeson County by pleasant surprise.

Lowry had previously been with the Generals as a coach, and was working in the instructional leagues in Florida when he received the call to return "home."

A former three-sports star at Pembroke High School (football, baseball, basketball), and all ACC with the University of North Carolina Tarheels as a catcher, Manager Lowry stays close to his family and friends in Robeson. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lowry, live near Pembroke. His wife's (the former Pam Deese) parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Deese, also live in the Pembroke area. The Lowrys are proud parents of two girls and a boy- Sesic, 6; Amanda, 5; and Zachery Dwight, 2 1/2.

by Staff Reports Fayetteville-Dwight Lowry continues to experience success in the world of baseball. After two stays in the major leagues as a catcher with the Detroit Tigers and Minnesota Twins,

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JoAnn Locklear Wins Clerk of Court's Race-First Indian Elected to County Wide Position



JoAnn Locklear made history on Tuesday when she became the first Indian elected to a county wide position. She was elected Clerk of Superior Court for Robeson County in the democratic primary. Unofficial votes show Locklear winning handily over four other candidates for the position of Clerk. She, along with two white candidates, Martin McCall, administrative assistant to the district attorney and Freda Stephens, a court

reporter, and a Black, Magistrate Larry Graham were seeking to replace Dixie Barrington who did not seek reelection.

Unofficial vote totals show Locklear winning with 46.8 percent of the vote. Forty percent of a vote total is required to avoid a run off election. Locklear received 10,591 votes. McCall came in second place

with 5,842 votes. Stephens received 3,555 votes while Graham finished fourth with 2,544 votes.

Locklear carried twenty seven of the 41 precincts in the county.

Locklear attributes her success to her experience and expertise in the clerk's office where she has worked for the past twenty-seven years.

Because there is no Republican opposition, Locklear will assume the duties of Clerk of Superior Court the first of December.

In other races, newcomer Luther Johnson Britt III upset incumbent district attorney Richard Townsend. Britt received 57 percent of the total votes cast. Unofficial totals show Britt with 12,633 votes to Townsend's 9,496.

Mike Smith and Rufus Graham were re-elected to the Robeson County Board of Supervisors. Smith was elected in District 3 and Terry Townsend in District 6. And Lincoln Locklear was the Republican choice to seek the position of coroner in November. He will face incumbent Leroy Freeman.

John Carter, assistant district attorney easily defeated Diane Phillips for the district court judge seat. Carter received 70 percent of the vote. And Douglas Yongue was elected to the District 16 seat in the House of Representatives. Incumbent House members, Ron Sutton and Frances Cummings were unopposed.

Dr. Lowry to Receive Honorary Doctorate

Dr. Earl C. Lowry, a native of Pembroke who served in Europe during World War II and attained the rank of colonel as a U.S. Army surgeon, will be presented an honorary doctor of science degree from Pembroke State University at its commencement Saturday, May 7.

The commencement will begin at 2 p.m. in the Jones Health and Physical Education Center with a record 526 receiving degrees.

As an Army colonel, Lowry was chief of the Professional Services Division and chief consultant in surgery in the Office of the Chief Surgeon in Europe during World War II.

Lowry is the son of D.F. Lowry, who received the first diploma from the Indian Normal School which evolved into PSU. D.F. Lowry was in the Lumbee Indian patriarch who died in 1977 at the age of 97 after being a teacher, insurance man, business manager, mail carrier, minister, historian, etc.

Earl Lowry attended Hopewell College in North Carolina and graduated in 1924. He then attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he had only 11 grades and was located in Old Main, now the landmark of PSU. He was president of his senior class.

Lowry then attended McKendree College in Lebanon, Ill. Afterwards, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and biology from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1927. In 1929 McKendree College presented him its Sesquicentennial Alumni Citation Achievement Award of Professional Achievement in Medicine and Science.

Returning to Pembroke, he taught science at the Indian Normal School here from 1927-29, then entered the Vanderbilt Medical School in the fall of 1929 and earned his Medical Degree in 1933.

After a four year residency at St. Thomas Hospital at Vanderbilt, Lowry entered the U.S. Army as a physician in 1936. He later graduated from the Army Medical School in Washington, D.C., in 1938 and the Army Field Service School, then at Carlisle, Pa. in 1939. He also graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1947.

After retiring from the service, Lowry became president of Blue Shield, Inc., for the state of Iowa and the chief executive officer of that organization there. He stopped working actively in 1970, but remained available as a consultant for years.

Lowry says as a doctor he provided medical attention to some of the outstanding men of the World War II era and beyond.

A descendant of Henry Berry Lowrie, the Indian hero of this area who is depicted in the annual outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind", Lowry has written extensively about Henry Berry Lowrie.

Earl Lowry resides in Des Moines, Iowa. He is married to the former Olivia King of Columbia, S.C. They are parents of two daughters.

Asked several years ago the highlight of his life, Lowry replied: "The highlight as far as I'm concerned is coming home to Pembroke-seeing relatives. I enjoy it-the feeling of nostalgia."

He will certainly have that feeling again as he is honored May 7 as one of the sons of whom PSU is most proud.



An Open Letter To The Lumbee Tribe From Tribal Attorney Arlinda Locklear

As I last reported to you, our recognition bill is pending in the Senate awaiting a vote. Based on reports from the Majority Leaders' Office, our bill should come up for a vote sometime in the next two or three weeks. There is still no definite schedule for a vote on the bill, but Chairman Inouye (Democrat from Hawaii) of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is pressing for a vote in that time period. The vote on the bill will be close, but we should have the votes we need to get the bill passed.

We may not get more than two or three days notice of the actual vote on the bill. Such short notice means that I would not be able to notify the entire membership of the upcoming vote through an open letter, but I will do everything possible to notify individual Lumbees of the vote so that they can come to Washington, D.C. to watch the Senate vote on our bill if they wish. In the meantime, L.R.D.A. has taken actions that may affect our bill and of which you should be aware.

In late March, L.R.D.A. sent letters to Senators Helms, Faircloth, and Inouye on our bill. These letters stated that I was no longer the lobbyist representing L.R.D.A. on L.R.D.A.'s recognition bill. The letter advised the three senators that L.R.D.A. was looking for a new lobbyist and, once a new lobbyist was retained, these senators would be advised who they should deal with on L.R.D.A.'s recognition bill. The L.R.D.A. plainly described the Lumbee recognition bill as an L.R.D.A. bill and plainly stated that I no longer represented L.R.D.A. on the bill. However, the letter did not state that I remained the attorney for the Lumbee Tribe on the bill and continued to do whatever work is necessary on the bill. I have talked to the Senate offices

that received these letters and they now understand that I continue to represent the Lumbee Tribe on the Lumbee recognition bill. As far as I can tell, no other Senate offices have received similar letters from L.R.D.A. But if L.R.D.A. does send similar letters to other Senate offices, it could very easily create enough confusion to cost us a vote on our bill. Because our vote is likely to be very close one vote could make the difference between passage and failure of our bill. I will do everything I can to avoid this possibility.

L.R.D.A. is also working at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (B.I.A.) to advance its own self-interests. At the same time it sent the letters to the senators, it sent a similar letter to the B.I.A. I have also reassured the B.I.A. that I continue to represent the Lumbee Tribe on the bill and will continue to work for the bill's passage.

In addition, the L.R.D.A. has hired two NON-INDIAN lawyers based in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of representing it before the B.I.A. Neither of these two lawyers has much experience in representing Indian tribes or Indian law. In fact, one of the two lawyers hired by L.R.D.A. represented the non-Indian property owners against the Catawba Tribe of South Carolina in the tribe's land claim case. These two lawyers and the Executive Director of L.R.D.A. met with the B.I.A. on Monday, May 2, 1994, to discuss the issue of who represents the Lumbee Tribe.

At this B.I.A. meeting, the Executive Director of L.R.D.A. and the two lawyers argued three points to the B.I.A.: first, they maintained that L.R.D.A. is an interim tribal government for the Lumbee Tribe; second, they argued that the B.I.A. should deal with L.R.D.A. as the only

representative of the Lumbee people once the Lumbee recognition bill is passed, and; third, they argued that the B.I.A. should give L.R.D.A. enough money to fund a two or three year study on what kind of constitution the Lumbee Tribe should adopt. In other words, the Executive Director of L.R.D.A. and its lawyers argued that the B.I.A. should help them stop the upcoming tribal vote on the proposed Lumbee constitution.

The B.I.A. rejected the L.R.D.A. proposal for a two or three year study on a Lumbee constitution and emphasized the need for an election of tribal leaders as soon as possible. The B.I.A. also contacted me and asked if I would be willing to meet with the L.R.D.A. lawyers to discuss the terms of the proposed constitution. I advised the B.I.A. that the Lumbee Constitution Assembly had already asked for the views of L.R.D.A. and other Lumbee organizations on the constitution and that I would be happy to listen to the L.R.D.A.'s lawyers' opinions as well. This meeting should take place in the next two or three weeks.

In the meantime, the Lumbee Constitution Assembly continues its work to prepare for the vote on the proposed constitution the week of Lumbee homecoming. If you have any questions about that draft constitution, please contact me or the other technical advisers to the Constitution Assembly, Ms. Ruth Locklear at telephone number 521-1427 or Mr. Cynthia Hunt at telephone number 521-2831. As I stated in my last letter, please feel free to call me with any questions about the Lumbee recognition bill at (301)473-5160.