

Old Wiz

Wisdom from the Country

Dear Miss Connie:

Well, we got us an Indian Sheriff. But, we got to work again in November to keep it that way, Miss Connie. I reckon some folks are thinking that Indians can't hold the victory they're holding now. But, Old Wiz ain't met an Indian yet that won a victory and then walked away from it, Miss Connie. If he did, he ain't got any of Wiz's blood in him. Now, Mr. Maynor and Mr. Edwards ran a clean race, Miss Connie. When it was over, Mr. Edwards shook Mr. Maynor's hand. That says a lot about Mr. Edwards, and I'm hoping that in the fall, Old Wiz can say the same about Mr. Sanderson. But, we got this long hot summer ahead of us, Miss Connie. When the sun is high, the tobacco ripe in the fields, and we're eating out of our gardens, words might get to passing between this camp and that camp. So, Old Wiz is putting some folks on notice that he ain't gone to sleep, Miss Connie. If anything said about Mr. Maynor or Mr. Sanderson ain't sounding right to Old Wiz, he's going to talk about it. Just to warm up a bit, I figured that I would go right ahead here and talk about Indians taking over the county.

Now, it don't take no rocket scientist to figure out who might want to spread such rumors, but Old Wiz has news for them. We won that Sheriff's office the last time, and this time we intend to hold onto it with the help of all the people. Now, things could be better in this county. That's the truth. It ain't just the White man that's needing to learn to share either, Miss Connie. Some of us Indians need to learn as well. Now, we have an Indian amongst us that's sitting in that chairman's seat on the Commissioners board and the Social Services board. The way Old Wiz sees it, Miss Connie, there are some other folks in this county who have been waiting their turn to hold some of these seats. Now, Old Wiz ain't

wanting to hear that there ain't no qualified Blacks in this county, particularly from an Indian. There are plenty of Black people in this county with qualifications to be sitting just about anywhere they pleased. Any Indian that says differently just don't know what he is talking. People might not like the truth when they hear it, Miss Connie, but the way Old Wiz sees it, it's time for one of our Indians to be thankful of the seat that he had, hope he did the right thing while sitting in it, and then move on to let another man have it whose been waiting since the days of slavery for his turn. Our people were entitled Tuesday, Miss Connie. If we're wanting to hold onto something, we best learn to share with others. All Old Wiz can do is drop the message and hope people do the right thing.

In closing this here little letter, Old Wiz just wants to say that he is proud of our Churches. They stood behind Mr. Glenn Maynor, and they're standing behind our constitution. When you git the Children of God standing behind someone or something, Miss Connie, ain't nothing you can do but count the votes, and thank the Lord for his many wonderful blessings. As for this thinking tank them LRDA boys are building for us, Old Wiz is thinking that people know how to think for themselves. If they don't, they need to come see Old Wiz. But, Old Wiz is thinking that this tank they're building ain't going to go too far, Miss Connie. But, if anyone is out there that can't think for themselves, and ain't wanting Old Wiz's help, they need to give them LRDA boys a call. As for Old Wiz, Miss Connie, he does his own thinking and praying. Now, he's getting ready to vote.

Maybe, by the time we git through voting on our constitution, them boys will have figured things out by then. W. D. Locklear

Hunt Wins Scholarship

David L. Hunt of Purnell Swett High School has been named by the Robeson Soil and Water Conservation District to receive its full scholarship to attend this year's Resource Conservation Workshop held at NC State University.

Hunt is one of 100 rising juniors and seniors chosen from across the state by their local Soil and Water Conservation District to attend.

The workshop scheduled for the week of June 19-24 will consist of classes at NCSU with field trips in Wake County. Classes will concentrate on the conservation and management of wildlife, soils, forest, watersheds, and municipal wastes.

Hunt, the son of Jackie and Rita Wilkins is an honors student and was selected for his interest in natural resources as it relates to engineering.

All programs and services provided by the Robeson Soil and Water Conservation District are available without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, marital status, handicap, or national origin.

Carroll Middle School News

Brinda Modi represented Robeson County in the 1994 North Carolina Junior High Eastern Regional All State Orchestra, performing Saturday, May 7, at UNC-Wilmington. The auditions, held in March at Duke University, were open to all junior high students (grades 6-8) in Eastern North Carolina.

There were approximately 45 other violists from the state auditioning for seats in this orchestra's viola section which usually includes 10-14 players.

Brinda is a sixth grader at Carroll Middle School studying under the direction of Camille Prescott. She is completing her second year of study in strings and is a member of the Advanced Division of the Robeson County Youth Orchestra.

The Sunday School Lesson

God Cares

Exodus 1:8-11; 2:1-9, 23-25

I. Egypt's New Dynasty (Ex. 1:8-11)

II. Moses' Birth and God's Providence (2:1-9)

III. Israel's Cry and God's Concern (2:23-25)

Our lesson this week deals with the beginning of the preparation for the children of Israel's exodus from Egypt. We can see the providence of God from the time Joseph was sold into slavery and carried to Egypt.

Many times things happen or we go through trials that we don't understand but God sees the whole picture; and He knows what is best. Israel was prospering in Egypt and multiplying. The blessings of God were upon them. When things get to going well, look out, the devil is lurking somewhere in the bushes to cause trouble. That is what happens in this week's lesson, but with God's children wherever the devil is, God is there to protect them from harm.

I. Egypt's New Dynasty (Ex. 1:8-11)

A new king arrived on the scene in Egypt who was not familiar with how Joseph, with God's help, had saved Egypt from famine many years earlier. All that they could see was that God's people were prospering and growing by leaps and bounds. The King became concerned. His concern brought on fear and with that fear a plan of action was made. The king called in his advisors to determine what they could do to curtail this immediate threat.

The world leaders of today are seeking advice from wise men to solve problems, but none are looking to the true problem solver. The world through the ages has always tried to destroy the people of God because they fear what they stand for. We can see that the king recognized that the children of Israel were God's people. The devil can always recognize God's people, even when they are not everything they ought to be.

Like many Christians today it appears that Israel in the midst of their prosperity had put God on the back burner; but God always has a way of getting people's attention. The king

put Israel in bondage, but that did not stop them from prospering and multiplying. The devil has always tried to stop God's program. But remember: he only knows that God allows him to know. God allowed this trial on Israel for a purpose. So it is with us. When we go through trials, God has a purpose.

II. Moses' Birth and God's Providence (Ex. 2:1-9)

The king had ordered that all male babies be killed at birth. But the midwives feared God, so they refused to obey the king's order. During this time there was a Levite man who married a Levite woman of the house of Levi. God's plan to save His people now moves into action. Out of this action will come the priestly class. The Levite woman had a male child. She knew about the king's order to kill all boy babies. She devised a plan to save her son, Moses. In all probability, she did not know that this child would be used for God to deliver her people out of bondage, but she must have known he was special.

After three months of hiding the child, she devised a plan to save him by making a bed that would float in water. She then put it in the river where the Pharaoh's daughter came to bathe every day. While the mother was being resourceful, God was using the same king to protect the child that he order to be destroyed. God can use the devil to carry out his program to fulfillment.

The child's sister hid and watched to see if anyone would find the child. When Pharaoh's daughter did, the sister came to her and inquired if she needed someone to nurse the child. Of course, Pharaoh's daughter recognized that it was a Hebrew child. Even the world has some compassion. Compassion can interfere with the devil's best laid plan against the Almighty God and His people. Unknowing to the devil (Pharaoh is a type of the devil), God was getting ready to deliver his people with Moses. Notice that God used the Pharaoh's daughter to save Moses and then turned around and used Moses' mother to raise him. Not only would he learn about Jehovah God, but she would be paid as well, the most well devised

by John R. Brayboy

scheme against God or His people will not work unless God allows it to be so.

Even though Moses grew up in royalty as the Pharaoh's daughter's son, he knew that he was a Hebrew. During the time Moses was growing up, the afflictions of the children of Israel were mounting. After Moses was grown, he saw an Egyptian abusing an Israelite. He came to the defense of his fellow Hebrew and killed the Egyptian. Later he confronted a fellow Hebrew for hitting another Hebrew, and the Hebrew questioned whether he would kill him as he did the Egyptian. Some times we move on feelings when God is not ready for us to move or when people are not ready to receive. Moses at that time was not prepared for the work that God had in store for him; neither were the Hebrews ready for the deliverance God had planned for them.

Moses ran away because he feared for his life. He ended up in the land of Midian where he married. All the time he was there he never forgot the bondage of his people. I believe today that the church needs a burden for the lost and suffering people. We need to allow God to prepare us to point souls to Calvary. Whenever God gets us stopped where we can listen, then He can use us for His work. While he was preparing Moses for the job he was to do, He also was preparing the hearts of the Israelites to accept the leadership of Moses.

God had not forgotten His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. What God was waiting for was His people to recognize their need and look to him. Finally, now God has Moses prepared, now the children of Israel's troubles worsened because the King had died. Things got much worse. Now the hearts of the Israelites are prepared to receive what God has in store for them. They recognized they needed help and cried out to God. They realized that they had no one else to turn to but God. God wants to help us if we will only ask him.

If you have reached a crossroads in your life and do not know which direction to go, turn to God. He is waiting to hear from you for He cares for you.

God bless you.

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Elders and Traditionalist Corner

On The Pow Wow Circuit



The following list of upcoming powwows is not intended to be a complete list. Anyone having information about upcoming powwows not listed is encouraged to send them to: Wild Turkey, P.O. Box 1075, Pembroke, NC 28372 or fax to (910) 521-1975

*May 28, Upper Mattaponi Spring Festival, Sharon School, King William, VA. Info.: 804-769-2408.

*June 3-4, 5th 2ND Annual NAIA/Loretta Lynn Pow-Wow Waverly, Tennessee, American Indian Vendors/Traders & Dancers Welcomed. For more info. call Native American Indian Asso. Georgia Magpie at 615-726-0806.

*June 4-5, Machapunga Tuscarora Indian Tribal Association First Annual Native American Pow Wow, Moratoc Park on the Roanoke River, Hwy 711 S Business, Williamston, NC. Info.: 910-793-6117/910-975-1473 after 6 p.m.

*June 16, 17, 18, & 19, Rebirth of the Traditional Spiritual Gatherings, a Tribute to the Great Spirit, Father of all Indian Nations, North Carolina Indian Cultural Center. Call Spotted Turtle (910) 521-4178, Painted Turtle (910) 521-0020 or Wild Turkey (919) 521-2826.

*June 24-25 Allentown, PA, Pow-Wow (410) 788-0689.

July 2, 1994 - 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 6 p.m. - Until: AISES Chapter invites the public to our Third Annual Powwow at Pembroke State University.

*July 15, 16, 17- Charlotte Native American Festival, First Union Atrium and Plaza 301 South Tryon St. Charlotte, NC. Info. 704-588-5870.

*July 15-17 Howard County, MD (410) 788-0689, (919) 257-1720

*July 24, Cherokee of Hoke County and Maxton, NC Tuscaroras, Intertribal Festival, at Rockfish near Davis Bridge, NC. Contact Chief or Mrs. Edgar Bryant. (910) 875-0222.

*July 29-31 Virginia Beach, (410) 788-0689 or (919) 257-1720.

*July 30-31, Third Annual Pow Wow and Festival, Rising Water and Falling Water, Showplace, Richmond, VA. 804-769-1018, 804-443-4221.

*August 26-28 Baltimore American Indian Center Pow-Wow (410) 675-3535

*September 9-10, Coharie Pow Wow, Clinton, NC Contact (910) 564-6909.

*September 15-17 Guilford Native American Association (919) 273-8686

*September 23-24, Native American Festival, Durham Technical Community College, 1637 Lawson Street, Durham, NC. Call (919) 598-9188 or (919) 479-8000.

*Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Indian Trail Pow Wow, Indian Trail, NC. Call Metrolina Association: 704-331-4818, Kingston Sanderson, 704-821-6361.

*October 7-8, Cumberland County Native American 13th Annual Pow Wow, Memorial Indoor Arena, Fayetteville, NC 910-483-8442.

*October 14-15-Wacamaw-Siouan Pow Wow, Bolton, NC. For info: (919) 655-8778.

*October 14, 15, 16, 13th Annual NAIA Pow-Wow & Fall Festival Nashville, Tennessee for more info. call 615-726-0806. American Indian Vendors/Traders & Dancers Welcomed. 211 Union St. Stahlman Bldg. Suite 932 Nashville, TN 37201-1505.

*October 21-22-Meherrin Indian Tribe Pow Wow, Winton, NC.

*November 7-13 Great American Indian Expo (410) 788-0689

*November 21-27 Native American Pow-Wow, Baltimore, MD (410) 675-3535

Rebirth of the Traditional Spiritual Gatherings

A Tribute to the Great Spirit, Father of all Indian Nations (All day and all night Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday until evening)

June 16, 17, 18, 19, 1994

North Carolina Indian Cultural Center

There will be dancing, drumming, singing, storytelling and demonstrations occurring day and night. No schedule of events. All time is "Indian time."

*NO VENDORS (SELLERS) Traders (Bartering Only)

*No Admission
*No Prizes
*No Competition

Anyone can barter for any item displayed. Anyone wishing to trade Native made crafts etc. bring Blanket and set up FREE.

CAMPING IS FREE.

Lodges of any style have preference at the site.

Primitive camping preferred.

NO HOOK UPS

Separate area for trailers, motorhomes



One item of non-perishable food will entitle one meal ticket.

ALL food and clothes gathered will be donated to The Robeson County Church and Community Center.

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Drum, dance, singing, storytelling, crafts, art, education, etc. Each family in the group will have space for a blanket or table to display their trade items.

Camping will be free and primitive camping is preferred. Lodges of any style will be given first preference in the inner circle of lodges.

Members camping behind the tribal elder or chief's lodge will locate their site in a pie shape that will be marked off. There will be a designated area for modern campers, trailers, motorhomes, etc., however no hook-ups will be provided.

A tribute to the Great Spirit, father of all the Indian Nations is being planned for the weekend of Father's day June 16, 17, 18, & 19.

It will open Thursday (evening) with the lighting of the Ceremonial Fire by Lumbee fire keeper Many Skins. No special time since all activities taking place during the weekend will be on "Indian Time." "Indian Time" is defined as sleep when you are tired, wake when you are rested, eat when you are hungry, dance when inspired by the Spirit or you are looking for the blessing of the Spirit; Pray when you need too and socialize, barter, and learn as much as you can as your time allows.

Speaking of bartering, it is the Indian way - you have what I need, I have what you want, we swap. Cost should not be a factor because the primary reason for the barter is want or need. There will be nothing for sale. If you have a need, we are sure that you will be satisfied with any barter that you agree on. There will be food available day and night for the people at the Cultural Center. Participants will trade help in the promotion, care, and education of the "Gathering" for their meals. Visitor should bring a Non-perishable food item in exchange for a meal ticket for each item. We hope to have a clothing exchange organized. Bring in your outgrown school and winter clothes and warm jackets (all sizes) in good condition and exchange for items that will fit next year. There will be designated areas for tribal elders, chiefs, artists, craftspeople, etc. at the gathering site. The separation is only intended only to show the differences and similarities of the various tribes

represented with regards to tradition, crafts, art, education, etc. Each family in the group will have space for a blanket or table to display their trade items.

Camping will be free and primitive camping is preferred. Lodges of any style will be given first preference in the inner circle of lodges. Tribal members camping behind the tribal elder or chief's lodge will locate their site in a pie shape that will be marked off. There will be a designated area for modern campers, trailers, motorhomes, etc., however no hook-ups will be provided.

It is the vision of the organizers of this gathering to form an INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ELDERS to promote at least four of these gatherings in the four sacred directions of North Carolina. The four proposed sites are: NORTH - DURING THE WINTER MONTHS IN THE HALIWA-SAPONI HONELAND; EAST - DURING THE SPRING MONTHS IN THE WACAMAW-SIOUAN HONELAND; SOUTH - DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS IN THE LUMBEE-CHERAW HONELAND; WEST - DURING THE FALL MONTHS IN THE CHEROKEE HONELAND. We need at least two (2) elders from each tribe who believe that the traditional ways of our people must survive. To accomplish this we must educate the young, the middle-aged, and elderly people in the traditional ways of the NATIVE PEOPLE. It is not the intent of the INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ELDERS to change anyone's religious beliefs but to reinforce the respect for the Spirit beliefs, respect for the environment, respect for all animals, and harmony in all that you do. Any elder or qualified Indian educator (Traditional) wishing to be a part of this group is needed and all help will be surely appreciated. The group will have no dues, and no costs, however, we will have the satisfaction of knowing that we have done our best to bring the knowledge of the traditional ways to someone who truly wanted to learn. We envision an elder sitting under an ever talking of the old ways to people of all ages and these people getting inspired and wanting to learn more. We are hoping that the wisdom of the elders will be spread to all NATIVE PEOPLES in this manner, so that we can eliminate the pollution of the environment, crime in our neighborhoods, and the needless slaughter of man and animal.

If your child or you wish to learn dancing, drumming, singing, art, crafts, art, education, etc. Each family in the group will have space for a blanket or table to display their trade items.

crafts of any kind there will be demonstrations throughout the day and night during the gatherings. These demonstrations will be uncheduled and will probably be conducted upon request. It is acceptable to trade for a lesson although it is not required. By qualified elder or educator (mentioned earlier), we mean the following: (1) a person that has the support of their tribe in planning one of these gatherings; (2) a person who will make a commitment to help other members in their endeavors; and (3) a person who understands that it is the education of others not material gain that is important. The INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ELDERS will be committed to helping each community represented in sponsoring a program. Aid and support for all NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE regardless of band, group, tribe or nation that comes in peace with a strong sense of direction for our future as a people is the goal we strive to achieve.

We will not tolerate the vices that destroy the inalienable right of every person to enjoy their life in spiritual friendship and peace. ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR ATTITUDES will not be allowed anywhere on the grounds and this includes campers. GATHERING is a tribute to the GREAT SPIRIT, therefore we will encourage all who attend to always be on their best behavior while the spirit is near. We know that the spirit will be present and will give many blessings. Let us pledge to be ready to accept all of the blessings that will be delivered with a clear heart.

We really want the INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ELDERS to work and it will with the help, support and representation of all of the NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES IN NORTH CAROLINA. A peaceful and loving attitude with be a key to success. Each member of the INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF ELDERS will have an equal voice around the circle and all decisions must have the support of all members. In this manner we will speak as one voice or group. This may sound idealistic but it is not. It will not be easy but with a commitment to our young and all our people it will work.

For further information:

Call Ray Spotted Turtle or Painted Turtle at (910) 521-4178

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