

ALONG the ROBESON TRAIL

by Dr. Stan Knick, Director
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When we think of early trade between Indians and Europeans, one of the most common images which comes to mind is that of an Indian warrior bringing the furs he has trapped or hunted to exchange for trade goods with a European man. In this image, the two men meet either in the Indian's village or at a "trading post" operated by the European. Countless books, paintings and films have reinforced this image in the minds of modern Americans, and in many cases it is a fairly reliable image.

But on the Northwest Coast of North America in the 18th and 19th centuries there was another, often more important, trading partner. It was an Indian woman. Historical accounts of trade among most of the Northwest Coast nations (i.e., Haida, Nootka, Tlingit, Tsimshian, Chinook, Clatsop, Makah and others) reveal that women frequently led trade meetings and controlled the bargains traders made.

In the earliest times of trade with Europeans, the Indian people of the Northwest Coast were mostly

Silver Anniversary Convention For NIEA to be Held

On October 15 - 19, 1994 the National Indian Education Association will hold its Silver Anniversary Year Convention at the Saint Paul Civic Center. The convention will bring together 5,000 Indian educators representing Indian Nations throughout the forty eight states, Alaska, Hawaii and including Canada.

The theme for this years convention is "25 Years: Returning Full Circle: The Key to the Future Lies in our Past". The convention will provide an opportunity to look at the future of native education and work on a national Indian education blue print for the future.

The convention will offer workshops, forums and showcase demonstrations of Indian Programs, curriculum and other issues facing Indian educators.

Awards will be presented to the Indian Educator of the Year, Indian Parent of the Year, Indian Elder of the Year and four John Rouillard College Scholarships.

The opening day activities on October 15 include a Welcoming Feast and Traditional Pow-Wow beginning at 5:00 p.m. An Honoring Pow Wow will be held on Monday, October 17, 1994 with Grand Entry at 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Center Arena.

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interested in trading for iron and copper goods. Before long, muskets and trade cloth became the objects of trade, followed by tobacco, molasses and rum. In return, the Indians offered mainly sea otter pelts (by the thousands), and some hand-crafted items such as woven hats, baskets and blankets.

James Strange, who traded among the Nootka in 1786, reported that Nootka women "...would increase the price of furs up to three times the price he could have acquired them for if dealing only with their men (in *Women Traders in the Maritime Fur Trade*, by Lorraine Littlefield, 1988)." Traders among the Haida reported that Haida men were frequently afraid to get involved in direct negotiation for furs without first consulting with their wives, because if the women did not like the deal it was bound to collapse.

Douglas reported that he saw "...a Tlingit woman at Cross Sound, who, when interrupted in her trade transactions, began to strike a man upon his head with a paddle for close

to half an hour, and then ended the abuse by slashing his thigh with a knife. Douglas noted that during this violent exchange no one interfered as this seemed to be the woman's right (Littlefield, 1988)." Obviously this woman was in total control of negotiations.

Many researchers (including Littlefield) believe that this significant role of women in trade was not new for the women of that region, but that it was simply an extension of their central role in trade before European contact. Thus our typical image of the "normal" trade meeting between Indians and Europeans may need to be reconsidered, especially when we think of the Northwest Coast. This illustrates once again that cultural practices in pre-contact Native America were indeed diverse.

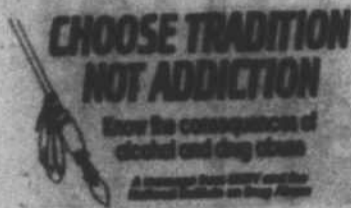
For more information about the Northwest Coast or women in the fur trade, visit the Native American Resource Center in Old Main Building, on the campus of Pembroke State University.

Indian Voice!

Bridgette Ivey to Attend All American Student State Program

Bridgette Nicole Ivey daughter of Ricky and Marie Ivey has been selected as an official State Candidate for the North Carolina All American Student Scholarship and Recognition State Program in Durham on September 30 through October 2, 1994. She is a student at Magnolia School and is Eleven Years Old in the 6th grade.

After a statewide search for outstanding honor students Boys and Girls ages 7 to 18, the All American Student State Program invited Nicole to participate. Candidates are selected to compete based on their academic achievements, community involvement, scholastic honors and demonstration of a positive pre-teen or teen image. Nicole will attend the State Program to compete for the State Title for over \$15,000 in Cash, Educational Bonds and Awards. Each State candidate will receive an Official Program Book and Recognition Medallion for their outstanding achievements. Each state winner will receive \$1000 cash or \$2000



educational bond, to the college of their choice. The All-American Student Program was founded in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1991 and seeks to give individual Recognition, to give Scholarships in the form of Educational Bonds and Cash to those who are good students and are active in school and community organization, and to Encourage them to pursue scholarship, educational and career goals. Candidates make new friends and memorable experiences that will last a lifetime. More information can be obtained by calling the National Program Headquarters at 504-895-7117. Join us in wishing our own Bridgette Nicole Ivey good luck at the All-American Student State Program. She is proudly sponsored by Family and Friends, LRDA, and Merritt's Grocery.

Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Cornerstone Assembly of God announces its 10th Anniversary City-Wide Celebration to be held on Sunday, July 31st, at the Carolina Civic Center at 10:00 a.m.

The service will begin with the Blowing of the Shofar, or Ram's Horn, by former City of Lumberton Mayor David Weinstein. According to Jewish tradition, when the Shofar sounds, Angels escort the tones to the doors of heaven which are then opened so that they may be ushered in to before the Throne of God.

There will be special music by Brauna McClure, Former N.C. District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God from 1966 -1992. Charles Cookman, will be the guest speaker.

Combining services for Cornerstone's 10th Anniversary will be two of the other three Assemblies of God churches in Lumberton. First Assembly of God pastored by Rev. Kenny Jones, and newly formed Good Shepherd Community Church, pastored by Rev. Robert Nolley will join together for this special worship service.

Pastor Wayne Brewer invites everyone to attend. For more information, phone the church office at 739-7090.

Cameron's Comment

By Paul Cameron

Remember when the start of NFL training camps meant the end to your summer vacation and the beginning of your parents using the dreaded "s" word? - School! It went something like this around my house. "No more TV, to bed at 8:30. You've got to get use to getting up."

As good old Charlie Brown might say, "Arrggghh. Rats."

But to Chuckster and all the school kids of the 90's, NFL preseason is no longer a threat Not with camps opening in mid-July.

With a play that runs until late January, the NFL'ers are rivaling the NBA in seasons without end.

For Panthers fans, it'll be six months of action followed by six months of building.

And which coach will lead the new "Cats when they don helmets and pads for the first time"

Don't count out Gibbs or Supprer.

I've also got a feeling there'll be another big name or two to consider by December when changes are made for the sake of changing in the league.

To fill-out the hand of players, Carolina will get some help from the NFL's new salary cap.

Look what it's doing. Already we're seeing not-so-old veteran stars like Phil Simms and Mark Duper either retiring to the broadcast booth or joining up with Arena Football. Why? Because big contracts are expendable and unaffordable. Unless you're named Troy or Emmitt.

The cap has wrung out the old and sopped up the new fresh faces who might not expect the same life span in pro football as their forefathers did. Gone are the days of a George Blanda handing on in his 48's—even as a kicker.

Which is nothing but great news for a franchise willing to take a few gambles on guys with experience over sheer athleticism.

Picking the Panthers will be an interesting exercise for the braintrust of McCormack, Polian and a coach to be determined.

The Coach's Corner

Brazil won 3-2 over Italy but you wonder if Italy lost due to penalty kicks in sudden death. I wonder about the Justice of settling the championship this way. After all the game was still tied after the 90 minute regulation time, it went to the 10 minute overtime. It seems to me Italy is being punished for not winning. A penalty kick is designed to punish for an infraction of the rules.

Italy did not break any rules for loosing. The game should have gone on until some one won. That is the fair way to decide a winner. I've seen NAIA games go eight overtimes in order to declare a winner. So certainly World Cup teams should go until some one wins by playing the game for the championship.



Pediatric Pointers

By JOSEPH T. BELL, MD

As Pediatricians, we often remind our parents and ourselves that children are not just mini-adults; their diseases and treatment can be totally different because of their age. There is one surgical problem, however, that kids may have that is seen in adults as well. That problem is the inguinal hernia, which is the most common general surgery condition in Pediatric patients.

Inguinal hernias, which occur when the intestine pokes through a defect in the abdominal wall, are common. Up to 5% of the general population of infants and children have at least one. This percentage is much higher in premature infants. It is more common in males than females. There is often a family history of inguinal hernias in these patients.

Inguinal hernias typically appear as a bulge in the groin, with one third to one half of cases presenting from 1 to 12 months of age. With crying or straining, the bulge may remain in the groin or extend down and protrude into the scrotal sac. Most hernias are first recognized as a mass or bulge by parents or by a doctor on routine check ups, and typically the swelling disappears when the child relaxes or

lies down. Sometimes the intestine causing the bulge may get squeezed in the defect and cause groin or scrotal pain. The pain is usually a dull aching sensation associated with a visible bulge; when the bulge disappears, the pain usually disappears as well.

Most hernias, when discovered, are not a medical emergency, and an appointment with a surgeon can be made electively. If by chance the intestinal hernia was caught in the defect and could not move, the intestine could become strangulated, leading to intense pain and the need for immediate medical attention. In a hernia repair, the intestine is pushed back into the abdominal cavity and the defect or hole in the abdominal wall is sown up. It is a simple operation that can usually be done as an outpatient.

That's all on inguinal hernias. Congratulations to the Pow Wow Committee, dancers and drummers of the Native American Festival in Charlotte this past weekend. It was a good festival and I really enjoyed myself. Support the Lumbee Bill. See Ya!

Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Chavis announce Birth of Daughter

Garrett Dapana'ri re Chavis was born July 11, 1994 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona where the mother and father both are stationed performing their Indian Health Service Scholarship pay back. The mother is Feletus Oxendine Chavis. The father is Robert Michal Chavis, both of Robeson County, NC. Feletus is in the Medical Laboratory and Robert is in the Emergency Department of the Phoenix Indian Medical Center.

Dapana'ri re means literally one who hunts, or a hunter, translates to Hunter in English. This is from the old language used by the Native Americans of Central and southeastern N.C. From the Catawba-umbee form of the native tongue. Jarrett was born at 37 weeks and 3

days and is fine. Date of Birth: July 11, 1994. Time: 1630 hrs. Weight: Eight pounds and 6.0 ounces. Head: 15.8. Chest: 13. Big for 37 weeks.

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hawo' (Thanks) Robert M. Chavis.

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