

# ALONG the ROBESON TRAIL

by Dr. Stan Knick, Director  
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In several recent segments we have seen that Indian people in Mexico are having a hard time. The Tzeltal and Tzotzil people in the state of Chiapas have been struggling to protect their lands from non-Indian landowners and companies. In January of this year the Indians began an open revolt which was quickly crushed by government forces who blamed the "insurgency" first on "outside agitators" and later on Catholic priests. During the process, many human rights violations against the Indians (including torture, rape and murder) were reportedly perpetrated by army and state police personnel. Neither the Mexican nor the United States government seemed to want to accept the possibility that these Indian people might actually have a legitimate grievance, or that they might actually be capable of leading the uprising in Chiapas themselves.

Now Amnesty International reports are coming out of Mexico that

similar incidents involving Indian people are taking place in the state of Veracruz. For many years, Nahuua and Otomí Indians who live in and around the community of Plan del Encinal, Ixhuatlán de Madero, Veracruz have been trying to reclaim their ancestral lands. They have made formal claims to their original land rights, but have been repeatedly denied. The land they claim presently "belongs" to a large ranch known as Las Tejas.

After 64 years of unsuccessful land claims, the Nahuua and Otomí decided to take things into their own hands. They peacefully occupied the disputed land on 21 August 1994. The owner of the ranch called government security forces and some private guards to force the Indians to leave the land. Following the forcible eviction, several leaders (Organization of Ethnic People) were arrested in a raid by state police on the Indian community at Plan del

Encinal.

Two of the Indian men arrested during the 8 September 1994 raid were Rolando Hernández (age 17) and Atanacio Hernández (age 28). Both were wounded by the police during the raid. They were last seen by family members as the two men were being taken to the Las Tejas ranch. On 17 September 1994 their bodies were found in the river. Both bodies had been mutilated during apparent torture, and both had point-blank gunshot wounds to the head and chest.

The rest of the Indian people have been forced to leave their community, which is still surrounded by state police. The Nahuua and Otomí cannot go back to their homes because they fear for their safety. The Indian Wars in Mexico continue.

For more information about Indians of Mexico, visit the Native American Resource Center in Old Main Building, on the campus of Pembroke State University.

## Cameron's Comment

By Paul Cameron

When Davidson Athletic Director Terry Holland recently visited the Charlotte Touchdown Club, he remembered his playing career. "Lefty Driesell drove to my hometown to recruit me," said Holland. "I thought about Davidson, but was getting hard pressed by Duke."

One night after Terry had a career game, Duke's assistant coach Bucky Waters came calling. Bucky congratulated Holland for his 30+ points and they talked about Holland saving an out-of-bounds ball that miraculously went through the hoop. Waters then introduced Duke star Art Heyman saying, "Terry, come to Duke and this is the guy you'll be getting the ball to."

Holland still wasn't convinced until Lefty put the hard sell on his mother. Lefty emphasized that Davidson was an all men's school where Terry couldn't get into trouble.

About that time, Terry said, "Coach, it's prom night, I've gotta go." Lefty... courageously volunteered, "Here, Terry, take my car." About five miles down the road, Terry says he realized he just Lefty alone with his Mother. By the time the prom ended, Terry was going to Davidson. Years later, when Holland was a rookie head coach in the ACC, his Virginia Cavaliers were picked to go winless in the league. Terry dropped by Gene Corrigan's office, his athletic director - "Gene, if we win three ACC games, will you still love me?"

"Terry," replied Corrigan. "We'll still love you. We'll miss you, but we'll love you."

## Pediatric Pointers

By JOSEPH T. BELL, MD

Thrush is an infection caused by a yeast infection that grows on the lining of the mouth. It produces white patches that coat the inside of the mouth and sometimes the tongue. The patches cannot be washed away or wiped off easily like milk. Thrush occurs in both breast fed and bottle fed babies in areas of the mouth irritated by prolonged sucking or large pacifiers or nipples. It can also occur when your child is taking a strong antibiotic. The thrush is not contagious.

There are several suggestions that will help eliminate thrush once it has begun. The best way to kill the yeast is with a prescription medicine called Nystatin. Place one ml in the mouth four times a day. Place it in the front of the mouth or wherever you see the thrush. To kill the infection, the medicine must actually touch the yeast, it doesn't do any good once it is swallowed. If the thrush doesn't respond in a few days, rub the Nystatin directly on the affected areas with gauze wrapped around your finger or a cotton swab.

Apply the medication after meals, or at least wait 30 minutes after

applying it before feeding the baby. Five days of medication for at least seven days or until the thrush has been gone 3 days.

Decrease the child's sucking time. Reduce sucking time to twenty minutes or less per feeding. If eating is so painful for your child, temporarily use a cup, spoon or dropper. Eliminate the pacifier temporarily except when your child really needs it to go to sleep. If he is using a larger pacifier, switch to a smaller one. Soak pacifiers and all nipples in hot tap water 15 minutes before giving them to the child. If the thrush recurs and your child is bottle fed, switch to a nipple made from silicone or one with a different shape.

If your child has a diaper rash along with thrush, the rash is probably a yeast infection, too. You may need to check with your doctor about a prescription ointment.

That's all on thrush. Don't forget to attend the Lumbee Fall Pow Wow on September 30-October 2. It's going to be a big one! Continue to support the Lumbee Bill and our new tribal Chairman and Council. Take care, and we'll talk next week!

### Atlanta Based Firm Adds New Staff

RDA International, an Atlanta-based interior design firm, is pleased to announce the addition of four staff members and the promotion of three senior-level employees. Joining the firm are Heather Bamberg as Interior Designer/CADD Operator, Lisa D. Rhyne as Operations Manager, Paul Rons as Senior Designer, and Rebecca N. Rush as Accounting Manager. RDA named the following senior level employees as Associates of the firm. Rick Callahan, Project Coordinator CADD Specialist; Myra Hargrove, Senior Designer and Lori Reed, Director of Marketing.

RDA International (founded as Rhycof Design Associates, Inc.) offers a comprehensive scope of interior design services for clients across the country. Since 1984, they have designed over 15 million square feet of space and completed over 1,500 projects. Their client list includes: the Smithsonian Institution, Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, Holiday Inn Worldwide, KnowledgeWare, IBM, Lockheed, the Centers of Disease Control & Prevention, the General Services Administration, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They have been nationally recognized as an "INTERIOR DESIGN GIANT" by Interior Design magazine for the past six years, and much of their work has been published. The company's president, Ken Rhyne, is a Tuscarora Indian, and the firm is federally recognized as a Native American-owned business enterprise through the U.S. Small Business Administration's 8(a) program.



Evangelist Julian Bryant is down at Myrtle Beach where he is teaching Bible lessons. He is enjoying teaching the young people and questioning them about the Bible, especially about the Book of Genesis. Rev. Bryant can be reached at P.O. Box 220, Pembroke, NC 28372.

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### LREMC Observes Co-Op Month

Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (LREMC) is one of 47,000 cooperative businesses throughout the nation that will participate in the annual Cooperative Month observance held every October.

This year LREMC will observe Co-op Month with several events. During the week of October 2-8, "Customer Service Week" will be observed. Banners will be displayed and employees will wear lapel pins or ribbons to recognize the event. On Wednesday, October 5, customer service representatives will serve refreshments and hand out mementos to express appreciation to consumer members.

To recognize co-op employees during Cooperative Month, the co-op's Women's Committee will honor them at a reception on Thursday, October 6, during the morning break. Also in recognition of cooperative membership, Lumbee River EMC has chosen October to mail out capital credit returns to consumer members who were served by the co-op during the year 1974. These checks will be mailed October 12.

To culminate the Cooperative Month observance, the cooperative will hold its annual meeting of members October 18, on the campus of Pembroke State University. An election of board members will be held at that meeting, in addition to entertainment, a business meeting and door prizes.

### Educational Notes

There'll be a very definite Latin American Flavor in the air in Robeson County next week as it plays host to a group of student entertainers from Colombia. They are part of "Colombia Amigui", a project co-sponsored by the Latin American Resource Center of Raleigh, the Public Schools of Robeson County and Pembroke State University. The project is intended to create educational, cultural and artistic opportunities for Latin and Non-Latin American people to learn about each other. LARC's programs are based on the similarity of the history of the Americas.

The visitors, who will be in the county from October 5th through the 24th, have a full agenda including visits to twelve public schools on the 11th and 12th during which they'll conduct workshops in social sciences, foreign languages and art. Additionally, they'll present performance at Givens Performing Arts Center for PSU students on

October 6th and 7th along with dance workshops for students and adults those evenings. On the night of the 7th, they'll attend a high school football game.

October 8th has them visiting the prison and putting on a mini-performance at the county fair.

Following a public performance at 8 p.m. on October 13th, the delegation will leave on the 14th.

Much has happened over the last few years to the people of the Lumbee-Cheraw nation. We have gone from being treated as second class citizens to being full partners in the economic and social as well as political arenas of the county. We have a new form of government with our recently elected tribal council. We have Lumbee-Cheraw educators, professionals, legislators and business owners. We are poised on the verge of federal recognition. As a people, we have entered into every field possible.

There was a time when the closest an Indian could get to being Sheriff was to get arrested. Not any more. Today, the most qualified candidate in the Robeson County's sheriff race is an Indian. As the times change, so should the old guard. The time has come for new leadership in the Sheriff's office. As a people, we should not stand for the old way of thinking.

Politically, we have become a force with which to be reckoned. On the local level, we have the power to put anyone into office we want. We have elected a clerk of the court, county commissioners and state legislators just to name a few. The times are truly changing.

As a people, we have become more self-sufficient and much more self aware than ever before. We have the ability and most importantly, the opportunity, to add the position, SHERIFF, to the rolls of Indian held positions. Let's support the most qualified candidate for the office. Vote for Glenn Maynor. The next Sheriff of Robeson County.

Rick Burton

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