

ALONG THE ROBESON TRAIL

by Dr. Stan Knick, Director
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A new book has been published which may be the single most important work printed about the Lumbee Indians. In the many years during which folks have been writing about the Native Americans of Robeson County no other book has opened the door to more information about the Lumbee.

It is a book which has no plot, no character development, no thrilling conclusion. There is very little use of metaphor or imagery. It will probably not make it to the list of best-selling books. But everyone who is interested in Lumbee Indians should read it.

The book is entitled *The Lumbee Indians: An Annotated Bibliography, with Chronology and Index* (McFarland & Company, Publishers; Jefferson, North Carolina and London, England; 1994). It was written by Ms. Glenn Ellen Starr, a former staff member of Pembroke State University's Mary Livermore Library (now a librarian at Appalachian State University). The book contains more than 1,400 references about Lumbee Indians.

Each reference, whether it is a book title, a magazine or newspaper article, a master's thesis or a doctoral dissertation is annotated (briefly described). This gives people who want to find out more about the Lumbee a sample of what each reference has to offer. All the references are indexed by subject and author, so that any reference is easy

to find. Just as important as the massive list of references is the fact that they are subdivided into topics for easy access. A person looking for published information about Lumbee education, culture, religion, health, genealogy, archaeology or many other topics can simply turn to that section of the book without having to wade through the other material. For a student writing a term paper, a scholar writing a dissertation or anyone looking for a particular piece of information, this organization by topics is extremely useful. There is even a topic section about Tuscarora Indians in Robeson County, and one about the Ku Klux Klan routing in 1958.

Within each of the topic areas, the references are arranged chronologically. This makes it easy to see not only what has been published about (for example) Lumbee health, but also to see how perspectives on Lumbee health have changed over time. This chronological organization of the references gives the reader a ready-made overview of the history of the topic. This historical perspective on the topic adds another dimension to our understanding of that topic.

As though all these references and the fine organizational structure weren't enough, Ms. Starr then goes on to provide a "Chronology of Significant Events in the History of Robeson County Indians." This

section begins with the earliest known archaeological period, comes through the 1700s and 1800s and on up to 1993. Each one of these significant events is tied to references in the main body of the book, so the reader can find out more about the event. The list includes most of the better known events, such as the 1887 passage of a bill to establish an Indian Normal School, the first time popular elections for town officials were held in Pembroke (1945), and the 1988 seizing of *The Robesonian*. It also contains some of the lesser known events, such as the period of Lumbee migration to Claxton, Georgia (starting in 1865) and the first Lumbee Homecoming in 1970.

On top of this enormous amount of work, Ms. Starr then proceeds to give us a thorough index of virtually everything ever printed in *The Carolina Indian Voice*. This index covers all the issues from January, 1973 through May, 1991, with other selected articles through October, 1993. This index helps the reader find articles all the way from AIDS and the American Indian Movement to Women's Rights and Ed Zabitovsky.

Glenn Ellen Starr has done an excellent job in opening the way for a better understanding of the Lumbee. Her book is well worth reading.

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

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

by Dr. Ken Johnson

The Monthly business meeting was held at the Town and Country Restaurant with Pres. Elect Bob Lowry presiding.

Chairman of the Spaghetti Dinner-Pancake Breakfast Ray Lowry submitted plans for the Fund raiser. The dates are Friday, December 9, 5p.m. - 9 p.m. for the Spaghetti supper and the breakfast is Sat. December 10, from 6:30 - 9:30 a.m. Albert Hunt is preparing the long list of food supplies. Ticket Chairman Bill Oxendine passed out 25 tickets for each member to sell at \$4.00 per ticket. Workers for the Friday supper are Reggie Strickland, Buddy Bell, Clay Maynor, Mitch Lowry, Bill Oxendine, Fernie Lambert, Larry Chavis, Vardell Sweet, and Ed Teets. Saturday workers are Bob Lowry, Henry W. Oxendine, Grady Hunt, Arlie Jacobs, Brian Brooks, Garth Locklear, and Arnold Locklear. The Pembroke Elementary School Cafeteria with help from the regular staff is sure appreciated. Citizens too, are appreciated for their support and are invited to eat all they can eat at no extra cost and drink all the coffee and soft drinks they wish. Funds raised are for Little League Baseball. Boy and Girl Scouts plus many other projects.

Song Leader: Ray Lowry; Invocation, Vardell Sweet; Reporter, Ken Johnson.

Chairman Henry W. Oxendine presented the list of program leaders for the month of January. January 3, Ray Lowry; Jan. 10th Ron Sutton; Jan. 17, Fernie Lambert; Jan. 24th Bill Oxendine; Feb. 7th Vardell Sweet; Feb. 14, Mitch Lowry; Feb. 21st, Buddy Bell; March 7, Arnold Locklear; March 14, Mark I. Locklear; March 24th, Garth Locklear; The Board of Directors meetings are always the last Tuesday of the month.

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Kenda Karla Bird of Pembroke served as a page with the Governor's Page Program in Raleigh. Kenda is a senior at Purnell Sweet High School, and the daughter of Glenda Revels Bird of Rt. 2. Kenda spent the week of November 14 providing clerical and administrative support as a page in the Lieutenant Governor's Office. "I want every high school student to have a chance to explore career areas that interest them," Governor Hunt said. "This program is a great way for young people like Kenda to see first hand how state government works. They play a vital role in making our government run smoothly, and I hope this experience will pave the way for future leaders of our state."

The Governor's Page Program is designed to motivate young people to become interested in state government. Pages are assigned to various state agencies to assist with day-to-day office operations. While in Raleigh, they tour several government buildings including the Capitol, the Legislative Building, the Executive Mansion and the Museum of History.

Pages are recommended by their teachers, principals, or other members of their community to serve a one week term. The program is open to high school students between the ages of 15 and 18 who maintain a B average. For additional information, contact the Director of the Governor's Page Program, 919-733-5811.

Odalis Lowry of Pembroke served as a page with the Governor's Page Program in Raleigh. Odalis is a senior at Purnell Sweet High School, and the daughter of Oceanus and Mary Lowry of Route 2, Pembroke. Odalis spent the week of November 14 providing clerical and administrative support as a page in the Controller's Office. "I want every high school student to have a chance to explore career

areas that interest them," Gov. Hunt said. "This program is a great way for young people like Odalis to see first hand how state government works. They play a vital role in making our government run smoothly, and I hope this experience will pave the way for future leaders of our state."

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Alonzo James Davis V of Red Springs served as a page with the Governor's Page Program in Raleigh. Alonzo is a senior at Purnell Sweet High School, and the son of Paulette Davis of Rt. 2.

Alonzo spent the week of November 14 providing clerical and administrative support as a page in the Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources. "I want every high school student to have a chance to explore career areas that interest them," Gov. Hunt said. "This program is a great way for young people like Alonzo to see first hand how state government works. They play a vital role in making our government run smoothly, and I hope this experience will pave the way for future leaders of our state."

The Way I See It

by Dr. Dean Chavers, President
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When I was a child, I saw very little violence against Indians. About the only incident that happened to me was at a local fair. I was about 14 years old at the time. As I went into the rest room at the fair, to the urinals, two drunk white men were already in there using them. One of them looked at me and said "Get out of here, nigger." He was better than half drunk. It was about three o'clock in the afternoon. And I was about to burst. Hot dogs and soda pop were coming out of me. My big lips made the drunk say what he did. But my light skin made his friend say immediately afterward, "That's not a nigger, that's a white boy." Before he could say it, the first one had spit in my face -- the only time in my life that has happened. I must have frozen in place when the first one said what he did. Apparently the first one believed I was white, because he left me alone after that. I could urinate, after a little strain. My hero, Morris Dees, just issued a report in his newsletter which is shocking. The report, titled "The Hidden Victims," starts by saying "American Indians are the longest standing class of hate victims in the

United States." And the article goes on to document many hate crimes against Indians. Murder, beatings, harassment, intimidation, racist assaults, hate mail, vandalism, and violence are all used by anti-Indian groups against Indians. Mr. Dees' newsletter, the Intelligence Report, is issued by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), which he founded 20 years ago. Morris made his fortune in business starting before college, continuing into college, and beyond college into law school, and for many years after law school. His publishing business was bought out from under him eventually, for many million dollars. Since then, Morris has worked for the SPLC. The organization has over 100,000 donors now, which I envy. (I also raise money for a living.) It has won some of the most important landmark cases in history against the Klan and the White Aryan Resistance (WAR) hate group headed by the notorious Tom Metzger. One of the SPLC's most important programs is called "Klanwatch." It follows the movements and membership of the various Klan organizations all over the US. The recent article about violence against Indians documents how the official statistics on hate crimes against Indians are grossly under

reported. In 1992, for instance, the FBI reported only 31 hate crimes against Indians. But the Chippewa involved in the walleye controversy could probably count that many in one country in Wisconsin in that year. The two most active anti-Indian groups are the Interstate Congress for Equal Rights and Responsibilities (ICERR), which wants to do away with all Indian treaties, and the Wisconsin Alliance for Rights and Resources (WARR) which wants to end Indian Treaty rights to hunting and fishing. One of the most hateful publications of WARR, or their allies, is a poster labeled "First Annual Indian Shoot." The poster says a "plain Indian" scores five points, while at the top end an "Indian Tribal Lawyer" scores 100 points. The lawyer does not have to spearing fish, the poster says. (One of the main controversies in the walleye fight is the right of Indians to spearfish.) Indian people need to cooperate with SPLC in bringing hate crimes to light. If you know of one, please report it to Laurie Wood, Intelligence Report, SPLC, 400 Washington Ave., Montgomery AL 36014. Write the date of the newspaper story you clip, and the name of the paper, on each clipping. It is time for violence against Indians to stop.



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