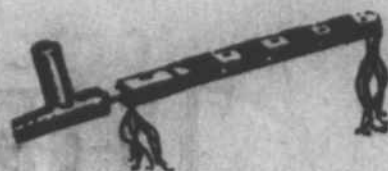


Editorial and Opinion Page



Along the Robeson Trail

by Dr. Stan Knick, Director
PSU Native American Resource Center

Old Grandmother is a poet under that brightly faded bonnet, as surely as if she were Emily Dickinson or Elizabeth Barrett Browning. But her poetry is not on paper, not in books on library shelves. No one reads it who does not know her. It is in her everyday life. It is in the way she sees things, all things, as being related — everything as being connected to every other thing. It is in her understanding of nature — human nature, environmental nature, the nature of things.

There is poetry in her kitchen, in the curtains, in the cabinets. She sees it in the concentrated rhythm of making biscuits. Gather ingredients. Sift together. Pour and stir and turn and knead. All the things she makes in her kitchen have poetry in them — imaginative power, beauty of thought. And when her family comes to supper there is poetry in their smiles as they smell the biscuits, taste the chicken, drink the tea — as they sit and talk and tell the stories.

There is poetry in her garden. She

sees it in the flourishing and fading of the plants, the wax and wane of seasons. She sees it in the ripening tomatoes, and also in the tomato hornworm and the hawk moth it will become. She sees it in the yellow squash and zucchini, and also in the squash vine borer. She sees it in her hands as they turn the sandy loam and pull up weeds, even though she knows the weeds are flowers, too — only in a different form, only meant for a different field. She sees it in the bees who pollinate her flowers, in the morning glory and moss rose as they take their own sweet time in opening and closing. And when she picks a few zinnias and marigolds and snapdragons to take inside the house, there is poetry in their colors and in the spirit-light they shed on her kitchen table.

There is poetry in her songs and in her prayers. It is in the flow and feeling of her calling out the names of those she knows need the Creator's help. It is in her quiet humming as she stitches a new quilt, in the songs of

praise as she gives thanks every day. She hears it in her grandson Elton's picking at that old flat-top guitar, in the Wildwood Flower and the Wabash Cannonball and Amazing Grace how sweet the sound.

She knows that poetry is in everything, if you only look for it, if you only feel it. She knows that the first chant of the first medicine man of the first people was poetry. She knows that the first words of her children and their children were poetry. She knows that the last words she heard her mother say were poetry. She knows that poetry comes up from the deepest part of us, and goes out to the highest part of the universe. She knows the beauty and rhythm and spirit and power of poetry are woven in the cloth of the Good Way.

Old Grandmother is a poet under that brightly faded bonnet. For more information, visit the Native American Resource Center in Old Main Building, on the campus of Pembroke State University.

Agreement puts more inmates to work on state highways

RALEIGH--Gov. Jim Hunt's efforts to put the states' prisoners to work has received a boost with the approval of more inmates for highway cleaning and clearing.

Under an agreement approved by the N.C. Board of Transportation this month, the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will pay the state Department of Correction up to \$10 million for the services of 2,310 inmates, 369 more than last year.

The medium and minimum custody inmates will do maintenance and construction work including picking up litter and clearing brush along North Carolina's highways over the next 12 months.

"Citizens of this state want inmates to work instead of sitting around in a cell or in a recreation room watching TV," Gov. Hunt said. "Allowing prisoners to do work normally performed by transportation employees will save the taxpayers thousands of dollars."

Minimum custody inmates will be integrated into NCDOT work crews, but will wear vest with the work INMATE on the back. Correction officers will transport and supervise the medium custody inmates.

"This is an integral part of Gov. Hunt's plan to put more prisoners to work in North Carolina," said Transportation Secretary Sam Hunt. "We have plenty of maintenance and construction work that needs to be done."

Because of a substantial increase in the number of prisoners working along the state's highways, Gov. Hunt had the NCDOT develop an "INMATES WORKING" sign last year to let the public know where prisoners are working.

Reader's Forum

A response to Gloria Jones

To The Editor
I now take Almighty God's Created time to say to Gloria Jones of Pembroke. "You should read the Robesonian's Sunday, July 16, 1995 and The Carolina Indian Voice, July 20, 1995, headline entitled Rep. Cummings Not Upset." You said, "People are sick and tired of hearing Rep. Cummings complaining." I shall be happy for Gloria Jones to let me know when did Rep. Cummings' complaints cause people to become sick and tired? Also, what is the nature of the complaint? As you mentioned in the Robesonian Editorial on July 16, 1995.

Rep. Cummings never complains or becomes angry over people's unfair attitudes toward her because there will always be Foolish People among the Wise People. Lord Jesus said, "My Peace I Leave with You." Rep. Cummings is a lawmaker who will revise and write New State Laws for Gloria Jones and others to obey according to Law.

Rep. Cummings never asked to be in the Lumbee Homecoming Parade. An invitation was extended to Rep. Frances Cummings by McKeithan Jones of Rowland, N.C., who is a Native American Indian and is well known in the Community. Therefore, Gloria Jones, in the future, before

Some people are so fond of ill luck that they run half-way to meet it.

—Douglas Jerrold

Nothing that was worthy in the past departs, no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies or can die.

—Thomas Carlyle

New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without any other reason but because they are not already common.

—John Locke

What is man in nature? Nothing in relation to the infinite, everything in relation to nothing, a mean between nothing and something.

—Blaise Pascal

submitting false statements to the Robesonian, Speak the TRUTH.

The Honorable Frances McArthur Cummings is a Blessing to ALL PEOPLE, including Native Americans of Pembroke, even though Pembroke is in House District 85, while her House District is 87.

Gloria Jones, 1996 General Elections will "Create History" in Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland Counties - District 87. Many tears will fall and many smiles will be seen. The Honorable Frances McArthur Cummings will always be able to "Smile a Smile". Every vote casts for Rep. Cummings can be scored and known because the "Wise Voters" will place their mark next to her name for N.C. House of Representatives. No one will know how many voters elect a Candidate by Straight Ticket Voting. How sad for the Candidate who has to only be as a number added to the name of a Political Party, which has no more Voice than being allowed in the General Assembly.

Gloria Jones, remember, as you become older, 'A Lying Tongue is an Abomination to the Holy Word. Thou shall not bear false witness against Thy Neighbor.'

Peace Be Unto You. AMEN
Yvonne Maria Leow

Young men think old men are fools but old men know young men are fools.

—George Chapman

Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards.

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Restoring the American Dream

Many people know that America is living on borrowed money and believe that we are also on borrowed time, but no one knows how much time or money is left. While many of us slept or stood aloof from the political process, others woke up and were determined to oppose the trends established by career politicians and political insiders in both the Republican and Democratic parties. They woke up to oppose the special interests of those who financed political campaigns and the lobbyists who directed the spending habits of Congress and loaded them on the backs of the taxpayers. The result is a \$4.9 trillion national debt which is rising rapidly. Moreover, one of the largest items in the 1996 federal budget is the \$365 billion in interest to be paid on the money borrowed to run the government.

Politics is in a state of rapid change as a result of the concern, activism and tireless efforts of nonpartisan and other grassroots citizens organizations who are joining together to educate the public and let our public officials know we are no longer willing to be passive as they squander our American dream. The independent voters make up 57%

of the electorate.

Unites We Stand America is at the forefront of this political change and is helping to focus the will and intentions of the American people. We realize that some of our most important tasks are to encourage opportunity for all Americans, provide an environment for a more stable dollar, good jobs and high wages, demand accountability from our elected officials, and restore integrity to our political process. The future of America will be defined by the persistent efforts of its citizens to achieve a prosperous and just society. It is time for the citizens to take back their country from the special interests and restore the spirit of democracy, independence, and self-government.

For anyone who is unhappy with the direction of our country, and dissatisfied with its leadership, and is concerned about restoring the American Dream for the next generation, and for anyone who takes their civic responsibility seriously, UWSA urges you to attend the National Conference, "Preparing Our Country For The 21st Century" on August 11-13 at the Dallas Convention Center. Policy experts, the leaders of both parties and 10 candidates for the

Presidency will address this conference, presenting their plans, solutions to economic and government problems, and their vision for our nation's entry into the 21st century. Nothing like this event has ever been put together in America. Imagine the impact of this Conference--Republicans and Democrats brought to the same forum to address the independent-minded voters of this nation. The candidates for Presidential office will have to stand and deliver on their own merit

If eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, then that same vigilance is vital to the effectiveness and equity of our political system. UWSA encourages leadership at the grassroots level, and citizens must take the lead. The public is invited to participate in this extraordinary Conference and, through workshops, will shape the agenda for the 1996 elections and beyond. The best thing that could happen as a result of this Conference is to guarantee an informed and educated electorate.

For registration information for the Conference, call 1-800-925-1300 or contact Herb Drew, NC State Director, United We Stand America (704) 692-8452.

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