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## A Front Page Editorial of the Carolina Indian Voice

### A Farewell, we hope, for the time being anyway, to the Lewis boys, Bill and O.H.

It's wearing a bit, we admit, but maybe this will be farewell, we hope, for the time being anyway, to the Lewis boys, Bill and O.H. The two, with Bill's son-in-law, John Culbreth, seem to be the editorial heart of the *Robesonian* for the moment, and that's bad news for the rest of us. We firmly believe that the newspaper needs to hire more Blacks and Indians. It would certainly make a difference in the seeming "racist" slant of the editorials. Bill is the general manager and O.H. Lewis writes his infamous "Reality Check" column about once a week. Culbreth is the managing editor of the newspaper (sic). We believe these three probably write most of the editorials appearing there. They emanate an 1860s Democratic Party mentality, now somehow transfigured into the platform of the Right Wing Republican Party of today. It's almost like having Senator Jesse Helms over for lunch when one reads the *Robesonian* these days. This is our last in this series of editorials appearing on the front page of the *Carolina Indian Voice* Newspaper, that is unless the Lewis boys, or one of their minions, go tip toeing off into the conservative tulips. In that case, we reserve the right to unsheathe the pen quickly and respond in kind. The days of the unanswered *Robesonian* is over. Henceforth, if the *Robesonian* makes race an issue, we'll respond if we feel the need. It is interesting that the Lewis boys and the *Robesonian* have been quiet for a few days. O.H. and Brant Clifton, a *Robesonian* Republican staff writer with a very active imagination, have even been rhapsodizing of late about Dobbs Oxendine, he of Indian Republican Party fame. Lewis and Clifton even wrote a couple of nice articles about Mr. Oxendine and his positive relationship with Pembroke State University. We applaud them! That's good, and is certainly better than some of the stuff they have been hammering away at for the last few months and even years. Maybe they've become editorially "sated", and are not going to sin anymore

in the pages of the *Robesonian*. If so, thanks be to that great Editor in the Sky. But we aren't convinced that the Lewis boys are done. Maybe they're just resting for a season. If so, we appreciate the respite from the war of words. Nevertheless, we can rest for as short or as long a time as they determine. We will not be intimidated by them or their ilk.

#### WHEN TO HOLLER AND WHEN TO LAY QUIET!

Someone suggested we compile the front page editorials into a booklet form so that folk could read them under separate cover and know when to holler, and when to lay quiet. We might do that one of these days. For now, we just want to say that things are never as bad as they seem when you read about them in the *Robesonian*. It does seem that the *Robesonian*, especially the Lewis boys, did over react about the tax revaluations. The tax rate hasn't been set yet, and it might not be any where near what it was projected to be by the Lewis boys when all is said and done. We won't know what our tax rate will be, and what the value of the adjusted revaluation of our properties will be, until the tax rate is set in June. We suggest that we wait and see what it is going to be before we holler too loud. It is like asking a girl to marry you, and thanking her in advance, for saying "Yes" before she actually does so. What a let down when, after the euphoria has passed, to find out that she actually said, "No!" The Lewis boys are hollering before it is time. We'll wait until June 30. To holler or not to holler, that is the question! On June 30, the county commissioners will set the new tax rate, after the properties have been re-evaluated according to the law. The properties are re-evaluated every eight years. That's what is going on now. We certainly hope for a lower tax rate, and a fair evaluation of our property. All of us do!

The county tax properties have been re-evaluated every eight years

now for as long as we can remember. It's actually the law! The difference this year is that Indians and Blacks are mostly driving the evaluation train. For instance, Mr. Willie Best, a Black, is county manager; Mr. Johnny Hunt, an Indian, is chairman of the county commissioners; Mr. Pete Jacobs, an Indian, is Tax Supervisor. That bothers some people more than you can imagine. There are people in this county who make all their decisions, good ones and bad ones, based on the color of one's skin. It would be nice if we could say that Martin Luther King, Jr.'s admonition to us had been received positively. King said once, in his famous "I Have A Dream" speech that he hoped to live long enough in America to see the day when the content of one's character was more important than the color of his skin. Alas, King was killed in Memphis, Tennessee in 1968, and civility and equality have not gained the upper hand since that fateful and infamous day.

And, finally, closing out this series, do we believe the Lewis boys and the *Robesonian* are motivated in a negative way by the color of one's skin? Yes, we do!! We believe strongly that the Lewises, and their minions at the *Robesonian*, are very concerned about the color of the skin of our county officials. We do!! We do!! Is any of this relevant? You bet!!! It is. Go to the library and monitor the *Robesonian* for the last three years, the last five years, the last hundred years!! See what they are writing about, who they are supporting. Have they ever endorsed, or even spoken kindly of any elected, Black or Indian official? It will surprise you, but then again, maybe it won't.

We hope you read each of the last five front page editorials. We believe they needed to be articulated and printed. Indians, contrary to what some folk would have you believe, can read and write and even do a little math.

## Son of Lumberton (NC) couple helps set milestone in Civilian and Military aviation

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### Kiwanis Report



Navy Petty Officer First Class Eddie Holmes, son of Normie and Aileen Holmes of Lumberton, NC and a 1979 graduate of Magnolia High School, is an aviation structural mechanic for Patrol Squadron 26, homeported in Brunswick, Maine. The squadron recently set an aviation record for safety for flying 250,000 mishap-free hours over a span of 33 years, logging more than 75 million miles, or the equivalent of 2,125 times around the Earth.

by Matthew A. Gowan  
Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine—Eddie Holmes is a part of a U.S. Navy maritime patrol squadron that recently set an aviation record for safety by flying 250,000 mishap-free hours over a span of 33 years. During this time the squadron logged more than 75 million miles, or the equivalent of 3,125 times around the Earth. "There is a lot of awareness towards safety," said Holmes, son of Normie and Aileen Holmes of

Lumberton, NC. Patrol Squadron 26, homeported at Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine, now holds the record for both military and civilian aviation. Holmes' squadron flies one of the Navy's oldest aircraft, the P-3C Orion. With state-of-the-art electronic equipment, the P-3C is the Navy's primary maritime patrol craft. Its primary mission is long-range anti submarine warfare, but missions may include surveillance of shipping,

surface warfare, and other intelligence gathering.

"Our primary mission is to search for and destroy submarines, but we also provide drug enforcement and photo reconnaissance missions," said Holmes.

An aviation structural mechanic, Holmes specializes in aircraft safety equipment. He maintains safety belts, shoulder harnesses and integrated flight harnesses in aircraft.

"I'm the leader of my work center and pride myself in its accomplishments," he said. "The most difficult part of my job is getting (sailors) qualified for our upcoming deployment and the associated paperwork."

While Holmes enjoys his job and values the high-tech training he's received, it wasn't his main reason for enlisting in the Navy in 1981, two years after graduating from Lumberton's Magnolia High School. "There was inadequate job security in my past job and my brother suggested the Navy to me because it was his chosen career," said Holmes, 35.

In addition to job security, Holmes has achieved quite a bit during the past 14 years.

"The most exciting things I've done since I've been in the Navy is deploy on board an aircraft carrier and visit a lot of foreign countries," Holmes has visited such countries as Scotland, Italy, Spain and Brazil.

But traveling also means up to six-month-long separations from his wife of 13 years, the former Linda Jacobs. Holmes said he plans to make the Navy a career and is continuing his education while serving at the squadron.

"I'm working towards my degree taking classes in psychology. When I retire, I want to go back to North Carolina and go back to farming."

The weekly meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Town and Country Restaurant with President Bob Lowry presiding. Program Chairman Bill Oxendine presented Coach David Graham of the Lumberton Senior High School Faculty. Mr. Graham spoke of the qualities of "Effective Leadership Development."

The four levels of leadership include: personal trustworthiness, interpersonal relationships to build trust, managerial and organizational ability. We need to look at ourselves. We cannot be effective leaders unless we do this. Privately we need self-discipline. We need to look at the surrounding world about us. There is a social mirror which includes how others see us. Treating others is fulfilling if done properly. Significant changes come about because of trust. Human endowments of self-awareness, imagination, conscience, and independent will, these determine our attitudes and behavior. The "Circle of Influence" includes character first, within first, then outside character comes better, easier for effectiveness, as a "Circle of Influence." Negative behavior. You cannot talk your way out, you must behave your way out, not talk your way out. Thank you. Win is the most positive result. Think first to understand, then you will be understood. Put first things first. The Central Principle for security is wisdom, guidance for power to live. Changes come gradually for effective living. Maturity is when people can express themselves with ideas and feelings.

New member-Li J.C. Huggins was welcomed into membership. Mitch Lowry presented Kiwanian Huggins. Invocation-Clay Maynor. Song leader-Ed Teets. Reporter-Ken Johnson.

Scott (Walking Bear) Jacobs, shown above is dressed in a Native American Regalia. The Regalia, designed by Scott and Tony Clark (Locha) represents the Southeastern Tribes of Native Americans in the United States. The Regalia is the "first man's Lumbee patch work design," originally used for floor rugs, doilies, quilts and pillows. The hunter's jacket would have been worn by hunters in the early 1800s. The embroidery on the jacket and leggings are pine cone points. The breech cloth, which bears the embroidery of the pine cone patch work represents the North Carolina State tree.

Scott is the son of Christa Bullard of Pembroke, NC and the grandson of Earle Jacobs, also of Pembroke.

"I wish to thank Kat Little turtle, Mr. Pete Clark, my family and all the others who have supported me and encouraged me in keeping the tradition of our Lumbee heritage alive."

## News from Purnell Swett High School



Purnell Swett senior, Azier D. Locklear, was the first female to ever compete in the mid-Eastern Regional Meet in North Carolina. Her record at the end of the season was 4-6. Her winning record is 23-6.

## Grand Opening Planned for Six New Stores in Pembroke

Grand Opening Ceremonies will be held April 5 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. for six new business located in the Dream Makers Mini Mall, Union Chapel Road, Pembroke.

The public is invited to attend the event. Foxy 99, I will be there and the participants will enjoy refreshments, as well as door prizes.

The six business participating in the Grand Opening will be: Kris Kringle; Sisters Boutique; Jammin' Jacks Music World; Esquires Unlimited Casual Sportswear Store; the Golden Comb; and Alpine Purification.



Athletic Director, Pope Royce McNeill, agrees to allow girls to cut his hair for winning the conference game against Hoke County. Eleshea Harrington is shown cutting his hair.

## Kindergarten registration set

Kindergarten registration at Prospect School will be held April 18th in the school media center from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for all children who will be five years of age on or before October 16, 1996.

Parents need to bring their child's social security card, shot record,

certified copy of the birth certificate (not mother's copy) and a tribal enrollment card (if applicable). Applications for Pre-School will also be taken at this time. The child must be four years of age on or before October 16, 1996.



Purnell Swett students scored more than 1000 on the SAT. Left to right they are: Danielle Dial, Nicholas Bullard, Dolores McRae, Marcus Hunt, William, Trice, and Christy Sampson.