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## A Front Page Editorial

### Not Many Heroes in Seventh Congressional Race as McIntyre tops Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend and Caster Outpolls Anderson

There were few heroes Tuesday as Mike McIntyre topped Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend in the Democratic Primary for the right to square off against Republican Bill Caster who received about 54% of the Republican votes cast over perennial candidate, Robert Anderson. McIntyre won by about a 52% to 48% margin over Lowry-Townsend. Unofficial totals gave McIntyre 16,272 votes to Lowry-Townsend's 14,851. The general election will be held November 5 for the right to hold the seat relinquished by the retiring Charlie Rose. For instance, McIntyre won in Robeson County by a margin of 1173 (unofficial totals).

McIntyre won by essentially appealing to the baser and meaner instincts of man (and woman too, of course). McIntyre's pitch to those outside Robeson County was that Lowry-Townsend was a tool of outside and special interest monies like NCAE and the Unions; his political tale of woe to the Blacks, especially in Robeson County, was that the "Indians are trying to take over everything." There was even an element in the local RAE (Robeson Association of Educators) who broke away from NCAE, the state-wide teacher organization headed by Lowry-Townsend, to run radio ads for McIntyre against the titular head of their own parent organization. A number of Indian big wigs talked the talk but didn't walk the walk when it came time to get out the vote, and gather up the loot. Again, we say that sometimes

Indians and Blacks do not think well of themselves and that mentality showed up again in Tuesday's run-off.

There were few heroes in this election, but the Indians have hardly anyone to blame but themselves. They stayed home, like the rest of the district, in large numbers Tuesday. Will Indians come out in November and vote for McIntyre even though he mostly castigated them in the run off campaign? Some of them probably will. But when they wouldn't come out for one of their own, it is hard to predict what the Indian electorate will do in November. And what will happen in future elections. We believe that the run off Tuesday was an attempt by some who do not like to see Indians in positions of authority to set the stage for the 1998 election. We suspect we'll be hearing more and more about a white sheriff's candidate and the infamous outgoing register of deeds Joe B. Freeman who we suspect will seek to replace Jo Ann Locklear as Clerk of Court. There is going to have to be a lot of fence mending between now and November and beyond. Where are the heroes? In our opinion, one of the biggest losers in Tuesday's run off was Sheriff Glenn Maynor. We suspect that those arch conservatives like Mike McIntyre were simply setting the stage to take him down in 1998. We are saddened and disappointed that his advisors, apparently did not see the plan. We are reminded of a statement by a friend: "The problem," he said, "is that

Saddened and disappointed by our people who we believe have been used again, the Carolina Indian Voice will continue to write and say things out loud and keep looking toward the future. We are optimistic and Mike has not been elected yet!! He simply won the Democratic nomination. And we simply lost the nomination. Losing an election is not a novel experience for Indians. Some of us remember when the late Tom Blanks got into a run off with the late Malcolm G. McLeod for sheriff in the early 1970s. At that time, we did not have enough Indians registered to win a county wide election. That was a devastating defeat. Tuesday, was simply a small setback. The Blanks-McLeod election and others was the foundation upon which we built Tuesday and on the positive side, he only won by 1500 votes across the district. So we are feeling pretty good about that. We are confident that as in times past, Indians will do the right thing in an election and we will win again.

Next week we will discuss the unusual alliances surrounding Mike McIntyre's campaign. Specifically, members of the Lumbee Cheraw Tribal Council and their seeming obsession with LRDA and two members of the LRDA board of directors who reportedly supported McIntyre over an Indian!! Only in Robeson!

### NC Indian Youth Unity Conference Set June 13-15

The Seventh Annual North Carolina Indian Youth Unity Conference will be held June 13-15 at Meredith College in Raleigh. The conference theme is "Native American Youth: Voices of Unity."

The conference provides an opportunity for American Indian students to learn more about their Indian heritage, explore educational opportunities and work together with other students on issues and concerns of Indian Youth. Participants at the conference will attend workshops on Indian history, spirituality, healthy lifestyles, youth issues, education/career development, arts and crafts, Indian medicine today and contemporary Indian issues.

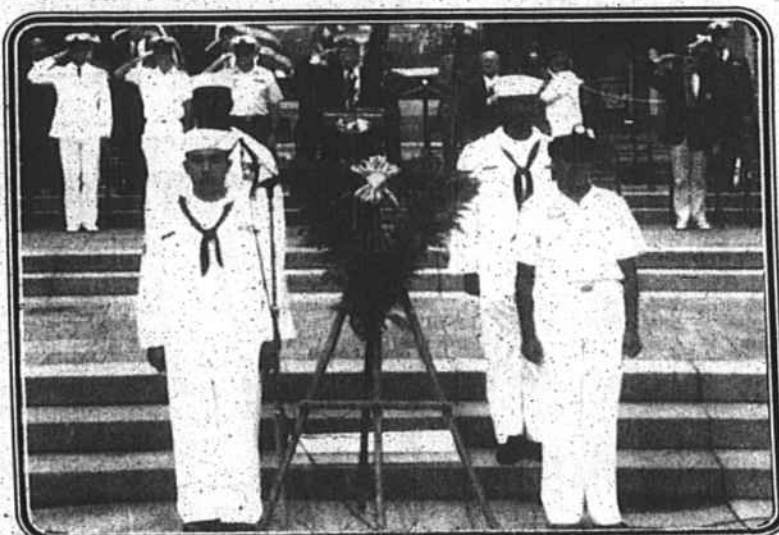
The conference is sponsored by the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO) in conjunction with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs and its Indian Youth Prevention Program. Indian youth ages 14-18 or in grades 9-12 are eligible to participate.

Special events of the conference include a powwow, Miss NCNAYO princess pageant, talent show, basketball tournament awards banquet and art and essay contests. Two \$100 college scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors at the conference.

"This is a great opportunity for Indian youth from across North Carolina to come together in unity to celebrate and learn more about their Indian heritage," said Greg Richardson, executive director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.

Conference registration is \$75 and covers accommodations for two nights, five meals and a banquet, use of recreational facilities, and all workshops, materials and activities. NCNAYO officers will be elected during the conference proceedings.

For more information, contact Kerry D. Bird, conference coordinator, 217 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-5942. OR TELEPHONE (919) 733-5998.



### Veterans Garden Becomes Reality

by Rick and Bruce Barton  
Several years ago a small group of dedicated veterans gathered together to discuss the plans for building a final resting place exclusively for former members of the armed forces.

The group, consisting of Molan "Big Mo" Strickland (ret. Navy), Patterson Locklear (Army), Juddie Revels Jr. (Army) and Congressional Medal of Honor Winner, Fred Zabotowski (Army), spent countless hours planning and designing what is now the Veterans Garden, located inside the Lumbee Memorial Gardens complex, five miles from Pembroke and Lumberton, in the Moss Neck community.

The group of concerned Veterans feel that the Veteran often puts himself and his family through hardship and strife to protect and defend the American dream and way of life. "America is strong due, in part, to the sacrifices our men and women in the services have made over the years," said Juddie

Revels, Jr., owner. According to Patterson Locklear, "there is a bond between all members of the military, especially those who have served in war time situations."

People in this area have a very strong sense of community and always refer to it as "home" regardless of how long they are away or where they live. What better way to honor our veterans than to give them their own final resting place.

The Veterans Garden is designed to accommodate 4,000 veterans. Presently there are in excess of 50 Veterans buried. Opened in 1991, the first Veteran to be buried there was the late William Henry Lowry, who was interred April 30, 1991, built of polished marble, with brass commemorative plaques to each branch of the armed forces, the Veterans Garden odium lends itself to the military style funerals and gatherings. For more information, contact Revels at Revels Funeral Home in Pembroke.

### Palmer Drug Abuse Program touts its star counselor

by Vinta Clark

I knew just as soon as she walked in the door I was going to hire her! She's a special energy. PDAP desperately needed her. Her heart is as big as North Carolina and the kids she counsels know that she really cares about them. I trained her but she is a special gift, an added sense that allows her to become a leader. These are the words of Former PDAP Director Melanice Locklear, used to describe Ms. Danielle Locklear, her star counselor for PDAP.

Since joining PDAP in September of 1994 Danielle has given her heart and soul to the kids and the teenagers she counsels. Her payback comes when the students come to her and say that they have stopped using alcohol, drugs, inhalants and are moving forward with a positive attitudes and enthusiasm to engage life.

When asked how does she feel about her job as a counselor, Danielle said "PDAP is my lifeline. Without PDAP I would have too much time reflection on personal problems. Danielle indicates when she first joined PDAP, she did not know what to expect. She found PDAP to be less regimented than most other agencies and she felt that she could exercise her freedom and creativity to help clients. Danielle commented, "I learned I could be myself. Melanice taught me how to pull things out of myself and other people. PDAP is

a program for people who want to help themselves and don't know how to proceed. Our counselors are not motivated by the money, they are inspired by helping kids staying off of drugs and alcohol. That's why PDAP is my family. PDAP is a small program designed for prevention and intervention. I wish that it was larger as it is so needed. There is a stigma attached to drugs. People should not stereotype our clients as losers rather, they should extend a helping hand."

Danielle emphasized peer support as one of the most important components of PDAP's program. She said, "I see my role as a big sister, role model and counselor. I love what I do." Several of her clients stated "Danielle is so caring. I have never met an unselfish person like her with so much to give. I want to be just like her. Without Danielle and PDAP I would have destroyed myself with drugs...my life has a purpose now. You do not only hear that from one of her clients but indeed many of them."

This year PDAP has worked with over 900 clients and made presentations to over 4,603 elementary and middle schools offering preventive education. PDAP has two main offices in both Pembroke and Lumberton. They operate 27 support groups throughout Robeson County.

### Native American student to have poem published

Talena Chavis, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chavis of Pembroke, N.C. has written a poem accepted for publication by Campbell University literary magazine.

The poem, "Dreams of Red," will appear in the 1996 issue of THE LYRICIST. It reads: "I tell you of far-off places I visit but have never known - of alien creatures who stalk me with glistening jaws begging for my life. I tell you my dreams are often such scattershot visions chained to the backs of my eyes as imprisoned I watch like an imp grinning at my own machinations. I tell you until daylight strikes me

turning my dream to dust that I remember yes, I did scream. Fiercely and in denial at monsters who wore the face of men. Chavis, who graduated from Louisburg on May 4, was a co-winner of the Malone Medal, awarded to the College's top student in English. She was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a national college honor fraternity that recognizes outstanding scholarship, citizenship and moral character.

### Prospect Student Wins Several Awards



Christian Lenora Lowery, first grade student at Prospect School was honored on Wednesday, June 5, at Awards Day. She won several awards for her outstanding accomplishments. She received the award for the Highest CAT score in the first grade; the Reading Award for Prospect School; and the School's Certificate of Achievement for the Most Improved Student.

Christian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and Lisa Lowery of Pembroke. She is the granddaughter of Ila Strickland and the late Boyd Strickland of Pembroke. She is also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil and Ruth Lowery of Red Springs and Bracy and Snodie Lowery of Pembroke. She is also the niece of Terry Stephen Lowery, MD, recent graduate of the UNC School of Medicine.

A special thank you is extended by Christian to her aunt, Belva Davis and Mrs. Butler and Melody Locklear, first grade teachers at Prospect School. The parents express this message to Christian: "We love you and are proud of you."

### Be on the look out for a "Special Edition" of the Carolina Indian Voice during Lumbee Homecoming

### Moore Complete Apprenticeship Program

Ryan C. Moore of Purnell High School, began her apprenticeship program at Pemberton Place Housing Center Feb. 1, 1996, as a nursing assistant. When she graduates June 7, she will have completed her high school youth apprenticeship program. Upon completion, Ryan will receive from the North Carolina Department of Labor Youth Apprenticeships Division a certificate of completion.

Pemberton Place Nursing Center met all the State and Federal requirements for registration as a training site for Youth Apprenticeship programs.

Ms. Penny Sutton, manager of the nursing center, is to be commended for the management of the nursing center. It has been said that Pemberton Nursing Center is one of the finest centers in Robeson County. We thank Ms. Sutton and the owners for being part of the Youth Apprenticeship Program in the Public Schools of Robeson County.



### Carla and Redemption to Celebrate 5th Anniversary

Carla and Redemption will observe their 5th Anniversary with a service at Lumberton Senior High School on Saturday, June 15, 1996 at 7 p.m.

Helping them to celebrate will be Quinton Mills. The Tylers, the Singing Sheppards. Tickets are \$6 in advance and are sale at the Christian Bookstore in Lumberton.

Red Springs Christian Supply, St. Paul's WKKE Radio, the Christian Bookstore in Rockingham, the Ministry of Jesus Bookstore in Pembroke, WTS Radio in Fairmont, the Gospel Music Store in Laurinburg, and Aunt Mert's in Lumberton. Children six and under will be admitted free. Admission at the door is \$7.

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Cynthia Leigh Jenkins, formerly of Fairmont and Keith Anthony Oxendine and Stethane Veronica Pipkins of Lumberton, graduated from Appalachian State University on May 11th and 12th in separate commencement ceremonies for the university's five colleges and School of Music.

Cynthia Jenkins graduated with a major in Elementary Education (K-6) and a degree in Bachelor of Science.

Keith Oxendine graduated with a major in Management, a minor in Communication Arts and a degree in Bachelor Science Bus. Admins.

Stethane Pipkins graduated with a major in Criminal Justice, a minor in Sociology and a degree in Bachelor Science Crim. Justice.

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