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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

Lowery Reunion Planned

Descendants of Billy and Lucinda Lowery will hold their annual reunion at Deep Branch Annex Building next to Deep Branch School on the above date. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Please bring a covered dish. For more information call Bonnie Tatum 910-739-5578 or Maurice Lowery 910-739-7148.

Native American Sorority at UNC-P

Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, Inc. (The first and only native american sorority in the nation) cordially invites you to an Interest Meeting to be held on the UNC-Pembroke Campus on Monday, September 30, 1996 at 4:00 pm in The Baptist Student Union House. Everyone is welcome, and refreshments will be served. Don't miss your chance to become a part of history!

Contact person: Iris Locklear, President
(919) 967-9970

Revival Planned at New Bethel

Revival services will be held at New Bethel Holiness Methodist Church October 13-18. Services begin at 7 p.m. on Sunday night and at 7:30 p.m. weeknights.

The church is located on Iona Church Road between Rowland and Fairmont, NC.

Guest evangelists will be Wayland Anderson, Pastor of Macedonia Holiness Methodist Church and Bobby Dean, Pastor of Cape Fear Baptist Church. Special music will be provided each night. The public is encouraged to attend and worship. James H. Woods is the pastor of New Bethel.

Christmas Craft Sale

The Holiday season is a busy time for the members of Cedar House which is currently housed at the Robeson County Mental Health Center. Members enjoy making handpainted crafts for sale during the holiday season. All monies raised will go for the benefit of the members of Cedar House.

The Signature set for this holiday season is a 19-piece handpainted Nativity Set in a stable with a light on the inside, as well as a Christmas star on top. It is well worth the price. You can reserve your Nativity Set in time for the Holiday season by calling (910) 738-1431, ext. 252. All crafts will be on display at the Christmas Craft event on December 6, 1996 at the O.P. Owens Building, Lumberton.



Lumberton Kiwanis Club President Walter Brown (left), provides a club check for a student scholarship to Robeson Community College President Fred Williams. Williams indicated that organizations and civic clubs contribute to a lifetime of opportunities for many of RCC's students. Because of them students are able to work toward career goals that would not otherwise be possible.

New NAIC Director Pledges Native American Bishop in 2000

GREENSBORO, N.C. (UMNS) - The Native American International Caucus (NAIC) officially elected the Rev. Alvin Deer as executive director as its first item of business during its annual meeting here, Sept. 13-15.

Deer becomes the first full-time director in the 28-year history of NAIC. The caucus is an advocacy group of the United Methodist Church, working to enhance Native American ministries, churches and programs worldwide.

In his first address to NAIC, Deer outlined his plan for the next quadrennium. "I pledge that I will work, with your support, to see that the United Methodist Church elects a Native American bishop in the year 2000. We must be advocates by sensitizing the world to who we are and we will work to strengthen every local Native American congregation."

According to NAIC leaders, Native Americans are the only ethnic group not represented in the denomination's Council of Bishops. Neither of two Native American candidates for Bishop, the Rev. Thom White Wolf Fassett nor the Rev. Marvin B. Abrams, was elected in the 1996 sessions.

Representatives from each juris-

diction organized to form the six NAIC program committees -- personnel, ministries development, Family Camp, finance, issues and communications.

NAIC plans to hold the Native American Family Camp in June 1997 at Albion (Mich.) College. There also are plans to join the Native American Comprehensive Plan's mission to train and develop Native American ministries.

Another emphasis for the new quadrennium will be revamping the "Echo of the Four Winds" newspaper, a publication of the NAIC. The issues committee intends to develop resources in the area of health and wellness and to monitor other issues facing Native Americans.

The new NAIC officers are: chairman, the Rev. Ken Locklear, Greensboro, N.C.; vice-chairwoman, Vera Sonneck, Lapwai, Idaho; treasurer, Prentiss Taylor, Saraland, Ala.; secretary, Blair Gilbert, Pasadena, Md.

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* Underwood is director of the Native American Communications Office of United Methodist Communications in Nashville, Tenn.

Kiwanis Report

The weekly meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Town and Country Restaurant with Lt. Gov. Dick Fisher installing new officers for the 96-97 Kiwanis year.

Out-going President Bob Lowry turned the gavel over to incoming President Furney Lambert. Also installed, treasurer Albert Hunt who has served 35 years of uninterrupted service. And he was honored with the cutting of the 35th Birthday Cake as was the Clubs honoring of the wives presence in honor of the occasion. Lt. Gov. Fisher also installed Vice-President Brian Brooks, and Secretary Anthony Kenworthy.

Next week is Charter Night. The Club was chartered 35 years ago by the Lumberton Kiwanis Club in a meeting held at the then Pembroke College Cafeteria now with its new name - The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. It seems real good for the University to have this new honor.

Also Lt. Gov. Fisher honored new members Anthony Kenworthy and Carton Mansfield with their Kiwanis pins. Mitch Lowry was recognized as their sponsor.

Presiding - Bob Lowry: Invocation - Vardell Swett; Song leader - Ed Teets; Reporter - Ken Johnson who Out-going Pres. Lowry Thanked and I thank you Bob Lowry for a good administration. And we all wish new Pres. Furney Lambert a fine new Kiwanis 1996-97 Kiwanis year.

Rep. Cummings Endorsed by SEANC/PAC



Raleigh, NC. The State Employees Association of NC Inc./Employees PAC has endorsed the Candidacy of State Rep. Frances M. Cummings. Rep. Cummings is seeking re-election for her Third Term in the NC House of Representatives for Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland Counties--District 87 in the November Elections.

State Rep. Frances M. Cummings was one of 105 candidates endorsed by the 62,000 members of the State Employees Association of NC. EMPAC (83 Democrats, 21 Republicans, and 1 Unaffiliated).

Mrs. Betty Weeks, State EMPAC Chair said, "we are pleased to have selected Rep. Cummings for endorsement and thank her participation and continual support of issues important to State Employees." "Our endorsement offers our District Co-

ordinator, members, and volunteers to assist with Rep. Cummings' Campaign Support Activities, Publicity, and will provide Educational Guidance in the November Elections." Mrs. Weeks said.

Rep. Frances M. Cummings said, "This is admirable and pleasurable news of the endorsement and support from the State Employees Association and that they, too, have deemed my legislative efforts worthy of their consideration and political assistance." "State employees are responsible for the delivery of goods and services provided by the State, and they deserve an already effective representative with a track record of assuring that we have Good Government," Rep. Cummings said. The North Carolina Association of Educators recently endorsed Rep. Cummings' candidacy for re-election.

Ted Parker Sues City of Lumberton Over Low Income Housing

by Henry Lewis

On January 18, 1996, Ted Parker Home Sales, Inc., applied with the City of Lumberton for a zoning map amendment to rezone a 93 acre tract from an A-1 Agricultural District to an R-20 Residential District. This property lies within the extra territorial zoning jurisdiction of the City of Lumberton. The City Planning Board recommended that the Zoning Map Amendment be approved. However, contrary to the recommendations of the Planning Board, the City Council denied the application for re-zoning. Ted Parker Homes Sales, Inc., has alleged in a law suit that the decision to deny Mr. Parker's application for rezoning was based upon their dislike for Mr. Parker and his intention to use the property for a manufactured housing development which would be affordable to people of low to moderate income. We do not believe the City Council even considered what was in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Lumberton and the surrounding areas.

While Mr. Parker was not avail-

able for comment, we would like to point out that Parker Homes Sales, Inc. was not trying to place a Manufactured Housing Park within the City of Lumberton, but rather in an area more conducive to a Manufactured Housing Development. In the same area, there are already 5 Manufactured Housing Developments within a 2 mile radius of the Parker property.

We also believe that there is a need for low to moderate income housing in the Lumberton area. Last year, the Robeson County Inspection Department showed that of the permits which were issued, 1,486.00 were issued for new mobile homes and 138 were issued for single family residences. Obviously, not everyone in and around the Lumberton area drives a Mercedes and can afford to build an \$80,000.00 or more home. We believe that people should be concerned over the set types of arbitrary decisions being made by the City Council with regard to affordable housing.

Lumberton attorney Dave Holec was unavailable for comment.

Pembroke Housing Authority Activities

On September 19-21, 1996 Harpers Ferry Baptist Church sponsored a YOUTH RALLY at Strickland Heights in the Clinton Thomas Day Care Building. The featured speaker on Thursday and Saturday nights was Brother Charlie Revels from Harpers Ferry Baptist Church and on Friday night Brother Anthony Locklear from Bear Swamp Baptist Church. Both PREACHERS delivered strong messages to the YOUTH. The messages were heard and well received with 27 YOUTH and 1 adult accepting CHRIST into their life. Also 1 REDEDICATION.

The singers included, The Singing Cousins, The Masters Quartet, Harpers Ferry Young People's Choir, Sister Brenda Morgan and Helping Hands Youth Choir from Pembroke Housing Authority.

The attendance for Thursday night was 90, Friday 70 and Saturday night 85.

"I was surprised at the large number of YOUTH in attendance each night," says Mitchell "Bosco" Locklear PHDEP Coordinator. "I would like to thank GOD. The Preachers, Harpers Ferry Baptist Church, The Singers and the YOUTH for a wonderful YOUTH RALLY. May God Bless All of You," says Locklear.

Pembroke Housing Authority held its weekly bowling league under the Youth Sports Cultural Program at UNC-P on September 18, 1996. The youth learned various bowling fundamentals of the game. The highest scorer, Ryan Collins of Chavis Park, scored an average of 105 in two games. The bowling league has opening for volunteers and sponsors.

FEDERAL/NORTH CAROLINA HURRICANE FRAN RECOVERY WRAP-UP

More than 40,909 victims of Hurricane Fran have applied for assistance through FEMA's toll-free registration line. People who have suffered damage from Hurricane Fran and the resulting flooding can register for disaster assistance by calling 1-800-462-9029, between 8 am and 10 pm, seven days a week. The toll-free number for the speech-impaired, deaf and hard of hearing is TTY 1-800-462-7585.

As of September 24, FEMA has approved more than \$9.5 million in disaster housing grants for 5,618 eligible North Carolinians affected by Hurricane Fran.

Disaster assistance applicants also can get recovery information, or check on the status of their applications by calling FEMA's Helpline at 1-800-525-0321 seven days a week between 8 am and 6 pm (TTY: 1-800-660-8005). To date, more than 19,500 people have called the Helpline, and received information about recovery programs including aging services, disaster housing, SBA loans, tax assistance, veteran's benefits and counseling services.

In order to reach every North Carolina county affected by Hurricane Fran, three Mobile Disaster Recovery Centers soon will begin operating in several communities beginning Saturday, September 28. Representatives from FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will be on hand to answer questions about disaster assistance programs, provide recovery information, and make referrals to other agencies.

Today, FEMA and the North Carolina DEM opened five Disaster Recovery Centers, bringing the total number of centers to 20. The centers provide information about disaster recovery, and ways to rebuild and repair to minimize the impact of future disasters. The locations are:

Robeson County
The Pavilion
3023 Roberts Avenue (Hwy 211)
Lumberton

Columbus County
American Legion Hall
703 North Legion Drive
Whiteville

Bladen County
Braxton Building
301 South Cypress Street
Elizabethtown

Nash County
Old Ben Casey Studio Building
227 South Barnes Street
Nashville

Craven County
Federal Building
(Old Post Office Rear Entrance)
415 Middle Street
New Bern

The North Carolina DEM and FEMA will open two more Disaster Recovery Centers on Friday, September 27, in Franklin and Wilson counties.

Many calls to the 1-888-TREE-OFF tree removal program are being misdirected because of confusion over the new toll-free 1-888 prefix. Recovery officials remind North Carolinians to dial carefully when calling 1-888-TREE-OFF. Callers mistakenly using the toll-free 1-800 prefix will reach a private company in Cincinnati, Ohio who will not be able to help with tree removal. North Carolina Hurricane Fran victims with a fallen or leaning tree creating a safety hazard to their home, should call toll-free 1-888-TREE-OFF to be considered for the tree removal program.

Currently, 1,616 housing resources are available in 42 North Carolina counties to FEMA disaster housing applicants. Hurricane Fran victims seeking emergency housing assistance first should register for disaster assistance by calling FEMA's toll-free number. If they already have registered, they may visit a mobile or fixed Disaster Recovery Center or call FEMA's Helpline.

Trucks hauling debris left by Hurricane Fran can pose an added challenge to motorists. The North Carolina Highway Patrol recommends that motorists stay at least 300 feet--approximately 15 car lengths--behind debris-hauling trucks. This will allow drivers enough reaction time to avoid hitting anything that may fall off a truck.

The State of North Carolina Debris Removal Section reports that the current estimated cost for debris removal by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the North Carolina Department of Transportation and local governments is \$400 million. The debris includes vegetative matter only.

Homeowners with flood-damaged private wells should contact their county health department to have the water tested for possible contaminants.

The Telephone Pioneers of America, made up of Nortel and Bell South active and retired employees, continue to provide volunteers to answer telephones at the Donations Coordination Center. Interfaith, the Salvation Army, Second Harvest and Adventist Community Services also are providing telephone answering assistance.

North Carolina residents seeking disaster information may wish to access FEMA's world wide web site on the Internet (<http://www.fema.gov>). Updated daily, information chronicles response and recovery efforts in North Carolina following Hurricane Fran. In addition, FEMA's home page also contains a full library of information on disaster response and recovery including ways to reduce the impact of future disasters, preparedness, and archives from previous disasters. The Tropical Storm Watch, introduced this year, features maps, updated weather reports and news advisories.

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