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U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre is greeted in Naples, Italy by Admiral Michael Holmes. McIntyre was visiting American troops in Europe. Holes is the first Native American admiral in the U.S. Navy. Both men are from Robeson County!



Encouraging the Troops

Congressman Mike McIntyre enjoys time with Spc. Jonathan Brooks of Pembroke and Spc. Edwin Laboy of Hope Mills in Vincenza, Italy. The Armed Services Committee delegation of congressmen went to listen to and encourage American troops in Europe.



Walking the Red Path

by Wendy Moore Cummings

My job as a utility locator has taken me all over the country. Throughout my travels, I am impressed by all the many highways that memorialize someone who is regarded in high esteem by those who live in that particular area. I have been working in Scotland and Robeson Counties for more than ten years and travel US 74 on a daily basis. When I see signs that say Andrew Jackson Highway throughout Robeson County, I am perplexed that this Indian killer's name is still standing through a territory we regard as "Indian Country." Evidently, our Indian leaders are too busy to worry with such trivial things as the naming of a particular stretch of highway. Frequently I see Martin Luther King, Jr. signs erected in many different areas, and I applaud those who seek to memorialize Dr. King. His accomplishments were not exclusively for the African American, but for anyone who was suffering oppression and discrimination.

You would think that surely someone of indigenous ancestry had made such an impression in Robeson, would you not? Then surely if there was no one significant person then still how do we sit idly by and allow such a travesty to continue? Andrew Jackson was no friend to the indigenous peoples of this county or this country, or have we forgotten the Trail of Tears? Anyone who knows of his devilish deeds against our people should be nauseated to the point of doing something to abolish the name of Andrew Jackson throughout Robeson County. To allow his name to be memorialized is to say that our ancestors' deaths were in vain, or that their lives were of no significance. I would urge those of you who do care to petition your Indian leadership, be it Lumbee, Tuscarora or others, for the abolishment of the Andrew Jackson Highway, in Robeson County, to a name that is more indicative to the territory that it travels through. Surely we can take the time to stop our bickering and come together for the common good of all the indigenous peoples of this territory. It would seem that we are all too consumed by Indian housing, when in fact, there are issues beyond housing that are of great significance to our people, for we still house this stretch of "Stonewall" blasphemy. Are we willing to sell our integrity for one of these Lumbee houses? If we do not take a stand, we need to swallow the little, if any at all, pride we have and continue to pay aims to one of the most infamous enemies of the American Indian.

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Book Notes

Triumph Over Tragedy

(NAPS)—Kathy Buckley's life may seem like nothing to laugh about—and yet that's exactly what she would like you to do.

In her new book, *If You Could See What I Hear* (Plume, \$14), she describes her triumph over tragedy through laughter.

If You Could Hear What I See

TRIUMPH OVER TRAGEDY THROUGH LAUGHTER



The power of laughter helped Kathy Buckley overcome tragedy.

Buckley's troubles started in school where her teachers assumed she was mentally retarded, when in fact she had a hearing loss.

She was molested, run over by a jeep and stricken with cancer all before the age of 30. Rather than be consumed by grief, she sought the light of laughter.

Buckley not only survived, she went on to become a top female comic, an award-winning author, star of a one-woman show and a beloved motivational speaker.

In *If You Could Hear What I See*, Buckley reveals a gift that gave her the power to meet the extraordinary challenges of her life with dignity, courage and laughter.

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It's the truth or I ain't here

by Screaming Eagle

Granny Leanna and Pappy Jack was always good for a storytelling. 'Course, as young 'uns, we senced some things too that turnt into a good ear tickin'. Well, probably ain't but a few here and abouts that know that a lotta the shacks and small homes many a Lumbee first owned come from the Army base at Fort Bragg. 'Course' I was raised in one of them officers shacks, myself. Pappy Jack said they was just a giving 'em away, and if ya' tuck a passel a fellars wid ya' ta' help tear one down, you could have it. Most of my great aunts and uncles and cousins was raised in them ole shacks, too. They wasn't but two rooms about 8 feet x 10 feet. 'Course' Pappy Jack and Uncle Hansel put on a small kitchen in the back, and later down the road, added two rooms for us young 'uns. Thinking of them ole shacks got me ta' remembering the time cousin Betty Rose, Aunt Lovedy and Ralph's daughter, come a' callin' 'Course, as usual, she had Aunt Esther and a woman Pappy Jack called "the ole mud hen" named Mell Sell with her. Between the three of 'em they weighed in at a even thousand pounds with cousin Betty makin' up half all by her lonesome. Well, Pappy Jack had just come back from a train wreck, and 'course' he brought something back for the youn' gu. It was a 10 man merry-go-round that set on a 12 foot pole. 'Course, us young 'uns would git ta' running and pushing and jump on and spin till we was plumb tuckered. Pappy Jack tolt us cousin Betty wouldn't tell a lie ta' save her life, but one day she just plain hid the truth. Well, we was all backa' the ole goat pens, just a goin' aroun' like there's no tomorrow' when yere' come cousin Betty a talkin' bout Pappy Jack said ta' come "eat a bate". 'Course' I knowed something was funny right off cause cousin Betty never turnt down a pan a biscuits in her living days. Well, ya' don't

fuss with your elders, so we headed inta' eat. 'Course, when we come back, cousin Betty was a sight ta' see. Seems that ole merry-go-round was built only for young 'uns and when cousin Betty was a wantin' ta' take a ride and set down on one side, it dun bent that ole pole clean to the ground! Only three days after Pappy Jack cemented it. 'Course, cousin Betty never would fess up and when Pappy asked her about it, she'd only give Aunt Esther and Mell Sell a few dirty looks. Wadn't long after, Pappy Jack found a use for that ole broke down thing. A mess a climbing string beans, and eventually the grape vine grabbed holt, too an for too long was covered right up 'cept for in the winter. 'Course, cousin Betty never tuck the credit for crippin' that ole merry-go-round, but Pappy Jack knowed...or I ain't yere!

McIntyre Introduces Lumbee Recognition Bill

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre introduced legislation today calling for the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina to be federally recognized.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "It is time for discrimination to end and recognition to begin! As the largest tribe of Indians in the United States not officially recognized by the federal government, this legislation says 'yes' to dignity, respect, fairness, and justice. I look forward to working with the Tribal Council of the Lumbee and my colleagues in Congress to pass this very important bill."

Senator John Edwards stated, "Recognition of the Lumbee Nation is long overdue. I congratulate Congressman McIntyre for leading the fight to give the Lumbees the respect and dignity they deserve. I look forward to working with Congressman McIntyre, the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Nation, and others in the North Carolina delegation to pass this legislation."

The Lumbee Recognition Act would provide the Lumbees with various Bureau of Indian Affairs services and programs. Other special programs would be available from the Department of Housing, Health, Justice, Education, Agriculture, Commerce, and Energy.

Sen. Edwards supports Federal Recognition

Washington—Senator John Edwards Tuesday urged leaders of a key Senate committee to quickly pass legislation fully recognizing the Lumbee Indian Tribe.

Noting that North Carolina officially recognized the tribe in 1885, Senator Edwards said that full federal recognition was long overdue. In 1956, Congress passed a bill that recognized the Lumbees but denied them federal Native American benefits.

"It's time to right that injustice," Senator Edwards wrote in a letter to Senators Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Daniel Inouye chairman and ranking member of the Indian Affairs Committee.

Congressman Mike McIntyre Tuesday introduced a bill that would grant Lumbees recognition by fixing the 1956 legislation and allowing the tribe to receive full economic development, housing, education and health care benefits.

Senator Edwards Tuesday praised Congressman McIntyre's for "leading the fight to give the Lumbees the respect and dignity they deserve."

Senator Edwards also pledged to do everything he could to make sure a Lumbee recognition bill was approved during this Congress. "I look forward to working with Congressman McIntyre, Senator Dole and the Tribal Council of the Lumbee Nation to pass legislation recognizing the tribe."

There are 55,000 Lumbee Indians living in Robeson and surround-

Dime Fest set March 1st

The Robeson County Health Department, along with the Robeson County Partnership for Children and Luther Britt Park, will sponsor a "Dime Fest" event on March 1st from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00p.m. at Luther Britt Park, Lumberton. Participants can enjoy various games and activities for just 10 cents each. All proceeds go to benefit the March of Dimes campaign to prevent birth defects.

"Dime Fest" is a family oriented fund-raising event designed to benefit the March of Dimes campaign to prevent birth defects.

Aside from a variety of games, participants can also enjoy clowns, face painting, puppetry and music. Also, a community heroes' booth will feature presentations by local fire, rescue and law enforcement personnel.

Drawings for prizes, such as car seats, gift baskets and much more will be conducted throughout the day.

A diaper derby and a blue jean baby contest will be held during the event. For more information about "Dime Fest" or the register for the diaper derby/bluejean baby contest, call Karen Woodell at 508-5007.

McIntyre to host Youth Summit

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre will be hosting a 7th Congressional District Youth Summit on March 3, 2003, on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "Young people are the future of our great country, and this Youth Summit will provide students with the opportunity to voice their opinions and to give input on the issues that they and their communities face each day. I am excited about this event and the opportunity to hear from our future leaders!"

McIntyre invited high schools throughout the 7th Congressional District to nominate one junior to represent their school at this summit. The purpose of this endeavor is to provide students with a forum to discuss issues affecting youth (solutions and innovative approaches) and ways to improve their communities and the nation. Students from Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Pender, and Robeson will be attending. A total of 27 students will be attending.

The featured speaker will be Mr. Holden Thorp, Professor of Chemistry at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Congressman McIntyre serves on the Democratic Task Force on Children and on the Congressional Children's Caucus.

Scotland Memorial opens new unit

Last week Scotland Memorial Hospital opened four new hospital beds in what is called the Orthopedic/Neurology Unit. Located on the hospital's third floor, the new unit will serve, but is not limited to, those who have under gone orthopedic surgery 24 to 48 hours following surgery.

Arletha Brown, RN, Director of Nursing Services, says these four new beds are quite valuable in making sure patients are in the unit appropriate for their care. "Our more acutely ill patients are placed in the Progressive Medical Care beds where they will receive the telemetry monitoring they need," continued Ms. Brown. "Our more stable patients may be placed in the new Ortho/Neuro unit, where they will receive the same excellent care, but won't require telemetry monitoring. The new unit will also allow us increased availability of medical surgical beds."

The average length of stay in the new Orthopedic/Neurology unit will be two to three days. "Our orthopedic patients who plan to enter the Center for inpatient Rehabilitation as soon as they are medically ready will find a continuity of care from the Ortho/Neuro unit to the Center," continued Ms. Brown. "Open a year now, the Center has already served over 100 patients. We believe opening these new beds will help us continue to provide the quality medical care our community deserves and expects."