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The family circle has been broken

Curliss W. Lowry, the 4th born son of Marvin and Stella Lowry, formerly of Robeson County, died Sunday night August 22, 2004 in Decatur, Georgia after a long illness from complications of diabetes. Curliss was 76 years of age having been born in Robeson County on May 21, 1928. His wife Anne Slye Lowry, 6 children, and 10 grandchildren survive him. They have been married for 51 years and have lived in the Decatur, Georgia area throughout their marriage. Curliss also has 5 brothers and 1 sister still living. Marvin W. Lowry of Athens, TN, Murrill M. Lowry of Indianapolis, IN, Ronald H. Lowry of Virginia Beach, VA, Tolbert W. Lowry of Gastonia, NC, Cecil B. Lowry of St. Helena, CA and Barbara Lowry of Conner of Matthews, NC. Memorial services were held at Avondale Pattillo United Methodist Church on Friday August 27, 2004 located in Avondale Estates, GA. The services were conducted by Rev. Tayve Morgan, of Avondale Pattillo and Rev. Gerald Sweat. Curliss and Anne have been long time members of this church and their children grew up attending church services with their parents. Both Curliss and Anne held leadership roles in church activities, he in the administration and she in music. Rev. Gerald (Jerry) Sweat, who has been the pastor of several Methodist churches in Florida, gave the eulogy and spoke on behalf of the family's remembrances, and he is Curliss's son-in-law. During his seminary schooling he served as the youth minister in the Lowry's home church to get some practical training in the ministry. A girl-friend boyfriend relationship developed between the youth minister and Curliss's 3rd born daughter, Denise, which ended in marriage sometime later. Today they are parents of 2 daughters and 1 son, and Jerry is the pastor of a Methodist church on Jacksonville, Florida. He gave a heartfelt and realistic message descriptive of the life Curliss lived which, invoked tears and laughter in the congregation. Curliss, along with his siblings grew-up on a 35 acre family farm and attended the public schools in Robeson County. He and his brothers served in the armed forces during the World War II period. They used the G. I. Bill for education and received degrees from colleges and universities located in 6 different states, and pursued their careers in 6 different states. Curliss attended Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina, and received a Bachelor's Degree from Emory University in Georgia. He worked for food brokerage firms for several years before he

was employed by the American Greeting Card company, where he was employed for 27 years before his retirement. Curliss was the first family member to open new pathways by being the first one to get married and start a family. He fathered the largest family which includes the oldest and youngest grand children in our parent's lineage. We kept in touch with one another by having family reunions on a regular basis, in states where family members are located. Curliss was unable to attend our last family reunion, held in our native Robeson County July 4th week-end 2004, because of his illness. He has now been the first one in the family to pass on to prepare for our final reunion.

Ronald H. Lowry
Virginia Beach, Virginia



Curliss Wilmont Lowry is shown when he was a student at Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina

Conservation Reserve Program Signup

Giles B. Floyd, County Executive Director, Robeson/Scotland FSA Office, said there will be a signup for the Conservation Reserve Program (CPR) through September 24, 2004. The CPR allows landowners and farmers to take land out of agricultural production by planting longleaf pines in exchange for receiving annual rental payments from USDA for up to 15 years. "This program is getting very popular as more and more as landowners are using this program as a way to receive income on non-productive farmland", Floyd said. Land eligible for the CPR must have been planted to row crops, 4 of the 6 years, 1996 to 2001, or devoted to permanent pasture or hay land. FSA will pay half the cost to establish the pines and yearly rentals rates average around \$45 an acre. For more information or to schedule an appointment contact the FSA office at 739-3349.

NC teaching fellows available for high school seniors

The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Commission announced today that application is available online for the 2004-2005 North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship/Loan Program at www.teachingfellows.org.

The deadline to return completed applications to the Fellows Liaison Counselor in the high school is October 22, 2004 by the end of the school day.

Jo Ann Norris, Associate Executive Director for the Public School Forum and Administrator of the Teaching Fellows Program, states, "In order to meet the increasing demand for top quality teachers for North Carolina's public schools, the program was created by the General Assembly in 1986, upon the recommendation of the Public School Forum of North Carolina."

Each Teaching Fellow receives a \$26,000 scholarship loan from the state, payable in \$6,500 annual increments. The full loan is forgiven after the Fellow has completed four (4) years of teaching in North Carolina public schools.

The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program continues to be the top teacher-recruiting program in the United States. "The primary purpose of the program is to attract top high school seniors to become education majors and ultimately public school teachers," Gladys Graves, Director of the Teaching Fellows Program, states. She adds, "In addition to the summer programs provided by the Teaching Fellows Commission, the fourteen constituent institutions participating in the program offer unparalleled teacher education experiences--experiences which produce high quality educators and leaders for the state's public schools."

Additional program information is available online via the Teaching Fellows website at www.teachingfellows.org. Applications may be downloaded from this site.

23rd NAIA Annual Pow Wow and Fall Festival Oct. 15-17

The American Indian Association of Tennessee, Inc. (NAIA) will host their 23rd NAIA Annual Pow-Wow & Fall Festival October 15, 16, and 17, 2004 at Four Corners Water Park Recreation Area. This event is located just off Interstate 1-24. Old Hickory Blvd exit, near AmSouth Amphitheater. Phil Bredesen, Governor of Tennessee, and Bill Purcell, Mayor of Nashville, have proclaimed October as Native American Indian Month.

The NAIA Pow-Wow & Fall Festival is the main fundraiser of the year for this unique organization. NAIA is a non-profit organization that serves more than 15,000 Native American Indians living throughout Tennessee. This unique educational cultural event is also sponsored by NAIA as part of their Support the Arts in Tennessee program. Friday Oct. 15, from 10a-3p, NAIA offers free admission to all school children and educators with special interactive programs planned.

As one of the largest pow-wows east of the Mississippi River, this event draws American Indians and visitors from across the United States and Canada and attendance is usually between 13,000-16,000 during this three day event.

The general public is encouraged to attend this spectacular event which features Native American Indian dancers in full regalia, musicians and singers, modern and traditional foods, and a special Arts & Crafts Demonstration Village. Additionally a tipi village will offer visitors a glimpse of early life in America.

Admission to the NAIA Pow-Wow is very reasonable: Adults (\$5); Children 6-12 (\$3); Children 5 & under (Free) and Senior Citizens 55+ (Free).

All proceeds fund the NAIA Education/Scholarship Fund and NAIA Emergency Relief Fund.

For further information, please call the Nashville office at 615-232-9179.

NAIA welcomes one and all!

Tribal Budget Hearing tonight

The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Budget Hearing is set for September 9, 2004 at 7 p.m. at the Tribal Office located at 707 Union Chapel Road, Pembroke. Tribal members wishing to review the proposed budget can obtain a copy at the main Tribal Office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. All Tribal members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. For more information contact the Tribal Office at (910) 521-7861.

Cultural classes being held Tuesdays and Thursdays

The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina will hold Culture Classes every Tuesday at the Sattletree Community Building in Lumberton and Thursday at the Lumbee Regional Development Association in Pembroke. The classes are held from 6 until 8 p.m. and are free of charge. These classes promote native dancing, culture awareness and, arts and crafts sessions. For more information please contact a Tribal Youth Coordinator, John Oxendine or Rob Jacobs at the Tribal Office at (910) 521-7861.

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Indian Heritage Week 2004 at UNC Pembroke

September 14.....**Indian Dancing & Storytelling**
10 AM, Performing Arts Center
All public school classes who are
pre-school to grade 5 are welcome
(group reservations required)

September 14.....**POWWOW**
4 PM until.....**Campus Quad, beside Old Main**
Traditional Indian music, dance, arts, crafts & food
Host Drum..... **Stoney Creek**
Head Male Dancer..... **Chris Conner**
Head Female Dancer..... **Millicent Hunt**
Master of Ceremonies..... **Sandon Jacobs**

September 16.....**Lumbee Origins**
a presentation by Dr. Stan Knick
2 PM, Chavis University Center, Room 213

The public is welcome. No admission charge.

For information call (910) 521-6282.

UNCP Indian Heritage Week events are sponsored by
the Native American Resource Center,
Native American Student Organization,

Office of Student Activities, Performing Arts Center,

Public Schools of Robeson County Indian Education Program

and by a grant from the Grassroots Arts Section of the NC Arts Council.

Remembering the victims of 911

On January 6, 1941 President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered his annual message to Congress. It would come to be known as his "Four Freedoms" speech, and its spirit would be captured in a memorable painting by Norman Rockwell. In it he said:
"We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms... freedom of speech and expression everywhere in the world... freedom of every person to worship God in his own way, everywhere in the world... freedom from want... everywhere in the world... (and) freedom from fear... anywhere in the world."

These are still lofty goals as we pause on Saturday, September 11, 2004 to remember the victims of 911.

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