

# PEMBROKE JAYCEE OF THE MONTH

## King and Queen Crowned

Union Chapel School held its annual fund raising events during November. The climax of the fund raising was the crowning of a king and queen in the gym on Friday, Nov. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

The King is Master Darin Locklear, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darnell Locklear. He is a fourth grade student of Mrs. Yvonne Wallace.

The queen is Miss Sherry Wilkins, the daughter of Ms. Wanda Wilkins. She is a fourth grade student of Mrs. Minnie Dial.

The first runners up were Mr. Robert Sampson, son of Mrs. Linda Sampson and Miss Amanda Oxendine, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. King Maynor. They are students of Mrs. Marie Prevatte's first grade and of Mr. Sanford Locklear's fifth grade.

The king and queen received a \$50.00 savings bond each and the runners-up received a wrist watch each from the school.



Sherry Wilkins, queen of Union Chapel School.



Darin Locklear and Sherry Wilkins, king and queen of Union Chapel School.



Pembroke Jaycee President Jimmy Goins, left, is shown with Jaycee of the Month of October. Goins is presenting the certificate to Ronnie Oxendine. (Bill Hunt photo)

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## wins Baby Beautiful



Kelli the fourteen month old daughter of Earl and Yvonne Wallace, won the "Baby Beautiful Pageant" on Nov. 7, 1981 at Bordeaux Motor Inn in Fayetteville, NC. She received two trophies, a banner, and a stuffed animal. The babies judged on a healthy, happy and overall beautiful baby.

The Pembroke Jaycees are climbing higher mountains than they have ever before because of new members such as Ronnie Oxendine of Pembroke, NC.

In a recent interview Ronnie said, "I've joined the Jaycees because I wanted to improve my life standards and I thought the Jaycees was the best place to start and I was right. The Jaycees have improved by environment, self image, attitude, faith in myself, my thoughts, goal setting, commitment and re evaluation."

Oxendine was also quoted as saying the Jaycee Creed states "We believe that faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life." Many people lack motivation because they don't have a purpose or don't know what they want to do and that was my problem, but the Jaycees have really helped me to realize I can do anything if I want to bad enough."

Ronnie has volunteered to work on many projects since he joined the Jaycees including the haunted house and the turkey shoot. The Pembroke Jaycees are helping Ronnie and they can be a great asset to any young man between the ages of 18-35.

The Jaycees can help to lay the foundation for one to be a great leader, and all the Pembroke Jaycees would welcome any young man to come and let the Jaycees help give them the courage to step out because with the Jaycee ingredients of a young man from this area may be a Senator one day, who knows. Bill Oxendine, external vice president said, "Ronnie has started and we are willing to assist him anyway possible to make his goals because service to humanity is the best work of life."

CAIRO, EGYPT -- President Anwar Sadat said recently the United States has been buying Soviet-made weapons from Egypt and flying them in American planes to anti-communist rebels in Afghanistan.

## Class of 1940 Reunion



Seven members of the class of 1940 at Pembroke Senior High School, the first class to graduate from the new building which is now Pembroke Junior High School met at Western Steer in Lumberton recently for an evening of reminiscing and remembering. Several of the ladies re-united after 41 years. Shown seated, left to right are

Helen [Emanuel] Hammonds of Lumberton; Latha Lowry Clay of Portland, Oregon; Ola Lee Jacobs Goins of Pembroke. Standing left to right are Sarah Louise Cummings of Pembroke; Lillian Woodell Locklear of Winston Salem; Hazel Chavis Brewington of Pembroke and Evelyn Locklear Cummings of Pembroke.

## Applications taken for Indian Fellowship Grant

The Educational Talent Search Program affiliated with LRDA has available applications for the Indian Fellowship Grant. Eligible fields of study are medicine law education, engineering, business administration, natural resources, related fields of study, including medicine, veterinary medicine, nursing, dentistry, optometry, clinical psychology, pharmacy, engineering, architecture, business administration, accounting, tribal administration.

public administration, natural resources, forestry, water shed management, range science, land use management, fisheries, environmental biology, geology, and oceanography.

If you have an questions or would like an application, contact Ms. Belinda Scott Harris, director of Talent Search at the office located in Pembroke, NC or call 521-8664.

by Sarah Lucas

### BALTIMORE TRIP AN EXCITING EXPERIENCE...

Last Thursday evening, November 12, Carnell Locklear, general manager of 'Strike at the Wind,' his lovely wife, Peggy, a friend, John Locklear, and myself traveled to Baltimore, Maryland to explore a number of possibilities, including a subscription drive for the Carolina Indian Voice in the Baltimore area. We visited with them for three days. It was a pleasurable trip, one in which we enhanced old friendships and made new ones. I call it the Baltimore experience.

### OUR BALTIMORE KIN...

The exodus to Baltimore by Lumbee Indians from Robeson and adjoining counties probably began during the Second World War when a number of Indians "from down home" as Robeson County is referred to, began to migrate to Baltimore, Maryland looking for work and greater opportunities. They tended to settle on the east side of the city, near the intersections of East Baltimore Street and Broadway. Since that time, a stable and identifiable community of between four and five thousand Indians has put down roots in this area. It's as if they had transplanted Robeson County on the streets of Baltimore. All of us who still live in Robeson County have relatives in Baltimore and vice versa. It is said that someone is in route either to Robeson County or Baltimore at just about any time of the day or night, either going or coming.

The focal point of the Indian community in Baltimore. Maryland is the Baltimore American Indian Center (formerly the American Indian Study Center). The executive director of the center is Earl Brooks, a native of Robeson County. His mother, Mrs. Lela Brooks, sister Maggie Lois Mercer and brothers, Larry and Dexter, still live in Pembroke. Another sister, Vivian, lives in Georgia.

Earl and his wife Lorraine and children Helen, Charles (Bucky) and Valina have been in the Baltimore area for 22 years. Helen and Bucky are both married and settled in the Baltimore area with their own families. Valina is a senior at Towson State.

But ties remain close between Baltimore and Robeson County. We met a number of folk "from down home" like Herbert Locklear (considered the founding father of the center there), Vonnice Oxendine, Jr., Sonny Jacobs, Carl Harding, Johnny Thompson and many others. We knew them all, or knew some of their folks down home in Robeson.

Earl Brooks was recently named chairman of the Maryland Indian Commission, also taking over from another Lumbee, Dr. Bobby Brayboy. The have made themselves an integral part of the Baltimore community.

Until recently dialogue and exchange between Baltimore and Robeson County was practically non-existent, but things are changing. Indians in Robeson County and Baltimore are reaching out to one another in a number of substantive ways. In a sense they are joining forces, enhancing the experience of each other.

The Lumbees in Baltimore face problems common to all those who move traumatically from a rural to an urban setting. A head count is hard to come by because of the constant movement of Lumbees from Robeson County to Baltimore and back again. But Mr. Brooks sees the city's Indian population as "low income, high school education or less, generally working in the seasonal construction trades and a few in industry, like Bethlehem Steel and General Motors..."

And now the wretched economy which some have termed "Reagonomics" has wrecked further havoc at the Baltimore American Indian Center which is located at 113 South Broadway. The center operates primarily on federal grants it receives as an independent Indian organization with a general administrative grant from the Office of Native American Programs as the center piece. Brooks, and other Indian leaders, are fighting to preserve the funding. If it is cut there is a general feeling that the Indians will suffer even more than their black and white counterparts because the center is a focal point, a community gathering place, a rallying point. A place where Indians can come together and iron out their problems and chart new directions.

The center, as all admit, is in dire danger of having to curtail its activities by at least one half because of federal budget cuts.

Earl Brooks is a pragmatist, a planner, a dreamer who knows how to put his dreams into motion. He and his associates at the center, like Barry Richardson, a Haliwa-Saponi, his assistant director, are branching out, trying out new ways of doing things, changing with the times. Brooks, for instance, wants the center to administer whatever funds are due the Indian community. At present a myriad of agencies and funding sources funnel funds to different segments of the community before the Baltimore American Indian Center receives them. He also talks about "hooking up" with other Indian agencies like Lumbee Regional Development Association in Pembroke and Indian organizations in and out of Maryland. He sees a more active role by the emerging Maryland Indian Commission.

Others like the South Broadway Baptist Church is branching out too. Led by the dynamic Rev. James Dial also a native "down home," the church has recently joined the Robeson County based Burnt Swamp Baptist Association. The church and center are close allies and jointly combat alcoholism, provide human services and recreational outlets for the Indian children and more.

## THE BALTIMORE EXPERIENCE!!

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### BALTIMORE INDIAN CENTER LEADS SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE IN BALTIMORE AREA

Responding to a suggestion by Earl Brooks, we recently traveled to Baltimore to meet with the Indians there. We were guests of Earl and his lovely wife, Lorraine and we were treated royally.

The Baltimore American Indian Center decided to join with us in initiating a subscription drive in the Maryland community. It works like this. The center is conducting the subscription drive and will receive \$3.00 for each subscription it sells. For instance, we have decided to push for 1,000 new subscribers in the Baltimore and greater Maryland area.

It is something we can do together. And it looks promising, indeed. In the near future we will be kicking off a new feature in the Carolina Indian Voice. A page of happenings from the Baltimore and Maryland Indian community called "News from the Indian community in Maryland" or some title similar to that. We are excited about it and the Baltimore American Indian Center is too.

It is a new coalition, a new way of doing things together. We'll keep you advised of how we are doing with it.

If you want to know more about it simply write the Baltimore American Indian Center, 113 South Broadway Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21231 or call 1-301-675-3535.

Maryland Indians, like the folks at home in Robeson County, will not develop political influence until they are united. The center seems to be a unifying force, a rallying of aspirations and dreams. We are glad to be a small part of "a little bit of Robeson County in Baltimore, Maryland."

Like all of us, the Indians in Maryland are a group of people craving for recognition, for a better life for themselves and their children. We are happy to be a small part of that shared experience.

-Bruce Barton

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