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PERIODICALS

Attorney Mark D. Locklear Joins Pembroke Firm



Attorney Mark D. Locklear
Mark D. Locklear, the son of Attorney Arnold Locklear and Dale Locklear was sworn in as an attorney and officer of the Court on Friday, October 11, at the Robeson County Courthouse.

of Locklear, Jacobs & Hunt, introduced Mr. Locklear to the Court. Superior Court Judge Dexter Brooks and Chief District Court Judge Herbert Richardson administered the oath.

Locklear graduated with honors from West Robeson High School in 1989. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Pembroke State University (now formally known as the University of North Carolina at Pembroke) in 1993. He was awarded his law degree from the Central University School of Law in 1996.

Locklear is a member of Smyrna Baptist Church. He is also the Sunday School teacher for the Youth ages 12-17. He resides in Pembroke and will be practicing law as an associate attorney with the law firm of Locklear, Jacobs & Hunt in Pembroke.

Pembroke Housing Authority Activities

Pembroke Housing Authority's "Helping Hands" 4-H Club awarded the following residents during the month of September with Yard of the Month. The winners were Vera Jones of 502-D Chavis Park; Nelvia Barnes Locklear of 404-B Maynor Manor; Betty Bullard of 754 Strickland Heights; Carrie Jacobs of 204-C Dial Terrace and Eleanor Oxendine of

600-B Locklear Court. The Yard of the Month is awarded each month by "Helping Hands" 4-H Club Lawn and Garden Committee.

For the month of December the Club will also awarding a special prize for the yard that has the best Christmas decorations. This will be one yard for all five Housing Developments.



Nelvia Barnes is shown at the Maynor Manor Yard of the Month



Carrie Jacobs won the Dial Terrace Yard of the Month.



Betty J. Bullard is shown at the Strickland Heights Yard of the Month.



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Steve Fuller Lowery Earns Bronze Palm

Steve Fuller Lowery, an Eagle Scout with Troop 27 of Pembroke, North Carolina recently earned his Bronze Palm. The Bronze Palm is the first award beyond the Eagle for a scout. Though there may be others, Steve is at least the second scout who has earned the Bronze Palm in Troop 27. Former Troop 27 member, Mr. Walter James Pinchbeck, Jr. received the Bronze Palm. He is the son of the late Walter James Pinchbeck, Sr. and Mrs. Bertha Pinchbeck. Steve Fuller Lowery earned the rank of Eagle on September 27, 1995 under the leadership of Scout Master Mr. Charles Jacobs and Assistant Scout Master Mr. Francis Pinchbeck. Steve is a member of the Youth Department at Bear Swamp Baptist Church, Pembroke, NC. Also, Steve is a sophomore at Purnell Swett High School and plays football and tennis. He is active in scouting and is currently working to earn the Gold Palm. Steve is the son of John Lewis and Jo Ann Chavis Lowery of Pembroke, North Carolina.



Vera Jones is shown in front of the Chavis Park Yard of the Month



Mr. Steve Tyner was selected as Purnell Swett's Teacher of the Year. He received first place among other competitors for the Robeson County Teacher of the Year. Mr. Tyner teaches drama. Shown left to right: Susan Blackman, a assistant principal, Steve Tyner, Wesley Revels, principal.

Job ready was a big success at Purnell Swett High School due to the efforts of faculty and community support. The purpose of job ready week was to emphasize the transition from school to work. Governor Hunt has mandated that all schools work on improving the quality of education by better preparing students for the workplace. Future success depends on present efforts in and out of the classroom.

Job ready week was organized so students could develop a better understanding of the importance of making the correct career choice. By providing speakers from various career areas, students were given a first hand look at the reality of the workplace. Various topics of interest were discussed.

The week began with an emphasis on law enforcement careers. Speakers from this area included: Judge Gary Locklear, Sheriff Glenn Maynor, Sgt. Randy Hammonds and Capt. Terry Harris. They were able to share highlights from their personal experience. Students were given a chance to ask questions about educational requirements, job requirements and how school can assist in preparing them for the workplace.

We would like to thank all of the speakers who helped make job ready a success. Other speakers included: Mr. Purnell Swett - Superintendent of Robeson County Public Schools, Darrell H. Strickland - Merrill Lynch,

Larry Chavis and Ken Freeman - Lumbee Bank, Randy Blackburn - CPA, Robert Wilkes - TLC Catering, Dr. Jeff Collins - Dentist, Barbara Popovec - Planetarium, Anthony Sealey and Frank Daughtrey - First Union Bank, Emmett Lombard - Serials Hall - EMS Director, Christy Strickland - Probation Officer, Harry Warrax - Employment Security Commission, Kathy Graham - NC Coop Extension Area Agent, Randall Jones - Director of Human Resources - EMC, Dr. Raymond Lee - Math Professor/UNC-P, Dr. David Brooks - Veterinarian, Dr. Joseph B. Oxendine - Chancellor/UNC-P, Alphonzo McRae - Public Schools of Robeson County, Dr. Kurt Kraus - Psychology Professor/UNC-P, Albert Kahn - Public Schools Media Dept., Dr. Diane Jones - UNC-P, Dr. Deb Preston - Psychology/Math Professor/UNC-P, Jimmy Blue - Quality Area Manager/Cambell Soup, Kenneth Russ - Owner/Operator-McDonald's, Dr. Oscar Patterson - Director of Telecommunications/UNC-P, Judge Frank Floyd - District Court Judge, Ronnie Sampson - Admissions/UNC-P, Dr. Joey Bell - Physician/UNC-P and James Hardin - Director of LRDA.

Job ready must continue in order for it to be truly successful. Through this event, we have established the beginning of a partnership with local businesses and community. We would like to thank everyone for their support.



Spiritual Gatherings Can Be A Learning Experience

by John "Tall Bird" Marshall, Lumbee

The "Fifth Annual Lumbee Fall Ceremonial" was held September 20th through 22nd, 1996 at the "North Carolina Indian Cultural Center", hosted by the "Lumbee Tribal Elders' Council".

Unfortunately, attendance was down due to other various local and state events. As a Lumbee, eager to learn and help preserve the traditional ways, I was disappointed in the fact that less than thirty (30) people were in attendance. I believe there were more in attendance from out of town and state rather than local Brothers and Sisters. The lack of local participation was most discouraging and a shame to the area Lumbee People.

We, as individuals, single parents, families, children, businesses, and yes..... Churches should support the Elders of all Tribes. In addition, we should support the "Spiritual Gatherings" and other Festivals that these men and women, so laboriously, plan and carry out.

For the past five (5) years, the "Elders' Council" has struggled to educate the young, middle-age, and elderly people in the traditional ways as passed down by our forefathers.

But, how can the Elders share their knowledge and wisdom with other Brothers and Sisters when only a few attend the events? How can the Elders educate our youth when we, as parents, do not accept the responsibility of seeing that our children are attending our "Spiritual Gatherings" and Festivals?

It is not the intent of the "Elder Council" to change anyone's religious beliefs; but to teach respect to the one Creator..... the one Father..... the one God, and truly the grandest

Father of all Fathers, the Grandfather. He is called by many names, but it is He that created Mother Earth, the Sun, the Moon, the Stars, the Waters, the Fowl of the air, the Vegetation, the Animals, and the People. The Earth is His gift to mankind; and it is our responsibility to take care of

and respect Her. Chief Seattle once said, "The Earth does not belong to us, we belong to the Earth."

No other culture in the world shows greater respect and connection to the Earth than the American Indian.

How can this tradition continue to exist if we take the "Don't Care" or "Don't Have Time" attitude? We, as individuals, as well as, communities are not supporting the events and activities planned by our Elders. Many children are not involved in our Tribe's Cultural Events.

I encourage all readers to obligate themselves and their family members to come out to the four (4) "Spiritual Gatherings" held each year at the Recreation Center.

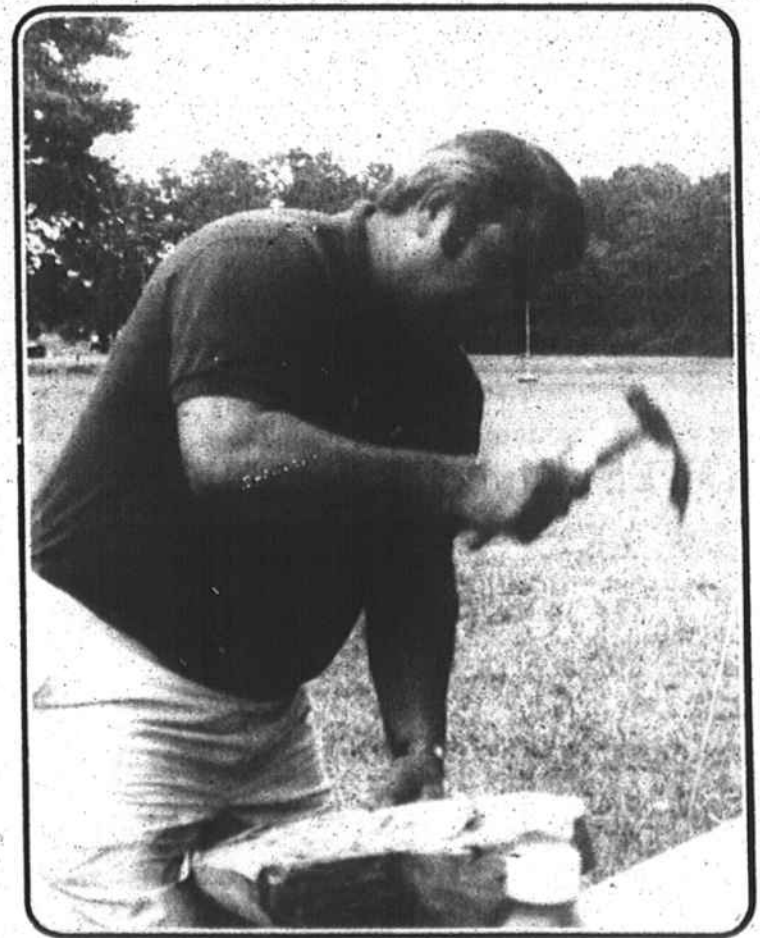
Now, let me share with you a little of what you may miss by not attending a "Spiritual Gathering".

Along with prayer within the "Sacred Circle", the days' events can consist of diverse activities such as trading, craft demonstrations, drumming, dancing, flute playing, making new friends, renewing old acquaintances, and an all day opportunity of talking with Elders concerning any matter that may rest upon your heart of mind. Listening to the Elders can net much knowledge concerning our Heritage and past Customs.

We were all very pleased with the appearance of Tuscarora Chief,

Elisha Locklear, who demonstrated how to carve a traditional bread bowl from a large block of Tupelo-Gum. Chief Locklear indicated that this was almost a lost art as he was unaware of anyone else in the area carving the traditional bread bowl. His bowls were very beautiful, and I hope to acquire one in the near future.

Chief Locklear also explained the Native American Calendar as found in the shell of the turtle. Count all the large scales on the top side of the shell, and you will find thirteen (13). Then, count all the small scales on



TUSCARORA CHIEF ELISHA LOCKLEAR IS SEEN CARVING BREAD BOWL FROM TUPELO GUM

the outer perimeter of the shell, and you find twenty-eight (28). The Native American Calendar is made up of thirteen (13) months with twenty-eight (28) days each. Thus, the turtle also represents the Calendar Year of Native Americans. Isn't that interesting? This is just a few examples of the many things one can learn at these Gatherings.

Elder Lynn D. "Beaver" Hunt, Lumbee, serves as Chairman of the "Lumbee Tribal Elders' Council". Beaver expressed gratification in the fact that the environment provides the moral atmosphere needed for both

the young and old alike. Beaver strongly believes in the educating of our small children to our Culture, our Past, Present, and Future.

As many Tribes have a Holy Man of Medicine Man, it was felt that the Lumbee Tribe needed a Spiritual Leader to fill a similar need. Therefore, Elder Earl "Many Skins" Carter, Lumbee was appointed as "The Keeper" in 1992 by the Executive Staff of the "North Carolina Indian Cultural Center". Many

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