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In search of her roots

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The other problem in trying to trace my ancestors is that no one in my family, especially the older members, would talk about them. They tried to hush it up, most likely, because they were Indian. Maybe black, for all I know!

You've probably read our local Indian newspaper titled "Talking Leaf." I've written several times in the paper regarding the millions of Americans with American Indian ancestry, who don't even know it, and many don't want to know it.

I never thought about him being Lumbee until I read this article in the Times by our staff writer, Bryce Nelson. So, if there is some place where records on Lumbee ancestors are kept, kindly let me know so I can trace my great grandfather Kirkman.

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According to Scripture

Evangelist Ted Brooks Box 339 Pembroke, N.C. 28372

And His name, through faith in his name hath made this man strong. Acts 3:16.

This week I feel led to continue with faith. We have read God's word and know he is a prayer answering God. Now we have a small group of people who will tell you today that God is not a healer. The people who believe and practice this religion, you see.

This should not bother you because Christ was here on earth he healed the blind and the lame. And Christ said, "I go, but greater work shall ye do in my name." The Pharisees blasphemed Jesus also when he healed the people in Matt. 12:24.

The Pharisees said this fellow does not cast out demons but by Beelzebub, the Prince of the Devil. You see, even then his praying for the sick was called the works of Satan. But Jesus said that he cast the Devils out by the spirit of God. Matt. 12:28.

In the 31st verse Jesus said all manner of sickness would be forgiven except blasphemy of the Holy Ghost for it is an unpardonable sin for you have ascribed to Satan the works of the Holy Ghost. The Lord Jesus said you would gag at a goat and swallow a camel. Matt. 23:24.

It is alright for a brother or the preacher to take another man's wife and leave town, but don't let any brother be caught praying for the sick. You may occasionally get a little drunk, but to you that is alright. Well, this week as before, I give you God's word. Not Brother Brooks' word, but God's word.

Paul said in Roman 5:1 that we being justified by faith we have peace with God. The only way we have access to God is by faith into his name. Paul said in Romans 15:13, "With the hope of God fill you with peace and joy in believing when Paul was in despair and had trouble." Paul said, "persecuted, but not forsaken, cast down, but not destroyed, always up." Not some time, Paul said, but always "bearing about in the body of Jesus that his life be made manifest in our mortal flesh."

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Pembroke Town Manager McDuffie Cummings has registered a forceful complaint against two North Carolina Highway Patrolmen, Hubert Covington and T.J. Evelyn. The trial, centered around the arrest of O'Neil Oxendine, an Indian from the Pembroke area, began Tuesday afternoon and is set to resume Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

I was asked to appear in court by defense attorney Henry W. Oxendine. He had earlier asked me to take and develop some photos of Oxendine. He did indeed have contusions and bruises on his face and, according to the amount of gauze on the back of his head, a gaping hole. I mused, at the time, that it is difficult to get hit in the back of one's head. A person would either have to be running away or be shackled and thrown face down on the ground to receive such a wound. Oxendine looked like he had been put through the veritable meat grinder. Someone had whipped upon his head in a serious and protracted manner.

McDuffie Cummings is a mild mannered man I have never known him to act capriciously. He is a serious and courteous man, and an elder in his church. I tend to believe him when he says that the two troopers acted in more than a forceful manner to restrain and handcuff Oxendine while performing their duties. Cummings seemed to be quite upset that the violence displayed by the troopers took place in front of his minor children.

In conversation with the troopers they said, in my presence, "We have something in store for Mr. Cummings." I heard later that they intended to tell in court that Cummings had a number of traffic violations. I hope that is the "surprise" they have in store for him. Cummings contends that the troopers have, since the incident, harassed him and followed him and parked in front of his house while allegedly maintaining a traffic check. That's scary.

Too, T.J. Evelyn said to me, and a number of area newsmen, that "Some people are trying to say that this is a case of racism; it just ain't so. What do you expect when over 90% of the people are Indian?" Evelyn seemed surprised when I told him that Indians make up less than a third of the total population in Robeson County.

After sitting through Tuesday's session of Lumber District Court, I can understand why Evelyn might think 90% of the people in the county are Indians. The only people tried in Tuesday's session of Lumber District Court were Indians and Blacks. Not single white was tried Tuesday afternoon.

Now I know Judge Charles McLean will say, in essence, "One afternoon don't make a fair reading of who's tried in district court." Judge McLean will probably also vow that he is not a sociologist. He is a judge. He tries, I presume, whoever is brought before him accused of a crime. The only Indians I saw in court Tuesday afternoon were Sheriff's deputy Gary Locklear, two Indian probation officers, attorney Henry W. Oxendine, and Indians and Blacks being tried or waiting to be tried for sundry crimes. There are no Indians or Blacks, to my knowledge, in District Attorney Joe Freeman Britt's office either.

Like I say, maybe it was a mere coincidence. Maybe the whites were tried Tuesday morning. I only know that Indians and Blacks were tried Tuesday afternoon. I was there.

Justice in Robeson County is a scary thing for Indians and Blacks. And justice seemingly is reserved for dark skinned folk.

When a mild mannered fellow like McDuffie Cummings becomes incensed, I suspect that things are not like they ought to be. Anyway, the trial resumes Friday afternoon.

The Oxendine incident is not the first complaint I have heard concerning highway patrolmen. Indians talk quite frequently among themselves about what they consider harassment, intimidation, brutality, and discourteous treatment by law enforcement officials. Most of the complaints I have heard concern the highway patrol. Maybe they send their problem troopers to Robeson County as punishment. I don't know about that. I only know that justice is not even handed in Robeson County.

It's scary and sad. Citizens should feel comfortable around law enforcement officials. I do not, and many Indians have told me that they are a wee bit afraid and intimidated by the guys in blue. That's sad. A law enforcement official should evoke feelings of safety and well being from the citizenry.

Still, it is not the kind of thing one wants to talk about out loud. Suppose a burglar man goes to McDuffie Cummings' house, or my house, or yours to do you wrong? Should you call for help? Would the guys in blue be slow in responding to a distress call to McDuffie Cummings' home? I hope not.

Still, Cummings is mad as a setting hen about the whole thing. He says, "someone has to stand up. Enough is enough. I will not allow the likes of Trooper Evelyn to make the streets and highways of my community unsafe for me and my children." I believe that all of us agree with him.

Whatever happens in Oxendine's trial Friday, some ugly questions have been raised by McDuffie Cummings. I hope the responsible officials will answer them in a forthright and honest and compassionate manner.

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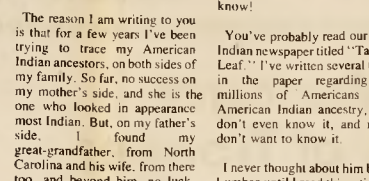
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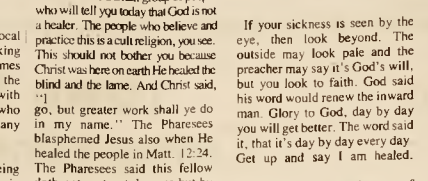
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Mrs. Rockie J. Locklear honored on 89th birthday

Said her daughter, Mrs. Violet Locklear, "Just say we love our mother very much and we thank God that she is still with us."

Mrs. Rockie Jane Locklear, one of the matriarchs of the Mt. Airy Community, was honored with a birthday celebration at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duck Locklear after church services at Mt. Airy Baptist Church, Sunday.

All of her children were present to share the "good home cooking" and birthday cake with her. They are: Rev. Sanford Locklear, Mr. James B. Locklear, Mr. Henry Lee Locklear, Mrs. Nancy Jones, Mrs. Sarah Clark, Mrs. Goldie Lowry, Mrs. Violet Locklear and Mrs. Odessa Locklear and their families.

Rev. Kelly Sanderson, pastor of Mt. Airy Baptist Church, and his wife were also delighted to be able to share the special occasion with his longtime parishioner.

Other guests were Rev. James Ellis Oxendine, Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Lowery, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Locklear, Jr. and daughter, Mrs. Mary F. Maynor, Mrs. Gladys Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Locklear, Mr. Emory Locklear, Mrs. Annie Ruth Maynor, Mrs. Emma Locklear and Mr. Bruce Barton.

Everyone shared the happy moment and the special prayer, "welcome home, Miz Rockie Jane and happy birthday!"

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And I say unto you... sick, "Stand up and... lean not on the... understanding but... everlasting arms of Jesus... I am a firm believer... John said in 5:4 "Who... formed of God overcom... world; and this is the... overcometh the world... faith." If you are born... son, Jesus, then you ha... over the devil, Satan de... cannot have victory ov... people say the Lord gi... If God got you sick, y... need to go to a doctor... be made well, so stay... save your money if th... you sick and you belie... stand by your conviction... you trust Jesus, then c... name and say Lord I... all I have and now... you. You said in your... was healed, now I. I... the name of Jesus. I... resist this sickness in... You said, Lord, for... nigh unto you and the... flee. I claim my fellow... you Jesus, I will not... around by satan anymo... good health. You said... things you wished that... prosper and be in good... John 12:28. As God... and if you can't belie... don't know how you be... 3:16. The same John... above verse, the very... was in there begging... of it. If he would be... he would lie in it. Bu... said God was truth and... and his word would se... Are you free? Do you... the arm. Lord, more... have a pain or hurt? Ju... be your helper. Don't... are sick and then star... Every day you should... for his divine protectio... Lord from this day for... your protection over m... my children, my wife... father, mother, neigh... Jesus' name. Watch... Lord, day and night... children are away from... please. I will not let... sickness, or what ever... you are sufficient to... and my friends desire...

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When the woman in the Bible who had a blood disease and had suffered at the hand of the physician she said, "If I may but touch his garment, I shall be made whole." She had heard of his name and she had faith. If she could only touch and when she did touch Jesus, he spoke to her. He said, "Daughter, be of good comfort, thy faith hath made thee well." Luke 8:48.

If you are his daughter or his son, you too can touch him for you are told by Christ not to fear him, but to believe only and we shall be made well through the name of Jesus. You can have your own, if you believe. I have given you Webster's dictionary or a book from a sermon school, but I have used God's holy word which he said would stand. I have not turned his word around to suit you and I. But it is his word and God does not lie. I have not tried to build on another foundation for there is no other to build on. If

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