

Congratulations CLASS OF '77

ROBESON COUNTY, N.C.

... A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE

PUBLISHED EACH THURSDAY

THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

Dedicated to the best in all of us



VOLUME 5 NUMBER 23
Publication No. 975380

PEMBROKE, NC

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1977

15¢ PER COPY

MISS LUMBEE, LINDA GAIL LOCKLEAR, TO BE HONORED BY SEND-OFF SUNDAY

NEW MEMBERS ON ROBESON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The N.C. State Board of Elections named the county boards of election Tuesday. They will be sworn in June 21.

Named to seats on the Robeson County Board of Elections are Carmel Locklear, Indian; Rev. Charles McDowell, Black; and Ray Revels, white.

For the first time in four years, the Robeson County Board of Elections will be manned by a majority of democrats, since two members of the three member board reflects the party affiliation of the governor of the state.

Revels, the Republican on the board, is the incumbent chairman. He is expected to be replaced by one of the two democrats, most likely by Rev. Charles McDowell, the Black.

people and places and things

TO STUDY ABROAD

Fourteen teachers across North Carolina are brushing up on Japanese history and mastering the nimble art of chopsticks these days in preparation for six weeks of travel in Japan to study that island nation's handicrafts.

Included is Harold B. Locklear, Prospect High School, Route 3, Maxton, N.C. 28364. Harold is married to the former Laura Faye Lowery of Pembroke, N.C. They have two (2) children. Harold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garner Locklear of Route 3, Maxton, N.C.

Chosen to represent all regions of the state, the teachers expect to meet 12 of Japan's "Living National Treasures," elderly artisans skilled in weaving, pottery and other crafts.

The teachers are scheduled to fly to Tokyo on June 15 with Dr. Joseph DiBona, an associate professor of education at Duke University, and William K. Stars, director of Duke's art museum.

Teachers making the trip have been attending week end orientation sessions at Duke for presentations of Japanese history, customs and language by Duke faculty members familiar with Japan.

PLEASANT GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CELEBRATES "SPECIAL DAY"

The congregation at Pleasant Grove observed a very special day on Sunday, May 29, 1977. The guest speaker for the worship hour was the Reverend Simeon F. Cummings, Coordinator of Ministry Outreach, Raleigh, N.C. During the worship service there were eight persons who received membership into the Church on Profession of faith. Also, Mr. Cummings presented, on behalf of the Division of Missions, to Mr. Harvey Lowry, Jr., Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, a grant for \$8,000. The grant is to be used in the erection of a new fellowship hall.

The pastor, Simeon Dufrene Cummings, stated that it was a very commendable worship hour.

V.F.W. NOTICE

V.F.W. Meeting of Locklear Lowry Post 2843 of Pembroke, N.C. The regular monthly meeting at the Post Home on the Union Chapel Highway, will be Monday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m.

All members are asked to attend. Supper will be served.
Submitted by Monroe Lowry, Post Commander.

"RED BREST" CONTEST SLATED

The Burnt Swamp Jaycees are sponsoring a "Red Brest" Contest. Cash prizes will be awarded for the 3 largest Red Breasts caught during June 1-July 1, 1977. Tickets may be purchased and weigh-ins verified at Woodell Grocery in Union Chapel; Fort Seaboard in Pembroke; Lumbee Parks and Recreation in Red Banks and Farmers' Superette on Highway 72.

ROBESON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION JUNE 18

The Robeson County Democratic Party will hold its Annual Convention on Saturday, June 18th, 12:00 Noon at the Robeson County Court House (Superior Court Room), in Lumberton.

The Keynote Address will be delivered by the Honorable Carl J. Stewart, Jr. Speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives. Speaker Stewart, from Gastonia, North Carolina represents the 38th District in the House of Representatives.

County Party Chairman, Dr. E.B. Turner states that Precinct Chairman and Vice Chairmen from all County Precincts are expected to be present with Democrats from all Precincts.

The Chairman also urges the attendance of all Robeson County Democratic Women, Robeson County Y.D.C. and Robeson County Teen-Deem.

Present for the Convention also will be the State Senator L.J. Britt, Jr., Representatives Joy J. Johnson, David Parnell and Horace Locklear, and County and City Democratic Office Holders.

Special awards will be made for outstanding service to the County Party.

MISS NORTH CAROLINA PAGEANT FINALS TO BE SELL-OUT

With still two weeks to go before the Pageant, seats for the Coronation Performance on Saturday night, June 18 are almost gone.

"There are less than 100 tickets left," said Associate Director Ray Snider, "and traditionally the most tickets are sold in the final days before the show." There are some good seats still free for the preliminary performances. "Those wishing to purchase tickets should do so immediately." Tickets only can be obtained through the Arts line. The Arts Council Box Office by calling (919) 723-1666 between 9 and 5, Monday through Friday.

The reason for the early sell-out is the fact that Reynolds Auditorium, site of this year's Pageant seats only 2100. That's almost half the number of seats in last year's location, the Winston-Salem Memorial Coliseum.

The fifty contestants from across the state will compete in Swimsuit, Evening Gown, Interview and Talent Competition. A new Miss North Carolina will be crowned Saturday night. The finals will be televised state-wide through the facilities of WGHP-TV High Point.

LOCALS GRADUATE FROM UNC-CHARLOTTE

CHARLOTTE-Four Robeson Cou. v students have been named to the Chancellor's List for the spring semester at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

They are: Ruby L. Goodman, Shannon; William Hutaff, III, Lumberton; Charles C. Oxendine, Rowland; and Grant M. Strawcuter of Lumberton.

To qualify for the list a student must maintain a "B" average and make no grade lower than a "C".

MARYLAND GRADUATE FROM ROBESON

BALTIMORE, Md.-Linda Faye Johnson of Rowland was one of 224 students of the School of Social Work and Community Planning of the University of Maryland at Baltimore (UMAB) who graduated at the commencement exercises June 3.

Ms. Johnson was awarded the MSW degree. She plans to attend law school and specialize in native American Indian rights. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Johnson of Pembroke. Ms. Johnson was graduated from Pembroke High School and Pembroke State University.

★★★★★★
See Commencement
Dates, Etc. on
Page 9
★★★★★★

PEMBROKE--Linda Gail Locklear, Miss Lumbee 1976 will be honored at a send-off Sunday, June 12 at the Town Park beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies for the event will be McDuffie Cummings, who serves as Town Manager of Pembroke.

Other speakers scheduled are Mayor Reggie Strickland, presenting the welcome, and Rev. Milford Oxendine, pastor of Sandy Plains Methodist Church, giving the invocation.

Remarks will be made by Pembroke Jaycees President, Randall Jones, and Jaycees President, Joyce Cummings, and representatives from other civic organizations.

Presenting the introduction of the 1977 Miss Lumbee contestants will be Kenneth Maynor, Executive Director of Lumbee Regional Development Association.

Following the introduction of the 1977 contestants, Miss Lumbee will present the closing remarks.

Miss Lumbee will be leaving after the send-off to compete in the Miss N.C. Pageant in Winston Salem which will be televised Saturday night, June 18. She will be accompanied by her chaperone, Ms. Florence Ransom.

Her week will be spent preparing for the preliminary judging which will begin Wednesday night and the final judging on Saturday night.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the send-off on Sunday which will be sponsored by the Town of Pembroke.

Local Residents Attend Ballet

Mrs. Joyce Cadle, her daughters Nena and Siann, and their neighbor Jimmy Jo Locklear attended a performance of the internationally famous Stuttgart Ballet on June 3rd at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. The program included the American Premiere of the sensitive and moving ballet Daphne by William Forsythe. The high point of the

evening was the Cadles' reunion with Mark Neal, a soloist with the Stuttgart and their introduction to the company's director and prima ballerina, Marcia Hayd'ee. Mr. Neal began his ballet studies with Mrs. Cadle in Gettysburg, Pa. On the trip home they visited the Petersburg, Va. battlefield and friends in Hopewell, Va.

A Successful Tenure At Intertribal School

Jon Locklear, in the completion of his second year at Intermountain School, Brigham City, Utah, has reaped several honors there.

On May 9, Jon was honored at a Citizenship Banquet. "To obtain this honor, Jon's citizenship excelled above that normally expected of a student as evidenced by the accumulation of 45 positive merit points." This statement was made by Mr. David Burch, school superintendent, in a letter to Jon's mother, Mrs. Louise Brooks of Pembroke. Jon was elected President of the Student Council for the coming year, which will be his senior year. Jon has also excelled in a number of sports at Intermountain. He played Basketball in the National All-Indian Finals competition. He also excels in basketball, football, and baseball which is his favorite sport.

Attending a Bureau of Indian Affairs Boarding School has made Jon very aware of what federal recognition means. He is the only Lumbee Indian to attend a BIA Boarding School. Many Lumbees feel that the lack of federal recognition has no significance to Lumbees. Jon feels differently. Although excited about his election as president of the student council, Jon is also worried that the other students will find out that he is not a federally-recognized Indian. Jon believes that this would be very detrimental. Said Jon, "If they ever found out, I just wouldn't go back."

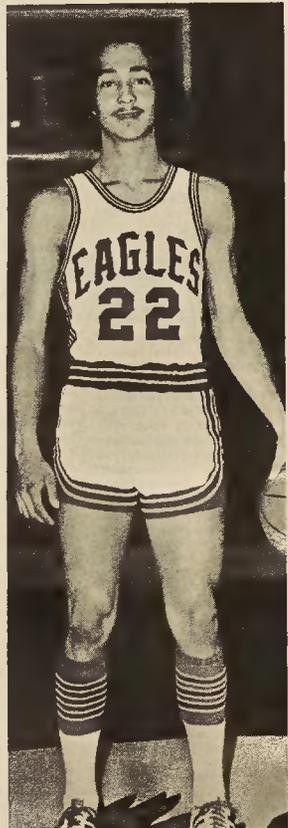
Jon is very proud of being an Indian, but he feels that being non-federally recognized puts him at a considerable disadvantage. He feels it would be difficult for him to explain to his classmates why his people, the largest group of Indians East of the Mississippi River, are not considered "real" Indians by the United States Government. One disadvantage for Jon is that he, he believes, the only one of 850 students at Intermountain who must pay tuition. If Jon were on a tribal roll of a federally-recognized tribe, he would be allowed to attend school free of charge. Although \$400 a semester is a small price to pay for the educational opportunities that are offered him, Jon is finding it hard to accept the difference the

government makes in federally and non-federally recognized Indians.

Said Jon, "I am just as much Indian as anyone there, but I cannot enjoy the same benefits they can. I wish that the people would get concerned and do something. I want other Lumbees, even those who can't afford the tuition, to have an opportunity to attend a BIA School. There is such a wide range in curriculum, you just wouldn't believe it."

He then described life at Intermountain. The campus is larger than the Pembroke State University campus. The students who live on campus, have their own bowling alley, pool room, an olympic sized swimming pool, and their own movie house. The school operates on a merit system. A student may obtain as many merit points as he wishes by doing extra clean-up duty, etc. Jon is especially touched by the concern shown by the staff and administration, especially the coaches, who have a genuine interest in the students even when they are not participating in sports. Said Jon, "They really care what happens to us."

Jon enrolled at Intermountain School the first year, two years ago, it became an inter-tribal school. Until that time each tribe had their own school. Intermountain School has 101, counting the Lumbee, tribes represented in their student enrollment. Although the administration is aware that Jon is not from a federally-recognized tribe, they make little difference in him and the other students. He has to pay his expenses when he comes home, but the school pays for his transportation back to school. It is Jon's dream that the educational opportunities of Intermountain be readily available to other Indians. He is very excited about the vocational program at Intermountain. He has taken such courses as photography, small engine repair, and off-set printing. Said he, "there are many many courses offered in the vocational field, but a student must also take his required subjects, such as English." Jon also won an award in English while there. He is another example that a Lumbee can excel in any given situation.



Jon Locklear, the first Lumbee Indian to attend a Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school, is shown in his basketball uniform as a member of the team at Intermountain Intertribal School.



Linda Gail Locklear
MISS LUMBEE 1976

Pembroke Mayor to Assume State Position

New PSU Dean of Student Affairs



Mayor Reggie Strickland



Dr. Gerald Maynor

Dr. Gerald Maynor has been named by Chancellor English E. Jones to be Dean of Student Affairs at Pembroke State University. Dr. Maynor fills the vacancy created by Dr. James B. Chavis being named Ombudsman for the State of North Carolina.

Dr. Maynor, a graduate of PSU, and holder of a doctorate in education from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, resides in Pembroke with his wife, Annie Ruth, and their four daughters. A son is in the military service. Dr. Maynor is the son of the late Mr. Juddie Maynor and Mrs. Mary Frances Maynor of Pembroke.

Dr. Maynor, before being named dean of student affairs, served as Director of Development and Public Affairs at PSU. Dr. Maynor also has served in the department of education as an instructor and as director of student teaching.

WILL BECOME EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER JULY 1, 1977

Pembroke Mayor Reggie Strickland will assume a new job with the North Carolina Department of Transportation effective July 1, 1977. Mayor Strickland has been employed at Pembroke State University as assistant manager of the Student Stores on campus.

Mayor Strickland, his wife Edith, and their four children, reside in Pembroke and are members of Mt. Airy Baptist Church.

Mayor Strickland will continue as mayor of Pembroke.