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## N.C. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Begins Fund Raising For Rozell O. Hunt

RALEIGH-The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, in its role as an advocate for the rights of Indian people, is supporting a Fund Drive to raise bail money for Rozell Oxendine Hunt.

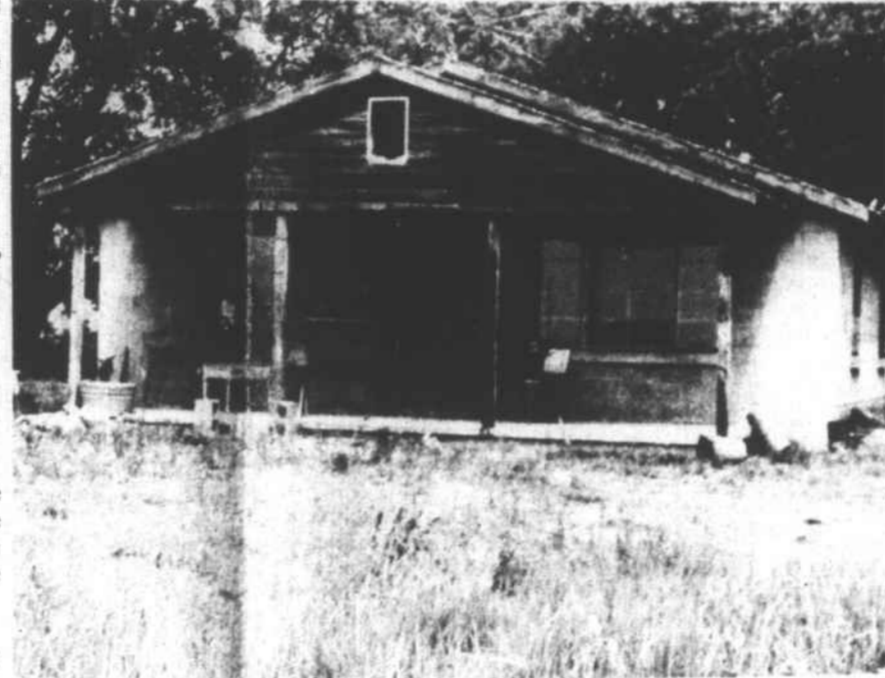
Rozell Hunt is a Lumbee woman who has eleven children. She has been in

prison for more than four years, having been convicted of 1st degree murder in 1974.

Because of the unfairness of her first trial, Rozell Hunt has been granted a new trial, which will be held in September. Bail has been set at

\$30,000. Rozell Hunt's story will be told in more detail next week, but, in the meantime, contributions may be sent to: **The Rozell Hunt Fund** C/O N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs P.O. Box 27228 Raleigh, N.C. 27611

## Pembroke Housing Authority Lends Assistance to Miz' Ella



The old home place shows the wear and tear of two burnings and age. Miz' Ella Locklear has moved to one of the new apartments designed for folk in need like Miz' Ella.

By Bruce Barton

PEMBROKE-Recently I accompanied Clinton Thomas, Jr., Pembroke's energetic director of housing, to a visit to "Miz' Ella" Locklear's new residence in Chavis Park, where the authority's low rent housing developments.

"Why," Miz' Ella said, "I helped raise that boy (me) and taught him how to work in tobacco and pick cotton." And she laughed heartily.

"Miz' Ella" has fallen on hard times since we were neighbors back in the 50's and 60's. She has been burned out twice on the old home place where her two sons continue to reside.

But Miz' Ella, now 63 and slowed a little bit, needs help. Said Thomas, "Miz' Ella is who the housing development was built and designed for. She is our responsibility."

And Miz' Ella appreciates it. Said she, "they have been mighty nice to me. I am glad to have my nice little apartment." The authority provided supportive service to Miz' Ella through its community services department, helping her through the problems of moving and relocating to a strange



Mrs. Ella Locklear

environment...but she's already at home noting that a childhood acquaintance "lives right up the road."

Miz' Ella was married to the late Leak Locklear, a farmer and brother of Governor Locklear (also deceased) who was the first Indian doctor of medicine back in the 30s.



Shows (left to right) during the presentation at Pembroke's Town Hall were Bundy R. Locklear, Clarence F. Locklear, Roderick Locklear, Garth Locklear, Pembroke Mayor Reggie Strickland, Rev. C.E. Locklear, Vera D. Malcolm, Anne St. John, William C. Locklear.

## Carlton Eyes Robeson Case

RALEIGH -- J. Phil Carlton, secretary of the department of Crime Control and Public Safety, plans to personally take a look into an internal highway patrol investigation of the beating of an Indian by two patrolmen last year.

Carlton's comments came after

Pembroke Town Manager McDuffie Cummings said last week he watched Oneal Oxendine beaten last year but neither he nor Oxendine were questioned during the patrol investigation of the incident.

"I plan to look into that part, personally," Carlton said. "I don't un-

derstand that. Obviously, you should interview the complainant."

The two troopers, Thomas J. Evelyn and Hubert L. Covington Jr. were cleared by the probe of allegations of using excessive force after charging Oxendine with drunken driving following his arrest in front of Cummings' house.

Demery also reportedly had had a recent altercation with his brother at the Pembroke Fire Department. Demery's brother is Pembroke's assistant fire chief.

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## Indians March into Washington



Mayor Reggie Strickland, shown at a Pembroke rally last week reads a proclamation of support for 'the Longest Walk.'

WASHINGTON--Spurred on by war cries and tom-toms, "Longest Walk" marchers entered the nation's capital Saturday to begin a week-long demonstration aimed at preserving their rights.

"We are the original people of this country," Philip Deer, a march organizer, told the estimated 2,500 marchers at their first stop, a rally in Malcolm X Park.

Actor Marlon Brando joined the Indians at the park, saying President Carter should not criticize human rights policies of foreign nations while the government continues to oppress Indians in the United States.

The Indians and their supporters marched past the White House and converged on capital mall near the Washington Monument to officially end their 2,700 mile coast-to-coast trek. Participants said "about two dozen" protesters walked the entire distance with others joining in for shorter segments.

Indians entered the city park in a solemn procession, headed by an Indian carrying the peace pipe that had been with the marchers since the walk began in San Francisco Feb. 11 to call attention to anti-Indian "backlash" legislation pending in Congress.

An honor guard, beating a ceremonial drum, marched along side the pipe carrier. The marchers plan to present the pipe to White House officials next week.

The marchers carried the flags of several Indian nations - the Algonquin, Cheyenne, Pueblo and the United Indians of New England.

Bystanders, including many blacks, raised their arms in clenched fist salutes as the flags passed.

Deer, who was introduced as "the grandfather of this movement," led the rally with a prayer.

"We are the original of the people of this country," he said to cheers and loud war cries. "We are the original residents of the Western Hemisphere."

He said the prayer would be for all mankind.

"We will pray for this confused society; we will pray for the FBI informers in our midst. For our

drummed up continuing support for the march. Dial recently returned from the encampment and left last night to join the others in Washington, D.C., on the government's door step.

Dial, at a press conference Tuesday afternoon, lauded the spiritual nature of "the Longest Walk," noting that spiritual leaders "East and West" met and joined in brotherhood and unity on the walk.

Dial also said, "This is a peaceful march. There are no firearms. There is tight security."

## Family Of First Indian Mayor Presents Portrait

A portrait of Rev. C.E. Locklear was recently presented, by his family, to the Honorable Reggie Strickland, Mayor of Pembroke, to be placed in the Pembroke Town Hall.

Rev. Locklear was the first Indian Mayor of Pembroke and served in that capacity from 1948 to 1954.

In 1919 Rev. Locklear began his life's work in the ministry when he became pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church. Since that time he has served as pastor of the following Baptist churches: Mt. Moriah, Ten Mile Center, New Bethel (Sampson County), New Hope (Bladen County), Antioch, Reedy Branch, Harpers Ferry, Burnt Swamp, Oak Grove, Gray Pond (Scotland County), Union and Piney Grove. Rev. Locklear served two terms as Moderator of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, 1950-51 and 1958-59. Today, at the age of 81, Rev. Locklear continues his work in the ministry as pastor of New Hope Baptist Church.

He was married to the late Annie L. Locklear and they are the parents of 12 children. Eight of their children graduated from Pembroke State University and one from Tulsa University (Oklahoma). Two of these have earned Master's degrees, one from Western Carolina University and one from Appalachian University. The following is a list of their children and their occupations: Anne St. John, teacher, Guilford County; William C. Locklear, teacher, Maxton City Schools; Gracie L. Griffin, teacher, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Lock B. Locklear, teacher, Bucks County, Pa.; Clarence F. Locklear, guidance counselor, Robeson County Schools; Robert L. Locklear, Carnation Milk Co., Tulsa, Oklahoma; Gerlene Locke, teacher, Clearwater, Fla.; Joel G. Locklear, police officer, Robeson County Sheriff's Dept.; Vera D. Malcolm, teacher, Robeson County Schools; Bundy R. Locklear, teacher, Robeson County Schools; Roderick G. Locklear, Dept. HEW, Washington, D.C.; Timothy A. Locklear, diesel mechanic, Bound Brook, N.J.

As the march made its way through Washington streets, people shouted encouragement from high-rise apartment windows and front porch rockers in dialects that changed as the Indians marched through black and then spanish neighborhoods.

A contingent of approximately 40 Indians accompanied "the Longest Walk" to Washington, lending local support. A number of local Indian people are encamped in Washington, D.C. as the week long protest continues.

A rally was held in Pembroke's town park last night as Harold Dial, one of the local coordinators, and others

## NATIVE AMERICANS FOR FEDERAL RECOGNITION OFF SHOOT OF 'THE LONGEST WALK'

PEMBROKE--Harold Dial, one of the local coordinators for 'the Longest Walk' now encamped in Washington, D.C. returned to Pembroke Tuesday for a press conference to boost continuing support for the protest movement. A rally, featuring a number of local Indian leaders, was held last night in Pembroke's town park. Dial and other supporters of "the Longest Walk" returned to the encampment following the rally last night.

At a press conference Tuesday, Dial called the trek "Spiritual... like a prayer. The people are praying--no alcohol, drugs, or firearms are allowed in camp."

"This is the first time that Eastern and Western Elders have met spiritually and come together."

Approximately 40 Indians from Robeson County took part in the spiritual journey, including Kever Locklear, representing the Tuscarora, Ed Chavis and others.

Dial said "one of the really good things to come out of this is the Native American Coalition for Federal Recognition which was formed in Washington." Dial hopes the coalition will have an emphasis on the young Indians.

## Pembroke Town Policeman Dismissed

PEMBROKE-Pembroke's Town Manager reported to the town council Monday night that he has dismissed Anthony Chavis, a three year veteran of the Pembroke Police Department. The charges were conduct unbecoming an officer and insubordination.

Chavis appeared before the board in executive session, as did detectives William Johnson and Roland Collins of the Robeson County Sheriff's Dept.

Chavis's dismissal stemmed from an incident involving Harold Dean Demery, a prisoner being transported to the Robeson County Jail after being convicted in Pembroke District Court for a number of traffic violations, including driving without a driver's license and careless and reckless driving. According to Ernest Demery, father of the convicted man, Demery received 8 months and was to be assigned to a youthful offender's camp where, according to his family, "hopefully, he can get some help."

Town Manager, McDuffie Cummings, in an interview, stated that he saw Chavis beating Demery "in the back of the sheriff's deputy car." Demery had torn out a sign in the Pembroke jail before the deputies arrived to take him to Robeson County Jail and was, according to everyone involved or present, "in a rage."

While waiting outside the council chamber Monday night, a number of local law enforcement officials, including Chavis, noted that they had had trouble with Demery before, including Sheriff's Deputy Ray Strickland who recalled that he was hit in the head once with a soft drink bottle by Demery. Strickland also recalled that Demery had once taken the keys to his auto and had cut them in two.

Demery also reportedly had had a recent altercation with his brother at the Pembroke Fire Department. Demery's brother is Pembroke's assistant fire chief.

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