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## ROBESON COUNTY INDIAN YOUTH FESTIVAL "A ROUSING SUCCESS"

LUMBERTON-The annual Robeson County Youth Festival concluded Friday night with an old fashioned talent show. Organizers and the audience termed it "a rousing success."

The festival, sponsored by the Indian Education Project of the Robeson County Schools, drew large crowds throughout the three days of the festivities.

Ruth Dial Woods, the director of the Indian Education Project, thanked everyone who participated and promised "bigger things" next year.

A prominent speaker addressed the audience each day. Speakers included Sara W. Hodgkins, secretary of the Department of Human Resources;

Arlinda Locklear, a staff attorney with the Native American Rights Fund in Denver, Colorado; and Dr. Bobby Brayboy, of the U.S. Health and Human Resources in Washington, D.C.

Other activities included a pow wow, cultural activities and craft displays.

A highlight of the festival was the talent show Friday night m.c.ed by the irrepressible Carnell Locklear, general manager of "Strike at the Wind!"

Appearing on the talent show were Willie Lowery, Miriam Oxendine, Brigitte Brayboy (Miss Lumbee), the Lumbee River Singers and Dancers, Little Miss Lumbee (April Locklear), and others.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

### REVIVAL AT HOPEWELL

Hopewell Holiness Methodist Church, Route 1, Rowland, North Carolina, will hold Revival Services May 10 through 15, 1981. Guest Evangelists will be Rev. Steve Jones, Rev. Steve Locklear, Rev. Adrain Locklear, Rev. Grady Cummings, Rev. Jimmy Strickland and Rev. Samuel Wynn.

Special music will be enjoyed nightly by both Hopewell choirs and visiting gospel groups. The public is invited to attend these services. Services will begin Sunday night at 7 p.m. and other nights at 7:30 p.m. The pastor, Rev. James H. Woods invites the public to attend.

### CLASS REUNION

Attention Pembroke Senior High's graduating Class of 1971. It is time, according to Dr. D.E. Brooks, for your 10th Year Class Reunion. Some concerned graduates would like to hear from you. They would like to start planning now so that each class member can be properly notified.

If any class member or graduate is interested in helping to organize, please call Ricky Johnson at 521-8365 or David Earl Brooks at 521-8116 or 521-3431.

### A REMINDER FROM THE PROSPECT JAYCEES

The Prospect Jaycees would like to remind everyone that May 10th is Mother's Day. They would like to wish all Mothers a good and happy Mother's Day. Elmer Butler is president of the Prospect Jaycees.

### CHURCH HONORS PASTOR

On Sunday, May 3, 1981 the Church of God at Saddletree observed "Pastor Appreciation Day." The Rev. David Hatcher, formerly of Greensboro, North Carolina, was honored as several members made comments in appreciation of their Pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Hatcher were then presented many gifts from the congregation in addition to a love offering. The Rev. Bowman Hunt of the Rowland Church of God was guest speaker.

### GERALD HILL SENTENCED TO 7-10 YEARS

LUMBERTON-Gerald Hill, formerly Lumberton's director of its housing and redevelopment commission, has been sentenced to 7-10 years for bribe taking and making fraudulent payments to contractors for the housing authority.

The sentence was imposed by Judge Sam Britt Tuesday in Robeson County's Superior Court after a relentless prosecution by Joe Freeman Britt, the district attorney. Hill was defended by Jim Nance, Jr. and John Wishart Campbell.

The jury found Hill guilty of all 19

charges against him. The district attorney relied heavily on the testimony of John Bennett, a former Lumberton City Councilman, and a "small jobs" contractor for the authority, and Joan Bacot, a former finance officer for the authority.

Bennett charged that he "kicked back" some \$50,000 to Hill over the course of his employment with the authority.

It was the second trial for Hill. A higher court granted him a new trial because of irregularities in his previous trial. His attorneys estimate that he is eligible for parole in three to four months. The conviction indicates that Hill will be sentenced to prison.

The sentence Tuesday is the longest in the history of the court. Hill received a previous trial.

Although found guilty on all 19 counts, Judge Britt ordered that the sentence be suspended.

### ROBESON SCHOOL BILL DIES IN HOUSE "FOR LACK OF SUPPORT"

RALEIGH-As expected Rep. Horace Locklear's proposed bill in the General Assembly to merge Robeson County's five remaining school units died from a "lack of support" from the local legislative delegation, specifically Senator Sam Noble and Representatives Bill Gay and David Parnell.

The bill, seeking a referendum on the matter, died in a state house education committee Tuesday at the request of Locklear.

Gay, formerly a principal at Lumberton High School, said, "No one expressed support for it...probably no more than three people..."

But Gay's tally seemingly did not add a significant number of black and Indian parents who were in favor of the measure, including Lumbee Regional Development Association in Pembroke and the Robeson County Board of Education.

### KINGSDALE MANOR CELEBRATES NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK MAY 10-17, 1981

To make someone smile is a beautiful gift. It's a gift to be shared. And what better time to share it than during National Nursing Home Week.

Come spend a few minutes in the afternoon, together with someone in a nursing home in our community.

During National Nursing Home Week, visit an old friend, or make a new one, at Kingsdale Manor, formerly Moderncare of Lumberton, at 1555 Willis Ave.

You may think a smile is a very little gift. But during National Nursing Home Week, May 10-17, such little gifts can make you both very happy.

### PEMBROKE SENIOR HIGH ATHLETIC BANQUET SET FOR MAY 16

PEMBROKE-The Pembroke Senior High School athletic banquet will be held May 16 (Saturday) at 7:30 p.m. in the Pembroke High Cafeteria.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Gerald Maynor, chairman of the education department at Pembroke State University. Dr. Maynor is also a member of the Robeson County Board of Education.

### WARD CLARK'S FURNITURE STORE DAMAGED BY FIRE

MAXTON-Ward Clark's Shopping Center, named in honor of the late shopping center was heavily damaged by fire Saturday night. The fire seemingly sprang from the flames of a field being burned off near by.

Damage estimates were set at "between \$25,000 and \$40,000" although officials figures had not been compiled at press time.

Units from Maxton, Prospect, Pembroke and Evans Crossroads responded and brought the fire under control relatively quickly saving the other businesses which make up the shopping center.

## Seeking Life Goals Forced Some Robesonians Out of State

Editor's note: One of the joys of publishing the Carolina Indian Voice is the opportunity to "discover our past." Our staff and forebears were extraordinary people who had an unquenchable desire to learn and contribute to the society around them.

Unfortunately a great deal of our history has been lost because of the exodus out of Robeson County by many Robeson County Natives who were denied the right to grow and develop as human beings in their own home land. Many good and productive Robesonians had to leave the place of their birth in order to find their way in life.

Recently Mr. Ronald H. Lowry, now living in Virginia Beach, Va., submitted an article for publication. It is a beautiful piece of writing and, more than this, tells many of us something about our glorious past that was decimated by that awful scourge-Racism!

Mr. Lowry said, in an accompanying letter:

"Some of the Native Robesonians who went out-of-state for their education would not use the name, Pembroke, as the town near their homes because of the bad reputation the town had achieved over the years due to the fact that only the bad news made the newspapers, concerning Indian accomplishments; at that time in our history. I worked with a pharmacist for ten years, who was born in Fayetteville and grew up in Cumberland County. His knowledge of the Indians in Robeson County, known to him then as "Croatan," was that these people would go into Pembroke on Saturday nights, get drunk, and cut or shoot one another. This viewpoint was strengthened by the fact that he witnessed a "Croatan cutting" on a Fayetteville street. In earlier times these type incidents made the headlines in the local newspapers, but the good things happening in the churches, schools, and homes went un-publicized. I am very happy to see that your paper is covering the whole spectrum of Indian activities, and to see that there is much more good being accomplished than bad being perpetrated.

"I've often wondered about all the unrecorded events which would have been of great historic value concerning the Robeson County Indians, had a few been inclined and able to write out in some fashion the events which shaped the lives of our ancestors in Robeson County. I would love to see an encyclopedia published about the Indians in Robeson County detailing their accomplishments in their fields of endeavor inside and outside their native county. With this in mind, I researched the life story of a relative of mine. Circumstances made it necessary for him to seek his goals in life in a state other than his native state of North Carolina. This information might be of some interest to some of your readership.

"The Carolina Indian Voice is my only contact with the folks back in my native

county of Robeson. I look forward to spending an hour with it each week, and becoming informed of "What's Happening" in the county. I enjoy looking at the pictures, now that the quality has improved so much over earlier ones. I would love to see an expanded "Letter to the Editor Section" on open subjects so that I could see what the people's concerns are focusing on in your part of the country."

Ronald H. Lowry  
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### SEEKING LIFE GOALS FORCED SOME NATIVE ROBESONIANS OUT-OF-STATE

Recently I returned by way of Washington, D.C. from attending the 25th Reunion of my Pharmacy Class of the University of Maryland in Baltimore. This marked my first visit back to the Baltimore Campus since graduation. The only landmark I recognized from my school days there, was the old Elm Tree in front of the Medical School Building said to date back to 1728. The Pharmacy School occupies a new building, and the building across the street from the Medical School, in which I earned my degree in pharmacy, has been renovated for other purposes.

The struggle for education for Indians in Robeson County is well documented. It has been a slow arduous process. Many of the early educators had to leave the State of North Carolina in order to earn higher degrees in the education field. Many of these pioneers in Indian Education returned to their native county and spent their lifetime as teachers, counselors, and motivators for Indians to better themselves through education, Bible reading, prayer, and Biblical teaching occurred on a regular basis in the schools. Patriotism and a desire to achieve were implanted in the back of many minds among the Indian youth. When the time was right and the doors were opened, many did achieve and are still pursuing their life goals without fear of being denied these opportunities because of their heritage.

A few of these early natives of Robeson County went out-of-state seeking professions other than that of teaching. Such was the case for my "Uncle Johnny" at a time when educational opportunities were very limited and difficult to obtain in his native county and state. He mastered everything available to him, educational wise, in his native county including being among the first ones to earn a certificate of graduation from one of the earlier predecessors of Pembroke State University. It might be said that he graduated at the top and bottom of his class, since information informs that he was the only member in his graduating class. My uncle left Robeson County and went to Baltimore to earn a degree in medicine. Most of his life was spent in a small rural town in Virginia, ministering to the needs of people physically, socially, and spiritually.

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## Dale Edwards Promotes Gospel Music Sing



Willard Dale Graham [A.K.A. Dale Edwards] is shown looking at some of the promotional materials heralding the gospel sing he is promoting.

An event will take place in the near future that a local young man is real proud of. That event will be in the form of a gospel concert in the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium in Fayetteville. Willard Dale Graham, alias Dale Edwards is at the helm of this promotion. This is the largest gospel program Dale has booked to date.

Dale is the son of Mrs. Iris S.

promotional materials heralding the gospel sing he is promoting.

Graham and the late Welton Graham of the Deep Branch community. Dale is a 1973 graduate of Pembroke Senior High School and a graduate of Central Carolina Technical College in Sanford where he studied radio and television broadcast communications. Dale is currently employed with WSTS Radio, a Laurinburg/Fayetteville station. "I

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## Water, Sewer Bond vote Protest set for Tonight

LUMBERTON-A public hearing will be held tonight by the Robeson County Board of Elections to hear complaints lodged against the recently passed water and sewer bond referendum in Pembroke by Bob Brewington and Henry Smith,

two opponents of the measure.

The specifics of their complaints will be aired at the hearing which will be held at the board of elections office on Elizabeth Road in Lumberton at 7:30 p.m.



A.D. Lewis, Chairman of Robeson Technical College, left, and President Craig Allen, right, visited Mrs. Mark

Brooks recently to present her with a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees in memory of her late husband.

Brooks was appointed a trustee of the college in 1977 by Governor Hunt.