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## ROBCOR" INDICTMENTS TOTAL ELEVEN

RALEIGH—Eleven persons, including the county attorney and manager, a minister and an elementary school principal, were indicted Monday on charges of lying and misuse of funds in Robeson County's Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) program. More than 30 felony counts were filed in U.S. District Court, said Robert Pence, FBI agent in charge of N.C. operations. Pence said in a news conference that the probe didn't involve undercover work and resulted from a tip by someone involved with CETA, a federal job-training program.

"We received a complaint three days before Christmas and have been working on it ever since," Pence said. "We were looking at the megabuck operations—the big money fraud that involves federal-government money. This is not just people who abuse money, but also some corruption—some are in public office, either appointed or elected." Those indicted and charges against them are:

•Robeson County Manager William Paul Graham, 60, two counts of misapplication of CETA funds.

•County Attorney Joseph C. Ward Jr., 59, one count of making a false statement and one count of obstruction of an investigation.

•H.E. Edwards, 58, minister and guidance counselor in Scotland County, 11 counts of making false statements and two counts of fraudulently obtaining CETA funds.

•James C. Dial, 54, principal of Pembroke Elementary School, one count of misapplying CETA funds.

•James David McEachin Jr., 39, formerly of the Robeson County Department of Human Resources, two counts of making false statements. The indictment said he misrepresented an applicant's income.

•Herman Dial, 55, former chairman of the Robeson Board of County Commissioners, two counts of misapplication of funds and one count of interference with commerce by violence.

•Lonnie D. Coggins, 35, and Theresa C. Boudreaux, 34, one count each of aiding and abetting misapplication of a software company's contract with Robeson County Human Resources. The indictment said the contract's date was altered by almost eight months to avoid an audit.

•Alton R. White, 34, Senna Dora Locklear, 30, and Eddie B. Smith, 51, one count each of making false statements and one count each of obtaining CETA funds fraudulently.

Pence coined the probe "RobCor" for Robeson County Corruption.

## A Silent Protest because "My rights have been violated"



Delton Maynor sat in front of the Robeson County Courthouse for a week

by Bruce Barton  
LUMBERTON—Seldom does one feel strong enough about an issue to really do something about it. That could not be said about Delton Maynor, a 26 year old Indian, who sat in front of the Robeson County Courthouse, day and night, through rain storms, lightning, and the stares of bystanders and searing heat, for a week and a day to note his silent protest "because my civil rights have been violated."

Maynor began sitting in front of the courthouse Tuesday, July 21 to protest his arrest May 21 on charges of driving under the influence and driving with his license revoked. He was found guilty in district court in Red Springs of having a revoked license, and reckless driving after drinking even though he only registered a .02 on the breathalyzer. He promptly appealed his conviction to Superior Court.

At the time of his arrest in May more charges resulted because Maynor was subsequently charged with two counts of

assaulting officers (a matron and a jailor), damage to real and personal property and attempted escape.

Maynor contends that he was brought to the jail and given a breathalyzer reading there by State Trooper J.V. Benton who left Maynor at the jail after his reading of a mere .02 on the breathalyzer. A .10 is considered under the influence. Maynor assumed he was free to go, attempted to do so, and a fracas resulted with jailer E.G. Burrows and matron Pauline Bostic.

Eventually released on bond Maynor began his vigil quietly Tuesday, July 21, without notice, signs or fanfare, drinking only liquids. And he sat quietly, not bothering anyone, until he was given his day in court yesterday (July 27) before Judge Herbert Richardson who, after a lengthy hearing and testimony from the jailer, matron, another deputy and Maynor himself, found him guilty as charged.

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## Pembroke Homemakers present checks to Pembroke Rescue Squad, Kidney Foundation



PEMBROKE—The Pembroke Homemakers recently concluded a successful fund-raising effort by presenting checks to the Pembroke Rescue Squad and the Robeson County Kidney Foundation. Ms. Beverly Brewer was presented a

homemade quilt that was made by the homemakers and sold by raffle. Ms. Brewer was presented the quilt by homemaker Ms. Evelyn Cummings. Ms. Brewer bought her winning ticket from Ms. Cummings.



Ms. Sadie Ray Blanks, homemaker, presents a check for \$300 to Ms. Dorothy Byrd, president of the Robeson County Kidney Foundation.



And Ms. Sadie Ray Blanks is shown presenting a \$300 check to Pembroke Rescue Squad chief Delton McMillan (center) and Clayton Maynor, secretary and treasurer of the volunteer organization. (E.W. Hunt photo)

## PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

### NOTES FROM CONGRESSMAN CHARLIE ROSE...

Congressman Charlie Rose noted, in his most recent newsletter, that "Tobacco passed. After several trips back and forth between house and senate, the bill I co-authored, freezing tobacco price supports passed both houses and is now on the President's desk for his signature. This froze supports on all quota tobacco at 1983 levels. I realize this will involve a sacrifice for American farmers, but farmers have historically been willing to take some present loss for future gain. I really believe this move will benefit them in the long run. It is a necessary step in making our American tobacco more competitive in the world markets."

### COMMISSIONER JACK MORGAN FINISHED THIRD IN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Red Springs Commissioner Jack Morgan is an enthusiastic golfer in these parts, reference his third place finish in the most recently concluded Robeson County Golf Championship. Morgan finished behind winner Nick McKeithan and Mark Pisano in the third annual championships Sunday at Scotchurst Country Club in Lumber Bridge. Morgan shot rounds of 73-71 to trail McKeithan's total of 140 and Pisano's 142.

Also finishing high was Truman Lowry, employed at the Vocational Rehabilitation office in Lumberton. Lowry had rounds of 74-73 for a two day total of 147.

### A NEW BOOK FEATURES CHAPTER ON LUMBEE INDIANS

A new book by F. Roy Johnson, Johnson Publishing Company, Murfreesboro, NC 27855 is *The Lost Colony In Fact and Legend*. All about the great legends, theories and stories about John White's Lost Colony. Fact and legend? One chapter in the book deals with the romantic and interesting Lumbree Indians of Robeson County. One theory abounds that the Indians of Robeson County are descended from the Lost Colony and the Hatteras Indians.

### WENDELL LOWERY OPENS CARTHAGE ROAD 66

Wendell Lowery, one of the stalwarts of Central Tire, along with his partner Linwood Locklear, has opened the Carthage Road 66 Service Station I-95 and Carthage Road. Telephone number is 739-0127. Wendell invites all his friends to visit him at his new location. He is open 6 a.m. until 11 p.m. seven days a week.

### COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO HIKE TUITION 31%

N.C. community college and technical institute students will pay nearly 31 percent more per credit hour in tuition this fall, the State Board of Community Colleges decided Thursday.

The board raised the cost for in-state students from \$3.25 per credit hour to \$4.25 with a maximum charge of \$51 per quarter.

The tuition for out-of-state students will increase from \$16.50 per credit hour to \$21.25, a rise of nearly 29 percent. The maximum charge per quarter will be \$255.

The board also approved an increase in registration fees from \$8 to \$10 for occupational and academic courses. The fees for avocational and practical skills courses will change from \$15 a course to 75 cents per membership hour.

The new rates take effect Aug. 1. Board members also settled on a budget of \$239,116,409 for the coming year.

The board also approved a resolution requesting that community colleges and technical institutes give full time, permanent employees a minimum 5 percent salary increase, effective July 1. Schools that cannot comply with the requirement will be asked to file an

explanation with the state Department of Community Colleges.

Also Thursday the 19-member board elected as its chairman newly seated board member John A. Forlines Jr. of Granite Falls, succeeding Carl Horn Jr. of Charlotte. Board member L.N. Kelso of New Bern was re-elected vice chairman.

Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. appointed Forlines and three other new members to the board Wednesday and recommended that Forlines be elected chairman.

**HUNT RECEIVES SUSPENDED TERM**  
Hoke County Commissioner James Hunt has received 30-day suspended sentences on each of 22 bad check charges in Scotland County District Court.

Judge Herbert Richardson has ordered Hunt to pay \$2,000 in restitution costs this week and \$1,000 a week hereafter until the \$5,030 in worthless checks is paid off, according to court clerks. He was ordered to pay costs for six court sessions at last Thursday's court session.

### HUD SAYS ROBESON PROJECT PROBED

Lumberton-A Housing and Urban Development official said last week that the FBI is investigating the Robeson County Housing Authority's 1982 land purchase for the Raft Swamp public housing project.

Walter C. Conway, the regional inspector general for HUD in Atlanta, said HUD officials requested an FBI probe late last year but learned an investigation already was in progress.

The Robeson County Housing Authority bought the land from Lumberton attorney I. Murchison Biggs for \$135,233 in 1982. The 26.34 acres along N.C. 272 was purchased for \$5,134 an acre. The property is appraised for tax purposes at \$558 per acre, according to records on file in the Tax Supervisors Office.

"The FBI has jurisdiction over HUD's investigations, and turning the matter over to them was standard procedure for that situation," Conway said.

Neither the FBI nor HUD would give details about the investigation.

Biggs, brother of Lumberton Mayor Furman K. Biggs, said he was not aware of the investigation.

The housing project, now under construction, will include 110 housing units. After the property was bought, the housing authority spent \$399,156 to fill the marshy land with topsoil and clay to make it suitable for construction, HUD records show.

### OPEN AIR SERVICES

The NC Indian Minister's Association is sponsoring open air services in the Town Park in Pembroke beginning this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. This week services will be conducted by Lester Dial and Bruce Locklear. All races are invited to participate.

Coming Sundays services scheduled for 4:00 p.m. will include Rev. Bobby Dean Locklear of Green Pine Freewill Baptist, Rev. Grover Oxendine of Oak Grove, and Rev. Manford Locklear of Beulah Baptist Church.

Every one is encouraged to attend.

### ATTENTION ALL JACOBSPOINT STUDENTS

This is a call for all Jacobspoint (Now known as South Hoke School) students to gather together on the 29th of October at the Mt. Elm Baptist Church. Please contact Mrs. Mable Jacobs at 843-3610 or Rev. James Dial at 521-4146 for further information.

### FOOTBALL PRACTICE

Football Practice for West Robeson Senior High will begin Monday, Aug. 1, 1983 at 8:00 p.m. at Pembroke Senior High School Football Field.