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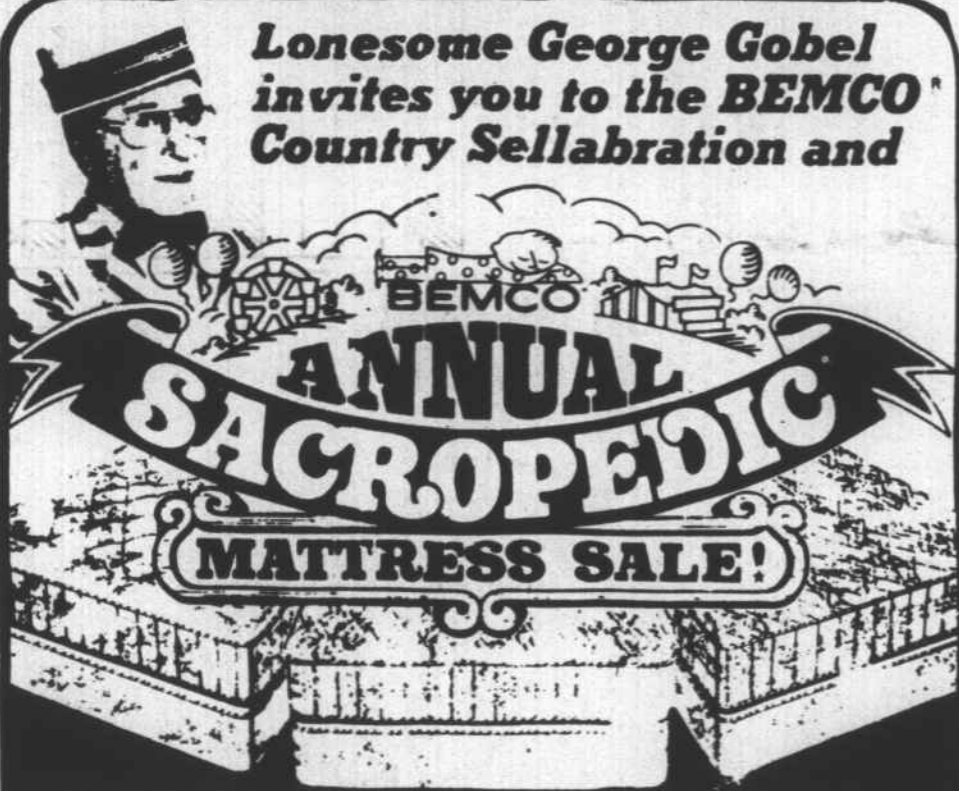
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**Adolph Dial featured in
U.S. News & World Report**

by Gene Warren
PEMBROKE—"U.S. News
and World Report," a national
publication with nine mil-
lion readers, has in its July 9
issue (now on the news-
stands), a two-page spread on
the 400th Anniversary of
North Carolina's founding.
But it has something very
much extra pertaining to
Pembroke State University.

On two-thirds of one page is
an interview with Adolph
Dial, chairman of Pembroke
State University's American
Indian Studies Department,
entitled: "'Lost Colony'-A
Mystery Now Solved?"

Dial, 61, states as part of
this interview that he believes
that he is a descendant of
Virginia Dare, the first Eng-
lish baby born in America.
"The oral traditions are clear
that her family survived and
that the Dials around here
may be her descendants.
Even today, if you pronounce
Dare with a Southern accent,
it sounds very much like Dial.
And I believe that I am a
descendant of Virginia Dare,
too."

Dial also states there is
evidence that the colonists at
Roanoke Island "joined
friendly Indians and eventu-
ally intermarried with them.
Those Indians, now called the
Lumbees, are centered in
what is now southeastern
North Carolina" or Lumbee
Indian country.

Pembroke State University
has evolved from a tiny school
founded by these Indians in
1887 and will celebrate its

centennial in 1987.
Dial, who has taught at
Pembroke State since 1958 as
a history professor, has spok-
en all over the nation about
Lumbee Indians and other
American Indians. He co-
authored a book on the
Lumbees in 1975, entitled:
"The Only Land I Know." He
is chairman of the Robeson
Historical Drama, Inc., which
has sponsored the Indian
outdoor drama, "Strike At
The Wind," since 1976. The
drama is now in its ninth
season.

Commenting about the ma-
gazine article, included below
in its entirety, Dial said: "I
think any time one has an
opportunity to provide na-
tional coverage to the Univer-
sity or Lumbee Indian people,
it's great. I always welcome
such an opportunity and am
grateful to 'U.S. News and
World Report' for publishing
this interview."

Dial, who had an article
published in World Book
Encyclopedia two years ago,
says he is tremendously plea-
sed over "publicity of this
magnitude" appearing in a
publication that has an inter-
national circulation with bu-
reaus all over the world.

Appropriately enough, the
article came out at the same
time as the Lumbee Indians'
annual Homecoming at Pem-
broke during Fourth of July
week.

The article appearing in
'U.S. News and World Re-
port' follows:

LUMBERTON—A new Democratic primary for
the Robeson County Board of Education District 6
seat will be held July 31, according to an order
from the state Board of Elections.

The state board last month voided the results of
the May 8 primary and ordered a new one based
on the Robeson County Board of Elections findings
that ineligible voters cast ballots in the race for a
seat on the county school board.

Incumbent Pete Clark was the unofficial victor
over Larry Chavis Jr. in the primary. Chavis lost
by 40 votes and challenged the results.

The new primary date for the district, which has
eight precincts, was announced Monday at a
county elections board meeting.

All District 6 residents registered to vote are
eligible to cast ballots in the new primary,
according to the state board's order.

Last month, the local board found that in
Lumberton's sixth precinct, 166 ballots were cast
for the District 6 seat although there were only 25
people listed in the poll book as being eligible to
vote.

**"Lost Colony"—
A Mystery
Now Solved?**



Although the English first landed
on Roanoke Island, N.C., in 1584,
it was not until 1587 that a full-
fledged settlement of more than 100
men, women and children was estab-
lished. When the next English ships
returned to Roanoke Island in 1590,
they found the site abandoned.

Here Adolph Dial, chairman of
the Department of American Indian
Studies at Pembroke State Univer-
sity, N.C., and a Lumbee Indian, ex-
plores possibilities of what became
of the legendary "Lost Colony."

**Q Professor Dial, what happened to
the Lost Colony? Did it really disappear
without a trace?**

A No. There is overwhelming evi-
dence that after the colonists were
left on their own and possibly faced
starvation, they joined friendly Indi-
ans and eventually intermarried
with them. Those Indians, now
called the Lumbees, are centered in
what is now southeastern North Car-
olina. Very strong oral tradition
handed down from one generation
to the next holds that the Lumbees
are the colonists' descendants.

Q What evidence is there of that?

A For one thing, the Englishmen
who returned to the site of the aban-
doned colony on Roanoke Island
found the word *CROATOAN* carved
in wood. The colony's returning gov-
ernor, John White, took that as a sign
the group had moved to an Indian
area called Croatan, which was occu-
pied by the Hatteras Indians, who
are ancestors of the Lumbees. The
notion seemed to be in keeping with
a plan to move that White had dis-
cussed with the colonists three years
earlier. White was not unduly con-
cerned about the group's safety, but
he was unable to locate them before
a storm forced him to leave.

**Q Were there contacts between the
Lumbees and any other early settlers?**

A Yes. An adventurous man
named Morgan Jones claimed to
have walked across the Carolinas in
the 1660s, and he said he was cap-
tured and then befriended by Indi-
ans who spoke English. His descrip-
tion of the area sounds like Robeson
County, N.C., the heart of the Lum-

bee settlement. Then when the first
big wave of Scottish immigrants
reached the Cape Fear Valley in the
1730s, they were astonished to find a
group of English-speaking people al-
ready living there in European-style
houses and tilling the soil in the Eu-
ropean fashion. Many of them were
blue-eyed and light-haired.

Those people had—and their de-
scendants still have—English family
names that were exactly the same as
the lost colonists had, such as Brooks,
Sampson and Jones.

Q What happened to the language?

A They had apparently integrat-
ed so completely that, even though
they continued to prize the Indian
part of their heritage, too, they
passed along the English language in
the form that was spoken in the 16th
century.

Nearly 100 years ago, historian
Stephen Weeks studied this Robeson
County group and was struck by
their extraordinary old speech pat-
terns. He noted that they began tel-
ling the old traditions this way: "Mon
[man], my father told me that his
father told him..."

**Q If all this has been known so long,
why is there still a widespread idea that
the Lost Colony was wiped out?**

A It suits the purpose of some ro-
mantics who are more intrigued by a
supposedly unsolved mystery than
the facts. The legend defies the find-
ings of travelers and historians who
have been saying for hundreds of
years that the descendants of the lost
colonists were alive and well in
North Carolina.

**Q Are there any clues as to what
happened to Virginia Dare, the first En-
glish baby born in America?**

A Yes. The oral traditions are
clear that her family survived and
that the Dials around here may be
her descendants. Even today, if you
pronounce *Dare* with a Southern ac-
cent, it sounds very much like *Dial*.
And I believe that I am a descendant
of Virginia Dare, too.

Weatherization grants available

The Red Springs Neigh-
borhood Service Center,
sponsored by Four County
Community Services, Inc. has
been awarded a new weath-
erization contract. The con-
tract will enable the Center to
weatherize an additional 107

units of housing. This new
contract is effective July 15,
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the home, add \$1,740 for each
additional family member.

People who feel they are
eligible are encouraged to
come by the Center, located
on Brown Ave., Red Springs
and make application. John's
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directions to the Center.
Applicants need to bring the
number of their deed, the
book and page number. This
information may be gotten off
your deed or obtained at the
Courthouse. Applicant will
also need a copy of a check
stub, etc. to verify income.
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