

# THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

PEMBROKE, N.C.

"Building Communicative Bridges  
in A Tri-Racial Setting"

25c PER COPY

ROBESON COUNTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1984

VOLUME 12, NUMBER 52



Millie Garrett and Rodger Synaska

## Rev. Welton Lowry honored By City of Lumberton



Rev. Welton Lowry, left, is shown receiving a proclamation from Lumberton Mayor Coble Wilson Jr. recently as he was honored with a "Pastor Welton Lowry Day" by the city of Lumberton.

Rev. Lowry, a retired educator, and pastor of West End Baptist Church for 27 years was honored for being an inspiration in the lives of many through his services as pastor of West End Baptist Church in west Lumberton.

The proclamation reads:

Whereas, education and motivating others to see the value of education is important; and

Whereas, service to family, fellow man and community is commendable; and

Whereas, Pastor Welton Lowry has been an instrument of inspiration in the lives of many through his service in these areas; and

Whereas, the salvation of men's souls and their spiritual needs are of even greater importance because of the eternal effects; and

Whereas, Pastor Welton Lowry has dedicated himself to following Jesus and teaching others, through both word and example, that salvation through Jesus is the only way to God; and

Whereas, the congregation of West End Baptist Church, of which Rev. Lowry now pastors has brought the many attributes of this servant of the Lord to the attention of the Lumberton City Council;

Now, Therefore Be It Proclaimed, that I Coble D. Wilson, Jr., Mayor of the City of Lumberton, on behalf of the Lumberton City Council, recognize the service to God and also to his fellow man, which has been so unselfishly given by Pastor Welton Lowry;

Be It Further Proclaimed that September 30, 1984 is PASTOR WELTON LOWRY DAY in recognition of his varied and many contributions to so many in the City of Lumberton area.

Coble D. Wilson, Jr., Mayor

## A Carolina Indian Voice Front Page Editorial

DR. GERALD MAYNOR A GOOD CHOICE AS CHAIRMAN OF  
THE ROBESON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Gerald Maynor, an Indian, was recently named as Chairman of the Robeson County Board of Education on a 7 to 4 vote. The split vote makes one wonder if we have made any progress at all in human relations. Two Blacks-David Green and Rufus Graham-and an Indian-Pete Clark-voted against him. Their choice was J.R. Musslewhite, a white member of the board who is an employee of the Lumberton Housing Authority. Musslewhite joined them and voted for himself.

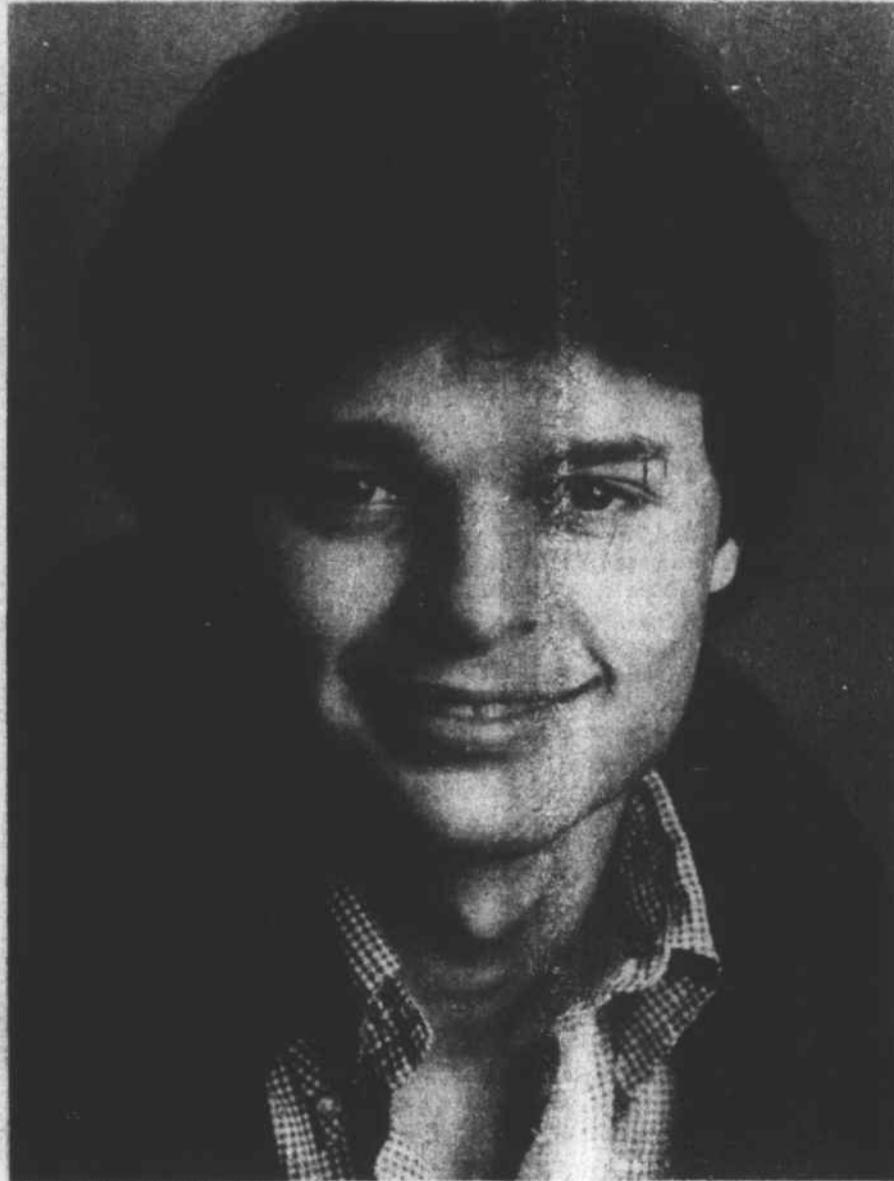
Dr. Maynor holds a doctorate in education from Miami University and is chairman of the Education Department at Pembroke State University. He is eminently qualified, and we wish him well. But why in God's name would two Blacks and an Indian vote against him? It just makes us wonder if the education of the children is uppermost in the minds of everyone on the county board of education.

But people have a right to vote as they choose. We are just glad that the majority voted for Dr. Maynor as chairman of the county board of education. He is a good choice.

Voting for Maynor were: Dr. Dalton Brooks, Bill Oxendine, Ronald Revels, Catherine Leach, Charles David Locklear and Maynor. Marion Rice, one of two whites on the board, abstained, although his abstention was counted technically in favor of Maynor. We understand that Mrs. Leach, a Black, was subjected to intense pressure from Green and others in the Black community for her affirmative vote for Maynor; if so, it is a sad day, indeed, for all of us. We applaud her for voting her own vote and not someone else's.

We are tired of power-hungry, political brokers, no matter what their color. Our children deserve better, and the choice of Dr. Maynor is a step in the right direction.

## "FORMER 'STRIKE AT THE WIND!' PLAYER NOW IN NATIONAL FILM, 'AN EAGLE MUST FLY'"



Rodger Gibson aka Rodger Synaska.

**Provo, Utah--**His stage name is now called "Linda" in the film. She is Rodger Synaska, but folks in Robeson County remember him as Rodger Gibson, a former player with "Strike at the Wind," the local outdoor drama featuring the exploits of Henry Berry Lowry and the Lumbee Indians.

Now pursuing an acting career in California, Rodger, a Lumbee Indian, is featured in a nationally released Indian film "An Eagle Must Fly."

The film has enjoyed good reviews wherever shown. Many tribes are excited about this new support for higher education.

Although the film (42 minutes 20 seconds) does strengthen Indian youth in setting high goals for education, that is not the intended purpose of the film story.

The new film concerns itself with the struggle many Indians feel as their culture changes. The film helps Indians to take a realistic look at this change and prepares them to better cope with the challenges ahead. It is a great motion picture that will help both Indians and non Indians to understand the importance of accepting the many opportunities at hand and keep moving ahead.

"An Eagle Must Fly" stars Millie Garret, a Navajo Indian from Arizona and Rodger Synaska, a Lumbee Indian from North Carolina. They are both college students with a great future ahead, yet their feelings toward being "Indian" is very different. Millie is

### N.C. PUBLIC TELEVISION PRESENTS COVERAGE OF MARTIN'S GUBERNATORIAL INAUGURATION

The University of North Carolina Center for Public Television will carry live coverage of the inauguration of governor-elect James G. Martin on Saturday, January 5, at 11:30 a.m.

The Center will broadcast coverage produced by the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters and coordinated by WRAL-TV in Raleigh.

Following Martin's swearing-in ceremonies, The Center will begin its own coverage of the inaugural parade at 1:30 p.m. The coverage will be made available to all commercial networks.

John Dalzell and Audrey Kates-Bailey will serve as co-anchors for the parade coverage, which should conclude around 3 p.m.

### CONFERENCE ON DAY CARE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 1985

Child-care providers, parents, legislators, child advocates and others interested in child day care in North Carolina will want to accept plans to attend a conference on day-care issues to be held March 28-30, 1985, in Raleigh.

The conference will focus on "Meeting the Challenge of the '80s Child" and will provide a forum for discussion of day-care issues. Sessions will be held on public education and day care, child abuse and neglect, cost vs. quality, national and statewide trends in day care, working with legislators, recommendations of the Legislative Day Care Study Committee and an update on day-care licensing rules.

The pre-registration fee of \$25 per person will cover one luncheon, speakers, breaks and materials. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. After March 1, 1985, the registration fee will be \$35 per person.

For more information, contact the Community Development Unit, Office of Child Day Care Licensing, 1919 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27606, telephone (919) 733-4801.

### WATCH NIGHT SERVICE PLANNED

A Watch Night Service will be held at Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church on Monday evening, December 31, at 10 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. James Hunt, pastor of Faith Pentecostal Holiness Church in Lumberton. Service will last until 12 midnight. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### LRDA ELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE TO MEET

The LRDA Election Review Committee will meet on Thursday, December 27 at 1 p.m. at the Robeson County Board of Elections for the purpose of reviewing the ballots in the December 6, LRDA election. That committee is composed of Rod Locklear, Chairman, Emma Lee Locklear, Grady Hunt and Earl Hughes Oxendine. This meeting is open to the public.

### ELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT PUBLIC FORUM

The LRDA Election Review Committee shall conduct an open session on Saturday, December 29, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the LRDA Annex. The purpose of the session is to hear any and all comments regarding the election procedures and methods used by the agency in the December 6 election. A report of findings will be issued to the LRDA board of directors for consideration and action.

### SOCIAL PLANNED FOR SINGLE ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The newly-organized Single Adult Fellowship will have a social on Friday, December 28, at 7 p.m. at the Old Foundry Restaurant. In addition to the all you can eat buffet, an enjoyable evening of relaxation, fellowship and entertainment has been planned. The next regular Single Adult Fellowship meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Pembroke. All denominations are invited.

### INDIAN UNITY CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

Indians from across the state will gather at the Bordeaux Motor Inn in Fayetteville March 14-16, 1985, for the Tenth Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference.

The conference sponsor, United Tribes of North Carolina (UTNC), is currently finalizing plans for the annual conference which will have as its theme, "Memories of Our Past, Visions of Our Future."

Workshops will be held at the conference on such topics as Indian health, economic development, women's issues, education, employment and training and Indian history and culture. Other highlights of the conference will include a banquet, art and essay contests and an intertribal powwow.

The banquet speaker will be Arinda Locklear, a staff attorney with the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and a member of the Lumbee tribe of North Carolina. Locklear has the distinction of being the first female Indian attorney to present argument before the United States Supreme Court.

The conference pre-registration fee will be \$30 per person. The registration fee at the conference will be \$35. Separate tickets for the banquet only will be available for \$15.

Persons wishing more information about the conference should contact one of the member organizations of UTNC, which includes seven North Carolina Indian community organizations and the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs.

The UTNC member in the Pembroke area is Lumbee Regional Development Assoc., P.O. Box 68, Pembroke, N.C. 27844. For more information you may call (919) 521-8602.

## January Is the Time For New Beginnings

Were the holidays a disappointment? Perhaps the family couldn't all get together, or maybe they did with disastrous results.

"The new year is a time for new beginnings. Why not work on getting over those January blues now?" suggests Dr. Frances Wagner, extension human development specialist, North Carolina State University. Here a few suggestions:

- Try to settle back into the usual routine as soon as possible. There is comfort in familiarity.
- Think about the reasons for depression and disappointment. "Understanding the matter helps you overcome any feelings of helplessness and guilt. Remember that many of the unhappy episodes were beyond your control, and stop feeling guilty about it," Dr. Wagner recommends.
- Practice tolerance and forgiveness. People may say and do unusual things under pressure. Don't let the bad overshadow the good.
- Think constructively about next year. Think positively.
- "Do something this month that you have been wanting to do for ages. It may be buying something special for yourself or for the house. It may be learning a new craft or skill. Don't wait; do it now," the extension specialist says.

"BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!"

From The Staff of  
THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE:  
Bruce Barton,  
Connie Braybey,  
Garry Burton,  
and Mrs. Louise Hayes.



"The Conjurer," an engraving by Theodore de Bry from a painting by John White, will be among the items in "Raleigh and Roanoke," an exhibit to be held at the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh, March 8-June 6. An Algonquian Indian pouch like the one the conjurer or medicine man is carrying, collected in Virginia before 1656, will be displayed next to the engraving and the White painting. The exhibit, which is part of the 400th Anniversary celebration, will include 16 paintings by White, the governor of the "Lost Colony" of 1587, one of the first English settlements in the New World.

[Photo courtesy of N.C. Department of Cultural Resources]

Navajo County, College Library  
Branch Post Office  
Chino, AZ 85603

RECEIVED  
JAN 1985  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PERIODICALS

PEOPLE  
PLACES  
THINGS

# Happy New Year.