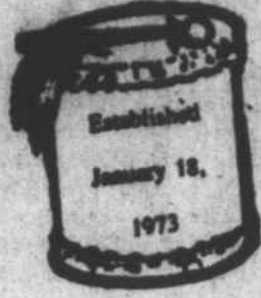


Celebrating 100 Years of Indian Education in Robeson

Editor's note: Our Indian Renaissance began with passage of 1885 N.C. Laws, Ch. 51 designating Robeson County Indians as "Croatan Indians" and providing for an Indian School System. Read the Carolina Indian Voice weekly as we tell this remarkable story throughout 1985 in celebration of our CENTENNIAL OF EDUCATION.

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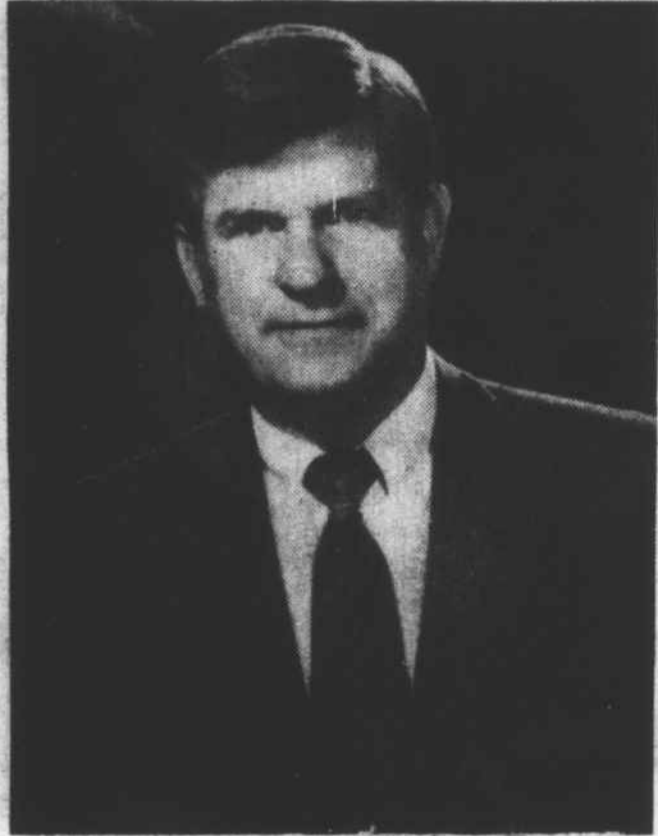
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GOVERNOR JIM MARTIN TO BE HONORED AT PEMBROKE STATE



Jim Martin, Governor of the State of North Carolina, will be at Pembroke State University on Friday, May 10.

A reception in his honor will be held in the Old Main's Native American Resource Center on Friday at 4:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend this reception. See the Pembroke State University Column by Gene Warren elsewhere in this issue for more details on the Governor's visit.

Local Doctor Still Makes House Calls

Sitting on the edge of his brown leather desk chair with his barbecued spare-rib lunch in front of him, Doctor Frank Worlax talked about his work and house calls.

Dr. Worlax, 46, is a native of Pembroke, NC and was the first American Indian to attend Duke University Medical School after one year at Pembroke State University. He passed his State's exam in 1976 after three years and a half at Duke. "One year of that time was spent in Physician's Associate School," said Dr. Worlax. After his residency at Duke from 1976 to 1979, Dr. Worlax came home to Pembroke to set up his office. He has been in practice for six years.

When I asked Dr. Worlax how he was able to finish such hard work he said, "After ten years and nine months in the Navy as a coreman, I was determined and ready to work hard for what I wanted."

Dr. Worlax said, "I have one of the best jobs there is serving the body of man. God serves the soul of man, and the way I see it, the body is the next aspect of man that needs serving the most."

Dr. Worlax often makes at least four house calls a day. He said, "I don't see how one can be a doctor and not make house calls. I feel obligated to my patients. And to anyone else who calls for my service."

He says while making house calls he can see the real problems. For example, he shared a story about visiting an elderly mother last week who, according to her family, didn't rest well at night. Dr.

Worlax said, "I stayed with her an hour talking about things that happened decades ago, because her memory of the present isn't good at all. Later I learned that she slept all night. All she needed was someone to bring her back to the reality she knows."

Dr. Worlax continued, "The reward in making house calls is knowing you helped someone in need." He said he will answer a house call more readily for an elderly person than he will for a fourteen or fifteen year old because the young person is more able to get out at night.

I asked Dr. Worlax if there was ever a house call he did not answer. He responded with a serious look. "Yes, there was a call a few years ago when the grandson of a prominent family in the community had a cold. They asked me to come out and I refused. The boy could have made it to my office. However the family would no longer speak to me when they passed me on the street. But when the grandfather got seriously ill they called me to come out because they knew I was the only physician in the area who would make a house call, and I went."

Dr. Worlax says he is very thankful for the opportunity to serve his fellowman. He said, "It is hard to be successful without being thankful."

Dr. Worlax and his wife, Carolyn, have five children. Mrs. Worlax is a major in missionary at Wake Forest University. Cedric, 19, and Cathy, 21, are enrolled at Pembroke State University.

The family resides across from Dr. Worlax's office on the Pembroke-Prospect Road. They also attend Island Grove Baptist Church on Highway 710.

by Cheryl Bullard

-A Continuing Saga- Celebrating 100 Years of Indian Education In Robeson County

by Bruce Barton

There is an interesting interview of J.A. McCormick, then listed as the oldest citizen of Pembroke, found in the *Pembroke Progress* Newspaper edition of July 24, 1947. The interview was conducted by Lew Barton, then the editor of the *Pembroke Progress*, and the father of the present editors of the *Carolina Indian Voice*.

In the interview, McCormick, who was then 78 years old, remembered the birth of a village. [Pembroke]. In reference to what is now Pembroke State University, McCormick said, "I don't believe any other group in the world has ever progressed so much in such a short time." McCormick referred to the

school (now PSU) as the "little seed." McCormick exclaimed, "If I hadn't lived through it (the growth of the school), I would not believe it."

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS PSU Remembered as a "Little Seed"

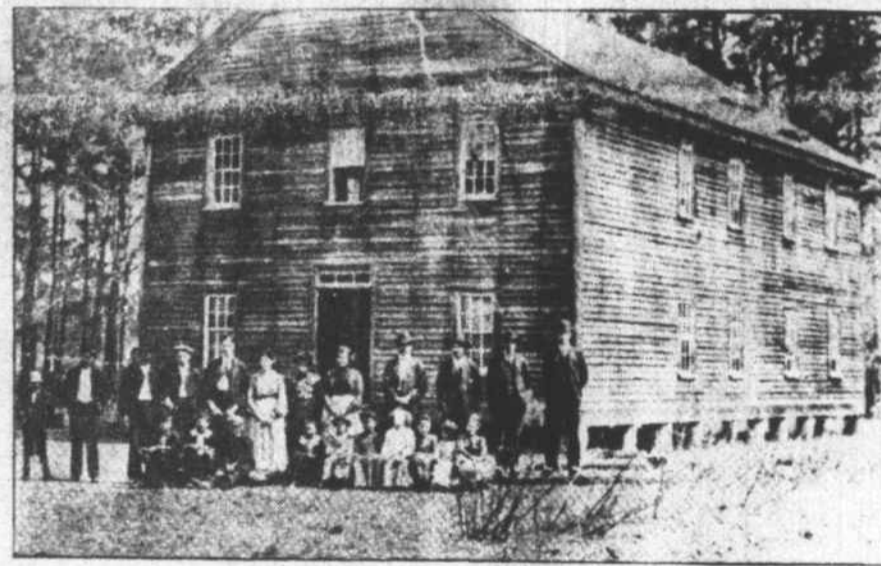
McCormick referred to Croatan Normal School (the first name of present day-Pembroke State University) as the "little seed" planted which is responsible for the progress of the Indians of this county (Robeson County, and the present day Lumbee Indians). McCormick, in the interview, believed that the late Rev. W.L. Moore (first Normal School Principal) and the late Oscar Sampson a

member of an early board of directors, did more for education among the Indian population than anyone else. McCormick remembered that the Indian people, initially, were bitterly opposed to education. They mistrusted those who might misuse it against their best interests. But, said McCormick, these men (Moore & Sampson) never gave up preaching the gospel of education. "They gave freely of their time & resources," recalled McCormick.

Pembroke State University's beginnings were, indeed, humble ones. From that "little seed," the school is now a member of the state-wide university system and is probably Robeson County's

most prestigious asset. For that reason, it is good to look back to the early days. Here is a picture of the first and second buildings on what is now the PSU campus. We are developing this year-long series to remind our readers that Pembroke State University was founded for and by Lumbee Indians. It would be good if PSU's present-day administrators would remember this unalterable fact and note it with some permanent legend on their correspondence. What would be wrong with adding the tag, "Founded by the Lumbee Indians" on Pembroke State University stationary and, more than this, make it a permanent part of the school's logo or public relations look?

THEN 1887



THE FIRST BUILDING — 1887

In 1887, under the influence of Hon. Hamilton McMillan, representative in the Legislature from Robeson county, a law was passed providing for the establishment of a normal school for the Indians of Robeson county. "For the payment of teachers' salaries and for no other purpose," \$500 was appropriated. The Indian citizens of the county contributed funds and labor and thereby secured a building to conduct a school. It was located about one and one-half miles northwest of Pates, on an acre of land bought from Rev. William Jacobs for \$1. Rev. W. L. Moore was the first principal. The enrollment was fifteen. The Legislature appointed Rev. W. L. Moore, James Oxendine, James Dial, and Preston Locklear as members of the Board of Trustees. These four were given authority to associate with themselves three other Indian citizens of the county, and they selected Malachi Locklear, Benjamin Chavis, and Isaac Brayboy. In 1889 the appropriation was raised to \$1,000 and remained the same for many years. In 1903, the Legislature made an appropriation of \$100 for ceiling and seating the first building. Rev. D. F. Lowry received the first diploma issued by the school in 1905, having completed a scientific course.



THE SECOND BUILDING — 1905

In 1903, the normal school was moved to the present site near Pembroke. The Indians purchased a ten-acre tract at \$50 an acre and had it deeded to the State Board of Education, and also contributed \$600 toward the building of this house, the General Assembly having appropriated \$2,000 toward the cost of the building. Prof. H. L. Edens moved the school to Pembroke with little interruption and graduated the second student in the history of the school, Mr. John A. B. Lowry, in 1912.

CLASS REUNION PLANNED

The Pembroke High School Class of 1960 will celebrate their 25th reunion on Saturday, August 31, at the Pembroke Jaycee Club house in Pembroke, NC.

All persons who were in school with the class of 1960 are invited and encouraged to attend the reunion.

For more information, you may contact or call one of the following persons: Hampton Brayboy at 524-8397; Jody

and Dennis Lowery at (704) 545-6805; Clayton H. Maynor at 521-2157; Eunice Oxendine at 521-2593; Jerry C. Oxendine at 521-8556; Walter G. Oxendine at 521-3670; Or Monnie Sanderson at 521-8983.

UNION CHAPEL PTA

The final PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at Union Chapel School. Parents are encouraged to attend. The chorus will perform for

the group. Mrs. Dale Lowery directs the chorus which is composed of 4th, 5th and 6th graders.

UNION CHAPEL

The May Day Program will be held at Union Chapel School on the outside on May 24th beginning at 9 a.m. This year's theme is "Under The Big Top."

The different classes will dance in honor of the king and queen, Robin Lowery and Myra Michelle Oxendine.

SINGLES TO MEET

Don't forget the next "Singles" meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church (across from Big John's).

Our program Building Healthy Relationships is the second in a series of reports on the Singles Seminar at Greensboro College which four of us attended recently.

If you are single, come by yourself or bring a friend.

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS

OXENDINE FAMILY REUNION PLANNED

The descendants of "Big Dock" Oxendine, Sr. and Lena Jacobs Oxendine will meet at New Bethel Holiness Methodist Church in the fellowship hall May 11 at 12 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish. A program will be presented and special guests and lots of fellowship. For more information call Rev. John West Locklear at 422-8112; Grover Gibbs at 483-6479; Mazell Hunt at 843-3706.

The children are Melba Oxendine, Lannie Locklear, Julie Michell, Rev. Dock Oxendine, Jr., Ella Gibbs, Frank Oxendine, Johnnie Oxendine.

DEADLINE FOR PAGEANT APPLICATIONS MAY 15

The deadline for accepting Little Miss Lumbee applications is Wednesday, May 15. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, May 23. For additional information, call Ms. Marilyn Locklear at LRDA, 521-8489.

LADIES AUXILIARY OF UNION CHAPEL TO HOLD BAKE SALE

The Ladies Auxiliary from Union Chapel Methodist Church will hold a bake sale on Saturday, May 11, at Maynor's Center on Highway 72. The sale will begin at 9 a.m. and run until all items have been sold.

WILL CELEBRATE 60TH BIRTHDAY

Ophelia (Bitsy) Oxendine of Route 2, Pembroke will celebrate her 60th birthday on Saturday, May 11. She will observe the occasion at the Town and Country Restaurant for dinner.

She is the daughter of the late Norman Oxendine and Ophelia Oxendine Locklear. She is the granddaughter of the late Mily and Redmond Locklear.

She resides with her sister, Louise Barton, on Route 2, Pembroke.

INDIAN YOUTH UNITY CONFERENCE SET JUNE 26-28

The sixth annual Indian Youth Unity Conference is scheduled for June 26-28 at PSU.

The conference provides an opportunity for students to explore their Indian heritage, improve their self-image and develop academic and social values. They will attend workshops on college planning, cultural enrichment, drug and alcohol abuse prevention, postponing sexual involvement, test-taking skills, public speaking and youth involvement.

Special events will include a tribal basketball tournament, princess pageant, banquet and art and essay contests.

The conference is sponsored by the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization and will have the theme "Indian Youth in the '80s, Striving for Success and Unity."

Indian youth ages 14-18 or in grades 9-12 are eligible to participate. Registration will be limited to 300 persons.

The \$45 registration fee must be submitted by May 31. It covers accommodations for two nights, four meals and a banquet, use of recreational facilities and administrative materials.

To register or for more information, contact Danford Groves, Conference Coordinator, N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 27228, Raleigh, NC 27611, Telephone (919) 733-5998.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Kirby Ammons, Pembroke Chief of Police issued the following statement: "I am instructing the department officers to be especially observant of town stickers for 1985. Legal action will be taken where citizens have failed to purchase or display these stickers; they are \$5. Legal action could result in an expense of up to \$45. Know your law."

LUMBEE BANK ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Rev. C.W. Maynor Retires



Lumbee Bank recently elected a new chairman of the Board of Directors. Rev. C.W. Maynor, former chairman, retired after the 1984 Annual Stockholders Meeting.

Mr. Arnold Locklear, a practicing attorney in Pembroke, was elected as the new chairman.

A reception was held Rev. C.W. Maynor at which time a plaque was presented to Rev. Maynor in appreciation of his service to the bank. Rev. Maynor has served the Bank for eleven years as its chairman. Mr. Locklear, (shown left) the new chairman, stated that he accepted the new position as a challenge and looks forward to continued growth for Lumbee Bank. Rev. C.W. Maynor is shown right.