

# EDITORIAL PAGE

## ASI SEE IT



by  
**Bruce Barton**

### Lumbee Homecoming and Strike at the Wind are testaments to Lumbee derring do

Lumbee Homecoming always embues me with a sense of pride. And this year was no different, as LRDA again gave us a rallying point by hosting homecoming activities with inestimable style. We offer our congratulations to the winners and all the participants. See list of winners elsewhere in this issue.

And, of course, I have a special interest in "Strike at the Wind" this year. I play Allen Lowrie, Henry Berry's papain in this year's production. Even though I don't last long (I got killed in the first act), I have a good time hanging around and getting to know the case and meeting the audience after each performance. The popular outdoor drama is an exciting adventure for me. But it does make me kind of sad in a nice way that I am no longer called upon to play heroes. I am relegated to emoting as the daddy of the hero. Oh well! Time does march on, and my 43 years can no longer be hidden away from view.

Randy Umberger, the Chapel Hill-based playwright, who wrote "Strike at the Wind," noted, after Saturday night's performance, that it was the "best production I

have seen since the drama began in 1976." David Oxendine, the demanding director; and Melton Lowry, the workaholic stage manager, deserve accolades from all of us. Look for my biased review of "Strike at the Wind" next week. As a Lumbee, I take special pride in Umberger's remarks because Oxendine and Lowry are Lumbees too.

The only pale on this year's production is the fact that Carnell Locklear, the effervescent general manager, who also doubles as "Boss Strong" in the drama, is still concerned about his son, Shawn, who was wounded in a terrible accident when he was struck by an automobile a few days ago. Shawn is expected to recover, but the trauma has dimmed the usual jocular nature of Carnell Locklear, my best friend. I continue to ask you to pray for Shawn's eventual recovery.

There is good in every disaster if we look for it. Carnell told me privately that the care his son is receiving at Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton is first rate. In the past, Indians have had to resist rank racism as their loved ones recovered in local hospitals. It is good to know that, beside manners have improved.

I am on the brink of running for IREMC Board of Directors. I have thought about it a lot over the last few years, and I

am on the brink of running for the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation (IREMC) board of directors in October. It will be my first bid for public office, and it ought to be interesting. I will be vying for the seat held by Lacy Cummings, a very nice fella from the Mt. Airy community.

First of all, I would have nothing negative to say about Mr. Cummings. He is a fine man who has comported himself well during his first stint on the board. I just feel that I could be helpful as a board member. I have been involved in the affairs of the electric co-op since I began the newspaper. As a matter of fact, I was once arrested a few years ago for attempting to attend a meeting of the board of directors. At that time meetings were closed to the public and the member consumers. As a direct result of my action, the meetings are now open to any consumer member who wishes to attend. I have always been interested, and have expended a lot of energy in years past working to make the co op accessible to the consumers. I believe I would be a good director. I would like to state a few things though that I would do if I were elected to the board. First of all, I would represent the grass roots people...those who have to scrap to pay their light bills. I would not be especially friendly to the administration even though I count Ronnie Hunt, the general manager, as my friend. And I would never knowingly lie or promise something that was beyond my capabilities to deliver. And, if elected, I would attend all the meetings and to do my very best to represent the consumer members of IREMC.

The seat I would be vying for is one of the three at large seats. That seat is presently held, as noted earlier, by Mr. Lacy Cummings. If I run (and I am 99 percent sure I will) I earnestly solicit your support and, of course, your vote when the annual meeting is held in October. More later. If you have an opinion about my possibly running for this seat, I would be interested in hearing from you. Rural electric cooperatives like IREMC are one of the last bastions of democracy in America, and it would be exciting and interesting to participate as a member of the board of directors.



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# Letters KEEP THINKING

I have often wondered about what is the root cause for the inability of the Indians of Robeson County to obtain economic and political success collectively. I believe it can be identified as a two fold dilemma. Let me address what I believe to be the most important of the two. The individuals that have been elected and those who self appointed themselves as Indian leaders have failed to organize and unite the Indian people into a streamlined, goal oriented, uniform body.

Uniform in the sense that the individual can relinquish some of his personal preferences for the betterment of the whole and streamline in the sense that it can cut right to the heart of the issue and propose solutions to remedy the situation for the benefit of the majority of those concerned. If this be the case, change should be the inevitable course for the Indian voter and activist. New voices need to be heard on the horizon and some previous voices that have been pushed aside need to be reinstated. Upon reviewing the track record of an Indian leader and seeing there is a consistently declining line or spirally descending curve there is but one recourse, change. The reason

for a nonproductive leader among our people is quite obvious; most have been self seekers and have padded their bank accounts or else they have been overcome by an inflated ego, in some cases both. Again, I say the word is change.

Secondly I believe that those individuals who profess to be of Indian descent have failed to properly identify themselves with an aboriginal native people. Take the Lumbees for example. Their descendancy comes from three main native aboriginal tribes. They are the following; the Saponia, the Cheraw, and the Hatteras tribes. The 1980 census indicates that there are 40,000 plus Indians in Robeson and surrounding counties and less than 20,000 of them have registered with the Lumbee group. Simply said if you are an Indian be an Indian; if not, be who you are and be grateful for what God in His infinite wisdom has created in you.

Final words would be this: the Indian reorganization came about in 1934, it is about time we do something now about establishing our Indian heritage as a permanent testimonial.

Sincerely,  
Harold G. Dial  
Pembroke, NC

## Writer for U.S. News and World Report Doing Independent Article on Lumbee Indians' Lost Colony Theory



Dr. Adolph Dial [pointing], chairman of the American Indian Studies Department of

by Gene Warren  
A year ago "U.S. News and World Report" published an exclusive interview with Dr. Adolph Dial, chairman of PSU's American Indian Studies Department, concerning his views on what happened to the "Lost Colony."

It was in observance of the first landing by the English on North Carolina soil in celebration of the state's 400th anniversary.

Now the writer of that interview and an associate of his from "U.S. News and World Report," who is an independent illustrator, have been visiting Pembroke since Sunday, doing their own personal in-depth study of the Lumbee Indians and their origin.

Their story will be published in either an independent magazine or book, "depending on our findings," said Bill MacDougall of Washington, D.C., an assistant managing editor of "U.S. News and World Report." He has been with that magazine for 21 years. The illustrator accompanying MacDougall is Charles Brannan of New York City.

MacDougall has been to Roanoke Island, site of the ill fated "Lost Colony," many times, but this is his first to Pembroke and Robeson County, where live some 35,000 to 40,000 Lumbee Indians, the largest group of Indians east of the Mississippi River.

For illustrator Brannan, this is his first trip to either Pembroke or Roanoke Island. Dial, co-author of "The Only Land I Know," a history of the Lumbee Indians, has introduced the two magazine people to many Indians in the area who might assist them with their research.

Among them have been Clifton Oxendine, professor

emeritus of PSU who is considered a patriarch of the Lumbee Indian people; Lew MacDougall [center] and

Charles Brannan, who are with U.S. News and World Report.

Dial praised MacDougall for "spending several days in Robeson County, examining the evidence. So many have not. Many so-called top authorities have never set foot here. I think Mr. MacDougall visiting and talking to our people is very significant."

MacDougall said oral traditions are important. "If just one Lumbee said the Lumbees' view of the 'Lost Colony' was true, that's only one case in point. But every one says it. Lumbee Indians grandparents told how their grandparents told them the story is true. This is too strong to ignore."

The "U.S. News and World Report," assistant managing editor compared it with the story of ancient Troy. "In Greek history, the tradition was there was a Troy, that it did exist. And they have found this to be true. There was such a city."

MacDougall thinks the same can be said for the story that the Lumbee Indians are descendants of the 'Lost Colony.' The Lumbees contend that it was never really lost, but lives on here in Robeson County.

(Note: Dial stated in the July, 1984, issue of "U.S. News and World Report" that there is evidence that the colonists at Roanoke Island "intermarried with the Indians who are centered in what is now southeastern North Carolina" or Lumbee Indian country.)

MacDougall thinks the "either-or" interpretation of the story could be wrong. "Some say the colonists either did this or that," he stated. "They probably split up, going in different direc-

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## Wed in Baptist Ceremony

Karen Burns Privette

Karen Burns and Jeffery Bill Privette were married at 6 p.m. Saturday June 29 at Deep Branch Baptist Church. The Rev. Henry Oxendine and Rev. Bobby Burns performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burns, Jr. of Route 4, Lumberton. She graduated from Pembroke High School in 1980 and attended Pembroke State University. She is employed by East Raleigh Auto Parts.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Elmer Privette of Zebulon, NC. He graduated from Zebulon High School in 1974. He is owner and operator of East Raleigh Auto Parts.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white satin and silk venise lace accented with pearls and sequins.

The fitted lace bodice featured a sweetheart neckline. The long sleeves of venise lace and satin were puffed at the shoulder.

The full skirt extended into a cathedral length train. Her veil of illusion and caplet of seeded pearls was trimmed with alencon lace and white silk spring flowers. She carried a cascade of silk spring flowers with greenery.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Wanda Burns Ramsey of Raleigh, sister of the bride. She wore a blue satin gown with fitted bodice. It had a sweetheart neckline, back zipper, full skirt gathered to the bodice at shaped waistline and had short sleeves.

Other members of wedding party were Chavis and Gina Carol flower girls; and Ernest Melvin and Joseph Melvin, groomsmen.

Miss Brandi Deese, miniature bride. Mr. Brian Burns, usher.

The wedding reception held following the ceremony in the Fellowship Hall, was hosted by aunts and uncles of the bride.

The rehearsal dinner held on June 28 at Deep Branch Fellowship Hall, was hosted by the groom's parents.

After a wedding trip to Daytona Beach, Fla., the couple will live at Roanoke Zebulon, NC.

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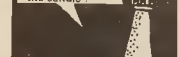
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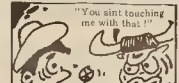
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