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## Civil Rights Group Enters Robeson Case

LUMBERTON -- The North Carolina Civil Liberties Union has agreed to look into the shooting death of a Fairmont man by a Robeson County narcotics agent, The Fayetteville Times reported today.



STONE

Jimmy Earl Cummings, 36, was killed by agent Kevin Stone Nov. 1. Stone had stopped Cummings' car and found drugs inside, and shot him outside the car, testimony at a coroner's inquest showed.

The inquest resulted in a verdict that the shooting was done "accidentally and/or in self-defense."

Stone, 23, is the son of Robeson Sheriff Hubert Stone.

George Gardner of Greensboro, executive director of the CLU in North Carolina, said Sunday his organization had decided to help Cummings' family keep the investigation alive because "it appeared to our board that there may be cause for both criminal and civil action." The Times reported.

"The case was presented to us for the first time on Friday, and we don't pretend to have any conclusions, but the family came to us in anguish as might be expected in the circumstances. We have agreed to give assistance to the family," Gardner said.

The State Bureau of Investigation also conducted an investigation into the shooting.

"Our conclusion is that the boy acted in self-defense," said SBI director Robert Morgan. He expressed confidence in the agents who conducted the investigation, and said their evidence agreed with the verdict of the coroner's jury.

Cummings was shot in the head. According to evidence at the inquest, Cummings ran from Stone after Stone found drugs in the car. Cummings was carrying a small plastic bucket he had taken from the trunk of the car.

Cummings then turned on Stone, swinging the bucket, and Stone shot Cummings in the head, testimony showed.

Stone did not testify at the inquest, nor did Darlene Hunt, who was in the car with Cummings when the car was stopped.

Witnesses at the inquest, SBI agent Kevin McGinnis and two deputies who work with Stone, said their knowledge of the shooting was based on what Stone had told them.

Cummings' family charged that the inquest was called on short notice and that the family was not given time to hire a lawyer to protect its interests.

District Attorney Joe Freeman Britt said the scheduling of the inquest was handled properly.

Britt said after the inquest that the decision by the coroner's jury is final and there is nothing further to be done.

Gardner said the law does not make the jury's decision final, however, according to The Times. He told the newspaper the district attorney "has absolute discretion as to what he is going to send to a grand jury."

## Local 4-H Agent Honored as Top Employee



Among those on hand to help honor Robeson County Extension 4-H Agent Eddie

Locklear (center) were RJR Nabisco Vice President Gerard Gunzenhauser (left) and

State Extension Director C.D. Black.

Raleigh--Robeson County 4-H Extension Agent Eddie L. Locklear was honored here Monday (Nov. 17) as one of the top employees of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

Locklear and 12 other county extension workers from across the state received "RJR Nabisco Extension Agent Awards of Excellence" for the effectiveness of their educational programs. Each recipient received a plaque and \$3,000 at a luncheon in their honor at North Carolina State University.

This is the second year of the awards program, which was made possible by a grant from RJR Nabisco, Inc., to the Agricultural Foundation at NCSU.

"Funding this awards program is one way that RJR Nabisco can express its gratitude for the beneficial impact

that extension agents have in communities throughout this state," Gerard R. Gunzenhauser, Jr., RJR Nabisco senior vice president finance and controller, told the recipients.

Dr. Chester D. Black, state director of the Agricultural Extension Service, said the awards were limited to no more than 3 percent of the organization's field staff.

Black said that under Locklear's leadership the 4-H program in Robeson County is growing by leaps and bounds in terms of learning experiences, community clubs, special interest groups and budget.

"This is not surprising when one considers Eddie's creativity, ability to think big and willingness to tackle new and innovative projects," Black commented.

An 11-year veteran of extension work, Eddie has a

B.S. degree in biology from Pembroke State University and a M. Ed. degree in adult education from North Carolina State University. He is president-elect of the N.C. Association of Extension 4-H Agents.

Joining Locklear for the luncheon were his wife, Brenda; mother, Madgie Locklear; and three sisters, Margaret Taylor, Diane Hunt and Wanda Kay Locklear.

The Agricultural Extension Service is a cooperative educational agency that is supported by county government, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and N.C. State University and N.C. A. & T. State University.

County staff members conduct educational programs related to agricultural production and marketing, home economics, 4-H and youth development, and community and rural development.

## ADOLPH BLUE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR LRDA BOARD



ADOLPH BLUE

Adolph Blue of Pembroke announced his candidacy for a seat on the board of Directors of Lumbee Regional Development Association, representing North and South Robeson and Union Precincts. In making his announcement, Mr. Blue released the following statement:

"I, Adolph Blue, have officially filed as a candidate for a seat on the Lumbee Regional Development Association Board of Directors, representing North Pembroke, South Pembroke and Union Precincts. Voting will be held on Thursday, December 4, 1986 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at Pembroke Elementary

School and Union Elementary School.

"In canvassing the area, asking citizens for their support many questions were asked concerning LRDA's role in the community and how LRDA might become more effective in the areas it serves. Questions such as, what types of systems could be used to better inform the citizens of the programs that are available? How to get the community more active in the programs? Can more growth be seen economically? were those questions most often posed by concerned citizens.

"In answer to these questions I answered that after I'm elected, I will work with other board members and the Director to become an instrument to implement goals for a stronger organization. My goal will be to challenge some of the problems that are a hindrance to the growth of LRDA. The problems I hope to address, with your help are:

1. Encourage and assist in additional funding for LRDA programs.
2. Make recommendations surrounding problem areas.
3. Better communication between LRDA and the community. (Notice and follow-up on board meetings.)

## LRDA To Hold Elections For Members Of Board Of Directors

Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. announces that there will be an open election on Thursday December 4, 1986. This election will nominate five members to serve on the LRDA Board of Directors for a three year term. Those who have filed and polling sites are as follows:

Candidate	Polling Sites	Precincts
1. Paul Brooks (D)	Pembroke Elementary School	Pembroke, Union
Adolph Blue	Union Elementary School	
2. Ralph Hunt (D)	Hilly Branch	Smyrna, Britts,
Doreen Hunt Sampson	Vocational School	Back Swamp
3. Grady Hunt (D)	Smyrna Church Fellowship Hall	Lumberton,
James Erle Chavis	(Hwy 211)	Wishart
	Mohr Plaza	East Howellsville
4. James E. Thomas (D)	Maggona School	Saddletree,
Celia (Janie) Hammonds		West Howellsville
Ruth Godwin		
5. Rev. Grover Oxendine (D)	Union Chapel School	Burnt Swamp, Philadelphus, Ratt Swamp, & Red Springs

### Idenotes Incumbent

On election day, the polling places will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The ballots will be counted after the polls are closed and the winner will be publicly announced. The candidate obtaining the highest number of votes cast shall be declared the winner (plurality). A "write in candidate" may be elected to the Board of Directors of LRDA. Eligibility to Vote: Any Lumbee Indian 18 years of age or older, and residing in the above listed districts/precincts may be eligible to vote.

## TRIBE DECLARED RIGHTFUL OWNER OF ARTIFACTS

Washington, D.C.: The Court of appeals for the State of Louisiana has decided that the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe is the rightful owner of artifacts that were buried with their ancestors. *Charrier v. Bell*, No. 85-0887 (Ct. App. La. 1986).

During the years 1731-1764, the ancestors of the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe had a village near the Mississippi River in what is now the State of Louisiana. After 1764, the Tunicians left that village and eventually settled in their present location in central Louisiana.

Although the existence of the historical village was known, its exact location had been lost in the years since 1764. In 1967, a treasure hunter, Leonard Charrier, found the village site. Because it was known that the Tunicians buried artifacts with their dead, Charrier immediately began searching for burials. He found them and over the next three years excavated and removed more than two tons of materials. The artifacts included beads, stoneware, iron kettles, knives, muskets, Indian pottery, European ceramics, crucifixes, rings and bracelets.

Litigation arose over the ownership of the artifacts in 1976. The Tunica-Biloxi Tribe intervened to assert its claim. Following a trial in 1983, a state district court ruled that the Tribe owned the artifacts and did not have to compensate Charrier for discovery and excavation of the artifacts. On

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## Dr. Lloyd Oxendine Gives Slide Presentation About Indian Art



Dr. Lloyd Oxendine

Pembroke: "I am not in favor of protest art, but this is my protest."

Dr. Lloyd Oxendine, a Lumbee Indian artist who has received an honorary doctorate of fine arts from the London Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences, pointed to a slide of one of his paintings during a slide presentation at PSU.

The painting depicted the Statue of Liberty in her characteristic stance—but with a rifle in her right hand instead of a torch and a book in her left. She was dressed in Indian attire instead of a flowing robe.

"I painted this during the nation's bicentennial observance (in 1976)," explained Oxendine. He said it was a reaction to the American Indians not having a part in the bicentennial festivities. "We were not asked," he

fact, Oxendine indicated many in America would soon not have the an Indian around. But

in his many travels, Oxendine seeks to show through traditional and contemporary American Indian art how beautiful the work of Indian art is, just one of the many contributions to this nation of Native Americans.

"All Indian art didn't stop when the white man came," pointed out Oxendine. "There have been a lot of influence and mixtures."

He showed slides of what is generally thought of as Indian art, which he called traditional, and then showed the modern-day or contemporary art. An example were the traditional moccasins—as contrasted with contemporary Indian tennis shoes, which have Indian designs painted on them.

"Contemporary Indian artists make a statement with their work. Other Indians have a complex problem because they say the contemporary artists' work is not Indian," said Oxendine who has traveled throughout the nation observing all kinds of American Indian art.

"Indian art has so many variations. I see it and seek to explain it to the people," the 44-year-old Oxendine continued.

Oxendine is based in New York City where he is director of the American Indian Community House, Inc. He is accustomed to being in the big city, having earned two degrees at Columbia University there. He received his B.A. in Art History in 1969 and M.F.A. in 1971. His honorary doctorate of fine arts

from the London Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences came in 1975. He attended UNC-Chapel Hill from 1961-64, studying Spanish.

Because of his travels, Oxendine is now fluent in Spanish, German, some French and Italian. He left Pembroke at the age of 12, lived in Wilmington for nine years, then 13 years in New York, three in Switzerland, and seven on the West Coast before returning to New York.

"I used Switzerland as a base from which I traveled all over Europe," said Oxendine.

He has been interviewed on such television shows as NBC-TV's "Today Show." He has lectured at such places as American Art Gallery in New York City, the Gruenberg Gallery in San Francisco, and the universities of Minnesota, Montana, Oregon, Rutgers, and New York.

Oxendine has had exhibitions all over the United States plus Switzerland, Germany and Canada.

During his slide presentation here, two of his relatives were in the audience—his uncle, Raymond Clark, a retired teacher at Pembroke High School, and his aunt, Geraldine Clark, a teacher at Pembroke Elementary School.

Oxendine was speaking at PSU as part of the Marion Bass American Indian Lecture Series with his topic being: "Native Horizons and Reality."

One could tell he enjoyed returning to his roots at Pembroke.

## Applications For Graduate School For Native Americans Now Available At University Of California

Applications to graduate school are being sought from American Indians and Alaska Natives by the School of Public Health at the University of California, as well as by other graduate schools, colleges and departments on the Berkeley campus.

There are many degree programs that lead to satisfying and well-paid positions, according to a spokesperson from the American Indian Graduate Program at the University. There are not enough American Indians in the professions which include: social welfare, engineering, business administration, education, law as well as public health.

There is especially a shortage

in academic fields where there is an extreme need for American Indians to teach in colleges and universities. Indian people interested in art, botany, languages, history, music, philosophy, political science and many other areas are urged to consider careers as academicians who teach at the college or university level, bringing their cultural awareness to the classroom. Such role models would be invaluable to young Indian students just starting their college academic careers.

The University of California, Berkeley has a history of interest in American Indian students and there has been many Indian students who

have been enrolled in different graduate programs. In the School of Public Health there have been 153 Indian and Alaska Native students who have received MPH degrees alone.

February 10, 1987 is the deadline for submission of application for the Fall 1987 semester; however, if one wishes to apply for a Fellowship/Graduate Minority Scholarship, one must submit an application by January 10, 1987. Further information can be secured by writing to the American Graduate Program, 140 Warren Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720 or call collect (415)642-3228.

## LRDA IS NOW TAKING ENERGY APPLICATIONS

Applications will be taken from November 17 through December 12, 1986 for fuel assistance through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Low Income Lumbee Indian households in Robeson, Hoke and Scotland Counties that need help in paying heating bills may apply for assistance at designated offices of Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. (LRDA).

Eligible Lumbee Indian households will receive a check through the mail in February, 1987. Persons who think they are eligible and wish to apply are urged to contact the LRDA office near their home. If you have applied through the Department of Social Services, you can not apply with LRDA. All applicants should bring

the following items when they apply: Food Stamp I.D. card; Social Security numbers for household members; information about your household's income (if anyone works, wage stubs for the month of October should be included); information about your household's property, stocks, bank statements, bonds and other assets; verification of SSL Social Security, V.A. benefits, unemployment benefits, retirement checks; verification of income

from rental property, farm income, etc.

The LRDA offices and centers taking applications are: The JTPA Building (521-9781); LRDA Office-Lumberton (738-7906); (In back of EMC building/Food Lion Shopping Center.)

All applications will be taken from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. weekdays, unless stated differently above. For additional information, please call 521-8602 or 738-7906.

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