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**Progressive Savings & Loan LTD.** recently announced the appointment of its local Advisory Board for the Pembroke Branch. Shown above left to right are the new members: McDuffie Cummings, Pembroke Town Manager; Ms. Betty Brooks, Educator and Businesswoman; Dr. Jeff Collins, DINS; Milton Hunt, Pembroke Town Mayor and contractor; Jimmy Hedgpeth, Vice President/ Branch Manager, Progressive Savings & Loan; and Harold Locklear, contractor.

Progressive plans are to move a mobile office unit from Raeford to Pembroke to be located on Highway 711 at the Colony Plaza Shopping Center on or about October 15, 1987. At a future date, a permanent structure will be built in Pembroke.

## 253 Attend Dinner At PSU Honoring Dr. Adolph Dial



Cedric Woods, Dr. Dial's nephew and the first Indian to earn the Morehead Scholarship, is shown presenting the traditional Eagle's feather to Dr. Adolph L. Dial. The eagle's feather is the highest honor bestowed on an Indian and it symbolizes bravery, strength and courage.

## DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SELECTED FOR THE N.C. INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER

Dr. Helen M. Scheirbeck, a native of North Carolina who has worked for many years in Indian affairs on the national level, has been selected as the Development Director for the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center.

"We are proud to have a person with the credentials of Dr. Scheirbeck to assume this position which is vital to the success of the Center," said Ruth Revels, Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Cultural Center. Revels said Scheirbeck will be responsible for managing, promoting, and raising support for the Center.

Scheirbeck comes to the Cultural Center from a senior level management position with Save the Children Foundation, an international Community Development, self-help, agency. She has held top positions with federal agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Office of Education. Revels said that Scheirbeck is nationally recognized as a leader in Indian affairs.

The North Carolina Indian Cultural Center is a cultural and tourism project being developed by the State of North Carolina and Indian tribes and organizations in the state. When completed, it is expected to be a major tourist attraction of the southeast and is expected to be of comparable size and quality to other major Indian tourist attractions in the United States.

The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs is providing administrative support to help develop the center. The Commission is the only state government agency with the specific responsibility of addressing the needs of North Carolina Indians. Through its field offices and varied programs, the Commission works to assure the rights of Indians and pursue their cultural, social and religious traditions and to increase their economic and educational opportunities.

North Carolina has the largest Indian population of any state east of the Mississippi, with 65,000 Indians composing the Cherokee, Coharie, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin and Waccamaw-Sioux tribes in the State.

### A Social Note



Rev. Isaiah Locklear celebrated his 88th birthday on August 6, 1987. A dinner was held in his honor on Saturday, August 8 at Sycamore Hill Church. The event was hosted by his daughter, Mrs. Dexter [Flora Jane] Locklear of Pembroke. Special guests included Rev. Locklear's wife, Bethany Locklear; his five children: Flora Jane Locklear of Pembroke; Jervis Locklear of Route 2, Maxton; Ezra Locklear of Route 2, Maxton; Jeanette Locklear and Prudence Locklear of Route 2, Maxton. His oldest son, Issac Locklear of Texas was unable to attend.

Rev. Locklear is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elias Locklear. Helping him to celebrate also were two of his four sisters: Mrs. Magaline Woods, age 92, and Mrs. Catherine Strickland, age 68. Two other sisters were unable to attend: Mrs. Polly Oxendine, age 83; and Mrs. Mary Ballard, age 80.

### National

#### Indian Child Conference Held

The National Indian Child Conference was held August 4-9 at Western Carolina University and on the Qualla Reservation at Cherokee, NC. In attendance were 650 youths from across the country and from several other nations. This represents the first time the National Indian Child Conference has been held east of the Mississippi.

Highlights of the conference included educational workshops, cultural events, and speeches by notable Indian leaders such as Chief Phillip Martin of the Choctaw Tribe. Jo Jo Hunt, formerly of Pembroke, NC spoke on her experiences as an aide to the joint Congressional Committee on Indian Affairs. Participants also toured the Ocanoluftee Indian Village and attended the outdoor drama "Unto These Hills."

North Carolina youth participated widely in the conference. About 200 North Carolina Indian youth attended from around the state. Of these, members of North Carolina Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO) helped to run the conference. NCNAYO members operated the conference information booth during the conference, helped with conference logistics, and several were on the conference program.

Susan Toineeta, NCNAYO representative from Cherokee, gave the welcome to the conference participants on behalf of the Cherokee Tribe and the NCNAYO. Cedric Woods of Pembroke and Senior Representative on the NCNAYO Executive Board, gave the keynote speech at the final general assembly. Mr. Woods addressed the conference theme "Many Trails, Hard Choices."

As a result of the work of NCNAYO at the conference, three members of the NCNAYO executive board were chosen to serve on the national steering committee for the National Indian Child Conference. The National Indian Child Conference is a regional branch of the international Save the Child Foundation. NCNAYO members chosen were Cedric Woods, Sherry Locklear, and Keith Colston.

The appreciation dinner for Dr. Adolph Dial last Saturday night as the first official function in Pembroke State University's new James B. Chavis University Center was an impressive event in all aspects.

It attracted a crowd of 253 people who filled the dining area of the University Center. The dinner was a preliminary to "Dr. Adolph Dial Night" that same evening at "Strike at the Wind," the outdoor drama which he helped to found.

The audience indeed was a "Who's Who." Leading the list of dignitaries was Congressman Charlie Rose, who reportedly flew down from Washington for the occasion and afterwards left on an overseas trip.

Dennis Lowery, chairman of the PSU Board of Trustees, came from Charlotte. Lonnie Revels, chairman of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, traveled from Greensboro.

Coming from Raleigh were Bruce Jones, executive director of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, and Betty Oxendine Mangum, who is NC Title IV state coordinator and has done such a superb job as director of Indian education for the State Department of Public Instruction.

Congressman Rose was on the program speaking about Dial's contributions to politics as was Mrs. Mangum speaking about his efforts for arts and culture.

Master of ceremonies was Julian Pierce, chairman of the Robeson Historical Drama Association which each year puts on "Strike at the Wind."

Rev. E.B. Turner, a member of the Robeson Historical Drama Association, gave the invocation. Following him on the program were Dr. James B. Chavis, PSU vice chancellor for student affairs who spoke of Dial's contributions to education; Horace Barnes, speaking about Dial's achievements in business; Rev. Robert Mangum of Prospect United Methodist Church, relating Dial's work in the church; and Cedric Woods, recipient of the Morehead Scholarship, speaking about Dial's devotion to his family.

But the most touching remarks came from Dial's daughter, Mary Doris, who spoke of her love for her father. Dial's wife, the former Ruth Marie Jones of Pembroke, could not be present because of Alzheimer's Disease. But other family members were, and Dial introduced them. The dinner was videotaped by Warren Love, director of the

PSU media Center. The accolades paid Dr. Dial were many and covered the many areas he has touched in his 64 years.

It was a "Night to Remember" for this chairman of the American Indian Studies Department at PSU who has announced he is retiring at the end of the 1987-88 academic year.

But he is not about to "fade away," because it was also announced during the past week that Dial plans to run next spring for the N.C. House of Representatives.

If last Saturday night was an indication of his support, there is no doubt from the turnout that he has a strong base.

Congressman Rose praised him as "a man who knows politics and knows how to get things done through politics."

Barnes praised his knowledge of business and how he was a mian of his word.

Chavis spoke of how Dial "fought for and became the leader of the American Indian Studies Department" at PSU.

Betty Mangum extolled his contributions to the arts, and Cedric Woods spoke emotionally about how much "Uncle Adolph" has meant to his life.

But one of the most moving tributes came from Rev. Bob Mangum, pastor of the church of which Dial is a member. He told about how Dial became a Christian in 1948, the greatest decision in his life, and how he had worked hard for the church, as chairman of the board of trustees and as a person who gives freely of his own money to help the church.

Dial, who greeted each person personally as they

entered the University Center, had tears in his eyes at the end. But with his usual wit, he responded: "I have enjoyed every word."

With the proceedings recorded on video tape, the Dial family will have an opportunity to see and hear the tributes paid to this humanitarian again and again.

In my own 19 years at PSU, I have heard no one praised more for their contributions to their area and their church than was Dr. Adolph Dial last Saturday.

His life has touched many people-and will continue to do so in the future.

Because, as he says with his typical smile: "I'm not about to fade away."

As part of the activities for Adolph L. Dial Night, the name of the Lakeside Amphitheatre where the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind" is held, was renamed in honor of Dr. Dial. The theatre is now

renamed The Adolph L. Dial Amphitheatre. Dial is shown with the monument which designates the site and says "Welcome to the Adolph L. Dial Amphitheatre."

### Countdown To 5,000 Subscribers Continues

The countdown to 5,000 subscribers continues this with the following additions:

- 153. William Locklear, Jr., Maxton
- 154. Wanda L. Todd, Currie, NC
- 155. A-1 Mobile Home Sales, Lumberton
- 156. Dora F. Brooks, Pembroke
- 157. Strawdie Demery, FL
- 158. Smitty Lee Locklear, Raleigh
- 159. Dr. Lenita Wixson, TN
- 160. Gretchen William, MI
- 161. State Historic Society, WI
- 162. Julia G. Salmon, VA

We appreciate those who have subscribed and urge each of you to buy a subscription if you have not already done so...

## Five Candidates To Run For LREMC Board Of Directors

Five persons, including three incumbents, have been nominated to run for directors' seats at the annual meeting of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation.

Lumbee River EMC, a rural electric cooperative, provides electricity to 26,000 members in Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke and Scotland counties. Its annual meeting will be held Oct. 6 at the Performing Arts Center at Pembroke State University.

Four of the co-op's 12 directors' seats will be up for election at the annual meeting. The co-op's directors, elected to three-year terms, determine policies for the non-profit corporation.

In addition to the five nominees, other qualified members may petition the co-op to become candidates. The deadline for petitions, which must be signed by at least 25 co-op members, is Sept. 10. Candidates may also be nominated from the floor of the annual meeting prior to the election.

All candidates must be members of Lumbee River EMC and must reside in the district represented by a director's seat up for election.

The five members nominated by the co-op's Nominating Committee are:

- \*Bradford Oxendine, the incumbent from District 3, which includes the Robeson County townships of Back Swamp, Smyrna, Britts, Wis-harts, Raft Swamp and Lumberton;
- \*Harold Dean Brewer, the incumbent from District 7, all of Hoke County west of N.C. Highway 211;
- \*Herbert Clark, who will seek the seat from District 9, all of Scotland County. Clark is the son of Martin Clark, who held the seat until his death earlier this year. The seat is currently vacant.
- \*Incumbent Elias Rogers of Hoke County, who holds an at-large director's seat;
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## Concerned Citizens to Conduct Public Hearing

The Concerned Citizens for Better Government in Robeson County will conduct a public hearing at West Robeson School on September 10 at 7:30 pm. This meeting is very important and interested, concerned citizens are encouraged to attend.

Startling news will be revealed relative to the Coroner's Inquest in the Jimmy Earl Cummings death. The civil action that has been entered on behalf of the family of Jimmy Earl Cummings is expected to be heard in September or October.

Make plans to attend this important meeting. Let's all determine that we won't quit demanding better government in Robeson County.

ISN'T THIS A  
*Beautiful Day!*  
EXPECT SOMETHING WONDERFUL  
TO HAPPEN

Mr. Inman Cummings poses proudly in front of Deep Branch Baptist Church with the plaque he received from Pepsi Cola Bottling Company.