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## Grand Jury Indicts Hatcher & Jacobs In Hostage Case

Eddie Hatcher and Timothy Bryan Jacobs, both of Pembroke were indicted on Tuesday after the grand jury convened and listened to testimony about the Feb. 1 takeover of the Robesonian in Lumberton.

The seven-count indictment charges Hatcher and Jacobs with conspiracy to make and possess firearms, conspiracy to take hostages, hostage-taking, using firearms to commit a hostage-taking offense, two counts of making illegal firearms, possession of unregistered firearms and making false threat threats about explosives over the telephone.

The grand jury, meeting in closed session heard testimony from five people who were held hostage and the editor of this newspaper, friend of Eddie Hatcher.



Kristy Woods, sophomore of Maxton, was crowned the 1988 PSU homecoming queen Saturday night. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Woods. She was sponsored by the PSU Native American Student Organization.

## Kristy Woods Of Maxton Crowned 1988 PSU Homecoming Queen

February is a victorious month for Kristy Woods, a PSU sophomore from Maxton who is majoring in computer science.

Last Saturday this daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Woods was crowned the 1988 homecoming queen at PSU. Prior to that she had won the first bowling open tournament at the new James B. Chavis Center, qualifying her for a pro-am in March at Winston-Salem.

Along with being the tourney winner in the eight-lane bowling center in the Chavis Center, she also had high game of 201, which includes five strikes in a row.

Sponsored by PSU's Native American Indian Organization, she captured homecoming queen honors in a campus-wide vote, winning over six other contestants.

For winning "Miss Homecoming," Miss Woods won a crown, trophy and was presented a bouquet of flowers. Her escort was Virgil Oxendine, also of Maxton.

First runner-up in the homecoming queen competition was Tonia Evans, sophomore from Orrum, sponsored by Tau Kappa Epsilon. Second runner-up was Kimberly Jacobs of Hope Mills, sponsored by Kapp Delta. Miss Evans is majoring in criminal justice and Miss Jacobs in broadcasting.

This is not the first time Miss Woods has won a crown. "When I was five years old, I was Little Miss Lumbee," she said.

As for winning the homecoming title, Miss Woods said, "I was very, very excited. I entered so the Native American Indian Organization would have a representative, but I am so glad about the outcome."

She said her mother was present as was her sister, Lezlie, 16. "My mother said she was confident I would do well."

Kristy's mother, Joanna, has earned both a B.A. and M.A. from Pembroke State University. And now she has seen her daughter become homecoming queen.

Kristy Woods was a 1986 graduate of West Robeson Senior High where she was a member of "Who's Who Among High School Students of America," most valuable we well as all-academic in volleyball, and a member of the Spanish and Monogram clubs.

She is a member of Prospect United Methodist Church. Her hobbies are singing, dancing, comedy and writing poetry.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESS PERSONS

GRIFFIN'S ACCOUNTING SERVICE



Bobby Griffin works at his desk in his accounting business.

By Barbara Bruzboy-Locklear  
Special to the Carolina Indian Voice

For some, the American dream is owning their own business. Seven years ago, the dream came true for Bobby Griffin, founder of Griffin's Accounting Service.

However, the dream didn't fully develop without some tosses and turns on the part of the Lumbee Indian.

After graduating from Magnolia High School in 1965, the Fairmont native volunteered for the U.S. Army. The move back took him to Hawaii for a four-year stay.

At the end of his military tour, he took off his fatigues and put on a wedding band. He says the change required that he

work full-time. Yet, the aspiring accountant entertained thoughts of returning to school. He began part-time study at a Lumberton business college and transferred to Pembroke State University.

Studies were interrupted several times as Griffin took job assignments with a national textile firm. In 1977, he earned a degree in business with an emphasis on management from PSU. While working and living out-of-state afforded travel for the father of three, he dreamed of real job security which comes with working his own business.

Griffin and his wife, Christine, talked to each other in their sleep. The conversation led to a joint decision to establish their own business offering accounting services to individuals and small businesses in Robeson County.

"We listened to people and realized the need for our type service," Griffin says. Once the decision was made, the couple constructed their office building on Highway 72 in rural Robeson County near the Converse Manufacturing Plant. The couple's residence is located behind the office.

The self-professed work horse is bracing for the "mad" season of filing income tax returns. "It's not uncommon for us to work a 14-hour day from February until mid-April," comments the accountant.

He says no appointments are required to see him or his full time office manager Pat Oxendine. Mrs. Griffin, as accountant, assists part-time in the business.

"Clients who need service with income tax returns are served on a first come, first served basis," he says. Other services offered by the firm are filing quarterly taxes, setting up accounting systems for small businesses as well as maintenance on the systems.

"We work with clients any way they wish," he comments. "We don't specialize. Any thing in the accounting line that needs to be done, we do it."

Griffin says the recent change in the income tax return forms and the new tax law lends frustration to most clients. They turn to him for help. The task of dealing with the consequent workload extends past the office.

"Unfortunately it becomes impossible to get it off my mind," he says. Often-times meal time at home is spent discussing business.

Once the "mad" season is over, Griffin escapes the office for much-needed rest. A few days later he returns to serve the clients who have entrusted him with keeping order to their financial books.

"I admit at times the business is too demanding. And there's a lot of frustration in being self-employed," he comments. Then with a twinkle in his eye, he says, "It's all part of realizing the American dream."

Griffin's Accounting Service is located 1 1/2 miles west of Converse on Highway 72. Business hours are Mon.-Fri. 8-5 p.m. Special hours during income tax returns filing are 8-10 p.m.

## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

### BERTIE LOWRY LOCKLEAR

by Barbara Bruzboy-Locklear  
Special to The Carolina Indian Voice

A keen sense of humor, a lot of wit and a bunch of common sense have directed the path of Bertie Lowry Locklear during her nine decades of life.

Born and reared in the Elrod community of Robeson County, she learned at an early age the value of going to church and school. A staunch Methodist, she grew up attending Hopewell Methodist Church.

It was there at age 13, and during the singing of her favorite hymn, "Amazing Grace," she became a Christian. She later became a Sunday School teacher as well as sang in the church choir. And when at age 17, she finished Indian Normal School and was too young to be admitted to teach school in Robeson County, she went to neighboring Dillon County, SC and taught. A year later, the 18-year-old took her first teaching assignment in North Carolina at Fairmont Indian School in Robeson County.

"I sure did enjoy teaching school," says the 92-year-old. "The all-Indian school was a train's stop away from Locklear's home and getting to work was no big problem. 'I'd take what they called the 'Chadbourne Train,' recalls the Lumbee Indian.

She taught grades one through seven and rarely had discipline problems with her students. She says she once had a student who gave a speech unbecoming a youth during a session of "Society." Adied by an oak switch, she responded to the incident. "I had good luck in keeping order in the classroom thereafter," she comments.

The great-grandmother says when the switch and Bible were taken out of the school, it was a mistake. "When I taught school, we always had a devotional period before classes began. We sang, read the Bible, then the students were ready for the books," she says.

Locklear later taught at Jacobs Swamp and Piney Grove Schools in Robeson County. Before marriage, Locklear boarded in the communities where she taught.

It was during her teaching years that she was introduced to Frank Locklear, a resident of the Saddletree community. The young suitor was in the military at the time. A courtship was perpetuated by letter-writing across the miles which separated the two Lumbee Indians.

In 1925, at age 31, the school teacher married the man she loved. They settled in the Saddletree community where he engaged in farming.

Locklear taught school a couple of years after marriage and retired shortly after the birth of her first child.

Her life became one of caring for her husband, six sons and three daughters. She made most of the clothing worn by her family and always found time to preserve foods to carry the family through non-harvest seasons.

And she saw to it that colorful, special-designed handmade quilts always covered the beds in the farm home.

Flowers always adorned the grounds surrounding the farmhouse. "I always looked out to have a pretty flower yard," recalls Locklear. She says she is now unable to do much yardwork. Her physician advised her to slow down, so she had

to give up gardening. After marrying a Baptist, the "straight out" Methodist moved her membership to another church. For 52 years, Locklear and her husband together attended Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

"I felt it a wife's duty to follow her husband to his church," she comments. And when Locklear's "fine husband" died in 1977, she continued to attend her beloved Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

"Going to church has been one of my goals in life," she adds. The veteran teacher took her love for young children and teaching skills to the Sunday School class. A few years ago she was recognized by her church for having taught there for 50 years.

Today, the Saddletree community resident lives at the same location she moved to with her new husband 63 years ago. She lives with her daughter, Hazel Locklear, a retired school teacher.

Locklear says her daughters keep her pretty busy on the road. "They plan trips for me and insist I get ready and go," she laughs. She obliges when she feels up to it.

On her days at home, she busies herself sewing-mostly mending or doing garment alterations. She has no problem threading a needle. She needs no eye glasses for the job. She enjoys reading and usually manages with out reading glasses. They are, however, kept near her chairside table for use when she gets "pushed up" and has to read fine print.

Locklear keeps in touch with friends by telephone. "I've made a lot of friends over my lifetime and I like to keep in contact with them," she smiles. She values her friendships and applies her life's rule in nurturing them. She says it's a simple rule, "Do as you'd like to be done by." Her voice then drifts off, "And blessed is the peacemaker."



Bertie Lowry Locklear sits in her favorite chair in her Saddletree community home.

## A PROFILE OF SOUTH ROBESON'S NEW SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

South Robeson High School may be said to have plucked a prize when Bruce Barton was assigned to the school to the Social Studies Department. He brought to that department rich pool of experience gained from years of interacting with government people and agencies.

But he did not start out to be a teacher. He edited the Carolina Indian Voice newspaper in Pembroke for some 12 years. He covered hundreds of meetings of planning boards, commissions and other governmental groups and agencies. He had no idea of going back to school to work out a teacher's certificate.

Bruce Barton was reared in almost a "library." His father, Law Barton, a newspaperman, author, educator, and Indian historian in his own right, had a Masters Degree in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Bruce saw books from birth and lived among books. He says his home was filled with books. There were books on shelves, on the floor, under the beds; wherever space could be found there were books. Bruce acquired from his father the love of adventure through reading.

So, when Mrs. Barbara Barton started back to school, she had an excellent resource person right in the house, her husband Bruce. By that time, he had a decade of newspaper editing and editorial writing. ASI SEE IT-under his belt. He started helping his wife with her studies.

One evening, Mrs. Barton came home to report she had checked into Bruce's records at Pembroke State University. He could get back in school. He could make it. He could earn a teacher's certificate. She asked him why not.



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Mr. Bruce Barton is shown working with one of his sixth grade students.