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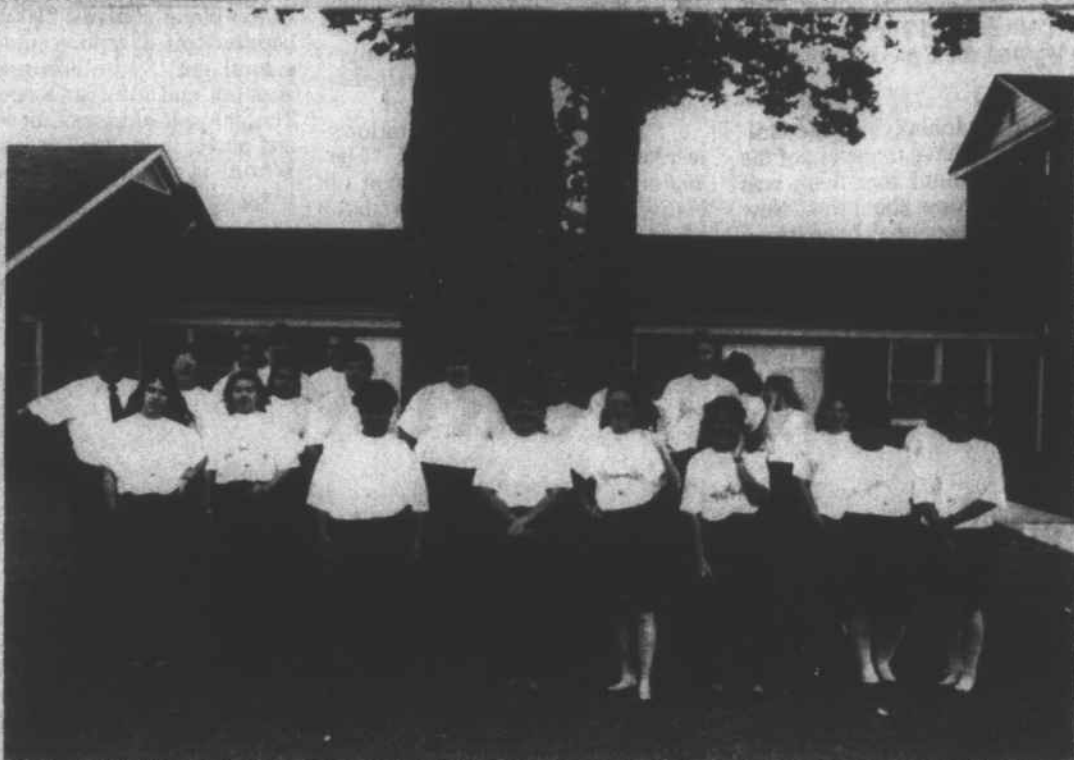
Robeson County

"Building communicative bridges in a tri-racial setting"

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The Prospect Youth Choir, under the direction of Mr. Harold D. Jacobs, will present the Musical "Isn't It

Amazing," on Sunday, July 19 at 10:40 a.m. at Prospect United Methodist Church. The Guest Speaker

will be Mr. Michael Chavis. The Public is invited to Worship with us on Sunday Morning.

## Robeson County Indians-A New Breed!!!

by Bruce Barton

This writer has mused for sometime about the uniqueness, the special quality, of the Indians of Robeson County whether they choose to call themselves Lumbee or Tuscarora. Most people agree that

these people (The writer likes the legal definition "LUMBEE", but is not necessarily offended by those who choose the appellation "Tuscarora". After all, Tuscarora blood is evident and plentiful in the county, as is many other Indian blood lines.) are not only anthropological delights but a NEW BREED of

Indian. Contrary to John Wayne's notions, the Indians of Robeson County are as Indian as can be: That's

an indisputable fact! This mindset is what produced the earlier articles about Dr. Reginald Oxendine and Jim Lowry, two successful Indian entrepreneurs from Robeson County

What sets these Indian risk-takers apart, and makes them different? Is it their upbringing, PSU, work ethic, sense of community, segregated schools, an inverted sense of manhood, religion, geography? The answer, in part, most likely, is all of the above and more!

And look at the results! Has another group of people ever produced such an array of stars? Teachers, Doctors, Lawyers, Bankers,

Preachers, Major Leaguers. A university, a Bank, Religious Denomination...and probably, somewhere in Lumbee Land, a candlestick maker can also be found. Just

about every viable field is represented. No Indian tribe in America can compare. What other tribe has produced a University (Pembroke State University) a town (Pembroke), a bank (Lumbee Guaranty Bank), a religious denomination (Lumbee Methodist Holiness), major leaguers, (Dwight Lowry, Twins & Tigers;

Gene Locklear, Reds, Padres, Yankees), a division I basketball coach (Kelvin Sampson, Washington State)...and scads of more risk-takers and difference makers. Never in the history of mankind has such a small ethnic group (40,000-60,000) given so much to society at large!

There is an entrepreneurial spirit about in the Indian Camp. This writer would like to profile some of these mountain-climbing movers and shakers, these entrepreneurs par

excellence, from time to time in the pages of THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE in the weeks ahead. Yours Truly is proud of his heritage, and has many heroes and heroines in the Indian Camp. In the weeks to come, some of these NEW BREED OF INDIANS will be shared with THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE readers. Look for the next profile next week.

Bruce Barton, now a history teacher in the Public schools of Robeson County, was the founder of this newspaper and its editor for a number of years.

## Pembroke Kiwanis Report

Reggie Strickland, program chairman presented Dr. Martin Brooks, long time family physician of the Pembroke area. Dr. Brooks has been in an extensive research program at Chapel Hill of the HIV virus. The disease transmitted through body fluids. "Knowledge is a life-saving facility. The future knowledge means AIDS can take up to 10 years to develop as the immune system wears down. A person can develop pneumonia, get cured then some other condition develops, get well then some other sickness comes up, the impact always ends in death with no cure. Since 1981 over 500,000 people World Wide have had AIDS, 214,000 deaths in the USA. A group of San Francisco doctors noticed males had the virus more than females. IV drug dealers, prostitutes with sexual transmission by far as the spreader. 90% is spread by body fluids. 50% of the prostitutes are infected. Genital infections and herpes are easy ways to spread it. Plus people under the influence disregarding safe sex spread the infection. A person can feel good for 3,4,5, or even 7 years and finally the immune system wears down. Dr. Brooks and four other physicians examined over 600 suffers at Chapel Hill. AZT, DDI, and DDC treatment drugs were used for different HIV cases, approved drugs by the F.D.A. for treatment of AIDS. The research goes on. 10 million cases now, it's a big problem but there will have to be 40,000,000 cases for there to be a universal testing program for the high risk cases. Magic Johnson found out he had the HIV virus when he

was tested for insurance. The drugs are extremely toxic. Many don't know they have it so it spreads. Research doesn't have anything in the hopes of a cure for it right now. A way of life dictates the only hope for not getting. Abstaining from sex is your only sure way of being sure.

Visitors were Lieden McNeall and Ricky Locklear. Clay Maynor, presiding; Reggie Strickland, invocation; and program. Jim Paul is a patient at Southeastern General Hospital and was very thankful for the Kiwanis remembrance and prayers.

## New Life Tabernacle organized

A newly organized church is meeting in Pembroke every Sunday. New Life Tabernacle has been organized and is meeting at the former Revels Motel Complex in Pembroke. Rev. Al Lowery is pastor and cordially invites the public to attend services with them. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. Sunday evening service is held each Sunday night beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mid-week services is held at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday night.

## Guilford Native American Art Gallery Quincentennial show

Guilford Native American Art Gallery announces the Opening Reception of THE SUBMULOC SHOW/COLUMBUS SHOW on Sunday, July 19, 1992 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. The gallery is located in the Greensboro Cultural Center, 200 North Davie Street.

The Opening will also include an autograph signing of Joseph Iron Eye Dudley's newly released book CHOTEAU CREEK: A SIOUX REMINISCENCE. Mr. Dudley is a member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe and is currently working on his doctorate at UNC-Greensboro.

Other activities to be held during the Opening include traditional Native American dancing by the Young First Americans and a public forum "Rethinking Columbus" with Dr. Sam Wynn, Lumbee Indian and Executive Director of the Native American International Caucus, and Dr. Clyde Ellis, professor of history at the UNC-Greensboro. A special performance of "My Country 'Tis of Thy People You're Dying" will be presented by Mr. Scott Blanks, Instructor of Oral Communications/Theatre at Benedict College, Columbia, S.C.

This touring exhibition is a visual commentary on the Columbus

Quincentennial from the perspective of America's First People. The show uses visual art to examine the question of Who is Columbus? From a viewpoint informed by the Native American experience. The Submuloc Show features contemporary work from 38 American Indian artists representing 33 different tribes across the Americas. This visual commentary, filled with wry humor, presents the Native view of the historic European/Native American cultural encounter. Native American response to the Quincentennial "celebration" spans the continuum from political activism to polite disregard. The Submuloc Show encompasses this range of response and chronicles some of the ways in which the encounter has changed indigenous culture. The steadfastness of traditional native values is evidenced in even the most contemporary artistic expressions.



TOM OXENDINE.. Shown when he was a commander in the Navy. The first American Indian to graduate from Navy Flight School, he is featured in a new social studies textbook published by McMillan/McGray-Hill of New York

PEMBROKE-- What does Thomas (Tom) Oxendine, a native of Pembroke, have in common with folks like David Brinkley, Elizabeth Dole, Sam Ervin, Ava Gardner, Billy Graham, Andy Griffith, Charles Kuralt, Ronnie Milsap, Richard Petty and Thomas Wolfe?

He is listed with his photograph and a brief description of his claim to fame in a section about "Famous Tar Heels" in the forthcoming textbook entitled: "North Carolina: Social Studies for a Changing World."

## Native of Pembroke

Tom Oxendine featured in social studies text book with "famous Tar Heels"

The book is published by the School Division of Macmillan/McGraw-Hill of New York City. It is a fourth grade textbook to be circulated nationally.

The portion about Oxendine

says THOMAS OXENDINE, BORN in Pembroke in 1922; Navy flight pilot; in 1942 became the first Native American to graduate from U.S. Navy Flight School; served as a fighter pilot during both World War II and the Korean War; says that "Whatever you conceive (think of), you can achieve. And never be afraid of the truth."

The 69-year-old Oxendine, older brother of Chancellor Joseph Oxendine of Pembroke State University, resides in Arlington, VA, and is a consultant for EOP Group consulting organization in Washington, D.C. He does a lot of work with Alaskan and Alaskan Indians, having recently returned from Montana and Idaho.

As for being chosen for the book among such illustrious company, Oxendine says it is a thrill to be placed with such people of national and international renown.

But he is a person who believes "A person with average intelligence can do anything he wants to do." He says the problem with many people is they stop themselves. "Don't stop yourself" is one of his favorite slogans. Another is, "If you've got the will and motivation, you can succeed."

Being the first Native American to appear with such a group of famous Tar Heels continues a trend for being first that has characterized Oxendine's life. He was the first person chosen for the PSU Alumni Association's "Distinguished Service Award" in 1967. He was also a charter member of the PSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1980, starring in football, basketball and baseball.

As a Navy pilot, Oxendine took part in 33 battles during World War II and won the Distinguished Flying Cross.

A man who loves to return to his home of Pembroke, Tom Oxendine was here again for the recent Lumbee Homecoming. "My roots are at Pembroke. Returning home provides me a time to renew my battery. I love to return often as possible. I have a lot of family members and friends in the area who mean a lot to me," says Oxendine.

Chancellor Joseph Oxendine is seven years younger than Tom, and the chancellor will readily tell you, "Tom's my hero."

Tom is equally proud of Joe and speaks glowingly of how Joe's warm personality has helped him to reach out and win many new friends for PSU.

This latest accolade for Tom Oxendine is another star in the Oxendine family's crown.

## Local Youth Selected to attend Encampment for Citizenship

DeAngelo Locklear, son of Riley and Angeline Locklear of the Saddlecreek community of Robeson County, North Carolina, is one of 50 young people selected to attend the Encampment for Citizenship for six weeks this summer.

The Encampment brings together approximately 50 young people each year from diverse ethnic, economic, and geographic backgrounds. The young people will participate in ongoing workshops for an in-depth exploration of current issues as health, environment, racism, sexism, international politics, arts and government.

Over 7,000 youth from around the world have participated in the Encampment for Citizenship since

Algernon Black and Alice Pollitzer brought 125 young people together for the first Encampment in 1946. Eleanor Roosevelt was very active in the early years of the organization and held numerous workshops at her home.

Former encampers include leaders such as Ada Deer, Native American activist and a key figure in restoring reservation status for the Menominee Indians; David Rothenbert, founder of the Fortune Society and Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, the first woman to chair the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Seventeen-year-old Locklear is a 1992 graduate of Lumberton High School.



DeAngelo Locklear

## To attend U.S. Military Academy



CHRISTOPHERE OXENDINE will be attending the U.S. Military Academy with the class entering in July 1992. He is the son of Mr. &

Mrs. Charles E. Oxendine of P.O. Box 743 Pembroke, N.C. 28372. He is a graduate of Purnell Swett High School.

