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## New Attorney In The Area



**Attorney Edward J. Bullard**  
 Bullard, who is a graduate of Pembroke State University also, stated that his brief teaching career was one of the foremost incentives for going to law school. He is very proud to be a graduate of NC Central University Law School. He stated that "I received as good an education in law at Central as could be had. Bullard is thrilled with the support from his siblings, being the youngest of twelve children. "They have been encouraging and supportive, as has my wife, of course, and my father."

Edward J. Bullard, a graduate of Prospect High School, has been admitted to the North Carolina State Bar for the practice of law. Plans are tentatively set for April 16 for the swearing in of Attorney Bullard. The swearing in will be conducted by Superior Court Judge Dexter Brooks. Attorney Bullard will be introduced to the court by his cousin, attorney Donald Bullard of Pembroke.  
 The new attorney is employed by Lumbee River Legal Services at the branch office in Cumberland County. he has been with the legal services program for the past three years. Attorney Bullard plans to remain with Lumbee River Legal Services.  
 Prior to attending law school at North Carolina Central University in Durham, Attorney Bullard, taught school for two years at Townsend Middle School.  
 Bullard is the son of Jessie B. Bullard and the late, Vonnie Ellen Bryant Bullard of the Prospect community. He is married to Sue Ellen Locklear and they have one son, Zachary Cory, age 2 and 1/2.



The Lumbee River Quartet, which has been described "as one of the fastest rising gospel groups in North Carolina," makes an encore performance in the fourth annual Pembroke State University "Gospel Music Festival" Saturday, April 17, at

## Lumber River Quartet and Quinton Mills Appear at Gospel Music Festival

ing the Givens PAC box office at (919) 521-6287 or 1-800-367-0778. The Lumbee River Quartet, based in Lumberton, recently signed a recording contract with Mark V Studios in Greenville, S.C., and has recorded a new tape, "Counting On Jesus", which has been released nationwide.  
 The Quartet sang on two occasions last summer at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., performing before approximately 17,000 to 22,000 people a day. Because of the response to their music, the Quartet has been invited back to Dollywood this summer. They will also be performing in the resort town of Gatlinburg, Tenn., this summer.  
 Since being organized in 1986, the Quartet has sung at churches, benefit and other events. They have recorded for Channel 16, a Christian network in Spartanburg, SC, which telecasts into five surrounding states. They have also recorded for Channel 62 in Fayetteville. Groups with whom they have performed have included The McGruders (who will also take part in the PSU "Gospel Music Festival" in Gold City, The Kingsman, Heaven Bound, Jeff and Sheri Easter, The Dixie Melody Boys, The Florida Boys, and Charles Johnson and the Revivers.  
 Other achievements by The Lumbee River Quartet, performing at the National Quartet Convention in 1993 in Nashville, Tenn., having a national release entitled "Rivers of Joy" in 1991 that was among the top 100 songs in Southern Gospel music.

## Maggie Woods Observes 98th Birthday April 7

Someone very special is celebrating her 98th Birthday this week (April 7, 1895 according to the Family Bible or 1894 according to NC Census) regardless of the year she came to us and shared with us her love, humor, wisdom, caring, and kindness and has set such a great example in her long life that we all should follow and live by as she did in her many years of living.  
 She loves life! Singing, good food, pretty things, going to Church, having fun! And what else do we need to make us smile and appreciate life "I Love Peace" she says and "I don't believe in fussing and arguing its just a waste of time and energy." "I can't remember everything like I use to but I do remember my mother and father ( Elias and Delphia) my children (Roberta, Henry Jr. Monroe) my Grandparents (Nancy and Daniel).  
 Daddy's brothers Hec, and Gusty. She always thought a lot of her school mates still remembers her teacher (Charlie Moore) and her school (The Old Barton School). Life was hard as a child and she remembers fondly about going to school with her lunch pail ( a cold potato, biscuit and some jelly) for lunch. If it was raining her mother always told her not to get her feet wet because she might get a cold. They feed the animals before going to school and after coming home would work til dark on the farm like so many other farm children in those days.  
 They would chop wood, work the fields (plowing with mule and plow), milk the cows. They grew everything they ate. Corn for meal, wheat for flour, cane for syrup, bought green coffee to bring home and brown in the wood stove until done and then grind with their own hands. (Sounds great doesn't it). When it would snow they would get some snow and milk from the cows to make milkshakes.  
 She loves the spring time because she always loved flowers and fresh things. When asked about marriage she said "Being married is what you make of it. What comes out of it

is what you put into it. "When I married Henry I thought he was so sweet but he soon turned sour". She wants a handkerchief to wipe her nose with and mother (Carletter Locklear niece of Aunt Mag) brings her an apron with an handkerchief in it that she had someone to make for her. She always wants aprons to have pockets to wear while cooking.  
 Her advice to everyone is to work when you can, eat, sleep and have fun when you can there will come a time when you can't. On The Fourth of July she remembers fondly when they would work in the fields til lunch and then go home for some good food and fresh lemonade. And then go back to work until dark. Those were the good ole days she says and wishes things were like that today.  
 In summer when the local churches were running their revivals we would pack up the wagon and set out to church. It would last all day long. "We carried enough food for lunch and supper" the older children would walk and the grown ups and smaller children would ride in the wagon. We would take watermelons and cut them for lunch. She loves good, cold sweet watermelons.  
 From my information on the family history Henry Berry Lowrie's brother Steve is her grandmothers father but she would not remember that. She says that "anyone that don't like something pretty there's something wrong with them". Things are so easy now not like the good ole days. "I've had it hard" she adds solemnly. I myself remember as a child going over to Aunt Mag and Uncle Henry's farm and seeing how hard she had it. She would be behind the plow or picking cotton or in the tobacco field but she was never idol. There was always something to keep her busy. She was a gentle woman — but strong, loving and patient. She wanted some good chicken and pastry for her birthday and she got it. Brought to her and cooked by her great niece (Denise Barton) also she wanted some flowers she got those too. Brought by my mother and myself.

(Carletter Locklear, Helen Locklear). If there's anything or anyone that I left out I apologize in advance because I did this in a rush and I have limited space and was given about a week to prepare for this and I needed at least 6 months to spend time with Aunt Mag and get all the information on her and her life that I could. She is a very easy person and a pleasure to be around as I have no doubt pointed out several times.  
 She resides in Pemberton Place where she receives the best of care and seems to be very comfortable. Her needs are few and all she ever asks of anyone who visits her is not to forget her and to come back when you can. I hope I can keep going back for a long time. There's a lot I could say about her and hope I will get the chance to some time soon. I'll close by saying something she says is the way the old folks use to say when they were about to go "I've got to go I've got another fish to fry."  
 "Please Remember that most of this story was quoted ( though it's not in Quotation marks) from the LADY herself and had there been time to put everything into this that she has to offer, you, the reader would have a better perspective of the kind of person she was and still is. I am not the writer in this office that's obvious and also explains the jumping around from one subject to another but given time I hope and pray it will improve.  
**Story and Photograph by Helen Locklear**



## Constitutional Assembly Planned For Lumbee Tribe

The Lumbee Tribal Enrollment Office announces a grant from the United Methodist Church's Commission on Religion and Race to begin development of a tribal constitution for the Lumbee Tribe. There are 42,000 enrolled members of the Lumbee Tribe, with approximately 95% residing in Robeson County and adjoining counties. According to Ruth B. Locklear, research on tribal leadership indicates that Lumbee leaders have often been religious leaders of the tribe.  
 For that reason, approximately 70 Indian Churches were asked by the Enrollment Office to participate in the Assembly by naming the Delegates who will be writing the Tribal Constitution with the project's legal staff. In issuing guidelines to the Churches for the selection of these delegates, Churches were instructed that delegates should be (1) 18 years or older, (2) enrolled with the Lumbee tribal membership, (3) able to read and write, and were also instructed that not elected official (such as commissioners, school board

members, LREMC board members, LRDA Board & Committee members, town council members), or staff of any Indian organization, would be permitted to serve as a Delegate.  
 As of April 5, 1993, approximately 30 Indian Churches had notified the Enrollment Office that they were interested in participating in the Constitutional Assembly of the Lumbee Tribe. Ms. Locklear states that notice of the first meeting will be going out very shortly, and any church who failed to notified the Lumbee Enrollment Office will be asked to have their Delegate present at this upcoming meeting.  
 Once convened, these Delegates will be responsible for drafting a Lumbee Tribe Constitution which must, among other things address a plan for the election of a tribal council, establish their qualifications for office and their term of office, identify what authorities shall be delegated to a tribal council, checks and balances on tribal government, etc. Working with the Delegates will be Dr. Arlinda Locklear, tribal Lawyer, Mr. Leon Jacobs, Eastern Director

for Indian Housing, Lumbee River Legal Services, and staff of Lumbee Tribal Enrollment Office.  
 Once drafted, the constitution will be presented to the tribe for public review and comment. According to Ms. Locklear, tribal members participating in these public hearings will have an opportunity to recommend changes to the draft constitution. Such changes will be considered by the Constitutional Assembly for revisions to the draft constitution.  
 Upon passage of the Lumbee bill, the Lumbee Tribe is required to reorganize under a tribal constitution. The Lumbee bill is expected to clear the Sub-Committee on Indian Affairs and the House Committee on Natural Resources within the next few weeks. According to Ms. Locklear, it is highly likely that the U.S. House of Representatives could vote on the bill in the month of May, 1993. Once passed by the House, the bill goes next to the U.S. Senate. Last year, the bill ran into the trouble in the Senate because of opposition from U.S. Senator Jesse Helms.

## A Tribute To Adore Clark

This was a lady who was loved and loved many individuals on mother earth. Her contributions to her family, friends and her Native people are great and will be touched on in this testament. When one considers material wealth, Adore Clark will not be remembered as a wealthy LADY.  
 However, when one considers the really important aspects of life (love, compassion, belief in the Creator, the ability to share, dedication to her Native people and their culture and friendship) here on Mother Earth  
 Adore Clark had an abundance of these important ingredients, therefore she was an extremely rich LADY. She was a LADY whose

door and home were always opened to those who needed a meal or a place to sleep. She was always supportive of her sons and their friends that they met along the Pow Wow trail.  
 If there was a need by an individual and Adore Clark was aware of it, she did everything in her power to help. Although she served and was loved by Native Americans throughout the United States, she was also loved and respected by non-Natives also. Adore's belief in the Creator and the Creator's teachings were a part of her daily life. Adore Clark believed one should incorporate their religious beliefs and practices in all aspects of their daily life and this she did as do other Native Americans. It is be-

cause of her belief and actions, that I know that she is on the other side with other good people waiting for those of us that will measure up to their standards.  
 When each of us has to face the Creator, we will be measured by our service to our fellow human beings, and not by the material wealth that we have accumulated. So it is with this in mind that I can say Adore Clark is now with the Creator on the other side where she will get the rest she deserves.

By Leca' E Esahik'kv  
 (Painted Turtle)