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## No Change in Pembroke Incumbents Return to Office

Pembroke—Despite the rainy weather, most of the day, some 762 Pembroke citizens made to the polls Tuesday to vote for a mayor and two councilmen. The big surprise was that there were no changes. Incumbent Mayor Milton R. Hunt walloped his challenger, Harry Oxendine, 470 to 299, according to the unofficial tally.

Incumbent Councilmen Greg Cummings and Larry McNeill, easily topped challengers Allen Dial and Mildred Jacobs. Unofficial returns gave Cummings-479, McNeill-434, Dial-285, and Jacobs-202.



Mayor Milton Hunt

## Pembroke Council hears about book concerning history of the town

Pembroke—One of the highlights of Monday night's meeting of the Pembroke Town Council was a preview of the new history of Pembroke.

Bruce Barton, one of the authors, previewed the book for Mayor Milton Hunt, the Council and the townspeople in attendance.

The book entitled Pembroke A Centennial Retrospective, 1895-1995 is expected off the press by December 1, 1995. Barton's co-authors, Cynthia Hunt and Dr. Linda Oxendine, were in attendance at the meeting, also.

In other news, the Council went on record in support of the Lumbee Tribal Council's project - "Warpath Against Drugs".

The council also voted in support of removing parking from the North and South side of East Wardell Street.

The Council also revealed plans for a new "Food Lion" store in town as soon as another store comes on

as soon as another store comes on board.

Town manager, McDuffie Cummings, also told town officials of a successful project initiated by Chief of Police, Larry Roberts, and the police department. They contacted Charlotte Hornets officials and received 4 adult & 8 children's tickets to an upcoming Hornets-Boston Celtics game in Charlotte. Chief Roberts and his officers will have fun figuring out which youngster and chaperones get to go. Someone in the audience laughed and said, "Getting the tickets was the easy part; deciding who is going will be fun, since probably every one would love to go." Contact Chief Roberts of the Pembroke Police Department for more details.

The meeting was brief, probably because it was on the eve of Tuesday's elections when Mayor Milton Hunt and Councilman Harry Oxendine were to square off for their prospective seats.

After practicing law for twelve years, on January 1, 1989, Brooks became the first Native American Superior Court Judge. Since his appointment and subsequent election, Judge Brooks has served as a resident Judge for Robeson County and has presided over court proceedings throughout the State.

Judge Brooks also served in the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War in 1966.

The Veterans Day Parade is Saturday, November 11, 1995 at 10:00 a.m., line up time is 9:00 a.m. The Memorial Service and the ceremony

## Judge Brooks to speak Veterans Day

Honorable Judge Dexter Brooks will be the guest speaker for Veterans Day Parade in Pembroke on Saturday, November 11.

Judge Brooks was recognized as the first Native American to be admitted to and graduated from the University of North Carolina Law School.

## LRDA Executive Director Elected NCAI Southeastern Area Vice-President



James Hardin

Lumbee Regional Development Association has announced that James Hardin, Executive Director, was recently elected as the Southeastern Area Vice-President of the National Congress of American Indians.

The National Congress of American Indians recently held its national convention of over 200 federally and state recognized tribes in the San Diego, California.

Mr. Hardin was elected to represent tribes in the eight states that make up the Southeast on the NCAI Executive Council.

The Southeastern Caucus in which Mr. Hardin was elected, is made up of federal and state recognized tribes.

Gilbert Blue, Chief of the Catawba Tribe in S.C., was elected as the

alternate for the southeast to Mr. Hardin.

The National Congress of American Indians was founded in 1940 to represent Indian Tribes in this country. NCAI financially assisted LRDA in getting started with a small grant in the late 60's.

During the late 1970's NCAI leadership at the time tried to deny the Lumbee Tribe membership in the Congress because of the tribe's non-federally recognized status.

LRDA's leadership fought and inclusion and friends of the Lumbees at the time, such as Ron Andrade, Executive Director of NCAI, Vernon Bellecourt of the American Indian Movement and Eugene Crawford, of the National Indian Lutheran Board



Councilman Greg Cummings



Councilman Larry McNeill

will be at 11:00 a.m. at the Pembroke Town Park and at 12:00 noon there will be a Fish Fry at the Pembroke VFW, located North of Pembroke on the Union Chapel Road.

## Democrats to meet Nov. 30

The Robeson County Democratic Party will hold its quarterly meeting on Thursday, November 30, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. in the Robeson County Court House. All officers and members are urged to attend.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Hayes Alan Locklear opens new florist in area

# Mother Earth Creations Now Open for business



Locklear (Mother Earth Creations Florist)

by Barbara Braveboy-Locklear  
Pembroke—"We all come from the earth. Everything we're about comes from the earth," proclaims Hayes Alan Locklear as he points to hundreds of earthly things filling his new business, MOTHER EARTH CREATIONS FLORIST AND GIFTS located in Pembroke.

"Flowers come from the earth. I make pottery...the clay is the earth. Mother Earth creates the items. I just arrange them," he says, explaining why he selected the name for the business he opened on October 23.

The furnishings of the up-scale florist beckons visitors.

A simulated fireplace, complete with flickering logs, greets visitors as they enter the 1,160 square-foot room. Gold-toned cherubs smile down from a mantle while furry Teddy Bears snuggle in an easy chair nearby. A one-armed, antique "fainting" sofa, situated at one side of the fireplace, holds handmade pillows designed with holiday motifs. Lamps cast a glow on live topiary plants and book-laden end tables invite pause.

Handcrafted art by local and regional Native American artisans fill a showcase and corner wall. Dozens of holiday wreaths displayed along a vast wall vie for attention. One of the five tall Christmas trees in the store displays ornaments created by local

Native Americans.

"It is called the 'Lumbee Tree' because of its ornaments made from native Robeson County materials," Locklear says. Seen hanging from the branches are boughs of cayenne pepper, pine needle wreaths, grapevine wreaths with cotton burs, cornshuck dolls, and acorns. Customers can select from the collection of tree ornaments in addition to an array of smaller Christmas trees in the store.

The florist, located on Union Chapel Road, showcases a line of American Indian art in various media. For sale are oak splint baskets woven by Cindy Locklear Oswald; pine needle baskets by Loretta Oxendine; dreamcatchers by Gladys "Sky Eyes" Freeman; and angels by Elvera Locklear. Hayes Alan Locklear's own pottery, baskets, dreamcatchers, and medicine wheels are showcased. Non-authentic American Indian art will not be displayed or sold in the florist. The business does not deal in American Indian craft supplies.

"Quality control is a top priority at MOTHER EARTH CREATIONS," Locklear comments. "My main aim in opening the business is to offer my people a florist which lends a warm home-like atmosphere, top-quality merchandise at affordable prices, and courteous services."

The designer/artist does not fall

short in his aim.

Live plants, many exotic, mark the store's aisles. Tables are filled with dish gardens. Silk arrangements appear in wicker and brass containers. Cut flowers are sold by the vase, or bunches. Funeral memorials and wedding floral arrangements are part of the fare offered by the full-service florist. And though Locklear does not teach floral arranging classes in the store, customers wishing to create their own designs may purchase silk and latex flowers by the stem. And customers may choose the perfect Christmas bow for their holiday decorating needs.

Home decorating is another service offered by the florist. "The customer may use their own materials, or select from items in my florist," Locklear says of the service offered to residents in North Carolina. The special service is arranged by appointment only. Because of the approaching Christmas season, early appointments are recommended.

A graduate of Pembroke State University where he majored in American Indian Studies, Locklear began a split career in floral design 15 years ago. He previously operated THE HOLIDAY HOUSE, a Pembroke florist. This fall the 32-year-old instructor/museum curator left his position with the Public Schools of Robeson, Indian Education, to open MOTHER EARTH CREATIONS. Prior to joining the Indian Education staff, Locklear worked with United Tribes of North Carolina where he served as the state's first Native American Arts Administrator. He says the experience allowed him to meet many of North Carolina's Native American artisans.

Locklear, a Lumbee Indian poet and traditionalist stresses tribal ways through instruction in native cooking, history and cultural arts. For the past year he has taught in Robeson Community College's Community Service Program. The resident of the Union Chapel Community says he has lived on the land of his ancestors his entire life. "Having lived in the countryside and close to the land has afforded me a deep appreciation for Mother Earth and her resources," Locklear adds. He is the son of Mary Louise Chavis Locklear and Hayes Locklear, Jr., Union Chapel Community residents.

MOTHER EARTH CREATIONS will hold a Grand Opening on Saturday, November 18, 1995 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served and drawings held for free prizes. The public is cordially invited to attend the festive event.

Regular business hours for MOTHER EARTH CREATIONS are M-F, 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Closed on Sundays. The business is located in the cluster mall across from Southern Interiors on Union Chapel Road. For service telephone: (910) 521-7330. Major credit cards accepted. Wire service is forthcoming.



Artwork by local American Indian artisans. (Mother Earth Creations Florist)