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Visiting with a Living Legend: Coharie Chief Tom Carter

by John "Tall Bird" Marshall
 There are very few people who live long enough to be complimented by their friends, family, and associates as a living legend in their own time.
 Without question, Coharie Chief Tom "Standing Deer" Carter is truly a living legend. I don't know of any other person who has earned the respect of all Native People as has Chief Tom Carter. His first concern is, not only for his People, but for the People of all Tribes.
 Chief Tom is truly an advocate for all Native Americans of North Carolina. The way Chief Tom continues to live his life demonstrates respect, compassion, loyalty, kindness, and obedience to his family, friends, and associates alike.
 I once asked Chief Tom to share with me the honors and recognitions that had been bestowed upon him, but Chief Tom only smiled. He is truly an unselfish, proud man who never used his position or power for personal gain.
 Many of you who know Chief Tom as a personal, dear friend also know of the terminal illness he has endured during recent years. Yet, while enduring this burden, he has continued to press forward, helping others, sharing his knowledge, wisdom, and love to those who were in need and to those who hungered for the sharing of our Culture and his life-long, personal experiences.
 On November 25, 1996, I received word from Mrs. Carter informing me of the seriousness of Chief Tom's

condition. I, immediately, scheduled a day of vacation for Friday, December 6 at which I drove the 85 miles to Chief Tom's home in Clinton, North Carolina.
 It was good to see the love and thoughtfulness of the Carter family members and friends as they visited him throughout the day.
 With Chief Tom realizing that the time to cross over is near, he shared with us the fact that he had recently gifted all his personal regalia, accessories, and collectibles to the "Coharie Intra-Tribal Council" for the establishment of a tribal museum. The "Coharie Tribal Facilities" are located on Highway 421 between Clinton and Spivey's Corner, just a couple of miles from where Chief Tom resides.
 Accompanying me on this visit was flute-maker, Kenny Paul Bass of Virginia's "Nansemond Tribe". The two of us played our flutes individually and then as a duet for Chief Tom and friends. We also read the Bible and had Prayer. Shortly thereafter, Chief Tom needed a rest, thus, we took this opportunity to visit with Ms. Janc Jacobs, Executive Director of the "Coharie Intra-Tribal Council". In talking with Ms. Jacobs, we learned that her plans for the museum are to set-up Chief Tom's memorabilia first. They would like to have this done as soon as possible. They will then set-up displays of memorabilia from all the other previous Chiefs.
APPEAL FOR HELP
 Ms. Jacobs indicated they need

help with gifts in kind or funds to set-up the museum memorabilia. Items in need are glass display cases, tables, and male mannequins. Lockable glass display cases are also needed rather badly. Ms. Jacobs explained that they have no funds available to purchase these items and donations would be greatly appreciated, as well as, essential to set-up and opening their museum.
 Those of you who can help may contact Ms. Jacobs of the "Coharie Intra-Tribal Council, Inc." by phoning (910) 564-6909 or (910) 564-4906; or by writing to "Coharie Intra-Tribal Council, Inc.", Route 3, Box 340-E, Clinton, North Carolina 28328.
 Yes, Chief Tom Carter is a living legend and many will agree with me when I say he deserves to see the opening of the "Coharie Tribal Museum" prior to his joining our Creator. As a Native American Brother and Brother In Christ, I hope for Chief Tom, his wife Melrose, children, grandchildren, and other relatives that the realization of this museum can take place in the few short weeks that Chief Tom has left with us.
 With God As Our Father, Brothers All Are We!
 If you would like to send a card or letter to Chief Tom, please address as follows:
**CHIEF TOM "STANDING DEER" CARTER
 ROUTE 3, BOX 361-B
 CLINTON,
 NORTH CAROLINA 28328**



Coharie Chief Tom "Standing Deer" Carter



UNCP Policeman Attends Training Session at Academy

Sgt. Travis Bryant of the UNC Pembroke Police Department recently completed a two-week training session at the North Carolina Justice Academy in Salem, NC.
 Bryant, a four-year law enforcement veteran, received honors in the Specialized Firearms Instructor Training Course.
 Bryant, son of Alfred and Mary Janc Bryant, lives in the Union Chapel area. He is currently enrolled in graduate school at UNCP.

"The Holy Night" to be Presented at Union Chapel Community Church

The Christmas Pageant, "The Holy Night," will be presented at the Union Chapel Community Church on Sunday night, December 22, at 6:00 P.M.
 Joseph will be played by Bryon Oxendine; Mary by Beverly J. Locklear. The Angel by Janet L. Scott and the Inn Keeper by Brandon Locklear. The total cast consists of 54 participants.
 The public is cordially invited to attend by the pastor, Rev. Jimmy Strickland, and the congregation.

Winter Solstice Celebration at Cultural Center

In a Circle long ago, Native Americans celebrated their Winter Solstice. This was a time for storytelling/legends among our ancestors. Come out and learn more about Native American heritage on Saturday, December 21, 1996 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the N.C. Indian Cultural Center in Pembroke.
 For more information contact Alexis Locklear at (910) 521-2433. A Youth Enrichment Service sponsored by the NC Indian Cultural Center.

Revels Family Reunion Planned

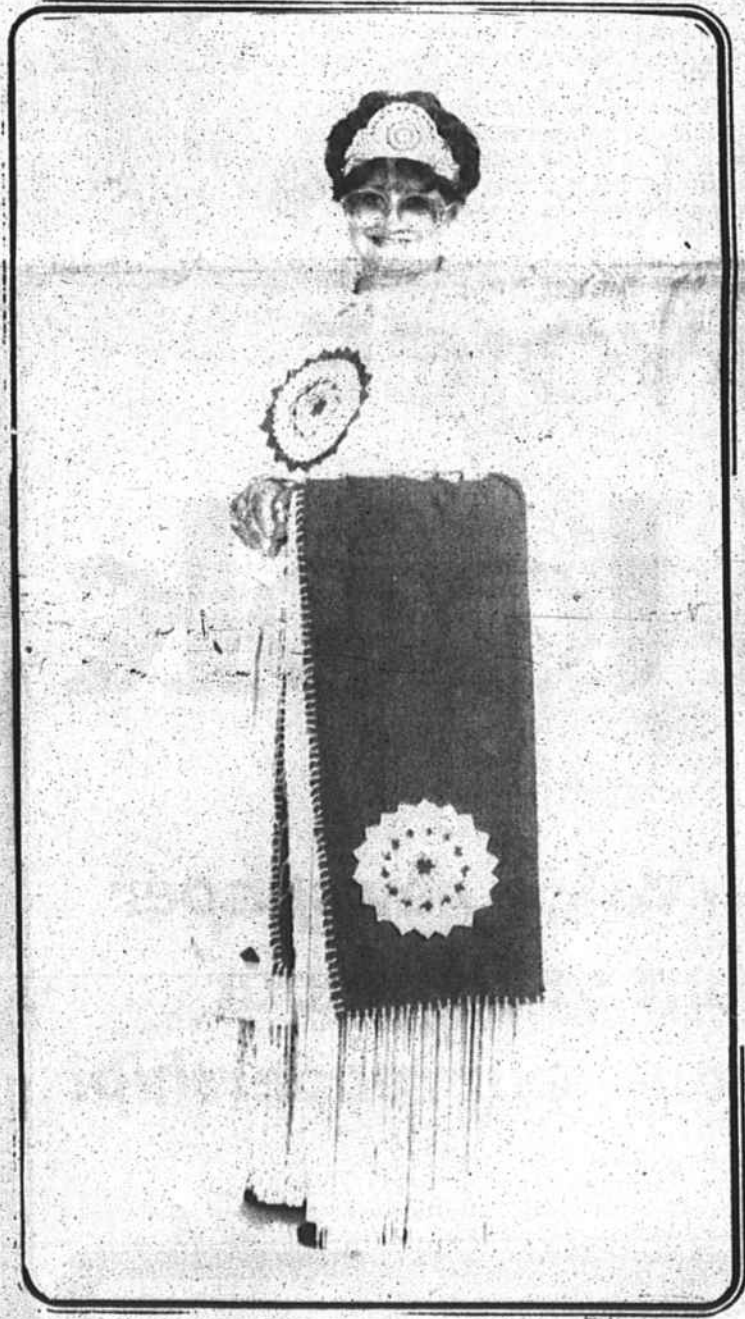
Descendants of the family of Jordan and Mathia Revels are planning a reunion on December 21, at 12:30 p.m. at Green Pine Baptist Church. For more information contact Grace Locklear at 521-9347 or Raymond Cummings at 521-4934.

"The Night Jesus Was Born" to be present at New Prospect Church

Rev. Willie Scott, Jr. and the congregation of New Prospect Holiness Methodist invite you to join them for their Christmas Program "The Night Jesus Was Born" Sunday, December 22, 1996 at 6:00 p.m.
 The church is located on Hwy 710 between Pembroke and Red Springs.

The Christmas Tree

From the eleventh to the fifteenth centuries it was a popular custom to present Bible stories in dramatic form, mystery plays. One of the most popular of these was the "Paradise Play" about the creation of Adam and Eve and their expulsion from Paradise.
 A fir tree hung with apples was set up on the stage to represent the Garden of Eden and the tree from which Eve took fruit for Adam to eat.
 The Bible does not speak of a fir tree or an apple tree. The details developed in popular imagination.
 Later on the mystery plays were forbidden by law. It then became customary to put up a Paradise Tree in private homes.
 In Germany, Christmas eve is recognized as the popular feast day of Adam and Eve.
 For more information read Jeremiah 10:1-5.
 Research by Evangelist Julius H. Bryant.



Ms. Indian NC Senior

On November 1, 1996, the annual Ms. Indian North Carolina Senior Citizen Conference was held in Fayetteville, NC. The pageant was sponsored by the Indian North Carolina Senior Citizen Coalition, United Tribes of NC, and The NC Commission of Indian Affairs.
 Each year a Ms. NC Indian Senior Citizen Queen Pageant is held with participants entered from the different tribes in North Carolina. The winner of the 1996-97 Pageant was Ms. Margaret Ako who represented the Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. Ms. Ako resides in the Lumberton area (Back Swamp Township). She is sixty-seven years old with five children, thirteen grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. She represents the Fairgrove Senior Citizens and is a former Vista Volunteer. She is a member of Reedy Branch Church and serves as the W.M.U. Director at her church.
 Ms. Ako was judged on evening wear, talent, and traditional Indian wear. Her performance for the talent category was a poem titled "Today". She also did Indian Sign Language to "Amazing Grace". Ms. Ako wore the traditional Lumbee Regalia with the pine cone patch, designed by Mr. Hays Locklear and made especially for her by Ms. Kat Littleturtle.

Pembroke Housing Authority Commissioner Recognized



Pembroke-shown above are William E. Locklear, Chairman, Pembroke Housing Authority Board of Commissioners; Milton R. Hunt, Mayor, Town of Pembroke; and Wesley Revels, Commissioner, Pembroke Housing Authority. Mr. Revels was recognized for his outstanding service and support of the Pembroke Housing Authority during the past five years. Revels also served as a Commissioner during the early 1980s. Mr. Revels is the current principal at Purnell Swett High School.

Have a Safe and Prosperous Holiday Season



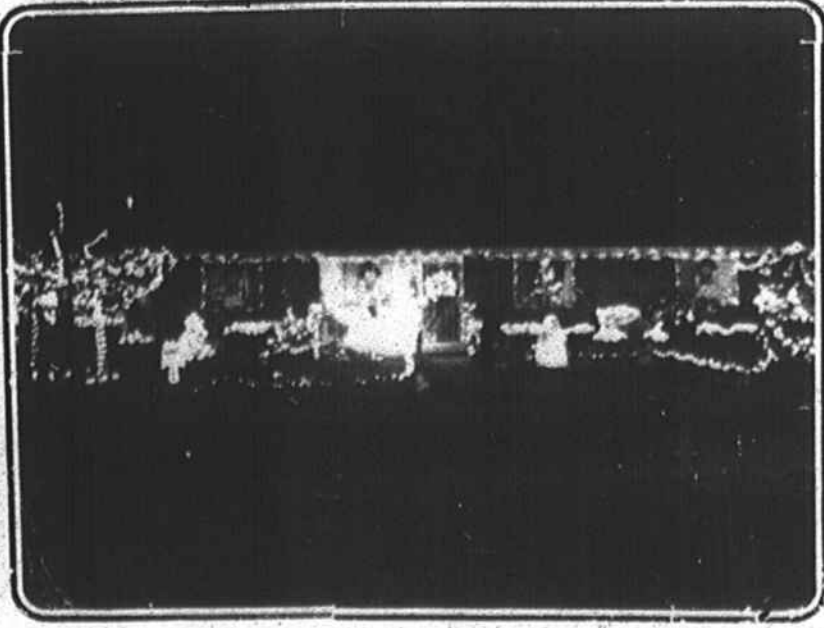
Pembroke Housing Authority Activities

On December 12, 1996 the 4-H "Helping Hands" Club had a wonderful night at Lumberton Junior High School. It was the 1996 Robeson County 4-H Achievement Program. The night started with dinner in the cafeteria, followed by music. Then came recognition of special guests, recognition of 4-H volunteer leaders and supporters. Special awards were given out to many 4-H members. The youth really enjoyed this night out.
 The 4-H "Helping Hands" Club has selected Ms. Bernice Bullard's yard as Christmas Yard of the Month out of all five developments. Ms. Bullard is a resident of Maynor Manor. She received an electric skillet donated by Pembroke Furniture.
 On December 12, 1996 under the Youth/Sports Cultural Program, the youth visited Tabernacle Baptist Church to see the outdoor Christmas Drama. The youth were touched by the drama.

Miss Lumbee Visits Rowland Norment School Cafeteria

Miss Lumbee Visits Rowland-Norment Cafeteria
 To celebrate "Indian Heritage Month", Cafeteria Staff invited Miss Lumbee to make an appearance on November 22 for lunch and to say words of encouragement as she visited among the students. Miss Lumbee also sang "Colors of the Wind".
 Miss Lumbee is Rebekah Shauntay Revels, the daughter of J.D. and Deana Revels of St. Pauls. She is a Freshman at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season



Shown above is a night time photo of the home of Ms. Bernice Bullard, resident of Maynor Manor. She won the honors of having the Yard of the Month for the PHA.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year!
 CONNEE BRABOY AND CIV STAFF