

Lumbee Guaranty Bank Declares Cash Dividend

PEMBROKE, NC - Last night the Board of Directors declared a \$11 cash dividend per share to all stockholders of record as of June 11, 1997. The Dividends will be paid on June 23, 1997. "This dividend will be the bank's largest cash dividend pay out in its 25 year history," said the President of Lumbee Guaranty Bank, Larry R. Chavis. While the stock has done well throughout the bank's history, 1997 has proved to be an especially good year for shareholders thus far. Earlier this year, shareholders received a 100% stock dividend, paid in the form of a 2 for 1 stock split. The Bank is currently offering

stock to the public for only the fifth time in the bank's 25 year history. The bank is offering \$3 million or its stock to the public, two-thirds of which has already been sold. President Chavis said, "potential and current shareholders that purchase stock before the record date of June 11, 1997 will receive the recently declared cash dividend."

With over \$75 million in assets, Lumbee Guaranty Bank is dedicated to serving the people of Robeson, Cumberland, and surrounding counties. The bank will be opening its new three story corporate and branch office in Pembroke later this summer.

Spring Festival of Dance to be Presented

The Spring Festival of Dance 1997 will be presented by the Charlotte Blume School of Dance in Lumberton on Sunday, June 1 at 4:00 P.M. at the Robeson County Library. Students of the School will perform a variety of Ballet, Tap, and Gymnastic dances. Students range in age from Pre-School to Teens.

Solo performers are Fonda Jones in "Music Box Dancer", Heather Sanger in "Oklahoma", and Kelli Rogers in "I Believe I Can Fly". Michelle Aldridge will perform the "Nightingale" from Respighi's "The

Birds". Ms. Aldridge is principal dancer with the North Carolina State Ballet.

A Martial Arts Demonstration will be presented by Roman Locklear. Mr. Locklear is a Black Belt with 4 years of teaching and competitive experience. He currently teaches in Pembroke. Mr. Locklear will offer martial Arts classes for children and Adults at the Blume Studio starting in June.

The public is invited. There is no admission charge. For further information call (910) 484-2736.

Sunday at the Fellowship Church

The sign bearing the church name and time of service goes out front on Friday morning. That's because the church meets in a private home on a residential block at 506 N. Jones St., behind Bo's Supermarket in Pembroke. It started when Rev. Edmond Locklear, Jr. wound up with two living room suites and could not sell one. He visited other churches and the pastors did not seem to need any help so he started a church in his home.

You are welcomed at the door by Rev. Locklear. You step inside a living room with just a bit of difference. There are the usual pictures on the wall, bookcases with what-nots and an old piano loaded with family pictures. Carpet is on the floor. The difference is that around the room there are placards with various messages: "Mistreat your wife and your prayers will be hindered", "Fornication & adultery will destroy your body & soul", "Men & women, take time out for your children", etc.

Next you notice the coffee table. It has several kinds of coffee, cups and spoons. But likely, you notice the large platter of fruit. Banana halves, apple and orange quarters, grapes and strawberries, small boxes of raisins, and all of that decorated with sprinklings of white, red, green and orange gumdrops, gold-wrapped Hershey's kisses, and all that topped with white large marshmallows. Next, you will notice a small plate of sausage biscuits set off with creme-topped oatmeal cookies.

Children go for the fruit plate. You sit down on either of two sofas, or two arm chairs or a love seat and make a cup of coffee and try one of the sausage biscuits.

Also on the coffee table are slips of paper telling where the Sunday school lesson starts, listing suggested hymns, listing confession and the minister's text and topic for the worship service. You take one and you review it, and you know what is going to happen.

You look around. On an end table to one of the sofas is a display of Rev. Locklear's books. There is the Bible Q&A book he published in 1984 and in which he said Lady Diana would not find happiness in her marriage (she is divorced) and Russia would break apart (happened in 1992).

At the other end of the sofa in a picture frame you see two \$1 bills. Beneath them is the story of how Rev. Locklear was led by the Spirit in 1990 to find those dollar bills. He thinks it's a message that one day the Lord is going to bless him.

Meanwhile, Rev. Locklear is welcoming everyone and directing attention to the first hymn. You might see something on the fruit platter you would love to nibble. The group rises for the first hymn. It is followed by prayer.

You sit and while you hit the fruit platter again, maybe trying a box of the raisins, Rev. Locklear is opening the Sunday school session. Rev. Locklear was reading through the Bible and was to Luke in early Feb-

ruary when the church started. So the church started at the first chapter of Luke. You're now in the 5th chapter and the slip of paper gives you the references. Everyone finds the place easily.

There are extra Bibles and the group reads through the lesson. Then Rev. Locklear guides the group through the lesson with questions. Everyone can participate. As he moves from verse to verse, he asks key questions and stimulates conversation and discussion. He pauses to permit anyone to ask a question or make a point. This procedure may come from his 34 years of teaching in the public schools.

At the end of Sunday school, Rev. Locklear asks if there are any questions. If not, he asks the group to take a few minutes break. You might want to hit the fruit platter again. Maybe you still have some of your coffee. There might be a sausage biscuit left.

Following the break, Rev. Locklear gathers the attention of everyone and the group stands for confession, singing of the second hymn and prayer. By referring to the slip of paper, you can follow and know what is going to happen. You might like the flowers printed at the bottom of the paper.

You might notice one of the children removing the gold wrapper from a Hershey's kiss and pressing the chocolate drop into the top of a large marshmallow and popping it in his mouth.

Everyone is seated. Rev. Locklear



MBA Graduate

Mr. John Nelson Oxendine, 32, graduated from Fayetteville State University with a Master of Business Administration. After attending UNC-Chapel Hill, Maryland, and Chicago on academic and military scholarships, he received his Bachelor's degree from UNC-Pembroke. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Larce and Trudy Lee Oxendine of Pembroke (Union Chapel) and grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Duckery Oxendine and Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Lee Oxendine. He has dedicated his pursuit of higher education and zest for life to his late lovely baby sister - Gertrude Oxendine Locklear! She never gave up and neither will he!

announces the references for his sermon, but the references are on the slip of paper so most everyone has found the place already.

You are kept alert by Rev. Locklear pausing at times in his message and asking questions. He might call your name and ask you your opinion on some question or issue. If you want to make a comment, you motion with your hand and Rev. Locklear will pause for you to speak. An altar call is made. After the worship service, you are given another opportunity to witness or tell anything on your heart. The group rises for the closing prayer for the needs of each person present. You may put in a request for prayer for someone. The group joins hands and prays.

The slip of paper tells where next Sunday lesson is located so you slip that in your Bible. There's a small tag of grapes left on the fruit platter. They are cool, fresh and sweet.

As the group leaves the living room, there is fellowship. Rev. Locklear says everyone is welcome to come back next Sunday morning at 10 AM. He says if there is no preaching planned at your church next Sunday, slip away and visit us at The Fellowship Church.

He is hoping to get a building to house his church. But, with only \$1 in the treasury at this time, he says he can only pray and ask God to make a way.

On the second Sunday, he has 4 persons attending. On the third Sunday, 2 persons attended. On the fourth Sunday, 5 persons attended.

What Happened to the Shakori?

by John "tall Bird" Marshall

Upon their arrival, the white man was confronted with the learning of many Indian names and words. As the American Indians had no written language, the spelling of their names and other words were left to the imagination and liberty of the Colonist. Thus, one name or word could have been spelled in numerous manners and still considered to be right.

Such may be the case of the word "SHOCCO". The "Shocco Township" and "Shocco Creek" is located in Historic Bute County (what is now Warren and Franklin County) approximately seven miles south of Warrenton, North Carolina.

The name "Shocco Creek" is believed to have been the European's shortened version of the "Shakori", "Shocorce", "Shakorce", "Shacorec", or "Chicora" Indian Tribe that lived in the general area of present-day "Shocco Township".

The "Shakori Tribe" traded with other Indians and Colonists along the "Colonial Trading Path" that ran from Petersburg, Virginia through their homeland down to the "Catawba" and "Waxhaw" Indians near the South Carolina-North Caro-

lina Border.

The "Shakori" were farmers and hunters. They planted crops of beans, corn, gourds, pumpkin, sunflower, and tobacco. They hunted the deer, fox, beaver, bear, raccoon, rabbit, squirrel, duck, and turkey. They also fished the "Shocco Creek". It is recorded that buffalo were killed along the "Shocco Creek" as late as 1738.

Very little is known of their history, yet they were closely associated with the "ENO" in historical times. The "Shakori" may have been the "Chicora" mentioned by Spanish Explorers in 1521.

The "Shakori" were of "Siouan Linguistic Family" and the name translates to "House Down There".

The "Shakori" befriended the encroaching Colonist and served as guides. The "Shakori" were attacked by the "Tuscarora" for their refusal to join in the "Tuscarora War" against the white settlers.

To escape the terror of attacks, the "Shakori" migrated Southwest to the protection of their "ENO" relatives. A few "Shakori" remained behind and reportedly fought with the "Continental Army" during



Eight new volunteers have recently completed Hospice of Robeson's training program. They are (from left): Jeannie Wilcox, Helen Haggard, Gay Watts, Connie Locklear, Jan Pulliam, Jeannie Lashley, Byron Lashley and Martha Hood.

Eight Volunteers Complete Hospice Training

Eight volunteers from across Robeson County have completed an eight-week course designed to prepare them to help terminally ill patients and their families.

From Lumberton are Helen Haggard, Martha Hood, Jane Pulliam and Jeannie Wilcox. New Red Springs volunteers are Byron and Jeannie Lashley and Fay Watts. Connie Locklear is the newest hospice volunteer from Pembroke.

"We are happy to welcome these new volunteers to our hospice family," said Anne Crain, Hospice Volunteer coordinator. "They have worked hard during their training course, and we are looking forward to placing each one where they can be effective in helping our patients and their families. They will be paired with an experienced volunteer as they begin their first assignment with Hospice of Robeson."

In April, Hospice volunteers were honored at a dinner held in the cafeteria of Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Among those recognized from the Fairmont area were Robert and Burnell Moore and Mary Greyard of McDonald.

Volunteers honored from Lumberton were 11-year veteran Ruth Bryan, Vicky Hasty, Rosa Jacobs

who received a five-year pin; Dan Jones who received a five-year pin; Stanley Locklear; Ruth Prevatte; Armatha Robinson; Mattie Whitted; and Dorothy Wilkinson.

Honored from the Pembroke area were Willic Rec Chavis who received a five-year pin; Charles Green; Cynthia Locklear; Bobbie Ann Oxendine; Connie Oxendine who received a five-year pin and Eva Sampson.

Hospice volunteers from St. Pauls are Cheryl Baker; O'Neal Hickman; Marian Jackson; Lois Lowery who received a five-year pin; and Armillee McCreachy who received a ten-year pin.

Red Springs volunteers for hospice honored that evening were: Martha Bullock, Frances Collins, Elsie Egan, Betty Prather, Mary Lou Sherrill, and Gail Woodcox.

Hospice of Robeson was established in 1985 and its services are available without regard to age, sex, race, religion, national origin, handicap or ability to pay if the individual meets the admissions criteria.

Hospice staff members and volunteers are available to speak to church and civic groups. For more information about services or to schedule a speaker, call the Hospice of Robeson office at 738-1905.

LRDA's JTPA Building Robbed During Memoria Day Weekend

by Vinita Clark

Pembroke NC: During the Memorial Day Weekend the LRDA's JTPA Building was broken into.

The robbery was discovered by a local neighbor who was "walking his dog" around 7:30 a.m. The neighbor stated "I was walking my dog and noticed a cardboard box. I was wondering how come nobody took it to the dumpster. I went over to look in it and found a bunch of office supplies and a Polaroid camera that I could even use. Then I looked up at the building and saw where one of the back doors looked like it had been kicked and the other back door was wide open, so I called the police."

The Pembroke Policeman who responded was Mickey Strickland

Another LRDA neighbor went and notified Kenneth Maynor who is a member of the LRDA Board of Directors. He then notified Mr. William Locklear who is the director of the JTPA Program. Both of them came to the crime scene, consulted with the officer and entered the building. A report was filed and the officer placed the cardboard box in his patrol car and left the scene. It was apparent there was no Security System in this building "because no one heard anything". Residents who reside around the LRDA building were rather surprised by this incident.

The Carolina Indian Voice will be following these events and will keep it's reader's informed.

Misty L. Locklear Recognized for Academic Excellence



On April 12, 1997, Misty L. Locklear was recognized for her academic achievement. During a special program, Miss Locklear was presented an award for Freshman Academic Excellence by the Student Counselor's office, UNC-Chapel Hill. She is the daughter of Robert and Lanette Locklear, of the Prospect Community and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Chavis, Mr. & Mrs. Zeb Locklear and the late Dora L. Chavis.

Congressional Mobile Office to be In Pembroke

The mobile office of 7th district Rep. Mike McIntyre will be at the Pembroke Town Hall, Tuesday, June 3, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

A member of Rep. McIntyre's staff will be available to assist people who have problems with federal matters such as veterans affairs, social security, internal revenue, disability etc.

Comments on pending legislation are also welcome. The mobile office is a service to people of the 7th district and makes several stops in Robeson County during the year.

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Pembroke Kiwanis Report

The monthly business meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Town and Country Restaurant with President Furnie Lambert presiding.

The high light of the evening was the beautiful on display of the 1978 Camaro Z28 aboard the four wheel trailer owned by and donated by President emeritus Bob Lowry as the 1997 Kiwanis Fund-raiser. Tickets are \$5, the drawing to be July 5th at Lumbec Homecoming at the Pembroke Park at 4 p.m. You do not have to be present to win. Bob and Ray Lowry had the car on display at last week's Drag Car Races. Ticket sales were very good. Tickets can be obtained from any Kiwanian.

The 1997-98 new officers were elected. They are President Brian Brooks, President elect George Kenworthy, Treasurer-Albert Hunt, Secretary-Todd Jones.

President Lambert will be attending the International Teets. Reporter-Ken Johnson