

# In Loving Memory of Mr. Void Locklear

1925-1994



In loving memory of Mr. Void Locklear, son of the late Prather and Carrie Locklear of Route 10, Lumberton (the Piney Grove area). My Dearest Brother, You left us and we'd like to say that we still miss you and we cherish the many fond memories that you left us. The elementary years at Piney Grove, our neighborhood school, where you excelled in every grade. Then on to Magnolia for your high school years, where you graduated in 1944, receiving many accolades and honors. You were chosen as Best All Around Student. After a very brief vacation, you chose to serve your country by enlisting in the U.S. Navy in October 1944, serving in such places as Pearl Harbor, Tokyo and Guam to name

a few. Again receiving many honorable mentions and certificates for devoted and selfless service.

Following your discharge from serving in 1946, you enrolled at Pembroke State University for two years, and upon completion of those two years, you attended Boyles College in Omaha, Nebraska for two additional years.

From the mid-west you went to Washington, D.C. where you worked for the United States Government in the printing office for six years. But the best was yet to come.

In 1955 you went to the Pentagon where you were with the General Service Administration for thirty years, remaining there until your retirement in 1985, when you returned to your hometown and to loved ones, enjoying your garden and our trips to the Coast where we could reminisce and relax. And I cherish our trip to Disney World and many other places.

So, Brother, thanks for the memories you left us, all too soon! But we'll cherish the time we had you with us. And we'll keep these fond memories in our hearts forever.

Still Missing You  
Your sister  
Grace Locklear

## This Community Just Keeps Getting Healthier.



Florence H. Bassi, M.D., has joined the medical staff of SRMC and is associated with Carolina Eye Associates in Lumberton. A native of West Virginia, Dr. Bassi's practice includes general ophthalmology as well as laser surgery of the eye, and she is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology. Dr. Bassi is a graduate of the West Virginia University School of Medicine. She completed an internship at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA, and residency training in ophthalmology at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.

Florence H. Bassi, M.D.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Joe Freeman Britt is never going to change...racial attitudes remain the same

Dear Editor:

I read the Editorial last week on Joe Freeman Britt and I have one question: why is everyone upset? Doesn't anyone know who this is? If I had to trust Ol' Joe or a snake, give me the snake. So what if he thinks he is a big yard dog on the porch? Haven't you heard that every dog has his day in the sun? Guess what! He is never going to change! So I ask again, why the shock?

Oh, you thought because you've brought about some changes in Robeson County with the Indian Sheriff, and the county commissioners, everyone had changed their attitudes. Well, guess again. Now, don't get me wrong. It is not as bad as it was twenty-five years ago. True, there are no more signs at the side of the Carolina Theatre that read Indian and Black entrance. It is true that when you enter a store certain people don't act like you are going to steal them blind by just walking in to look. Yes, in some ways we have made great success in Robeson County, but I grant you, no one has told Ol' Joe because he hardly ever gets off that porch. You see, he is afraid if he moves, some young dog is going to take his place. Poor Ol' Joe doesn't realize that every dog has his day in the sun. And his day is long past. You might say, he is on borrowed time. Yet, if we worked together maybe we could find someone to replace him. But we all would have to work together. Then again, this

may be why Ol' Joe is upset. He doesn't want to see Indians and whites and Blacks pulling together.

Which brings me to my real reason for writing. I am not really interested in politics or lawyers. I guess they are all a necessary evil. As far as being trust worthy goes, we all fall short. So there is no need to say anymore about that. But if you really wanted to get Ol' Joe's goat, Horace being reinstated is not the way to do it. I will tell you what might. If all the Indians in Robeson County would pull together. I mean the LRDA people, the Tribal Council people, and, yes, us Tuscaroras too. Then, of all the Indian people of this state would pull together. Yes, I am talking about the Cherokees too. Can you imagine the effect this would have? I know I am only talking about one percent of the state population, but sometimes it is easier to get a small group working together than a large one. Just imagine if we worked together, instead of against each other, what kind of effect we would have on this state and our own youth.

I know there are Indian people you just can't reach. Just like there are people like Ol' Joe. Let's face the facts, people, we have people right there in Robeson County who have never seen "Strike at the Wind." People who will not support the NC Indian Cultural Center because of so-and-so. We even have people who did not show up at the week end pow

wow because they didn't want to go to that "LRDA mess." And they were afraid they might run into so-and-so. We even have people who will not show up at church because of this person or that person. My question is, who do you think you are effecting with that attitude? Oh, you say that's not it. You don't care!

At one time I didn't care either. Then I realized I was the only one coming out on the short end. Remember this, if you can't remember anything else, the only way you can bring about change is from the inside. I also realized there are some things you can change and some you can't. And there are still other things you just keep trying to change. I like to live by the saying "Not every war cry is a reason to rush into battle." In other words, pick and chose your battles. We as Indian people are losing some that we could win. The drug situation in Robeson County, the economic situation, the quality of education, the LRDA and Tribal Council situation, the poor state side Indian relations, and, yes, the NC Indian Cultural Center. All these could be resolved if we all worked together instead of against each other. I am not expecting any overnight miracles. Only the Almighty can pull those off. But if we allow Him to work through us and use us, in time He could prove to us what is possible.

But first we must get rid of the I don't care attitude. And this "I don't

want to have any part of it because of so and so" attitude. Why not get involved, regardless of so-and-so? Stand up instead of wimp out. You know the greatest change we can bring about is ourselves. If the truth be told, we are the only ones we can change. Before you jump to any conclusions, I am not saying anything that I don't need to hear myself. As a matter of fact, I am looking for a sign that reads: "Warning, perfect person under construction."

Once again I ask, what is your excuse? Do you look at all these situations and say what's the use? But you go about complaining all the time! People, it is not going to get better unless you do something about it. Who knows, if you change, someone may have the attitude, if he or she can change, I know I can.

So, forget Ol' Joe. He is not going to live forever. In the end, you are not going to be able to say I would have done this or that, but I couldn't because of Ol' Jose, or so-and-so. Personally, I would rather be someone with a pedigree than any old "Sooner" who thinks whatever he says matters! When it comes to the truth, in the end, nothing Ol' Joe has done will matter. Mark him down as a has been. Let's work together to bring about those changes we know we can, and leave certain old dogs to themselves.

In the True Way,  
Derek Lowry  
Greensboro, NC

### program planned at New Prospect

A special family program is planned at New Prospect Holiness Methodist Church, located on Highway 710 on October 29 at 7 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

Dr. Dalton Brooks, will deliver a message from the book of Revelation on the church in Sardis entitled "The Church With No Life."

In another rotating session, Ms. Jackie Clark will prepare us to listen to God with her presentation, "What Did You Say, God?"

The Union Chapel Trio will render special music.

The theme will be "Let's join forces to save the family."

The congregation and the pastor, Rev. Willie Scott, extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

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### Reunion To Be Held For Dial Family

The Dial family reunion for the Montgomery Dial descendants will be on Thanksgiving Day (November 27). The reunion will be held at 11 a.m. at Thompson Community Baptist Church Fellowship Hall off Hwy 74 east, Lumberton, N.C. Lunch will be served at noon. Please bring a covered dish. A special tribute will be made in memory of Luther Dial. For more information, call Horace Dial at 910-739-2722.

### SRMC to X-Ray Halloween Treats

Southeastern Regional Medical Center wants Halloween to be a safe time for the children of our community. SRMC will x-ray Halloween treats to make sure they are free of foreign metallic objects on Friday, October 31, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m.

This service is free of charge and available in the East Lobby of the Medical Center across from the parking deck. Free parking is available in the parking deck.

### Library to hold Annual Book Sale

Robeson County Public Library will hold its 1997 Book Sale October 23rd-25th in the old Lumberton Trading Company on First Street across from the Lumberton Library. The book sale will open at 5 p.m. on October 23rd and close at 9 p.m. It will continue at 9 a.m. on October 24th and close at 6 p.m. On October 25th, the last day of the book sale, the sale will start at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m.

The library is still accepting donations for the annual sale. Books, videos, books on cassette, encyclopedias and reference books are welcome. Please no magazines. You may bring donations to the Lumberton Library.

For more information about this year's book sale call 738-4859.

### Legal Notice Notice of Lumbee Tribe's Housing Plan Review

The preliminary draft of the Lumbee Tribe's Housing Plan be available for public review and inspection October 20 through October 24, 1997. Your written comments and suggestions are welcome and will be considered in the development of the final plan.

The Lumbee Tribe proposes to use the Lumbee Tribe's Housing Plan to: (1) Develop new housing for home ownership for low-income families in Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland Counties; (2) Rehabilitate/repair existing homes for low-income families; (3) maintain the current public housing units in Cumberland, Hoke and Robeson Counties; (4) develop a housing unit for senior citizens; and (5) assist families with down payments/closing costs on purchasing a home.

The plan will be on review at the following locations:

Cumberland County-NC Indian Housing Authority Office, Fayetteville, NC.

Hoke County-Hawkeye Sands Community Building, Raeford, NC.

Robeson County- LRDA Administrative Office, Pembroke, NC. LRDA Energy Office, Lumberton, NC.

Scotland County-Scotland County Public Library, Laurinburg, NC.

### LUMBEE TRIBAL ELECTION TO BE HELD PUBLIC NOTICE TO LUMBEE TRIBAL ENROLLMENT MEMBERS

The Lumbee Tribe/Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc., will conduct a Lumbee Tribal Election on Thursday December 4, 1997 to elect three representatives to serve on the Lumbee Tribe/LRDA Council/Board of Directors for a five year term. The districts, townships and incumbents are as follows:

	INCUMBENTS	TOWNSHIPS/PRECINCTS
DISTRICT IV	Earl Cummings	Burnt Swamp, Philadelphia, Red Springs, Raft Swamp
DISTRICT V	Gerald Strickland	Prospect (formerly Smiths 1) Oxendine (formerly Smiths 2) Maxton
DISTRICT VIII	Morris Oxendine	Saddletree, West Howellsville

#### Candidate Requirements

Potential candidates interested in filing for this election must appear in person and fill out a Candidate Application at the Office of the Tribal Manager/Executive Director of LRDA. The filing period begins Thursday, October 9, at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 24, 1997.

#### Candidate Qualifications:

1. Must be a Lumbee Indian enrolled in the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina through the Lumbee Tribe/LRDA Lumbee Tribal Enrollment Office.
2. Must be eighteen years of age or older.
3. Must support the Lumbee Tribe's mandate to LRDA to strengthen the Lumbee Tribe's sovereignty and to seek federal recognition.
4. Must reside in district that you will represent.
5. Must not be an elected or appointed member of any Tribal government, except the Lumbee Tribe/Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. Council/Board of Directors, or of any group or organization claiming to be a Tribal Government.

#### VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

In order to be eligible to vote for a candidate for the Lumbee Tribe/LRDA/Council Board of Directors, a voter:

1. Must be a Lumbee Indian enrolled in the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina through the LRDA Lumbee Tribal Enrollment Office.
2. Must be eighteen years of age or older.
3. Must bring to the polls two forms of identification, (of which one must be a Picture I.D.) such as a Tribal Enrollment Card, Drivers License, Medicaid Card or Social Security Card.
4. Must reside in District IV, V, or VIII.