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## GOVERNOR JIM HUNT ADDRESSES INDIAN UNITY CONFERENCE

The Third Annual Indian Unity Conference convened in Raleigh, NC at the Royal Villa Hotel on Tuesday, March 7th. The Conference, reportedly attended by more Indian persons than any previous conference, lasted until Thursday, March 9th.

The Conference convened at 2:00 p.m. with the First General Assembly. Bruce Jones, executive director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, welcomed the approximately 600 representatives from the various Indian communities across the state and several from other states.

Kenneth R. Maynor, executive director of Lumbee Regional Development Association, Pembroke, gave an overview of the conference. Louis Bruce, President of Native American Consultants, Washington, DC spoke about the current trends in Indian Affairs.

Dr. Dean Chavers, president-elect, Bacone College, Muskogee, Oklahoma spoke on the Anti-Indian Backlash. He stressed the importance of Indians keeping informed on current legislation and being aware of those Senators and Representatives who are anti-Indian. Among the anti-Indian Senators, Dr. Chavers stressed Ted Kennedy and Ed Muskie and others who have demonstrated their anti-Indian feelings.

Following the general assembly, a social was held for the attendants of the conference. Music was provided by Gene Lowery and his Short Circuit Disco of Lumberton, NC.

### WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday morning four work shops were held. Persons in attendance made their own decisions on what work shops to attend.

The first workshop was on Census 1980. Danny Bell, N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, served as moderator. Edna Paisano of the United States Bureau of Census served as resource person for the session.

The second workshop was on Resource Identification and Mobilization. Resource persons were: Jan Phalen, program analyst administrator for Native Americans, Washington, DC; Sue Alexander, administrative assistant Phelps-Stokes Fund, Washington, DC; Kaydee Erdreich, Program Officer, Office of Human Development, Region IV, Atlanta, Ga.; and Rev. Robert Mangum, executive director of the Robeson County Church and Community Center, Lumberton, NC; Gene Brayboy, Program Co-ordinator Specialist, Regional Consultant Office of Health Resources Opportunity, Washington, DC; Robert Blakenship, Executive Director, Tribal Planning Department, Eastern Band of Cherokees, Cherokee, NC.

Third workshop was on Indian Recognition. Resource persons were Adolph Dial, Chairman Indian Studies Department, Pembroke State University, Pembroke, NC; Russ Simms, Executive Director, Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Allen Parker, Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, Washington, DC; and William Lynch, Executive Director of the United American Indians of Delaware Valley, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Janie M. Locklear, project director of Lumbee Indian Education Project, Lumbee Regional Development Association, served as moderator.

The fourth workshop was on Legislation. Resource persons were: John Forckenbrock, House, Education and Labor Committee, Washington, DC; Chuck Emory, Branch Officer, Indian Education, Part A, Washington, DC; and John Meritt, Assistant to Congressman Charlie Rose, Washington, DC. Rep. Horace Locklear, 21st District, served as moderator.

Much discussion erupted during this workshop concerning House Bill 1515 which was introduced to transfer the Indian Commission to the Department of Administration. Questions arose concerning this bill because it did in fact repeal the Lumbee Bill, the Haliwa Bill and the fishing rights of the Cherokee Indians. Section 1 of House Bill 1515 states:

"Section 1- The Commission of Indian Affairs, created by Chapter 71 of the General Statutes, is hereby transferred to the Department of Administration by a Type II transfer as defined G.S. 143A-6. Chapter 71 of the General Statutes is repealed in its entirety, and Article 9 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by the addition of a new Part to read as follows:..."

Chapter 71 which was repealed by House Bill 1515 included Cherokee Indians of Robeson County; rights and privileges; Haliwa Indians of North Carolina; Cherokee Indian trout fishing program generally; Trout fishing season on Cherokee Indian Reservation; Lumbee Indians of North Carolina: rights, privileges, immunities, obligations and duties; and several other items pertaining to Indians in North Carolina.

Because of the repeal of Chapter 71 persons in attendance were concerned about their status as Indians in the State of North Carolina.

### BANQUET

Special guest speaker at the banquet held Wednesday night was the Honorable James B. Hunt, Governor of the State of North Carolina. Governor Hunt was introduced by Dr. James B. Chavis, the Governor's Ombudsman. A copy of Governor Hunt's speech is reprinted on page 8 of this newspaper.

Lynneetta Jacobs, Community Development Director for Lumbee Regional Development Association, presided at the banquet.

Also addressing the more than 650 persons in attendance was Howard Lee, Secretary of the Department of Human Resources and Community Development. At the conclusion of his speech, Secretary Lee awarded 7 deeds to day care facilities to various Indian communities, including Halifax and Harnett Counties.

Performing during the banquet was Brenda Hunt, the reigning Miss Lumbee, who sang "Feelings" and "Brown Skin." Carnell Locklear also livened up the evening with his rendition of "Release Me" and "In the Pines." Locklear concluded his share in the program with a rousing tap number.

A. Bruce Jones, executive director of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs presented the art awards to the winners of the art contest.

### RESOLUTIONS

Thursday morning members of the conference gathered to vote on 25 resolutions. These resolutions included several issues, including a repeal of correction to House Bill 1515; self-determination; Indian unity; and repeal of food tax for Indians.

The conference concluded at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Many Indian groups and organizations were in attendance at the conference, but few enjoyed the conference more or had a learning experience to equal that of Leon Locklear, Tuscarora, of Maxton, NC. Mr. Locklear teaches leathercrafts under the Title IV Part A Indian Education Program.

Locklear was excited about meeting the various tribal representatives as well as the heads of state who were in attendance. Mr. Locklear said, "I am thrilled to be able to take advantage of this opportunity to come to this Unity Conference and represent the Tuscarora people of Robeson County. I only wish that every Tuscarora had been able to be here with me. The Tuscaroras are making giant steps forward and I am very proud to be here on behalf of the Tuscaroras."

Locklear continued: "I can't wait until I return home to share with my fellow Tuscaroras what I have learned about legislation, recognition, and especially about the need for all Indians to stand together united with one common goal. It does not matter what name one calls himself. Being Indian is an experience from the heart. A tribal name cannot make a person Indian."

With these things in mind, one could truthfully say that the North Carolina Third Annual Indian Unity Conference was indeed just that—a unifying experience for all of us.

by Connie Brayboy



The Honorable James B. Hunt, Governor of the State of North Carolina, addresses the banquet audience. Lynneetta Jacobs, Community Development Director of L.R.D.A., presided at the banquet (shown right). Dr. James B. Chavis, the Governor's Ombudsman is shown beside Ms. Jacobs.



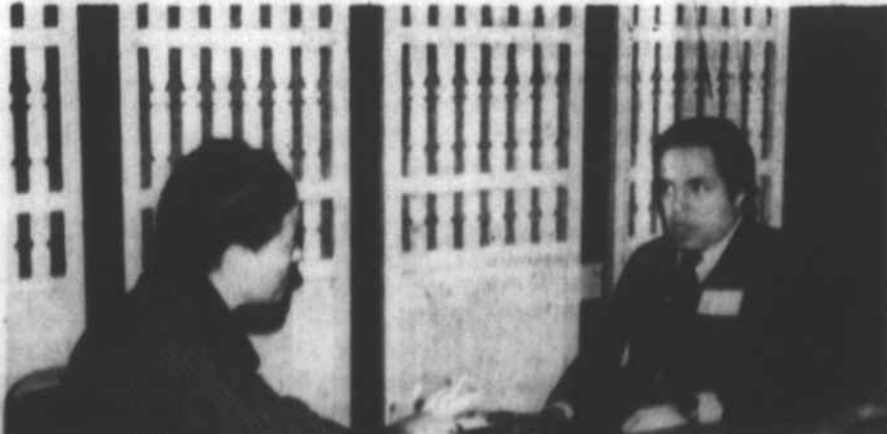
Kenneth Maynor, Executive Director of L.R.D.A. is shown giving a conference overview during the first general assembly. Dr. Dean Chavers is shown to the left. Shown beside him is Louis Bruce.



Jim Lowry, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, is shown speaking. Gov. Hunt is shown to the right and Kenneth Maynor, Executive Director of LRDA is shown left.



Leon Locklear, right, owns and operates the Tuscarora Indian Handcraft Shop in Maxton. He poses with A. Bruce Jones, Executive Director of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs.



Connie Brayboy, Associate Editor of The Carolina Indian Voice, and Dr. Dean Chavers discussing fine points of resolution. Dr. Chavers served as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

## DIAL TREATS HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE AT INDIAN IS...YOUTH FORUM



Prof. Adolph Dial

The third in a series of five forums sponsored by the Title IV, Part A Robeson County Compensatory Indian Education Project was held at the Center for the Performing Arts at Pembroke State University on Monday, March 13.

Professor Adolph Dial, author and lecturer, and a member of the American Indian Policy Review Commission, reviewed the historical origins and contributions of Indians in Robeson County and in North Carolina. Professor Dial stated that there was now a resource of materials about local Indians which would be utilized in teaching children about their Indian heritage and culture, but he also challenged young people to read as much as possible for themselves about their history. Pointing out the fact that Indians in Robeson County have similarities with other North Carolina groups and tribes such as Coharie, Waccamaw-Siouan, Haliwa and Cumberland County groups/tribes, Professor Dial also discussed similarities and differences with reservation and non-reservation Indian groups and tribes.

Instilling pride in Indianness was underscored by Professor Dial when he indicated that "the thing that has made us great in Robeson County has been the land and soil and our struggle as a people." "Self-pride," according to the lecturer, "is the key to our identity, and we should be proud, regardless of our tribal affiliation." He also stated that we should not allow our heritage to be questioned, because had it been questioned, we would have been removed from our location in the 1830's during the Indian Removal Act.

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## Curt Locklear's Day in Court

FOUND GUILTY BUT NO PENALTY LEVIED

Some people will tell you that being an American is, as much as anything, having one's day in court. Curt Locklear believes that. He recently had his day in court.

### Some Background

For years Curt Locklear, proprietor of Pembroke Hardware, and the other merchants in Pembroke have set their wares and merchandise upon the streets of Pembroke for display. It is traditional and part of "the way things are done" in Pembroke. Not any more. The town decided at a recent meeting, at the behest of newly seated Councilman Bob Brewington to enforce the until recently ignored ordinance against displaying merchandise on the sidewalk for sale.

Recently, Curt Locklear was indicted for "...placing bicycles (11) and tin wagons (5) for sale on the sidewalk in the Town of Pembroke in violation of city ordinance 6-2002."

City ordinance 6-2002 reads "no person shall place for display or sale any goods, wares or merchandise of any kind upon any of the sidewalks of said town which shall extend out on the sidewalks..."

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## people and places and things

### PEMBROKE PRECINCT MEETING PLANNED TONIGHT

Please be advised that in accordance with Art. #1, Sect. 2 of the North Carolina Democratic Organization, the Pembroke Precinct meeting is scheduled for tonight, March 16, at 8 p.m. at the Pembroke Elementary School Cafeteria.

Reggie Strickland is Chairman.

### REVIVAL PLANNED

Everyone is welcome to a mighty Holy Ghost revival at Magnolia High School, 7 miles North of Lumberton on Highway 301, on March 16, 17, 18 and 19 at 7:30 nightly. Sunday afternoon services will be at 2:30 p.m. Evangelist Ronnie Barnes will proclaim the gospel. The revival is sponsored by the Saddletree Church of God. Rev. Roy Lee Tucker is the pastor.

### PROSPECT HIGH FHA NEWS

The Prospect FHA has been super busy all year long. Members of the Prospect High School FHA recognized National Week, Feb. 12-18, 1978, with a project for each day. On Monday, members prepared a tea for the teachers; Tuesday, a tea for special education classes; Wednesday, members worked making decorations for the Sweetheart dance; Thursday, made cake squares for the high school students; Friday, encouraged student body to wear outfits of FHA colors, red and white; Saturday, members had a special dance for the high school students which was named the Sweetheart Dance. FFA and Vica-Club members chose Ms. Tenita Bullard as "Miss Sweetheart" of the year.

The FHA members went to the District 4 meeting which was held in Fayetteville on Nov. 12, 1977. The theme was Do You Know Where You're Going To? The FHA members attended the State Leadership Meeting March 11, at the Raleigh Civic Center. Way to go, Prospect FHA. We're proud of you!!!

### R.B. DEAN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SLATED

All parents and partons are invited to attend the R.B. Dean School's Parent Advisory Council meeting of the Title I programs. The meeting will take place in the Media Center of R.B. Dean School on Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m.

### REVIVAL PLANNED

Revival is planned at Sycamore Hill Church on March 26th through 31st. Speakers are Rev. Mike Cummings and Rev. Jimmy Strickland. Everyone is welcome. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. Rev. J.C. Chavis is the pastor.

### ISLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH PROGRAM HELD

Sunday, March 12, during the morning worship hour, Connie Locklear daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill R. Locklear of Route 3, Maxton, presented a Christian Essay "Always Finish." She composed the essay at the request of her pastor, Rev. C.M. Cummings.

The entire essay is reprinted on page 6 of this issue of The Carolina Indian Voice.

### VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE TO BE HELD

Hoke County Jaycees President Robert Taylor announced today that the Jaycees will conduct a voter registration drive on Saturday, March 18th from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Registrars will be situated at both Upchurch and South Hoke School for registration purposes. These registrars will be able to register voters from any precinct in the county. The Jaycees will provide transportation for those with no transportation facilities available. For such services please call 875-5742 on Saturday. Remember to vote in the May 2nd primary, a person must be registered. The last date for registration will be April 3rd and the Jaycees encourage you to take advantage of this registration drive.

### ROBESON COUNTY AARP TO MEET TODAY

The Robeson County American Association of Retired Persons Chapter #2900 will meet today, March 16, at 3 p.m. at the Chestnut Street United Methodist Church in the Library.

All persons 55 and over are welcome. For additional information, please call Ruth H. Mundy at 738-5615.

### REGISTRATION DRIVE PLANNED

A registration drive for the Burnt Swamp Precinct will be held Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Registrars will be at the Multipurpose Building at Union Chapel and at Herb's Superette in the Mt. Airy Community. Anyone who needs transportation should call Grady Locklear or C.A. Maynor.

### ENROLLED AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL

Lorrie Jacobs, Lawrence David Malcolm, Heyward King Lowry, and Michael Locklear (all seniors at Pembroke Senior High School) and Alitrea Jones, a senior at Prospect High School, have been accepted at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill for the fall of 1978 and will enter the school when freshman orientation begins August 18.

### DANCE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT DUKE UNIVERSITY

DURHAM-In celebration of its move to North Carolina, this summer's American Dance Festival will be offering one of the most internationally renowned faculties of its forty-five year history. Thirty-five instructors, including Balasarawati, Lucas Hoving, Pauline Koner, Don Redlich, and Ethel Winter, will be teaching approximately 300 dance students in more than 50 classes.

In addition, the festival, to be held from June 17 to July 29, will offer a wide range of workshops and special projects along with a series of more than 30 public performances by renowned guest and resident companies, faculty and students.

Those interested in receiving further information and/or applications should send their name and address to: American Dance Festival, Box 6097, College Station, Durham, N.C. 27708

### CHEROKEE CHURCH REVIVAL SLATED FOR MARCH 26-31

Revival services will be held at Cherokee Methodist Church in the Wakulla Community beginning Sunday, March 26-31. Sunday evening service will begin at 7 p.m., weekly nights at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Roy Clark, pastor of the Assembly of God Church in St. Pauls, along with the pastor of the church, Rev. Julian Ransom, will be conducting the services. The public is invited to attend. There will be an Easter Sunrise Service beginning at 6 a.m. Sunday morning. Prayer and Praise Service is held on Sunday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night Bible Study at 7 p.m.

### BURNT SWAMP SING CONFERENCE SLATED FOR MARCH 29

The Burnt Swamp Sing Conference will be held Sunday, March 19, 1978, beginning at 2 p.m. at Harpers Ferry. All interested groups are urged to participate.

### SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER HELD

A birthday dinner was given in honor of Mr. Willie O. Strickland by his wife in the Fellowship Hall at New Bethel Church, March 6, 1978.

There were approximately 125 friends and relatives in attendance who enjoyed the festivities. Mr. Strickland received gifts and a money tree with \$125 attached to it. Mr. Strickland is a member of New Bethel Church and New Bethel's Queen. He is 77 years young.