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**SARAH STRICKLAND LOCKLEAR  
BECOMES FIRST FEMALE  
MANAGER FOR HILL'S**  
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**HARVEY GODWIN, JR. IS  
YOUNGEST DISTRICT MANAGER**



Shown left to right: Harvey Godwin, Jr.; Sara S. Locklear; Paul Powell; and Gary Chmura.

by Barbara Braveboy-Locklear  
*Special to the Carolina Indian Voice*  
In late August of last year Hillco Foods, Inc., a Whiteville-based grocery store chain named Sara Strickland Locklear its first female store manager. The "tough-skin" 26-year-old Lumbee Indian is in charge at Hill's Food Store in Pembroke.

The energetic manager says her new position was made easy by the sheer fact that her authoritative retired military father taught her the grocery business as a young child growing up in Norfolk, Va.

"I was operating the cash register in my father's small grocery store when I was in the third grade," she remembers. A few years later she was figuring costs on stock and pricing items in the family business. And when the former Pembroke State University student joined Hill's Food Store five years ago, manager Harvey Godwin, Jr. reinforced the training William "Big Mo" Strickland had earlier given his daughter, one of eight children born to him and his wife, Ruth.

Locklear worked as a produce manager another local grocery store chain before joining the staff at Hill's. Godwin, who is now a district store manager with Hillco Foods says Locklear was quick to learn all operations of the grocery business before assuming her current position.

"Sara worked hard as co-manager for 2 1/2 years. I wanted her to be the best in top management and she is," he says. "Any business is unwise not to recognize leadership qualities in a female and promote her accordingly."

As store manager, Locklear oversees all operations of the Pembroke store. She coordinates work hours for a staff of 70, as well as transact business with vendors. She says her employees took her new position very well, but vendors had a difficult time accepting business decisions from a female manager. She admits time frames offer the greatest challenge to her job.

"Deadlines on paperwork, meeting quotas on labor hours are the things most people never see when they enter my store," she says. "My friends walk in the store and say, 'you've got it made,' because I'm not showing them physical work."

Locklear's average work schedule yields a minimum of 50 hours on the job per week. She escapes the pressure of being boss by taking a full day off weekly and by engaging in aerobics two nights weekly. Her off hours are shared with her three-year-old daughter and husband, Eli. And if there's any time left, she spends it between cooking and watching video movies.

Godwin, district manager of seven of the 32 Hill's Food Stores visits his former store several times during the week. As the youngest district manager in the corporation, he oversees all operations in stores in Robeson, Scotland, Harnett, Moore and Lee counties. Godwin says he is especially proud of the Pembroke store because it has built a reputation for excellent physical appearance, cleanliness and profit, which he attributes to a competent hometown managerial staff. "It's the only grocery store chain in Pembroke with a local management," he comments. "Sara's best qualities as manager is that she is intelligent, energetic and friendly. She's never too busy to talk with customers," he says. Hillco's business philosophy is built on good customer relationship."

Godwin says Locklear has strong support staff in her assistant manager, Paul Powell and Gary Chmura, grocery manager. Powell, 26, joined the Pembroke store two months ago. He brings to his job several years experience in the grocery store business as well as managerial experience in the fast food chain business. Powell is married and has a four-year-old daughter. Chmura, a 1986 graduate of West Robeson High School, moved to Robeson County 18 years ago from Chicago. The 21-year-old Pembroke resident oversees the stock room which staffs 13 people.

**SIX NATIONS INDIANS TO MEET WITH  
TUSCARORA NATION OF N.C.**

On January 13-15 two members of the Six Nations will be in Robeson County to meet with the Tuscarora Nation here. The main purpose of the meeting is a cultural one. They will be working with the Tuscarora Kau-ta-noh Society Social Dancers, teaching traditional dances and songs as well as other cultural traditions, to the Tuscarora Nation. The Tuscarora Nation is related to the other Six Nations, and shares a common culture and traditions.

The members coming are Stanley Buck and Bob Gabor. Stanley Buck is from the Cayuga Nation, turtle clan. He is originally from the Six Nations Reserve in Canada, but now lives on the Onondaga Nation near Syracuse, NY. Stanley comes from the well known Buck family, known for being such great Iroquois singers. He is not only a good singer, but a dancer as well. Stanley was recently named a Chief of the Cayuga Nation.

Bob Gabor is an adopted Mohawk, turtle clan, and lives in Syracuse, NY. He has been working with the

Tuscarora Kau-ta-noh Society for about two years. He has helped with their dance outfits, songs, dances, and has also donated many items to be put in the new Tuscarora/Iroquois Museum. He is also a maker of the Traditional Six Nations headdress known as the "Gus-toe-woh."

They will meet with the Tuscarora Nation Friday night, Jan. 13 on the Tuscarora Nation land base. This is a weekly meeting that is held under the direction of Chief Kever Locklear and the Clan Mothers. The rest of the weekend will be devoted to the learning of new songs, dances and traditions. These lessons will also be held on the Tuscarora Nation land base, which is located in the Prospect Community between Island Grove Church and the Old Maxton Road.

The Tuscarora Nation is looking forward to this learning experience and is very grateful to Stanley Buck and Bob Gabor for helping to preserve the culture and traditions of the Six Nations and the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina.

Contributed By Mike Dunn

**New Superior Court Judge  
Dexter Brooks Honored**

The Honorable Dexter Brooks was honored on December 29 at a reception held at the Ramada Inn in Lumberton. The evening event, attended by 275 people, was sponsored by the Committee to Elect Julian Pierce Judge.

According to Harvey Godwin, Jr., Pierce Campaign Manager, the Committee chose to honor Brooks because his appointment to the Superior Court bench was in keeping with the wishes of Pierce's supporters.

"If Julian could have selected another person for judge, it would have been Dexter Brooks. He had the unanimous endorsement of the committee," Godwin said.

The former Campaign Manager led the effort to get Brooks, a Lumbee Indian, appointed to the

bench was bi-partisan on the part of Democrats and Republicans.

"Dexter was the choice of the Committee because he shared many characteristics of Julian Pierce. His position and views on voting and civil rights, as well as other issues of interest to citizens of Robeson County."

Godwin, who spearheaded the move to get a minority appointed to the judgeship after the death of Pierce late last March, said the Committee to Elect Julian Pierce Judge is deeply grateful to Gov. Martin in setting aside politics in appointing Brooks, the people's choice.

Brooks was sworn in as Superior Court Judge in ceremonies held January 3 in the Robeson County Courthouse.



Among those supporters attending a reception for the Honorable Dexter Brooks on December 29 were members of his family. Left to right: Larry T. Brooks, brother; Lorraine Brooks, sister-in-law; Maggie Lois Mercer, sister; the honoree; Earl Brooks, brother; and Lela Hammond Brooks, mother.

**Angie Moore Has Busy  
Schedule As Miss Lumbee**

Angelina (Angie) Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moore of the Prospect community has kept a very busy schedule during the first six months of her reign as Miss Lumbee. In addition to the parades, performances, personal appearances, she is enrolled as a full time student at Pembroke State University. There have also been several fund raising projects conducted.

Angie's duties as Miss Lumbee have taught her much about responsibility. Along with the glamour comes a lot of hard work. The next six months will be filled with many additional activities as she prepares for the Miss North Carolina Pageant to be held in July, 1989. One of the major tasks will be preparing for her talent. Miss Patricia O'Quinn of Goldsboro will choreograph the dance for the pageant. In addition, wardrobe selection, interview preparation and several state workshops will be a part of her schedule.

Several fund-raising projects will be going on to help defray the expenses associated with the North Carolina Pageant.

Angie would like to thank LRDA, area businesses and the community for their support in 1988 and will appreciate moral and financial support as a contestant in the Miss North Carolina Pageant. Angie's motto for the Pageant is "To Be The Best She Can Be."



Angelina (Angie) Moore, Miss Lumbee

Among Angie's many activities in 1988 were appearances at: Strike at the Wind; the Miss North Carolina Indian Princess Pageant at PSU; the Lumbee Pow Wow; the Miss Native American Student Organization Pageant at PSU; the Miss Durham/Orange County Scholarship Pageant at Chapel Hill.

Events she has attended include the Miss N.C. Wardrobe Showing in Raleigh and the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, NJ. Angie has performed at the Miss N.C. Sweetheart Pageant in Hamlet, NC; the West Lumberton Indian Education Pageant in Lumberton; and the Miss PSU Homecoming Pageant. She has participated in several parades in the state, including: Lumbee Homecoming; Pageland Watermelon Festival; Sneads Ferry Shrimp Festival; the Fairmont Farmers' Day Festival; Fairmont Homecoming; Veterans' Day in Pembroke; the Lumberton Christmas Christmas Parade; Marietta Christmas Parade and the Pembroke Christmas Parade.

Other events include the ribbon cutting ceremony at Gene Locklear's Art Gallery in Pembroke; Ground Breaking Ceremonies for Locklear, Brooks, Jacobs and Sutton Law Firm; Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Kentucky Fried Chicken in Lumberton; and the Unveiling of "The Depot," a painting by Gene Locklear which was donated to the Town of Pembroke by Gene Locklear's Art Gallery.

**NEW 4-H CLUB ORGANIZED  
AT OXENDINE SCHOOL**



A new 4-H club: members and leaders of the Wild 'N Free 4-H Club

at Oxendine School.

Robeson County 4-H members, leaders, resource people, and agents would like to welcome a new 4-H club. The Wild 'N Free 4-H Club was organized recently in the Wakulla area at Oxendine Elementary School. "This club has a lot of enthusiastic members with a great deal of potential. It is also encouraging to see enthusiasm and eager support of the volunteers who work with the community club members. I think the combination of the excellent leadership in the club and the excitement of the young people will make this one of the most outstanding clubs in the county," stated Cathy M. Lowery, associate Extension agent, 4-H.

Adults providing leadership for the club are: Linda Hersherberger, Renee Jones, Lorraine Scott, Susan Locklear, Diane Locklear, Alice Locklear, Teresa Locklear, and Billy Locklear. Working with the leaders is an outstanding slate of officers. Officers are: President-Michelle Locklear; Vice President-Reba Scott; Secretary/Treasurer-Shawn Hersherberger; and Reporter-Tony Locklear. Other members of the club are Jessica Jones and Laurie Locklear.

Four-H members have been trained in parliamentary procedure, duties of officers, 4-H projects and demonstrations, and program planning. During the holiday season, the Wild 'N Free 4-H Club adopted a family for Christmas, gathering toys and gifts for them. Four-H members and leaders also attended the 1988 4-H Achievement Program and conducted a Christmas party. Members have expressed interest in participating in the county 4-H Public Speaking Contest, 4-H sewing special interest classes, 4-H Fashion Revue, 4-H Camp, and presenting demonstrations.

The Robeson County 4-H Program is an educational program for boys and girls ages 6-19. The program is open to anyone regardless of age, race, creed, national origin, sex, or handicap. In addition to providing excellent opportunities to young people, the program is also structured to allow adults an opportunity to share leadership skills and learn and develop additional skills. For more information contact the Robeson County Agricultural Extension Service at 738-8111.

**FAMILY REUNION DEESES  
MS. AGGIE M. DEESE  
ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY**



MS. AGGIE MACK DEESE

On January 7, 1989, Mr. Belton Deese welcomed family members from North Carolina, South Carolina, Delaware, and New Jersey to a celebration in honor of Ms. Aggie Mack Deese at St. Annah Freewill Baptist Church in Pembroke. The occasion was Ms. Deese's 90th birthday.

Mr. Deese read the following brief history of the Life and Marriage of Ms. Aggie M. Deese:

MS. AGGIE MACK DEESE  
ON January 8, 1899 Ms. Mary (Brooks) Locklear and Mr. Chesley Locklear brought a very special person into this world, Ms. Aggie Mack Deese.

Ms. Aggie Deese is the oldest of three children. She attended the old normal school in the Pembroke community and currently attends St. Annah Freewill Baptist Church when her health permits. Her sister, Lee Deese, currently lives in Pembroke and their brother, Wallie Locklear is deceased.

Ms. Deese was married to Mr. Hezzie Deese, the son of Ms. Cindy

Deese and Mr. Brown Lowery, at home near Pembroke on January 25, 1918. Rev. Iron Locklear performed the ceremony with Rev. Borce Jacobs and Mr. James Oxendine participating as witnesses.

Hezzie and Aggie had six children during their sixty-four years of marriage: Belton, Velton "Chuda," Lanton "Dooley," and David "Pete" Deese all of Pembroke, and Sarah Lowery and Corby "Spooder" Deese of Paulsboro, New Jersey.

"Mr. Hezzie" earned his living working for the Seaboard Railroad for awhile and farming in the Pembroke community. We lost him on September 20, 1982 at the age of 84 due to an extended illness.

"Ms. Aggie," in addition to having one sister and six children, has 28 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren, and five great, great grandchildren.

We have been fortunate to enjoy the wisdom and joy of our mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great, great grandmother these

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