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## A STATEMENT FROM O. TOM BLANKS

### Decides Not To Run for Sheriff

O. Tom Blanks released the following statement today. Blanks, who ran a spirited campaign for sheriff four years ago, has decided, after considerable deliberation, to not run for sheriff.

"First of all, I wish to thank all those concerned citizens--of all three races--who urged me to run for sheriff.

"I look on politics as requiring two ingredients: One, the political climate; and, two, the financial aspects of a campaign.

"The ultimate goal is to get enough votes to win.

"For the past six weeks--up until 11:45 a.m. Monday morning (the deadline for filing was Monday at noon), I have slept, ate and thought politics. During that time, I have had many citizens urging me to run for sheriff. Others said that finances would present a problem; others said that the deviousness among the Indian people would be an element for consideration.

"More and more, as I took these matters under consideration, I realized that a spirited race would get us into a run off--but we need more than a run off. We need to be able to put the horses out that would assure us of victory.

"In the waning moments of Monday morning, I realized that we would not be able to do this.

"And there is the factor of race that developed in the race four years ago. It ought not to be this way. Race ought not to be a factor in any political campaign. But one has to realize that we are still living in Robeson County.

"For these reasons, I have decided not to run for sheriff at this time. I want to say, too, that there were no other reasons. I have not accepted any monies not to run, nor have I been in contact with other candidates for sheriff.

"Again, thank each of you who encouraged me to run. I appreciate your expressions of support."

## WHO'S RUNNING FOR WHAT?

### An Election Update

Monday at noon was the deadline for those candidates filing for elective office in the May primary and in the November general election.

Here's the way it looks. These are our choices.

#### The Robeson County Board of Education

Four seats are up for grabs on the Robeson County Board of Education. The terms are for four years. Running for re-election are incumbents Harbert Moore, Lillian Faye Locklear, Indians; and Shirley Britt and Bob Mangum, both Whites.

Opposing them are Jerry Lowry, Indian; Welton Lowry, Indian; Ruby Hammonds, Indian; Gladys Pierce, Indian; Richard Davis, White; Morris L. Britt, White; Earnest Roberts, Black.

#### Sheriff

O. Tom Blanks, Indian, who ran a spirited race four years ago, has decided not to run this year. Incumbent Malcolm McLeod, whom Blanks almost

toppled in 1974, has not filed for re-election.

Vying for the Sheriff's seat is Hubert Stone, Dixon Britt, Tom Gibson and Purvis Thompson.

#### N.C. House of Representatives

Rep. Joy J. Johnson, who has accepted a seat on the North Carolina Board of Paroles, has withdrawn his candidacy.

That leaves incumbents Horace Locklear and David Parnell and challengers Adolph Dial, Tracy Britt, Robert E. Davis and William C. Gay in the running for three House seats.

Running unopposed are Luther J. Britt, North Carolina Senate; Joe Freeman Britt, District Attorney; and Ben G. Floyd, Robeson County Clerk of Court.

#### County Commissioner

PEMBROKE-MAXTON DISTRICT: Incumbent Herman Dial is running for re-election for county commissioner from the Pembroke-Maxton Commis-

sioner District. Opposing him are Wyvis Oxendine from Maxton and Ted Brewington from Pembroke. Dial resides in the Prospect Community.

ST. PAULS DISTRICT: Incumbent Bill Herndon is being challenged by Eugene Smith.

LUMBERTON DISTRICT: Sam Noble, incumbent, and Sammy Cox, challenger will vvy for the Lumberton Commissioner seat up for grabs this year.

DISTRICT JUDGE: Incumbents Sam Britt and Charles G. McLean are being challenged respectively by Governor Barnes, Jr. and C.A. Brown.

#### Coroner

Chalmers Biggs is unopposed in the coroner's race.

#### Fairmont Board of Education

W. Linwood Floyd, James A. Freeman, Percy Hill, Jill Hough, Larue T. Jones, Patricia P. Lennon and H. Fay Sellers will run for four seats on the Fairmont Board of Education.

## OXENDINE FILES FOR MAXTON COMMISSIONER SEAT

B.S. at Pembroke State University. He acquired his M.A. Degree from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. He reentered and worked towards a Doctorate Degree with some schooling at Chapel Hill.

He is presently pastor of West End Baptist Church. He also serves as Moderator of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association. He is a member of the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention and a member of the Christian Higher Education Board.

Mr. Lowry is Vice-President of the Local Retired Teachers' Association, past Lion of the Year, a Charter Member of the of the Pembroke Lions Club, a committee member of the Boy Scout Troop #327 of Pembroke and a Director of Pembroke Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Lowry stated, "I have been in the school system for thirty years as administrator and teacher, and would like to continue to do likewise for the improvements of the system. I am offering my service to the citizens of Robeson County and will appreciate their support in my election."



Welton Lowry

Welton Lowry filed with the Board of Elections as a candidate for the Robeson County Board of Education.

Mr. Lowry completed Pembroke High School and completed his college requirements for two degrees, A.B. and

## Roberts Runs for School Board



Earnest Roberts

Earnest Roberts, a native of Rowland, has recently announced his candidacy for a seat on the Robeson County Board of Education.

Roberts stated he was prompted to enter the race because of his status as a parent whose children attend county schools, and his sincere interest in education.

Having served many years on the advisory council of the Rowland School district, Roberts believes he has the background and the experience to qualify him as a school board member.

He is married to the former Helen Taylor of Rowland and has seven children, four of whom are enrolled in Robeson County Schools.

Wyvis Oxendine has filed for a seat as County Commissioner in the Maxton-Pembroke District. In making his announcement, Oxendine stated:

"Today I am announcing my candidacy for County Commissioner for the Maxton, Smiths and Pembroke Districts.

"I commit myself to serve the people with fairness, dignity and integrity.

"I will be available to all the people of my district, not just a few political companions.

"I have been active in my community as an educator and as a concerned and responsible citizen.

"I actively solicit your support and vote. Remember that better government is all of our concern."



Wyvis Oxendine

## Robeson Savings & Loan Pembroke Branch Approved

On the eve of press time, the Savings and Loan Division of the State of North Carolina announced that the branch application by Robeson Savings and Loan Association for the Town of Pembroke had been approved.

In spite of a poll conducted by The Carolina Indian Voice expressing opposition to the application, and a number of letters written in opposition, the savings and loan division's board of

commissioners approved the matter Wednesday afternoon.

According to a spokesman from the savings and loan division, the town showed "sufficient economic growth to support the branch office."

In spite of the philosophical grounds explored by The Carolina Indian Voice, the commissioners seemingly made their decision on economic terms only.

## LITTLE MISS LUMBEE

### TO VISIT FARM & TRADE SHOW



Little Miss Lumbee, Mary Beth Sampson will be one of the visiting queens at the Southeastern Farm and Home Trade Show on February 15 and 16, 1978. Mary Beth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie F. Sampson of Pembroke.

## people and places and things

### A STATEMENT FROM JOE FELMET CANDIDATE FOR THE U.S. SENATE

Winston-Salem, NC--Joe Felmet, a Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, said today that he supports love, lovers and acts of love, both eponymously and erotically.

### LAURINBURG INST. TRIUMPHS OVER TAR BABIES

Laurinburg--Brian Goolsby poured in 22 points and Stacy Robinson added 19 to lead Laurinburg Inst. to a 95-91 win over UNC Tar Babies here Saturday night.

The Tar Babies' Eric Kenny of Asheville, had 29 points, and Joey Bell of Pembroke had 19.

UNC JV's--(91)--Carter--10, Burnett--12, Bell--19, Elliot--10, Kenny--29, Lucas--8, Burrough--4.

Laurinburg--(95)--Robinson--19, Goolsby--22, Malone--10, Sparrow--12, Gilliam--4, Nichols--6, Walker--14, Peterson--5, Perry--3.

Half-UNC 45-43.

### LAYMAN'S RALLY SCHEDULED FOR ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Make your plans now to attend the Rockingham District Lay Rally of the United Methodist Church to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Scotland High School, Laurinburg. The occasion will begin with dinner being served from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., the price of which is \$3.50. Tickets can be purchased from the laymen and ministers of all the United Methodist Churches in the district.

The program for the evening will begin at 7 p.m. Presenting the special music will be Fletcher's Chapel United Methodist Church, Hoffman.

Highlighting the occasion will be the address by the Rev. James H. Bailey, pastor of Jarvis United Methodist Church in Greenville, NC, who is to be introduced by the District Superintendent, Dr. Joseph Bethea. Rev. Bailey served for 6 years (1968-1974) in the Rockingham District as pastor of Chestnut Street United Methodist Church, Lumberton. He is a graduate of Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C., and of Duke Divinity School. Mr. Bailey is the author of the book "Miracles of Jesus for Today, 1977" and will soon release a second book. He holds positions of leadership in our North Carolina United Methodist Conference, and is in demand as a lecturer and speaker at annual conferences, churches, colleges and universities across the nation. His pastoral work is noted for strong emphasis on ecumenical ministries and missions. He and his wife are the parents of 4 children.

### IN THE ARMED FORCES--ROBERT M. DIAL

Biloxi, Miss.--Second Lieutenant Robert M. Dial, son of Mrs. Darkis Dial of Route 3, Maxton, NC has graduated at Keesler AFB, Miss., from the U.S. Air Force air traffic control officer course.

Lt. Dial, now trained in organization and management of air traffic control activities, communications operations and navigation aids, is being assigned to Tyndall AFB, Fla., for duty with a unit of the Air Force Communications Service.

The lieutenant, a 1973 graduate of Prospect High School, received a B.S. degree in 1977 at North Carolina State University. His father, Sam Dial, lives in Pembroke, NC.

### TO COMPLETE IN MISS TIPT COLLEGE PAGEANT

Forsyth, Ga.--Miss Jo Ann Thomas, daughter of Mrs. Lucy Thomas of Pembroke, NC will compete in the annual Miss Tipt Pageant sponsored by the Senior Class of Tipt College on Friday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m. in Roberts

### Memorial Auditorium.

Twenty-one contestants representing classes, dormitories, and campus organizations will be judged on talent, appearance in evening gown and sports wear, and personality.

### SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPANT

Jay T. Juren, a graduating senior at Pembroke Senior High School has been invited to compete for a Presidential Scholarship at High Point College valued at \$5000.

The Presidential Scholarships, established by High Point College President Wendell M. Patton, are presented to a limited number of incoming freshmen who are considered the most outstanding in scholarships, leadership and citizenship.

Juren has won high academic awards in math, biology, psychology and drama at Pembroke. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry T. Juren of Breece Street.

Scholarship participants will visit High Point College for Scholarship Day on Feb. 11. Winners will be announced following interviews with the candidates and selection by a College committee.

## Honor Roll

The following students at Southside Middle School, Rowland, NC maintained an average of "B" and above for the first semester according to Principal O.M. Graham:

4th "A": Gary Jacobs, Daphne Leggett, Geoffrey McLean, Daran McNeil, Denise Oliver, Annette Page, Keirn Strickland, "B": Hughes Acasta, Theresa Gray, Antoine Hayes, Sharon Ocean, Kenneth Rowell, Keshia Smith, Tracey Strickland.

5th "B": Wilhelmina Blue, Randall M. Carlyle, Wendy Johnson, Mary E. Ladson, William Sealey, Kelvin Smith, Paula Smith, Cheryl Taylor, Kenneth Thompson. 6th "B": Laura P. Brake, Kimberly E. Coxe, Alice N. Graham, Sherrie A. Griffin, Sheila A. Jackson, Jennifer Leggett, Barry Mathis, Debra A. Morris, Belvia Spaulding, Hazel Thompson, James Thomson.

7th "A": William Campbell, Samantha Dial, Patrick Hunt, Sandra Jacobs, Carol Jones, Patricia Locklear, Wanda Munley, Errol Oxendine, Robert Stuts.

8th "A": Dorene Chavis, Barbara Hall, Marilyn Jacobs, Lisa Jones, Darlene Morgan, Patricia Farms, Glenda Roberts, Angela Twitty.

7th "B": Gina Britt, Penny Britt, Toren Cureton, Delaney Fields, Edward Harper, Rhonda Hunt, Cindy Lawson, Sabrina Leggett, Bobby Mathis, Selena McCallum, Cynthia McGirt, Donald McIntyre, Lenora Moody, Lydon Morrison, Felctus Oxendine, Joyce A. Pugh, Angela Shipman, Delma Thompson.

8th "B": Denise Barnhill, June Britt, Theresa Britt, Edmond Brown, Bridgettina Dawson, Vicky Fladger, Melinda Harris, Kecla Hawkins, Sandra Lee, Jackie Locklear, Katherine Owens, Ricky Oxendine, Jerry Reaves, Sheila Shipman, Kenny Smith, Marian Thompson.

## Britt Bids for Another Term

Senator Luther Britt, Jr. announced today that he has filed as a candidate for re-election to the North Carolina Senate to represent the Twelfth Senatorial District composed of Robeson and Lenoir Counties in the Democratic Primary to be held in May 1978.