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-An Editorial Expression-

Chief W.R. Richardson Honored

RED SPRINGS HIGHWAY PATROL 'BLITZ' MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE
The recent Red Springs 'Blitz' by the Highway Patrol which resulted in a reported number of arrests for driving under the influence and related citations is, seemingly, more than meets the eye.

from Red Springs.
Locklear has successfully operated the Main Event (more popularly known as Bandy's) and, more recently, the Nashville Music Clubs for seven years.
The public seems to indicate the he runs a clean operation because there are few reports of trouble. And his clubs are popular gathering places.
There is merit to the concerns we have heard expressed. We have heard reports of roadblocks in the vicinity of similarly operated night clubs like Locklear's.
As always, the Carolina Indian Voice calls for an equal application of the law. Only then will the citizens of Robeson County respect the law and, more than this, obey it as all law abiding citizens should.

Each year the American Institute for Public Service presents Jefferson Awards (named after Thomas Jefferson) in five categories, one of which is the "Greatest Public Service Benefiting Local Communities." WTVD Television in Durham is one of the co-sponsors. The goal is to reach into local communities across the country to reward initiative and leadership at the local level. The thrust of these awards is to identify community people who are performing significant public services, predominantly with out recognition.
1982 is the first year the Jefferson Awards were presented in the central and eastern North Carolina areas.

W.R. Richardson, Chief of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe was selected as one of the five recipients chosen from a field of 500 nominations.
The award is a bronze medallion which features a replica of the Seal of the U.S. on the front and a citation for outstanding community service on the reverse.
An award ceremony and luncheon was held in the City Club on the top floor of the Center Plaza Building near the Raleigh Civic Center in Raleigh, Wednesday, March 31. N.C. Governor James B. Hunt attended.

Chief Richardson of Hollister was honored for his leadership in self-determination of and for the Haliwa-Saponi Indian people. He led the establishment of the Haliwa Indian School in Hollister in 1957, and although now closed, the buildings serve as the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Center and serves more than 2,500 tribal members from Warren and Halifax Counties. In 1965 he was instrumental in establishing the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs and served as the chairman for six years. In the late seventies he took the lead in establishing the Twin City Health Center in the Hollister-Essex area to serve people in Warren and Halifax Counties.

As I See It
by Bruce Barton

KEEPING ONES WORD APPLICABLE TO STATE OFFICIALS TOO
There's an old saying... "A man's word is his bond." It's a good saying and worthy of application to all of us, including state officials who seemingly broke their word to three Central Prison inmates in order to secure the release of hostages they were holding.
The three maximum security convicts who got out of North Carolina by freeing hostages were back in the state Friday after just one day at a federal prison in Virginia.
The convicts were moved to the Caledonia Prison Complex in Halifax County, from the Federal Correctional Institution in Petersburg, Va. where they had been transferred Thursday as part of a deal.
Civil rights attorney Irving L. Joyner, a key negotiator of the agreement to free the hostages, said Thursday that Correction Secretary James C. Woodard had used him and negotiated in bad faith.
"We abided by the agreement fully," Woodard said at a news conference Friday after the convicts had been returned. "We said we would send them to a federal institution. We did that and nothing more. There was no agreement for a time frame."
Woodard said all officials "at the decision-making level" knew that the transfer to Virginia would not be permanent.
"The final outcome is that 11 people whose lives were in peril are alive and unharmed today," he said.
The three Black prisoners said they wanted to leave the North Carolina prison system because of "racist mentality" which they feared would cost them their lives.
Woodard had signed a promise early Thursday to send the convicts, identified as William Darrell Little, 27, of Dobson, NC, Ezekial Hall, 28, of Brooklyn, NY and Melvin Surgeon, 30, of Annapolis, Md., to the federal prison.

"The action by Secretary Woodard clearly violated the spirit of the agreement that was entered," Joyner said.
Woodard said the three convicts would be held in administrative segregation under maximum security conditions at Caledonia until further notice while officials question them about the 42-hour siege.
Central Prison Warden Sam Garrison said Friday that the three prisoners had not been victims of racist treatment. The prisoners claimed to have been beaten while in prison, a charge Garrison denied.
Officials of the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ said Friday they were "shocked and dismayed at the state of North Carolina to deal with the crisis..."
Still, in keeping with my ex-convict status, which has mostly forged my present day character, I know that one's word is of paramount interest to convicts, in spite of the rationale used by the state officials.
One's word is about all one has of value in prison. The commodity is the highest form of exchange behind the high wall.
As I see it, the prisoners should have been kept in Virginia for a reasonable time in order to enhance the agreement and allow them to articulate their grievances in a relatively neutral place.

Questions hiring practices of Funeral Home Director

TO THE EDITOR:
I would like to express my opinion about a Lumberton Funeral Director, Mr. Chalmers Biggs, who is the owner and operator of Biggs Funeral Home. I asked Mr. Biggs about a job several months ago. He would not interview me in any kind of way; then I called the Lumberton City Human Relations Officer. He talked to Mr. Biggs. He said that Mr. Biggs replied, that he just as soon hire an Indian, as he would a white man if he needed help. Since that time he has hired a white man. I don't think that is fair for him to turn down an Indian because of all the money he has made off of them. Mr. Biggs has filed with the Robeson County Board of Elections to succeed himself as Coroner of Robeson County, with the Board of Elections. I feel that the Indian Funeral Directors, should bury Indians. I also feel that the Indian race of people should vote for Indians. Robeson County is a prejudice county of people anyway.

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WHO KNOWS?

- 1. When was Jefferson Davis born?
2. When was Pope John Paul II elected as pope?
3. Name the astronauts who flew the first U.S. space shuttle.
4. One cup holds how many tablespoons?
5. The historic landing at Normandy took place on what day in June?
6. When is Flag Day observed?
7. The famous Battle of Bunker Hill was fought in June, name the day.
8. When was the use of postcards authorized?
9. When is Father's Day?
10. Name the two states admitted on June 1.

Answers To Who Knows

- 1. June 3, 1808.
2. October 16, 1978.
3. John Young and Robert Crippen.
4. Sixteen tablespoons.
5. June 6, 1944.
6. June 14.
7. June 17, 1775.
8. June 8, 1872.
9. June 21, always on the third Sunday in June.
10. Kentucky, in 1792, and Tennessee, in 1796.

'Super Saturday' A Big Day at PSU



Pembroke Mayor James A. Jacobs is shown signing a proclamation designating Saturday, April 3, as "Super Saturday 1982" at PSU with many activities planned for the entire day. The day features baseball, tennis, soccer, a cookout, an old-timers game, a cheerleading festival, a wrestling tournament, and the "Festival of Arts." The day is also parents day at PSU.
"I hope that everyone will plan to come out to PSU on that day and bring the entire family," stated PSU's Gary Spitzer, Coordinator of the event. "There are many activities planned and everyone should have an exciting day."
Free frisbees will be thrown out at various times, limited while supply lasts.

11-11:30 a.m.-General session in Performing Arts Center with welcome by Chancellor Paul Givens; 10 a.m.-Cheerleading Festival, Auxiliary Gym; 10 a.m.-NC Wrestling Federation Freestyle Tournament in the Varsity Gym; 11:15-12:15- Golden Knights of Ft. Bragg will parachute onto the soccer field; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.-Braves Club Cookout beside gym with Gloria Cannalando performing; 12:30-1:30 p.m.-Departmental displays in Student Center, Open House in Old Main's Native American Resource Center, campus

THE FUTURE BEGINS NOW



My Fellow Citizens:

As a candidate for the Maxton-Pembroke-Smiths seat on the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, I am concerned with the number and quality of the jobs that will be available to our people: A productive worker who carries a sense of self-satisfaction from the job to his family makes a model citizen.
Unfortunately, the Robeson job outlook has long been described as "bleak." Although it is not a statistic of which to be proud, the Robeson unemployment rate continues to be the highest in the ten-county Cape Fear Region. If our people are unable to find meaningful, good paying jobs, then we cannot expect the quality of life to improve nor can we expect to effectively deal with the many longstanding problems which beset us, such as, chronic poverty and an ever increasing crime rate.
Why should Robeson suffer the ravages of a 16.1 percent unemployment rate (February, 1982 figures) while that of Scotland was only 9.9 percent? Does the answer lie in the quality of the industries being attracted to the neighboring counties as contrasted with our own county? It is no secret that the bulk of the industry being attracted to Robeson is marginal and low-paying, while the blue-chip firms with the higher-paying jobs seem to almost always go to our neighbors. Surely the problem cannot be in the attitude of our workers since our people are used to giving a day's work for a day's pay. Yet much of our industry is so low-paying that the county commissioners must grant special exemptions so as to qualify such industry for taxpayer-assisted financing.

Are we taking the right approach to the problem? It may well be that we should look again to the quality of our local schools. A county with a good school system is a county with a strong sense of community pride; whereas, counties with weaker school systems seems to be less likely to attract these high-paying industries.

Good schools equip workers with the skills so necessary for the modern industrial work force. According to the NC 2000 Committee, Robeson's population will increase to 141,404 by the year 2000 though 72 percent of the state's population increase (and presumably Robeson also) will be due to immigration. Why will it be necessary to import so many workers from outside the state? Can it be that they will bring skills with them which are not available locally? If so, how will our local people be able to compete with these newcomers for the better jobs or even be able to fine any jobs?

Robeson and Scotland Counties are a study in contrasts. Robeson has a high unemployment rate with low-paying industry while Scotland has a comparably low unemployment rate with higher-paying industry. Even as to the industry that Robeson does attract, the better jobs usually go to newcomers while our local people are dropped to the lower rungs of the salary ladder. Also it seems that about all of the new industry (and with it the bulk of our county tax dollars) goes to the Lumberton area while Western Robeson generally goes lacking.
How can we account for the vast differences between the adjacent counties of Robeson and Scotland? Scotland County has one school system while Robeson has an unnecessary five. In 1978-79 Scotland allocated 42.91 percent of its local revenues to education while Robeson allocated only a miserly 32.36 percent. By assigning such a higher priority to education, it appears that our neighbors are able to attract better quality industry. Thus, are our county commissioners being fair to either our children or our long-suffering taxpayers? It further seems that better schools means a lower tax rate. In 1980, the Robeson tax rate was a high .82 while the Scotland tax rate was only .70.

If we are to improve the quality of life in Robeson, we must change the attitude of our commissioners towards education. Our educators cannot do the job if the necessary funds are not provided. Yet the situation appears to have gotten worse over the last 15 years; according to local educators, in 1961 approximately 60 percent of our county monies were allocated to education as opposed to only 32.36 percent in 1978-79. Can our children afford four more years of educational starvation? Can our workers afford four more years on the unemployment rolls? We cannot wait until four more years to solve these problems. The future begins now!

Respectfully Yours,
LARRY T. BROOKS

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