OBITUARIES

Carey Dean Sanderson WILLOW SPRING-Mr. Carey Dean Sanderson, 43, of Willow Spring, died Monday (Aug. 27). The funeral was held at 2 p.m.

Thursday (Aug. 30) at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Garner.

Mr. Sanderson was preceded in death by his mother, Roberta L. Sanderson and is survived by his wife, Theresa Sanderson; a daughter, Patricia Sanderson; a son, Justin Sanderson and his mother, Dawn Sanderson; his father, Luther E. Sanderson of Pembroke; and brothers, sisters and numer-ous loving family members and

Memorials may be made in the form of savings bonds to his daughter, Patricia Ashley Sanderson, P.O. Box 46043, Ra-leigh, N.C. 27602.

Redman B. Jacobs Jr. PEMBROKE-Mr. Redman B. Jacobs Jr., 73, died recently

A graveside service was held at 11a.m. Friday (Aug. 31) at Harper's Ferry Baptist Church Cemetery, the Rev. Jimmy Strickland officiating.

Mr. Jacobs was born April 21, 1928 in Robeson County and was the son of the late Rev. R.B. Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs served in the army and was a World War II veteran.

Arrangements were handled by Revels Funeral Home, Pembroke.

Elery Oxendine FAIRMONT-Mr. Elery Oxendine,

72, of 306 Turkey Branch Road, died Thursday (Aug. 30) at his

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (Sept. 2) at Pleasant View Baptist Church, the Revs. Ricky Burnett and James H. Woods offi-ciating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Oxendine was born July 11, 1929 in Robeson County and was a member of Pleasant View Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Larry Dale Oxendine, and a sister, Thelma Porter.

He is survived by his wife, Etta Hunt Oxendine of the home; a son, Terry Oxendine of Fairmont; five daughters, Vivian Carol Hunt, Vicky Lynn Scott, Daisy Lee Oxendine and Cherylene Hunt, all of Fairmont, and Lori O. Oxendine of Lexington; a brother, Steve Brewer of Baltimore: three sisters, Cleatis Hunt of Fairmont, Evelyn Locklear of Pembroke and Carol Hunt of Lumberton; and 13 grand-

Mary Travers
PEMBROKE-Ms. Mary Margaret Chrismer Travers, 105, of 491

Harpers Ferry Road, died Thursday (Aug. 30) in Greystone Manor. Private services were to be held at a later date for Ms. Travers, a

member of York Catholic Church in Baltimore.

Ms. Travers is survived by a son, William M. Travers Jr. of Baltimore; two daughters, Mary J. Lowery of Pembroke and Ann T. Wotell of Baltimore; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Perlene L. Hunt RED SPRINGS-Ms. Perlene L Hunt, 81, of 106 Front Street, died Weds. (Aug. 29) in Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg.

The funeral was held at 4 p.m. Saturday (Sept. 1) in Freedom Assembly of God Church, the Revs. Montana Locklear, Hedrick Jones and Carl Pevia officiating. Burial followed inGalilee Baptist Church Cemetery.

Ms. Hunt is survived by three daughters, Shelby J. Pevia, Janice H. Tedder and Sandra H. Woriax, all of Red Springs; five sons, Holloway Hunt Jr. and Bobby Hunt, both of Red Springs, Jimmy Hunt of Orrum, Billie H. Locklear of Raeford and Ricky Hunt of the home; four brothers, James C. Locklear, James T. Locklear, Early G. Locklear and James M. Locklear, all of Red Springs; four sisters, Reola Locklear, Ozela Locklear and Narvie Locklear, all of Red Springs, and Edith Lowery of lumberton; 23 grandchildren' 19 great-grandchildren; and six

great-great-grandchildren. Heritage Funeral Home of Red Springs handled arrangements for the family.

Joey Michael Revels LUMBER BRIDGE-Mr. Joey Michael Revels, 18, of 7802 Arabia Road, died Wednesday

(Aug. 29) in his home. The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday (Sept. 1) at Heritage Funeral Home, Red Springs, the Revs. Montana Locklear and Ernest Goins officiating. Burial followed in Oxendine Cemetery.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Ann Revels Flores of Lumber Bridge; his stepfather, Gregorio Hernandez Flores of Lumber Bridge; a brother, Chris-topher Ray Jones of Raeford; two sisters, Kimberly Smith of they home and Lorraine Jones of Fayetteville.

Rev. Douglas "Jake" Mitchell

RED SPRINGS-The Rev. Douglas Wake Road, died Thursday (Aug. 30) at his home. The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (Sept. 2), the Revs. Tony

"Jake" Mitchell, 77, of 132 N.

Brewington, Carl Pevia and Wayland Anderson officiating. Burial followed in Lumbee Memorial Gardens.

Rev. "Jake" Mitchell served as pastor at eight churches across North and South Carolina over a period of 50 years. He was a mem-ber of Mt. Elim Baptist Church and was preceded in death by his former wife, Fannie Swett Mitchell.

Rev. Mitchell is survived by his wife, Levonia Rogers Mitchell of the home; five sons, William D. Mitchell and the Rev. Graylen Mitchell, both of Lumberton, Charlie Mitchell of Eastern Shore, Md., Leonard Mitchell and Lenward Mitchell, both of Rowland; three daughters, Dovie Freeman and Pam Brewer, both of Lumberton, and Ann Robertson of Turberville, S.C.; 34 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Crumpler Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Red Springs.

Jafurs Locklear Mr. Jafurs Locklear, 64, of Pembroke, died Thursday (Aug. 30) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday (Sept. 2) at Brooks Cemetery in Rowland, the

Rev. Tommy Hagan officiating. Mr. Locklear was born Jan. 26, 1937 to the late David Locklear and Polly Jacobs Locklear. He worked in the construction business and was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Lonnie Locklear; and a daughter, Annie C. Locklear.

He is survived by two sons, Billy Locklear and Jason Locklear, both of Pembroke; two daughters, Darlene Locklear of Lumberton and Susan C. Locklear of Pembroke; three brothers, Earnest Locklear of Rowland and Johnny Jacobs and Leonard Jacobs, both of Laurinburg; four sisters, Delois Chavis of Laurinburg, Yvonnie Sampson of Lumberton, Earnestine Alfred of Greensboro and Jean Carol Lemons of Asheboro; and 11 grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Boles funeral Home, Rowland.

Henry Locklear MAXTON-Mr. Henry Locklear, 57, of 1589 Alma Road, died Friday (Aug. 31) in Southeastern Re-gional Medical Center in

Lumberton. The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Monday (Sept. 3) in Bakers Chapel Baptist Church, the Revs. Danny Brooks, Lindbergh Chavis and Eugene Locklear officiating. Burial followed in the Locklear

Family Cemetery. Mr. Locklear is survived by his wife. Helen G. Locklear of

Maxton; two sons, Johnnie C. Locklear and Henry J. Locklear, both of Maxton; two stepsons, Hank Locklear and Gary D. Locklear, both of Maxton; two stepdaughters, Loretta L. Locklear and Annette Locklear, both of Maxton; three sisters, Addie M. Oxendine of Maxton; Connie F. Hunt of Laurinburg; and Peggy Lowry of Rowland; and two brothers, Belton Locklear and Willie Locklear, both of Maxton.

Locklear & Son Funeral Home, Pembroke, handled arrangements for the family.

Winford Locklear PEMBROKE-Mr. Winford Locklear, 63, of 336 Panderosa Drive, died Sunday (Sept. 2) in Winford

UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday (Sept. 5) in Prospect Holiness Methodist Church, the Revs. Willie Scott, Manford Locklear and Eugene Bryant offi-ciating. Burial followed in Bear

Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery. Mr. Locklear is survived by a sons, Ryan Locklear of Pembroke; three daughters, Angelinia Locklear of Lumberton, Phillis Locklear and Shannon Locklear, both of Pembroke; three brothers, the Rev. Manford Locklear of Rowland, and Sanford Locklear and Alex Locklear Jr., both of Pembroke; a sister, Bonnise Bryant of Pembroke; and nine grandchildren.

Thompson's Funeral Home, Pembroke, handled arrangements for the family.

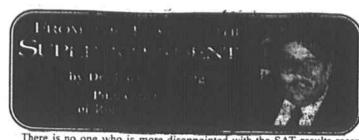
Ray A. Locklear LUMBERTON-Mr. Ray Anthony Locklear, 37, of 983 Leonard's Drive, died Saturday (Sept. 1) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton. Mr. Locklear atttended Union Baptist Church.

His funeral was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday (Sept. 5) in Biggs Funeral Home Chapel in Lumberton, the Rev. Mickey Lowery officiating. Burial followed in Lumbee

Memorial Gardens. Mr. Locklear is survived by a son, Matthew Locklear of the home; his parents, George A. and Bonnie Fay C. Locklear of Lumberton; three sisters, Tracy Sale of Salisbury and Rebecca Smith and Rhonda Hunt, both of Lumberton; and several nieces and nephews.



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There is no one who is more disappointed with the SAT results recently announced than I am. It's impossible to be pleased when we're informed that our system showed a drop of 9 points over last year's scores. We feel that there are legitimate reasons for the drop but that doesn't lessen that disap-

There were, as there always are, some bright spots. Two high schools, for example, showed substantial increases- 38 points at St. Pauls and 56 points at Red Springs. Unfortunately, the other four high schools showed decreases ranging from 3 points to 69 points. Another high point is that three schools Fairmont, Red Springs and St. Pauls- showed increases in the Math portion of the test. Those Math increases, along with drops in the verbal portion of the

test just weren't enough to allow us to have an increase in the overall results.

What, then, do we do? Well, we had already put into motion certain efforts which will pay dividends in the future. They have already resulted in increases in elementary and middle school reading and math. When these students reach high school, such improvement is bound to help them to score substantially better in tests like the SAT or ACT. Our new initiative entitled "Every Teacher is a Teacher of Reading" emphasizes reading comprehension, test taking skills, and vocabulary development in content areas. It is bound to have a positive

effect when students get to the point of taking the SAT.

Our SAT preparation classes, if taken by students planning to take the test, can help those students do better. Additionally, the employment of a UNC-P professor to conduct SAT workshops for students and for teachers is also

designed to help students to be better prepared to take the SAT.

Something that we've talked about in the past is worth mentioning again. That is that students who plan on taking the SAT should have taken certain courses like Algebra I and Geometry. If they have not taken those courses, they may have a problem with the Math portion. It would also be a good idea if they took the Pre-SAT which would give them an indication of where they need help when they get to the real one. It's also true that, if a student isn't planning on going to college, it really isn't necessary to take the SAT since the test is only one predictor of how well a student might perform there.

As I said earlier, we're not satisfied with the results recently announced. We do feel, however, that we're on the right track to see improvements on future tests. In the meantime, we encourage those young people who plan on attending college and, therefore, should have SAT or ACT results that will help them to get into the college of their choice, to take the proper courses and take the workshops and the Pre-SAT so that they're adequately prepared to receive good results. Study and preparation are the keys.



