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PATTERNS OF THE PAST SEEM EVIDENT IN ELECTION RETURNS

It was hard to believe. Mrs. Shirley Britt, one of the two white incumbents in the race, led the balloting for four seats on the Robeson County Board of Education as unofficial returns were counted Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Some political observers attempted to analyze it: "Mrs. Britt obviously got a lot of subtle support from the administration and some of the board members not up for election this time," mused an observer at election central in Lumberton on Tuesday night. Furthermore, noted the observer, "Mrs. Britt's supporters didn't reciprocate by voting for Indian candidates." That was one opinion.

Said another political wag, "It looks like to me that Blacks single shot, White double shot, and the Indians voted for everyone."

Some isolated spot checks of certain precincts seemed to lend some credence to some of the theories noted above. For instance, in Britts (one of the traditional White precincts in the county) Mrs. Britt, one of four White candidates in the race, received 383 votes. Morris Britt, another of the White candidates received 334 votes. Richard Davis, a third White candidate, received 122 votes. No other candidate received more than 74 votes, that candidate being L. Harbert Moore, one of the Indian incumbents in the race.

But in traditional Indian precincts, Mrs. Britt received a relatively good vote, especially when compared to the vote Indians received in traditional White precincts. The only precinct that showed any inclination to go against this trend was Pembroke Precinct, although Mrs. Britt polled 291 votes in the predominate Indian precinct, the largest precinct in the county.

Mrs. Shirley Britt led Mrs. Lillian Faye Locklear, another of the incumbents, by more than 1100 votes. Jerry Lowry, a newcomer running in his first election, finished third in the low key campaign. Incumbent Bob Mangum finished fourth to take the last of the four seats up for grabs.

Candidates winning received four year terms, effectively staggering the board. The other five members, not up for election this year, will run for re-election in two years.

Some double shots for the Britts seemed to be one of the discernible patterns in the race. For instance, Mrs. Shirley Britt and Morris Britt polled 551 and 445 votes respectively in Wisharts, another of the traditionally White precincts. The same pattern seemed evident in other precincts, in particular Britts, East Howellsville, West Howellsville, Orrum, Parkton, Rowland and Smyrna.

Here are how the votes tallied (see precinct totals elsewhere): Mrs. Shirley Britt, White, 4,275; Mrs. Lillian Faye Locklear, Indian, 3,122 votes; Jerry Lowry, Indian, 3,095 votes; and Rev. Bob Mangum, White, 2,982 votes.

The four candidates listed above are the apparent winners in balloting for the four seats up for grabs on the Robeson County Board of Education.

Only one incumbent, L. Harbert Moore (an Indian) failed in an attempt to be re-elected to the Robeson County Board of Education.

The new comer is Jerry Lowry, a youthful member of the Union Precinct who operates a grocery and chain saw business on the Maxton Air Base. Lowry is a graduate of Pembroke State University and is a licensed accountant also.

Other candidates and their order of finish are: Rev. Welton Lowry, a retired educator and pastor of West End Baptist Church in Lumberton, with 2,786 votes; Moore, the defeated incumbent with 2,783 votes; Morris Britt, an accountant who finished with 2,739; Mrs. Gladys Pierce, 2,232; Mrs. Ruby Hammonds 2,127; Earnest Roberts (the only Black candidate in the race) 1,811; and Richard Davis who brought up the rear with 1,672.

Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Hammonds are Indian housewives who are both quite active in civic affairs in their communities. Britt is White, as is Davis.

Hoke County Totals

Reaford - The incumbents fared well in all the races in Hoke County primary elections Tuesday.

Incumbent Sheriff David M. Barrington who had been facing what was expected to be his toughest challenge yet, defeated his closest rival Harvey Young by more than 500 votes.

The final totals showed Barrington with 1,869 votes compared with 1,354 for Young and only 43 for J. Robert Saunders.

In the race for three county commissioner seats, incumbents John G. Balfour and James A. Hunt led the voting with Mabel M. Riley gaining the third seat.

Hunt led all candidates with 1,952 votes followed by Balfour with 1,711, Mrs. Riley with 1,428, Robert L. Doby with 1,265, Younger F. Snead, Jr. with 1,128, Clinton M. Hight with 420 and Wesley G. Miller with 229.

Commissioner **people**
 Races **and places**
 This Year **and things**

LUMBERTON

After an early scare from the challenger Sammy Cox, Lumberton Commissioner Sam R. Noble easily won re-election when Precinct # 6, the predominate Black precinct in Lumberton and home of Robeson County Democratic Party Chairman, Rev. E.B. Turner, voted 611 for him and 284 for Sammy Cox.

Noble won with a final tally of 3415 to Cox's 2638. Noble presently is serving as Chairman of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners.

ST. PAULS

Incumbent Commissioner Bill Herndon, St. Pauls Commissioner District, swamped his challenger, Eugene Smith, 1610 to a mere 526 although Herndon just did edge out Smith in the Saddletree Precinct 265 to 263.

MAXTON-SMITHS-PEMBROKE

Long time incumbent Herman Dial, himself an Indian, just did edge his two young Indian challengers for the commissioner district seat in the Maxton-Pembroke District. Dial tallied 1310 votes to 1193 for Wyvis Oxendine, a young educator who is an assistant principal in the Maxton School District. Ted Brewington, an electrical contractor and a native of Pembroke received 713 votes in a very strong showing. Both Oxendine and Brewington were taking part in their first bids for elective office. Dial is a twelve year incumbent and is vice-chairman of the board of commissioners.

Oxendine indicated that he would call for a run off since Dial did not receive a majority of the votes cast. Brewington could have an unexpected strong influence in the run off scheduled for May 30 by throwing his support to either Oxendine or Dial. He gave no indication at press time as to his intentions.

Oxendine actually carried two of the three precincts, including Maxton (his home precinct) and Smiths, the home precinct of Dial.

Oxendine carried Maxton 421 votes to Dial's 338. Brewington tallied with 121 votes in the Maxton District.

In Smiths (which includes the populous Indian community of Prospect where Dial lives) Oxendine received 338 votes to Dial's 309. Brewington received 107.

In Pembroke (the biggest precinct in the county) Dial pulled victory from the jaws of defeat by edging Oxendine and Brewington with 643 votes. Brewington came in second in Pembroke with 478. Oxendine received 418.

Stone Wins Sheriff's Race

Hubert Stone, without opposition in November, is in actuality the next sheriff of Robeson County. He received more than half the votes cast Tuesday. Of 19,650 votes cast, Stone received 9,919, reportedly more than 93 votes over the total needed to reach the magic figure of 50 percent plus one.

Tom Gibson, who ran a spirited race, finished back with 6,333. Dixon Britt, the other challenger had 3,186. Purvis Thompson finished way back in the field with a mere 212.

Final results were not officially known until after 3 p.m. Wednesday morning when Pembroke precinct reported.

Although Gibson outpolled Stone in Pembroke 768 to 526, it was not enough to keep Stone from garnering more than 50 percent of the total votes cast, a winning majority that avoids an expensive run off.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT CROSS COUNTRY COUNTRY CLUB

Mr. Carmel Locklear wishes to express appreciation to Robeson Farm Services of Pembroke for their contribution to the successful grand opening of Cross Country Country Club. He is also grateful to Lumbee Bank who gave all the children who were winners a savings account.

REVIVAL AT FIRST BAPTIST

A revival is planned at First Baptist Church in Pembroke beginning Sunday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Evangelist George Langley of First Baptist Church in Abbottsburg, NC. There will be special singing also. The Rev. Chesley Hammond is the pastor. The public is cordially invited to attend.

PLATE SALE PLANNED AT PROSPECT CHURCH

Prospect United Methodist Church will have a plate sale on Friday, May 5 at the church. Chicken and barbecue plates will be on sale for \$2.50 from 11 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

ARE YOU FROM DIXIE?

The staff at Union Elementary School, Rowland would like to extend an invitation to the public to attend the May Day celebration on May 5 at 10 a.m. This year's program is entitled "Dixieland." The students will be singing and dancing to the traditional songs and dances of the early 1800s. The program includes President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, marching soldiers, southern belles, and lots of fun and entertainment for everyone. Ya'll come!

COUNTYWIDE INDIAN YOUTH FESTIVAL

The second county wide event sponsored by the Title IV, Part A Robeson County Compensatory Indian Education Project is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th and Friday, May 12th at the First American Cooperative Warehouse in Lumberton.

Student competitive activities in art, creative writing and poster contests in addition to two scheduled musical performances by Indian students are planned. The Hawk Claw Indian Dancers will perform as will visiting dance groups from other Indian communities in North Carolina.

Educational exhibits will be displayed by several Indian organizations and community and civic groups.

Local Indian artisans and craftsmen will also exhibit their arts and crafts and art and arts and crafts exhibits of Indian students in the county school will also be displayed. Items will be on sale which have been completed by Indian students during this current school year, including jewelry, leather craft and basketry. Open to the public and no admission charge.

IEA PARENT TRAINING MINI CONFERENCE

Several of the members of the Title IV Part A project will attend a two-day mini conference designed to provide parent committee training in Fayetteville at the St. James Inn on May 12-13. This will be the first statewide Indian Education conference to be held in North Carolina. Mr. Lloyd Elm, Project Officer from the U.S. Office of Indian Education, Dr. A. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of the N.S. State Department of Public Instruction, Mr. E. Hughes Oxendine, State Board member and member of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education, Ms. Helen M. Schierbeck and Dr. Dennis Tafaya will conduct work shops and luncheons during the conference. The Conference is being sponsored by the U.S. Office of Indian Education, the N.S. State Department of Public Instruction and the General Assistance Center of East Carolina University.

FORUM AND YOUTH FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHT IEA ACTIVITIES

Several activities are planned by the Robeson County Compensatory Indian Education Project of the Robeson County Board of Education during the week of May 8-13.

HELEN MAYNOR SCHIERBECK TO ADDRESS FORUM

On Wednesday, May 10th, at 7:30 P.M. at the Center for Performing Arts at Pembroke State University, Ms. Helen Maynor Schierbeck, Chairperson of the Task Force on Indian Education of the American Indian Policy Review Commission will speak on "Indian Education: Past-Present-Future." Ms. Schierbeck, formerly of Pembroke, has served as a consultant on Indian education and Indian affairs for several years and is currently completing her doctoral work at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The Forum is open for the public and there will be no charge for admission.

IEA PARENT COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Title IV, Part A Parent Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the O.P. Owens Auditorium. In addition to the business session, Mr. Lloyd Elm, Project Officer from the U.S. Office of Indian Education will attend the meeting.

A SOCIAL NOTE

Mrs. Venus Brooks entertained a group of her classmates at her home on Tuesday evening, April 25th. Those present included: Mrs. Lucratic Locklear, Mrs. Ada Bell Lowry, Mrs. Charlie Chavis (Eunice), Mrs. Bracy Locklear, Ms. Joe Wellner of Route 2 (Sue Wilkins) of Fallston, Md. Mrs. Brooks served refreshments to the group.

INDIAN EXPOSITION PLANNED

There will be a standard tournament where the top professional amateur archers in the southeast will compete using modern equipment. A challenge to the Indian craftsmen of the southeast to produce, on the spot, the ancient weapons of their people. A special televised event where the expert archers will be obliged to compete using these weapons. This will be held at the Indian Museum of the Carolinas in Lumberton, NC on May 6 and 7 from 9-5 on Saturday and 12-5 Sunday.

For further information call 919-276-5880. Special event trophies: Kiwanis Club of Pembroke and students of Pembroke State University. There will be sixteen Indian craft exhibits, free archery clinic, camping facilities, food and drink (no hook ups). The event is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Lumberton.

LADY WARRIORS WIN NO. 12

Pembroke's Lady Warriors upped their overall record to 12-3 as they thumped conference foe West Columbia 9-5 last Monday.

Lula Jacobs paced the victorious Warrior squad going 3-4 while getting a single, double and triple. Leading the Vikings was Wanda McDougald with a double and single in four at bats.

THREE RIVERS TRACK MEET MAY 4

The Three-Rivers Conference Championship Track Meet will be today at the Pembroke State University track field. TBC members Pembroke, Fairmont, West Brunswick, West Columbia, Whiteville and East Bladen will be participating.

Robeson County Board of Education Totals

PRECINCTS	ROBESON	SHIRLEY BRITT	DEAN DAVIS	FRITZ	LOCKLEAR	JERRY LOWRY	WELTON LOWRY	BOB MANGUM	L. HARBERT MOORE	GADSDEN	EARNEST ROBERTS
ALFORDSVILLE	52	83	49	43	62	95	60	43	77	34	79
BACK SWAMP	52	139	56	129	168	122	135	123	125	57	98
BRITTS	334	383	162	29	46	21	23	122	74	50	50
BURNT SWAMP	11	50	24	128	162	198	210	167	150	231	6
FAIRMONT #1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
FAIRMONT #2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
GADDYS	28	61	39	50	37	77	41	39	30	27	25
EAST HOWELLSVILLE	240	288	142	22	35	26	33	96	65	40	66
WEST HOWELLSVILLE	85	136	67	80	64	25	48	66	53	72	40
LUMBER BRIDGE	71	111	68	16	39	15	16	50	32	40	62
Lumberton #1	5	9	1	19	20	12	25	9	7	12	1
" #2	19	34	12	7	10	6	5	18	10	11	17
" #3	20	24	8	3	1	2	1	8	6	4	8
" #4	14	14	4	1	4	1	1	8	2	4	7
" #5	8	14	9	14	10	7	11	6	7	11	9
" #6	7	16	8	8	5	10	8	8	4	5	9
" #7	4	5	5	8	7	3	2	6	2	0	2
" #8	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
MAXTON	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
ORRUM	268	348	133	11	41	41	21	54	108	81	98
PARKTON	201	328	119	44	129	51	30	112	121	118	225
PEMBROKE	77	291	67	386	951	943	868	814	725	325	52
PHILADELPHIA	34	73	32	76	93	77	93	60	84	44	29
RAFT SWAMP	42	70	27	73	93	73	122	55	71	58	30
RED SPRINGS #1	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
RED SPRINGS #2	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
RENNERT	24	46	17	86	71	52	45	57	94	73	15
ROWLAND	290	468	193	90	104	133	74	232	177	159	510
SADDELTREE	70	162	55	280	261	174	234	165	105	311	22
N. ST. PAULS	10	6	6	2	4	1	2	4	3	4	4
S. ST. PAULS	3	7	1	24	10	10	10	6	1	15	0
SHANNON	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
SMITHS	28	74	25	164	254	361	262	192	351	205	16
SMYRNA	107	124	44	22	28	19	33	58	13	23	26
STERLINGS	29	43	13	1	3	1	1	12	7	14	11
THOMPSON	71	148	57	93	96	124	83	57	34	40	43
UNION	69	143	38	75	148	302	143	141	99	51	133
WHITEHALL	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
WISHARTS	445	551	200	133	142	102	118	180	105	87	106
ALBANY	21	27	11	11	24	31	27	34	47	26	12
TOTALS	2789	4295	1672	2127	3132	3095	2786	2982	2983	2532	1971