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OUR EDITORIAL CHOICES MAY 6

...HERE ARE SOME OF THE CANDIDATES



Rep. Robert E. (Bob) Davis
 N.C. House

AN EDITOR'S NOTE

We have no particular political axes to grind per se, although we insist on representation by all the peoples of Robeson County -- Indian, black and white -- in the political process. That's all.

Too, THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE is a business. We sell, in a sense, news and subscriptions and advertising. We try to be readable and interesting and, as much as possible, iconoclastic and independent. We owe no individual, no politician, no power broker anything, period. If we have an ace in the hole it is our political independence. We owe no man. Our choices are our own. We state them freely.

In another sense we cannot really speak for anyone but ourselves but we hope many people in Robeson County care about our opinions and, frankly, will be influenced by them.

But everyone has opinions. And, in America, we are free to express them. We believe the sharing of opinions and ideas and philosophies and grievances when they occur are helpful to the democratic process. We love democracy above all else. And we are attempting to run an open and free newspaper. We allow opinion other than our own to appear in the pages of THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE. We have a responsibility to allow other voices other than our own to speak. And we do so whenever we can. We have allowed those candidates to speak who have wanted to.

So, these are our editorial choices, our opinions. We share them with you in the name of a free press. You are free to agree or disagree. That's what makes America so wonderful.

We encourage everyone to vote. Democracy is under the gun; powerful forces in this country are busy attempting to shut down democracy as we know it. It is up to us to vote and take part and remain free and forever singing! Hope to see you at the polls May 6. Most of all state your opinions! Vote! And take part.

Democrats For President: JIMMY CARTER

No man in the annals of history has ever faced the pressures and problems Jimmy Carter has in his four years in the White House.

We support him again editorially. He's mentally tough, moral, upright, and a fighter.

We believe events would deteriorate even more with Teddy Kennedy at the helm. Besides the guy, Kennedy seemingly has never worked a day in his



Rep. Horace Locklear
 N.C. House

life. He knows little about how the little guy feels. Carter knows.

Events seem to announce the end of life as we now know it. Carter's a good care taker.

Too, Carter mistrusts Congress, the real culprit, as we see it. Their spending excesses and pork barrel mentality have spent America into the poor house. Inflation is a creation of Congress, not the White House.

Punish the right guys. Return Carter to the White House. If temporary recession takes hold American might make it afterward.

Carter's tough enough to see us through these troubled times. If anyone can work out a solution to the Iranian crisis Carter can. He deserves our support.

Too, Carter is to be praised for approving the daring attempt to rescue the American hostage in Iran.

Those Congressmen who decry the fact that he did not consult them before hand are busy second guessing him now. And few of them can keep a secret.

The tragedy is that the attempt failed and eight Americans lost their lives.

If I were an Iranian so called militant, I would continue to look toward the western sky. Carter will not rest until the hostages are home. We support him.

RETURN CHARLIE ROSE TO THE HOUSE

Charlie Rose is a very good Congressman. He is responsive to the needs of his constituents. He gets the job done.

He's a friend to the Lumbee Indian community, having supported legislation to secure federal recognition for the Lumbees.

We editorially endorse him heartily over his challenger, Lynn Batson.

Governor: BOB SCOTT

Hardly anyone, including us, believes Bob Scott can topple the incumbent Governor Jim Hunt. But we hope he does.

Bob Scott is our choice as Governor of North Carolina in the Democratic Primary May 6.

Hunt seems to us to be power hungry, as evidenced by those calling the shots in his re-election effort in Robeson County.



Bobby Dean Locklear
 Red Springs Commissioner

Hunt is not, as we see it, accessible. His point man in Robeson County is Ben G. Floyd, Jr., the very political clerk of court.

Hunt nakedly sought approval of the constitutional amendment permitting the governor to succeed himself.

The Wilmington 10 fiasco, bureaucratic wastes, three governor offices and similar big spending schemes make Hunt a poor choice to succeed himself as governor.

Scott was governor from 1969 to 1973. He was a good governor then; experience gained in Washington and elsewhere and a fresh perspective should make him an even better governor the second time around.

Hunt has, according to state elections officials, spent more than \$1 million in his re-election effort; Scott a mere \$145,000. For once we would like to see the guy who spends the least amount of money win a political contest.

Scott, in his earlier term as governor, implemented a much needed tax on cigarettes, reorganized state government and restructured the university system making Pembroke State University one of the 16 constituent members of the N.C. University System. PSU owes its very survival to Scott.

Scott comes from a distinguished family. And he sincerely believes he can make state government work better. We agree. We support Bob Scott as governor on the Democratic ticket.

Lt. Governor: JIMMY GREEN

Out choice for Lt. Governor on the Democratic slate is Jimmy Green, the incumbent.

He's a self made man and tough fiscally. He's accessible.

He's also his own man, having differed with Hunt on a number of issues.

Jimmy Green has appointed females to chair committees and named Robeson native, former Rep. Joy J. Johnson, the first Black committee chairperson in history.

It's Green over Carl J. Stewart, Jr., Gov. Hunt's apparent choice, and a media creation, and Clyde Pulley whose campaign is centered on de-Indianizing all Indians in North Carolina, except the Cherokees.

Clyde Pulley, as we see it, does not deserve a single vote. He is anti-Lumbee, Tuscarora, Haliwa-Saponi, Waccamaw-Siouan and all those Indians not listed as Cherokees.



Gerald Maynor
 Candidate for School Board
For Secretary of State: GEORGE W. BREECE

Thad Eure, back in the 30's ran a spirited campaign for Secretary of State. His campaign rhetoric cried out, "Give a young man a chance."

Eure, the Democratic incumbent, is now self-styled, "the oldest rat in the Democratic barn."

George W. Breece, young and aggressive, has a campaign slogan: "Give a young man a chance."

The office needs a fresh perspective. There is seeming waste inherent in the way the office is run.

Breece is right. He deserves a chance. Like Eure said back then and he is saying now "Give a young man a chance."

We are endorsing Breece as Secretary of State.

Insurance Commissioner: JOHN INGRAM

John Ingram, the incumbent insurance commissioner, is panned for being ineffective, to some extent that is true. Insurance company officials, regulators, and political legislators with strong ties to the powerful insurance industry dislike Ingram intensely. They have hamstrung him in the legislature, taking away the regulatory powers he had to over turn insurance hikes.

Maybe that's why the people like him so much. He's fiercely independent and projects a populist perspective.

Ingram will win by a landslide over his opponents Jim Long, Kenneth Brown and Roy Rabon.

Ingram is honest; we need him to keep the insurance industry that way too.

CRAIG PHILLIPS as Supt. of Public Instruction

Craig Phillips is our choice to continue as Superintendent of Public Instruction.

He's accessible and works well with Robeson County educators, including Purnell Sweet, Superintendent of the Robeson County School Unit and one of Phillips' strongest backers in Robeson County.

Phillips also receives high marks from



Bob Scott
 Candidate for Governor

Earl Hughes Oxendine, the only Lumbee Indian State Board of Education member and Betty Oxendine Mangum, director of Indian Education for North Carolina.

Phillips is opposed by Trosper N. Combs.

Edward Renfrow seems to be the best qualified to serve as state auditor. He has had seventeen years experience in operating his own accounting firm. He has also served three times in the North Carolina State Senate with particular experience on the appropriations committees.

Renfrow has also served as treasurer of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee. He is imminently qualified to serve North Carolina as auditor, the watchdog of the treasury.

Also running is Bill Chestnut from nearby Maxton and J.E.B. Davis.

RENFROW AS STATE AUDITOR

"NO" TO CARLTON As Supreme Court Justice

There is only one contested primary race for a state Supreme Court seat and two contested primary races for Superior Court seats, but the campaigns have been quiet.

One reason is that under the state Code of Judicial Ethics, candidates are not allowed to make campaign promises that can only promote themselves.

As a result, Justice J. Phil Carlton is stressing his love of the law in his re-election campaign and Ottway Burton of Asheboro is emphasizing his 34 years of law practice in his bid to unseat Carlton.

Burton, 64, said his time "in the trenches" handling cases in trial and appellate courts qualifies him for the Supreme Court seat.

"I want it because I think I'm qualified and I think it is an opportunity for me," said Burton. "I have been writing briefs for appellate courts for 34 years, and I am at a place where I can participate for the next eight years in the state's highest appellate court."

On the other hand, Carlton, 42, said he wanted to be re-elected because "I just plain like being a judge."

But Carlton is on the Supreme Court, as we see it, mostly because of his friendship with Governor Jim Hunt. They were classmates at N.C. State.

The other guy, Ottway Burton, is decidedly more qualified.



J.W. Hunt Rowland
 Commissioner

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION District I

David Green is a retired major. He is courageous, tough, makes up his own mind. He's eloquent and independent.

He deserves our support in District I. His opponent is Bessie McDonald Landis. His voice has been a calming influence on the Robeson County Board of Education. He cannot be intimidated. His convictions are his own. We need more people like Major David Green involved in the education of our children. His presence also assures Black representation.

We are proud to editorially endorse David Green as our choice as a member of the Robeson County Board of Education from District I.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION District IV

Three candidates are running for one seat on the Robeson County Board of Education from District IV, (Pembroke, Smiths, Rowland, Alfordsville and Union). They are incumbent Sim Oxendine, Oceanus (Shorty) Lowry and Dr. Gerald D. Maynor.

Dr. Maynor is presently chairman of the department of education at Pembroke State University. His credentials speak loud and clear in his favor as the logical choice in this particular race.

Both of the other candidates are well respected and well liked. But Maynor seemingly is a perfect choice as a board of education member.

His credential are outstanding in the field of education. Maynor has taught and coached on just about every level at the high school and university level. He also has had extensive administrative training which we believe will stand him in good stead as a member of the policy making Robeson County Board of Education.

John A. Gibson is unopposed in District V as is Ralph Hunt in District VI and E.B. (Ed) Morton, Jr. in District VII.

THE FAIRMONT BOARD OF EDUCATION

We do not know any of the candidates running for seats on the Fairmont Board of Education. We

would simply comment that we believe all races should be represented on all boards and commissions in Robeson County. The candidates are Lela Arnette, Kenneth Hardin, Abner M. Harrington, Bob Hughes, James R. Oliver and Isiah Jr. (Buddy) Taylor.

DOUBLE SHOT LOCKLEAR AND DAVIS IN THE HOUSE RACE

In the April 10 issue of The Carolina Indian Voice we editorially endorsed Rep. Horace Locklear (the Indian influence) and Rep. Bob Davis (the Black representative) for re-election to the North Carolina State House; also, in the same editorial, we encouraged our readers to only vote for these two candidates in order to insure continued tri-racial representation in Raleigh.

Mathematics demand it too. In a race involving only one seat such as sheriff or county commissioner, a candidate may avoid a runoff by polling a majority of the votes cast. A majority is mathematically deduced simply by totalling the votes received by each candidate and then dividing by two; if any candidate receive above the magic figure he is declared the winner.

But when more than one seat is involved the figures and mathematics change. The votes then received by each candidate are totalled and then this figure is divided by the number of seats (in this case three); supposedly this figure is the actual number of people voting.

You then take half of this number in order to determine the magic figure, needed to avoid a runoff. Strangely enough, however, it is mathematically possible for more than three people to get above the magic figure; if this occurs there is not a runoff but the three highest vote getters are declared the winners.

Remember former house member Gus Speros in 1974? He learned this rule must to his chagrin. Speros polled more than the mathematical magic figure but he lost to David Parnell by only 50 votes!

In 1974 the whites generally voted for two white candidates while many Indians and Blacks double shot the Indian and Black candidates.

Whites, more than likely, will double shot Parnell and William Gay, another white candidate. Tracy Britt and C.A. Brown, both perennial candidates, are not considered serious candidates in either racial camp according to knowledgeable pollsters.

There are only two major white candidates and one Indian and one Black running for the State House; an Indian or Black voting for either of the two white candidates is actually a vote against Locklear and Davis because a vote for Parnell or Gay, in addition to Locklear and Davis, makes it harder for Locklear and Davis to be elected.

Total votes cast will dictate, to some degree, the outcome of the House race. Every vote cast for either Gay or Parnell makes it harder for Davis and Locklear to be elected since the voting machines will be tallying total votes cast.

Note this illustration: had Parnell and Gay been denied only Indian votes in the 1978 primary (Parnell strangely enough had received 583 votes in Pembroke and 388 in Saddlebrooke), the Indian candidate, Horace Locklear, would not have been forced into a runoff with the white challenger, William C. Gay, which, incidentally, he almost lost.