

THE COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

BY MAC LEGERTON

At the February 15th meeting of the Robeson County Commissioners, the following actions were taken: **BLACK HISTORY WEEK, FEB. 22-28**

Acting on a request from the Black Caucus, the Commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution declaring the week of Feb. 22-28 as Black History Week in Robeson County.

BLACK CAUCUS SPEAKS OUT

Rev. Charles McDowell, Chairperson of the Political Action Committee, and Rev. H.E. Edwards, Chairperson of the Employment Committee, addressed the Commissioners concerning the hiring practices for employees in the new County Water Department. Rev. McDowell noted that only one of the 12 employees hired by the County in the Water Department has been a Black citizen. In his remarks, Rev. McDowell stated: "We ask you to consider us on an equal basis, as you do all of the rest of the people of this county... We hope you will follow the outline and spirit of the Affirmative Action commitment of this county."

INDUSTRY ON PARADE

An industrial fair will be held May 19-23 at Robeson Technical College to be co-sponsored by the Dept. of

Human Resources, the five Chambers of Commerce, and the Industrial and Agricultural Commission. Plans are to showcase the 75 industries in the county and use the Fair as a way of attracting new industry. The Dept. of Human Resources is spending \$24,000 on the Fair. Mr. Chris Antwi, Director of DHR requested \$5,000-\$6,000 from the County funds to be used for a Kick-Off Banquet for Industry on Parade. The Commissioners decided to take the request under advisement.

JOBS LOST, GAINED AT HUMAN RESOURCES

Due to Federal Budget shifts, the Dept. of Human Resources is losing \$101,714 from its budget. The Commissioners approved a request to cut 4 staff positions in the Department and approved a request for funds to hire 8 temporary job counselors to work from March 1-August 15 in the Summer Youth Program.

ROBESON COUNTY "ATLAS"

The Commissioners approved the purchase of 100 copies of the Robeson County "Atlas", a new publication including vital information, maps, and data about the county. The Atlas is being prepared by Professor Tom Ross at Pembroke State Uni-

versity and copies will be placed in libraries, schools, and other places in the county.

IN OTHER ACTIONS, the commissioners
(1) Approved a grant to be received by the Health Dept. from the State for additional funds of \$3,458 to the Home Health Program.
(2) Approved spending Highway Dept. funds to pave the bay area of the Big Marsh Volunteer Fire Dept. in St. Pauls, build an extension to the Gaventown Rd. in Lumberton, and make repairs to Mitchell Drive in Fairmont.
(3) Approved the purchase of 2 pick-up trucks for the County Water Department.
(4) Set up a 5 member Hearing Panel for any employee grievances in the Dept. of Human Resources.

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OUTREACH HOLINESS CHURCH NEWS

by Sister Fannie C. Oxendine

Our Reach Holiness Church Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. Morning worship service begins at 11 a.m. First and third Sunday night service begins at 7 p.m. Singing each fourth Sunday evening at 2:30 p.m. The pastor is Rev. James Bullard, Jr.

Praise God for another time that we can say God has been good to us. And I'm sure he has been good to you.

Our lesson Sunday was "Confrontation With Truth." What a great lesson. We must always tell the truth, what thus saith the word. God's children should be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks of you, a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear. Though people may not always accept our witness, it is still our responsibility to tell others of Christ.

Paul was on the road to Damascus when he had a genuine confrontation with the Lord Jesus Christ who changed his course, his entire life. He later wrote, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Galatians 2:20. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Praise God, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new.

Our pastor, Rev. James Bullard then preached a great soul-stirring message from Acts 2:39 "For the Promise is Unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. Praise God. Do you know what that promise is? Some say the holy spirit, but check the word of God and see if he didn't say in Acts 2:4 "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to

speak with other tongues as the spirit gave them utterance."

I praise God for the Holy Ghost. It is a teacher, it keeps you when it seems that storms of life are getting rough the Holy Ghost will take you through.

We first must repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. John 17:14-17. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them away from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. So we know from the word of God that these men were not sinners when they went in the upper room but were saved and sanctified and on that Great Day of Pentecost they were filled with the Holy Ghost."

Church, it is as real today as it was then, but what happened? People won't clean up to receive this great blessing from God because his words say He will not dwell in an unclean temple. Praise God he has some that have prepared a body and the Holy Ghost is dwelling there. He is real, praise God. I just feel the presence of God as I write. I would love to invite you to come be with us at the Outreach Holiness Church. You are welcome and we love you. Don't forget our singing the fourth Sunday evening at 2:30 p.m. Continue to pray that God will send us a piano player. May God bless and keep you is our prayer.

PSHS Baseball Practice begins



Pembroke Senior High first baseman Steve Cummings scrambles after a ball during practice last week, as teammate Benny Demery (far left) takes a breather. Coach Ronnie Chavis (far right) and the Warriors, Three Rivers 3A baseball co-champions a year ago, started working out Feb. 1 in preparation for their season opener with Red Springs. [David Malcolm photo]

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MOTORCRAFT

Crowned Miss Native American Queen



Fairmont High School's Native American Club recently crowned Sandra Rena Locklear as Miss Native American Queen for the 1981-82 school year. Sandra is a senior at Fairmont High School and plans to attend Pembroke State University this fall. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Locklear of Fairmont. [Greg Welner Photo]

Mt. Airy Jaycette News

by Mary Owens

Jaycette Week Feb. 7-13 Below is a list of all the activities that the Mt. Airy Jaycettes accomplished during the recent Jaycette Week.

Feb. 8, Monday night. We are happy to say that we signed up eight new members that night. The members are Beulah Oxendine, Jeannie Woods, Connie Hammonds, Linda Jacobs, Shirley Dial, Debby Locklear, Mattie Bell Oxendine and Linda K. Oxendine. We are happy to have them as members of the Mt. Airy Community Jaycettes.

Feb. 9, Ten members attended an open house which was held in Laurinburg. The members who attended were Ruby Locklear, club president, Audrey Oxendine, Connie Hammonds, Annie Locklear, Linda Wilkins, Helen Hunt, Mary Owens, Lenora Locklear, Wennie Locklear and Faye Clark. The members had an enjoyable night.

One new member, Connie Hammonds, was sworn in at the meeting.

On Feb. 10 our club sent money to St. Jude and the Ronald McDonald House.

On Feb. 14 the majority of our Jaycettes and their families attended church services together.

Also each Jaycette sent their husbands and boyfriends a Valentine Card.

The Mt. Airy Jaycettes have received several letters of appreciation during the past two weeks.

The North Carolina Cancer Institute sent a letter thanking us for the gifts our members had given to their patients during the Christmas holiday.

We received letters from the two missionaries that we sponsor. They are Mr. Ronald Locklear who resides in Africa and Mrs. Mary Jane Bryant of the Mt. Airy Community.

We also received a letter from Doris Gosnell, North Carolina Jaycettes President, and a letter from Linda Hood, United States Jaycettes President, thanking the club for the gold chain that Ruby Locklear, club president, presented to her at the National President's Luncheon held in Jacksonville on Jan. 23, 1982.

The Mt. Airy Jaycettes held a teen disco on Feb. 6th. There was a very large attendance and everyone had a great time. The Jaycettes wish to thank Lane Locklear for the use of the stereo system. And also, thanks to Harlie W. Locklear and Prentiss Oxendine for their help.

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The Jaycettes are having an audition for a talent show on Feb. 25. The audition will be held at the Mt. Airy Jaycee Hut. Judging the auditions will be Carnell Locklear of "Strike at the Wind." There are no age limits and anyone can enter.

The talent show will be on April 23. The master and mistress of ceremonies will be Carnell Locklear of "Strike at the Wind" and Veronica Bryant. For further information, call 738-2593 (day) and 738-2830 nights.



Shown left to right: Linda Hood, president United States Jaycettes; Doris Gosnell, president of the North Carolina Jaycettes; Ruby Locklear, president of the Mt. Airy Jaycettes.



Shown left to right are Ruth Ellen Locklear, Ruby Locklear, Marion Moss, East Central Director, Audrey Oxendine, Linda Locklear and Lenora Locklear.

Before you decide on your future, be sure to read the fine print.

Registration for spring quarter begins on February 23 at Robeson Technical College. Call now and get all the facts about the day and evening curriculum courses that can change your future. 738-7101

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