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AS I SEE IT by Bruce Barton

SHERIFF'S DEBATE FIZZLES-- HERE'S A SOLUTION...

The great Sheriff's debate fizzled last Thursday night when Sheriff Hubert Stone neglected to show up to face his challengers--McDuffie Cummings, Jesse Britt, Luther Sanderson and C.A. Brown, Jr. Cries of "set up" filtered throughout the courthouse where the young Democrats had arranged the debate.

Stone claimed Friday morning that he was working on a burglary case while the debate stalled. Even Sheriff Stone's son, Kevin, Vice President of the Young Democrats said he had no idea where his father was Thursday night. Members of the club expressed embarrassment at his no show.

A large crowd had gathered in anticipation of the political fireworks. The challengers refused to participate without the sheriff. The Young Democrats cancelled the meeting at 8:10 p.m. when it became obvious that the sheriff was not going to show up.

Mike McIntyre, President of the Young Democrats announced, "The candidates are very concerned about the conspicuous absence of the incumbent sheriff. The club has found itself in a most embarrassing situation."

McDuffie Cummings, serving as spokesman for the jilted candidates, announced to the crowd that they would not take part without the sheriff. "We feel a debate among ourselves would be in vain. It would be fruitless... we will discontinue any debate until all five candidates are present."

Cummings' remarks drew an outburst of applause from the disappointed audience.

Considered to be the most serious challenger for the sheriff's seat, Cummings lambasted the sheriff for his absence. "His absence is totally inexcusable and unfair to the Young Democrats Club and the citizens of the county. If his record can't stand public

scrutiny then we obviously need a new sheriff."

Sheriff Stone announced last Friday morning that he was involved in the investigation and recovery of some \$18,000 in stolen merchandise from the home of Barbara Locklear, formerly the wife of Representative Horace Locklear.

Stone said, "I wanted to be there, I intended to be there but something more important than being there came up. I made a decision in favor of my work. We recovered all the stolen merchandise and made two arrests."

Arrested last Thursday night in connection with the Locklear burglary were Needham Hunt, 28, and Gene Barry Clark, 18, both from the Pembroke area.

Still, questions remain. The Sheriff was asked if his participation in the burglary case was normal. "It is for something this big," he said.

Anyway, here's a solution. Schedule another debate, as quickly as possible. Debate is a necessary part of any political campaign of any significance.

Let the League of Women Voters, or some other neutral party, handle the arrangements this time around to assure fairness to all the candidates. And, this time, let's hope that all the candidates show up.

As one political wag put it, "If we don't get some answers to our questions beforehand we'll just answer them in the ballot box based on what we've been told... or not told."

***EDITOR'S NOTE: We've moved "AS I SEE IT" to the front page this week to rehash the Sheriff's debate that never was, complete with a solution on how to make it come true.**

The public seems quite interested in seeing this debate take place--an indication that the political season is heating up.

LORRAINE'S CLOTHING ADDS DRESS SHOP DEPARTMENT

Pembroke-Lorraine's Clothing, a top quality business located on Union Chapel Road, continues to expand and add to its offering of reasonably priced clothing for the entire family.

Saturday, March 27, 1982 is the date for the grand opening of the Dress Shop addition to Lorraine's Clothing.

The business complex on the Union Chapel Road is the brain child of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Locklear and also includes, besides Lorraine's Clothing, offices for the Silhouette Skin Care Clinic, Mack's Construction Company, and Donald Bullard, Attorney at Law, who will be moving into the complex in the very near future.

The spacious building, containing 4500- 5,000 square feet, was built by Mack's Construction Company which is owned and operated by Mack Locklear.

He built and designed the unique and attractive building.

Lorraine's Clothing is managed by Mrs. Mack (Lorraine) Locklear, ably assisted by Ms. Nita Woods.

Special grand opening festivities will be held Saturday morning between 10 and 11 a.m. with special discounts on purchases (either 10 or 15 percent) all day. The business is located next to the Pembroke Rescue Squad Building.

The Locklears invite all their friends to come out and share the grand opening festivities with them.

McDuffie Cummings, Pembroke's Town Manager, commented, "Businesses like Lorraine's Clothing are welcome additions to the Pembroke community. We are delighted to have them as part of our ever expanding business community."



Lorraine's Clothing is located in this beautiful and spacious business complex located on Union Chapel Road. Other businesses located in the complex are the Silhouette Skin Care Clinic and Mack's

Construction Company. Pembroke attorney Donald Bullard is expected to locate his office in the complex in the very near future. (Bruce Barton photo)



Lorraine Locklear, manager of Lorraine's Clothing and her assistant, Nita Woods, invite the public to attend their grand opening festivities Saturday, March 27

from 10-11 a.m. with special sales promotions throughout the day. (Bruce Barton photo)

Ms. Kim Oxendine crowned Miss Pembroke Jr. High

More than 500 people gathered Friday night, March 19, for the crowning of the 1982 Miss Pembroke Junior High School.

The event, emceed by Mrs. Sallie Bullard and Mr. Timmie Hunt, was held at the PSU Performing Arts Center and culminated weeks of work on the parts of the ten contestants, the entire school faculty and many others who donated their time and talent.

Entertainment, interspersed between competitions, was provided by the LRDA Singers and Dancers, the Cherokee Quartet, Miss PJHS 1981 Pamela Oxendine and Miss Lumbee, Jackie Jacobs. The pageant was honored by the presence of several area beauty queens.

After the talent and gown competitions Wendy Blue was named Miss Congen-

ity, receiving a trophy to commemorate the honor. The judges then selected as the 5 finalists: Michelle Harris, Wendy Blue, Kim Oxendine, Delind Maynor and Stephanie Locklear, each of whom answered a randomly selected question as the last competition.

Tension built as the final computation of the judges' score sheets was completed. The crowd held its breath as the runners up were announced: fourth runner up, Michelle Harris; third runner up, Wendy Blue; second runner up, Delind Maynor; and first runner-up Stephanie Locklear.

The new Miss Pembroke Junior High School, Kim Oxendine, was crowned by Miss PJHS 1981 Pamela Oxendine amid the cheers and applause of the crowd.



Shown left to right: Stephanie Locklear, first runner up; Delind Maynor, second runner up; Kim Oxendine, Miss Pembroke Junior High School 1982; and

Wendy Blue, Miss Congeniality and third runner up. Not pictured-Michelle Harris, fourth runner up.

Pembroke Veterinary Hospital opens In New Facilities



Dr. David E. Brooks shown in front of new Pembroke Veterinary Hospital

scheduled to open Monday.

PEMBROKE--Pembroke Veterinary Hospital announces a new facility located on the Pembroke-Prospect Highway near Pembroke, complete with modern design and equipment for the convenience of you and your pets.

The new facility is the culmination of a dream come true for Dr. David E. Brooks, a 1978 graduate of the renowned Tuskegee Institute's School of Veterinary Medicine in Alabama. He was the first Native American to graduate from Tuskegee, the world famous school founded by Booker T. Washington.

Dr. Brooks, one of two Indian veterinarians in the county, said, "Without the people's support this dream would never have been realized. The local people's response to a veterinary hospital has been rewarding and overwhelming. I am very grateful."

Dr. Brooks gives special thanks to his family for their unwavering support. He is the son of the late Peter and Mattie Bell Brooks. He remembers, "I can still hear my mother saying, 'you have to

keep pushing yourself in order to succeed." He is especially grateful to his parents for motivating him to enter veterinarian school and, more than that, for encouraging him to finish.

Dr. Brooks comes from a family of professionals, including a brother, Dr. Martin L. Brooks, a family physician in Pembroke. Dr. Brooks said, "Martin has counseled me in practical expertise and even provided me a temporary facility to begin my practice on Highway 711. Another brother, Viri, a proficient brick layer, has helped me whenever I needed him without question."

Dr. Brooks' wife, Wanda, has also been understanding and helpful in helping him establish his practice. Dr. Brooks enjoys visiting schools to

talk to the children about being a veterinarian. He said, "I like the wonder in their eyes when I give a presentation."

Dr. Brooks and Dr. Curt Locklear (now in practice in the Lumberton area) were the first Indians to enter Tuskegee Institute. They were recruited by Dr. Ellis Hall, formerly from Fairmont, now on Tuskegee's staff.

Dr. Brooks hopes Dr. Hall will be present when he has his grand opening in the near future. He says about Dr. Hall, "He was willing to give me and Curt Locklear the opportunity to apply ourselves in the field of veterinary medicine. I can't say enough good things about him. He's a unique and good man."

Pembroke Veterinary Hospital consists of 13 rooms (2 exam rooms; lab, pharmacy, reception, business office, a private office and library, wash room and kitchen, treatment and exercise rooms, x-ray, dental and surgery rooms and exercise areas for the animals) on a large and spacious acreage.

The modern facility is also designed to house animals for extended periods. The hospital will be able to care for animals from x-ray to treatment under one roof.

Dr. Brooks also maintains a mobile unit for visits to farm or home. He invites the public to come by and see him, especially when pets or animals are ailing.

The hospital will open for business Monday, moving from their temporary quarters on Highway 711. A grand opening date will be set and announced in the near future.

Pembroke Veterinary Hospital is probably the first facility developed and built by an Indian in the country. Pembroke is proud to add Pembroke Veterinary Hospital to its thriving business community.

The Time is Here Now For A McMillan Memorial at PSU

by Lew Barton

Have we forgotten so soon? Or is it simply petty politics? Or a matter of race?

Whatever the reason or reasons, there is no suitable memorial to the father of Pembroke State University on campus.

Doesn't this bother anybody except me?

You might think there would be some red faces and nagging consciences around.

Practically everybody else has been memorialized, especially people who had little or nothing to do with the institution's earliest beginnings.

That is okay. Their powerful, influential friends have placed them there. But how about the man who began the whole thing?

I want to see a suitable memorial of some kind to Hamilton McMillan during my lifetime.

Won't you help me? Don't you believe in credit for whom credit is due, honor for whom honor? The Bible advocates that.

There are enough people indebted to Hamilton McMillan to make the acquisition of such a memorial simple, easy and inexpensive.

How many alumni, employees or students can honestly claim they owe this great Robesonian of yesteryear nothing? Not one!

Two bits each from all who have benefitted from the institution he established would buy a magnificent monument.

We all know this is right. How long will we continue to procrastinate? Call the Carolina Indian Voice and give your ideas along these lines today!

You Christian people, please pray for the effort. It's the Christian thing to do. "Honor for whom honor is due," commands the Bible.

The worst that can be said against him is that he helped Indians. He saw an oppressed, down-trodden, intelligent but uneducated people and his heart was moved with compassion toward them.

Hamilton McMillan was a white man. But he belongs to all the people of the area. He was able to transcend race and further the cause of education during the most troubled period in Robeson County history.

Karen Blue has claimed that Hamilton McMillan was prejudiced in favor of the Indians. And this may be so. But his friendship came at a time when we desperately needed a friend.

Let us face the central historical fact of the matter, however, which is that there would be no university or college in Robeson County today, had it not been for Hamilton McMillan.

Other institutions of higher learning have sprung up in Robeson from time to time, only to flounder and fail, eventually.

Surely, it must be that Hamilton McMillan and the people he worked with, planned well, for huge success has crowned their initial efforts.

Just remember this: without a beginning, there could be no ending, and no progress in-between.

"Little red school house"
Speak softly, reverently when you say that!

PLATE SALE PLANNED

The Lumbee Regional Development Association's Lumbee River Native American Center for the Arts is sponsoring a plate sale in Pembroke Town Park on March 28, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Chicken and barbecue plates will be on sale for \$3. Proceeds will be used for the production of "Fiddler on the Roof" May 28 at Pembroke State University's Performing Arts Center.