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## A LATE BREAKING NEWS STORY! FBI PROBES ROBESON COUNTY, ARRESTS CETA CHIEF, PROMISES MORE ARRESTS

The FBI arrested Chris Antwi, Robeson County's director its Department of Human Resources, Wednesday without warning promising that his arrest was "just the tip of the iceberg...that's going to have quite an impact on (Robeson County)."

continuing probe that began five months ago in Robeson County. The action had been rumored for months by county residents, especially those involved in Robeson politics.

Antwi, 35, was arrested in his Lumberton office by two FBI agents and an agent of the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Inspector General, according to Pence.

Antwi was arraigned on \$100,000 bond and charged specifically for misapplying \$205,300 in CETA funds and embezzling \$259.60 in CETA money by filling out a false travel voucher. He also was charged with hiring an ineligible Robeson County resident for the CETA program and making a false statement to a federal agent.

Pence did not indicate where the impetus for the investigation came from, noting that the probe was based on private complaints from county employees and citizens.

Pence said that evidence against Antwi and against other Robeson residents (with county residents speculating that a number of former and present county commissioners and county employees might be included) would be presented to a Grand Jury in the next "few weeks or months."

It is speculated that the action against Antwi was prompted by fears that he might leave the county and country although no evidence was presented to substantiate such rationale. Antwi, "a permanent resident alien" is a citizen of Ghana in western Africa but has been living in Robeson County since 1977.

MORE NEXT WEEK!

## Volunteers needed to help distribute Cheese and Butter

The Department of Social Services would like to reach all interested churches in Robeson County to assist in the distribution of surplus cheese and butter to eligible citizens once a month beginning this month. The main concern is to reach the elderly, the sick and shut-ins, and the handicapped who are not physically able to stand in long waiting lines.

the eligibility limits for food stamps. The distribution date is planned for May 14th at several points in the county. Fairmont-Elementary School, Rowland-Headstart-Building, Maxton-High School Gym, Pembroke-LRDA Food Co-op, Red Springs-& Parkton-Armory Buildings, St. Pauls-Town Building and Piney Grove School, Lumberton-O.P. Owens Building tentatively.

The guidelines for eligibility for cheese and butter have been changed. Any person age 60 or over, any one receiving Social Security or SSI, Food Stamps, AFDC or Medicaid is automatically eligible. Others may qualify based on their income which is much higher than

Any church interested in picking up and delivering cheese and butter to their church members may do so by contacting the Department of Social Services at 738-9351 as soon as possible. Working hours are 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Pembroke amends Blue Law ...and more

Pembroke's Town Council met Monday and amended its Blue Law, allowing businesses who provide "essential services" the privilege of remaining open 24 hours on Sundays if they so choose. The board noted that restaurants, service stations, vending machines and funeral homes were among those businesses who provide "essential services."

The board also changed the town's ordinance that regulates amusement devices and game rooms, seeming to respond to a proliferation of game rooms in Pembroke. The new ordinance will allow the establishments to remain open until 1 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

### AND A "SILENT" PUBLIC HEARING ON LATEST CD APPLICATION

An estimated 20 observers remained silent for the town's second public hearing on the proposed Community Development Grant application which seeks to rehabilitate 31 houses in the Jones Street area, reinforce 1400 linear feet of concrete drainage pipes and replace 1300 feet of deteriorating sewer lines as well as widening and repaving Jones Street.

### AND THE TOWN ALSO TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTION

A discussion was held concerning allowing manufactured homes in certain residential areas. But the council took no action on the matter, referring it to attorney Dexter Brooks who was asked to draft a formal ordinance spelling out a definition of "manufactured homes" at the June meeting.

The June 6 meeting will also be the scene of a public hearing in reference to rezoning recommendations submitted by the planning board recently.

And the commissioners returned James F. "Freddie" Maynor to the ABC board, appointed a five member citizen's advisory committee to work with the community development project, and approved a resolution to remove a stop sign at the Jones and 1st Street intersection, changing it from a four-way stop to a two way stop. The action will make Jones Street a through street.

## Robeson County Democrats elect Cummings as Party Chairman

Lumberton-Robeson County Democrats came together Saturday and elected Rev. J.F. Cummings, a Black minister and executive director of the Robeson County Church and Community Center, as chairman of the party, forestalling a threatened walkout by the Black delegation if a Black was not elected chairman of the party.

Robeson County Democrats have for a number of years operated by a gentlemen's agreement whereby the chairmanship of the party is rotated by race every two years.

This year Bobby Freeman, a White who was finishing out the term of Gene Ballard, who had resigned to manage the unsuccessful senate campaign of Sam Noble, threatened to accept a nomination and challenge the unofficial mandate of the party faithful.

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## Pembroke Jaycees sponsor N.C. State Wolfpack coming to Pembroke

The NCAA National Champions will be at Pembroke State University on May 18, 1983. A tentative schedule is as follows: A Dunking Contest-7:45 to 8:00 p.m. A Basketball Game between the Robeson County All-Stars and the Wolfpack at 8:00 p.m. Pee Wee Basketball Games at halftime (two games, five minutes each.)

Mark your calendar for this special event and bring the entire family.

List of players planning on coming: Thurl Bailey, Art Jones, Scott Parzych, Max Perry, Kenny Matthews.

Max Perry, assistant coach, said there is a possibility that Derrick Whittenburg and Sidney Lowe will come with the group.

## Legal Justice is on its way

by Sandra Hunt

The Robeson County Legal Justice Project—a brand new project in our county—is off to a good start. On Saturday, April 23rd, over 90 people of all races from Robeson and other counties—came together to address their concerns on court and law enforcement practices and what citizens could do to help improve them.

There were workshops, singing, praying, planning, and inspiring messages throughout the day. This was the first meeting of its kind in Robeson County. This new project brings a promising spirit and inspiring way for concerned citizens to contribute their time and energy to making life better in 'ol' Robeson.

Some of the most exciting suggestions for action included: (1) Starting a Court Watch to monitor and publish the actions, behavior and decisions of judges, juries, prosecutors, and defense

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## PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

### SPRING RIVALRY

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located in the Saddletree Community will begin a Spring Revival on Sunday May 8 at 7:30 p.m. Services Monday through Friday nights will begin at 8 p.m. Visiting guest ministers will be Rev. Steve Jones and Linberg Chavis. Pastor Chris L. Hunt invites the public to attend.

### P.T.A. AT UNION CHAPEL

Union Chapel School will hold the last P.T.A. program for the school year on Monday night May 9, 1983 at 7:30 p.m. Parents and staff are urged to be in attendance.

### MAY DAY PROGRAM

The annual May Day Program will be held at the Union Chapel School, on Friday, May 20, 1983 beginning at 9:00 a.m. If weather permits this event will be held outside. The classes will dance to the honor of the King and Queen of the school. Master Tracy Carter and Miss Sherry Wilkins are the King and Queen.

The theme for the festivities this year is "Spring Festival." Parents and the public are invited to attend the activities.

### UNION CHAPEL SCIENCE FAIR

The Science Fair is scheduled at Union Chapel School on May 13, 1983 in the school gym. Projects will be displayed on Thursday through Friday, the 12th-13th, with judging on May 13.

Awards will be given after 12:00 noon on Friday, May 13th.

### DEEP BRANCH BEAUTY PAGEANT FRIDAY NIGHT

The Annual Little Miss Beauty Pageant and the Annual Junior Miss Beauty Pageant for 1983-1984 School Year for Deep Branch Elementary School will be held on Friday, May 6, 1983 at the Deep Branch Elementary School Auditorium at 7 p.m. The admission will be \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 years old and under. There will be entertainment provided.

### BLOOD MOBILE

A Bloodmobile will be at St. Pauls Methodist Church in Maxton, N.C., Wednesday, May 11, from 12 noon until 5:30 p.m. The Bloodmobile will be sponsored by the American Red Cross. Everyone is cordially invited to participate.

### SPANISH NIGHT

"Spanish Night" will be observed Thursday, May 12, 1983, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pembroke Senior High School cafeteria. The event will be sponsored by the Pembroke Sr. High Spanish Department. There will be singing, dancing and other entertainment. Admission is \$1.50.

Mrs. Delores Jones is the spanish teacher at Pembroke Sr. High.

### JOHN L. CARTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

The memory of the late and esteemed John L. Carter will be memorialized with a John L. Carter Memorial Scholarship thanks to the efforts of the Pembroke High Booster Club members Bill Oxendine, Wade Hunt, Eddie Mac Locklear, Lonnie Locklear, Jr. and others.

The scholarship will go to a deserving senior from West Robeson Senior High School in honor of Mr. Carter who served as treasurer of the Pembroke Booster Club from its inception.

Those wishing to honor Mr. Carter by making a contribution to this scholarship fund may do so by sending contributions to the John L. Carter Memorial Scholarship Fund, Post Office Box 384, Pembroke, N.C. 28372.

### 4TH ANNUAL TUSCARORA POW WOW

The Tuscarora Indian Tribe of Drowning Creek Reservation will hold its 4th Annual Pow-Wow, beginning Friday, May 13 and ending Sunday, May 15.

This year the tribe's distinguished guests will include Congressman Charlie Rose, Sheriff Hubert Stone, Wyvis Oxendine--Robeson County Commissioner, Representatives David Parnell and John Pete Hasty, Purnell Swett--Superintendent of the Robeson County Schools, just to name a few.

The cultural event will feature dancing and drumming. Cash prizes will be awarded to best dancers.

According to a spokesman, this year's Pow Wow promises to be an event that will showcase the true spirit of the American Indian.

Drowning Creek Reservation is located one and one-half miles east of Maxton on the Old Maxton Road.

### VBS CLINIC

Need help with planning Vacation Bible School activities this summer? The Burnt Swamp Association is conducting two VBS Clinics to provide aid in acquiring materials, preparing for instruction, and developing a week of activities. Both clinics will be the same in content. Therefore, it will not be necessary to attend both. Select the one most convenient. The clinics are as follows: #1 Beulah Baptist Church, Saturday, May 7, 9:30 a.m. til Noon. #2 Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Saturday, May 15, 9:30 a.m. til Noon.

### UNION ELEMENTARY MAY DAY

Union Elementary School will hold its annual May Day celebration on Friday May 20, 1983, beginning at 9:00 a.m. All parents and friends are cordially invited to come out and join the festivities.

### CAR WASH

The Youth Department of Reedy-Branch Church will hold a car wash on May 7, at 9 a.m. at Green Grove School. The cost is \$5 per car, inside and out. It is sponsored by the Youth Department of Reedy Branch to help with costs for a trip to Ridgecrest, a Baptist Summer Camp.

### REVIVAL

Revival will run May 8-13, 1983, at Hopewell Holiness Methodist Church, Route 1, Rowland, N.C. Guest evangelist will be the Rev. Willie Scott, Jr., pastor of New Prospect Holiness Methodist Church. He will be assisted by Revs. James H. Woods and Pat L. Cummings. Special music will be presented nightly by visiting choirs and Hopewell's Choir. The public is cordially invited to attend according to the pastor, James H. Woods.

### BENEFIT SING

A Benefit Sing will be held Saturday night, May 7, 1983 at Whitehill Freewill Baptist Church, beginning at 7:30 p.m. and featuring the Scott Sisters, the Joy Singers and the D & L Gospel Singers. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### VFW NEWS

All VFW members: Monday night, May 9, will be the regular monthly meeting at the Post home. Supper will be prepared and served by the Ladies Auxiliary at 7:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Lankford Godwin will provide special music during the joint session. Officers for the coming year will be installed. Please attend and give your support.

Submitted by Bobby D. Locklear, Post Commander and Daisey Demery, Auxiliary President.

### AMAZING GRACE TENT REVIVAL

A revival is now in progress east door to Moore's Chain Saw in the Prospect Community, with the Evangelist Rev. Bruce Locklear, Services begin nightly at 7:30 p.m., Thursday through Sunday.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT! ...It's Ralph Sampson!!!



Yes it is Ralph Sampson. Sampson, along with other All-Stars participated in a basketball exhibition on the Catawba College campus in Salisbury, N.C. Ricky Locklear, a Wake Forest law student and currently a resident of Salisbury, along with Scott Vonderhaar (former Catawba football teammate) obtained a close-up and personal photo with the "big man." Ricky refuses to reveal how and through what connections he was able to meet Sampson.

In recalling the experience Ricky commented, "Scott and I were pretty excited about having the opportunity to meet several All stars. But of course the highlight of the evening was taking the photo

with Ralph Sampson and meeting Thurl Bailey of N.C. State. I was really surprised. Sampson is a really nice person and away from the mad throng of autograph seekers he appeared to be happy and a well adjusted college senior."

Scott's younger sister is engaged to John Pinone (center of Villanova's basketball team). In one of Scott's more excited moments he said, "Gee Ralph you're my favorite collegiate player." When Locklear reminded him that such comments might upset John, Scott replied "John who?"

Pictured above, left to right are Ricky Locklear, Ralph Sampson, Scott Vonderhaar and Mark Scott Vonderhaar.