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## Countdown to 5,000

And we begin our countdown to 5,000 subscribers in earnest this week. Be counted! Get on the liveliest list in town. Subscribe to *The Carolina Indian Voice*.

- These good readers did:
1. Kenneth Oxendine, Md.
  2. Prather Strickland, Tillery, NC (P)
  3. Cecil Hunt, Shannon, NC
  4. Chalmers Kerns, Lumberton, NC
  5. Lee Jones, Wagram, NC
  6. Claudia Stephens, Durham, NC
  7. D.H. Wilkins, Pembroke
  8. Catherine Ernie, Pembroke
  9. James Bell, Pembroke
  10. Carl W. Jacobs, Brunswick, NC
  11. Lacy Locklear, Laurinburg, NC
  12. Vernon Oxendine, Pembroke

## JACK MORGAN BIDS FOR 2ND TERM AS COUNTY COMMISSIONER ...from the Red Springs District



Jack Morgan

Jack Morgan, Red Springs Commissioner announces his bid for re-election. Mr. Morgan released the following statement:

"I would like to thank the people of District 5 (the Red Springs District) and Robeson County for allowing me the opportunity to serve you as your Commissioner for the past three years. Having had a chance to be a vital part in Robeson County's growth and progress has indeed been a great honor for me. I have made every effort to serve you and

make the kinds of decisions that would represent you with honor and integrity. "We have a large county that has tremendous potential and opportunity; educational, industrial, agricultural, social and political. We have made a great deal of progress in these areas yet we still have a long way to go.

"Four years ago I promised honesty, sincerity and dedication. I have kept that promise. I would like to renew that promise of honest, sincere, and dedicated leadership in moving our county forward in preparation for the year 2000 and beyond; to capitalize on the potentials mentioned above, and for Robeson County to be a leader in all areas.

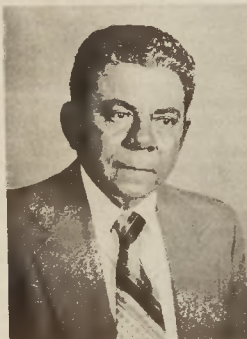
"With these commitments and promises, I would like to announce my candidacy for re-election to the Robeson County Board of Commissioners."

Jack Morgan is married to Velenda and they have two children, Jackie and Lyndsey. They reside in Rennett and attend Zion Hill Baptist Church.

Morgan has served in various positions in education for fourteen years. He is currently principal of Rex-Rennett School.

He is serving on several committees of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, is a member of the Lumber River Council of Government, and co-chairman of newly formed Robeson County Education Study Commission.

## J.W. Hunt Bids for 3rd Term as County Commissioner ...from the Rowland District



J.W. Hunt

J.W. Hunt, the county commissioner from the Rowland District, has decided to seek a third term in office. Said Hunt upon filing, "I have learned a great deal about representing the people in my district and all the people in Robeson County. And I pledge anew to do the very best I am capable of doing in carrying out the responsibilities of being a county commissioner if I am re-elected."

A life long resident of the Gaddys Township Community, Hunt has extensive farming interests, tending some 400 acres of farm land. He and his wife, Dorothy, are the parents of seven children, with one of them still living at home.

The Hunts are members of Piney Grove Baptist Church where Commissioner Hunt has served in various capacities including Sunday School Superintendent, Adult Men's Teacher, Chairman of the Building Committee and Trustee.

He is also a member of the board of directors of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation where he has served for 12 years, including stints as President, vice president and treasurer.

Hunt presently serves as chaplain to the board, serves on the Southeastern Mental Health Board and, over the last few years, has served on various committees and civic organizations.

Hunt said in a statement released to the press, "I have had many difficult decisions to make, yet in making those decisions I have always tried to do what is best for the constituents in my district and the county as a whole."

Hunt considers education, industry and employment for the unemployed as the priorities in his upcoming campaign. Hunt said, "If re-elected I promise to represent all the people of Robeson County, especially the Rowland District, to the best of my ability." And he added, "I thank the voters for the opportunity and privilege to serve the last two terms. I am running on my record of service. May God bless each of you."

## PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

**GOSPEL SING**  
The Deep Branch Recreation Association will hold a Gospel Sing and Dinner on Friday, January 20, 1984 at the Deep Branch School Cafeteria. Singers featured will be the McNeill Quartet.

Tickets available at Superior Office Supplies, Pembroke, N.C. Call 521-0100 for more information.

**U.S. JAYCEE WEEK  
JANUARY 9-15**  
The Pembroke Jaycees train leaders through service to our community. We congratulate these young men as they observe U.S. Jaycee Week January 9-15, 1984.

From the Pembroke Jaycees

### ANNIVERSARY SING PLANNED FOR THE SAMPSON BROTHERS

The Sampson Brothers will observe their 30th anniversary with a singing to be held at Thompson Baptist Church on Saturday night, January 14, at 7 p.m.

The Sampson Brothers have traveled in 13 states singing gospel songs. In addition to the Sampson Brothers, the singing will feature the Spiritual Singers from South Broadway Baptist Church in Baltimore, MD and the Lowry Family from the Freedom Assembly of God in Red Springs. Other groups are invited to come to share their talents. The public is invited to attend.

### FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP AT WEST ROBESON

West Robeson Senior High, in cooperation with the Financial Aid Office at PSU is sponsoring a Financial Aid Information Night for students and parents. The program will be presented on January 16, 1984 in the school cafeteria beginning at 7 p.m.

The Information Night activity is recommended for all senior high school students and parents who will need assistance in financing their post secondary education. An area financial aid administrator will be available to explain financial assistance programs, procedures, and to answer questions. This program will be appropriate for students planning to pursue any type of post secondary training. Further information on this program can be obtained by contacting Aggie G. Deese 521-3253.

## KING AND QUEEN



Shown are the 1983 King and Queen for Bryan Learning Center. Samantha Graham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Graham. She is in Ms. Diann Cromarrie's class. Mark Dial is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cardell Dial. He is in Mrs. Peggy Lowery's class.

## Prayer Service for man slated to die

There will be a county wide prayer service tonight (Thursday, Jan. 12) at 7:30 p.m. at the Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned office at 116 West 4th Street in Lumberton.

Prayer, scripture reading and songs will be lifted up for James Hutchins, the three policemen and their families, ourselves, our county, our state, nation and world, according to Mac Legerton, Director of the Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned Program. Prayer service will be held even if Hutchins' execution is postponed.

Pastors and lay persons of all races will be participating.

## QUARTERLY SINGING PLANNED

### Subscription Rates Going Up

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association's Quarterly singing will be held Sunday at Reedy Branch Baptist Church at 2 p.m. Rev. Bruce Swett is the pastor. All groups are invited to participate.

Subscription rates, like everything else in America, continue to creep up with the accompanying increase in the production costs of the Carolina Indian Voice.

As of February 1, a one-year subscription of the Carolina Indian Voice will cost \$10.00 in North Carolina (we pay the taxes). Out of state will be \$13.00.

Senior citizens (those 65 years old and above) and prisoners may receive the Carolina Indian Voice free of charge simply by requesting it.

Subscriptions will be for the length of one year only, beginning February 1, 1984 to facilitate and improve our record keeping.

You may renew at the old rate until the new rates become effective.

## FREEMAN AGAIN FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

Today Joe B. Freeman, Register of Deeds, filed for re-election. In doing so he released the following statement: "It seems as though it was only a few months ago that I last ran for Register of Deeds. Time flies by when you enjoy your work.

"No words could possibly express my gratitude for the strong support that I received in the past election, and for the support that I have received from everyone since I've been in office.

"I feel the Register of Deeds' office is one of the most efficient offices in the county. Some changes have been made in the past three years which I felt were necessary for the betterment of the office to help serve the public more efficiently.

"The responsibility of the office is for recording and the safe keeping of public records.

"I have a good staff and I would rate their performance against any of the other 99 Register of Deeds Offices in the state."

Freeman, age 32, now serves on the Board of Directors at the Cardinal Health Agency, also he is chairman of the Mayor's Committee for the Handicapped.

He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Carrol Freeman, a native of Robeson County, and is married to the former Vicki Woodlee of Spring Lake. They have two children, Amy Jo, age 7 and Caroline, age 4. They are members of Hog Swamp Baptist Church.

"I get much satisfaction out of helping people across the county," Mr. Freeman concluded. "For the next few months I will be traveling the county asking for support in the upcoming May election."

## Blind PSU Student seeks degree to help others who are visually impaired



Carla Earles...This is a blind girl with a vision at Pembroke State University.

by Gene Warren

**PEMBROKE**—Blind since the age of three because of glaucoma, Carla Earles, a sophomore from Detroit majoring at Pembroke State University in Special Education, is a person without a trace of self-pity in her being.

"I want to earn a degree so I can be certified to teach the visually impaired," says the 19-year-old coed.

"I don't look at this as being a handicap—that I'm suffering. If God wants me to see, I would see. I feel I'm blind for a purpose. And I have to wait to see what that purpose is," she says. She is a totally refreshing person to be around. She has a bright outlook on everything. There is nothing negative about her outlook on life.

Carla likes to sing—either solos or with a group. She has sung for a number of churches in this area, including Berea Baptist, Harpers Ferry Baptist, and Mt. Airy Baptist. She has also sung over a Lumberton radio station.

Her favorite gospel songs? "I love them all," she replies. "I like 'Whatever It Takes,' 'Treasures Unseen,' 'Amazing Grace,' etc." In Detroit, she sang for weddings, convalescent homes, and mission groups.

How did she happen to enroll at Pembroke State University? "My mother is the former Louise Locklear from Pembroke, whereas my deceased father was Bill Earles. He was killed three years ago at age 41 in a truck accident. He was a truck driver. I decided I wanted to go to college at Pembroke State where a lot of my relatives are located and where it's a small university."

At Pembroke, she lives with her uncle and aunt. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Locklear, who reside about two miles from Pembroke. Each morning she gets a ride with different people to PSU, usually with Denise Paul, a PSU sophomore related to her.

A cousin, Clarissa Cummings, helps Carla in her studying and is paid by the Commission for the Blind. "I often borrow notes and she tapes them for me," said

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## A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL

### JANUARY 17 MEETING HOPEFULLY TO RE-ACTIVATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dear possible member,

A number of people have approached me about the need for re-activating the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and we are hopeful that this can be done...with your help, of course.

We have scheduled a meeting of the prospective membership at the Pembroke Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. on January 17, 1984.

Please plan to attend this important meeting, or send a representative. We will choose provisional officers to guide us until our annual meeting, or at a meeting to be set by those in attendance.

This letter is being sent or hand delivered to all businesses and patrons listed on a paid membership list of the chamber as of April 13, 1982, as provided us by Jim Hunt, formerly president of the Chamber. This letter will also appear in the *Carolina Indian Voice*, our local newspaper, prior to the meeting of January 17.

This letter is also being sent or hand delivered to all businesses and individuals holding a current privilege license with the Town of Pembroke.

Sincerely,

Bruce Barton, Editor  
the Carolina Indian Voice  
P.O. Box 1075  
Pembroke, N.C. 28372

## Power Rates Hiked By Lumbee River

From Staff Reports

**RED SPRINGS**—Customers of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corp. can expect a jump in their bills next month.

The co-op passed on a 6 percent rate increase effective Tuesday when Carolina Power and Light Co. raised its rates in the first of two scheduled rate hikes.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission last November approved a request by CP&L to increase its wholesale power rates to wholesale buyers by 24 percent.

According to Lane Hudson, an LREMC spokesman, customers can expect the second rate hike sometime after April. Hudson said the rate hike would raise utility bills of the average customer who uses 1,000 kilowatt hours from approximately \$79.40 to \$84.92.

Ronnie Hunt, general manager of LREMC, said that while the co-op is passing on the rate hike, it is also doing all it can to keep monthly bills at a minimum.

"We have cut operational costs to the bone," he remarked. "There has been a wage and hiring freeze implemented for 1984 and we are looking at every possible way to save money and increase revenue for the co-op."

LREMC, the eighth largest co-op of the state's 28 EMCs with about 21,000 accounts, serves Robeson, Scotland, Hoke and part of Cumberland counties.

The last increase by LREMC was an 8.5 percent hike in January of 1983.