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## INCUMBENTS LEAD IN LOCAL VOTING

Tuesday was a good day for incumbents in Robeson County as just about all of them led the balloting Tuesday, although run offs seem certain in the Red Springs Commissioner District, and probable in the Rowland and Fairmont Districts.

Incumbent Jack Morgan led the ticket for the Commissioner seat from Red Springs District with 1,294, followed closely by former commissioner Bobby Dean Locklear with 978. Pete Conningham finished third with 858. Locklear is expected to call for a run off.

Morgan received his highest vote total from Red Springs 1 Precinct with 302 while Locklear was strongest in Burnt Swamp Precinct with 473.

J.W. Hunt, the incumbent, led in the Rowland District with 1,032, and he was trailed by Henry Douglas with 776; Luther K. Rogers with 619; and Larry Shooter with 206.

Incumbent Carl Britt, presently Chairman of the Board of Commissioners won with 1,187 in the Fairmont District over a six man field, with P.E. Shaw, Sr., a veteran Black finishing with 800.

Only incumbent Lumberton Commissioner H.T. Taylor was spared a run off possibility as he swamped Sammy Allen and John Rimberg with 1,731 votes.

### COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD RACES...

Pete Clark, incumbent in District 6 turned back a strong challenge from Larry Chavis 567 to 524.

In District 7 incumbent E.B. Morton, Jr. finished behind newcomer Marion Rice who garnered 526 votes. But Morton polled 345 votes to force a run off. Finishing last was Vivian Floyd with 290.

In District 5 two newcomers challenged for the late John A. Gibson's seat. Catherine Leach led with 545 to William McCullum's 496.

### STATE HOUSE

Incumbent Danny DeVane with 12,814, Sidney Locks with 11,583, and Pete Hasty, 11,173 won handily in balloting for the N.C. House of Representatives.

Also running were: Tommy Wellington, 9,422; Bill Gay, 6,995; Tracy Britt, 5,285; and Bernard Lowry with 4,368.

## Favored Mondale wins Presidential Vote

Despite a local appearance by Presidential aspirant and Black activist Jesse Jackson, favored Walter Mondale won the N.C. Presidential Primary.

With 93% of the precincts reporting, the former vice president had 316,506 votes-36 percent-to Hart's 267,807-30 percent. Jesse Jackson finished third with 217,566-25 percent.

If those percentages hold when the votes are certified, Mondale would take 43 of the state's 75 contested convention delegates to Hart's 20. Jackson would win 12.

## RUFUS AHEAD IN GOVERNOR'S RACE

In Robeson, Eddie Knox led with 6,450, followed by Edmisten, 4,509; Faircloth, 3,756; Green, 2,378; Ingram, 1,963 and Gilmore, 466.

A run off will be held between Edmisten and Knox.

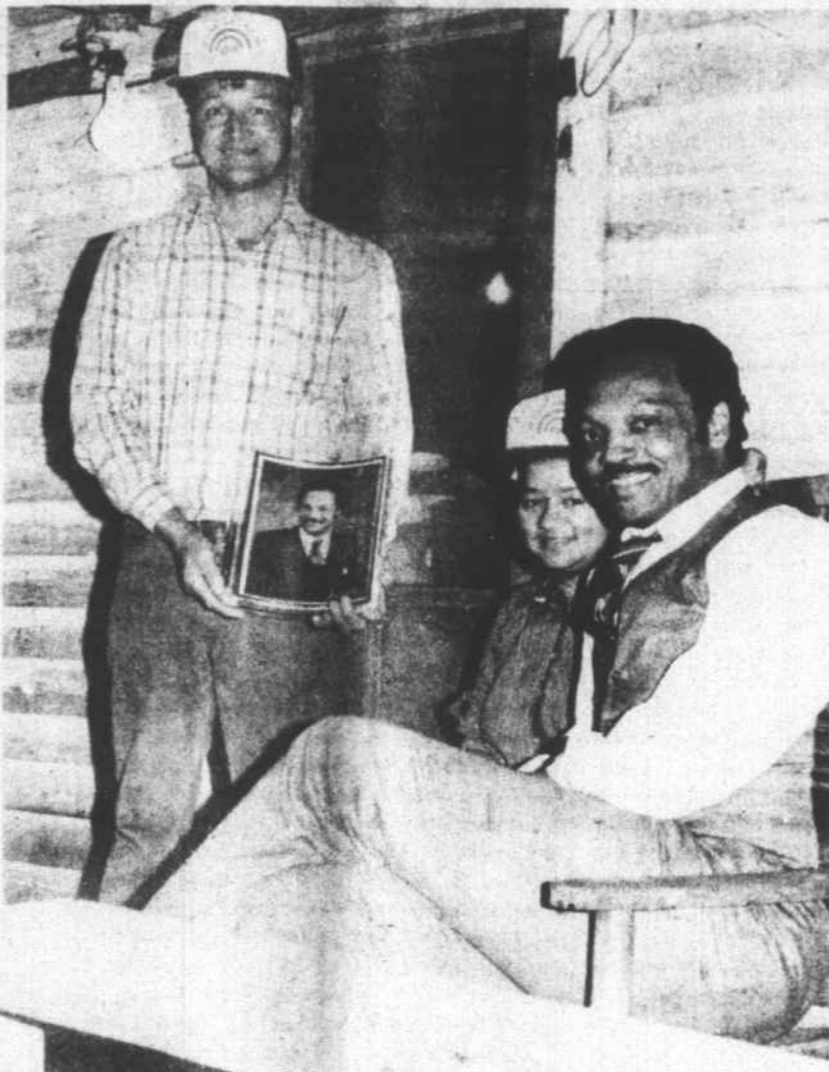


Rufus Edmisten, shown here in a recent campaign stop in Pembroke, led Tuesday's balloting for the Democratic Party nomination for Governor with 95% of precincts reporting 278,767 or 31%, trailing him were: Eddie Knox with 238,469 or 26%; Lauch Faircloth, 142,720 or 16%; Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, 76,998 or 8%; Tom Gilmore, 80,346 or 9%; John Ingram, 69,897 or 8%. Other candidates and their totals were: Bob

Hannon, 7,914; Glenn Miller, an avowed Klansman, 5,641; Andy Barker, 3,557; and J.D. Whaley, 1,424.

Edmisten [shown above, 3rd from right] was welcomed to Pembroke by Mayor Milton Hunt. Others shown in the photo are: Clinton Thomas, Jr., McDuffie Cummings, Nathan Strickland and two unidentified onlookers. [Bruce Barton Photo]

## JESSE JACKSON VISITS IN INDIAN HOME DURING CAMPAIGN STOP



Presidential aspirant Jesse Jackson is shown during an over night stay with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Williamson near Pembroke. The Williamses were chosen by Jackson's advance people because

"they are poor, and part of his rainbow coalition," made up of different races of people. The Williamses are Lumbee Indians.

PEMBROKE--Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Williamson and their family probably will remember Rev. Jesse Jackson's visit to their home forever, despite the inconveniences of a yard full of on-lookers, news people, campaign staffers, secret service agents, assorted law enforcement agents and more.

He came, with a caravan of cars stretching to the road behind him, at 2 a.m. early Tuesday morning.

And the Williamses were ready. Rev. Jackson and his party, including Rev. Ben Chavis of "The Wilmington Ten" fame, feted on ham, biscuits, collards, squash and other delectable foods found in this farm belt.

During a front page interview Williamson exulted:

"It's something that comes once in a lifetime. Here we are, a minority, low-income farm family... It's an honor to have all this come to our family," said Williamson, a Lumbee Indian who farms and works as a janitor and school bus driver at Deep Branch Elementary School near Lumberton.

"I'm still excited. I don't think I'll ever get over this. It's going to be in my mind for the rest of my life," he said.

Jackson spent the night with the Williamses before beginning a primary day campaign sweep through North Carolina for the Democratic presidential nomination, including a frenzied stop at Pembroke's North Precinct late Tuesday afternoon that saw voting come to a stop as onlookers jostled for a look at Jackson who said eastern North Carolina's small towns and rural areas "have never received their fair share."

Jackson also said the nation must act to preserve small farms and restore "the American Indian to his rightful place."

The Williamses will always remember the night Jesse Jackson stayed with them. "It's been something wonderful and exciting," Mrs. Williamson said of Jackson's visit. The couple's four children were allowed to stay home from school Tuesday and spend some time with their honored guest before his campaign took him to another stop "up the road."

## Lumbee Indian Arts & Crafts Grand Opening

Lumbee Indian Arts and Crafts has relocated to the former Delmus Prevatte Station on Highway 74, approximately 5 miles from Pembroke.

Mrs. Lucy Jane Oxendine will continue to operate the popular arts and crafts outlet as she has done for a number of years, first from her home and later from a location in Pembroke, although her daughter, Mrs. Hope Sheppard is the new owner.

Grand opening festivities will be May 12, 1984 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and the public is cordially invited to

come out and visit the new location.

The shop features traditional Indian arts and crafts, and is specializing in hand-crafted items by Lumbee people as well as other tribes. The outlet is constantly looking for new talent for crafts and invites your inquiries. You may call 521-9494 for further details.

LRDA's Indian Troupe--Four Winds Singers and Dancers--will provide entertainment.

The store opened in its new location April 23 and you are invited to visit and shop.



### OXENDINE FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of "Big Dock" Oxendine, Sr. and Lena Jacobs Oxendine will meet at New Bethel Holiness Methodist Church in the fellowship hall, May 12, at 12 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish. A program will be presented and special guest and lots of fellowship. For more information call Rev. John West Locklear at 422-8112; Grover Gibbs at 483-6479; Mazell Hunt at 843-3706.

The children are Melba Oxendine, Lannie Locklear, Julie Michell, Rev Dock Oxendine, Jr., Ella Gibbs, Frank Oxendine, Johnnie Oxendine.

### COMMUNITY SING PLANNED

The Spiritual Gospel Singers from Collins Chapel UMC are sponsoring a community sing at Rex Rennett School Gym May 12th at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and have a good time.

### LITTLE MISS LUMBEE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Little Miss Lumbee Pageant Committee is presently accepting applications at the LRDA Annex Building. Deadline for accepting applications is May 14, 1984, so if you wish to enter your little girl, who is a Lumbee Indian (either one or both parents must be a Lumbee Indian) and between the ages of 4 and 6 years by July 4, 1984, you are urged to act now.

The application should be picked up at the Annex Building and returned by the deadline, with a recent picture attached (wallet size) in order to be eligible. A registration fee of \$15 must also be paid.

For further information regarding the Little Miss Lumbee Pageant call 521-2401 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Or come by the LRDA Annex Building (the old skating rink) in Pembroke and ask to see Marilyn Locklear or Patsy Lowery.

### GOPEL SING PLANNED

A gospel singing will be held at Pembroke First Baptist Church May 13, 1984 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

### AEROBIC CLASSES TO BE HELD

Aerobic classes will be taught at R.B. Deand School beginning May 3- June 4 on Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8. Registration fee is \$10. Instructor is Rebecca Lowry. The event is sponsored by the Robeson County Recreation Department.

### APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FROM MISS LUMBEE CONTESTANTS

Applications are now being accepted for the 1984-85 Miss Lumbee Pageant. Any single Lumbee Indian lady between the ages of 17 and 26 who are interesting in vying for the title of Miss Lumbee should contact Mrs. Florence Ransom at the LRDA Annex in Pembroke, N.C. The cut-off date for accepting applications is May 18, 1984. For additional information, please stop by the LRDA Annex or call 521-2401 Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### WEST ROBESON SENIOR HIGH SPONSORS AUCTION SALE

There will be an Auction Sale, sponsored by the West Robeson Senior High School Athletic Booster Club, Friday, May 11 at 7 p.m., at the West Robeson Senior High School gym. Price of admission will be \$1 and proceeds will go toward providing for the All Sports Banquet and annual Athletic Awards to Ram Athletics.

### MAY DAY FESTIVAL

Deep Branch School will have a May Day Festival beginning at 6 p.m. on May 25 featuring the Queen and King. There will also be dances from each grade level. The public is invited to attend.

Shown above (left to right) are Beverly Blue, a member of LRDA's Indian Troupe--Four Winds Singers and Dancers; Mrs. Hope Sheppard, new owner; and Mrs. Lucy Jane Oxendine, who operated the arts and crafts outlet first from her home and later in Pembroke for a number of years. [Bruce Barton Photo]

### PLATE SALE PLANNED

Pembroke Rescue Squad will be sponsoring a chicken and barbecue plate sale on Friday, May 18, from 11 a.m. until...at the Pembroke Rescue Building. The price of the plates will be \$3 each, either to eat in or carry out.

Come on out and support the local Volunteer Rescue Squad.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

An organizational meeting of the Robeson County Parents Association for Gifted Education will be held on Monday, May 14, following the 7:30 p.m. Pembroke Elementary School PTA meeting.

### AUCTION PLANNED

An auction will be held at West Robeson sponsored by the West Robeson Athletic Booster Club. Items are needed to sell and all donations will be appreciated. The purpose of the sale is to pay for the Athletic Banquet. The cost is estimated to be \$2,500.00.

### OXENDINE PTA PLANNED

Oxendine Elementary School will hold its final PTA meeting for this school year on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. A short business session will be followed by a class program.

Also, there will be various science projects on display. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

### PEMBROKE VFW TO MEET

The VFW meeting will be held on Monday, May 14 at the Locklear-Lowry VFW Post 2843. Supper will be served from 7-7:30 p.m. A regular business meeting will follow. Comrade Archie Oxendine will be in charge of a special program for joining session, with Mr. Purnell Swett, Supt. of Robeson County Schools, as guest speaker. All comrades are urged to attend.

### INDIAN EDUCATION CONCERT

The Robeson County Indian Education Advanced Band and Chorus will be holding their spring concert on Monday evening, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pembroke Junior High School Cafeteria. This band and chorus is sponsored by the Robeson County Schools' Indian Education, Title IV Project, and is under the supervision of Mr. Joseph M. Locklear and Mrs. Felecia M. Locklear. Admission is free and the public is invited.

### LOCAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS RECOGNIZED

President Reagan has signed a proclamation to declare May 6-13, 1984, National Correctional Officers Week. Superintendent Joseph Brooks of the Robeson Prison Unit states that while each and every officer certainly deserves recognition, he would like to particularly recognize the three officers who have served the public for the longest period of time. They are Officer Ernest Emanuel Officer Wilbur S. Locklear and Officer Melton Barnes. Together they represent a total of 78 years service.

### REVIVAL PLANNED

Revival will be held at Hopewell Methodist Church May 13-18. Rev. Julian Ransom and Rev. Clyde Locklear will be guest speakers. Special music will be presented each night. The public is invited to attend. Rev. James H. Woods is pastor.

### AEROBIC CLASSES TO BEGIN

Aerobic classes will be taught at Pembroke Junior High School beginning May 10-June 11 on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 8:30-9:30. Registration fee is \$10. Instructor is Rebecca Lowry sponsored by the Robeson County Recreation Department.

### MAY DAY PROGRAM PLANNED

Magnolia High is having their May Day Program on Friday, May 11 at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

### PEMBROKE KIWANIS CLUB NEWS

In their weekly meeting at Town and Country Restaurant, Quartet leader Harold Slagle presented the PSU Men of Song. First tenor was Allen Bethea; second tenor was James Jackson; baritone was Bill Noble; John Locklear was bass. The Quartet sang "Coney Island Baby," "Tell Me Why," "While Strolling in the Park One Day," and "Aura Lee." The Quartet was very harmonious with exceedingly strong voices and the inclusion of dramatic pantomime.

Presiding was Club President Bill Oxendine and the Invocation was given by Theodore Maynor.