

West Robeson Wrestling News

Rams Wrestling Roundup
Southview High School of Fayetteville had won 17 of the first 18 bouts before Spencer Carter started the Ram Wrestlers off to the winning side. Southview is a well balanced and seasoned team said Coach Bancroft. "I knew we were going to lose several matches starting out but I also thought we were going to win a few more too. However, after Carter won & heavy-weight Marty Locklear followed, the tide started to turn toward us as we closed out the evening winning 11 of the 17 bouts." Carter, Locklear and Donald Chavis won two matches each and Kirby Ammons went 1-0 to lead the Ram Wrestlers in the scrimmage.

Southview is definitely one of the better teams in the state, according to Coach Bancroft. They have every wrestler back from last year plus two junior high programs feeding them. West Robeson only has four returnees off last year's squad and 30 new members at the present.

Marty Locklear had a good night on the mats. He is a

small heavyweight. Coach Bancroft said. He works hard in practice and has pretty good speed. Another wrestler who looked tough was Freshman Dallas Locklear. "I was real pleased with Dallas' performance," said his Coach. He defeated Southview's starter at 112 who had beaten two other Ram Wrestlers. Spencer Carter also deserves some recognition. He is a little lighter than last year but moves a lot quicker and seems to be in better shape.

Other wrestlers to win a match in the scrimmage were Wylie Oxendine, Danny Spangler, Shane Jacobs, Matthew Locklear and Dallas Locklear.

The Rams wrestle Southview in a regular season dual on December 22. Coach Bancroft believes his team will be much more competitive when they meet. The Rams open their season this Saturday at New Bern in a squad meet. Their first home match will be on Saturday, December 6 when they host the Pepsi-Domino Wrestling Classic which involves 8 teams.

THE COACH'S CORNER

Conscience la Sports
Chuck Martin's body slam of Chicago Bear McMahon after his pass got me to thinking of why Martin's conscience would allow him to do this. Probably the intensity necessary to win caused him to perform the flagrant foul. We all as human beings are endowed with a conscience the philosophers tell us. It is imminent in us, it is not imposed on us. We know the simple difference between right and wrong. But Martin at the time simply did not. However, animals have no conscience. They kill to survive. They reason as does man, but man is supposed to be civilized. However, Mary Lou Letton won the gymnastic Olympics gold medal by simply outworking her opposition. Bela Karolyi, coach of Nadia Comaneci, also an Olympic winner, realized that youngsters at about eighty pounds could perform difficult gymnastic tricks without fear much better than their older, more experienced counterparts. Bela worked with his girls live to seven hours a day, even on Sundays. He made them perform while injured, laughed at them if they got injured, made them mad if they made a mistake, made them repeat their routines over and over again, and of course made them champions by what I call negative psychology. He loved them sure, but negative psychology or the "mistake of philosophy of conscience" is usually a lie. You tell them it's a lousy performance when it is really perfect, just to get them constantly motivated.

There is another aspect of a mistake in philosophy, of conscience and that is called hedonism. It says, "Make merry today for tomorrow we die." It is much better to keep your health, not to resort to the escapism of alcoholism and drugs, but feel good and healthy as your summa bonnum of life of happiness. The so-called "high" is a philosophical mistake of conscience. Don't let the devil tell you he told you to do it. Campaigns are on now to instill youngsters to say "No" to drugs and other sins of addictions. Communism is a mistake of conscience as they took away Bela's gymnastic program, he defected to the US. There was terrible pain in leaving his daughter over there but he finally got her to the good of USA and won the first ever gymnastic Olympic championship.

BY KEN JOHNSON

The General Assembly, with broad based community support, approved the additional sales tax as a reaffirmation of state commitment to education and as a viable approach to meeting the educational needs of school districts, but the Robeson County Commissioners established other priorities for the additional revenue and would have us be double taxed in order to allow them the flexibility to pursue prioritization of their politically motivated actions.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weinsen Speak Vows



Mr. John Weinsen of Scotrun, Penn. and Mrs. Ledain Emanuel, daughter of Mrs. Manthie Emanuel and the late Robert Emanuel, Sr. of St. Pauls, NC were united in holy matrimony in the home of Mrs. Manthie Emanuel on Wednesday, November 26, 1986. Rev. John Taylor, pastor of Bible Way Holiness Church, officiated.

with a ring ceremony. The best man was a friend of the groom, L.F. Mueller of Florida and the bride's maid was Mrs. Joyce Lewis, sister of Mrs. Woodrow Cummings was served and enjoyed.

Photo by L.F. Mueller
Text by W.P. Revels

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CHIROPRACTORS CONTROL PAIN NATURALLY

To the Editor:
The Robeson County Unit of the North Carolina Association of Educators, an affiliate of the National Education Association, would like to respond to comments made by County Commissioner H.T. Taylor relative to the quality of teachers during recent discussion by the Robeson County Commissioners and legislators on the topic of merger.

Commissioner Taylor implied in his statements that the Lumberton City System, by virtue of an added tax for support of the schools, has quality teachers, and that the only way that other systems in Robeson County could have quality teachers was to adopt a special tax. We take issue with Commissioner Taylor's reasoning because additional taxes and increased salaries will not necessarily result in quality teachers anymore than his example that a million dollar building does not produce quality teachers. Additional taxes provide for adequate facilities, improved teacher salaries thru supplements, additional materials, equipment and supplies, and additional curriculum and resource programs and services. Mr. Taylor's Dumping of the issue for a choice of additional taxation does not relieve either he or the other members of the Robeson County Commissioners of the responsibility for providing for the education of the Robeson County citizenry.

The Jimmy Earl Cummings family is in need of financial support on this case. There are several fundraising events being planned. Let's support this case and remember no man is above the law. NO MAN.

Carnell Locklear
Pembroke, NC

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PEMBROKE KIWANIS HOLD PANCAKE SUPPER AND BREAKFAST
The annual Pembroke Kiwanis Pancake Supper and Breakfast will be held Friday, December 5 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Saturday morning breakfast will be served from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Plates are \$3 for all you can eat. Funds will be used for the youth projects the club sponsors, including Little League Baseball. The new Pembroke Elementary School will be the place for the supper. The public is encouraged to participate in this event.

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The Reader's Forum

Robeson County NCAE Responds to Comments by H. T. Taylor

For the improvement of their respective districts. Robeson County, together with school districts across North Carolina, is participating in efforts to improve the quality of teachers. These efforts are being supported and financed through state initiatives and funds for the implementation of the Basic Education Plan, Five-Year Teacher Training for teachers and instructional aides, staff development funds for assisting teachers pursuing professional development plans, mentor support training for teachers to assist them in upgrading their skills and an annual certification program for new teachers entering the profession. These initiatives have been developed and designed by educators and professionals and have the endorsement and support of the General Assembly as educational reform initiatives for the improvement of the quality of both teacher preparation as well as improved quality of practitioners. Commissioner Taylor, by virtue of his comments, would have us remain idle and on standby until these efforts are brought to fruition, and expects us to accept his reasoning that additional tax money will bring us to equal educational opportunities in Robeson County. Equal educational opportunity cannot be achieved until all of us begin at the same starting line, and the history of education in Robeson County would indicate that the discrepancies which exist will require more initiatives than additional tax revenues.

Perhaps what Commissioner Taylor voiced, and has been supported by Commissioners Britt, Herndon and Douglas, by virtue of their lack of consensus on the question of merger, is that quality has a color, and that quality teachers and administrators are those who segregate classes, isolate school districts to maintain segregation, and who support the status to avoid competitiveness on an equal basis. Is this the model of quality

These Commissioners will undoubtedly be the first to yell "local governance" when and if the recommendations of the National Governors Association implements state control of public education in those districts which are not up to standard. It is highly possible that the model which Commissioner Taylor held up to us Lumberton City School District may well be included in the state control of personnel, finance and facilities. If this happened, then we can applaud the efforts of the Robeson County Commissioners for leading and guiding us to a level of control which will mandate equality of educational opportunity because local government could not and would not do so.

As professional educators, we would like to extend an open invitation to Commissioner Taylor and any other professional experts he may wish to include to visit in the schools and classrooms in Robeson County where we are confident that quality teachers of all colors and in all schools will be observed and will measure up as equal to, if not better, than those in the school district which is a model in the Commissioner's opinion.

We as educators have been insulted and our professional status has been injured at a time when the nation has called for the establishment of pride in the profession. But more importantly, Black, white and Indian children in Robeson County have been rendered a racist blow by the public stance on governmental neglect and responsibility for the education of this county.

- Jimmy L. Strickland, President-Robeson County Unit NCAE
- Agnes Chavis, President-Elect
- Lee Helen Thompson, Past President/Treasurer
- Catherine Loretta Hunt, Recording Secretary
- Fodie McMillan, Corresponding Secretary

Negative Thinking By Commissioners Are Deplorable & Immoral Conditions

There are conditions in Robeson County brought about by negative thinking on the part of our Robeson County Commissioners. As I see it these conditions are deplorable and immoral.

A few years ago the Robeson County Commissioners allocated taxpayer monies to set up a drug buying operation in the Robeson County Sheriff's Department.

The RCSO gained the approval of the county commissioners for Sheriff Hubert Stone to hire two of his sons, Kevin and Keith Stone to the RCSO. This practice is called nepotism.

As I see it the most recent immoral act of the county commissioners was passing the buck on the much talked about merger of the five school systems in our county. The county commissioners were given tax revenue which if properly administered would have opened the door to better education in our county. They chose instead to pay off \$7 million for Robeson Technical College indebtedness. Incidentally RTC trains members of the RCSO in the performance of their official duties. Why do we accept this very poor example of professionalism in the schools of Robeson County?

Had the proper thought and action been placed on better education in our county perhaps Jimmie Earl Cummings would be alive today. Kevin Stone, son of Sheriff Hubert Stone, buys drugs from drug pushers and everything pertaining to the drug purchase is confiscated. This is a very lucrative set up. A small drug purchase could yield several thousand dollars in drugs and personal property, and cash. Kevin Stone and Burnis Wilkins held the keys to an undetermined amount of cash and drugs that disappeared from the security of the RCSO. Our Robeson County Commissioners offered five thousand dollars reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons respon-

sible for this sleight of hand trick. As I see it the county commissioners should be reminded each day that drug purchases, the practice of nepotism, the lack of experience and training is responsible for the slaying of Jimmie Earl Cummings on November 1, 1986. In the hearsay evidence at the coroner's inquest on November 13, 1986 it was reported that Kevin Stone threw a tantrum after killing Jimmie Earl Cummings. This is proof of amateurish and juvenile behaviour.

As I see it, the district attorney and the coroner put together a speedy coroner's inquest in the slaying of Jimmie Earl Cummings on November 1, 1986 by Kevin Stone, son of Sheriff Hubert Stone of our county. If the DA Joe Freeman Britt and his district attorney assistants will get off their duff and speedily clear the court calendar of misdemeanor cases and cease to hold suspects in jail in an attempt to get them to plead guilty, there soon would be plenty of room in the county jail and this would eliminate the cost of building a new jail as I see it. For the Robeson County Commissioners to consider a new jail above the need of better education for the six year old is immoral.

Our county needs more than a committee of 100 and a person to replace Max Kinlaw to bring industry into our midst. Five school systems in our county none of which is excellent because of prejudice. Prejudice compliments ignorance and they are not compatible with better education.

I want to commend Bruce Barton, editor of *The Carolina Indian Voice*, Pembroke, NC and Bob Horne, editor of *The Robesonian* Lumberton, NC. Thank you gentlemen.

JOHN L. GODWIN
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Concerned Citizen For Better Government In Robeson County

Let's Support Jimmy Earl Cummings Case!

To the Editor:
I want to thank you and Connee Brayboy for your views on the Jimmy Earl Cummings case. As you and others know, there are many questions that need to be answered.

I went to the meeting last Monday night at Fairgrove High School. I was impressed. This is one case I do hope all Indians in Robeson County will support. We are so bad at splitting up and fighting one another. We are our worst enemy. This is a case we must stand together on and support.

I wonder how Chalmers Biggs and the rest of the elected officials feel today. I wonder how they can sleep at night with this on their conscience. Don't they know they must face this again in this world or the hereafter?

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