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CONCERNED CLERGY FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT IN ROBESON COUNTY PASS RESOLUTION OF INITIATIVE

The Concerned Clergy for Better Government in Robeson County released the following Resolution for Better Government on February 3, 1987. Rev. Jerry Lowry serves as Chairperson, Rev. Michael Cummings is Vice-Chairperson and Rev. John A. Robinson, Jr. is Secretary.

The Resolution was passed in response to the November 1, 1986 death of Jimmy Earl Cummings by Kevin Stone, Narcotics Agent and son of Sheriff Hubert Stone.

A RESOLUTION ON INITIATIVE IN ROBESON COUNTY
PREAMBLE: As Christians, we affirm the rights of all people regardless of race, color, creed, ethnic origin or sex. The Constitutional Rights insures every individual to live free from fear, oppression and all manners of social injustice. We affirm that every individual has the right to liberty, the pursuit of happiness to take part in the free, which God intended for all humanity. Victims of crimes are people whose rights have been violated. They need to regain a sense of their own worth and freedom. We feel also that all persons should be entitled to a fair and impartial trial. Civil authorities are rightly entrusted with the protection of the innocent from the predator in society. Support of those responsible for protecting society is an inherent part of our affirmation. We are not to speak evil of ministers and magistrates but neither ministers or magistrates may go free or unchecked when they act irresponsible in their solemn obligations and responsibilities. Thus we wish to express our firm belief that:

WHEREAS, Racism produces oppression against the poor and uneducated; it is a rejection of the teaching of Jesus Christ and it denies the redemption and reconciliation of Jesus Christ. **Racism is sin.** The Concerned Clergy for Better Government in Robeson County wish to respond to the critical issues and problems now facing the citizens of Robeson County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. We protest the action that was taken in the arrest of Jimmy Earl Cummings by the Robeson County Sheriff's Department

thus causing the death of the victim.

2. We renounce firmly the action and the decisions made by the offices of the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney and the Coroner regarding the shooting of Jimmy Earl Cummings and declaring the innocence of the action taken in causing the death of Jimmy Earl Cummings.

3. We ask law enforcement agencies to be sensitive to all emotional needs of victims. Victims regardless of race or color must be allowed worth and dignity of their God given rights as a human being while providing evidence to the police.

4. We call upon all Christians, citizens and Christian institutions to condemn crime in our society without favoritism. Failure to condemn crime is the same as aiding crime.

5. We call upon our elected officials of Robeson County to submit to Christ's example of love and compassion, thereby eliminating the social injustices that have caused this epidemic use of drugs, alcohol and murder of the people in Robeson County.

6. We call the court officials and the Robeson County Justice Department to be supportive and assist both the Federal Bureau of Investigation; State Bureau of Investigation; the American Civil Liberties Union of Greensboro, NC; and the Jimmy Earl Cummings family to bring justice to this crime. This Crime is bringing reproach on all the good citizens in Robeson County.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be mailed to the Governor of our State, Members of the Robeson County Justice System, Robeson County Elected Officials, Members of the Participants in seeking to solve crimes in Robeson County and Concerned Media.

Respectfully Submitted,

Concerned Clergy For Better Government in Robeson County

REV. JERRY LOWRY, Chairperson
REV. MICHAEL CUMMINGS, Vice-Chairperson
REV. JOHN A. ROBINSON JR., Secretary

GARDNER & SHIPMAN TO BE INDUCTED INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AT PSU

PSU participated for the first time. He led the sixth-seeded Braves to the finals of the tournament scoring 80 points and hit an amazing 82.5 percent from the floor. PSU dropped a thriller to Catawba in the finals 66-65 in overtime.

He currently stands ninth on the all-time scoring list with 1,366 points during his four-year career. Captain of the team for two years, he was also chosen MVP in the Pembroke State Invitational, made the all-tournament team in both the Asheville Optimist Club Tournament and Campbell's Tip-Off Tournament and was twice named MVP in the Campbell Tip-Off Tournament. He was also a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at PSU.

Gardner is now a teacher at Camden (SC) High School and is married to the former Janie Lollis of Camden. They are the proud parents of a seven-month old daughter, Ashley.

Charles Shipman—A native of Maxton, NC, Shipman's track and field records are about the best athletes all-time.

He was an 11-time All-American making indoor track and field All-American in 1976 and was NAIA out door track and field All-American in 1975, 1976, 1977, and 1978. He was a NCAA Track and Field All-American in 1975, 1976, 1977 and 1978.

Three times he won national championship honors: 1976 in the NCAA discus, 1977 in the NAIA discus, and 1978 in the NCAA Shot Put.

He additionally was a four-time All-District performer (1975, 1976, 1977, 1978) and a two-time All-Carolina Conference (1977, 1978).

He set the State of North Carolina record in the shot (190') and national records in the discus in 1977 for the NAIA and in 1976 for the NCAA Division II.

Shipman was also selected to the NCAA Track and Field team which competed in Mexico City in June 1978 for international competition. He currently holds the school records in both the shot put (59' 3/4") and the discus (190' 0").

Shipman is employed at LOF Glass in Laurinburg and is married to the former Mary Ann Alston of Maxton. They are the proud parents of Eric, age 10.

The inductees will also be honored prior to the PSU Randolph Macon men's homecoming basketball game with tip-off scheduled for 4 p.m. following the PSU-Mt. Olive women's basketball game at 2 p.m. Tickets to the game(s) are \$3 for all seats.



Charles Shipman, PSU's 11-time All-American and 4-time national champion in track and field.

Island Grove To Observe Race Relations Day Feb. 8

Island Grove Baptist Church, Highway 710, Pembroke, NC, will observe Race Relations Day on Sunday, Feb. 8.

Dr. Ralph Richardson of Fayetteville, NC will be guest speaker during the morning worship service at the hour of 10:30 a.m.

Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall.

The pastor, Rev. Larry Locklear, invites everyone to come and join them for worship.

Vocational Education Fair February 14

The Vocation Education Directors of school systems in Robeson County have announced that the second annual Robeson County Vocational Education Fair will be held at the Biggs Park Mall on Saturday, February 14, 1987, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All five school systems (Robeson County, Fairmont, Lumberton, Red Springs, and St. Pauls) will participate in the fair. The vocational areas that will be exhibited are Agricultural Education, Business and Office Education, Health Occupations Education, Home Economics Education, Marketing Education, Industrial Arts Education, Pre-vocational Education, and Trade and Industrial Education.

Judges from outside the Robeson County area will evaluate the exhibits, and an award and ribbons will be presented based on the number of points each booth receives.

The 24 exhibits will provide business, industry, and parents an opportunity to see what is taking place in the present-day vocational education classroom. Student representatives will be present in each booth to explain the course that the exhibit represents.

Everyone is encouraged to come by the mall to visit the students and the exhibits.

For more information contact: Mr. Wilbur Smith 739-9717 or Ms. Nina Lineberry 738-4291.

Concerned Citizens for Better Government to Meet Feb. 12

The Concerned Citizens for Better Government in Robeson County will meet on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Townsend Middle School in Maxton, NC. More information and plans on the Jimmy Earl Cummings case will be announced. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

GROWING UP IN ROBESON COUNTY

by Ronald Lowry

EDITOR'S NOTE: this is a continuing series by Ronald Lowry of Virginia Beach, Va., formerly of Robeson County. Mr. Lowry recalls "Growing Up in Robeson County."

When I was growing up in Robeson County I cultivated the habit of eating bread with about all the other food I consumed including Irish potatoes and rice. Back then I knew very little about the relationship between calories and weight. The amount of calories we consumed didn't cause obesity around our house because we burned them as fast as we ingested them. I was slow to give up some of the eating habits I acquired while growing up on a family farm in Robeson County. When I was introduced to Chinese style cooking in restaurants their fried rice dishes became my favorite Chinese food. The restaurant personnel would give me an odd look when I ordered 4 rolls along with my rice. I finally learned to eat rice without bread, but still require a cup of ice for my milk to satisfy an old habit for ice cold milk. Before World War II and the convenience of electricity, almost daily trips were made to town to buy ice to cool our beverages including milk. One peculiar food combination I put together to fill empty spaces in the stomach when there was insufficient food from other sources would probably appear to be as unappetizing to some people as collard biscuits were to me. When there were plenty of butter milk and oven baked corn bread around the kitchen, I would prepare myself a concoction by crumbling some oven warm cornbread into one-half glass of cold butter milk, and eat it with a spoon. Another odd combination dish consumed quite often at our house occurred when we had homemade ice cream. We would consume a pound box of soda crackers by crumbling them over our ice cream.

Some of the food which qualified as good sources to

provide juices for "biscuit sopping" including home canned peaches, huckleberries, preserved grape hulls, prunes, and molasses. We sopped up a lot of molasses with biscuits as a breakfast food. The molasses was cooked down from sugar cane we grew on the farm. We started out planting a seed type sugar cane, and the molasses derived from this cane would turn to sugar. The ribbon cane

variety turned out the best tasting molasses and it would not turn to sugar before we consumed it. We sopped our molasses with homemade biscuits until the aluminum wear-ever cookery people came to our house and showed my Mama how to prepare and cook pancakes on some of their equipment. The door to door salesmen would come around towards the latter part of the tobacco selling season, because they knew the cash flow was at its peak in Robeson County at this time of the year. My dad was pretty good at getting a bargain on most of his purchases from these people, but I have seen him "get took" a couple of times on milk transactions. When we got electricity out on the farm after World War II our first major electrical appliances were a stove, refrigerator, deep freezer unit, and a washing machine. The freezers were very popular for many family farmers, because the quick freezing of farm produce was replacing home canning for preserving food for future consumption. My Dad went out shopping for the refrigerator, freezer and stove, but a door to door salesman sold him our first washing machine. I witnessed the washing machine selling technique in the mid-forties during tobacco selling season. The salesman brought a mid-forties model Maytag washing machine out to our place to demonstrate. My Dad wasn't as eager to buy a washing machine as he was for the stove, refrigerator, and freezer. He figured the wash board-washpot method had served us well over the years and there was no good reason to buy another electric appliance to run up the electric bill. The salesman demonstrated all the labor saving features of his machine in detail out on the screened back porch where we ate our mid-day meals during the summer, because it was too hot inside the house. His demonstration ran into our dinner hour, which was the mid-day meal for family farmers in Robeson County. Our beverage for this particular meal was going to be ice cold vanilla milk shake. We prepared our country style milk shakes by shaking up some crushed ice in with some cow delivered milk spiked with vanilla extract and sweetened up with some sugar. The washing machine salesman came up with a spur-of-the-moment idea by claiming his Maytag could shake up a delicious bucket of ice cold vanilla milk shake. The salesman poured about 3 gallons of milk into the washer, added some crushed ice, vanilla extract, sugar, and turned on the wash cycle. I drank some milk shake that day which really measured up to its name. My Dad showed more interest in the milkshake making caper, primarily due to its unorthodox nature, but the salesman saw his chance to break through his defenses. He got permission to leave the Maytag washer a few days for my Mama to use in washing clothes, and it ended up as our next major electrical appliance. We never did make anymore milkshakes in the Maytag washing machine.

Continued Next Week

TUSCARORA TRIBE OF N.C.

Native American Non-Profit Organization

Tuscarora Drum & Dance Group Perform at Mormon Church
The Tuscarora Kau-ta-noh Society Singers and Dancers performed Saturday, January 31 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Rocky Mount, NC. The group was invited by Elder Johnson, a missionary for the church serving in the Rocky Mount area. Elder Johnson is a Navajo-Apache originally from Arizona, and a direct descendant of Geronimo. The Tuscarora group performed inter-tribal dancing and singing such as male fancy dance, female fancy dance, trick dance, female traditional, crow hop. They also received audience participation in the round dance, two-step, rabbit dance and the snake dance.

After the dancing part of their performance the group sat cross-legged on the stage and told Tuscarora Legends concerning the creation of the earth, and other prophecies that the Tuscarora have passed down through the generations. Elder Johnson spoke of his tribe's legends and also of the things that his grandfather taught him as a boy. They all talked about the similarity of the legends that many many tribes have about a white man that came to America and taught the inhabitants here and that when Columbus and Cortez came to the shores of America the Indians bowed down to them thinking they were Great White gods.

Elder Johnson told the audience that they were welcome to ask questions of the group after the performance. The group was able to answer many questions about the Tuscaroras and the Tuscarora Tribe of North Carolina (Robeson County).

Participants in the performance were Timothy Jacobs, Vernon Blackhorse, Mike Dunn, John Oxendine, Bryan Graham (drum), Daphne Dunn, Shannon (Nikki) Dunn, Aimee Dunn, Johnny Dunn, Amanda Dunn, (dancers) and Elder Johnson.

You may contact the group at the Tuscarora Tribal Office, 739-1116, ask for Timothy Jacobs.

by Chief Young Bear

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Tree Distribution re-scheduled due to weather

The Robeson County Beautification tree distribution scheduled for February 7, 1987, has been postponed until Saturday, March 7, 1987. Although some locations will distribute trees on March 5 and 6, most locations will operate during the morning of March 7. As the tree distribution date approaches, specific details on locations and times will be forwarded to the media.

According to Eddie L. Locklear, Extension agent, 4-H, the program had to be re-scheduled due to severe weather conditions in Tennessee, the location of the nursery from which the trees are purchased. This year there has been a severe winter storm with freezing temperatures, large accumulation of snow and ice, and frozen soil in the Tennessee area. Because of these conditions, the nurseryman has been unable to lift the trees for shipment. Therefore, it was necessary to re-schedule

Mr. Andy Augustine, Manager of the Fayetteville office of Interstate Securities Company, spoke to the members of the weekly meeting held at the Town and Country Restaurant. The speaker was presented by program chairman Frank Daughtry. Mr. Augustine taught courses in economics at PSU. He has his bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Augustine summarized 1986 as a year of slow economic growth. The GNP rose 2.3%, low inflation rate with declining interest rates. The decline in oil prices was a major factor in the on going inflationary rate. How good 1986 was for investors depended on the stocks they owned. Leveraged buy outs, mergers, and acquisitions and the blue chip stocks of the Dow Jones Industrials were the leaders. There was a nine months consolidation as the Dow Jones gained only 4%. This was very healthy for the market in spite of all the problems, no improvements in the deficits of the budget, 12 months of trade deficits, the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, the U.S. attack on Libya, the space shuttle tragedy, uncertainties of the new tax law, the Boesky scandal, the Iranian arms crisis, all of these problems or in spite of them showed how well the stock market performed in a disinflationary environment.

The economic outlook for 1987 is good with the following projections:

1. Gross National Product: up 3-5% by the second half of the year.
2. Consumer Price Index: rising at 4% rate or less.
3. Unemployment: slight improvement but an ongoing dislocation of the work force.
4. Monetary policy: will be accommodative.
5. Short term and long term loans: interest rates change very little.

So 1987 will be a period of low inflation, slow growth and relatively low interest rates.

President Henry Ward Oxendine welcomed chartered member Dorsey Lowery back into the club. Mr. Lowery has been a guidance counselor in Gastonia for the past fourteen years and is now retired.

Ken Johnson

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