

## EDITORIAL EXPRESSION

### Sheriff Hubert Stone's Seeming Arrogance Added Incentive For Recall Effort

Some area ministers appeared before the county commissioners Monday night and asked that some reasonable changes be made in Robeson County. One of those changes they asked for was simply that the commissioners rescind the previous "special" motions in 1981 and 1984 giving Sheriff Hubert Stone permission to hire his two sons as deputy sheriffs. One of them, youthful Kevin Stone, is the county's drug officer, and is the focal point of a public inquiry into his questionable conduct on the night Jimmy Earl Cummings was killed November 1, 1986. Questions have been raised, and no answers have been forthcoming. The silence from county officials is damning...to them.

The local ministers also asked for a public defender, and a citizen's grievance committee...all reasonable requests. What was the response? The county commissioners waffled like they usually do when faced with tough questions. A lot of times integrity is sorely lacking in the public chambers, except when the Indians--Wyvis Oxendine and Jack Morgan--become exercised about the sordid county education situation. Henry Douglas, the black commissioner, is, to say the least, unpredictable in his responses.

But most of our editorial disdain is reserved for Sheriff Hubert Stone who has shown a seeming arrogance like we have seldom seen even in these provincial parts. In response to the ministers' appearance before the commissioners, Stone singled out Rev. Michael Cummings and Rev. Bob Mangum for his special brand of Robeson County etiquette. Stone pleaded sour grapes on the part of Mangum and Cummings because, as he saw it, Rev. Mangum's son, Stephen, was arrested for drug and larceny charges in 1983; and Rev. Mike Cummings was "unhappy" over a sentence handed down in court when his home was broken into and his wife assaulted about three years ago. In other words, Stone accuses them of poisoning. How ludicrous!

Folks, as we see it, Robeson County is the laughing stock of the state because of waffling commissioners and seeming arrogance from public officials like Sheriff Stone. Robesonians deserve better. Waffling commissioners and arrogant public officials are added incentives for a recall effort of Sheriff Stone...and others who have not lived up to our expectations. What about it Robeson County? We can recall elected officials...for good cause. And we believe good cause exists. We need to find out how to begin a recall election...and get on with it!

## The Reader's Forum

### Reader discusses the reality of serving God

To the Editor,

We are writing to discuss: *the reality of serving the Lord.* And indeed there is a true way of serving God. No one could say it better than Jesus when He told them to deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Him.

Man cannot hold to the world and serve God, even tho that seems to be the way of religion today. No man can serve two masters. Jesus or the world, which one will you take? The decision is yours to make. And when you fail to make a decision, you in fact do make one.

Isaiah 35:8 calls it a "Way of Holiness" and that is what it is. It is a way of truth and service to God. So if you have religion get rid of it. The Devil is religious and a hypocrite will outshout the saints.

And put on the whole armor of God and put all of you and all you have on the line for God. May the Lord bless you real good.

Rev. Douglas W. Maynor  
Lumber Bridge, NC

### Reader supports writers' views

To the Editor:

I just want to say my hat is off to Ms. Virginia Hunt of Rowland and Mr. John L. Godwin of Pembroke. Perhaps Mr. Fred Barnes of Raleigh will think twice before sticking his foot in his mouth again. I was not going to say anything but I got a belly full when I read Mr. Fred Barnes' write-up in *The Robesonian*, saying we should support the Sheriff's Department. How does he think we can do that when the Sheriff's deputies refuse to uphold the law when they are called out? How about a Sheriff's deputy daring a citizen to subpoena the deputy to a court trial? How about Al Parnell of the Sheriff's Department jumping all over a citizen for trying to register a complaint against a deputy? Let Mr. Fred Barnes answer this.

I am proud of good honest people like Mr. John L. Godwin and Ms. Virginia Hunt who are not afraid to speak up. I do not trust the Sheriff's Department.

Wilbert Locklear  
Lumberton, NC

## CARE Officials Agree To Debate Merger Issue

To The Editor:

We at CARE accept your most kind invitation to debate Mr. William C. Gay on the issue of merger. The offer to debate the facts on the issues that impact the future of Robeson County has been made by us on several occasions but never accepted. Both sides in this issue should be willing to subject their positions to public scrutiny so that the facts may be heard by all!

I would like to take this opportunity to address the propaganda now being circulated by certain elements that Eric Prevatte is on a personal vendetta against the Lumberton City School System.

1. First of all my children were never affected by the de-annexation of Clybourn Pines. All of my children are currently in college and finished their education at Lumberton High School.

2. None of my family members are adversely affected by the current situation.

So why is Eric Prevatte involved in this anyway? That question deserves an answer!

The answer to that question can be found in the story of 2 of my neighbors that we shall call Mr. M and Mr. P. You see Mr. M gave up legal custody of his two sons to a person in the Lumberton City System so that they might attend schools that were not overcrowded and offered greater numbers in course offerings. Mr. P gave up custody of his daughter to a person in Lumberton for the same reasons. I have other neighbors who maintained two homes until the financial burden became too much to sustain and still others who have no alternative but to send their children to overcrowded and overworked school facilities. It is for them I labor and toil in this effort!!!

Because my neighbors suffer, I suffer. Because my neighbors despair, I also despair. Because of a Sunday School class of ten young adults that I teach who are in these conditions, I pray for their relief. Because these conditions are repeated hundreds of times at Magnolia, Littlefield, Orrum and Parkton I continue to work.

Finally because of a little fellow I know who had to live with a dear aunt in Lumberton to attend a school with greater opportunities. He was told to be sure that, if asked, he lived on 16th Street. He did not understand why that had to be done and he felt out of place and scared. He withdrew and became a very shy person. But with the help of teachers like Mrs. Birch and Mrs. Flowers that encouraged and nurtured him, he made it. The year was 1949 and that child was Eric Prevatte! I know what these kids feel and it's wrong!

Unlike some people I cannot turn my back on my neighbors or their children that I love so dearly. I cannot turn my back on those children in other communities who are deprived of a proper educational opportunity. The Dept. of Public Instruction said that our school systems offered unequal opportunities and many students were housed in substandard classrooms. Until the day those conditions are changed and all students in our county receive a quality, equal opportunity, Eric Prevatte will continue to fight. If that's a vendetta, then I guess I am on one! You see, that little boy that was frightened and scared in 1949 is still with me every day, but he is no longer scared, just mad that children still endure the same old stuff 40 years later.

ERIC PREVATTE  
Lumberton, NC



As spring begins to show its face, many agricultural producers as well as homeowners, begin to put into action the plans that have been made during the winter. With favorable weather and attention to details, the results of these plans should be a successful year. Hopefully, the recent rainfall will prove beneficial in establishing crops and an adequate amount of rainfall will continue during the growing season.

Often there are questions from producers and homeowners about the possibility and feasibility of crops that are different from those produced in the past. For the homeowner with a small garden spot, experimentation with new and different crops are rather interesting. If there is a crop failure, unforeseen disease problems, lack of adaptability to this climate, or other factors that prevent the crop from succeeding, very little is lost. The small cost and inconvenience involved is often worth the experience.

This is generally not the case for agricultural producers. Experimentation with different commodities are usually very costly. Larger areas, even though it may be only a couple of acres, could involve considerable cost for herbicides, seeds, land preparation, and time and labor. Then if something prevents the crop from succeeding, or there is no market available for the crop, the money lost could seriously affect the cash flow of the farm operation.

Before an agricultural producer becomes involved in a different commodity, a lot of thought and research should be placed on feasibility and a well-developed plan should be laid out.

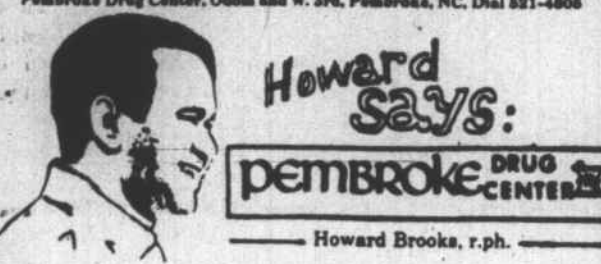
One source of information on alternative crops is the Agricultural Extension Service. Even though the crop is not normally produced in this area, it is probably a common commodity in other areas and the knowledge of all aspects of production and marketing for that area can be made available for consideration and adaptation to this area. Be sure to consider these factors before involving yourself with the large scale production of commodities that are unfamiliar to you.

Due to recent publicity, a commodity that has posed a lot of questions to local producers is the possibility of contract production of turkeys for this area. Just as with a crop, considerable consideration and a complete knowledge of all factors involved is necessary before any firm decisions are to be made. This different production option may be very attractive for some people, but due to conflicts or unforeseen problems, may be totally out of the question for others.

In an effort to help local producers gain as much information as possible about contract turkey production, the Robeson County Agricultural Extension Service will conduct a meeting on March 17 at 7 p.m. at the O.P. Owens Auditorium. Representatives will be present from Stout Enterprise, the group that will be contracting for this production. In addition, the Extension Turkey Specialist from the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service will be present to answer questions concerning feasibility of production contracts and the problems associated with turkey production. I would like to urge all those who have questions about turkey production, or those who would like to know more about the possibility of contract turkey production, to make plans to attend this meeting.

"Love looks through a telescope; envy, through a microscope."  
Josh Billings

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### How to regard your cough

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"Productive" coughs (as opposed to "dry" coughs) produce mucus and help rid the body's respiratory track of excess mucus. You should let this type cough "run its course."

If coughing prevents sleep, a cough suppressant may help. However, if your cough brings up brown, green, or bloody sputum, call your doctor. Also, report to your doctor coughs, enduring longer than three weeks, or ones accompanied by fever, chest pains, chills, or wheezing. Sometimes these indicate an allergy, asthma, or pneumonia.

STUDIES FROM THE BOOK OF JOHN  
14:7 If you had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and henceforth, ye know him and have seen him.

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