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JACK MORGAN ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE ROBESON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR DISTRICT #5



Jack Morgan

Jack Morgan, Robeson County Commissioner - Red Springs District, has filed for re-election to that position. In making his announcement, Morgan released the following statement:

"In announcing my candidacy for Re-election to the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, I would like to thank the residents of Robeson County for allowing me to serve you for the past seven years. We have made much progress in Robeson County in the area of education, industrial development, Health and Social Services, yet we still have many challenges ahead. We must continue to explore ways to meet the needs of our children in education, provide them with well paying and respected occupations, and insure services for those who are less fortunate.

"We are in the planning stages of a massive building program. The state is allocating millions of dollars along with local funds for much needed school buildings. We are also looking at a large expenditure for a new jail that the state has said we must build. We are entering our final stages of the County Wide Water System. Leadership and experience will play a vital role in making sure we plan wisely and financially sound in the critical years ahead. With my proven leadership ability and experience I feel that I can continue to be a positive force in Robeson County's continued growth and prosperity.

"I am a graduate of Magnolia High School and Pembroke State University where I received a B.S. in Biology and a Masters Degree in Educational Administration. I have also had further studies at the University of Oklahoma in Adult Basic Education and UNC-Chapel Hill as a graduate of the Principals Executive Program.

"I am married to the former Velenda Locklear. We have two daughters, Jackie, age 10, and Lyndsey, age 8. I am presently principal of Rex-Rennert School."

SPOTLIGHT ON CLARK'S BODY SHOP LOCAL BUSINESS PERSONS



Telford Clark stands next to the wrecker used in his business.

By Barbara Brayboy-Locklear
Special to The Carolina Indian Voice

Hanging around an auto body shop as a young boy paid off for Telford Clark. The Lumberton resident has spent the past 33 years hanging around body shops and giving face lifts to wrecked cars and trucks.

"I started doing this type work when I was 14 years old," he says. Interest in body repairing lured him to a Lumberton shop. There he busied himself to learning all the techniques in the trade. He says the shop owner put him on the payroll six months later. Clark remained with the shop nine years before joining the staff at another which offered greater pay.

In 1972, the Lumbee Indian established his own business on West Fifth Street in Lumberton. Drove of customers followed him. And when, in 1979 his business outgrew the location, he constructed a shop at US 74 and 195 outside Lumberton.

In the new location, Clark says he does it all as it pertains to auto body repair. He further adds, "There's no job too small or large for us to do."

Painting, body work and frame-straightening are all done in house by Clark and three employees, one of whom has been with him 15 years.

Clark's son, a college student, helps out in the shop when his class schedule allows. Mr. Clark says his wife runs errands which most-times involves trips to pick up needed supplies for the shop.

Painting the autos consumes much of the business's time, and Clark admits it's not uncommon to mess up every now and then.

"Anybody who paints a car is going to have some problems once in a while," the shop owner says. He adds that he once repainted a car four times before getting it right.

Clark says good body work lends itself to a good paint job. His shop accommodates five automobiles at once.

On week-ends, the veteran auto body repairman steals away time to work on a long-time hobby of building race cars. He says he built his first one 20 years ago just to see if he could. The project took four months. The car was later raced on a round dirt track.

Clark's favorite pastime is attending national car races and car auctions. It was during a car auction, he met national racer, Bennie Parsons.

Learning of Clark's experience in auto body repair, Parsons invited him to join his team. Thusly, Clark became the car racer's "jack-man" from 1970 into 1974. Clark says while he enjoyed touring the race circuit with Parsons, it finally got old. He gave up his position, and concentrated on personal projects. He still follows the races as a spectator. During summer months, he comments that he attends 95% of the events.

Restoring pick-up trucks is another hobby of Clark's. In 1974, he restored his pride and joy, a 1956 Ford. It became a show truck and was entered into 13 national shows sponsored by the International Show Car Association. It won first place in every show.

Clark says there's no "catch up" in his business. "The recent snowstorm that hit the area netted more work than I could do in a week," he says. "I had to turn some of the work away. I just didn't have time to do it all."

The March winds pose still another heavy work load for the shop.

Clark says strong winds sometimes have effect on cars traveling I-95 which is located 1/2 mile west of his shop. His business offers 24-hour towing service to stranded motorists.

New customers have discovered Clark. Old ones return to him. In explaining the success of his business, he says, "I always try to fix someone else's car like I'd fix mine. I'd never put something on their car, I wouldn't put on mine."

Clark's Body Shop is located on US 74, 1/2 mile east of I-95. Business hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 24-hour towing service is offered.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

WILEY JONES



Mr. Wiley Jones wears an arm cast as a result of a recent fall when visiting the sick at a local hospital.

by Barbara Brayboy-Locklear
Special to The Carolina Indian Voice

For more than 67 years the sound of his tenor voice has warmed the hearts and welled the eyes of the hundreds of area church-goers. He's known as "singing" Wiley Jones.

The 79-year-old widower was born one of seven sons to Roy and Emma Jones outside Pembroke. Being raised in a household with six brothers, he learned early the mastery of cooking and sewing. He says he can cook anything that comes to cooking.

"My mother would send me to the house to cook while she remained in the fields working on the farm," he remembers. And when he wasn't helping in the fields, he was assisting his mother in constructing and handquilting bed covers. "My mother and I made many a quilt, sew'em up at night and get up the next day and quilt them."

Later when the mother died and left young sons, Jones, sewed overalls and shirts for his brothers to wear. He shared in disciplining his siblings as well.

The Harper's Ferry community resident began singing at a 12-year-old in Old Prospect Church. There he sang in the church choir. "I just picked up singing within myself," he says. Many a childhood night was spent sitting around singing to family members.

The Jones family later moved south across the Lumbee River where they became members of Harper's Ferry Baptist Church. There young Jones became a popular vocalist in the church choir.

He says he sees his talent as a gift from God. "You know the BIBLE says if we don't use our talents, they'll be taken from us." And use his singing talent, the Lumbee Indian has.

More than four decades ago, he joined the Baptist Men's chorus. Later a Baptist men's quartet was formed, and Jones became even more popular at church functions throughout Robeson and adjoining counties.

"I wish I had a record of all the funerals I've sung at," he says. "there aren't many churches in Robeson County that I

haven't sung at funerals."

The great-grandfather no longer drives an automobile. A live-in grandson usually drives him where he needs to go. His church pastor regularly picks him up, and they visit area residents who are ill and shut-in. During visits, Jones is often asked to sing a spiritual for long-time listeners.

"Sometimes they especially want me to sing 'A Hard-Working Pilgrim' or 'Amazing Grace.'" His favorite hymn is "Amazing Grace." The grandfather often sings with his children and grandchildren. "When they come home to visit, we all get books, sit down and sing," he comments.

And when the Baptist deacon has no audience in which to sing to, he sings to himself. "Sometimes when I'm studying about some good old songs, I get happy and rail out on them," he laughs.

Jones likes to travel and recently returned from a week's visit to Florida where he enjoyed Disney World. He was accompanied on the trip by fellow church members. Never missing an opportunity to minister through song, he whiled the travel hours away singing with his Christian friends. One close friend, Willoughby Jones, played the harmonica on the trip.

The former farmer retired about 15 years ago when his health began to fail. And he says he's done nothing in retirement. Yet, those who know him dispute his statement. He has spent a lifetime entertaining others through his singing ministry.

His high-pitch tenor voice continues to stir spiritual emotion in Christians throughout the area. And he regrets that he is no longer able to take part in a long-time hobby of fishing. But he holds memories of a time when he and his brother use to catch so many fish that people came to call them Joshua and Caleb.

"I reckon my brother and I caught more fish together than any other two brothers in Robeson County," he laughs.

Jones, a patient man, is content in retirement. He says he loves the Lord, church, people and singing. And when he's gone, he wants to be remembered for the life he lived. With a breaking voice, he says, "I've been a poor man and didn't have much money. But I've had love."

NC Indian Unity Conference To Be March 17-19 In Raleigh

The Thirteenth Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference will be held March 17-19 at the North Raleigh Hilton in Raleigh, NC. The yearly gathering of North Carolina Indians is sponsored by United Tribes of North Carolina, a statewide organization.

This year's conference highlights include a forum of workshops, awards banquet, and a pow-wow. Issues to be presented include education, employment, economic development, and other vital concerns of Indian people in North Carolina. The theme of the conference is "Planning Our Paths for the Future."

Special conference speakers include: the Honorable James Martin, Governor of North Carolina; John Sam, Director, Office of Indian Education, Washington, DC; and a panel of the 1988 candidates for Governor of North Carolina.

The inter-tribal pow-wow will be held on Thursday, March 17, at 8 p.m. The awards banquet will be held on Friday, March 18 at 7 p.m.

Registration forms are available from the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, Post Office Box 27228, Raleigh, NC 27611-7228; Telephone (919) 733-5998. Registration is \$45.00 per person; \$30.00 for senior citizens and students. Dance tickets are being sold separately for \$5.00. Pre-registration forms must be postmarked by March 7, 1988. The public is invited to attend.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE PETE HASTY FILES FOR RE-ELECTION

On Tuesday, January 19th, State Representative John C. "Pete" Hasty, Robeson Democrat announced his candidacy for re-election to the North Carolina House. Representative Hasty is seeking his fourth term to represent Hoke, Robeson and Scotland Counties.

Hasty has served as chairman of the Committee on Corporations during the 1987 term as well as on the Committee on Appropriations. He is currently serving as Speaker Liston Ramsey's Appointment as co-chairman for Historic Preservation Committee. Other studies upon which he is serving currently are Executive Salaries, Automobile Insurance and Corporation Laws.

His past experience also includes serving on the following committees, Finance, Law Enforcement, Banks and Thrifts, Insurance, Public Utilities and Local Government, among several others. Hasty was appointed as co-chairman of the Insurance Study Commission which made a study of legal reforms as a result of the insurance crisis in 1986.

Rep. Hasty has stated that much progress has been made in the past few years, especially in the field of education and economic development, which he would like to see continued and to use the experience he has gained to serve the people of the 16th district better. He said, "We need to use the experience which I have, to better serve the people of this district. I serve the best people in the state and I want to be able to see my seniority benefit those people. Working together we can improve the quality of life in this district."

Rep. Hasty is married to the former Betty Upchurch of Raeford and they have three children, John Jr. of Laurinburg, Flora McCook of Laurinburg and Elizabeth of Atlanta, Ga. He is engaged in the insurance and real estate business in his native Maxton and in Laurinburg.

A graduate of Presbyterian Junior College and UNC, with a B.S. degree in Business Education. After graduation he served two years in the U.S. Army attaining the rank of Sergeant in the 101st Airborne Infantry Division.

His local involvement includes serving as Mayor of Maxton, a commissioner on the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Commission, Trustee of Scotland Memorial Hospital and past president of both the Jaycees and the Mormax Clubs. He has had a long interest in scouting, having served as president of the Cape Fear Area Council and was the recipient of the Silver Beaver several years ago. He is a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Maxton.

Rep. Hasty is the son of the late William Howard Hasty of Scotland County and Flora Belle Currie of Hoke County. An interesting fact was that his maternal grandfather served in the 1895 General Assembly who had two brothers who served in the General Assembly. Each served from three different counties.



State Rep. John C. "Pete" Hasty

local bulletin

Dinner Planned To Support Dial For The N.C. House Campaign

A benefit dinner will be held in support of the Adolph L. Dial campaign for the N.C. House of Representatives. The public is invited to attend this prime rib dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, at the Lumberton Ram Inn. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be obtained by calling 821-4977 or 821-2304. Your support is appreciated.