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JOE FREEMAN BRITT HAUNTED BY THE SPIRIT OF JULIAN PIERCE

by Connie Brayboy

Even in death the spirit of Julian Pierce cannot be ignored. Although Pierce was shot to death March 26, he received more votes for Superior Court Judge than did Joe Freeman Britt. Election officials did not count the votes for Pierce. Both candidates were on the ballots and the votes were counted in each precinct.

The unofficial vote total shows, with 26 of 40 precincts reporting, Pierce receiving 7,282 votes while Joe Freeman Britt received 4,903. The voters of Robeson County said very clearly that they did not wish Joe Freeman Britt to serve as Superior Court Judge. It is ironic that the "deadliest d.a." seems to have been defeated by a dead man.

IN OTHER RACES

Pete Hasty narrowly defeated Adolph Dial to retain his seat in the House of Representatives. Unofficial totals show Hasty with 9,855 votes and Dial with 9,677. According to the system whereby House candidates can call for a run-off, Dial fell too short to call for a run off. A recount is of course expected. Daniel DeVane was returned to his position in the General Assembly with 13,828. Incumbent Sidney Locks will continue to serve in the N.C. Legislature with 13,702 votes.

RED SPRINGS COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT

Bobby Dean Locklear easily defeated Jack Morgan in the Red Springs District for county commissioner. Locklear received 1,543 votes and Morgan received 1,407.

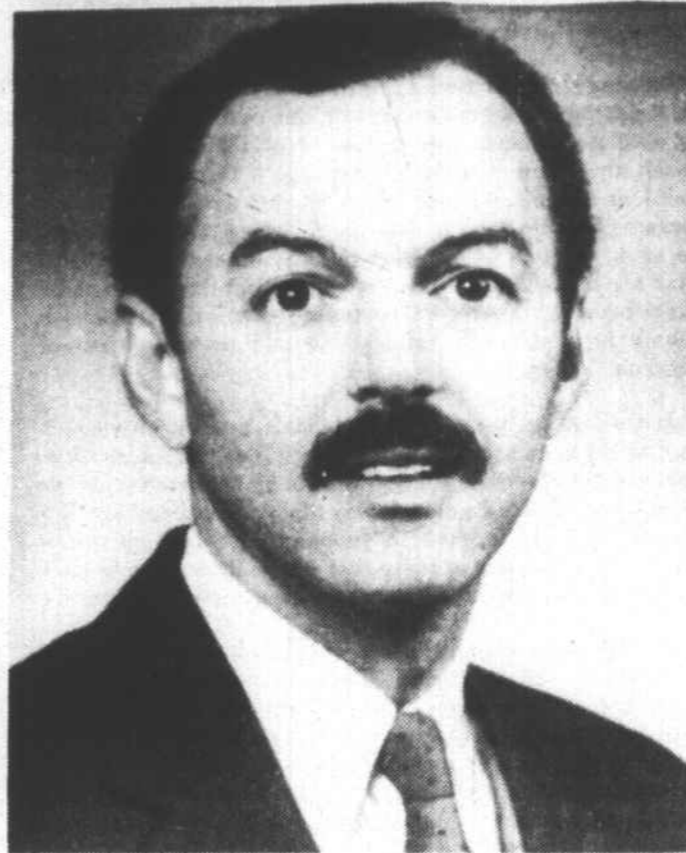
FAIRMONT COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT

Henry Douglas will apparently face a run-off with John D. Masters. Unofficial votes show: Delton Jacobs received 679 votes; John Masters received 558; Henry Douglas received 756; and Johnny Hunt received 823.

SENATE

Senator David Parnell easily overcame a challenge by Paul Graham. Parnell received 11,391 and W. Paul Graham received 6,614 votes.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
Gary Lynn Locklear easily defeated Maceo Kemp for a seat as District Court Judge. Locklear received 12,200 votes, while Kemp garnered 5,569.



Hoke County Native American Council To Discuss Concerns

A mass meeting of the Hoke County Native American Council will be held Thursday night, May 12, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. in the South Hoke Gym. The meeting will be held to discuss the following concerns of Native Americans and minorities of Hoke and neighboring counties:

1. District court judges should be elected from Robeson alone; Scotland be combined with Hoke as is already done for superior court judge.
2. Increase the number of Indian and Black highway patrolmen in Hoke and Scotland through immediate transfers.
3. The district attorney for should be elected from Hoke and Scotland instead of Cumberland and Hoke.
4. Increase the number of Indian and Black district attorneys in Hoke and Scotland counties.
5. Increase the number of Indian and Black court counselors and probation officers in Hoke and Scotland counties.
6. Increase the number of Indian and Black magistrates in Hoke and Scotland counties.
7. Abolish the office of the coroner.
8. Split off Hoke and Scotland counties for the purpose of electing members to the State House of Representatives.
9. Increase the size of the board of county commissioners while utilizing single-member districts so that the racial composition of the board would reflect the racial composition of the county.
10. The racial make-up of the administrators, teachers and other staff of the school system should reflect the racial composition of the student body. Increase the size of the board of education while utilizing single-member districts so that the racial composition of the board would reflect the racial composition of the county.
11. Increase the number of Indians and Blacks on the board of directors and staff of the local Farmers Home Administration, Federal Land Bank and South Atlantic Production Credit Association.
12. Increase the number of Indians and Blacks employed by the Employment Security Commission on the local level.
13. Enhance a special relationship between PSU and the Indian community of Hoke county.
14. Registered voters should be purged for failure to vote once every ten years instead of once every four years.
15. The State Commission of Indian Affairs should be independent from the Department of Administration.
16. The State of North Carolina should actively support the efforts of local Indian people to achieve federal acknowledgment or recognition.
17. Strengthen local Indian tribal government (Hoke County Native American Council) and make it economically independent and self-sustaining.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

Josephus D. Jacobs

by Barbara Brayboy-Locklear

Special to THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

He likens his native Robeson County to a brier patch. And Josephus Daniel Jacobs can't stay out of the area long at the time. "I'm like a rabbit who seems most happy when in my brier patch," the Fayetteville resident laughs.

One of the six children born to Hersley and Mattie Bell Jacobs, he received his early education at Pembroke Graded School and completed less than two years at Cherokee Indian Normal School before joining the Civilian Conservation Corps.

"I guess I did it to get away from home like boys wanted to do back then," the 65-year-old grandfather recalls. For a year, he held title as a fire fighter. Yet, he admits the title didn't quite fit his duties as a company store (canteen) manager. He received five dollars per month plus a bonus of fifteen dollars for his job. An additional twenty-five dollars were sent home to his parents.

With his duty in California finished, Jacobs enrolled at Brevard Jr. College. There he studied 1 1/2 years alongside other Lumbees before he received his draft notice into the U.S. Army. It was an assignment which was to take him to the Ardennes forest outside Belgium and Luxembourg where he took an offensive part in the Battle of The Bulge.

Three years later, the Lumbee Indian returned to college study as an Agriculture major at Western Kentucky State Teachers College. He graduated from the school in 1950. Afterwards he taught in the state for 16 months.

Having heard news of some homefolks being in Lebanon, Tenn. in school, Jacobs' curious mind led him to find old friends attending college there. During one of several visits, he met Jo Ann Jewel. Eight months later, he took her as a wife. Shortly thereafter, he brought his bride home to meet his farmer-father and school teacher-mother.

With a strong sense of patriotic duty, Jacobs volunteered for military duty during the Korean Conflict. He and his wife were to spend months in Europe before the three-year military assignment ended.

The love of nature and memories of growing up on a farm outside Pembroke steered the 2nd Lieutenant to enroll in North Carolina State College for advance academic study. Drawing on his GI benefits, he studied Agriculture Vocational Education. In 1954, he became the first Lumbee Indian to receive a degree in Education from that institution.

An offer to teach at Pembroke High School lured him back to the "brier patch" of Robeson County. For 11 years Jacobs taught young boys arts in agriculture. His teaching was sprinkled with encouragement "to climb to the mountain tops...never to forget where you came from...never forget who you are." He instilled in the students the importance of getting a formal education.

In 1965, Jacobs moved his wife and two daughters to Cumberland County so he could be nearer to a teaching assignment in Sampson County. After a year there, he returned to a Robeson County teaching position at Prospect School.

In 1970, the veteran teacher lay down his hammer and rule and took an Assistant County Supervisor's position with Farmers Home Administration in Lumberton. He worked endlessly to help residents secure farm and home loans. Working closely with building contractors and applicants, he saw 70-80 houses built yearly under his program. He retired from that position in 1985.

Today, when Jacobs isn't traveling and visiting family and friends in Robeson County, he can most-times be found at Ft. Bragg military base.

"I guess it's my make-up to get excited when I visit the base and see all the activities going on there," he comments. He's

a military veteran who loves his country and offers advice to those who don't feel likewise. "Anybody who doesn't love this country ought to go to Russia."

The retired Army Reserve Major says the hobby which keeps him busiest is that of meeting people and talking with them. He says he especially enjoys seeing former students and hearing about their objectives and accomplishments. He's never too busy to take generous time in talking with them.

He admits to an affinity to politics. He says he sees politics as a vehicle for advancement for his Indian people. "The greatest crossover in politics for our people was when we got Indian lawyers," he adds. "We'll have an Indian governor one day."

Jacobs enjoys long distance travel, but has not taken much in recent years. After his wife retires from teaching in a few years, he hopes the couple will plan on touring certain parts of the U.S.

Until then, the "rabbit" will content himself to regular visits to the brier patches in his beloved native county.



Josephus D. Jacobs strikes a smile at a recent gathering in his native town of Pembroke.



SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

PROCLAIMED

WHEREAS* the nation will honor small business advocates entrepreneurs and other small business leaders during the week of May 8-14, 1988; and

WHEREAS* a small business person will be selected from North Carolina as well as from other locations; and

WHEREAS* small businesses account for most of the new jobs created in the nation, our state and our community; and WHEREAS* our community consist of many small businesses.

NOW* THEREFORE* I, Milton R. Hunt, Mayor of the Town of Pembroke, do hereby Proclaim May 8-14 to be SMALL BUSINESS WEEK in the Town of Pembroke.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the Town of Pembroke to be affixed, this the 11th day of April, 1988.

PEMBROKE TOWN COUNCIL

CONSIDERS CHANGES IN ZONING LAWS

by Sam Kerns

The Pembroke Town Council met in chambers on May 2, at 7 p.m. considering five proposed changes in the town zoning law. Three of the five changes received a favorable recommendation from the Town Planning Board.

Mr. Herbert H. Lloyd received favorable action to allow the construction of a home on what was described as the Mr. Stacey Locklear house which is located approximately one mile outside town, off Highway 711 east.

Mr. Howard Brooks received a favorable recommendation to allow for the construction of multi-purpose housing in the College Court area west of Pembroke.

Carl Ricky Jones proposes to cut a street between Southern Interiors and Locklear and Son Funeral Home and divide the area into lots for commercial development. He received a favorable recommendation to change the zoning from R/A residential to C/3 commercial.

A great deal of discussion time was on the last two proposed changes in the zoning law to allow a conditional use permit to allow the development of two trailer parks at the Pine Street extension. Two property owners, Mrs. Barbara Simmons and Mr. Charles Oxendine, both propose to establish trailer parks which would have approximately 40 trailers each.

Citizens seem to all be very cautious and concerned about the possibility of the parks being located so near the city limits. Mrs. Shirley Lowry of West End, Pembroke, said, "I'm concerned about the safety of the people in the area. The

road at Pine Street extension needs to be straightened up. A person could run in the ditch there without knowing that a ditch was near."

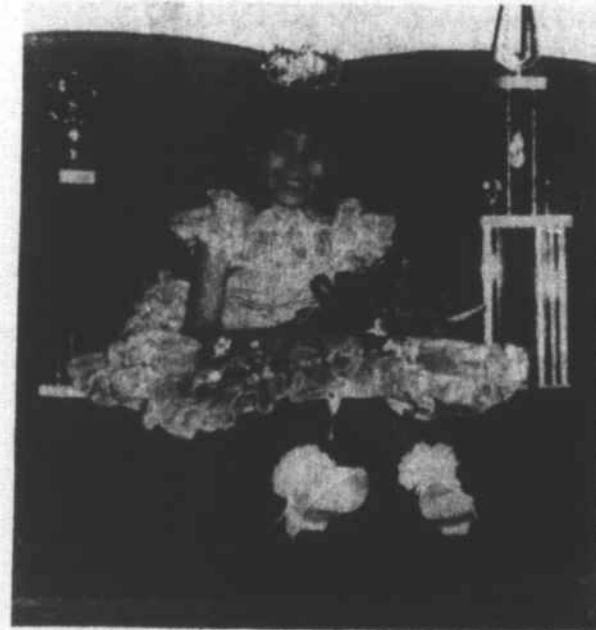
Mr. Harry Oxendine, also of West End, stated, "I would like for the town to give consideration for persons with private homes. Multiple housing concentration will cause problems that we are all familiar with."

Mr. Laverne Thomas, a home owner in the area said, "I'm right there. I've got a ball field, a public housing development, and now two proposed trailer parks with 80 units. Do you have any trouble with the current mobile home parks or public housing? It seems like anybody can come into town and build what they want to and the town board goes along with it."

The Mayor, Milton Hunt, responded: "Mr. Thomas, the town turned down an apartment complex a few years ago which would have brought in a considerable amount of taxes. This board has not set any precedent as to mobile home parks. Manufactured homes can be brought into town as long as they meet lot size requirements." The Mayor asked the town attorney, Ronnie Sutton, to explain conditional use permit. Sutton said, "Permission to use property for that that it is not zoned for would be a conditional use permit. The council has the authority to cancel the permit if the developer does not meet the requirements of the conditional use. It can be done after the developer has expended considerable money even."

Councilman Larry T. Brooks, speaking as a private citizen, said, "It seems that we have been looking at that area for

LITTLE MISS DEEP BRANCH 1988



Kristy Maria McNeill was crowned Little Miss Deep Branch 1988 on April 2. She is the six-year-old daughter of Linden and Evelyn McNeill of Pembroke. For her talent, Kristy sang "Johnny Angel." She received flowers, a crown and two trophies.

annexation for years. My input as a citizen is that I would be against it."

Councilman Henry Ward Oxendine said, "Free enterprise is a foundation of our system but the home is the cornerstone. I would echo Mr. Brooks' statements. Would we have enough police protection for the area? I personally would like to look at it a little longer after the Planning Board makes a recommendation."

Councilman J. C. Thomas asked "Are paved streets a requirement?" To which town engineer Don Jacobs replied, "I think it would be amenable to the mobile home parks."

Mr. Charles Oxendine, one of the developers, said, "I plan to build my house in front of the trailer park. We have it in the family and do not plan to put a mess back there."

The town council instructed the Planning Board to schedule a meeting with citizens from the area and bring back to council their recommendation.

In other business, Mrs. Ann Boyle, Mrs. Mary Locklear, Mrs. Jessie Bell Chavis and Mrs. Shirley Lowry, representing the Single Adults Friendship Club, United Methodist Church, Pembroke, asked the board to establish a Tree Commission for the town to help start a beautification project for the town. The proposal is to start with west Third Street, all the way through town. The council appointed the above four ladies to a steering committee to work with the town attorney to set up such a commission.

Lastly, a budget work session was set for May 13.