

EDITORIAL EXPRESSION

Robeson County Makes A Strong Statement

Once again the voters of Robeson County have asserted themselves and spoken loud and clear and decisively through the ballot. We are elated over the reported margin by which Julian Pierce out polled Joe Freeman Britt. Yes, the voters of Robeson County have spoken. They did say "We prefer Julian Pierce, even in death over Joe Freeman Britt alive." We only wish that Joe Freeman Britt would take the message seriously, according to the voters, he is not the choice of the people. Wouldn't it be magnanimous of him to just step aside, abiding by the will of the people. Of course, from what we have learned through the years about Joe Freeman Britt, his ego, seemingly, would prevent him from doing that. We have called it "Poetic Justice." The deadliest D.A. has been beaten by a dead man. That is symbolic of the universal law that says "What goes around comes around," or more Biblically "As you sow, so shall you reap." Good for the voters of Robeson County. Good for those who did not vote.

Tuesday's vote continues the tradition begun with the vote to merge the five school systems in this county. What we are witnessing is people taking control of their own destiny. People are saying "We have had enough." People are making decisions in their own best interests. We are reminded of a conversation with John L. Godwin, following the merger vote. He said, "People of Robeson County are moving forward. They are demanding positive change...And they will not be turned around....People will continue to demand that Robeson County government be of and for and by the people of Robeson County."

And of course, we remember John L. Godwin on election day with much sadness and a great deal of inspiration. Robeson County lost a man of wisdom by his death. And we remembered Julian Pierce in a way that will make history. We remembered the "hope of a people." And we continue to believe in the dreams of these two men and continue to work toward the betterment of Robeson County for all citizens.

We are all waiting now to see what will happen. We would assume that the Democratic Party would have to issue a statement of some kind. The party should give people an opportunity to elect a superior court judge. We are not hopeful that they will, but they should. Perhaps the Legislature should decide that the people have spoken, and because the people have clearly said they don't want Joe Freeman Britt, the Legislature will respond to the wishes of the people.

All and all, Robeson County, with all its troubles and turmoil is still a good place to live. Troubles and turmoil for this county are only temporary and we're reminded to share another of our favorite sayings, "This too shall pass."



THANK YOU
DANIEL DEVANE

"When my parents wrote to me saying they had planned their own funerals, I was shocked. Then I realized how sensible they are."



They chose Forethought funeral planning My first reaction was, "What's the hurry?" But, the way they explained it in the letter made me aware of all the responsibility I would have if things weren't planned in advance. I'd have to make more decisions in a couple of days than I make in a month here at the office... and all without sufficient information, not to mention the emotional stress.

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I'm not saying I agree with all their choices, but I think it's more important that the choices be theirs. At least this way there's no doubt because they planned it with Forethought funeral planning and paid for it with the Forethought life insurance policy designed and approved specifically for Forethought. And, because they're both between 40 and 90 years old, they couldn't be turned down for any reason. Now there won't be any confusion or rush when the time comes. I think they did a very loving thing and I'm going to call them right now to tell them thanks... and that I love them.

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WHAT NEXT???

We hope you made the time to vote on Tuesday, May 3rd, even though we know some might have felt there was little reason to vote and failed to exercise one of their most important rights as an American citizen. It is too bad many often choose to sacrifice this right. As a consequence, we all suffer for this neglect. Perhaps some rights come too easy for some people to realize the value. Such unnecessary sacrifice, in the past, has allowed such men as Joe Freeman Britt to become district attorney and Hubert Stone to become the sheriff of Robeson County. When viewed in this manner it is apparent that non-voters can and have become enemies of Robeson County if the office holders who are "elected" are men of clay feet and deceit! We have suffered and continue to suffer because of YOU, the non-voting public!

Often the voting process goes astray. To find an example we only need to look at the race for superior court judge which pitted Joe Freeman Britt against Julian T. Pierce. Because of the way the "law" was written, votes for a deceased candidate do not count. Maybe some think that's not too bad, but it seems to us the votes should be counted and reported, otherwise, how do we know who won? Are the people supporting the "declared winner"? We are assuming it takes at least one vote to win such an election, otherwise, why have a ballot? How do we know anyone voted for Joe Freeman Britt? Do we take Joe's word? If at least one vote was needed to win then all votes should have been counted and reported. Heck, even the great and mighty Joe Freeman Britt has made many mistakes before. Perhaps he forgot to vote for himself; perhaps he marked his ballot wrong! Anything is possible!

In the general election in November, if Joe Freeman Britt faces no opposition, why even print a ballot? Just declare him judge for eight years if you are not going to count and report the write-in votes! We might as well give a lesson to the Soviets! Can't you see the headlines: "Candidate without opposition wins! Everyone surprised! Joe said it was close!" Regardless of the vote for superior court judge in this primary, we feel Julian Pierce's name needs to go beyond the Robeson County vote. We feel Julian and the "dream" needs to challenge Joe Freeman Britt on the "state level". Does Joe deserve a free ride? In our opinion the answer is a resounding, NO! All people in the state of North Carolina need to understand Joe Freeman Britt does not equal JUSTICE! Joe Freeman Britt is not the choice of the people! So in November, unless a "special candidate" appears and it will have to be a special candidate to take Julian's place, we will suggest you consider writing in JULIAN T. PIERCE's name for superior court judge! Oh Joe does not deserve to be a judge. Oh Joe does not deserve a free ride! Oh Joe does not deserve to serve eight long years without the voice and input of the voters! Can he stand the challenge? The vote of the people will decide!

We must not stop now if we remain true to the voice and dream of Julian T. Pierce. We remind you of words attributed to Abraham Lincoln, "the trouble with most of us is that we stop trying in trying times".

In riding throughout Robeson County, especially in light of Rev. Brooks' recent letter which took "education" to task, it was painful to see many, many young people, who should be in school, riding bicycles, running, and playing while school was supposed to be in session. We wondered why some parents would allow their children to miss school. The value of an education is immeasurable. If not, why even worry about merging the school systems of Robeson County.

The people of Robeson County recognize the value of an education and have voted to insure all children receive an equal, quality education. It was once stated that, "there are but two powers in the world, the sword and the mind. In the long run, the sword is always beaten by the mind". Why would anyone allow their child to miss a day of school? We can think of no greater form of child abuse!

local bulletin

MISS LUMBEE PAGEANT NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 1988 PAGEANT

The Miss Lumbee Pageant Committee is now accepting applications for the 1988 Miss Lumbee Pageant. Applications may be picked up at the Revels Plaza, Room #4, or will be mailed upon request. Requests for mailing may be made to Ms. Madeline Deese, at 521-8602.

All applicants must meet the following criteria:
1. A contestant must be single and never been married, or had her marriage annulled and must not be and never have been pregnant.

2. A contestant must be a high school graduate by the Labor Day immediately preceding the National Finals in which she will compete.

3. A contestant must be a female whose age shall not be less than seventeen, nor more than twenty-six years on the Labor Day immediately preceding the National Finals in which she will compete.

4. A contestant must be of good moral character and shall not have been convicted of any crimes and shall possess talent, poise, personality, intelligence, charm and beauty of face and figure.

SAY YOU READ IT IN THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

"South Robeson Outreach" Established

"South Robeson Outreach" a non-profit organization recently established from a group of concerned citizens in the Southern part of Robeson County, is presently holding weekly meetings each Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. at A-Kut-Above Styling Salon located on Highway 41 South in Fairmont, NC.

The primary purpose of the organization at present is to promote voter registration, support political candidates, sponsor fund raising events for area candidates, and help educate the local communities in the importance of their involvement and support of political issues.

Some of the long range goals are to be a strong support group to families and area organizations as issues in different areas arise.

Attendance and involvement is strongly solicited from the districts represented by the organization which are:

Back Swamp, Smyrna, Thompson, Sterling, Orrum, Britt, Fairmont #1 & 2, Whitehouse, Union, Rowland, Gaddys, and Alfordville.

Officers for the organization are:

Chairman-Gary Lynn Hunt; Vice Chairman-Glois Hunt; Secretary/Treasurer-Rosie L. Godwin; Asst. Secretary/Treasurer-Gladys Freeman;

Function Committee Chairman-Gladys Freeman; Other committees will be formed as attendance increases.

By-Laws and selection of an Executive Committee are in the planning stage. Persons from each represented area need to be involved in structuring the By-Laws and selecting the Executive Committee.

For further information, please contact any of the officers listed.

READERS' FORUM

TROUBLED BY HOSTILITY AMONG RACES

To the Editor,

I have been watching the papers and the news casts about the turmoil in Robeson County, and am greatly troubled by all the hostility among the races there. I wish to voice my opinion and hope that it will register - not just with you, but anyone and everyone that may read this, if it is published.

I was born in 1947, a Caucasian female. I have seen the troubled years of violence for the equal rights of the Blacks, and have marched for their cause along with the cause of our Native Americans. Don't get me wrong, I am not putting one race before another, but the Blacks have come such a long way in their struggle, and our Native people are still at a standstill. I think that you people need to research our American history! By doing so, you may find where the real problem lies and who the "troublemakers" mostly are. I believe that you will find that it has been the White race that has continually reeked havoc among the other races. This great land solely belonged to our Native People - there were no white nor blacks here at all. The Blacks were perfectly content in their domain until the whites decided they were more important and superior to anyone else. They proceeded to go to Africa to pillage, loot, burn, destroy, and kidnap the Black people to put them in servitude for a race who had already grown greedy and too

lazy to do their own dirty work. The Whites made a killing in the human slave market, and fattened their own pockets with human misery. That wasn't enough; they came to this continent to do the same thing to our Native people. If it had not been for the Indians, the white settlers would have starved to death in the very beginning. I imagine there have been plenty of times since then, that they have wondered why they even bothered. The settlers were befriended by a "strange, caring" people, who unknowingly invited and protected a "strange, uncaring" people who would soon turn on them to pillage, loot, rape, and try to completely destroy them and take not only their land away from them, but also take their pride, dignity, and their way of life, including their religion and language, away from them. Don't you think that it is just about time that the Whites quit trying to cover up and hide their shame for what they've done by killing off their reminders? It's just like when the White cavalry and armies rode down on a sleeping Indian village, sometimes with only women, children, and elders in it, and wiped the whole village out - that was called a battle! When the Indian retaliated and gave the whites a taste of their own doing, then it was called a massacre! Well, it sounds to me like the Indians are still being massacred in Robeson County, only it's being done one or two at a time! I think that it's about time that this NONSENSE stopped! We should realize, after thousands of years, that God, The Great Spirit, or whatever anyone calls HIM made each and everyone of us - he has no favorites, and no one is

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Total Deposits to the State of N. C. or any official thereof \$525,247.22

PUBLICATION COPY - COMMERCIAL BANK STATE 035 (3-87)
CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION (Including Domestic and Foreign Subsidiaries)

LEGAL TITLE OF BANK		STATE BANK NO		
LUMBEE BANK		0368		
CITY		FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT NO		
Pembroke	Robeson	0531		
STATE		CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE		
N.C.		March 31, 1988		
ZIP CODE		Dollar Amounts in Thousands		
28372		Bil	Mil	Thou
ASSETS				
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:				
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin				
b. Interest-bearing balances				
2. Securities				
3. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs				
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:				
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income				
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses				
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve				
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4.a minus 4.b and 4.c)				
5. Assets held in trading accounts				
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)				
7. Other real estate owned				
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies				
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding				
10. Intangible assets				
11. Other assets				
12. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)				
LIABILITIES				
13. Deposits:				
a. In domestic offices				
(1) Noninterest-bearing				
(2) Interest-bearing				
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs				
(1) Noninterest-bearing				
(2) Interest-bearing				
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreement to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs				
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury				
16. Other borrowed money				
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases				
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding				
19. Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits				
20. Other liabilities				
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)				
22. Limited-life preferred stock				
EQUITY CAPITAL				
23. Perpetual preferred stock (No. of shares outstanding)				
24. Common stock (No. of shares a. Authorized b. Outstanding)				
25. Surplus				
26. Undivided profits and capital reserves				
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments				
28. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)				
29. Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital (sum of items 21, 22, and 28)				

MEMORANDA: Amounts outstanding as of Report Date:
1.a Standby letters of credit, Total
1.b Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1.a conveyed to others through participations

NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer(s) and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer(s) signing the report. I, the undersigned officer(s), do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT
DATE SIGNED
April 27, 1988

NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT
Linda L. Chavis, Cashier
AREA CODE/PHONE NO.
919/521-9707

We, the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR
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State of North Carolina, County of Robeson ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of April, 1988.
I and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.
My commission expires 8-21-90

Signature Notary Public