WHAT'S NEXT???

"The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy. indifference, and undernourishment.

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R. M. Hutchins

It seems some people still have a difficult time accepting Julian Pierce's victory over Joe Freeman Britt in the race for superior court judge. Although Julian was murdered prior to the election, Julian won because he received more votes than Britt, it is as simple as that. Regardless of the speculation concerning why people voted the way they did, the fact remains Julian was preferred over Britt!

In talking with some people in the Maxton area we have heard the comment, "why waste your vote on a dead man?" This is a very sad commentary on our democratic process and a very understandable human desire to win (sic) regardless of the issues. In the race for superior court judge everyone understood Joe Freeman Britt would automatically become judge because of the way the election law was written. But, some people obviously do not feel they can win unless they vote for the individual who finally is declared the winner by aking office. This attitude represents a fundamental misunderstanding of what a democracy is all about. In a lemocracy, informed voters choose the best candidate regardless of the projected outcome. Your priority should not be to vote only for winners but rather to vote for principles! Of course everyone hopes their candidate will win, but in the final analysis, informed voters should choose the best individual for the position. In our opinion, that is exactly what happened in the race for superior court judge. Julian T. Pierce was obviously the best candidate. Why would a person choose to vote for Joe Freeman Britt just because Julian was murdered?" The logic of such action escapes us. Julian's death did not make Britt a better man! Why should someone's desire to vote for a "winner" (sic) override their desire for a better justice system?

In our view, Joe Freeman Britt's defeat only serves to validate an observation made by Jane Ace: "TIME wounds all heels!"

We eagerly await the impact of time on Sheriff Hubert Stone. Hopefully, we will not have to wait until the 1990 election!

Most of the time we refrain from commenting on many of the attitudes and actions of self-proclaimed leaders in our community. But once in a while some actions is taken that so offends our basic nature that we feel compelled to respond. Such was the action on Monday night by the Rev. Mac Legerton and the attitude his action portrayed.

On Monday night, as has happened since early February, 1988, approximately 40 people gathered outside the Gathering Place in Pembroke. They were waiting for the weekly meeting of the Robeson Justice Committee to begin. On this

Monday night, we understand, Rev. Legerton rode by, looked at the people and kept riding. He did not stop and open the building in order for the meeting to be held.

While we acknowledge that the building belongs, apparently, to Rev. Legerton and that he has a right to decide that a meeting cannot be held there, we find it offensive and demeaning to people that he did not notify Helen Oxendine, Administrator of the Justice Committee, that no further meetings were to be held at the Gathering Place. We find his actions to be condescending to all the people who were there. And we feel that by his action he made a bold statement to the people of Robeson County. We believe that people have a right to assemble and the good Reverend, in our opinion. displayed a blatant disregard for the feelings of others. This is certainly contrary to the philosophy we have heard him expound in times past.

This leads us to question the Reverend's intentions. Was he saving those 40 people were not important? Does Rev. Legerton only show an interest in the needs of people when those needs compute into dollars gained from proposal writing?

We understand that Rev. Legerton's wife, Donna Chavis, has submitted a proposal to the Commission for Racial Justice for monies to bring a coordinator into the county for the purpose of organizing and fund raising. While we find no reason to oppose this action, we are forced to wonder if perhaps the Rev. Legerton feels that the existence of the Robeson Justice Committee poses some threat to the possibilities of proposal writing. We speculate and question because we really don't understand Rev. Legerton's seeming disregard for the feelings of people. We feel this way, especially in view of the fact that the same Rev. Legerton was one of the originators of the justice committee. If the idea was good at one time, is it not still a good idea?

READERS' FORUM

Reader Calls .

Julian Pierce's Death

An "Assassination"

To Bob Horne (Editor of The Robesonian):

I have been thinking about your May 8th editorial and the assertion that the assassination of judicial candidate Julian Pierce was apparently a domestic dispute and neither politically nor racially motivated.

I call it an assassination because it fits the dictionary definition of an assassination, which is to say the murder by surprise of someone politically important.

Even if the murder was neither politically nor racially motivated, there is a question that needs to be asked. Organized crime exists in other parts of the country. Raymond Patriarca has been the number one man in crime in New England for decades, and the fact that no one has ever been able to pin anything on him does not cause anyone to doubt that organized crime exists in those states. Organized crime, deeply entrenched, exists here in Robeson County. Would organized crime have wanted Julian Pierce silenced for any reason?

> WES WHITE Maxton, NC

EDITORIAL EXPRESSION JUDGE REFERS LREMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS BACK

TO THE CORPORATION'S BY-LAWS

One of the many sayings of John L. Godwin was this: 'Truth and time will prove all things." On Monday, Judge Craig Ellis reaffirmed Godwin's statement. Judge Ellis referred the LREMC Board of Directors and the cooperative's attorneys back to the By-Laws of the Corporation. Judge Ellis ruled, as we had previously predicted, that the October 6, 1987

'election be set aside. Judge Ellis, in making his decision, quoted the By-Laws of the Corporation.

The recent happenings through the court with LREMC, is in our opinion, a blatant waste of the corporation's monies. Why have by-laws if nobody is going to abide by them? What is wrong with the attorneys who are hired to protect the rights of the corporation? Who is responsible for the blatant waste of cooperative monies? Who is going to reimburse the member consumers for going into court and forcing a judge to tell the board and the attorneys what they should have already known? What he told them, in essence was that the by-laws of the corporation will stand. We understand the president of the board, Bishop Ward Clark Jr., is debating on whether to appeal the decision of Judge Ellis. Legally speaking, a defendant has the right to appeal any decision, but we hope that Bishop Clark will not find it necessary to further waste our time and money, seeking a decision in opposition to our by-laws. The by-laws clearly state that the decision of the Elections and Credentials Committee "shall be final." In effect, what Judge Ellis did, seemingly was read the by-laws of the corporation. He found that the by-laws did not bear interpretation, but only a simple act of enforcement.

After Judge Ellis' decision, which is really an embarrassment to board members, attorneys of the cooperative and the entire membership, we would hope that whoever is responsible for this idiocy will cease and desist and get on with the business of the co-op.

It is apparent to those of us who are watching developments at LREMC that there are certain individuals over there who seemingly have a personal grievance against the Rev. Elias Rogers. We have of course narrowed those people down to the general manager and the president of the board. It is our opinion that these two individuals have caused a great deal of undue stress and harrassment, not only on Rev. Elias Rogers, but in their seeming personal vendetta, they have cost the member consumers a great deal of money. Perhaps some of us who are member consumers should band together and find an attorney who will assist us in court. Surely, we have a right to demand that any monies spent unnecessarily be reimbursed to our cooperative. Someone should, in our op ion, pay back the monies that have been wasted thus far in this charade, not to mention the added expense of another election. If our board members, our general manager and the cooperative attorneys would spend as much time and energy on the needs of our cooperative as they have in seemingly trying to destroy a board member's credability and political career, we would once again have a cooperative that was working in the best interest of those it purports to represent.

TODAY-TOMORROW-THE FUTURE

Some people say, that my life is over. They say, I should be put away, never to be free again. But my people, they say that I should be set free and not put away. But to me, that doesn't matter at this point. What matters to me is you, my people, my relatives. I worry about my little brother and sister, and my younger relatives as well. But most of all, I think about my older brother and his wife. I think about my unborn nephew or neice that I hope to have someday.

This world that he or she will be entering into, the drugs and corrupt people that control and destroy everyone and everything, that stand in their way. But if I can help put an end to all

this, the drugs and corruption. Then I am happy and in my heart, I



Diet and Pregnancy:

Surprising New Findings

The need for adequate prenatal nutrition has been wellestablished, though the old M.D., R.R. Williams Professor of Nutrition at Columbia University, the period preceding conception is important because it gives women the opportunity to correct nutri-tional deficiencies and to build up important nutrition stores which will be needed during pregnancy and breastfeeding. "If a woman waits until she knows she is pregnant before considering the importance of good nutrition, she has missed the earliest and most important period in the development of her fetus," Winick says. Emphasis on the early, critical weeks of fetal develop-



Women who plan to conceive in the near future can take steps now to help ensure a healthy pregnancy and a healthy birth outcome. Dr. Winick suggests women identify and approach their ideal weight, then plan to gain about 20 percent more during pregnancy, and eat a balanced diet rich in iron, zinc, calcium and folic acid. Women should ask their doctor about taking a prenatal vitamin before they conceive and avoid alcohol and cut down on caffeine. These suggestions should be incorporated into a woman's lifestyle as soon as she decides she wants to have a baby. These nutritional guidelines are pare of a new "12-month" approach to pregnancy planning and management - the nine-month pregnancy period-and the three or more months preceding conception. Health professionals also urge women to adopt and maintain a regular but moderate exercise program and to use pregnancy planning tools. Over-the-counter aids such as the First Response ovulation predictor test can help women conceive within a specific time and may help reduce the time it takes to conceive.

And to me, my life can't compare

to the life of a young child or an unborn child. Because to me, children that are young and unborn, they're the future of our people.

But we, as adult's must prepare a place for them today. And teach them what's right and what's

wrong in life.

Because then and only then will you see or change and that is when, our people will have a future here.

If we, don't take a stand, we have

no future, we have no tomorrow. We, as a nation will cease to exist. Timothy Bryan Jacobs

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"eating for two" adage has been somewhat fine-tuned. New data suggests that what a woman eats during the three to six months prior to conception may affect her pregnancy and ultimately her baby's health. According to Myron Winick,

ment builds a strong case for the need to have pregnancy diagnosed as early as possible. Today, a woman can use a home pregnancy test such as First Response as early as the day she misses her period for ac-



curate, easy-to-read results in minutes

To say that we are disappointed in Rev. Legerton is an understatement. We are concerned about the kind of Christ-like influence he left with people he didn't even know. We hope that what we witnessed on Monday night was not the "white missionary mentality" we are all so familiar with.

In view of the recent statements by Congressman Charlie Rose relative to alleged corruption in our county, we just cannot understand the continued alienation of any individual or group. Especially when we remember the turbulent times we are all living in here in Robeson. The reason, in our opinion, that Congressman Rose could say publicly that we need to "put up or shut up" is because there is obviously no political pressure from any one in our community. While our self-proclaimed leaders waste their time and energies trying to decide which committees should and should not exist, we are no closer to a congressional investigation into the alleged corruption in Robeson County than we were February 1st. I speak to our shame. Knowing this causes us to be disillusioned even more with Rev. Legerton. And we ask him: why are you seemingly working aginst people who desire to meet weekly? Many people are looking for answers in the turmoil of life in Robeson County. If it helps them to congregate weekly, why are you opposed? We suggest an apology and an attempt by Rev. Legerton at uniting rather than dividing people. Or perhaps the coordinator who comes in will also organize our self-proclaimed leaders!!!!

PEMBROKE KIWANIS BY KEN JOHNSON

Program Chairman, Bill Oxendine presented Dr. Sid Gautam, Director of the Cape Fear Area Center of the North Carolina Small Business and Technology Development Agency of the University of North Carolina.

The mission of the agency is to support the development of small businesses in the State of North Carolina. Dr. Gautam is a Professor of Business at Methodist College with offices in the Continuing Education Building at Fayetteville State University. The State Legislature created the Small Business Agency in 1984 as a part of the University of North Carolina. It provides services to those planning to go into small usinesses, including access to financing, planning, marketing surveys, choosing legal forms of business, advertising, tax requirements, financial access to governmental small business loans and many other services to assist in small business ment. The Central Office is in Raleigh with Regional Services in seven cities of North Carolina.

This coming Friday at 11:30 a.m., Garth Locklear, Club President and the Kiwanis members will he hosting a cook-out for Handicapped Children at the City Park. Over forty children will be in attendance.

The Coach's Corner BY KEN JOHNSON

Bobby Knight - LU's Basketball Coach

He has really gotten the headlines lately over two issues. 1) Over whether or not he will take the vacant coaching job at New Mexico or stay at I.U. 2) His remark concerning rape, and president Thomas Ehrlich's censorship of him. He has turned down the New Mexico job but probably is still stinging from being censored by his new boss, President Ehrlich. I'm sure his wagging tongue will continue unabated. But in his behalf the "locker room" habit and the remark that he made would bring a laugh at any basketball clinic. But he was in a mixed group consisting of both men and women and he was no doubt at a loss for words so the stupid remark came out. He has a reputation for temper, for pulling his team off the floor against the Russians and for throwing a chair all the way across a basketball court. Some how he is tolerated for his complete negative attitude, a disregard for human dignity. This negative attitude does motivate players because he is never satisfied with their performance and they try even harder, so they do win. For example - call a player "rotten or his performance rotten" and he will "bust his butt" to prove he isn't rotten. This is negative psychology often used by parents to get their kids to do something or the negative psychology of not sparing the rod. It gets results, no doubt about it. So because "good guys never win" Bobby Knight wins, and there is his remorse for being mean to practically everybody. He has to live with his conscience if he has one. The positive attitude of a coach is often taken as weakness so Bobby Knight does not want that reputation and he sure does not convey that impression if he does not carry it too far as did Woody Hayes when he slapped the Clemson football player.

Kiwanian Ed Teets is assisting Boy Scout Troop No. 27 in fund raising by selling drinking coffee cups, cost is \$5., for the 50th Anniversary Boy Scout Coffee Mugs.

Visitors from the Sandhills Club were A.J. Woody, Wayne Adams, Dick Pratt, retired U.S. Navy Admiral and Charles Simon.

Presiding-Garth Locklear; Song Leader, Ray Lowry; Invocation-Dorsey Lowry;



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