

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."

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

This leads us to question the Reverend's intentions. Was he saying 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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?

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 harassment, not only on Rev. Elias Rogers, but in their seeming personal vendetta, they have cost the member consumers a great deal of money.

The Coach's Corner BY KEN JOHNSON

Bobby Knight - IU'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 IU. 2) His remark concerning rape, and president Thomas Ehrlich's censorship of him.

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;



The aardvark gets its name from the Dutch for "earth pig." It's nose looks somewhat pig-like, but it's not related.

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 niece 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

am free. 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 Tuscarora Tribe North Carolina 5-10-88

NEWS

'TIS WISE TO ADVERTISE

For Women

Diet and Pregnancy: Surprising New Findings

The need for adequate prenatal nutrition has been well-established, though the old "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, 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 nutritional deficiencies and to build up important nutrition stores which will be needed during pregnancy and breastfeeding.

Emphasis on the early, critical weeks of fetal development 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 accurate, easy-to-read results in minutes.



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.

These nutritional guidelines are part 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.

Hints for Homemakers

Money Down The Drain?

Drip! Drip! Drip! Drip! A leaky faucet may be costing you extra money. Here's good news on how you can avoid the annoying drip and possibly never have to spend money on costly faucet repair again.

A limited lifetime warranty against leaks and drips is now available on Legend and Chateau faucets from Moen Group/Stanadyne, Inc. The warranty assures consumers the faucets will not leak or drip. If they do, the company will provide the parts necessary to put the faucet in good working condition, free.

The company says it can offer this because of the patented technology of the cartridge, a reliable faucet control mechanism, state-of-the-art manufacturing and a stringent quality control and reliability program. More good news: the warranty is effective immediately on all products in the two faucet lines.

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