

WHAT NEXT???

"I assume it would be something our liability insurance would cover."

This quote from county attorney Joe "Pete" Ward firmly places him in our book entitled *I WISH I HADN'T SAID THAT*.

Ward was responding to the news that the estate of Jimmy Earl Cummings had filed a suit against Robeson County, Sheriff Hubert Stone and deputy sheriff Kevin Stone, the killer of Cummings.

We wonder if Ward uses the same speech writer that Sheriff Stone uses. If so, maybe they should both consider a new writer.

Ward's words say many things to us. First and foremost, it appears that he is acknowledging the guilt of the Stone duo and that he really expects the county to lose that suit.

That reminds us of another suit filed a while back against Kevin Stone for allegedly being abusive to an arrestee. That suit was settled "out of court" and reportedly cost the taxpayers (via liability insurance) \$90,000. Enough never seems to be enough in the great state of Robeson. But then our county seems to be having a rash of law-suits recently.

We are happy to hear that Jim Nance of Fayetteville has filed a "wrongful death" suit on behalf of Jimmy Earl Cummings' children. We have always contended that Cummings' death was a "needless" murder. We believe his family should have already been compensated monetarily. We also receive the news of the suit with much sadness because we know that no amount of money can repay what Kevin Stone stole from Jimmy Earl Cummings and his family. We are encouraged that we are not the only ones who continue to question the circumstances surrounding that death.

The latest lawsuit (as far as we know) against the county caused our sheriff to firmly place his foot in his mouth again.

Bill Ransom, the passenger in the law enforcement vehicle the night Edward Zabitovsky was killed, has filed a million dollar lawsuit against deputy Mark Locklear, Pembroke police officer Gralin Locklear and Sheriff Hubert Stone. The suit states that Ransom is entitled to damages for "placing him in a very life threatening situation."

And the sheriff was quoted as responding: "We get them pretty regularly here. He was not harmed in any way. He had pleaded guilty to the charges. Now that he is in prison, they don't have anything else to do and it don't cost nothing to file a lawsuit. Most of the lawsuits are thrown out."

We are considering giving an award yearly to the public figure who makes the most asinine statement. It goes without saying that our sheriff is the top contender for this award.

Following the coroner's inquest into Zabitovsky's death which found no violations by law enforcement officials, we questioned Ransom's right to be transported safely from one jail to another. Again we are encouraged by this turn of events and hope Ransom has an attorney who will press that suit and ensure that no other person's life is endangered while traveling in a law enforcement vehicle.

And the sheriff said what? He stated, in essence, that Ransom's life was of no value because "he'd pleaded guilty to the charges." We believe that Hubert Stone sincerely feels that way about it.

Recently a Jury in our county found Terry Evans not guilty of filing a false report. Some time in May Evans, a Black, filed a complaint with the sheriff's department because, he said, someone shot at him. He later identified Kevin Stone as the culprit. Subsequently, Evans was tried in the district court in Maxton for "filing a false report." He was found guilty and sentenced to 90 days in jail. His attorneys, Al McShurley and Barry Nakell of Chapel Hill appealed the decision to the superior court. Last week, a Robeson County jury found him "not guilty." There is another interesting turn of events. We call it a victory for the county.

Our advice to anyone being tried in our judicial system: Plead not guilty and **APPEAL!!!**

The Evans verdict is a significant step for our county as we move slowly toward positive change.

Usually, the mention of an anthropologist turns us completely off. Mostly because we have visions of a non-Indian desecrating burial grounds, measuring bones, and whatever else it is they do. It is a personal pet peeve we have.

Stan Knick, director of the PSU Native American Resource Center, has ceased us to re-think our position on anthropologists. Truthfully, we became acquainted with Knick and counted him a friend before we found out he was an anthropologist.

We are happy he has completed his study and has documented the fact that Indians have inhabited Robeson County for 14,000 years. We could and would have shared that information with him ourselves, and he would have accepted it as fact. Unfortunately, there are many people who will not be convinced without an "appropriate study."

We do appreciate Knick's work and especially his interest in helping us obtain federal recognition. He is one of the assets at PSU. Be sure and read his report, as we will, as soon as it is available to the public.

The election is over. Hope your candidate won. If you didn't vote-shame on you. You don't have a right to complain!!! The people have spoken, in some cases, loudly, the decisions are made. And that is how it should be.

Personally we took a great deal of satisfaction in leaving a blank beside Joe Freeman Britt's name for Superior Court Judge. He may serve as judge, but we can rest better personally knowing that he was not and is not the choice of the people. We remember Julian T. Pierce with renewed pain and will continue to be inspired by his memory.

The arrest of Lula Mae Cummings, 69, for "maintaining a drug dwelling" leaves us emotionally unable to elaborate on the situation. Most people we have talked to feel that she is facing "retaliation" by the sheriff's department for the "wrongful" death suit filed in behalf of her grandchildren (Jimmy Earl Cummings' children). We will watch this case with much interest and do not hesitate to say we are suspicious of the motives behind this particular arrest at this time...We will talk more about it when some of the shock has worn off and hopefully some of the questions have been answered.... On the other hand, Mrs. Cummings may eventually be in a position to file yet another suit against our sheriff's department...We wait and watch and remember John Godwin....

PEMBROKE KIWANIS

BY KEN JOHNSON

In its weekly meeting held at the Town and Country Restaurant, the members heard of the work of the Human Relations and Unity Commission by its director Mrs. Roxanne Hunt. The commission has headquarters located at 108 Elizabethtown Road, Lumberton. Mrs. Hunt is a graduate of PSU, is married to Deputy David Hunt and a student in the sociology department.

The human relations commission has its goals a better of attitude of the three races of Robeson County, a better area of social justice, an elimination in jobs of any kind of harassment and the promotion of positive good human relations. The department has four interests in which they work-justice, economic development, educational and the

substance abuse area. In brief the commission is there to promote fair employment practices, with emphasis on equal opportunities, the development of positive, mutual respect for each other's race.

President Jeffrey Maynor asked for a Kiwanis Resolution and the club passed. The resolution of positive support of the Human Relations and Unity Commission.

Program chairman-James Harris; Invocation-Albert Hunt; song leader-Ed Teets; president, Jeff Maynor; reporter-Ken Johnson.

Program Chairman Frank Dougherty passed tickets for the annual pancake supper and breakfast to be held Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd. Price is \$3 for all you can eat.

ROBESON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NEWS

BY CAROLYN STEPHENS

RCC Golf Tournament Set For Nov. 17 At Pinecrest

Attention all golfers, would-be golfers and should-be golfers! If you're looking for a little recreation and some good eating, then in two weeks you might try this year's fourth annual Robeson Community College Greater Open golf tournament at Pinecrest Country Club.

And you can't beat the price. Again this year an entry fee of \$35 includes 18 holes of golf on a manicured course, an embroidered golf hat, a golf towel, complimentary RCC calendars, and at the conclusion of the tournament, an all-you-can-eat-pig-pickin dinner with beverage and all the side trimmings.

"This tournament is primarily a friend raiser, and secondarily a fund raiser," says Fred Williams, RCC's president. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to provide needed student scholarships and to increase the college endowment.

Tournament format is Superball, also known as Captain's Choice. It allows a team of four to play the best shot among its group at any point during play. A shotgun start, with all teams beginning play at the same time but on different holes, begins at 1 p.m., Thursday, November 17.

Entry forms may be picked up at Pinecrest, Flagtree Golf Course in Fairmont, Southurst Country Club in Lumber Bridge, Lumberton Amoco on Highway 211 or by contacting Tournament Chairpersons Mark Kinlaw and Earl Antone. Deadline for entries is November 10.

"We'd like to get the entry forms in as early as possible so the pairings can be made," said Kinlaw who also serves as Coordinator of Planning and Research at RCC.

The tournament committee will accept the first 112 players and then pair teams according to individual handicap. The team of Donnie Douglas, Danny Clifton, Toni Robinette and Kenny Richardson won last year's tournament with a 12-under par 60. The top 19 teams were awarded prizes donated by local merchants and friends of the college.

The Greater RCC Open is sponsored by the Robeson Community College Foundation, Inc. and is open to the public.

REFLECTIONS

BY ALTA NYE OXENDINE

THE PEMBROKE CAMPUS

It was a lovely, warm autumn afternoon, a welcome change from chilly October. I was taking a walk around the college campus, enjoying the attractive landscape dressed up in its vivid fall colors.

As I walked, I thought of how many years this campus has held a special meaning for me--ever since I came in 1956 and began helping Miss Kanable with the Wesley Fellowship there. At the corner of what is now the "Old Gym" I smiled at three young students, trying to remember if I'd met any of them before.

That's when it came to me. "They must be younger than Gordon," I thought. "And he was my 'baby'!" That's right. Cathy and a lot of his other friends have already graduated--not just from high school, but from college as well. Gordon would have turned 24 in December. How can that be!

(I seldom think of my boys just like this. For eight years now I've had a new life--a life filled with other parents' children--and with lots of married and single friends my own age. And, of course, now, with a considerate son-in-law, as well as the daughter who has helped and inspired me through these years.)

I found myself breathing a silent prayer for those three young students and for every other person on this campus.

But I could still see Gordon in my mind, the way he looked when I knew him last, at age 15. He was wearing the light blue knit shirt with navy and yellow stripes and navy collar. I'd picked it out for him the year before, when Penney's was having a sale. It's the same one he has on in his last school picture--the one I carry with me in my wallet.

I started to push his image back out of my mind--like I learned to do with all three--right after their accident.--But now I know better!

So I stopped holding the tears back and just let them flow freely. Sooner or later (if we're as "lucky" as I have been, with a wonderful Heavenly Father, a supportive larger family, a thousand friends who really care, and counselors who shared all they had learned about grieving) we finally realize how refreshing that can be. And how much better than to keep pushing that yearning to see them again just beneath the surface--over and over and over.

So I sat down on a bench and started writing all this down--letting myself cry, not just with outward tears rolling down my cheeks, but Deep Down inside where some of us have tried to bury the heartache.

I'm not as good a "sport" now, or as "strong" as I was at first. But that's okay. I'm glad I can miss them now--usually one at a time--and be aware of what's really wrong, instead of taking the frustration of unfulfilled dreams out on others around me.

When my mother and brothers came for the funeral, they brought a little book called "Good Grief." Now I know how cleansing and healing good, positive grief can be!

ELECTION DAY

I don't know the results of the 1988 election. But I do know that whoever has been elected will need the guidance of the Creator of this world and each one of us.

So let's try to remember to pray each day for our new president, vice president, our state officials, and out county leaders--and all aspects of our county life.

And let's pray about our own needs and problems. God alone knows the real solutions. Let's give Him the chance to show us what they are!

Cherokee Chapel Church News

BY JESSIE B. CHAVIS

Sunday morning prior to worship service at Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church, Wakulla, NC, Rev. Julian Ransom honored the war veterans by asking them to stand.

All veterans of all branches of service who had served for the freedom of their country stood during silent prayer.

Prayer and praise service was conducted by Mr. Jennings Bullard.

Part of the prayer and praise included the baptizing of little Donavon, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chavis and the administering of "Love Feast" by the church stewards; Mr. Clyde Chavis, Mr. James D. Chavis, Mr. Jennings Bullard, Mr. Clayton Locklear and Mr. Crawley Locklear.

Rev. Ransom chose for his scripture reading from Phillipians 1:27-30 followed with special music by the adult choir using the songs "Who"

and "I Am Bound For The Kingdom," with Mrs. Connie Bullard, pianist.

The message of the hour followed, the last message by Rev. Ransom for the conference year. He used for a subject "Christian Behavior," emphasizing what Christian behavior is concerned with. 1. Concerned with constituency (united); 2. concerned by consistency (steadfast); 3. concerned with the requiring of courage (endure persecutions and temptations).

Rev. Ransom closed his message by asking a large congregation a question: "How has your behavior been with you?"

The dismissal prayer was given by Mr. Conrad Oxendine.

Rev. Ransom gave thanks and appreciation for the support of the church during the conference year and for his family.

A Social Note

Rev. James D. Dial recently visited the Parents Conference at Boston Medical Center recently. He was attending because his daughter, Catherine Gale Fishback, is a medical school. She was attending a conference in Chicago at the time.

Christian Charity

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days," says the Bible in Ecclesiastes, Chapter 11, verse one.



Many Americans are "casting bread upon the waters" by sponsoring the donation of Bibles to Christians in the Soviet Union while there's still an opportunity. The most significant evidence of Gorbachev's new glasnost policy in religious freedom is that the Soviet government recently gave permission for the Russian Orthodox Church to accept an offer of one million Bibles. Open Doors With Brother Andrew, a nondenominational Christian organization, offered New Testament Bibles with Psalms in honor of the millennium celebration. Currently, only about four million Bibles are in circulation throughout the Soviet Union for the country's estimated 60 million believers.

For free leaflets on how to assist Soviet Christians, write: Open Doors With Brother Andrew, P.O. Box 27001D, Santa Ana, CA 92799.

ISN'T THIS A Beautiful Day!

PUBLIC HEARING

P.S.U. Chancellor Search Committee

Where: Moore Hall, PSU Campus

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Date: November 14, 1988

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DANIEL H. DEVANE

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Motor Homes: A New Outlook



A swept-back windshield, expanded storage space, redesigned front end and new interior colors and graphics are offered in the 1989 Itasca Sunflyer line of motor homes from Winnebago Industries, Inc. of Forest City, Iowa. The sporty Sunflyer line has been redesigned from the ground up, incorporating numerous driver and passenger conveniences for easy traveling and comfortable living. The Winnebago Chieftain motor home line also has been extensively redesigned and offers many of the same features found in the Sunflyer line.

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