

WHAT NEXT???

It appears that we did name this column appropriately. We are all in a state of suspension these days--waiting--what next in Robeson County?

We view the indictment of Lumberton attorney Horace Locklear as a transparent attempt to discredit him, as well as send a message to any others who "get out of their place." The message has been sent: do not take a firm stand against the court house gang! The message has been sent and we believe that all thinking people receive it for what it appears to be--more retaliation.

May we remind you of the Terry Evans case a few weeks ago. Evans, a Black, was shot at. He later identified the culprit as Kevin Stone. Evans was tried in district court in Maxton and given 90 days for "filing a false report." He appealed this decision to Superior Court in Lumberton. Horace Locklear, according to our sources, took the stand in Evans' behalf. Locklear testified that one of Robeson County's finest deputies told him that they'd get Evans. (The deputy's terminology was not that clean). Consequently, the jury found Evans not guilty. Apparently, that angered the deputies and the sheriff.

On the same day of Evans' acquittal, deputies reportedly told Locklear that they would get him, if they had to catch him leaving his office one night...On the face of it, it does look like they "got him." If we were not in Robeson, we'd think we were reading a science fiction story. It is sad that we are witnessing this kind of retaliation against anyone who has the audacity to stand for what is right in the judicial system. (And for the record, Horace Locklear, is the only Indian attorney, to our knowledge, who publicly supported Julian Pierce. While others supported him, they did it undercover. This explains Joe Freeman Britt's animosity towards him). It is sad that those who continually deny justice would go to the extent that they have gone against Horace Locklear. The man's reputation is tarnished. It is possible for him to lose his license to practice law. And even in the allegations were true, why is he the only Lumberton attorney to be arrested for promising to work toward a lighter

sentence? It seems Robeson County justice continues to flourish. Can you name five attorneys who have not spoken to a judge at one time or another for a client?

As much anguish as we feel about Horace Locklear's situation, we believe his conscience is clear. We believe that his is a classic case of entrapment and "set up." The whole "mess" smells fishy to us. We are assured that Horace Locklear can get into his bed and sleep peacefully. We are not so sure about others who are involved.

We express our sincere sympathy to Leroy Locklear. His has to be one of the saddest stories we have heard. Most folks know him as a supporter of Sheriff Hubert Stone. He is well known for his political pig pickins' for the sheriff and company. We are heartsick when reality dawns on us and we must acknowledge that Leroy Locklear acted on the advice of "his friends." It is a situation that warrants compassion for a man who apparently conducted his personal affairs in such a manner that he owed the sheriff and the district attorney. We wonder if perhaps the price of Leroy Locklear's freedom was too high. It appears to us that Leroy Locklear's venture cost him his pride, dignity and integrity. But that is the usual cost for a soul! We hope Mr. Locklear can sleep peacefully after helping to "set up" one of his own. We wonder how many other friends he'll be called on to help destroy before the sheriff and district attorney mark his bill PAID IN FULL.

The irony in this situation is that he may still be sentenced to prison. That is usually what happens to those who betray others. Or as the Bible says: "Dig a pit for your brother and fall in it." Of course it is possible for the sheriff and district attorney to prevent him from being actively sentenced, if they have further use for him to "set up" more of their detractors.

We will watch this particular sentencing with interest. It has already been postponed twice to our knowledge. We will find out if Judge Robert Hobgood shows favoritism to Leroy Locklear. If he does, we will have learned a great deal about Judge Hobgood and his role in the farce that is Robeson's judicial system.

Locklears Celebrate 59th Wedding Anniversary

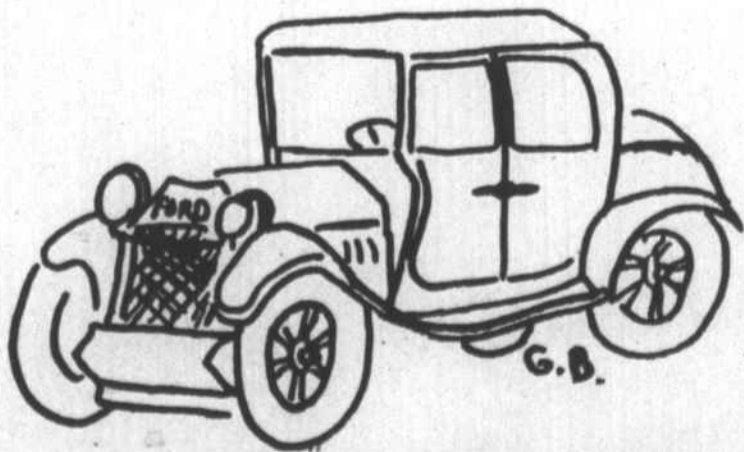


Hubert and Ethel Mae Locklear of Route 2, Red Springs, celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary with a quiet family dinner at home on October 29. The dinner was provided by their children: Rev. Edmond Locklear, Jr., of Pembroke; Kern Hayes Locklear, Mrs. Merchell Teague and Mrs. Geraldine Clark, all of Red Springs; and Mrs. Shelby Watson of Webster, Florida.

Hubert grew up in the St. Annah Church community outside Pembroke, the son of Edmond and Ellen Jacobs Locklear. Ethel Mae is the granddaughter of Mrs. Polly Lowery who was the youngest daughter of Henry Berry Lowery. A family history was published in Lifestory on their 50th wedding anniversary. A copy of that history was filed in the Robeson County Public Library.

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I want to send a message to young people who are free. This is a urgent warning so you don't end up like me. I have lost my freedom. I'm locked inside a steel cage. There ain't no sunshine or joy, only bitterness, regret, and rage.

about the life and love I lost. I played the game, made my mistakes. Now I'm paying the cost. I want you to listen carefully to my warning! Stay away from drugs and crime, Or you may wake up one morning in a cage of steel doing time!

GARY DIAL
[Editor's Note: Gary Dial is presently serving his sentence in Butner Prison.]

READER ENCOURAGES LUMBEE INDIAN UNITY

Dear Editor:
The people of the Lumbee nation, wherever they be found, doing whatever be their respective vocation, need to recall and hold sacred those feelings, which in times past, have served us well in binding us together into the oneness of spirit we feel.
At no time in our recent history, since the 1958 Klan Rally is it more crucial and necessary that we stand together in spirit, in love and in commonness of purpose than now. I respect the rights and duty of

the individual to be unique in development and in becoming all one can become. However, those individuals' rights and opportunities are very much intertwined and interwoven into the fabric of the whole community of Lumbee people. Therefore, where ever we are on the face of the globe, we owe some allegiance to our home community of Robeson and surrounding counties.
In this sense, I call upon Lumbee people everywhere to take definite and decisive moral and legal action to:

1. Support the Senate version of the Lumbee Recognition Bill.
2. Take acceptable means to support the efforts of the concerned citizens for better government in Robeson County. Also support the Friends in Court Project in Lumberton.
3. Intercede with local and national support persons, including political people to help "Keep (the Lumbee) dream alive."

Respectfully Yours,
Herbert H. Locklear
Baltimore, MD

Reflections By Alta Nye Oxendine

Two Thanksgiving Dinners
Wow! Am I ever lucky! Or, to put it another way, I'm among the many fortunate people of this world, who really have a lot to be thankful for!
Last week I wrote about our early Thanksgiving meal at "Miss Elsie's" home. Then (for the first time in years) I felt like inviting someone to my house. (It seems so spacious now, after spending two and a half months in my mother's tiny log and frame 100-year-old homestead house, which actually has a second bedroom and a bath since I lived there in high school.

I've eaten a number of times with Wanda and Jeff at their apartment. This time I asked them to come here. As usual, they cooked most of the meal. I had bought a roast, expecting to heat the kitchen end of my house while it was cooking in the oven, as I'm still using the wood-burning heater located on the inside corner of the living room. However, Wanda Kay made it into a delicious pot roast cooked on top of the stove. And I used the over for the kind of custard-style pumpkin pies which my Montana family ate for dessert on Thanksgiving Day.

Jeff and Wanda Kay made up a delicious cheesecake mix with cherry topping. We cooked canned corn and frozen broccoli, as well as brown-serve rolls.
Hardly a traditional Thanksgiving dinner? Maybe not. But what real difference does it make? We had a well-balanced meal, with plenty to eat; and we really enjoyed our little meal.

When my parents were growing up in the early 1900's, they sometimes had to make do with next to nothing, as far as food was concerned. (And I am old enough to remember hard times in 1930's and 1940's as a result of the Great Depression.
Daddy and Mother taught my brothers and me to be thankful for any kind of food to eat, clothes to wear (including second-hand from other families), and protective shelter which served as our house. So, as always, I felt almost guilty about having such a huge piece of roast and more than one dessert. So many people have to ransack garbage cans in order to just survive.

Did You Know? What's In Our Waste?

Americans generate 133 million tons of municipal solid waste each year. That translates into more than 1,100 pounds per person! What is actually in our garbage? And what happens to it after it leaves our homes?

• **What makes up municipal solid waste?**
About two-thirds of municipal solid waste is durable and non-durable goods—things like appliances, furniture, tires, newspapers, clothing, food and yard waste. The remaining third is packaging waste such as paper, paperboard, glass, plastics, steel and aluminum.

Eighty years ago, most household waste was composed of food scraps and ashes. Now, due to lifestyle changes and advances in food processing, trash contains more packaging waste but less spoiled or wasted food. A recent study showed that the elimination of plastic packaging would result in four times as much waste, twice as much energy consumed, and doubled packaging costs.

• **How much of America's solid waste is plastic or plastic packaging?**
According to a 1986 study by The Environmental Protection Agency, plastics account for 7.2% of the municipal waste stream by weight. About half of that—only 3.7% of the municipal waste stream—is plastic packaging materials. In the overall waste



stream, paper and paperboard make up the largest component by weight, followed by glass, plastics, steel and aluminum.

• **What happens to solid waste after it leaves the home?**
In 1984, 90 percent of all garbage went into landfills. Today, as their landfills close, more and more communities are considering recycling and incineration (often in resource recovery plants that burn garbage to generate electricity) to dispose of their waste.

Last year, Americans recycled 150 million pounds of plastic soda bottles and milk jugs into products like fiberfill, carpet yarn, industrial paint and "plastic lumber." About 100 waste-to-energy plants are operating nationwide, with more than 100 additional plants planned or under construction.
By the year 2000, Americans will recycle nearly half of their plastic waste and recover as much as 40% of the remaining garbage in waste-to-energy incineration.



COOKING CORNER
Hot Buttered Pineapple Juice
1 can (46 oz.) Dole Pineapple Juice
1/4 cup brown sugar, packed
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
10 whole cloves
3 cinnamon sticks
1 lemon, sliced
Combine pineapple juice, sugar, butter, cloves and cinnamon in a large saucepan. Bring to boil. Simmer 5 minutes. Add lemon slices. Serve in mugs. Serves 6.
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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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Is 'natural' always best?
Since modern medicines have proven effectiveness and safety, treating ailments with HERBS can be both unnecessary and risky. A recent medical journal article shows how risky.
One woman who drank 3 to 5 pots of an herbal tea daily as a "tonic" sought treatment for excessive bleeding. Her tea contained 3 sources of natural coumarins—tonka beans, melilot, and sweet woodruff.
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