

# WHAT NEXT???

If you could witness the poverty, the high cost of living, the unbearable hardships, we know you would show some much needed sympathy. No, we are not talking about the people who seek to make ends meet while earning minimum wage. We are talking about the down and out, "hardworking" men and women of Congress, the federal judges, and other select individuals such as the President of the United States.

Now while the people who earn minimum wage cannot easily remedy their situation, Congress and the President have joyfully fixed things to remedy theirs. A very nice vote was added whereby Congress will not even have to vote in order to receive a 50% pay increase! Even President Reagan benefits since his pension will increase 16%.

We got to wondering about the worth of Congressmen and based on the increase they will receive, they will earn about \$135,000 per year. To illustrate further, a minimum wage earner will earn about \$6,968 per year, so, in dollars, that apparently means that a Congressman is worth (19) minimum wage earners. Do you have any idea who we would miss first if tomorrow all Congressmen and minimum wage earners were gone?

This mess reminds us of the wisdom of Daniel Webster who said:

"Every man's life, liberty, and property are in danger when the legislature is in session."

Amen Daniel!

Just for the record, we are opposed to the extradition of Timothy Jacobs. The government had its opportunity. Apparently the feds felt their case was strong and so the state of North Carolina decided to sit on the sidelines. Both state and federal authorities were caught with their pants down when the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" in Timothy's case. And so, now the state has decided to take its best shot and seeks to have another trial.

We do not believe an impartial jury can be selected. Too many people throughout the state have formed opinions and therefore any further effort to seek some measure of revenge against Timothy Jacobs is a tremendous waste of time, taxpayer's money, and contrary to the concept of justice. Some in Robeson County would doubtless like to have some type "justice" similar to the Jimmy E. Cummings' inquest. These settings allow locals control of the outcome. By carefully orchestrating events, even deny the Cummings' family the benefit of an attorney, the man who shot and killed Jimmy Earl Cummings was allowed to go free. But to those individuals we say, the people have spoken and they spoke in an open court with one voice. Their verdict: "NOT GUILTY!" "NOT GUILTY!" "NOT GUILTY!"

There has been some discussion about whether we were disappointed in the selection of John Townsend as the new District Attorney to replace Joe Freeman Britt. No, we were not disappointed. Just as a son is not responsible for the actions of his father, Townsend is not responsible for the sins of Joe Freeman Britt. John Townsend is free to be his own man. He has the

opportunity to demonstrate his fitness for the position of District Attorney.

We will closely watch and monitor John's words and actions. We respectfully remind him that we are not the voters of yesteryear. We have learned many, many hard lessons under the fist of Joe Freeman Britt. And so, as John Townsend begins his new job we remind him of an old Indian expression:

"Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me."

Let's hope no one has to be ashamed of John Townsend's performance. Robeson County deserves the best!

"Come my brother, let us see what kind world we make for our children."

Sitting Bull

Sitting Bull probably would not have been surprised by what we are about to discuss. We are sure he saw much worse in his time, but this time we will not dwell on the past suffering Indians have faced at the hands of a "civilized" world. We briefly forget the sins of the past to concentrate of the present.

Wayne Hombarger and Wayne Rainey, both of Salisbury, N.C. are "collectors." sounds innocent enough, but both were recently paid a visit by the Rowan County sheriff's department and the State Bureau of Investigation.

Seems both of these "men" like to collect, swap, and display "INDIAN RELICS." The SBI and sheriff's department raided the homes of these "collectors" and confiscated not only Indian artifacts, but also Indian remains. According to Hombarger, he did not sell Indian skulls to undercover agents. He merely gave them away and received a "donation" to his museum which he maintains in his home.

A 1981 law protects unmarked graves and makes it illegal to sell human remains. Neither individual has been charged with violating the law as yet, but it would seem obvious they are skating on very thin ice.

Beyond the legal issues, we wonder what type of individual would seek to display the human remains of another human being. We cannot understand the logic behind such actions unless Indians are not considered human. Is that why there is such disrespect for Indians who have died? Is it "open-season" on Indians even after they have departed this world?

We only ask that people THINK. How would you feel if you went and there was the skull of George Washington and of Abe Lincoln on display in some tacky backwater home of hokee museum? If the final resting place of our ancestors is not sacred, then everyone has the right to get their shovels and begin "collecting." Have we so little respect that even the dead are not accorded dignity?

A reception was recently held, by the Committee to Elect Julian Pierce, to honor Dexter Brooks who was appointed to the bench by Gov. Jim Martin. We are proud of the work of this fine group and we all can take pride in the manner in which they struggled to make Robeson

County a fairer, better place in which to live.

The committee will disband now and remaining funds will go to the Julian T. Pierce Memorial.

It is with a measure of sadness that we look at the positive changes that have occurred in Robeson County over the past year. Sadness because two leaders did not live to witness the progress that resulted from their actions. Julian Pierce and John Godwin deserve our

thanks for setting us on the road of hope, cooperation, and respect. Black, white, and Indians have truly begun working together to build a progressive, fairer Robeson County. On Monday, January 16th, we will remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As we push forward, we remember the sacrifices and losses. It is often so painful! Where would we be today without the wisdom, leadership and work of these great men?

## West Robeson Senior High Honor Roll

West Robeson High School has released its honor roll for the second six-week grading period.

In order to qualify for the "A" honor roll, a student must have an overall average of 93 with no grade below 90 in any subject.

In order to qualify for the "B" honor roll, a student must have an overall average of 85 with no grade below 80 in any subject.

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Leslie Brayboy, Jr., Sherika C. McDaniel, Liz Anna Oxendine, Marcella C. Musgrove

**9th Grade B Honor Roll**  
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**10th Grade A Honor Roll**  
David L. Brewer, Sean L. Chavis, Uinta Clark, Christopher L. Dial, Daniel Hill, Heather R. Jones, Schnele R. Kerns, Nicole C. Locklear, Kelvin Oxendine

**10th Grade B Honor Roll**  
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