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## FRANCES McARTHUR CUMMINGS OF LUMBERTON FILES FOR SEAT IN THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



the position of NC House of Representatives because it feels right. I feel it is the right thing to do for all the people--those who are in decision making positions and those who are not yet there--our future generation--the people of the 16th district.

"The challenge has been offered by an enormous contact of responsive people, and I have graciously accepted and am highly elated by their concerns for a better tomorrow.

"My presence in the General Assembly would be marked by representation. I am committed to represent and to work with and for the people I serve of District 16, sharing their thinking and actions with the larger body--the General Assembly.

"The people of District 16 have much of which to be proud. My leadership, therefore, would be positive, progressive and viable--a two-way communication link and an action network.

"The people deserve unbiased, unselfish, and a stop to self-serving actions from leadership. I can provide the 'effective leadership of the 90's.'"

Ms. Cummings' leadership and involvement are widely known, respected and valued by many people locally, through out the state and nation, and even extend into Nairobi, Kenya-Africa.

"My indicators for assurance that I will effectively serve people as a Representative are based on my background as a public school teacher/ coordinator; my experiences in leadership roles, in management and supervision positions; my volunteerism; public service; and my educational and political representation, commitment, and involvement. I have the ability to listen and to articulate the positions and feelings of the people. My knowledge base, skills, capabilities, combined with a proven ability to call people to action and to accomplish have established an outstanding record of achievement. Given the many tasks of leadership, they have proven unprecedented gains for children, educators, and people of North Carolina."

Frances McArthur Cummings, a lifelong resident of Robeson County and a member of the Hilly Branch Baptist Church, lives in Lumberton. She is assistant director of Vocational Education for the Public Schools of Robeson County. She officially announced her candidacy for the north Carolina House of Representatives, District 16.

In making her announcement, she released the following statement:

"I proudly announced this significant decision to seek

## Revels Celebrate 67th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Carson Revels of Route 1, Shannon celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on Friday, January 25, 1990 at their home. The couple are retired farmers and long time residents of the Saddletree community.

Mr. and Mrs. Revels were married at the court house in Lumberton January 25, 1923. Mr. Revels is 88 years old and Mrs. Revels is 85. They are the proud parents of seven

children: Mrs. Lillie Mae Revels Bullard and Mrs. Odessa Revels Hammonds, both of Lumberton, Hubert Ray Revels, Shannon, Ralph Revels, Parkton, William Earl Revels, Red Springs, Theodore Revels, Fayetteville, and the late Robert Revels. They have 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. [Photo and text by Wm. P. Revels]

## Alert Cable TV Makes Changes in Cable Channels

Harrison Daniels, manager of the Red Springs office of Alert Cable TV of N.C., Inc., recently announced that Alert Cable has made several changes in the cable channels available to their customers. Several new channels are also now available.

WWAY Channel 3 in Wilmington, formerly broadcast on cable channel 9, has been dropped from the Alert Cable listings. In its place is ESPN, formerly broadcast on cable channel 15.

The Playboy Channel on cable channel 24 will be dropped and Cinemax will be broadcast on that channel. This change over should be completed by the second week in February.

CBN on cable channel 3 has changes its name to the Family Channel and will continue broadcasting on the same channel.

In a few weeks, WPSU-TV will be seen on cable channel 27. Also soon to be available is the Weather Channel, which will air on cable channel 28.

In addition to these changes, Alert Cable TV has also added several new channels. TNT can now be seen on cable channel 15. USA can be found on cable channel 25, and the Arts and Entertainment channel is being broadcast on cable channel 26.

Daniels added that these changes are being made to better serve Alert Cable TV's customers and to improve their cable TV viewing. If any additional information is needed, customers are encouraged to call their local Alert Cable TV office. Pembroke customers can call 739-0072 for any help needed.

## "Good Things Happen To Those Who Work Hard"

by Gene Warren

Speaking to a Division 3 Student Government Workshop held recently at Purnell Swett High School, Chancellor Joseph Oxendine of Pembroke State University told the students, "Good things happen to those people who work hard."

Oxendine said there are some who say they "have a good job because they don't have to work hard--they do as little as possible and still survive."

"I couldn't stand that kind of reasoning," emphasized the PSU chancellor, who praised the student leaders for being the kind who get involved, who do things they don't have to because they want to make a contribution.

Oxendine spoke to a group of students from the all-day workshop, which attracted high school leaders from Anson, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Robeson and Scotland counties.

He referred in his talk to "Acres of Diamonds," the lecture by Dr. Russell H. Conwell of Philadelphia that Oxendine said had been given several thousands of times.

In the talk, Conwell says: "He who can give to his people better streets, better homes, better schools, better churches, more religion, more happiness, more of God, he that can be a blessing to the community in which he lives tonight will be great anywhere. But he who cannot be a blessing where he now lives will never be great anywhere on the face of God's earth."

"Acres of Diamonds" is the story of an individual trying to find satisfaction everywhere else, but discovers it can be found in his own backyard.

Oxendine pointed out the importance of giving a person something to live up to.

"In my own case, my father (the late Thomas Oxendine) told everyone I could plow the straightest furrow in the county--and that was back in the days of plowing with a mule. And I wanted to live up to that," said Oxendine.

By the same token, Thomas Oxendine told everyone that Joseph Oxendine's younger brother, Ray, could ride any wild horse or cow. And

Ray, principal of Purnell Swett High School, lived up to that superlative, he said.

Both of these statements by their father were examples of positive reinforcement, Joseph and Ray Oxendine agreed, in sharing the stories with the student leaders. Because their father thought they could do it, they achieved those aspirations, the brothers said.

"If you have an aspiration, give it a go," said Joseph Oxendine. "If you don't, you will always wonder whether you could do it."

Ray Oxendine, 52, told how much as a boy he admired his older brother, Joe, now 59.

"I thought he was the greatest," said Ray. "When he finished high school, he was voted the school's best all around athlete. I wanted to be like him--and later won the same award. And at Catawba College, he was also named the college's best all-around athlete--and I wanted the same. And, you know what, I achieved that."

Ray Oxendine said Joe Oxendine was a great role model for him and told the students, "I feel honored to welcome him back home."

Chancellor Oxendine, in sharing some episodes of his life with the students, said, "I wasn't the brightest, but I will work. My father said, 'You can't be smart, but you can be hard. And I'm here to tell you that you can make it--in terms of your own talents.'"

The PSU chancellor encouraged the students to take part in extracurricular activities like athletics, theatre, etc., because they build an all-around person. "But don't neglect academics," he urged. "Academics really ought to take priority over others."

Explaining how athletics had helped him develop confidence as a young person, Oxendine emphasized, however: "If you have to neglect academics or athletics, it should be academics. Academics are extremely important."

The student leaders had a number of questions that they posed to the chancellor in the time of sharing with two brothers who seem to have found true fulfillment in their lives.



Pembroke State University employees who were recent recipients of years-of-service plaques in increments of 10, 20, and 30 years and were guests at a luncheon in the Chancellor's Dining Room are shown above: [left to right] sitting Grace Britt [10], Vertie Locklear [10], Jeanette Cummings [20], Annie Locklear [10], Christine Perry [10]; standing--James Arnold Hunt [10], Horace Ransom [20], Paulette Dial [1], and Ed Jacobs [20].



Chancellor Joseph Oxendine of Pembroke State University speaks at a Student Government Workshop which recently attracted high school leaders from seven counties to Purnell Swett High School.

## Child Care Scholarships Available

Low-income working families with children needing child care can apply to the Robeson County Church and Community Center for a Child Care Scholarship which can assist with up to 3/4 of the cost. Make application with Nancy Ford, Robeson County Church and Community Center, 738-5204.



The first group of Robeson County public school students to visit PSU for drug awareness programs were welcomed recently by PSU Chancellor Joseph Oxendine. The 58 seventh and eighth graders were from Rex Rennert Elementary School. They are part of 26,000 Robeson County students who are expected to visit PSU for the programs.

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