

## *Hubert Stone Announces His Intention to Run For Sheriff*

Lumberton, NC--Hubert Stone put an end to months of rumors and speculation this week by announcing that he will be a candidate in the May 1998 Democratic primary for Sheriff of Robeson County.

Stone, a Rowland native, served 16 years as the county's sheriff before stepping down in 1994.

"People need to know that what they have been seeing and hearing for the last several months is real. I am running, and with the continued support and loyalty of the citizens of Robeson County, we will win," said Stone. "I will be running a campaign that stays away from the personal attacks and focuses on the issues. This race needs to be about how to best protect the safety of all the good, honest, hard-working people in Robeson County. I want to talk about solutions to serious problems--not my opponent. I want to look for and discuss ways that the Robeson County Sheriff's Department can better serve the taxpayers. I want to hear from the citizens out in the county about what the sheriff's department can do to better serve their needs."

Stone's decision in 1994 to retire ended a 41 year career in law enforcement. The former sheriff said a lot of people in the county have asked him if he would come out of retirement and go back to work.

"My parents raised me to work hard in everything I do, and to stay with a job until it is completely done," Stone said. "I will have to admit that when I left in 1994 things were not where I wanted them to be. These past four years have given me a chance to look at law enforcement as an outsider. I have had time to think long and hard about some of my victories and my shortcomings. I have also had a chance to look at some of the other things that departments have been doing. I believe that today I am a lot wiser than I was when I left in 1994. I believe that there is a lot of unfinished business to take care of. I want to go back to work for four more years, and put into place some serious changes that will set this county on a course toward a safer, more peaceful future."

Stone said his campaign will focus on two major points: instituting major changes in the way the sheriff's department fights the war on drugs,

and on reforming the way the sheriff's department deals with the problem of juvenile crime.

"I read in the newspaper the other day where a community leader in the Lumberton area was talking about how the drug dealers and thieves are not afraid of law enforcement any more," Stone said. "That's too bad. We have plenty of good people working in law enforcement in this county."

"The key to being successful in the fight against crime is showing the good people out there that you care about them, while putting fear in the hearts of the bad people," Stone said.

"I have won four elections for sheriff with strong support from people in every community across this county," Stone said. "I have always had a strong voice--winning outright every time. There has never been a need for a run off. This county has not had many sheriffs who can make that claim. I am in this race to win. With the help of some old friends--and hopefully some new ones--I will do it again in 1998."

Stone served in U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division during the Korean War. In 1953 he left the service and went to work as an officer with the Rowland Police Department. In 1954, he was hired as police chief for the Columbus County town of Fair Bluff.

In 1957, Stone signed on with the Robeson County Sheriff's Department as a uniformed deputy. In 1957, Sheriff McLeod promoted Stone to the position of Chief of Detectives--a position he held until McLeod's retirement in 1978.

Stone won his first race for sheriff that year, and went on to be re-elected three times--in 1982, 1986 and 1990.

Stone's four terms as sheriff were marked, he said, by a number of innovations in the way the sheriff's department conducted its business.

He said that he introduced community policing to Robeson County by setting up sub stations in places such as Proctorville and Maxton, among others. Stone said that he and his deputies cooperated extensively with state and federal authorities to send more drug dealers to federal prison than during any other sheriff's term of office.

## *Local Educators, Participate in Z Smith Reynolds Foundation Initiative for School Administrators*

Judith Locklear of Lumberton and Jennifer Freeman of Pembroke are among thirteen graduate students and practitioners selected to participate in a two year program funded by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and Fayetteville State University. Project REAP (Recruitment of Educators for Advancement in the Profession) is designed to increase the pool of minority educational administrators through a planned program of professional development, interactive dialogue with successful role models and minority education leaders, and an internship. Professional growth planning is an integral part of the program which consists of a week-long institute and three subsequent weekend seminars followed by a one year mini-internship designed to meet the participant's individual profes-

sional development and growth needs. A week long institute was held on campus at Fayetteville State University in July and the first of three weekend seminars was held October 3-5 at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching in Cullowhee. A second weekend seminar is scheduled at the Aqueduct Conference Center in Chapel Hill in December and a January seminar is tentatively scheduled in Raleigh.

Ms. Freeman is a North Carolina Principal Fellow enrolled in the second year of the Masters of School Administration Program at Fayetteville State University and an administrative intern at Rowland Normal School in Lumberton.

Ms. Locklear is an assistant principal at Littlefield Middle School in Lumberton.

## *Swett High News*

The Varsity and JV cheerleaders attended the Robeson County Fair Cheerleading Competition on Monday, September 29. Both squads took second place with their excellent performance. They look forward to the competition at the Fairmont Farmers Festival on October 18 at noon.

PSHS held its PTSA meeting September 15 with Principal, Wesley Revels, welcoming everyone. Several teachers dramatized "Moving Into the 21st Century," which displayed perfect students in a perfect class in the first scene. In the second scene, students portrayed extremely disruptive behavior depicting realistic situations that sometimes occur in the classroom with a substitute teacher. Items of interest that were shared with parents included the new ABC program, Tech Prep, Job Ready, Ram's Clinic, Renaissance Program, and High Schools That Work program.

Afterwards parents visited

teachers to be informed of their children's progress in academic performance.

Ms. Felicia Hunt's Marketing and Business management classes recently participated in a Career Development Project which involved three phases.

Students were judged on their career box and oral presentation by other students. This project was also part of an integration activity with Mr. Tyner's Tech Theater class.

Winners for this event were:

Marketing-Hattie Worriax, Hon-

orable Mention-Angie Locklear, Courtney Scott, Adam Oxendine, Jeremy Oxendine, Louisa Martinez, and Kenissa Bird. Business Management- Wynema Locklear, Honorable Mention-Andrea McDonald, Jamice Chavis and Rihannon Chavis-Legerton.

Morehead Scholarship nominees selected include Sarah Locklear, LaShauna Deese, and Rihannon Chavis-Legerton. Students from Robeson Technical College visited the campus to share with students in interior design and clothing design classes of Mrs. Iris Locklear various ways to improve and enhance their appearances and homes.

RCC students, Abigail Locklear, Stefony Lewis, and Chenoa Morgan demonstrated hairstyles and colors that could enhance the students' appearances. They also provided services for manicure.

Student, faculty, staff, visitors, and parents of the community met together at the school's flag pole September 17 for the International Day of Prayer.

Bradley Locklear welcomed everyone. Nicolas Dimery presented the devotion and Ms. Delilah Ketterman did the prayer. Afterwards the group sang "Amazing Grace." The purpose of the event was to pray for students, faculty, community, the country, the world, and the problems the world encounter. The chairperson of the YCA is Mrs. Deborah Lowry.

## *Gospel Singing*

Come and support our children by attending a Gospel Singing Saturday November 1 at 7 p.m.. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). Refreshments will be sold.

The Gospel Singing will feature: Debbie and Eric Chavis, Royal Blood and other local groups.

Please come and support our children.

Tasha Oxendine, Lou Kirchen, Chancellor Joseph Oxendine and Denise Page are shown above.

## *WBTW-TV 13 Contributes to scholarship fund at UNCP*

Pembroke--Florence, S.C. CBS-affiliate, WBTW TV-13 delivered the third yearly contribution to its scholarship fund at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

On hand for the check presentation were WBTW Vice President ad General Manager Lou Kirchen, Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine, Dr. Oscar Patterson, director of telecommunications at UNCP and Dencie Page, chair of the UNCP Foundation, Inc., which administers the scholarship.

Reporting the story for WBTW was its North Carolina reporter Tasha Oxendine, a graduate of UNCP's broadcasting program.

WBTW's \$1,000 contribution will go to a broadcasting scholarship for a mass communications major who also works at WNCP, UNCP's television station. In making the presentation, Ms. Kirchen praised UNCP's broadcasting program.

"We appreciate contributions The University of North Carolina at Pembroke makes to the entire region," she said. "At WBTW, we especially appreciate the caliber of graduates they send to us."

Besides Ms. Oxendine, three other WBTW employees are graduates of UNCP's broadcasting program.

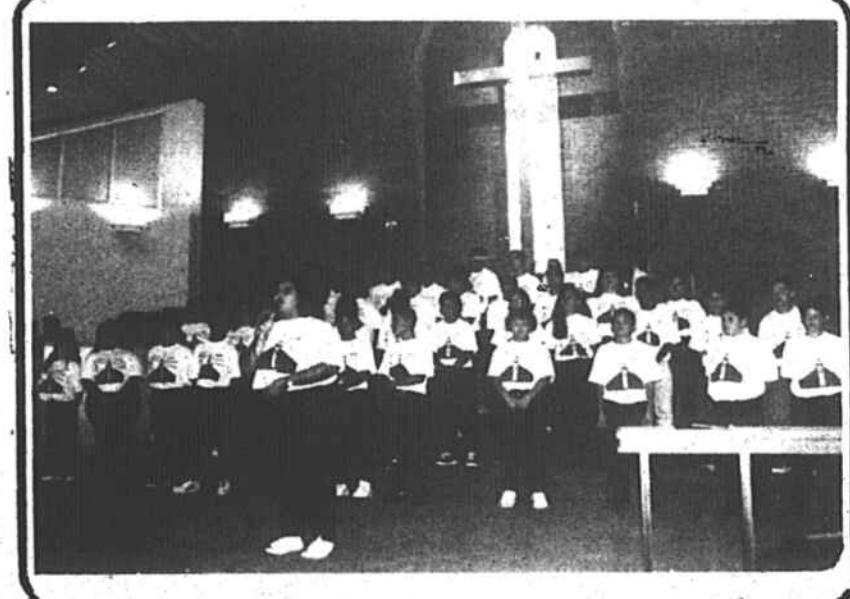
"UNCP graduates like Tasha are some of our best employees," Ms. Kirchen said. "UNCP does a wonderful job training our employees. It's graduates work at television stations across the Carolinas and beyond."

## *Pembroke Kiwanis Report*

The monthly business meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Jade Garden Restaurant with Brian Brooks presiding. Plans were made and discussed for the year's service projects. The spaghetti supper will be Friday, December 5 and the pancake breakfast will be Saturday, December 6th. Other plans to be worked on are the membership drive, a golf tournament, a vehicle fund raiser, the Boys and Girls Home received a \$200 donation, for a child's Christmas, sponsorship, plans to attend the mid-winter conference in Wilmington on Jan. 16th and 17th. Ray Lowry was presented the Outstanding Kiwanian

Award for 1996 and 97. Ray was a very prominent in fund raising projects, and other projects. Christmas toys and food baskets projects were discussed, for needy families. Charter Night was observed last week. The Pembroke Club was formed on October 17, 1961. Treasurer Albert Hunt was the first treasurer. This was the 36th meeting attended by Mrs. Katy Mae and Albert. A resume of the many happenings was recalled by Treasurer Hunt. It was a good 36 years.

Presiding.- Brian Brooks; Invocation.- Clay Maynor; Song.- Ed Teets; Reporter.- Ken Johnson.



## *Plate Sale and Gospel Sing Planned at Prospect UMC*

Prospect United Methodist Church will be having its annual plate sale and gospel sing on Friday, November 7th. The church is located on Route 3, Maxton, across the road from Prospect School on Missouri Road. These two events are sponsored by the Prospect United Methodist Men and the Community Men who will be on the program for the Gospel Singing at 7:30 P.M.. Also appearing will be the Youth Choir of Prospect UMC and the Chord of Three.

Don't miss this day of food and fellowship. The chicken and barbecue plate sale will begin at 10:30 a.m. and continue until 7 P.M.. Then the Gospel Sing will begin at 7:30 P.M.. on Friday, November 7. The mowies raised will be used to assist with projects for the needy in the community.

The pastor, the Reverend Bill James Locklear, invites you to attend.

Shown above is the Prospect UMC Youth Choir.

## *NC Indian Senior Citizens Conference Set for Nov. 7-8*

The 17th Annual North Carolina Indian Senior Citizens Conference will be held November 7th thru November 8th at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville. The conference theme is "Indian Elders: Voices of the Past and Future."

The conference provides an opportunity for Native American elders to come together to learn about resources and benefits available to them, to discuss issues and concerns, and to renew old acquaintances. Participants will attend a workshop on health and Indian spirituality and share stories on historical events, farming and daily living during the early 1900's.

The conference is sponsored by the North Carolina Indian Senior Citizens Coalition, United Tribes, the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization, and the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. (910) 483-8442.

The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, a division of the Department of Administration, was created by the General Assembly in 1971. More than 80,000 Indians live in North Carolina, giving the state the largest Indian population east of the Mississippi and the seventh largest Indian population in the nation.

## *Lumbee Guaranty Bank has record Quarter*

Pembroke, N.C. -- Lumbee Guaranty Bank announced today that 3rd quarter earnings were the highest in the Bank's 26 year history. Net income for the third quarter of 1997 was \$221,307, compared to \$173,127 during the same period last year, a 28% increase. Net income for the first nine months of 1997 (\$632,062) has increased by 44% over the same period in 1996 (\$437,979). Annualized Return on Average Equity (ROAE) totaled 11.03%, and Return on Average Assets (ROAA) totaled

1.04%.

Strong demand for mortgage and consumer loans, stable interest rates, and good cost controls, have assisted Lumbee Guaranty Bank in achieving record performance levels this quarter.

With over 85 million dollars in assets, Lumbee Guaranty is dedicated to providing its customers with the highest quality products and services available today. The Bank currently has 8 branch locations, and is in more towns in Robeson county than any other commercial bank.

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