

Editorial And Opinion Page

Hubert Stone would be a step backward for Robeson County: his words return to haunt him

To the Editor:
I have been a native here in Robeson county for the past 56 years and it will always be home for me, in spite of all the crime I have also seen a lot of corruption as far as crime and drugs. Our number one crime rate as you may know is drug related. Think citizens of Robeson County, just sit back and think that the drug dealers are the reason why the drug users are breaking into our homes, robbing, stealing and most of all, killing innocent people. The dealers are poisoning the minds and destroying the lives of our young people. Citizens, keep in mind our little children are our tomorrow and there will be no future for these young people if we sit back and do nothing. Question: who is going to be left to carry on the good works that needs to be done in our society? However, I have said all that to say this. We don't need a Sheriff's candidate such as Hubert Stone, a carbon copy of his past and to recede his past as when he was sheriff for all the drugs that infested our county and dispensed out among our society.

Fact, there have been convicted drug dealers who have personally come to me and said, "If Hubert Stone was in office, I would have never been caught for drugs." Quote: "I have never been caught for drugs until Sheriff Maynor came in office." Quote: "We are going to get our man

(Hubert Stone) back in." Question, has Stone allowed such dealings of being paid off or money under the table as being an informant for these dealers?

Does this sound like a man that wants to fight against drugs? Hubert Stone, also says if re-elected that he intends to re-open unsolved murder cases. Reality tells us that Law Enforcement can only do so much. The cases that have been solved have been by the good law abiding citizens of this county, and not law enforcement. If people had the knowledge and co-operation these cases would have been solved. So, what better chance does Stone have in solving these cases? Does he now have a crystal ball?

I am sure most of you have seen or heard of GQ magazine which was published by Scott Raab in March of 1994. Scott Raab came to Robeson County Jail to interview Hubert Stone about the James Jordan case, concerning Daniel Green and Larry Demery. During that interview was questions about Robeson County, and a particular article was printed statements made by Hubert Stone, verbatim quote: "Cocaine we still have a problem, especially among the Indians, most of the drug dealers that are arrested are one race-Indians. The blacks are on crack, most of the Indians stay on coke, anytime you look down the street and see a black and an

Indian guy you've got crime."

Most of you that have this magazine, check your books, isn't this word for word as it is printed? What type of elective official would make such a statement? Is this a man that shows prejudice? How about it, citizens, is this the kind of leadership you want in our county?

Those of you who know some of the department's employees can tell you that Sheriff Maynor has racially equalized his department, and has given equal opportunity to all races as a promise and a commitment of being fair.

The drug money that has been confiscated, Sheriff Maynor has put that into his department to enhance law enforcement with better equipment and what it takes to run the department more effectively and proficiently. There have been more drug busts, drug arrests and more dead beat dads for child support.

All citizens of this county have seen the previous works of former sheriff Hubert Stone, versus what Sheriff Glenn Maynor has done because Sheriff Maynor's work speaks for itself.

What is it in us that seeks the truth when we go to the polls to vote for the elect, or re-elect? Do we vote upon what reflects in our eyes? Or what we think in our minds? Or what we feel in our hearts?

Indian Voice Keeps Reader Informed About Home

To the Editor:
First of all, I want to thank you for the Carolina Indian Voice. It is a wonderful blessing to get it and to know what is going on around home. I have been in prison a very long time, and most of my family and loved ones have gone on ahead of me. But that is all right. I will see them again one day. I have written this poem about my mother who went home in 1983. She was a very special person. I could not go to see her for the last time here on this side of heaven. This poem is in her honor and memory, Essie Mae Jacobs. I hope also that it may help someone who has also lost a loved one.

Last week when I read Garry Lewis Barton's column about a special Valentine's Day message, it really touched my heart. Mr. Barton, Sir, I can understand what you mean. To this day I still have trouble believing my mother is gone. I was not able to go see her and that alone really tore my heart out. The only way I could go on was to sit down and try to write the way I felt and it is how I got through those trying times. Writing and by the Grace of God.

I have written other poems about my mother, my father and my brother. So many more of my family members have gone and left me. Some times I get so homesick to go home! It is so hard to try and make it in this place. I have my heart set on seeing Jesus one day and by His great love and mercy, I can make it from day to day.

It was a cold Christmas Day when my mother went home to be with Jesus. There is no better time to go home to be with the Lord than on his birthday. Glory to God! Praise His holy name!

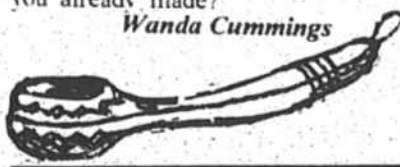
Before I close, I would like to thank the Rev. Ted Brooks. I really love reading what the Lord has put on his heart.

I am also sending my address in case anyone would like to write to me some time I would be happy to write back.

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Memories of Essie Mae

Sometimes we think of yesterdays.
Of special times gone by.
It brings back touching memories
And some which make us sigh.
The same is so true
When I let myself dwell on the memories
I have in my mind
Of someone so sweet and gentle, so lovable, caring and kind.
These memories come at a quiet time
When everything seems soft and new,
When the birds are singing their wake-up calls,
And the ground is covered with dew.
No, there's nothing quite like the dawn.
It is the start of every new day.
But what makes this time so special,
is the memories of Essie Mae.
essie Mae was my mother, you see,
She died in the winter of 1983.
I can't help but think of her
When the sun starts to rise.
It reminds me of the beauty she held in her eyes,
When I see the sparkling dew on the ground or in a tree,
It reminds me of the many tears she must've shed for me.
Essie Mae was loving and caring,
Not merely playing her part.
She gave herself freely,
And she gave straight from the heart.
Our family was so very dear to her,
She loved us each in a special way. And she prayed for us each night
before she slept,
And at the dawn of each new day,
Whenever she saw us fuss or fight,
It hurt her deep within
So she would spread her love all around
To bring us close again.
She suffered so much through tears and grief,
But her devotion to us was beyond belief.
Her love ran deep, much deeper than most
She prayed for her children's salvation
Till the day she gave up the ghost.
She died in December 1983,
But somehow I know she watches over me.
I can feel her presence down deep in my soul
And I believe that somehow she knows she reached her goal.
I'm a Christian now, Mama! Please rest all your fears,
Because we'll be together for the next ten thousand years.
Yes, the dawn is very beautiful,
It's the start of each new day.
It brings back loving memories of my mother, Essie Mae.
Rest in peace, Mama.
I'll be home soon!
Dedicated to all my family, in memory of Mrs. Essie Mae Jacobs



Wanda Cummings

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Pediatric Pointers

By: Joseph T. Bell
Pediatrician

Indian women have always been smart and resourceful people. An example of this is evident in the way Native women watched after their infants. Remember that in many Indian cultures, the woman was the primary worker; she was not only the cook and cleaner, but she also gathered and worked the fields. The women saw the need to keep the infants with them while they worked, not just for safety sake, but to also strengthen the bond of mother and child. They often accomplished this by using a cradle board (sometimes called a baby board or papoose). The child would be bonded into the opening of the cradle and then the board was strapped to the mother's back while she worked or travelled. The cradle board and child could be hung on tree limbs to keep the child out of the reach of preying animals roaming the grounds. Hanging the cradle on swaying limbs also helped rock the babies to sleep. Pretty smart, huh!

These days we have other ways of watching infants at home. Probably the most popular device used is the infant walker. Most parents view walkers as being safe sources of infant stimulation and activity. More than 70% of infants, usually from age 5 to 12 months, use infant walkers. Unfortunately, walkers often substitute for good parental supervision. Therefore, almost 50% of all infants using walkers are at some time involved in a walker-related accident.

The most common injuries seen

with walkers include those from falls down stairs. Tipping over and trapping fingers against something. The probability of an accident increases with the time spent in a walker. Falls occur in less than 30% of infants who spend less than 2 hours a day in a walker, but the percentage increases to 55% for those in the walker over 2 hours a day. It is discouraging to know most accidents occur with at least one parent somewhere in the house.

Fortunately, most walker accidents are minor and do not need medical attention. However, some of these accidents are severe. One medical study I read said that for children under 2, walker accidents were the third leading cause of head trauma. Some of the injuries reported included skull fractures and inflammation of the brain.

We must remember that the muscles used for cruising in a walker and walking are different muscles; therefore, walkers do not teach an infant how to walk sooner. In some infants with cerebral palsy, it probably even delays walking. Keeping all this in mind, we as parents should be cautious about walker use, especially in unsupervised infants who spend a lot of time in walkers. Their use is discouraged by the American Academy of Pediatrics. I personally feel they can be used, but only with the closest of supervision.

Let's always be thinking of safe ways to care for and supervise our children. See you next week!

A Friend Remembers Rev. Elias Rogers

To The Editor:
I am writing to note the death of Rev. Elias Rogers. Rogers died February 19 at his home in Hoke County. I mourn his passing as a private citizen, and extend sincere condolences to his family and many friends. He was my friend always, and I will miss him very much. I did not always agree with him on every thing he said and did, but I always agreed with his right to express himself fully and without reservation. I reserve the same right and privilege for myself as a citizen forged by the U. S. Constitution. We are all, in my opinion, measurably better off because of his life and his passion.

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