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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

## Wade Hunt Chosen Lay Person of the Year

by Alta Oxendine

Retired school principal Wade C. Hunt was recently honored as "Lay Person of the Year" for the entire Rockingham District at the Annual Robeson Sub-district Lay Rally held at his home church, Prospect United Methodist. Besides being active in his local church and community, Mr. Hunt has served the Rockingham District, the North Carolina Conference, and beyond. He has also been on two work teams to Bolivia and plans to go on a third in July of 1998. "Mr. Wade" was chosen from a group of lay persons nominated by 25 churches in Richmond, Scotland, and Robeson Counties.

Runners-up for the Robeson Sub-district were: Cecil M. Weeks, Jr., St. Paul's UMC, Maxton, and Richard Newton Smith, Jr., Rowland UMC. Other Robeson County nominees were: Joy Brayboy-Locklear, Sandy Plains; Betty J. Bridgers, New Hope; Trula McKeithan, Rhyne Memorial; Frances G. McNeill, Trinity, Red Springs; Linda Oxendine, Pleasant Grove; and Mark and Loria Simmons, West Robeson.

Because of the large number of lay persons in the Rockingham District involved in this annual event, two rallies are now held on the same Sunday, one in the afternoon, the other in the evening. One rally is made up of all Robeson County United Methodist churches. The other includes all

United Methodist churches in Scotland and Richmond counties. Around 500 people attended the Robeson Sub-district Lay Rally this year.

**Outstanding High School Seniors**  
Each lay rally also honors five "Outstanding High School Seniors." This year 16 young people were nominated from their respective churches in the Rockingham District. The two selected from Robeson County, Jammi Lowry of Pleasant Grove UMC, and Valencia Black of Rhyne Memorial UMC in Red Springs were honored at the Prospect rally. Other youth nominated from Robeson County were: Derrick Bethea, Tashua Bullard, Jennifer Everson, Jeffrey Holland, Hope Johnson, Millicent Maynor, and Michael McLellan.

**District Lay Leader**  
The Rockingham District Lay Leader is Pembroke native Jim Chavis, son of Lillian Chavis and the late J. W. Chavis who serves as vice President for Continuing Education at Richmond Community College. Jim Chavis succeeds Donald Bonner in this position. Even though he no longer lives in Robeson County, Mr. Chavis shared the fond memory of attending Sandy Plains Methodist Church as a boy.

Another Robeson County native is former Rockingham District Lay Leader Robby Lowry, son of Myrtle Lowry and the late Rev. Harvey Lowry. He is now Rockingham Dis-

trict treasurer. For several years he has served as N.C. Conference Lay Leader. He is also chairperson of the task force on conference structure. He works at the Social Security office in Rockingham.

**Lay Speakers**  
Each year a day-long district training session is held to prepare local church members for some aspect of lay speaking. District Superintendent Ben C. Rouse and Dotsy J. Reynolds, District Director of Lay Speaking, led the Consecration Service for Lay Speakers at the rally.

At each Lay Rally a scholarship offering is taken up for student pastors. This year Terry Hunt, pastor of Pleasant Grove UMC, expressed appreciation on behalf of all the student pastors in this area.

Others participating in the program were: UMW District President, Roberta Scipio, Lumberton; the Rev. William Wells, District Director of Higher Education/Gurney Unit, Lay Leader, Prospect UMC; and Jammi Lowry, Chairperson, District Youth Ministry Task Force.

**Special Music**  
One of the most meaningful experiences each year is joining in the hearty singing of familiar hymns as part of a large, integrated congregation under the direction of Prospect Music Director, Harold Jacobs. In past years Mr. Jacobs has di-

rected an adult choir made up of churches throughout Robeson County. However, this year's Lay Rally attendees enjoyed the enthusiastic singing of a children's choir directed by Mr. Jacobs, assisted by the local church choir directors. Children from Chestnut Street, Rhyne Memorial, Sandy Plains, Piney Grove, and Prospect participated with drum accompaniment by Prospect youth. Prospect Church organist is Grace Locklear. Mark Frazier of Chestnut Street UMC, played the piano.

In addition to his music ministry, last year Harold Jacobs was ordained a deacon at Annual Conference.

**Lay Rally Speaker**  
The Rev. Mike Safley, President of the Methodist Home for Children, was this year's Rockingham District Lay Rally speaker. He asked the congregation to sing along with him such familiar children's songs as "Jesus Love Me" and "Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World." Then he shared heart-wrenching stories of children and youth whose lives have been turned around through the conference supported Home for Children. After the program, an opportunity was provided to give to the Children's Home. Workers from the Children's Home also served refreshments in the Prospect Church fellowship hall.

Once again, the host church received the award for highest attendance at the Robeson Lay Rally.



Shown left to right: Wade C. Hunt, Rockingham District Lay Person of the Year; and Jim Chavis, Rockingham District Lay Leader.

## Workshops Set on Lumber River Basin Plan

Raleigh -- The public will have an opportunity in April to give input to the next Lumber River Basinwide Water Quality Management Plan, with workshops set for Bolivia and Lumberton.

The workshops, arranged by the state's Division of Water Quality, will be held April 8 in Bolivia (1-4 p.m., Government Center Complex) and April 23 in Lumberton (9-11:45 a.m., O. P. Owens Building, Cooperative Extension Office). The NC Cooperative Extension Service is joining the state agency in sponsoring the workshops. The workshops are open to local government representative, farmers, developers, environmental groups and the public.

The first Lumber River basin plan, developed in 1994, is being updated with the proposed second basin plan

which will be the focus of the two workshops. State officials will include the public's comments in considering the plan that targets basinwide planning and water quality concerns. The draft basin plan will be available for public review late in 1998, with the final plan to be implemented by May 1999.

The Lumber River Basin involves the Lumber River, Little Pee Dee headwaters, Waccamaw River watershed and the Coastal Drainage Watershed. The plan for the basin covers Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Robeson, Hoke, Scotland and Moore counties.

For more information about the workshops, contact Darlene Kucklen, Basinwide Planner, Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 29535, Raleigh, NC 27626-0535, or call (919) 733-5083, extension 354.

## Food Lion Now Open In Pembroke



Food Lion held its Grand Opening in Pembroke at the new University Plaza, Highway 711, Pembroke, on Wednesday, March 25, 1998. Shown left to right during the ribbon cutting ceremony are: McDuffie Cummings, Pembroke Town Manager; Darrell Goldsberry, Manager of Pembroke Food Lion; Tom Robinson, Food Lion Store Operation Supervisor; Charley Lowry, Junior Miss Lumbee; Ernestine Bouffant, president of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Milton Hunt; Town Councilmen Larry T. Brooks and Larry McNeill.

## Swett Drama Club to Present Twelve Angry Men

A man is murdered. His own teenage son is arrested and tried for the crime. Twelve ordinary citizens must now decide his fate.

Thus the stage is set for the Purnell Swett Drama Club production of Reginald Rose's classic drama *Twelve Angry Men*, scheduled for Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3, at 7:00 pm in the school's bandroom; Saturday, April 4 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, April 5 at 2:30 pm at the Robeson County Public Library auditorium in Lumberton. Directed by Steve Tyner, the school's theatre instructor, the play title has been altered to *Twelve Angry People* since the cast is mixed.

The ensemble cast is comprised of three seniors (Kate Locklear, Stephanie Hunt, Charles Jones); three juniors (Brad Locklear, Kristen Satterfield, Jaimee Chavis); one sophomore (Mark Adams); and six Freshmen (Ruth Hagger, Ariane Phillips, Crystal Chavis, Merri Huggins, Kelli Bullard, Sophia Dial). While none are what can be called "seasoned veterans", all but one cast member have appeared in other school productions or have been through at least one theatre class at the school.

*Twelve Angry People* is based on an actual personal experience of a manslaughter case in New York's General Session Court where Reginald Rose was a juror. Rose thought during the trial that no one anywhere ever knows what goes on inside a jury room, except the jurors, and he thought then that a play taking place entirely

within a jury room might be an exciting and possibly moving experience for an audience. Rose worked on the outline for a week and discovered that the outline was twenty-seven typed pages long. The script was written in five days.

There are four elements which he saw at work in the jury service. One element was the evidence he remembered by each of the individual jurors. The second was the relationship of juror to juror in a life or death situation. Third was the emotional pattern of each individual juror and the fourth was the physical problems such as weather, time, uncomfortable room, etc. All these elements are of vital importance in any jury room, and all of them presented excellent dramatic possibilities.

In the production sponsored by the Drama Club the seating arrangement will be what is called arena seating. Unlike traditional theatrical seating where the performance occurs onstage with the audience seated in front much like watching a television, this performance will have the audience seated on three sides of the players and within just a few feet of them. This setting was chosen to bring the action closer to the viewer to give the impression that the viewer is looking over the shoulder of the jury members.

Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$3.00. Seating is limited so come early or call 521-3253 to reserve your seat today.

## Deadline for Registering

The Robeson County Board of Elections (BOE) wishes to remind all county residents that the deadline to register for upcoming May primary is just around the corner. All persons interested in registering to vote must complete a voter registration application. Applications can be obtained from the BOE office. The completed application must be turned over to the BOE office on or before April 10, 1998.

## Unity March Planned

A Unity March will be held in Red Springs on Saturday, April 4 beginning at Peterson Elementary School. Assembly time is 8:30 a.m. Starting time for the march is 10 a.m. The march will end at the Red Springs City Hall. Goals of the march include more professional leadership in law enforcement, including the establishment of a Law Enforcement Relations Committee with Law Enforcement and Neighborhood presentation; quicker response time for medical emergencies; and other goals.

For more information contact Edward Henderson, March coordinator at 843-5865. Everyone in Red Springs is invited to participate as well as citizens from around Robeson County. The march is being sponsored by Citizens United For Progress, a newly organized committee to coordinate the march and propose several goals of the march to the Red Springs Town Council on April 7.

## Free Health Checks In Red Springs

Free health screenings will be held on Tuesday, April 21 from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Red Springs Police Department, 218 S. Main St. in Red Springs. Checks for cholesterol/HDL, blood pressure, and blood sugar will be offered to all adults, 18 years and older. No need to fast. In addition, educational displays on breast cancer, medications and other health-related topics will be featured. These free screens are sponsored by the Robeson County Partnership for Community Health. Call 671-5596 for more information.

## Free Listing for Businesses on Internet Yellow Pages

Anthony Swett has a new business and is offering to all local businesses, a free listing on the National Direct Internet Yellow Pages™. It is designed as a local directory for business of all type, and has the capability for international exposure.

Pembroke Hunting online for a local restaurant, mechanic, dry cleaner, deli, hardware store, or any other service may be faster and more fun when you do it by mouse.

Local Pembroke businesses can now have a free ad in the new National Direct Internet Yellow Pages™ so they can be found by these potential buyers.

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## \$116,000 Donated to UNCP Foundation, Inc.

Pembroke -- An anonymous gift to the UNCP Foundation, Inc. totaling \$116,000 will benefit UNC Pembroke faculty, students and research in the Department of Chemistry and Physics.

The gift was announced at the unveiling of the UNCP Foundation's 30th anniversary celebration. The gift will support the department's Molecular Biotechnology Computational Laboratory as well as research and scholarly activities of the faculty in chemistry and physics.

Department Chair Dr. Jose D'Arruda said the support of the laboratory and the department's faculty is especially important to its mission. "This is a great gift to our department that will raise the level of academic excellence we can provide our students," Dr. D'Arruda said. "First, it provides us with tools necessary to do research in molecular biotechnology, and second, it will provide our faculty the opportunity to engage in advanced study and research."

"I thank our anonymous donor from the bottom of my heart," he said. "This gift boosts our spirits, and gives us with another tool in our mission to provide the best possible teaching and learning environment."

Foundation Executive Director Dr. Prudence Precourt said the gift is timely.

"To have received this gift in time for the kickoff of the 30th anniversary of the Foundation is wonderful," Dr. Precourt said. "The Foundation was born 30 years ago with the idea that it would play a major role in giving our academic community at the Univer-

sity of North Carolina at Pembroke a competitive edge. This gift does just that."

"The community volunteers who make up the Foundation Board of Directors continue to lend their support to the students and faculty of UNCP," she said. "We are all extremely grateful to this anonymous benefactor who has helped us so much."

The gift comes on the heels of other good news for the Department of Chemistry and Physics including a name change. Shedding the physical science name for chemistry and physics reflects more accurately the mission of the department. Dr. D'Arruda said.

Chemistry and physics also recently received a state grant to purchase a magnetic resonance scanner for use in advanced molecular research and student training. The grant was for \$100,000.

News of the gift came at the recent unveiling of the Foundation's anniversary theme, "Proud Traditions, New Directions." Co-chaired by U.S. Rep. Mike McIntyre and Ms. Brigitte Cummings, the celebration will feature a series of event including "Explore Land, Water and People" on April 25.

Two guided field trips and a museum tour led by distinguished UNCP professors will examine Carolina Bays, the Lumber Rivers State Park and Native American archaeology in the region. The cost is \$20 for early registration (by April 17) and \$25 after that date.

For more information, call the Office of Development and University Relations at 521-6252.

## Now Accepting Applications for Junior and Little Miss Lumbee Pageant

The Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA), sponsors of Lumbee Homecoming and the Junior/Little Miss Lumbee pageant, will be accepting contestant applications starting April 1, 1998. Junior/Little Miss Lumbee acts as a role model for Lumbee youth, and will participate in Tribal activities. Applicants must be enrolled, female, tribal members between 11 and 14 years old for Junior Miss and 5 to 7 years for Little Miss. (Little Miss Lumbee contestants will need to be 5 not later than October 15, 1997). If you meet the criteria and are interested in competing as a contestant please contact Hazel Perez or Darlene Locklear for an application at the Head Start Office in Pembroke. The Deadline is April 15, 1998. In the event more applications are received than allocated slots available, a screening process will be initiated.

Notice: An entry fee of \$100.00 is required of all final contestants.