

# EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

...the voice of the drum is an offering to the Spirit of the World. It's sound arouses the mind and makes men feel the mystery and power of things. -BLACK ELK

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## Value of Savings & Loan Expounded by St. Pauls Reader

Dear Bruce:

I have been following your articles and surveys on the possible locating of a branch of Robeson Savings and Loan Association in Pembroke, and have awaited seeing something from somebody which would give the people of Pembroke some sort of comparison of the services it would offer versus the services already there through your local banks. Since it has not appeared in print, maybe as a dis-interested third party I could shed some light that might be helpful to your readers. I am neither connected with or a depositor in RS&L, and do not live in Pembroke, so I am really neutral.

One has to realize that there is practically no overlap in services between a savings and loan company and a bank. The savings company does not have checking accounts, for one thing. Not Christmas Clubs, nor the other services from safety deposit boxes to personal bankers. Only banks have those services.

As far as loans go, banks and savings & loan companies differ widely and have entirely different setups here too. Banks usually only make short term loans such as cars, furniture and personal loans. Banks just don't get into financing houses and buildings and larger, long term financing. And these are the very things a savings and loan company is in business for. They do not compete for loans—their loans are for entirely different purposes and what one wants the other will not accept. And there is a definite need for both services in any town.

As far as depositors are concerned, again there is little competition. The interest rates are different, the kinds of deposits are different, and access to your savings is vastly different too. Therefore there is a need for both these services too. Most bank savings deposits may be drawn out when you wish, most savings and loan accounts are for specified times. Those who want one service usually go to a bank, the others usually go to a savings and loan. Obviously a great many Pembroke area people already have deposits in a savings & loan someplace, and having your own could very certainly bring a lot of this money home to Pembroke. It is now scattered among maybe a dozen or more out of town S&L offices.

What effect would a new S&L have on your present bank? Undoubtedly it would help them grow simply because it would help Pembroke grow!

A Savings and Loan company, wherever it was, would provide Pembroke with local financing for new homes, for one thing, and this would encourage expansion of the housing industry, a great stimulant for your entire economy. It would provide local financing for any kind of effort to attract new industry you might like to bring to town. It would provide a money source not available through your banks for the expansion of your business community. And who knows how many Pembroke people who have accounts in savings and loan companies in other towns also do their banking there too for convenience? This business could well come home to you too.

If Robeson Savings or some other company were to locate a branch in Pembroke, it would undoubtedly create some local employment. I feel sure it would be staffed with local people, probably even the manager if someone local can be found who is qualified. And since building a new building for the facility would add to your tax base, this plus the other taxes a S&L pays locally would most probably make them one of the highest tax-sources the town has. And if your own local S&L can successfully attract home the money your people now have scattered amongst several such institutions in various other towns, this money as a block could well put some Pembroke people on the local board of directors, as I feel sure the folks at RS&L would prefer.

And one more point. Oftentimes community projects require the soliciting of money from local businesses, perhaps "Strike at the Wind!" may have been such a project—or the building of a new fire department or medical facility or some other such project. At times like these, your banking type businesses are always the largest contributors. Percentage wise, think of how much your potential would go up with the addition of another financial institution in the town!

## YOUR LIFE INSURANCE

Prepared by the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters, the national society of life insurance professionals who have earned the C.L.U. designation by meeting high educational, ethical and experience requirements.

Q. I've just gone back to work after an 18-year interruption to raise two kids. Though I don't earn as much as my husband (I expect to come close, though), my salary is pretty useful. What about life insurance for the working wife—namely, me?

A. It's not only a sound idea, but a necessary one. Today, there are 21 million married women like yourself who work. In fact, about half of all American families with incomes of \$15,000 or more achieved this income level because of a second income provided by the wife's job. Interestingly, studies show that the typical wife's salary is not used for providing frills, but for the basics—food, clothing and shelter.

Consider what would happen in these homes if the wife should die. Without her income, the family's standard of living would suffer severely. Her income—as well as the husband's—needs to be protected, a job that life insurance can do.



Every year the earth travels 600 million miles through space.



Sincerely yours,  
Dale Brooks, president  
WLAB Radio

## An Editorial Opinion

### KERSHAW TO RESIGN AS 'STRIKE AT THE WIND!' GENERAL MANAGER

Symbols are important. Seemingly, as far as role models go, it would be ideal to have a talented and creative Indian as general manager of 'Strike at the Wind!', the outdoor drama built around the exploits of Henry Berry Lowrie and the indomitable will of the Lumbee Indians.

But Rock Kershaw was an excellent general manager of 'Strike at the Wind!'. He has made the difference between "talking about an outdoor drama" and "making 'Strike at the Wind!' an exciting reality."

Now, according to a notice we have received from Adolph Dial, chairman of the board, Kershaw is leaving to accept a position with the Lost Colony, the granddaddy of outdoor dramas in Manteo. We wish Kershaw well. He has been creative, imaginative, hard working, audacious, and talented. He put all the pieces together.

But who will replace him? The board of directors of Robeson Historical Drama, Inc., the sponsoring agency of 'Strike at the Wind!' will meet January 9, 1978 to accept Kershaw's resignation "with regret" and possibly name his successor.

Rumor has it that Dial and the executive committee will recommend Lane Hudson, Kershaw's personable assistant, who, like Kershaw, just happen to be non-Indian.

Of course, the editorial position of the Carolina Indian Voice is that an Indian should be general manager. Or, at the least, an Indian should be named as assistant of whomever the board names as Kershaw's successor. It is time to come to grips with reality. 'Strike at the Wind!' future lies with local talent, preferably Indian talent. If it is not time to name an Indian to the position right now, it certainly is time to name an Indian as assistant so that the learning process can begin. And, if and when the next general manager leaves for greener pastures, we will be ready with an experienced Indian general manager to continue the phenomenal growth of 'Strike at the Wind!', the most exciting outdoor drama in America.

## As I See It

Bruce Barton



### YEAR ENDING NOTES, MUSING, ETC.

1977 was not a bad year. We survived, didn't we? I put a lot of stock in surviving. Surviving is almost a lost art form.

1977 was the year that the Robeson County School System changed administrative hands. Purnell Swett, a product of the school system, replaced Y.H. Allen who resigned in the face of growing dissatisfaction with his 1950s style machevellian derring do. Swett is doing just fine. He's growing in his job, teachers and administrators are excited about education. I wish Purnell Swett continued success as superintendent of the Robeson County Administrative School Unit. He is ably assisted by school board attorneys, Locklear, Brooks and Jacobs, a youthful and able Indian law firm. Ralph Hunt, the able chairman of the board, and his predominate Indian school board are providing sober, long range planning.

The sun still comes up in the morning and goes down in the evening. The seasons continue to come and go as they are supposed to do. Our distractions used to say... "but you don't have anyone qualified!" Well, we do now and they are doing just fine.

My wish for 1978 is that we support Supt. Swett, Robeson County Board of Education, and the entire educational system in the county schools. In the past, Allen played us off against one another like underlings running under the king's palace, each vying for the king's ear. Things are different now. Let's give Swett and his team some breathing room, some growing room, some learning room. He deserves a chance to install his

own team, define his own policies, his way of doing things.

My number one wish in 1978 is that we give Swett and company a chance. They deserve it. God knows they are qualified. All they need to succeed is our support. I hope we give it unflinchingly.

At the tail end of 1977 I entered a spiritual realm that I am not sure I can define fully. Adversity, mostly in the form of economic reprisals, caused me to re evaluate The Carolina Indian Voice. Survival is the answer. I do not wish necessarily to go up in a puff of smoke. I am not going to be as reckless this year as I have been in past years. I will still take my philosophical stands, no matter what the cost, but I will try to look for the best in all of us before I look for the worst.

I am growing spiritually, looking for peaceful planes, examining myself for growing room.

I have begun to attend the church in my community-Deep Branch Baptist Church. The people who attend Deep Branch Baptist Church are elementary, down to earth people like me. I am comfortable with them. They soothe my troubled spirit.

I am entering 1978 thinking things out for myself, toned down, not as cocky as I have been. 1978 promises to be an uncertain but exciting experience. I am not sure exactly where I am going, but I do know that my route is a spiritual one, like always.

I solicit your prayers, your continued support in 1978. happy new year!

## THROUGH CHANNELS

BY JOEY SASSO

Confidential Report... A TV tragedy - A famed TV star is going through a bitter divorce which is causing him so much pressure he's being driven to fits of bizarre behavior. On the set recently, the star belted an actor and friend in the chops when he hinted that the star's intense concentration on his career had caused the breakup of his marriage. The friend, however, has forgiven the star, and insists he is still my friend. Later, the star displayed another violent outburst, this time on national television when he entered a round of verbal fisticuffs with a Washington, D. C. Journalist on a nationally syndicated show. When the star split from his wife he went to live in his dressing room on the set, and didn't leave the place for days. Then, to relieve his boredom, he worked extended hours running his crew and himself ragged. He finally had to be hospitalized when he collapsed on the set. "It was an intense, physical grind and it was very hard on him," explained his personal secretary. Contributing to his exhaustion was a severe high-protein, low-carbohydrate diet. Now the star is reporting that he plans to quit the series after this season. "I want to quit a winner and not overstay my welcome," he notes. "If Humphrey Bogart were on TV every week, they'd get sick of him, too." However, chances are the network will be able to lure the star back with a salary increase. He needs the dough now that heavy alimony payments are in the near future. To help with the finances, he just accepted \$1 million to do another commercial for an oil company. Since becoming a bachelor, he is acting like he's trying to catch up on lost time. "A different girl as often as possible," is how his friends explain it... Suzanne Somers says her favorite drink is a Teacher's bullshot...

Eye on TV: "That's really what I can do an odd couple!" exclaims a waiter at the devery Hills Hotel restaurant. He's referring to Hollywood's hottest new couple, TV talk show hostess Dinah Shore and actor Ron Ely, alias Tarzan. The two began their relationship over a Sunday brunch at the famous hotel, having been introduced by friends, and have since appeared elsewhere several times, holding hands. "They do make a handsome couple. I must admit," notes the waiter, who wishes to remain anonymous. "But I can't get used to it, seeing Dinah Shore with Tarzan! At least that's how I think of him..." Now that she's old enough to drink, MacKenzie Phillips sips Hennessy V.S.O.P... With \$5,000 fan letters coming each month and a fan club membership of \$5 per head, you'd think Henry Winkler, or the Fonz of TV's "Happy Days," would be rolling in the green stuff. "That's certainly not the reason I'm doing it," Henry denies. "It's costing me \$3,000 a month just to answer the mail... There was never any possibility that "Chico" and the Man" wouldn't be back on the air this season. Jack Albertson claims, despite the death of Freddie Prinze, one of the show's title stars last year. "We got thousands and thousands of letters begging us to continue." Jack told me "and only one suggestion that we give up the show."

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## Appreciates Articles on Outstanding Indians

Dear Bruce:

I just wanted to take a few minutes to express my appreciation for your recent articles featuring several members of our Indian community. Some of my fondest memories are of the days which Jimmie Lowry and myself spent at North Carolina State University when we were the only two Indians on the campus of a major university. Jimmie was always concerned that we conduct ourselves in such a manner as to reflect well on our people and that we set an example for other young Indians to follow. All of us can justly take pride in the academic achievements of Jimmie at State and in the success which he has had in the business world since his graduation. Speaking as a long-time friend, however, I take the great pride in the fact that he did not forget for one minute his Indian origins. His recent involvement with, and election to the chairmanship of, the North Carolina Commission on Indian Affairs demonstrates anew to me that he is still the same fellow that I used to have those long, late-night conversations with while we were in college.

By my calculations, Tryon is really not that far from Pembroke, so if I am able to gather enough pennies together I shall buy my next new automobile from the only Indian-owned General Motors dealership in the whole of these United States of America. To my mind, Jimmie epitomizes the idea that Indianness need not be inconsistent with capitalism, rather that the two can in fact fit quite nicely together.

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hand. If you have read your Bible at all, it will tell you that the devil believed. James 2:19. Believing is not enough and if you are claiming salvation by the shaking of the preacher's hand and by believing only, then no wonder every time sin comes to town, you want to ride and then tell every one the Lord was testing you. Come on now, say amen. Every party that the world has you just can't keep flesh down, the reason is you only have a handshake. If you were washed in the blood, Glory to God, you could say, "Satan, I'm a child of the King. I'm consecrated."

You can tell holiness anywhere. It's set apart from the world. You can see the blood all over that person who has repented of his sins. Repentance the word itself means to pant, to sigh, to moan. I know what you have been told, a hand shake or to believe is enough. If I were attending a church and a preacher told me that was all my family or friends need to do, I wouldn't support him with one dime. Isa. 55:7 said, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts. And let him return unto the Lord." It has been told and preached that when one believes or confesses, there is no emotion. What I mean is one knows no difference. It doesn't make any difference what I say, but what does the word of God teach or have us to know? When the Publican acknowledged his sins, he beat upon his breast and cried, Lord be merciful, indicating sorrow of the heart. Repentance is not only a heart broken for sin, but from sin also. For someone to say it without emotion, my friend, the part of the will and disposition in repentance is shown, how else shall one know then, except by the fruit they bear. When the prodigal son came to himself, he said, "I will arise." And he did arise. You see, he not only thought upon his ways and felt sorry because of his sinful ways, but he turned his steps homeward which were in the right direction. When repentance is made and a sorrowful one, there is an experience.

I want to ask you this question. Be honest with your self and with God. Forget this moment of what someone told

Time was when prejudice and discrimination caused many of our better-educated people to leave the State in order to more fully develop their talents, now most of them, such as James B., are choosing instead to remain in their homeland so that their people can receive the full benefit of their energies and skills.

Although we have seen much progress in Robeson these past several years, the best is yet to come; however, while much of the past change was due to political efforts, the next real breakthroughs will be due to the talents and efforts of the emerging young Indian professionals. These next several years shall see many well-educated young Indian people return to this county from some of the best schools in America. Their involvement in all fields of endeavor will catapult the Lumbee Indian people into their rightful place in the economic, political and social fabric of Robeson County.

In closing, I also would like to pay tribute to Mr. Murphy Locklear, and others like him, who did so much to lay the foundation for the opportunities which so many of us now enjoy. Although I have never met Mr. Murphy, I do have a great deal of respect for him as a person having seen his greatness reflected in the lives of a whole community of individuals. It is to such men that we owe the close-knit structure of most Indian families; which structure has served to draw many a wayward native son back into the fold.

Thank you again for giving me this small space for the expression of my thoughts; best of luck with the paper, we need you very much.

Sincerely  
Dexter Brooks  
Pembroke, NC

## ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE

EVANGELIST TED BROOKS

### REPENTANCE

Acts 17:30 "And the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men every where to repent." Now had you lived in this time when Paul preached to the people of Mars Hill and found the people worshipping unknown gods and he said, "I perceive that in all things they are too superstitious." Acts 17:22. These people were used to doing what they wanted to and Paul declared being troubled in his spirit and said the city has wholly given to idolatry. Verse 16.

Now I want you to read again the 30th verse and the times of this ignorance God winked at. But now commandeth all men every where to repent. When you finish reading this don't run to your preacher and say Brother Brooks said so and so, but you tell him, Praise God, what the word of God has said. Amen.

Paul referred to these people as being ignorant before Jesus came and brought his divine grace. The people would go to their priest and he would go once a year with the blood of goats and bulls and what have you for the errors of the people and himself.

Today God does not wink at sin, neither does he compromise. Jesus when he sent his disciples and the seventy, commanded them to teach repentance. Jesus said, "I tell ye, nay, but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3. God's orders to all men are to repent. The way some so-called Christians are living one would think God had

changed his plan of salvation. You think the need for repentance had somewhat diminished. His terms for entering his kingdom had been told to ease off. My friends, God said it, not I. For a man to fail to heed repentance means he shall utterly perish. In II Peter 3:9 it would be wise of you to read that God said he was not slack concerning his promise. As some men count slackness. You may walk by the door of the closing of the service and give the minister a love offering, you can pay your tithes every week and live like the world, but God's word is still there saying repent. It has been asked of me many times, "Brother Brooks, how is it you can't tell the church some times from the world?" I tell them the people need to repent. Now you can close your eyes to this message and walk away, but you will still be without an excuse. You see, man has tried to take the effect out of repentance in order to build his enrollment and to add on to his building. He has tried to take the power out of repentance. What I'm writing now you can show to the whole world because it is the truth and the word. What's wrong today is man wants to know more than the other man so his doctrine must be better than the others. And to get followers he will try and change God's word. Now, I don't care if your minister has a dozen or more degrees, unless he himself has been born again and repented of his sins, he is lost. And the degree he needs most of all is the B.A. Degree, a true believer of God. You see, we got this mess being preached that all one has to do is stand up and say I believe and come forth and shake a

## An Editorial Opinion

### 'NO' VOTE ON VOTING MACHINES MAKES SENSE

The erudite chairman of the Robeson County Board of Elections campaigned hard for voting machines. Monday, the board of commissioners, by a vote of 4-2 voted "no."

Although we respect and admire Rev. Charles McDowell, the compassionate chairman of the board of elections, we disagree with him on this particular matter.

\$150,000 seems a little steep to invest in machines that would be used every two years sparsely and heavily every four years during balloting in general elections.

Too, there is a certain excitement to staying up all night following the election returns. Some of us like to get out every two years or so. The vote by the board of commissioners seem, as we see it, to be a wise and economical one.

### "Quote"

"Power does not corrupt men; tools, however, if they get into a position of power, corrupt power."

George Bernard Shaw



## BORN THIS WEEK

Danny Thomas  
January 6, 1914

"It often is one basic reason for the success of our television shows through the prize. It is our preoccupation with trouble — nothing else is shared by so many people."



Actor