

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE



"We cannot know where we are going if we do not know where we have been."

P.S.H.S. 'Warriors of the Week'

Four athletes received "Warrior of the Week" honors for the week of January 4-8 involving games with Scotland County and South Robeson.

SCOTLAND COUNTY

The boys' selection for this game was junior guard Devy Bell who scored ten points and grabbed three rebounds. "Devy's leadership and heady play kept our team playing together," Coach James H. Locklear was quoted as saying.

[PHOTO NOT AVAILABLE]



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Sheila Regan

As I See It

by Bruce Barton



...THE LAST VESTIGE OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas brings out the best in folks, especially in the Deep Branch Community where I live. On December 11 the Deep Branch Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxillary gave a community-wide Christmas party for the kids. Of course it was a rousing success. Kids came out to see Santa en masse. No one is absolutely sure but evidence indicates that Lee Edward Sampson played the role of Santa Claus. Even his son, Eddie, is not sure. Eddie's look of wonderment seems to say, "Hey, I believe you're my father but... I'm not sure. Just in case, here's what I want for Christmas..." Eddie is the son of Lee Edward and Sarah Sampson, also of the Deep Branch Community.

ED JOHNSON HAS A GOOD POINT, AS I SEE IT

Ed Johnson, Chairman of Robeson County's out-manned Republican Party, charged last Thursday that the county's County Commission election law enacted in 1919 discriminates against minorities, especially Republican minorities, in an appearance before the County Board of Elections. Ed Johnson has a good point, as I see it. Johnson says that the law is discriminatory because the at-large election of county commissioners in the general election dilutes the minority vote because candidates run solely within their districts in the primary elections. Said Johnson, "If districts were established in the primaries to guard against the dilution of minority voting strength, then why doesn't the same prin-

...ciple apply in the general election?" Good point. But then Mr. Johnson shows his conservative leanings: "Finally, much has been said and written of late by various special interest groups within Robeson County regarding the applications of the Voting Rights Act. The cases in particular are, of course, the Lumberton School Board case (now pending at the Justice Department), the recent County Commissioners decision to split the Lumberton District into two districts, and now the legislative re-districting controversy.

"It will be interesting to see if these special interest groups are as concerned about fairness and justice when it comes to the application of the Voting Rights Act to minority Republicans as minority Democrats. "I'm just wondering out loud, Mr. (Harbert) Moore (Chairman of the Board of Elections), do you think the Republican Party could get the Lumbee Legal Services Corp., the Black Caucus, and the Indian Caucus, and the NAACP to join with us to make sure all Robesonians are treated with equal and fair treatment?"

A little feictious, huh? Still, as I said earlier, the man has a point. And, as noted earlier, what's fair for the goose is fair for the gander.

The federal courts and the 1965 Voting Rights Act should, and does, apply to all citizens of Robeson County. I would suggest that Mr. Johnson press his point in these two sacred arenas.

DID YOU KNOW?

Despite the fact that toothpaste has been around for over 100 years, it is still one of the fastest growing of all products in the health and beauty aids field. Among toothpastes, gels have shown the greatest growth, now comprising over 30 percent of the category.



The largest selling toothpaste in the world is Colgate Toothpaste, a leader in oral care since it was introduced in 1877. Until now, however, that company hadn't entered the gel market. Now it is offering Winterfresh Gel, as well as Regular Flavor Colgate.

Two girls were selected for the South Robeson game and both were taking honors for the second time. Daphne Russ and Sheila Regan led the Lady Warriors to a close win over the Mustangs. Coach Carmichael had this to say, "Sheila and Daphne both played an excellent ballgame. Both girls scored their season high (Regan 31; Russ 16) and continued a great deal on defense. Daphne made 3 clutch baskets in the 4th quarter and Sheila was able to hit her free throws to keep us in the lead."

THEN and NOW



THEN: Back in the year 1806, 23-year-old William Colgate opened a soap and candle shop. In 1877, his company introduced the first toothpaste, sold in a jar.



NOW: Today, his company's toothpaste is the world's best selling dentifrice, marketed in the U.S. and some 135 other countries. In fact, one out of every four tubes sold in the world is Colgate. Now, that company has entered the gel toothpaste market with Colgate Winterfresh Gel. Gels, which represent one-third of the dentifrice category, are the fastest-growing segment of the toothpaste market.

Retail toothpaste sales, which totaled \$250 million in 1960, and \$370 million ten years ago, surpassed the billion-mark in 1981—a ten-year increase of 170 percent.

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God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the different.

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Candidates have until Feb. 1 to enter the Democratic or Republican Primaries, each of which is a preliminary to the November election.

Incumbents Sammy Cox, Lumberton; and Bill Herndon, St. Pauls filed for re-election to the Robeson County Board of Commissioners.

Larry T. Brooks, a Pembroke City Councilman, has filed as a candidate for the Pembroke-Maxton commissioner seat.

Dixie Barrington, recently appointed to the clerk of court to fill the unexpired term of the late Ben Floyd, also filed as a candidate for a full term Monday.

Filing for the Robeson County Board

Education is Ronald Hammonds, an incumbent. Also filing are newcomers Doris Wilkins and Dr. Dalton P. Brooks. Six seats are up for grabs.

Channing P. Cunningham filed for one of four seats on the Fairmont Board of Education.

Elsewhere in the county, Chalmers Biggs, the long time coroner, filed for another term. He is being challenged by Edward Vester Maultsby.

Lillian Faye Locklear and Rufus Graham, both incumbent county board of education members have also announced their intention to seek another term.

A WHALE OF A LIFE

A surprising fact to many Americans is that the American buffalo might still be roaming the Western Plains... in massive numbers... if it had been given the same protection we now give whales.

Thanks to the efforts of the International Whaling Commission, no whale species will ever be hunted to extinction by commercial whalers. The Whaling Commission prohibits the commercial whaling of all stocks and species in danger of depletion.

Now, commercial whaling is limited only to stocks and species at healthy population levels. These catch quotas are kept lower than the yearly reproduction replacement levels.

There are about three million whales in the world. During the past year, the Whaling Commission permitted a catch of only fourteen thousand whales. Of those, eighty percent were the now

dominant, fast-reproducing minke whale species. Scientists now believe that minke whales should be culled back to permit faster recovery of depleted fin and blue whales.

The largest animal in the world, the whale, can eat up to one and a half tons of smaller fish in a single day.

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Keep tabs on this vital sign

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