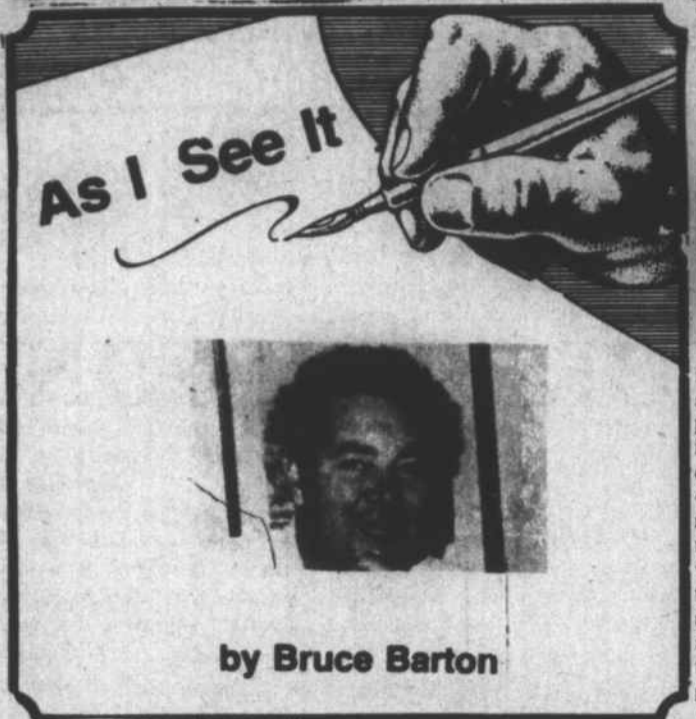


EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

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



by Bruce Barton

THANKS EXPRESSED FROM CARDELL SPAULDING IN CENTRAL PRISON

Editor's Note: I am an ex-convict. Make no doubt about it. Everything I have done is part of that experience. I am sympathetic to those in prison. It is part of my make up, my psychological upbringing. A man is a product of his upbringing. My upbringing was in Central Prison in the mid 60s when I served a 7-10 year sentence for breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony.

I do not say that in a bragging fashion but I learned about myself while I was incarcerated there. I know my limits, my capacity for growth. I grew up spiritually in that dark and ugly place.

This week my special columnist is Cardell "Bill" Spaulding. He wrote me a few years ago and we began corresponding. Later, I visited him and attended his trial in Raleigh where he was being tried for his life for killing a fellow inmate in Central Prison.

When I first heard from him, I contacted some prison officials and other state officials. I was told that he was "the meanest man in North Carolina," by one of them.

But I have learned one thing in life. Never accept another's estimation of a human being. Find out for yourself, if you can. That is the best way.

Here's a recent letter from Cardell. I am reprinting it because it is news worthy and speaks eloquently of loneliness, deprivation, rebirth in Christ and the fact that every man is redeemable through Jesus Christ.

See for yourself. Here's Cardell Spaulding, my guest columnist for this week.

Mr. Barton, I didn't know where to begin with this letter but I asked the Good Lord to help me word it, and I didn't have any

problems at all. Here's what I want to say from my heart. I want to express my appreciation and thanks to you, and my other true Christian friends like Charles A. Maynor, P.D. Locklear, John A. Locklear, Joyce B. Jacobs, Trudy Lee Oxendine, Remer Locklear, Josephine Woodell, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Pierce, J.B. Spaulding, and all the other nice people in and around the Pembroke and Union Chapel communities, like Rev. Bob Mangum and his wife, Neila Mangum and Dexter Brooks.

Also, it gives me a good feeling down deep inside to know you nice, good hearted people took time to reach down and help a needy brother who was down almost to the bottom of the pits. In fact, I hardly touched bottom until a true Christian brother in Christ, Mr. Bruce Barton, came along and saw I was barely hanging onto nothing else hardly to hang on to. I know God sent Mr. Barton to me and the first visit from this wonderful man I could feel and sense the love of God in our visit and it gave me a true desire to go on and keep pushing toward heaven. And I don't intend to stop pushing until I get to heaven. And I pray and trust that everyone who reads this article will also follow me to Heaven.

I want to say this about Mr. Bruce Barton. There is no better person any where than him. This man's not selfish. He's concerned about others. He'll reach out and offer anybody a helping hand. He doesn't look at a person and form his opinion of them by the color of their skin. He looks and forms his opinion of all human beings as God's given people. Bruce, you'll always have my true friendship and respect. I pray every day that others like you will see fit to reach down and lift up a brother who is down like I was.

I want to say this about Charles A. Maynor, P.D. Locklear, John A. Locklear, Trudy Lee, Joyce B. Jacobs and Rev. Bob Mangum: I

can't thank all of you wonderful people enough for reaching out and lending a hand to help me up out of old Satan's pit where I can now see the light. If others like the ones I have mentioned in this letter would get interested and offer a helping hand, there wouldn't be as many people going to prison and being tried for their lives.

Very truly,
Cardell Spaulding
835 W. Morgan St.
Raleigh, NC 27603



McDUFFIE CUMMINGS

FOR
Robeson County Sheriff
THE PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE

•Crime continues to increase in Robeson County. Let's work towards solving this problem by VOTING FOR A CHANGE in the SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
VOTE McDUFFIE CUMMINGS FOR SHERIFF!
•A vote for Cummings is a vote for integrity and Christian principle as well as capable leadership.
-Rev. James D. Dial

An Editorial Expression-

WIC IS WORTH SAYING

There's a program in Robeson County that we feel is worth saying. It is called WIC, short for Women, Infants and Children.

Abundant evidence was accumulated through 1971 confirming that in this rich country a large number of people suffered from hunger, undernutrition, and forms of severe starvation thought to exist only in the most deprived parts of the world. About 20 percent of America's children were found to be stunted because of insufficient food. The nation responded by expanding the food stamp program and supplementing the food available to poor pregnant women, infants and children (WIC program).

The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children is one of the most successful federal programs ever devised. The program, which is operated through health clinics, provides prescription food packages and nutrition counseling to pregnant and nursing women, infants and young children. To be eligible for the program, these individuals must also be determined by a medical professional to be a nutritional risk.

The Reagan Administration is proposing to terminate the WIC program. Instead, the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) block grant would be expanded to allow states to provide the nutrition services now available through WIC. However, the funds added in the MCH grant to compensate for terminating WIC would be about 27 percent below the current WIC operating levels.

The Administration's proposal to end WIC and fold it into the block grant would result in hundreds of thousands of women, infants, and children being denied nutrition supplements and having to be dropped from the program. In addition, there is no assurance that the funds added to the block grant in place of WIC would be used for nutrition services.

Recently the editor of this newspaper visited the Robeson County WIC office. I found out that there are 2900 enrollees in the program in Robeson County. The program was lauded by Ms. Lena Dial, coordinator, and Bobby Rogers, the director of the Robeson County Health Department which administers the program locally. Said Rogers, "It is one of the best programs I have ever seen. We are products of our health; nutrition dictates everything that happens to us."

But make no mistake about it. The program is in trouble nationally as well as here in Robeson County. Only a concerned public can insist that the program escape President Ronald Reagan's economic scalpel.

You are invited to a public meeting on the WIC program. Come tell them how you feel about WIC on Friday, May 28, 1982 from noon until 3 p.m. in the Hearing Room G170 [Ground Floor] of the Archdale Building, 512 North Salisbury Street [corner of Salisbury and Peace], Raleigh, North Carolina.

If you are unable to attend and wish to tell them your feelings, please write them down and send them to: Nutrition and Dietary Services Branch, Division of Health Services, Post Office Box 2091, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.

Standards for participation in the WIC Program are the same for everyone regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, political beliefs, sex or handicap.

It might be our last chance to save a program that is, as we see it, worth the effort of saving.

You might also write your congressman and two senators and ask them to speak out in behalf of this worthwhile program.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?



Services ranging from medical and dental care to summer camp experiences; providing fuel, food, clothing and shelter to the destitute; and individual and emergency services are just some of the good works that a group of men and women who have dedicated their lives, their skills and service completely to God are bringing to the people in their communities. The group is The Salvation Army and its credo is to give aid wherever and whenever the need is apparent without distinction as to race or creed, and without demand for adherence, simulated or real, to the group's religious principles.

If you have a desire to work for others or if you are ever in need of physical necessities or spiritual guidance, a Salvation Army center can be of help. For free leaflets, write to: The Salvation Army National Headquarters, 799 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, NJ 07044.

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The Amazing Story of the Oxendines (sic?)

The book, *The Amazing Story of The Oxendines In America*, by Sharon Taylor, isn't so amazing after all.

Sharon Taylor is writing letters to Oxendines all over America trying to lure them into buying her book. If you have received one of her letters, please be informed that she hasn't found the link to the mysterious Oxendine name at all.

The book does give tips on how to do genealogical research. It gives the Oxendine Coat of Arms. And it does list 1,287 Oxendine households all over America. If you are thinking about buying the book, I suggest that you spend the \$27.00 that it costs for other useful purposes.

Carol Oxendine

STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNER

named Area Player of the Year

by Gary Spitzer,
PSU Sports Information Director

Pembroke-Forace Oxendine, the PSU first baseman who batted .500 for the 1982 season, has been awarded another honor.

The Pembroke native has been named "Player of the Year" for the NAIA Area 7 and named a member of the all-Area 7 team and moves him on step closer to being NAIA All-American in baseball for the 1982 baseball season.

Area 7 includes a four-state region of West Virginia, Kentucky, and North and South Carolina.

"Forace had a heck of a year and did the things we asked him to do," stated a pleased PSU Coach Harold Ellen in learning of the honor. "He is the first .500 hitter I have ever coached and could have even hit more with a little practice. I am confident that Forace can hit in any league if he makes his mind up to it, and that includes the major leagues."

Oxendine was earlier voted NAIA All District 26 and All Carolinas Conference and also named "Baseball Player of the Year" in those two associations.

"His being named player of the year for Area 7 means that he is a number one candidate for All-American," continued Coach Ellen. "The all-area team is selected by the coaches attending the NAIA Area 7 Baseball Tournament."

The Area 7 Tournament was won by Coastal Carolina (SC) College who defeated NAIA District 26 Champion High Point. Coastal will advance to the NAIA World Series.

The NAIA All-American team will be decided at the NAIA World Series, June 1-5 in Lubbock, Texas.



Dawn Oxendine, a student in the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf and the daughter of Mrs. Vivian Mullin of Pembroke, recently won a State Oratorical Contest. She won a \$700 scholarship.

She qualified for the state competition by winning first place in the Girls' Division of the "Help Them Hear" Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Evening Optimist Club of Wilson. [Bruce Barton photo]



The first cooking school in the US was the New York Cooking School, which was opened in 1976 by Juliet Corson in her home.



Ringling Brothers started their first circus at Baraboo, Wisconsin in 1884.

"THE FUTURE BEGINS NOW!"



LARRY T. BROOKS

QUALIFICATIONS:

- EXPERIENCED IN GOVERNMENT
- EXTENSIVE BUSINESS EXPERIENCE
- CERTIFIED IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION
- CONCERNED PARENT: THE ONLY CANDIDATE WITH CHILDREN (4) IN THE LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THESE PROBLEMS?

- * WHY IS THE ROBESON UNEMPLOYMENT RATE THE HIGHEST IN THE TEN-COUNTY CAPE FEAR REGION?
- * WHY IS SCOTLAND COUNTY ABLE TO ATTRACK BETTER-QUALITY INDUSTRY, WITH HIGHER-PAYING JOBS, THAN ROBESON COUNTY?
- * WHY HAVE THE COMMISSIONERS GRANTED SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO QUALIFY LOW-PAYING LOCAL INDUSTRY FOR TAX-PAYER ASSISTED FINANCING?
- * ALTHOUGH NORTH CAROLINA WILL EXPERIENCE A DRAMATIC POPULATION INCREASE THROUGH THE NEXT CENTURY, MOST OF THAT INCREASE WILL BE DUE TO AN INFUX OF NEWCOMERS. WHY WILL IT BE NECESSARY TO IMPORT SO MANY SKILLED WORKERS? HOW WILL OUR LOCAL PEOPLE BE ABLE TO COMPETE WITH THESE NEWCOMERS FOR JOBS?
- * WHY IS THE BULK OF OUR TAX MONEY SPENT IN THE LUMBERTON AREA? WHY DOES MOST OF THE NEW INDUSTRY LOCATE AROUND LUMBERTON WHILE WESTERN ROBESON GENERALLY GOES LACKING?
- * WHY WAS THE ROBESON TAX RATE A HIGH .82 WHILE THE SCOTLAND RATE WAS ONLY .70 [1980 FISCAL YEAR]?
- * WHY DOES ROBESON ALLOCATE A SMALLER PERCENTAGE OF ITS LOCAL REVENUE TO EDUCATION THAN ANY OF ITS NEIGHBORS?
- * WHY HAS THE PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL MONIES ALLOCATED TO EDUCATION DECREASED OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS?
- * WHY IS ROBESON STILL SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC POVERTY AND AN EVER INCREASING CRIME RATE?

LARRY T. BROOKS BELIEVES:

- * A COUNTY WITH GOOD SCHOOLS HAS A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY PRIDE. QUALITY INDUSTRY LOCATES NEAR GOOD SCHOOLS. PRODUCTIVE WORKERS ARE MODEL CITIZENS AND HAVE MORE STABLE FAMILIES.
- * WE CANNOT AFFORD ANYTHING LESS THAN A FIRST-RATE SCHOOL SYSTEM. FIVE SEPARATE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS ARE UNNECESSARY AND WASTEFUL.
- * THE COMMISSIONERS ARE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COUNTY. THE LOCAL ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL OUTLOOK WILL NOT IMPROVE WITHOUT A DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT FROM THAT BODY.
- * OUR CHILDREN CANNOT AFFORD FOUR MORE YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL STARVATION. OUR WORKERS CANNOT AFFORD FOUR MORE YEARS ON THE UNEMPLOYMENT ROLLS. WE CANNOT WAIT UNTIL FOUR MORE YEARS TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS. THE FUTURE BEGINS NOW.

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