

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

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



CRITICISM COMES FOLLOWING A. DAVID LESTER'S ABORTED VISIT

A lady whom I admire tremendously called me and said, "Bruce, this thing has hurt you, tying yourself with Ed Johnson..." Another caller chastised me for "being used by Ed Johnson." And similar calls have been received, most of them harsh and unforgiving.

But that's the nature of the business. It is hard to hide in the newspaper business. You have to take your lumps in order to appreciate the occasional compliments.

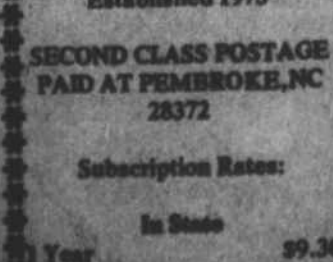
Anyway, let me make a few comments about the Lester furor. Some say Lester is rescheduling the visit. I don't know about that. Maybe October 28. If so, he'll have to put it in writing for me to believe him. A man that saw a limb cut from under my precious bottom is looked at askance for ever thereafter.

No matter, dialogue never hurt anyone. It is better than the negative feedback of a shotgun blast. I'd like to meet the man and ask him and Ed Johnson some hard questions about Indians and LRDA and stuff like that. But it is difficult to talk to another if one of the parties is incommunicative. It's o.k. to talk. Honest. But one should make up his (or her) own mind.

And, really, Ed Johnson cannot use me unless I let him. I have my reasons for hearing Johnson out and exploring the possibility of a two-party system in Robeson County. We'd all be better off for it, believe me. The Democratic Party should not take any of us for granted, nor should any other political party. Robesonians, like all Americans, are free beings, subject to hearing both sides of an issue and then making a responsible decision.

Rep. Charlie Rose? I've supported him for ten years now. And I have not arbitrarily decided to abandon him now. It's just that I want to hear what his opponent has to offer. That's not so terrible, is it?

That gray discoloration that often appears on highly polished furniture may disappear if the surface is wiped with a soft cloth that has been wrung out in warm water containing a little vinegar. Dry and polish afterwards.



The Galapagos batfish walks around the bottom of the sea on two stiff pectoral fins.

Hints for Homemakers

Water - Can't Live Without It

Water is one of your most valuable natural resources. It's also essential to good health. Our bodies can't live without it and we all feel a lot better when we get that needed eight glasses a day.



Drinking eight glasses of water each day makes a healthier you.

Your body will function more efficiently if you place water high on the list of your daily regimen. Whether you've a busy day filled with work or just relaxation, your body still needs water. It's basic to the function of our chemistry.

Hot day? Don't skimp on water. It'll help you get through those sizzling temperatures. Water controls the body temperature through perspiration. Each day, your skin loses moisture equal to about two cups of water, even in sedentary occupations.

According to the International Bottled Water Association, greater water intake during illness can help regulate body temperature as well as control fever.

If you'd like a free booklet about bottled water, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the International Bottled Water Association, 1010 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

A pot-bellied stove can be an efficient source of heat if it's properly installed.

To the Editor:

There seems to be people in all three races who look for sinister motives when some one tries to work for the betterment of his community. When I say community I do not mean "just around the block." Robeson County is my community, Pembroke, Saddletree, Lumberton, Clyburn Pines-Country Club all are my community. Anyone who fails to recognize that his neighbors live in many communities does not understand the Biblical meaning of "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

We live in a country that is roughly 1/3 white, 1/3 Black, and 1/3 Indian. Anyone who fails to recognize that his or her particular "race" is in the minority is only fooling themselves. Anyone who fails to recognize that mutual distrust and disharmony among our population places a millstone about our collective necks is not facing the truth. Anyone who fails to recognize that we as Robesonians must man the oars of our County and row in unison or we will continue to navigate in circles in a fools paradise. Anyone who looks upon his fellowman as created by God as inferior commits a sin against mankind and the Creator.

It comes as a shock to many (mostly politicians) that Bruce Barton and I would work together for a visit by David Lester. Bruce Barton is a long time friend and we share from time to time our views and our differences. We both agree that free enterprise is the best economic system, that we need job opportunities for our county, better educational opportunities for our county, and a closer relationship between people of all races. We both share a love for the Indian community, he because he is a native son and me because I worked in Pembroke for 12 years and as a Jaycee for 13 years I formed many close friendships with Indian Jaycee chapters.

Those who object to the cooperation and exchange of ideas among our citizens are mostly the politicians. They build their power bases from spreading fear and distrust to the detriment of us all. It is much easier to harbor one's prejudices than to examine facts in the light of truth!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ERIC PREVATTE EXPLAINS ED JOHNSON AND A. DAVID LESTER

Our situation can be likened to a sack race made immensely more difficult because there are 3 legs in the sack. If we are to run the race of life and do it for the benefit of our neighbor, we must run in harmony or we all finish last. Eric Prevatte

reader glad visit canceled

To the Editor: Recently I received a letter on behalf of Ed Johnson's Candidacy. One concern of his splintered platform was to have Lumbee Indians on staff in the congressional office if elected. First, to set the record straight, Congressman Rose does not have 51 staff employees. If ten (10) Washington staff, two (2) Wilmington staff, two (2) Fayetteville staff and four (4) Field representatives total 51 then I ask Ed Johnson to let someone else count or keep up with the congressional club monies coming to his campaign. Secondly, I did not know Ed and Eric were so overly concerned about Indian representation.

I agree that there is not an Indian on Congressman Rose's staff, but there is a Robesonian on staff who represents all races in this county, namely Ms. Andrea Turner Scott, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E.B. Turner of Lumberton. Ms. Scott serves all admirably and is well respected in the Washington area. She is known as a hard worker and very outspoken for the concerns of the "Great State of Robeson."

I am glad Mr. David Lester, Commissioner of Native American Programs, Washington D.C. saw fit to cancel his invitation to campaign for Ed Johnson as he and others will understand more clearly November 2nd.

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The successful people are the ones who can think up things for the rest of the world to keep busy at. Don Marquis

a nice note from reader

To the Editor: I have enjoyed reading The Carolina Indian Voice for some time. It has proven to be very interesting and informative. For those of us who are away from North Carolina, it serves as a link to the past—keeping us informed as to what is taking place back home.

I would like to commend you on the recent article that appeared in the VOICE on August 19, 1982, page 10, "Growing Up In Robeson County," by Ronald H. Lowry. This was very well done and most informative—giving a lot of historical background on the family name of Lowery/Lowry. I enjoyed reading this very much and hope you will have similar type articles in the near future on the other names that are known as having very early origin in Robeson County.

Good luck to you with the planned Anniversary coming up in January 1983. May you continue to do a superb job with the Carolina Indian Voice.

Sincerely, Esle T. Golins 102 Longfellow Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20011

defends County Schools

Dear Editor: As a career educator in the Robeson County Schools, I would like to comment on the article which appeared in the Robesonian on Wednesday, September 15th entitled, "Hammonds Backs School Merger."

Teachers have been trained and prepared to provide instruction to student who bring a wide array of experiences, interests and aptitudes to the public classroom. In addition, other teachers have pursued training for working with special needs and educational handicaps and deficiencies. In order to be effective teachers and to provide quality educational instruction, teachers must exercise flexibility in their instructional methods, techniques and strategies. All children, regardless of ethnicity, neither learn at the same rate nor learn in the same manner. Flexibility in curriculum is achieved when teachers provide instruction at the level of student ability, in keeping with student interests and abilities. When Mr. Hammonds refers to "inconsistency in educational quality," it is saying that all students should be taught the same curriculum and in the same manner without any consideration of their individual needs, interests and abilities? Admittedly there are inconsistencies in educational programs in the five school districts in Robeson County, but it is financial inconsistency, not inconsistency in educational quality. All teachers must be certified to teach and all teachers are certified by the same state teacher certification agency. Although teachers may be trained in a variety of institutions of higher education, the standards for teacher certification by the N.C. State Department of Public Instruction remain the same regardless of the institution where training was received and regardless of the school district in which teachers are employed. If the Robeson County Board of Education wishes to expand curriculum beyond that established and required by the N.C. State Board of Education it, too, can seek a special school tax in order to accomplish this. Until the public is willing to pay additional taxes such as a special school tax, other school districts can and will continue to offer and afford supplementary programs and services from their respective assessment of special school district taxes.

Those of us who teach in the Robeson County Schools do not feel that our system is "substandard." We recognize that our tax base is not as high as other areas in North Carolina, therefore, we are limited to the utilization of the resources made available to us. We take pride in witnessing the improvement, updating and new construction of school facilities, however, we are acutely aware that we have also produced teachers, lawwers, doctors and other health professions, successful businessmen and businesswomen, and successful land-owners and farmers—many of whom received their education in a one-room and one-teacher schoolhouses.

We, the teachers, support continued facility improvement, but professionally, we equally endorse the philosophy that modern facilities contribute to learning but do not necessarily ensure that learning takes place. I can only suggest that these are some of the handicaps to which Mr. Hammonds referred, but also want to state that facilities is a statewide and nationwide concern for education and not necessarily one confined to Robeson County Schools as similar needs and concerns exist for the other four Robeson County school districts.

Mr. Hammonds stated that "the County is only as strong as our weakest area." The same can be said for any school. A school is only as strong as the weakest element of that school. When parents and school patrons become concerned about curriculum, they have an opportunity to help to shape and form school policy, including curriculum through the school advisory council and the school leadership. Parent and citizen groups can either (1) support special school taxes to provide for expanded curriculum; (2) plan and carry out fund-raising activities and projects similar to those which are carried out to fund the band program in the Lumberton City Schools since band is not included in the school district's budget, or (3) they can



REPORT FROM U.S. Senator JESSE HELMS

WASHINGTON—One of the news media's best-kept secrets is a committee appointed by President Reagan to study the waste and extravagance of the federal government, and to come up with suggestions about how to cut federal spending.

Interestingly enough, a North Carolinian is director of the committee. He is James W. Nance of Monroe, who retired from the Navy two or three years ago after a distinguished career, including a year as commanding officer of the U.S.S. Orrestral, an aircraft carrier.

Everybody who knows Admiral Nance knows him as "Bud" Nance. He and I went through high school together. He is a remarkable citizen.

COMMITTEE—The committee which Bud Nance is directing has the formal name, *The President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control*. It is a volunteer organization, meaning that the dozens of top-flight economists, business people and others are paid nothing for the immense contribution they are making to the research and study now underway.

Bud Nance told me that their offices are furnished with cast-off furniture. I believe I am correct in my impression that the offices are in a private building in Washington, and that the space has been contributed rent-free to the government. In any event, the effort is costing the taxpayers practically nothing—and is likely, in the years ahead, to save the taxpayers untold billions of dollars.

BRACKET CREEP—A few nights ago, I spent a couple of hours studying a 33-page report issued by the committee. This one had to do with how much it is costing the American taxpayers to finance various "social programs" such as food stamps—the cost of which has been constantly increasing by billions of dollars each year.

The report makes the valid point that if this type of spending were reduced only slightly—and if the savings were passed on to the taxpayers in the form of income tax reductions—"this would contribute markedly to savings and investment (and) to economic growth."

SAME—I made the same point several weeks ago in the Senate when I offered an unsuccessful amendment that would have reduced federal spending across-the-board by 6 1/2 per cent. This would have saved the taxpayers more than 100 billion dollars. I proposed that income taxes be cut by the same amount.

Many Senators who voted against my amendment have since come to me to comment that they now wish they had supported my amendment, but that they feared their vote would have been misunderstood by the news media back home. The Senators said that they realize that the only way we're going to restore economic stability, and put people back to work in America, is to cut back on federal spending and leave the taxpayers with more money to save and invest. Then, and then only, can we begin to increase productivity and thereby create more jobs for people now unemployed.

GOOD LUCK—All of us should wish good luck for *The President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control*. The men and women who are donating their time and talents to this effort are to be commended.

And I am personally very proud of my hometown boyhood friend, Bud Nance. He continues to serve his country well.

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