

# EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

## It's Simplistic, Impractical and Hasn't Worked

### HOOVER-GOLDWATER-REAGAN REPUBLICANISM

by Low Barton

There are some Republicans in history whom I admire. Such as Abraham Lincoln, who abolished slavery and became a martyr in the process. And Dwight David Eisenhower, who was commander in chief of allied forces during World War II. And even Richard M. Nixon, who made grievous errors, but also brought help to the Indians and new horizons to our foreign policy. He also honorably brought our fighting men home from the most mistaken war we ever fought. It was no small service Nixon performed for his country, Watergate notwithstanding.

But Hoover-Goldwater-Reagan Republicanism is not my cup of tea. It is a political philosophy I liken unto the planter who plants but then feels he should leave everything else up to Mother Nature. Don't dung the plants. Don't hoe out the weeds. Don't do any watering. Just trust everything to good old Mother Nature. Let things work themselves out.

Free enterprise, like Mother Nature, is supposed to solve all our problems, unaided, unassisted, unasked. Surely, that is a simplistic view of things. And even Hoover founded RFC!

I remember the Great Depression. And Herbert Hoover's general remedy of doing nothing. And how the people suffered. And suffered and suffered.

And I remember a song which went like this: Ten cents cotton and forty-cents meat! How in the hell can a poor man eat?

I remember the two faded pairs of overalls I owned and the one pair of shoes per year. I remember the merchants who foreclosed on us, taking

our car, two mules and farming equipment. I remember plowing from sun-to-sun for 50¢ and sometimes being unable to collect that because nobody had any money during the Hoover years. Like Nero, Hoover fiddled while Rome burned. He'd never held a political office before, and so far as the poor were concerned, his administration reflected that fact, too. For four years they practically sucked their thumbs for subsistence.

Yes, I've lived through hard times and unemployment and prohibition and all the rest of it. I've seen people compelled to park their cars and start riding on Hoover carts. And I've seen people buried in county home-made coffins when their families couldn't even put them in the ground. So pardon me if I'm not thrilled and enthralled by Reagan-Hoover-Goldwater simplistic economics and political philosophy.

Conservative Republicans are always talking about balancing the budget. But George Washington was the first President to unbalance it. So they can forget about blaming that one on the Democrats.

People need jobs. They can't pay bills with charm. Or excuses. Or the promise of lower prices tomorrow. The baby needs a new pair of shoes now.

I believe it is the inherent right of every American who is able to work and wants to work to find work, honest work, of one kind or another. And if I had my way, that right would be written into our Constitution. Nations which refuse to assume such a responsibility for their citizens, inevitably end up paying the cost of such employment...and more...in terms of crime.

## WARRIOR HIGHLIGHTS...

by Steve Tyner

[Due to a recent illness, this writer was unable to present an article last week for the PSHS Clinton football game. What follows is last week's game coverage as well as coverage of the West Columbus game.]

**PEMBROKE VS. CLINTON**

The Warriors' offense sputtered and almost died against the Clinton Dark Horses in their first conference game of the season as the opponents held Pembroke to just eleven yards rushing while handing them their first loss of the season.

Bad things began happening from the very beginning. After taking the opening kick off, the Warriors turned the ball over on the first play from scrimmage as quarterback Devy Bell fumbled on the 34 yard line. Five plays later, Dark Horse Alton Williams plunged over from the one yard line. After W.E. Spell's kick, Clinton had a quick 7-0 lead.

The Warriors, however, came right back driving the ball downfield 65 yards and tying the score behind a pass from Bell to end James Bird. That was perhaps the last bright sport for the Pembroke team. Plagued by a

stiff Clinton defense which quite simply out-muscled the Warriors, Pembroke managed only one more score late in the fourth quarter while Clinton was chalking up three scores.

**STATISTICS**

PSHS CLINTON	
Total Yds	159 272
Passing	159 272
Passing 148(22/13/1)34(9/5-0)	
Rushing	11 238
First Downs	9 14
Penalties/ydgs	7/48 2/30
Fumbles/lost	3/1 0/0
Kick return ydgs.	5/63 22
Pt. return ydgs.	3/75 6/59

**PSHS VS WEST COLUMBUS**

Bad experiences are best forgotten, and the West Columbus game is one experience the Warriors probably wish they could erase completely. Behind three interceptions, one lost fumble, and 100 yards of penalties, the Warriors were ambushed by the high-flying Vikings in a 16-14 loss bringing the Warriors' conference record to 0-2.

The most important and costly of these mistakes came with only 36 seconds left in the game as the Warriors were driving for the winning score. On third down from the Vikings' seven-yard line quarterback Devy Bell threw an interception to linebacker

To The Editor:

The recent letter from Ms. Elmer Lowry impugns the motives of all who desire open exchange of ideas and philosophy! I ask only 2 things of those who wish to criticize my actions: First, have your facts correct and second, show me a better way to go! Don't preach me a sermon, live it!

The Wilmington Morning Star, in its October 6th editorial, summed up the situation very well when they said, "If Rose really believes that only politicians of the dominant party can help their constituents, perhaps he can explain why local democrats stood meekly by while a shyster proposed a phantom aluminum smelting plant in Columbus County and the Democrat controlled Department of Commerce did every thing but lay the corner stone! And where has party effectiveness been hiding all these years while good, high paying, and clean industry was routed to the Piedmont and points West?"

The crushing blow came when the editor said, "To argue that a party-line vote is conducive to good government is hypocrisy!" Oh, my is that heresy?

As for my concern for Indian representation, it does concern me that there is no Indian representation on Charles Rose's staff. If my memory serves me correctly, the Indian Community spent considerable time and money to break "double voting" so that they could have fair and equitable representation of their own! They were not satisfied with tokenism on a school board and should not be satisfied with the current situation!

1. FACT: According to our Washington sources, when you take the 18 staff members Ms. Lowry named and add all the aides of the various committees and subcommittees (such as intelligence, agriculture, communications, etc.), Mr. Rose has over 50 staff people who serve at his pleasure and his influence!

2. FACT: David Lester told Bruce Barton and myself that there had been a death in his family and he has rescheduled his visit for October 28th. Ms. Lowry is very close to calling Mr. Lester a liar.

It might further interest Ms. Lowry to know that out of 19 people employed by me, 7 are Indian. Three of those Indian employees came to me by way of the Robeson County Department of Human Resources and were considered hard core unemployables. Thru the OJT program (which I vigorously support), one has completed his training and is doing well and the other 2 are advancing!

I am concerned, Ms. Lowry, because good jobs and job opportunity for all 3 races are going not to the 7th Congressional District but points west. Congressman Rose has had 10 years to change this situation. I think we, in Robeson County, should demand more of our Congressman after 10 years than to save the tobacco program with the farmers' money (no net cost) and to complete 1-40 (after Mr. Rose could not prevent 1-95 from bypassing his own home town). We need jobs for the hard working people of the 7th Congressional District and not 10 years from now.

Eric Prevatte  
Chairman, Democratic Businessmen for Johnson

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Writer responds to Ms. Elmer Lowry's letter

REPORT FROM  
**U.S. Senator**  
**JESSE ★★ HELMS**

WASHINGTON—U. S. Senator Jeremiah Denton of Alabama, elected in 1980, is one of the true heroes of our time. He is also an unfailingly gentle, courteous and compassionate man. He was a prisoner of the communists of North Vietnam for more than seven years. Throughout that time he was horribly tortured by the communists who tried in vain to force him to reveal military secrets.

At the time of his capture, he was a captain in the Navy, a distinguished aviator whose plane was shot down over North Vietnam.

FILM—Millions of Americans saw a movie on television based on his heroism while a prisoner-of-war. It was entitled, "When Hell Was in Session." Jerry Denton is a deeply religious man; he was sustained by his faith in God during those terrible years of torture.

He was the leader of, and spokesman for, the first contingent of American prisoners-of-war to be returned to the United States. I shall never forget that moving, memorable scene on television when he strode down the ramp of that giant plane. When he touched American soil, he knelt down and kissed it, and said "God bless America." On behalf of his men, he thanked God for being allowed to return to a free country.

LOVE—Senator Denton is known nationwide for his love of God and country. He is a thoroughly decent man who has earned the deep respect of the people of Alabama. He was literally drafted to run for the U. S. Senate in 1980. In January 1981 he became the first Alabama Republican in history to take the oath of office as a U. S. Senator elected by the people of Alabama.

Jerry Denton believes in the free enterprise system, and he has vigorously defended America's fundamental principles from the day he came to the Senate. He believes voluntary prayer should be returned to our schools. He is opposed to the wholesale slaughter of innocent unborn children. He is opposed to forced busing. He believes that unless America's moral priorities are restored, the very survival of our country is in peril.

And for holding that kind of beliefs, he immediately became the target of the leftwing media and politicians.

PEACE—No American yearns more deeply for peace than does Senator Denton. But he understands that there can be no peace if America surrenders to communism. And he perceives that many Americans today are being misled about the threat of communism.

I was astonished to hear a series of "liberal" Senators castigate Jerry Denton on the Senate Floor on the evening of October 1. They rose up in self-righteous wrath because Senator Denton had objected to Senate endorsement of an organization known as "Peace Links." They pretended—falsely—that Senator Denton had impugned the integrity of a liberal Senator's wife who helped found "Peace Links"—when, in fact, Jerry Denton had done no such thing.

Immediately the ultra-liberal news media, including big-city newspapers in North Carolina, jumped on Senator Denton, accusing him of "McCarthyism."

Next week I will quote the precise statements by Senator Denton. You can judge for yourself whether this genuine, decent American hero, Jeremiah Denton, was misrepresented by the "liberal" Senators and the media.

## American Viewpoints



While the people retain their virtue and vigilance, no administration, by any extreme of wickedness or folly, can very seriously injure the government in the short space of four years.  
—Abraham Lincoln  
First Inaugural, 1861



In Elizabethan England the spoon was such a novelty that people carried their own folding spoons to banquets.

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



by Bruce Barton

### DEEP BRANCH IS HOME TO ME

I guess everyone feels about their home place like I feel about Deep Branch: I love the place, the lay of the land, my neighbors, my church, the school, the sense of community. The Deep Branch Community is home to me.

Recently I bought my little girl Brandi a couple of rabbits. Cute and bob tailed. And my neighbor's dog, big and ferocious, came and killed them. And my neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sampson Jr., surprised us this morning by offering apologies and more than this, bringing Brandi two more rabbits. It made me feel good about my neighbors and my community all over again. It was a nice gesture and well received by me and my family, especially Brandi.

Neighbors can make one's home place pleasant or otherwise. I am thankful to my community—Deep Branch—and my nice neighbors like Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sampson, Jr. it sort of renews ones faith in his fellowman, especially since the abject apology was good enough for me. But the extra step, the gesture of being a good neighbor moved me very much. Life is simply neighbors and home and work and one's relationship with God.

Planes crashed overnight, the Milwaukee Brewers were crushed 13-1 last night, fighting flared here and there, but the most important thing that happened to me was to see my neighbors act out a good and proper gesture—replacing Brandi's dog-decimated rabbits.

### IREMC ANNUAL MEETING A PLACE WHERE DEMOCRACY FLOURISHES

Listen! I like democracy, pure democracy, not the socialized and watered down kind that most of us have come to expect... but real and vibrant democracy. Like at a Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation annual meeting. The most recent one was held at Pembroke State University's Performing Arts Center Tuesday night and it was exciting like most of those

I have attended in recent years. And, believe me, democracy is alive and well at a co-op annual meeting.

Each year the cooperative meets and elects four board of directors to represent them, and provide policy and guidance to the general manager and his administrative staff.

And those of us who live on Lumbee River's electric lines take it personal and get involved. The politicking is fierce.

And the members have an opportunity to have their say, whether it is a common complaint about spiraling light bills or to present motions for the board of directors to consider in the coming year.

This year I presented three motions. One, I asked that the general manager serve "at the pleasure of the board" rather than on a fixed contract; second, I asked that the board of directors seriously consider hiring a local law firm to represent the cooperative's legal interest rather than depending on a fancy law firm from Raleigh; and thirdly, I asked that the board consider policy dictating that the general manager henceforth live on the electric line of Lumbee River. All three motions passed resoundingly.

Now, I hope the board of directors will listen to the consumers and honestly and fully consider these reasonable wishes. I believe they will. The directors know that the membership will vote them out of office if they are not responsive to their sentiments and needs. This is democracy in its purest form. And that's the way it ought to be.

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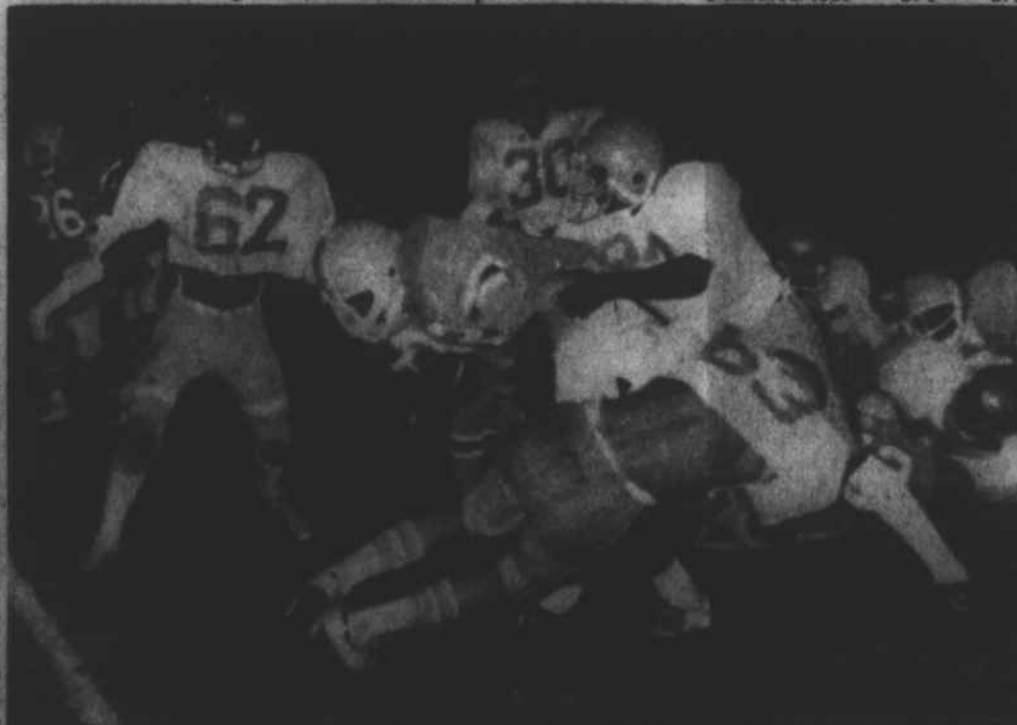
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Pembroke's Alton Locklear (63) and Larry Johnson (83) during first half action of the Vikings' 16-14 sport win Friday night. [David Malcolm photo]

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