

# EDITORIAL PAGE

## PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

by Bruce Barton

**Terry Sanford Enters Race For The Senate: Had Close Ties With Indians While Governor**  
 Terry Sanford, 68, Governor of North Carolina from 1961 to 1965, and recently retired as president of Duke University, announced Saturday that he will, indeed, seek the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate.

Sanford had close ties with a number of Indian politicians while governor, including the late and esteemed Lester Bullard, the primary architect of then Lumbee Recreation Center (since renamed Riverside Country Club, and the site of the outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind!") in the Red Banks community near Pembroke. As a matter of fact, the drive from the entrance to the site of "Strike at the Wind" is named the Terry Sanford Drive in honor of the former governor. My wife, Barbara, has a picture of herself and Governor Sanford from her days when she was a student at Deep Branch Elementary School, taken when Governor Sanford made an appearance there in the 60s. Sanford was very instrumental in assisting the Indians in securing the Red Banks property, and developing it. I imagine some of us still remember his good deeds, and will be clamoring aboard his handwagon when it traverses through Robeson County.

**Troubling Thoughts About The Most Recent Drug Bust Here In Robeson County**

I remember when I was a boy, and bootleggers were looked upon with disdain. Law enforcement finally drove the nefarious ones underground. None of us can say, necessarily, that was a bad thing. A lot of our young died violent deaths while in the grips of alcohol. They are still dying.

The number one public menace these days is drugs. Our children are susceptible, and just about every bad deed we hear about is connected, in some way, with the use of drugs.

Everyone is concerned, and rightly so, with drugs in our society. Something needs to be done about it.

But I have troubling thoughts about the most recent drug bust in Robeson County. Kevin Stone, the sheriff's son, and a narcotics officer, was one of those leading the charge into the badlands. Nepotism aside, I am concerned about the number of Indians arrested. We exonerate no one, but, really, are Indians the only ones involved in drug use and trafficking?

Drugs are a real problem in Robeson County, no doubt about it. But an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of drug buys. The listings seem to be for small amounts, and does not really come to grips with the problem that seems to be prevalent.

Condescension and subtle racism has no place in drug busts. It merely compounds the problem, and does not alleviate it. When some (and not all) are unnecessarily singled out for persecution, any good resulting is lost in the cries of undue concentration in the Indian camp.

Still, we cannot pretend that a problem does not exist. It is a real and urgent problem. I would like to see more drug prevention programs, and more emphasis on drugs in our schools. Our children have to realize that drugs will destroy them. And we, as parents, must talk to our children about drugs, and tell them that the mind changing substances will, in fact, destroy all of us if we do not come to grips with this societal problem.

**Dialysis Units Expected In Lumberton**  
 Officials of the Fayetteville Kidney Center, Inc. hope to provide kidney dialysis machines in Lumberton by September now that the state has approved the center's application to install the machines in Robeson County.

"Patients are being treated here in Fayetteville and are having to drive from Lumberton to Fayetteville," said Fred Ayse, administrator of the center. "Anyone who would live closer to Lumberton than Fayetteville would use the Lumberton center."

I know a number of people now undergoing dialysis, and you probably know some too. Kidney failure seems to be a problem that is prevalent in the Indian camp, as well as elsewhere. It is a real and frightening problem, and the Fayetteville Kidney Center has touched many lives in this area. As I understand it, a number of patients and family

members appeared in behalf of Dr. Kent Webb, and his staff when the application was reviewed by Cardinal Health Agency. The Fayetteville operation was chosen over a number of other applications, including a more moderate one offered by Southeastern General Hospital. Deborah Sampson, the widow of Woodrow Sampson, who was a dialysis patient at Fayetteville Kidney Center when he died, said, "I can't say enough in favor of Dr. Webb and his fine staff. They show so much concern and compassion and I always was impressed by their patient care. Everyone is treated with dignity and care there, no matter what their station in life...or their color."

This is good news for those of who have loved ones on dialysis. My nephew, Ken, has to travel a great distance three times a week for dialysis. This will lessen his aggravation and, possibly, hasten his healing. Healing is the province of God; a Lumberton-based dialysis system is something that can be done for our loved ones here in Robeson County.

### Governor Offers Reward in Murder of Maxton Man

Governor Jim Martin announced that the state will offer a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Kenneth Shodd Bullard, 30, of Maxton. Bullard's body was found January 29, 1985 in the

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 But that pattern--515151--surprised and fascinated me. I would have loved watching the odometer roll its numbers over to 50,000!  
 This may sound like foolishness to a lot of people--paying attention to a bunch of figures. But it's one of the relaxing "free fun" games left over from a childhood where money was in very short supply. In our family we could always find some kind of game to play "for free"---by ourselves or shared with someone else.  
 As my readers know by now, I love not only God but the world of nature created by Him. On a bright sunny day I could spend minutes-or hours- watching cumulus clouds change from one shape to another.

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