

EDITORIAL PAGE

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

by Bruce Barton

DEATH IN OUR RANKS...

Bracy Bryon Locklear's struggle is over. No more discomfort, no more pain, no more heartache. It's over. While many of us were worrying about whether Duke could win the NCAA Basketball Championship, Bryon, as he had since he was shot some three years ago, was struggling to live... wondering if the next breath would be his last.

Bryon was hooked up to a respirator, a paraplegic, unable to care for himself. His situation seemed hopeless, yet he struggled to live each and every day of his life. His testimony is his struggle, pure and simple. So many of us give up, and accept less than we should in life. Bryon never did.

Bryon had a will to live that was miraculous. A doctor told me that one in Bryon's condition was fortunate if they lived a year. Bryon lived about three years. A Christmas or so ago, some of us (acting on his friend Willie Lowery's idea) were involved in a benefit which was held at PSU's Performing Arts Center in his behalf. It was reasonably successful. And many of us got to know Bryon more fully. I just wish we had done more, been more caring and compassionate. It was an honor to have known him.

We mourn his passing, and offer sincere condolences to the family. He leaves to mourn his passing his family and many friends, including two children, Lincoln and Kimberly; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bracy Locklear; three brothers, Jackie, Nickie and Christopher; and a sister, Phyllis Lowry. Bryon was 34 when death overwhelmed him.

His funeral was held at Union Chapel Methodist Church Tuesday, April 1, and a few tears were evident. As one family member noted, "God knows we have cried, more than anyone will ever know." But the service was almost one of rejoicing and giving thanks that Bryon was able to live as long as he did, and touch as many lives as he did, and that he believed and trusted on the Lord Jesus Christ to accompany him beyond the mantle of death. Those of us who knew him will never take life for granted, ever again. Each day is a blessing from God. Bryon taught us that. When I am dead, I hope that one can draw a parable from my brief moment here. There was a lesson to be learned from Bryon's life and death. None of us can hope for more than this.

Mrs. Estelle R. Clark was funeralized at First Methodist Church in Pembroke March 22, 1986. I remember her for her smile, her glow, her sunny disposition. So many of us spend our time on silly pursuits, frowning as we go. Isn't it wonderful to be remembered for a smile, a kind word along the way?

Mrs. Estelle Clark was 86 when she departed this life for a better one on March 19. She is survived by her loving husband, Raymond L. Clark; three sons, Dupree, Dennis and Michael, and a host of relatives and friends.

I don't believe I ever heard anyone say anything derogatory about Mrs. Estelle Clark. She found happiness where ever she went, and one always felt good in her presence. I am so happy that I knew her, and was able to bask in the glow of her smile for a season.

I extend sincere condolences to the family. Because of Mrs. Estelle Clark, I am going to smile more...and frown less.

Death is always in our rank. And we too will succumb in our due season. But while we are here we can take solace from Bryon and Mrs. Estelle Clark. We can live as fully as we can, and smile and be friendly. And when death comes, our friends and loved ones will remember the good times, not necessarily the bad ones. That's the way it ought to be.

We'll bring you up to date on our efforts to restore (after we save it) the Pembroke Railroad Depot, and our effort to raise \$50,000 for the Native American Scholarship Endowment, Inc. Next week. Right now, in the face of death, they both seem mundane and uninteresting even.

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The Reader's Forum

Be An Informed Voter Know the Facts on Candidates for Commissioner

to the Editor:
On March 1, 1986, J.D. Odom stated that he did not have the authority to order Roland Edge, landfill supervisor, to dig landfill trenches four feet deeper than prescribed by the state of North Carolina and Robeson County. J.D. Odom did not have the authority to record double the amount of garbage picked up from some of the dumpsters in service on January 14, 1975. Of 55 dumpsters picked up on January 14, 1975, twenty-three were charged as double dumps or 41.8% more than the dumpsters contained. On January 15, 1975, Odom picked up 45 dumpsters twenty-two of which were charged as double dumps or 48.8% more than the dumpsters contained. On January 16, 1975, of 85 dumpsters picked up, 26 were charged as double dumps or 30.5% more than the dumpsters contained. A dump is the amount of garbage it takes to fill a dumpster. The records show that dumpsters only one-fourth full were charged as double dumps; dumpsters one half full were charged as one dump and were not dumped at all. The records show that the over-charge on some days was as much as 80%. The taxpayer of Robeson County had to pay for this type of service. On October 18, 1977, J.D. Odom did not have the authority to bring garbage from Bladen County and dump it in a Robeson County landfill. The same act as above was performed again on January 24, 1978. The estimated over-cost per month for this type service was placed at \$5,000.00. Is this the type person needed on the board of commissioners? Is this the

type control we want over the purse strings in Robeson County?
Robeson County Manager Jim Martin and Commissioner Bill Herndon had a sudden lapse of memory and could not relate to Roland Edge as per the fact that there were changes in the plans at the St. Pauls landfill that needed to be checked out. Herndon had a lapse of memory at the DSS two years ago. As a result of his memory loss almost \$200,000.00 in CIP funds were not used for the poor in Robeson County, and these funds were sent to other areas. Bill Herndon and H.T. Taylor will find it convenient not to remember telling me two years ago that there were persons in Herndon's district who did not need better education than they were receiving at that time. Taylor saying he would like to cut out Title IV money altogether. I think Herndon and Taylor should have witnessed how well the opposition to GSX was supported and presented on March 24, 1986 at Pembroke State University. This happening was an example of the people who cared, working together for one common cause and coming up the victor. In order to enjoy victory you must conquer the foe. We need to bury racism in our county and elsewhere. It is time the Indian and Black persons get their thoughts and ideas together and dispense with the undesirables where ever and whom ever they are. I am sick and tired of the opportunistic politician who is working both sides of the street and really not caring who the victor is. Their only demand is the candidate's

ability to pay.
The environmental supervisor of the Robeson County Health Department, two sanitation technicians and the landfill supervisor are victims of intimidation and harassment since the middle seventies because they chose to correct the wrong being inflicted on the Robeson County taxpayer by the solid waste program. In my opinion, in 1977 and 1978 when the Sanitation Services Inc. was approached about bringing garbage from Bladen County into Robeson County and dumping said garbage in a Robeson County landfill, SSI and J.D. Odom in order to divert attention away from the allegations against them, had a civil summons drawn against Charles Jamin, William Hall, Edward Martin Wilkins, and Paul Graham. Because these men were doing the job they were elected and appointed to do, a conspiracy, seemingly, was launched against them in an attempt to destroy their character and jobs, as I see it. Some of the commissioners serving on the board at that particular time are still serving on the board. Fellow voter, can you support this type person to serve you? DO you as a taxpayer condone this practice in our county? DO you as a taxpayer think this is an honorable approach to progressive productivity in our county whether it be religion, education, industry, whatever? If your answer to these questions is no, then let us get busy and destroy racism and fraudulent practices in our county and move onward and upward together.

John L. Godwin
Pembroke, NC

Give Back the River

First, allow me to express thanks for the freedom to write this letter. It is a letter that my ancestors would not have been allowed to write even if they had been allowed the liberty to learn how to write. My more recent ancestors would have probably been castigated for expressing such views. But now, as a descendant of European peasants, I can express myself without fear of losing my head.

This letter to the people is being written on the night of the GSX forum in Pembroke. My heart soars to hear the voices of the people proclaiming their desires for a healthy environment. It also cries with shame that still we have to struggle against those that show no respect for God's creation and would blindly ravish it for the love of money. More so, as a Caucasian of European heritage, my heart is heavy with guilt for how we European-Americans have taken the land from Native Americans and for the way we have plundered it without mercy.

It is ironic that we justified taking their land by saying that they did not know how to use it or enjoy its bounties. Nothing could be further from the truth than such a position. When the first poor, ill-prepared peasants were dumped off in the "new world" to develop the rich warlord's land claims, they did not even have the basic skills to survive. Without the generous and compassionate help of Indians, they would have probably all died of starvation. They were taught how to live off the land and how to farm, using traditional methods. Even today, the typical

"Re-Run Election Issues" Should Be Packaged & Sold

To the Editor:
Undoubtedly many have read the letter by the "issues advisor" of the Ambassador candidate for Sen. East's seat. If not, refer to just any newspaper and the letter will be there. Sadly, the letter is uninspired and without a great deal to say. But it's there pounding home the old themes: "Liberal editors," the same old transgressions of the opposing candidate, etc... Just count the number of hopeful candidates who have used or are using these old themes. Reminds one of summer television. I suppose it can be labeled, "re-run election issues." I'm sure I saw a TV advertisement where you can buy this entire issues package for \$19.95 so, why waste time planning or thinking when you can call

1-800-??-???? and receive your packaged issues in the mail. If someone hasn't thought of offering this deal they should. Seems like there is a lot of business to be done around election time.

Of course, we all know this letter by the "issues advisor" is designed to get attention and help the right (no pun intended) candidate receive some much needed exposure and hopefully derive some type of issue that will swing the voters. No problem with that, but what drudgery to rehash the same old stuff. Hasn't anyone done anything else that was wrong to this bunch? Gosh...the Panama Canal, the holiday for Dr. King's birthday, Tip O'Neill's (sic) budget!!! Give us a break! Give us some REAL issues or at least go further back in history and make a connection with some thing else. You have ridden these old horses to death. Or, for the truly creative, how about something inspired; tell us your plans for the future; your hopes, priorities, dreams, etc...Where do you see America in six years as a result of your election? Use the opportunity to share your vision? Please, can't politics enlighten; if not, at least it should be recycled every once in a while. The smell is getting to me.

Read the letter from the Ambassador's advisor carefully. If this is any indication of the best we can expect, plan now for that early summer vacation or make arrangements to rent the VCR. You won't miss anything and you'll probably make a better choice.
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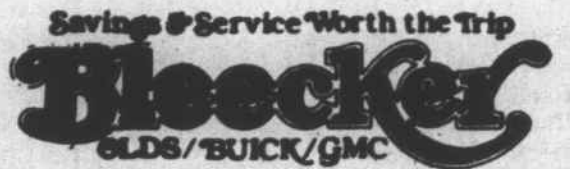
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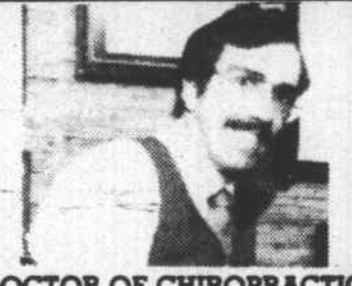
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An Interview on . . . RECURRING BURSITIS

. . . With Dr. Harvey C. Schultz, Jr. DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC



Dr. Harvey C. Schultz of the Schultz Chiropractic Center, has noted that the number of bursitis cases has markedly increased over the past months. "The problem has been with us for centuries," Dr. Schultz states, "but people are just starting to recognize it by its right name."

According to Dr. Schultz, bursitis is best known by its symptoms. Bursitis is a sickness or inflammation of the joint capsule, and a swelling of tissue from irritation. The irritation may be chemical from disease, simple over-fatigue, or from external bruising. In the case of the shoulder, bursitis starts as a soreness and gradually worsens until it is sometimes impossible to move one's arm without extreme pain.

In many cases the early, mild condition will clear up after a rest period. But in each recurrence the condition lingers for a longer period of time and the joint gets stiffer and more sore. When bursitis persists, calcium deposits show up on the sur-

faces of the bones in the joint, causing arthritis. Adhesions even form in the joint capsule, causing a frozen joint.

"The problems of bursitis and the conditions it can cause are understandable—when we remember that it is living tissue, a part of the living body, reacting to the causative factor," states Dr. Schultz. He also states that the most common of the three irritating factors found in bursitis relates to injuries.

"For example," Dr. Schultz says, "a fall injures the bursa of the shoulder joint. If this happens, healing forces cannot get the injured part and bursitis can develop. As I've noted," he continues, "this condition can lead to all sorts of serious difficulties including arthritis."

Dr. Schultz strongly urges persons who suffer from bursitis to undergo Chiropractic examination and treatment. "After all," he states, "the modern Doctor of Chiropractic is scientifically trained to detect misalignments and damage to the bursa."

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