

# EDITORIAL PAGE

## AS I SEE IT



by  
**Bruce Barton**

### 'STRIKE AT WIND' WILL SURVIVE, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!

The county commissioners voted thumbs down Monday night to an appeal for help from 'Strike at the Wind', the popular outdoor drama about Henry Berry Lowrie, and the tri-racial cast of characters surrounding him during those Civil War days when he taught the Indians to feel good about themselves.

It is interesting that the two Indians-Wyvis Oxendine and Jack Morgan-voted to help the financially beleaguered drama, while the whites and the solitary black on the board voted "no." I could live with that, but the two commissioners I talked to said they were going to vote "no" because some of their Indian supporters were opposed to helping 'Strike at the Wind'. I find that hard to believe. Anyway, as they say in political parlance, Indians now have long memories. I hope they will remember that Bill Herndon, Carl Britt, H.T. Taylor and Henry Douglas voted "no." Of course, in America, they have a right to vote any way they want to. As voters, we have a right to remember how they voted and act accordingly when voting time rolls around again.

I wonder if they would have been so callous if it had been the Civic Center, or some other non-Indian entity appealing for help. Am I cynical? You bet I am. If 'Strike at the Wind' were condescending to Indians, its chances for help would increase proportionately. As I see it, 'Strike at the Wind' will be around a lot longer than some of the politicians who acted so callously Monday night. Racism is still flourishing in Robeson County; the only difference is that it is more civil than it used to be. Politicians don't cry "nigger" or "croatian" so easily anymore; they refuse to help financially. My hope is that every

politician who voted "no" Monday night will receive the same answer at the polling places next time around. 'Strike at the Wind' encourages tri-racial cooperation, and that's not in vogue in Robeson County.

### DWIGHT LOWRY FILLS THE GAP FOR THE DETROIT TIGERS

For the last nine of ten games, Dwight Lowry has been filling the gap for the Detroit Tigers as catcher while Lance Parrish is recuperating from back problems. And Dwight, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lowry of Pembroke, has been performing admirably. According to stats in the August 4 issue of the *Sporting News* Dwight Lowry is batting .353 through games of July 24.

Dwight was the "star of the game" recently in a game in which he cracked a three run homer. More than this, Dwight has not committed an error and has handled the pitchers faultlessly while filling in. It means probably that Dwight has assured himself a place on the roster for next year at a hefty raise in salary. Dwight Lowry is a wonderful role model for our children, and I am happy for him. He is also my hero, and I wish him continued success in the big leagues.

### WE NOTE CHARLIE PERRY'S PASSING WITH SADNESS

I liked Charlie Perry very much, and I note his passing with sadness. He was a nice guy, and we shared many a cup of coffee and conversation. His heart was in Pembroke, and I liked to hear him tell about his days as a cotton broker with Pates Supply Company. Charlie lived in Pembroke because he sincerely liked the people, and of, course, it was home to him.

Funeral services for Mr. Charles F. Perry, Sr. who died on Wednesday, July 30, were held at 11 a.m. Friday

at the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Ben Bass officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Survivors: his wife, Mrs. Elsie Perry of Pembroke; one son, Mr. Charles F. Perry Jr., of Wingate; one sister, Mrs. William E. Armstrong of Chester, SC and three grandchildren.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Pembroke Rescue Unit or to a favorite charity. The family received friends at Biggs Funeral Home Thursday, July 31, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Pallbearers: Jim Paul, Bob Littleton, Percy Hubbard, R.H. Livermore III, Talmage Wheelers and Mack Chance.

I extend sincere condolences to his family and his many friends. I, too, counted him a dear friend. I'll miss him.



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## PEMBROKE KIWANIS

BY KEN JOHNSON

The work of the Bryan Memorial School for handicapped children was described to Kiwanis members at last night's weekly meeting held at the Town and Country Restaurant by Charles Graham, principal of the school.

The school opened its doors in 1974 and is located near the offices of the County Board of Education and the Cancer Institute on Hwy. 711, and the Pembroke Road. It is now under the Board of Education of Robeson County, but was formerly under the sponsorship of the Mental Health Department. Today, the work involves care, skill training, work with the home and parents, physical therapy, physical education, speech therapy, and they have a full time nurse. Much of the work is with autistic children, requiring one on one work. There are 38 children, ages three to 23. Three of the more trainable were able

to earn their diplomas this year as high school graduates and were awarded to them by Supr. Swett. There is a close working relationship between the physical therapist and the physical education department as many children need all kinds of treatment dealing with body position changing, exercises and therapy. The school has four buses equipped with facilities to handle transportation difficulties for the handicapped. The leaders are trained in special education. There are five teachers aids. The children require a lot of tender loving care. Principal Charles Graham is pleased with their program.

President Wade Hunt presented Mr. Graham. Colored slides showed a very impressive program for the physical and mentally handicapped of Robeson County. Presiding Wade Hunt; invocation Marshall Locklear; song leader Ed Teets; reporter Ken Johnson; winner of fund raising-Buddy Bell; Bill Oxendine, chairman of fund raising.

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## The Reader's Forum

### What Are The Traditions & Culture Of N.C. Indians?

Dear Editor,  
I read with regret in the Carolina Indian Voice that former Governor James Holsinger was elected Chairman of the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, a non-Indian that does not recognize Indian tradition or culture.

As a North Carolina prisoner housed at Eastern Correctional Center, I can tell you that the traditional and cultural rights of Indian prisoners in this state have been and are being denied.

I read about the recognized tribes and organizations in the state, but North Carolina does not recognize any Indian tradition or culture.

The Department of Correction doesn't even have a religious policy for Native American faiths. Remember, when Mr. Holsinger was Governor, he did nothing to formulate a policy for Native Americans, just as Governor James G. Martin is doing nothing. Incarcerated Native Americans in this state, as it now stands, can't even have beads, feathers, and other artifacts that are essential to the traditions and culture of any Native American.

The costumes and movie set props used in the filming of the mini-series Roanoke were a waste of money; I for one would just as soon forget about Sir John White's

arrival 400 years ago. It sure was a dark day for Indians. The movie says nothing about Indian culture. Most of the Indians in North Carolina know nothing about their own culture or traditions, and knowing what kind of people run the Commission of Indian Affairs, I can see why.

I for one have been asking for support for the Eastern Spiritual/Cultural Council of Native Nations for four years now, and the only support I have received comes from outside the state. Where are North Carolina's 65,000 Indians?

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August 1, 1986

## Commissioner of Labor Expresses Appreciation for Sen. David Parnell

Dear Editor:  
I am using this letter to express my appreciation to the voters of Robeson County for sending a man of David Parnell's caliber to the General Assembly. Many of you are familiar with the way some of the leadership of the General Assembly has misused the budgetary process.

In recent years, major legislative changes have been put

in the budget bill without giving the rank and file elected representatives of the people the opportunity to fully and adequately debate the issues in public hearings and on the floor of the General Assembly.

Senator Parnell has been one of the key leaders in taking steps to call a halt to this undemocratic practice.

I continue to be impressed with Senator Parnell's integrity, competency and courage.

I have personally thanked Senator Parnell for the stands he has been willing to take in the General Assembly, and I take this opportunity to thank the voters of Robeson County for their good judgment in sending him to Raleigh.

Sincerely,  
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### Good advice for allergy sufferers

Chronic asthma is serious. An untreated youngster, for example, may wind up with physical weakness, personality problems, heart damage, as well as disabling lung disease. Competitive sports are usually ruled out for them, and "no," they don't always outgrow their asthmatic conditions.

Allergy can hit anyone. At any age. House dust, dog hair, ragweed pollen, or a host of other allergens may stimulate your body's production of histamines. This is why antihistamine-containing remedies can relieve congestion, rashes, sneezing and itchy eyes.

STUDIES FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH  
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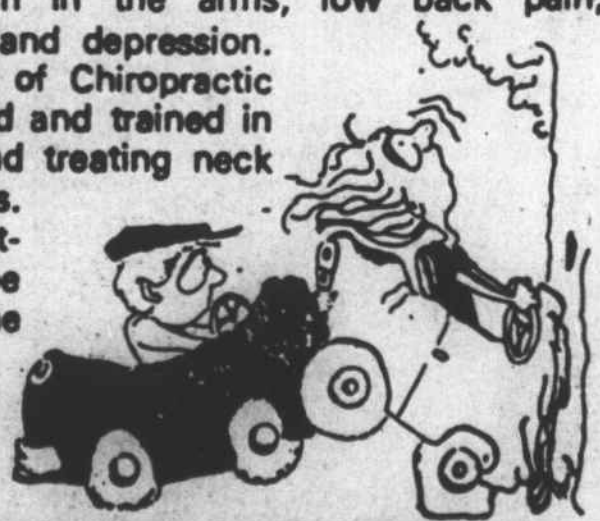
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