

# EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

Put it before them briefly so they will read it, clearly so they will appreciate it, picturesquely so they will remember it, and, above all, accurately so they will be guided by its lights.



-Joseph Pulitzer

## A first for the South

Despite its seemingly inevitability (at least for the past month), the nomination last night of Gov. Jimmy Carter as the Democratic presidential standard bearer embodied a certain historic political significance.

The Horatio Alger aspects of the meteoric rise of a peanut farmer from South Georgia may well occupy chapters in social science and civic textbooks of the future—especially if he should win the presidency in November. But, win or lose, Mr. Carter has broken a Democratic tradition which long obstructed the nomination of a candidate from the Deep South.

It might be argued that the late Lyndon B. Johnson broke that taboo, but he was from Texas and made it a political point to identify himself as a Westerner rather than a Southerner. Furthermore, he was a powerful figure in Washington and as vice president inherited the administration of an assassinated president.

Mr. Carter comes from a part of America which was subjugated after a war of rebellion (for independence, it might be remembered) and underwent a reconstruction period under federal bayonets. Long after the federal troops were withdrawn, the stigma of defeat remained. In the 1930's, President Franklin D. Roosevelt referred to the South as the nation's backyard.

Economic and political sanctions against the Deep South by the industrial North forced the Southern states into the political alliance which came to be known as the Solid South.

The 1948 Dixiecrat rebellion turned out to be another lost cause for which Southerners paid a price. During the 1950's, the national Democratic party extracted loyalty oaths from Southern Democrats and turned aside the region's claim for historic recognition as an area of party strength.

Those years were to mark a growing sense of Southern political independence, the beginning of the two-party systems in Dixie, and the end of the Democratic Solid South.

A new South emerged during the 1960's in the terrible turmoil of the civil rights struggle and in the quiet economic resurgence of new industrial development. As the South moved in the 1970's toward the mainstream of America, it brought new, young, and progressive governors forward for the nation to see. Mr. Carter is one of them.

Much has been said about Mr. Carter's political perspicacity in securing the Democrats' nomination, and he is deserving of admiration. There is a paradox. The Carter candidacy by no means assures that his fellow Southerners will automatically fall in line as a matter of pride. Because of the Democratic party, Southerners learned to demonstrate their political independence. Mr. Carter will have to woo them along with voters in the rest of the nation.

But last night, a page of old political history was turned when the national Democratic party nominated a man from the Deep South for president of the United States. — The State.

## Commentary

by Rev. Doug Maynor

1 John 3:1, "Behold, what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; there the world knoweth us not because it knew him not."

### "MANY SHALL BE DECEIVED"

America is a nation of Bible owners, Bible buyers and Bible keepers. Many evangelists will wave Bibles at a congregation but they read very little scripture from it.

Many times if we will compare our Sunday School lessons, we would find numerous discrepancies or differences as to what the quarterly says the Bible says and in fact what the Holy Bible really says. Amen.

If you don't know about happenings in the community, the latest in drama, and you don't know about the present conversation, then you get embarrassed. But it does not bother us that America has, or to bring it home, that Robeson County is home for Biblical illiterates.

How can we be sons of God and not know about our father? Amen. Countless preachers tell multitudes that because Jesus died on Calvary we don't need to keep the Ten Commandments. It is foretold that many will come in the name of Christ and shall deceive many. Amen.

But the Bible says: 1 John 2:3-4 "And hereby we do know that we know Him if we keep His Commandments. He that saith, I know Him and keepeth not His Commandments is a LIAR and the truth is not in him."

The so-called church is a halfway house. Many shall be deceived. Time is short. Only things that are done in the beauty of holiness will last.

## According to Scripture

This has been a week of sorrow for most people who have lost loved ones in sickness or otherwise. To me, a mother who goes through this suffers most. She can and does remember all things that were of the past. It will be many months before she will gather her strength, for it's the human part that will miss a loved one. But the Spirit shall help her over come.

When it (spirit) does help her, God will honor her and give her help. I have seen mothers by the bed side of her loved ones waiting for the fever to break or sickness to get better, that once again she may smile and praise the Lord for deliverance. But not always. This way some mothers will enter and bring sorrow and if the one is unsave, this will make it even more difficult for the one who cares.

Most of you have been placed on the altar by someone who loves you. You have gone on fighting the Spirit, not wanting to surrender to Christ; But God has an all-seeing eye and unescapable presence. Psalms 139-1. He said, "thou hast searched me, (verse 2), thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising." That means He knows when you stand up and sit down. Verse 4, "You even know every word in my mouth before I speak." Verse 7, "Where shall I go from thy Spirit or whither shall I flee from thy presence." Verse 9, "If I take the wing of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost part of the sea."

Verse 11, "If I say, surely the darkness shall hide me, even light shall be over the darkness." You can't hide from God. Sooner or later you have to stand and stand you will, and to confess and bow at His feet. For He is hard, waiting for you to come home. But you must be as Job in 19:25 "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day."

Yours In Christ, Evangelist Ted Brooks

## Educational Views

By Dr. Dalton Brooks

SUCCESS This is certainly a severe case, but it points up what can really happen.

Another means that provides students with success is to make available social problem solving meetings. The purpose is to discuss all problems relative to the group and to any individual in the class; to direct discussions toward solving the problem; and to never include punishment or fault-finding as a solution. You see, a pupil's characteristics (whether shy, timid, aggressive, withdrawn, etc.) are important for achievement. In fact, Coleman found that pupil characteristics have a stronger relationship to achievement than all the school factors combined. Students want to talk about their social problems and they want someone to help them find solutions.

You mean to say that students develop social problems that will keep them from learning? Sure they will. Mr. Harold Deese, Division Planner with State Government, documented for me a story about a young girl who lost all her teeth at the age of 12. Her face was disfigured, and she learned to hate her face. Soon she was in a deep emotional depression. Finally, she quit talking, and at the age of 15 has completely lost the use of her voice—she will not speak.

Social problem-solving meetings can help our children focus on real problems that exist. The causes are kept from teachers and other adults because students think that teachers, administrators, and even their parents, will not listen to them without fear of punishment. To prevent failure, our children are in need of meetings that deal with social problems.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Let's preserve God-given priorities

Dear Sir:

It was rumored several years ago that the U. S. Corps

### LRDA Holds Community Meetings

The Economic Development Project of LRDA conducted four community meetings to receive nominations to serve on the LRDA Board of Directors.

On July 6 the meeting was held at the LRDA Annex in Pembroke to nominate a person to represent Pembroke, Smiths, and Union. John R. Jones, incumbent, was nominated along with Jeff Maynor. Jones received 79 votes while Maynor tallied 24.

On July 8 the meeting was held at Evans Crossing Fire Department to nominate a person for Alfordville Township. William E. Locklear was nominated. There was no opposition. He replaces Clyde Epps.

On July 12 the meeting was at the Union Chapel Multi-Purpose Center for a representative for Burnt Swamp, Lumber Bridge, Philadelphus, Ruff Swamp, Red Springs and Shannon. Rev. Warford Maynor was replaced by Redell Collins of Shannon. Alton Maynor was also nominated but after a caucus, 23 persons voted unanimously for Redell Collins.

On July 13, the meeting was held at Ashpole Church to nominate a person to represent Gaddy, Rowland and Gaddy Townships. Willie G. Locklear, incumbent, was unopposed.

These nominations are not official until approved by the existing LRDA Board. The Board will meet Monday night July 26, to take action on these nominations.

of Engineers and the U. S. Soil Conservation Service were planning to straighten out and clean out Lumber River and Big Swamp from their head waters near Aberdeen and Bladenboro, NC to probably ocean clearance; for I see no way of coping with the mud, silt and other pollution and the speed of the water flow until it reaches the ocean at Georgetown, SC. May God forbid.

I have been told by the people who live on them that if the Lord had not made the Lumber River so crooked that he would have finished on the 5th day and we would have had two Sabbaths. Wouldn't it have been nice to have had two Sabbaths together? But he had a purpose.

It is now beyond the rumor stage that 16 miles of the head waters of Big Swamp which runs into the Lumber River at Boardman, NC are now ready for channelization by the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, and it will be a shame to destroy so-much mud habitat for deer, squirrel, woodcock, coons, and those God-given beautiful Redbreast, Brim, Bass (Native Trout), Pike, Jack and Blue Brim, let alone the serenity enjoyed by those who use it, and all are welcome.

I have hunted and fished the Lumber River and Big Swamp all my life, or at least 50 years of it. Twenty-five years ago it was no problem to catch a limit of Bass and Redbreast. During that time the water would rise and fall slowly. Then some canals were dug, and dredging done near Lumberton and the Big Swamp areas and this allowed the water to flow into the river with a quick rise and fall, (destroying the spawning beds for fish), plus all the mud, silt, and city pollution along its banks, caused the fishing to drop off until you could hardly catch enough fish to make it worth while, and it is just recently that the Redbreast and Bass population are coming back.

I will admit that there are a few trees that could be dragged out of the river to make it more navigable, but to do in there (like the U. S. Corps of Engineers or Soil Conservation Service plan), and straighten out the crooks and dredge it clean is about the worst thing that I can think of. It will rise and fall so fast until all the fishing and portions of wildlife will be gone forever and ever. It will be impossible for fish to spawn.

It is a shame that the love of money for some few will destroy the beauty and pleasure that God has provided for so many. God chose some of his disciples while fishing and he might just choose you some Sunday morning on the banks of the Lumber River, or speak softly to you while in Big Swamp.

You must know by now that I am opposed. I shall do anything I can to preserve it.

For those of you in South Carolina; are you going to go along with the mud and debris pouring into Little Pee Dee River causing the sudden rise and fall of the water level and destruction of all this natural habitat for fish and wildlife forever? Does the U.S. Corps of Engineers or the U.S. Soil Conservation Service plan on dredging all the way to Georgetown, S.C.? Keep your attention to the head waters of Little Pee Dee.

Surely someone knows what is going on. I hope we lovers of God-given priorities can find out and preserve them. When we want our hunting and fishing back, will we have to do like Ducks Unlimited?

Sincerely,  
Rufus G. Hoover, D.D.S.

### ASI SEE IT

Bruce Barton

### REVVING UP MY SPIRITUAL MOTOR

I expect Robeson County to go a little mad in the months ahead. (See front page story on HEW communique). All of us will need all the spiritual strength we can muster. Some of us will go a little mad, insanity will rule for a while, passion will replace reason for a season. Reasonable men will become unreasonable; Christian virtue will be replaced by spitefulness, hate and bitterness. The racists in our midst will have a field day.

Only the spiritually strong will survive. That is why I am revving up my spiritual motor - reminding myself that spirituality is the comforter of all of us, our sustenance during famine, a refuge from the storms of life.

I am gloriously happy. I am alive and well and doing my thing. I have found a need that needs to be filled...and I am attempting to fill it. I believe in a Power greater than myself. I choose to call that Power God.

I believe that goodness is the positive flow in the Universe. I believe that one reaps what he (or she) sows. The Spiritual laws of the Universe are unchanging and constant.



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## Happy First Birthday

### WILL SAMPSON APPEARING IN BUFFALO BILL FILM

**WILL POWERS:** Fresh from his resounding success in the Oscar-winning movie "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" as the mostly silent Chief Bromden, Will Sampson, an Oklahoma Indian, is now appearing in Robert Altman's new movie "Buffalo Bill and the Indians." In "Buffalo Bill" Sampson portrays William Halsey, a half-breed interpreter for Sitting Bull. (The flick is subtitled Sitting Bull's History Lesson.) The role of Sitting Bull—the Sioux leader who done Custer in 100 years ago—is played by Frank Kaglits of Canada's Stony Reserve. Sampson is rapidly emerging as a major Indian star.



He will soon appear with Clint Eastwood in "The Outlaw, Josey Wales," and with Charles Bronson in "The White Buffalo." At 43, his life is taking a new turn. In his boyhood he was a star on the Midwest rodeo circuit as an Indian cowboy. Following his share of literal hand knocks, he began painting in earnest—and some of his artworks hang in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and in a number of Southwest art galleries. He stands six feet five, and an interestingly playful and handsome face. He never had any acting ambitions, and was "discovered" by good luck when "Cuckoo" was ready for filming in Oregon. His performance easily netted him his next three large roles.

A loyal fan club of Indian movie viewers is also taking shape. Said one: "Will completely captures the heart of the audience as an excellent and talented performer who leaves everyone spellbound. With talent such as Will's, we will be seeing a lot more of him in the future of the movie world." Said another: "Will was a whole, solid personality in 'Cuckoo.' He was patient, as anybody could see. He took his own time doing his thing. The film showed he was always in deep thought, probably about his own homeland and family. He looked at all the other patients and thought how it would be to be in their mental condition. They treated him like the average cowboys and Indians show, making fun of him. An Indian is not this way at all. He played a very patient human being, striking when the time was right with no warning."

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