

# 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



## According To Scripture

Pro. 30:5 "Every word of God is pure; we today who are Christians need more than ever to rely on God's word. I think of all these people today who are seeking office on the state and local level. So many times the people have been deceived by smooth talk, and in the end the poor are the ones to get hurt by their vote of choice. Or by one who someone has built up. Well you say that the only way you have of knowing the type of person you can trust is what you hear. Let's see what God's word says.

### FAILURE

In rereading the past several articles I find that I haven't defined "success." I use the word "success" and "successful" with emphasis on creative accomplishment and has nothing to do with prestige symbols. I believe that trying to be a success in terms of acquiring prestige and wearing certain badges leads to neuroticism, frustration, and unhappiness. Striving to be successful brings not only material success, but fulfillment and happiness as well.

comes down. Wherever I see him he smiles and, somehow, transmits that same feeling. Mr. Kernal Locklear seems to exhibit the epitome of enthusiasm. At 70 he can jump the highest of any man I know... he should have entered the Olympics in Montreal! He seems to be so successful and quite happy. I really believe these two men exemplify success--not a prestige factor, but the manifestation of a self image that transcends the social, environmental, and cultural factors that seem to stifle creativity and force many people to failure.

### CONCLUSION

Being successful is experiencing success. Our present state of self confidence and poise is the result of what we have experienced. Since most of us have experienced failure, it will take a lot of undoing to find success. I believe one way is to observe people who are happy and successful and learn from them. Other ways to remove the scars, distortions and blemishes would be to strive with all of your talents and strength that you can give.

Dalton P. Brooks  
Executive Secretary  
Title IV Advisory Council

John 15:7 "If ye abide in me and my words in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you."

Mark 11:24 "Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them."

but many of us are slack more faith. And that it exactly where it is at.

Maybe you have been taught that the age of miracles is past. How can Jesus save a soul? How can He call a man to go out and to preach the gospel except by miracle?

We need to break with the religious traditionalism that blind, blind, and confuse men. Amen. We need to believe God wrote the word so that we can understand it. Amen. God will reveal His words to those that abide in His son, Jesus Christ.

Let me relate an experience. It was a Sunday afternoon and I was about enjoying a wonderful dinner when it hit me. My blood pressure went up and I went out. All that time, when I was unable to pray for myself, my pastor offered up to God a prayer for my healing. And I came out of it. I know that the power of consecrated prayer works. Maybe there is someone reading this message that one day the Lord saved you, but over the years you drifted from the fold. And you want to come back. I'm praying that you will ask God's forgiveness.

I am a God-called minister and I have a job to do. If you need help or you need to talk or to pray with someone, then you call me. I will come.

Rev. Doug Maynor  
Pembroke, NC

## REFLECTIONS By Alta Oxendine

Then, last fall, when we were trying to get enough students to start another Adult Basic Education class, at First Methodist Church, Mrs. Eva came to the rescue. We needed two more adults to give us twelve students. It was Mrs. Eva who went with me to talk to her Aunt Lila (Chavis and her neighbor, Mrs. Ada Locklear.

Sure enough! Both ladies joined, and we got our class started. Like Mrs. Eva, Mrs. Sarah, and all the other members of the two classes, I was to come to think of Mrs. Ada and Mrs. Lila as not only students but dear friends.

When this year's class was over in March, Mrs. Eva wanted a tutor to help her learn to read better. Ms. Patsy Pipkin, one of our local Vista workers, arranged for Mrs. Eva to be tutored through the literacy program of the Robeson County Church and Community Center.

Her summer tutor, Ms. Bonnie Sampson, a Summer Youth Worker in the literacy program, was ready to start Mrs. Eva on a new Laubach reading book when she learned that Mrs. Eva had passed away.

I am grateful to have known Mrs. Eva. Her diligence in taking advantage of her chance to develop her skills, as an adult, was an inspiration to all of us who worked with her.

Now, Mrs. Sarah, who is back home from Nevada, is replacing her sister as one of Bonnie Sampson's summer students.

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Bruce Barton



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The Con And

To the Editor:  
You know, the person to whom last week's CIV editorial was directed at just may have had a point when he or she questioned the degree as well as the direction to which you, the editor of the CIV, have carried a number of your editorials. Who knows, maybe the person knows what they are talking about and where they are coming from. Is it possible that that person reads the pulse of the Indian people with a greater degree of accuracy than those heard from more frequently through the pages of the CIV? As for my somewhat militant self, I too sometimes question the approach. After all, determining the destiny of 30,000 Indian people is a matter of considerable magnitude, a matter which should be far removed from personalities or personal ambitions.

Just possibly, no, for sure, you do have a valid question when you asked why copies of this rather lengthy letter were forwarded to a number of local Indians of considerable influence. At this point I am compelled to add that those receiving the letter were by no means the only influential Indians and neither is the writer of that letter the only spokesman for the Indian people of Robeson. Was the letter really necessary? No... but then I guess that is the personal style of those who wish to let their influential (sic) friends know where they

Sincerely,  
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### The Pro Of it

Dear Sir:  
I read with great interest your July 29 edition of "As I See It." After much meditation over the letter you received and your response to it, I decided to write you and say thank you for letting us know how people are reacting to your personal opinion. I am happy to know that you are not the type to get upset and stop saying what has to be said, even if influential people don't like it.

That letter had the strange sound of limbs breaking. It seems to me that certain people are on their way down and don't like the feeling. I recognize that your, As I See It, is your opinion. As it does say "As I See It, by Bruce Barton." Once in a great while, I disagree with the way you see it. 99 and 44/100% of the time, however, I am in firm agreement with you. My only criticism is that you have to be alone when you say those things that have to be said for the betterment of us all. How many times have we, the grassroots people, needed one of our leaders to say exactly what you have been saying for four years? And how many times have they said it? Please continue to lead us, through the written word, and I will continue to follow. Until the CIV began I did not realize how many Indian leaders we had. Now every time I read the CIV, which is my main source of information because I have found your news coverage unbiased, I read about another

I have always been amazed at the unique method you have of taking yourself out of a situation and giving us the facts. Thank you again for doing so. We have, as the old saying goes, too many chiefs and not enough Indians. I, as one of the Indians, say thank you a thousand times. Try to ignore that letter because that is not the opinion of people. I don't profess to speak for anyone except myself, however, I think the writer of that letter was way out of line. Does he or she live in Robeson? If so, he or she must be totally blind. A new day is approaching. Things are getting better, but they still have a long long way to go.

Keep up the outstanding work if or she would like more detailed information about the lack of change in Robeson.

Sincerely Yours,  
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Can you believe that? We hope that the 80% Indian, Black electorate will be fairer than that condescending, electoral slap in the face.

It is also a fact of history that we (the Indian) were taught to feel inferior to the whites but superior to the Blacks in order to maintain the number two rung on the societal ladder. We were misled. Second is, relatively speaking, even worse than third in psychological terms.

A NEW DAY IS DAWNING... fostered unnatural feelings of condescension and superiority in the psyches of the whites in Robeson County. They thought they were the unchallenged leaders of the rest of us. The whites, somehow, without the rest of us (Indians and Blacks) being any the wiser, instilled a societal paragon game called The Pecking Order among the three races--Indian, Black and white--in Robeson County. They, with out debate or dialogue, assumed top rung on the societal ladder for themselves and left the Indian and Black to fight among themselves to decide who was number two and three.

### A LAST LOOK AT DOUBLE VOTING...

Double voting is (and soon will be) was an evil, and life robbing, political device put in place to run rampant over another. All men are equal under the law. Opportunity, the father of all enlightened people, should have been for the taking. Instead, the Indian and Black creativity and imagination was stifled and frustrated by denial and a wild and maddening scrambling for the societal bones, the drippings from the affluent upper stratum--the white component in Robeson County.

Robeson County can be a great county, a good slice of America, a good place to live as long as no man is hampered in the pursuit of happiness because of the color of his skin, his Elizabethan slang, his cultural starvation diet. It is up to all of us to insure that we leave Robeson County a better place than we found it; if not, our living will have been in vain.

Let us join hands August 17 and elect with sound discretion, and elect a tri-racial state of candidates who can and will represent us all.

### BUT WE MUST PULL UP THE TARES OUT OF THE GARDEN OF ROBESON...

Right now, at this very moment, as I write this conciliatory column, there is a white going about the county with a slate of candidates for the Robeson County Board of Education. He is insisting that two (and hopefully three) whites be elected to the Robeson County Board of Education on August 17--that is his only chance.

I want all the people, all races, all geographical areas in the county represented on the county board of education. Let's vote for nine. I support the ad hoc committee to break double voting who have placed an advertisement in this news paper advocating that approach. It is sensible and fair and will insure that everyone is represented on the county board of education.

I also agree that the nine member board of education would be represented fairly and sensibly with a racial breakdown of six Indians, two Blacks and one white. The racial breakdown of the pupil enrollment is 58% Indian, 22% Black and 20% white.

It should also be noted, when the white electorate in Lumberton was presented the opportunity to be magnanimous and fair in their recent city school board election, they turned out the Indian candidates who, in many instances, have grown up not thinking well of themselves, because their Indian, Black and white elders did not think well of themselves.

### WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR US ALL?

Double voting has been an ingrown, psychological toenail, an albatross around all of our necks. The evil system

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## Know Your Bible By Rev. D.F. Lowry

We hear much preaching about hell. The word hell has many positions. Hell was in the whale for Jonah. Hell often means the grave. See Acts 2 Verse 31 saying Christ's soul was not left in hell. The Patriarch David is still in hell and will remain there until the first Resurrection. Christ came out the third day. Read Acts 2:27, Psa. 16:10.

All this preaching about going to heaven or going to hell is purely TRADITION. The Bible tells us that no man hath ascended up to heaven, even Christ. Read John 3:13. Wake Up!

At the first Resurrection the dead in Christ will arise first and the living Christians will be changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye and be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. There, in the air will be the most delicious meal ever served--millions and millions eating together.

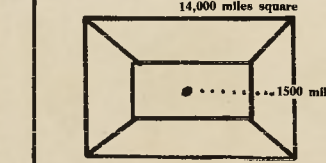
After the marriage supper in the air we'll all come with God and Christ to the Mt. of Olives where Christ ascended up to return to heaven. Logic tells us that the new earth will have as many square miles on its surface as the present earth existing. The existing earth is 25,000 sq. feet in circumference, contains 197 square miles on its surface. Our present earth is that of an oblate spheroid but the scripture points out an earth with four corners. Logically, the new earth being square with the same area surface would stand with a dimension of approximately 14,100 miles square. Accordingly, the Angel coming from the East could talk to the four Angels standing on the four corners of the earth ordering them to hold the winds and not let them blow until he sealed the servants of God in their fourheads.

The New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven will be 14,000 furlongs wide, long and high. 14,000 furlongs each way-8 furlongs equal a mile, hence the new Jerusalem will be 1500 miles each way.

My! What a city with golden streets 1500 miles long with chariots of gold running up and down on these golden streets.

Thank God you won't get there before I do. Should you there ahead of me, you would have a seniority over me and want to guide me around in the Golden City. We'll all go there together.

We are not speculating about the size of the New City for the Bible says it will be 14,000 furlongs each way. Now, 14,000 furlongs divided by 8 furlongs in a mile we arrive at 1500 each way. Now let's speculate a while, assuming the new earth has four corners with a surface same as the present earth it would be about 14 thousand miles square and if the New Jerusalem came down just above the new earth and placed over the center of the new earth with a hypotenuse equally distant from the North Corner of the new earth and thus fixed at all four corners--what a beautiful picture. Thus:



Should this be true the people all over the new earth could look thru the transparent glass and see what's going on inside the new city.

Revelations 21:1 points this out. The new heaven and the new earth will have all space to move about in clear out beyond Neptune unmolested.

What a magnificent future for God's children.

No Devil nor hell after judgement. Every person the Devil fooled will see him on fire and burn into ashes on the earth.