

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE



POST ELECTION NOTES...

Well, the primary is over. We're now waiting for the run-offs in September and then the general election in November.

My column last week provoked cusses from all three camps in the county. You might say that I was cussed out in three ways--Indian, Black and White. In essence, I accused all three races of bad faith and misleading one another. I also took a journalistic stab at the White Kingmakers and Indian and Black heroes in our midst. They, succinctly, misled us, used us, and will, from now until November, spend a great deal of time attempting to justify and explain their actions to us.

A LOOK AT THE POLITICAL TYPES IN THE COUNTY...

There are interesting political types operating in the county. There are the pure breed conservatives, red necks, reactionaries, died in the wood White supremists. They believe that the Indian and Blacks are making a concerted effort to take over the county and they contend that the dark-skinned ones are not capable of leadership in any capacity. They are dangerous folk. I steer clear of them. Reason is not a weapon that can be used against them. They like passion, brim stone, fire, fundamental skill. Indians and Blacks can write them off in any and all elections--now and in the future. The only Indians and Blacks they like are pliable ones...usable ones. They are condescending and, consequently, evil folk. They are to be avoided at all costs. Their strategy is divide and conquer. They like to pit Indians and Blacks against one another. They are the dominant political force in the county.

And there are the quasi-progressive White Democrats among us. They want to involve Indians and Blacks in the political process as long as the Indians and Blacks do what they want them to do. They are not as evil as the pure bred conservative but they are not far behind. Their mode of delivery is condescension. They like Indians and Blacks who are provincial in nature and self serving.

And the minority in the White camp is the honest and true believer who is usually ostracized for advocating a true democracy in Robeson

County. They are the hope of the future. They will, when all the racial games have been played, be the real catalysts and bridge builders between the three races. They are a true minority but they do exist. Time and right is on their side. And they are the real builders of dreams, the hopeful ones, the ones Carl Sandburg made mention of when he said... "Hope is an echo. Hope lies itself yonder, yonder." They keep the flame of hope burning...sometimes at great peril to themselves.

Indians and Blacks, generally speaking, are from the same mold. Their aspirations are similar. They have darkly-hued skin in common. They hold the political power in their hands but their bow remains unstrung. Their arrows have no points. They have never used their power. Their potential power has been dissipated by the old game of divide and conquer. Blacks are, generally speaking, jealous of Indians, painfully aware of their developing political muscle. They do not trust Indians for good reason. Except for acceptance of the county wide mind set in the house of representatives, we (Indians) have let them (Blacks) down terribly. Psychologically, the county populace--Indian, Black and White--accept an Indian, Black and White in the N.C. House of Representatives. That is our psychological succor. The house of representatives is our pride as the only elected legislative body. The makeup in the house satisfies everyone but satisfies no one. The psychological mind set in the house of representatives keeps the cussing down, keeps our guilt in controllable boundaries. BUT THE FALLACY IS THAT THE SENATOR IS WHITE. No measure can be legislated into law without the consent of the senate so the Indian and Black has no effective power in the N.C. General Assembly.

The Indian, deep down in his heart, believes himself superior to the Black. They like to rationalize the inequities in the county by assuming that they are number two on the societal ladder. Their soul (and it is a fallacy) is that number two is better than number three in the societal pecking order. Number two, relatively speaking, in psychological terms, is worse than number three, especially when all men--Indian, Black and White--are supposed to be equal under the law. The Indian must come

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

to grips with his own racism. The Indian who hates a Black is being used terribly. The Indian psyche has been programmed for defeat, even if it is true, a meaningless number two in the societal pecking order.

And we must look out for the Indian and Black heroes. They care about no one but themselves. They sell us out every election. We must come to grips with them. You noticed them in the primary last Tuesday. They cared more about electing Jim Hunt (or Ed O'Herron) or (George Wood) or (Tom Strickland) than they did electing Henry Ward Oxendine as district judge. Their concern was not a tri-racial school board. No, their concern was their own little, provincial kingdom. You probably saw them at the polls passing out political hand cards for the democratic candidates for governor and sidling up to us in a conspiratorial fashion "putting in a good word for this candidate and that one." The Indian and Black heroes spent the last election building up their little political kingdoms, usually in their own back yard. They can not see the forest for the trees. They advocate accommodation even if they lose their souls in the process. They like to console themselves with the silly notion that "we can't go too fast" and "don't activate the opposition." That is one saying I despise. If you do not actively your opposition then you do not activate your supporters.

The Indian and Black electorate--the grass roots people--are the real powers in the county. They hold the political string. They are the political muscle. They maypull it whenever they wish to. Indians and Blacks will assume their rightful places in Robeson County as soon as the majority of the average voter, you and me, realize that we can elect whomever we want to. The Indian and Black heroes have been lying to us and misleading us since time immemorial. The Indian and Black electorate has been neutralized by the Indian and Black heroes who "do not want to activate the opposition." It is time that the Indian and Black know the truth about the politics of Robeson County.

Power is not six seats or seven on the Robeson County Board of Education. That is what we (Indians and Blacks) should have had all along. It was and is our rightful due. Indians and Blacks are 80% of the voting populace in the county school district. Now that Indians and Blacks (unless something drastically happens between now and November) have their proportionate share of seats on the county school board, many of the political operatives in the county are going around saying that "the Indians and Blacks are trying to take over the county." That's pure folly and stupidity of the highest order. Don't you believe it. That is pure malarky.

What do the Indians and Blacks want? I have heard that question many times since the last election. I will tell you--two thirds of everything! Everything! Seats on commissions, boards of education, Indian and Black school superintendents, county managers, everything!

In other words, Indians and Blacks do not want to take over the county; they want their rightful share which is two thirds of everything. Indians and Blacks make up two thirds of the population so their rightful share is two thirds of everything. Period. Exclamation point!

...OUR POLITICAL UMBRELLAS

Most Indians and Blacks belong to the Democratic Party. Many of them are blind and unthinking Democrats. They remember "Hoover Days" and hard times.

I am a Democrat too! I am a Democrat because that is where the people are. 90% or thereabouts of all registered voters in Robeson County are Democrats. The political power resides within the Democratic Party in Robeson County.

But the Democratic Party in Robeson County is the party of double voting, of three sepa-

rate bath room facilities, six school systems, evil structures erected to keep Indians and Blacks out and in their place.

The Democratic Party in Robeson County has denied Indians and Blacks the right to participate in party politics. Two thirds of the party--Indians and Blacks--have been discriminated against, abused politically and scarred psychologically. Robeson County is subject to the voting rights act, the civil rights act, because of proven voter discrimination against Indians and Blacks.

There are no affirmative action plans in county government, or in any political sub division in the county.

I am a Democrat too, but not an unthinking one. I will and have voted for Republicans, including Governor Jim Holshouser. I even switched my party affiliation to the Republican Party for a season. I switched back to the Democratic Party because I do not have a hundred years to wait for a two party system in Robeson County. I am not a very loyal Democrat. I know, in the deepest recesses of my heart, that Gov. Holshouser did more for Indians politically than all the previous Democratic administrations combined. Democratic governors used to appoint the mayor and town council to the town of Pembroke and they always appointed Whites. Gov. Holshouser appointed Indians to responsible positions in state government.

So, I am not a Democrat "right or wrong." I would vote for a White Russian, an Afghan prince if I thought he would treat me fairly and without demeaning condescension.

In the general election, many will say that we should vote for the nine democrats on the board of education period. Their reasoning is that that is the best way to assure the election of at least six Indians and I Black. There is an Indian running for the board of education on the Republican ticket. His name is Carnell Locklear. You can be sure that I will consider him seriously when I cast my vote for the nine members of the Robeson County Board of Education.

It is good to belong to a political party but it is not good or reasonable to be blind in allegiance to a party which has trampled on our collective rights. Vote however you want to but vote your choice not someone else's choice.

Robeson County can be a good place to live. But Robeson County must be shared by all the people--Indian, Black and White. And we must pay more attention to the civil rights of people than to their party affiliation.

A Black, Rev. E.B. Turner, is chairman of the Robeson County Democratic Party. That is good and proper. And he is a good one...and effective too. I respect him immensely but I have not and will not follow his leadership blindly and unthinkingly. I reserve the right to vote my own convictions and do my own thinking.



The fellow on the crowded bus could stand it no longer. "Madam," he began politely, "you are standing on my foot."

"Put your stupid foot where it belongs," snapped the woman. "I tempt me," murmured the man, "don't tempt me!"



"Of course I spend more than you make, dear! I have confidence in you!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Praises for Strike at the Wind Production

Dear Editor:

The climax of our summer was our visit to Pembroke and on August 12 to see Strike at the Wind. We had been told that tickets could be obtained at the gate. Upon our arrival in Pembroke, we were both delighted and dismayed that no tickets were available. I was dismayed that we might not be able to get in and delighted that the production was such a success.

We did get in, however, and were rewarded for our efforts. We enjoyed seeing events from The Only Land I Know and To Die Game dramatized in such a beautiful setting. The dialogue spoke eloquently of Henry Berry Lowrie's place in Lumberbe identity. Most historical dramas are just that--historical dramas, but Strike at the Wind spoke of the present and future, as well as the past, and reminded us all that freedom cannot ever be a private matter.

Living in the Lost Colony

Know Your Bible By Rev. D.F. Lowry

The heaven that now exists in its contents is inhabited by God the Creator and Jesus Christ, God's son and 1/2 of the created angels. Lucifer, the beautiful angel, became proud and 1/2 of the angels took sides with Lucifer and God cast them down to the earth. Because of this horrible act God is going to destroy Lucifer and the 1/2 angels he cast out of heaven and make a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. Revelations 21:1.

Because of sin in heaven and on earth God will create a new earth and a new heaven where sin will never enter. Thank God. This new heaven will be here and have all space to move about. The new heaven will be a cube--1500 miles each way. See Rev. 21. The new city will be 12000 furlongs each way. Eight furlongs makes a mile and 8 into 1200 equals 1500 miles. That's a city with golden streets 1500 miles long. Get

ready to inhabit the new earth and the New Jerusalem. The Bible is emphatic about being destroyed if we fail to live for the Christ who gave his life for us. Hear Moses in Acts 3:22-23. Moses said every SOUL that would not hear Christ would be DESTROYED. Psalm 104:35 says "Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth and let the wicked be no more."

The Bible says "Our God is a consuming fire." Heb. 12:29 God, the Creator, is going to burn into ashes the Devil and all his followers at Judgment. Plato 470 years before Christ taught the people that every soul was immortal and would live forever in heaven or in hell. Plato was an infidel. The scriptures teach that the soul that sinneth shall die. Only one soul is immortal. I Tim. 6:13-16. God is immortal.

According to Scripture

53rd Isaiah, Verse / Who hath believed our report?

In Verse 6 it says, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." It seems we don't lean on Jesus and trust him as we should. Some people don't believe Christheals anymore. Are we like he sheep that have gone astray? Just because everyone is not saved does not mean that Christ is not a healer. Just because someone else confesses that the Lord healed him and someone you know was not, don't mean Christ isn't the same. He is the same Lord and he change not.

The question was asked: Who shall believe our report? Do you believe, if not then you cannot receive because you believe not and you have gone astray and trusted your own way. It was and still is for you that the Lord said in Verse 10 "I pleased the Lord to bruise him. You should stand up and lay claim on what has already been paid for you. In Matt. 8:17 He (Christ) took our infirmities, and bore our sickness. We have people who say they are ministers, who say and preach more on I can't or we can't. When we should sing the song of Zion.

David said in Psalm 103:2 "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Hear what the word said benefits. When you applied for a job the first thing you want to know is how much insurance does he have. How much pay. It goes right on naming out its benefits. What is wrong with you is that you have not read the will of God and found out he too has benefits.

community, we are acquainted with the sophistication that long years of production can give a drama, but we were impressed with what Strike at the Wind had accomplished with beautiful simplicity and minimum expense. The mingling of the actors with the audience at the conclusion was something we have not seen at other outdoor dramas. This farewell added to the warm feeling we had during the entire drama.

On a personal level, we enjoyed seeing the performance of former students, Vicki Ransom and Derek Lowry; and former colleagues, Welton Lowry and Julian Ransom.

We wish for Pembroke and Strike at the Wind the very best of many future performances.

Sincerely, Rev. & Mrs. Henry A. Bizzell Mt. Olive United Meth. Ch. Manteo, NC

Conference on Handicapped Held

A regional session of the North Carolina Conference of the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals was held in Fayetteville on Saturday, August 21st, at Reid Ross High School. All handicapped children, both with problems and recommendations, and their friends were invited to attend. Transportation was provided for those persons with special travel problems.

The mission of this regional session was to (1) assess problems and potentials of individuals with handicaps; (2) to generate awareness of these needs; and (3) to make written recommendations to the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals to be held in May, 1977 which, if implemented, will enable the handicapped to live their lives with independence, dignity, and with full participation in community life to the greatest possible degree.

The conference consisted of small groups following a brief opening session which began at 10:00 a.m. Participants attended opening session which began at 10:00 a.m. Participants attended the group (s) best able to address their needs/solutions. Included among the topics of the group sessions were the following: (1) Health Concerns, (2) Social Concerns (attitudes, psychological adjustment, recreation), (3) Barriers (architecture, transportation, communications), (4) Economic Concerns (5) Educational Concerns (pre-school, school, post school), (6) Special Concerns (multiple handicapped, housing, service delivery), (7) Civil Rights of the Handicapped, and (8) Unique Problems (minorities, veterans, aging).

A barbecue chicken lunch was served on the premises without cost to all registered participants.

The agenda also included a multi-media presentation entitled "Increasing Employment for Handicapped Through Attitude Change", which was presented to the group immediately following lunch. The conference ended, with a summary of the day's events, at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Drenna J. Oxendine, Program Developer for the Lumberbe Indian Education project, and Robert Locklear, Project Director of the Community Food and Nutrition Program of LRDA, accompanied Mr. Teddie Jacobs of Pembroke to the conference.

Keeping in mind that we, each of us, are our only tax base, we can slowly adjust our tax structure to respect the personal sovereignty of each of us, provide for our common defense and general welfare, and encourage those of us with the most integrity and ability to lead spaceship earth to more light.

Though we stood mute while his policy of tax, tax, spend, spend, elect and elect was implemented by our Congress, even Harry Hopkins never dreamed that we would allow our national debt to be used to support those who consider themselves above our Constitution and the laws of our Republic.

Fortunately, "WE THE PEOPLE" always gruff before it is too late. After we use our secret ballot to elect Jimmy Carter/Fritz Mondale, and to elect candidates with equal integrity and ability to our Congress, the imaginary throne King Henry occupies will be just another whisper on the wind.

Respectfully, Hugh D. Dudley

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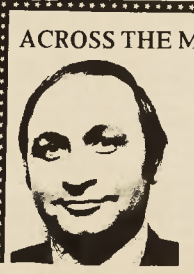
Educational Views By Dr. Dalton Brooks

SUCCESS Educators depend upon the science of psychology to help them develop prescriptions for students. One of the constructs that psychologists are talking about today is the self-image. The psychologist uses the word self-image much like the physicist use the word electron. The self-image provides educators with a leverage to explain the behavior of children. Understanding the psychology of self can mean the difference between success and failure.

Actually the plastic surgeons have done more over the concept of the self-image. They have found in their attempt to build a new face, remove a scar, transplant hair, etc. that something quite dramatic happens to the personality, health, and basic abilities and talents. Chronic failures have become successful. "F" students have changed into "straight A" pupils within a matter of days. Shy, retiring, inhibited personalities have become happy and outgoing.

What is the self-image? It is your own conception of the "sort of person you are." It has been built up from our own beliefs about ourselves. But most of these beliefs have unconsciously been formed from our past experiences, our

successes and failures, our humiliations, our triumphs, and the way other people have reacted to you. From all of this you and I mentally construct a self.



On behalf of the Town Officials and the citizens and myself, we would like to welcome the Pembroke State University students back to the Town of Pembroke and those of you that this is your first time attending Pembroke State University we especially welcome you and we hope all the students at Pembroke State University have a very successful and happy year.

I would also like to remind the motorists that on Monday our county and city schools will be back in operation and we ask you to watch for our small children walking to and from school.

Because of some talk I have HEARD LATELY I would like to tell the good citizens of the Town of Pembroke, and I am quoting to you from the minutes dated June 28, 1976, "Commissioner Sam Dial made motion to adopt the proposed water rate structure--\$3.50 water, \$3.50 sewer, and \$2.00 sanitation fee at 1,000 gallons minimum, including the Industrial and Institutional rates, seconded by Commissioner Milton Hunt. Voting For--Commissioner Monroe Lowry, and Commissioner Milton Hunt. Voting against was Commissioner Lee Neville." I would like to say as Mayor that I supported this move.

Robeson County Season Gets Underway

The Robeson County season gets underway this coming Friday and the action should be furious. Lumberbe will be the lone 4-A club in the county and their strength is undetermined at this stage of the year. Pembroke is the only 2-A school that has a home in this county and they have been hurt by graduation. In the 2-A ranks Red Springs, Fairmont, Orrum and St. Pauls will be battling for the West Waccamaw crown along with Bladenboro. The 1-A ranks are filled with competition among Rowland, Maxton, Prospect, Fairgrove, Parkton, Littlefield, and Magnolia.

In Friday's action, Fairmont will entertain Rowland, and Pembroke will entertain Fairgrove in the curtain raisers. There are other games and fans should contact the schools to determine if their team is playing. The fans are expecting the 1-A ranks to be a wide open fight since the 1-A state champions' lost some quality personnel by graduation.



Follow these rules and avoid heat stroke

QUESTION: What is heat stroke and how can it be avoided? ANSWER: Heat stroke, or sunstroke, occurs when the body can no longer rid itself of excess heat. It is caused as a result of excessive sweating and a consequent loss of body fluids and potassium with a resulting salt and chloride imbalance in the blood. To avoid heatstroke work gradually into heavy exercise such as football practice and steer clear of continued perspiration. Eat fresh fruits for potassium, take salt tablets only with a doctor's okay, drink 6-8 glasses of liquids daily, and refuse "quick energy" heavy snacks which may lower blood sugar. Pembroke Drug Center, Odum and W. 3rd, Pembroke, NC. Dial 521-4805

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