

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



New Businesses in town

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TY'S MINI MART

Ty's Mini Mart located on the Union Chapel Road, is now open for business. Ty's Mini Mart, open from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1 p.m. until 11 p.m. on Sunday is a modern convenience market featuring grocery items, beer and wine, and other cash and carry items.

The business, part of the shopping center being developed by Jerry Cummings, is managed by Tryon Lowry.

Tryon Lowry invites everyone to shop with him and watch in the pages of the Carolina Indian Voice for the date of his Grand Opening.

FABRIC CARE CENTER

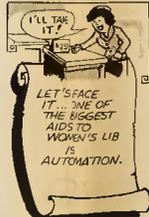
Jerry Cummings is another of the new merchants in town. He is now open for business and features one of the most modern washerettes in the area. The business is also located on Union Chapel Road (directly behind Ty's Mini Mart) and is named Pembroke Fabric Care Center, featuring New Speed Queen Washers and dryers.

The modern business will also feature a Pick Up Service and is equipped with stereo and TV.

The Washerette is well lighted and is open from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. 7 days a week.

Ty's Mini Mart and Pembroke Fabric Care Center are the third and fourth businesses to locate in the shopping center on Union Chapel Road being developed by Jerry Cummings. Other businesses located in the shopping center are NAPA Wholesale Auto Parts and Pembroke Tire Service.

PUNCH LINE



LET'S FACE IT... ONE OF THE BIGGEST AIDS TO WOMEN'S LIB IS AUTOMATION.

Educational Views

By Dr. Dalron Brooks

Ray Oxendine, son of Mr. Tom Oxendine, is now principal of East Montgomery High School. I recently met Mr. Oxendine in Raleigh where he was at the time, a member of the Human Relations Division. His associates in the Department of Public Instruction know him as the challenger, the negotiator, the facilitator.

Mr. Oxendine is a students coach. He inspires the team to play with such vitality as to make a mediocre team win. The players like his hard facial expressions which provide the needed signals that translate into a big win.

Mr. Oxendine is a student's principal, providing academic and administrative leadership that motivates students to excel physically, emotionally and scholastically. His philosophy of education reflects that every student is different, requiring different teaching strategies that incite learning and reacting with a learning style that's peculiarly his. Ray sees the teacher as a doctor, diagnosing and prescribing.

The appropriate course work for each student's cognitive style. Mr. Oxendine is a community builder. Having moved to Biscoe, Ray and his family joined the First Baptist Church there. He believes that the community is built by men who dare to stand on the fundamentals of Christianity. One of the community leaders said, "We haven't seen his equal. Look at his children, his wife, standing there and giving themselves to the community by being an example to our children spiritually and intellectually." Ray has that flexibility to adapt.

Ray is an inspiration. He says, "Get up and let's run five miles this morning before breakfast. Brother Brooks, you have got to start taking your exercise, for you and Mr. Deese are just too fat." At 6:00 a.m. in the foggy Raleigh weather the Lumbees, fat, slim or muscular, go trotting by.

I certainly will miss Ray at the Education Building in the Capitol City where big things happen!

New Courthouse Ready

by Bruce Barton

It's official, the new Robeson County Courthouse is now in use. After two years of using makeshift quarters, the county offices are busy moving in and getting acquainted with their new home.

And it is some new home, with an estimated price tag of \$2.4 million. The new court house was built with revenue sharing funds and sits on the same site as the old court house in down town Lumberton.

Not everyone agreed with expending \$2.4 million for a new court house that will fill the same bill as the old one: take care of county business and house the courtrooms (both district and superior) that will send mostly Indians and Blacks to prison.

But one prominent Indian said, "I was in favor of the new court house. The old one evoked bad memories for Indians and Blacks and did not even have bathroom facilities for men and women." Other Indians, including the reporter of this piece, emoted quite emphatically that "\$2.4 million is a steep price to pay for new bathrooms."

But, nevertheless, the court house is now a reality. The structure was built by Nye Construction Company of Fairmont and the architectural design was by Lee and Thompson of Lumberton.

First to move in were the clerk of court and register of deeds. They began moving in last Monday week.

The new structure is 78,000 square feet and is four stories high.

The basement floor, will house the sheriff's department and the magistrate's offices and provide vault space for the register of deeds and clerk of court, both of whom occupy first floor offices along with the tax department and switchboard.

Two court rooms (one superior and one district) are located on the second floor along with head quarters for District Attorney Joe Freeman Britt and a jury assembly room.

The third floor features two additional court rooms, a grand jury room, law library, and probation offices.

County Manager Paul Graham and county commissioners will occupy the fourth or top floor which also contains a pair of hearing rooms, a commissioners meeting room, and offices for court counselors.

Was it worth \$2.4 million? It is a matter of opinion. Many contend that the monies should have been used for educational needs. This reporter agrees with that view.

But who knows what the value of spic and span bath rooms are? And luxurious quarters?

Anyway, said another Indian wag, "It's done now. Maybe they will hang some pictures of reputable Indians in this one." I have a suggestion: how about Dr. Herbert G. Oxendine? Horace Locklear, the first Indian attorney in North Carolina? Or Henry Berry Lowrie, the baddest cat of them all?



AS I SEE IT
Bruce Barton

Pembroke Needs an Indian Town Manager

R.D. Locklear, III was an intelligent and hard working young man. I am not joyful that he was dismissed by the Pembroke Town Council. I believe that Mr. Locklear learned quite a bit during his tenure in office. Probably the most important lesson he learned--maybe too late--is that the town manager is only as effective as the citizenry and town council will allow him to be.

One cannot be a town manager of Pembroke (or any town) without good vibes between himself and the townspeople. The town council is the expressed will of the people. The town council is elected to serve the needs of the people who put them in office with their votes.

It is a known fact that Pembroke was suffering from economic woes when the present administration assumed office. But Pembroke's history is as much to blame for the difficulties they inherited as anything else.

Until the middle '40s, the governor of the state of North Carolina appointed the mayor and town council for the town of Pembroke. He invariably appointed whites. That was the beginning of Pembroke's economic woes. Those whites appointed by the governor always looked after themselves first. That was their number one priority.

The only position filled by Indians was town police. The mayor was white, the clerk of the town was white, everything was white except the policemen and the townspeople. The Indian citizens of Pembroke (sometimes as much as 95% of the town population) had nothing to do with the administration of their town except to pay their water bills and taxes.

Pembroke is now experiencing only it's second all-Indian town council and administration.

Rev. C.E. Locklear was the first Indian mayor of Pembroke and he was elected to office in the mid 40s. But whites remained in effective positions of leadership until the administration of former mayor Juddie Revels in the 70s.

Out of that evil and racist and condescending past came the brunt of Pembroke's economic woes.



Physical fitness is the ultimate test

I've always admired physical fitness. And to me the marathon-run stands out as the ultimate test. Imagine 26 miles run at five minutes a mile or under?

An Olympic marathon runner is said to burn some 2600 calories in a race--100 per mile. Since the body can store but 1200 calories in blood sugar and supply another 800 from its fats, additional sustenance must be consumed along the way by the runner. Else, they would collapse.

After 20 miles it becomes a matter of simply holding on. Recuperation is said to take a month... Whew! So much for fitness.

Now, with the dismissal of R.D. Locklear as town manager, some are saying that we need an outsider as town manager. An outsider is another word for a white. I say never! Give us time to work out our own problems. Do not saddle us with the bitter reminders of the past. Zillions of Indians are qualified both by education and color to be town manager of Pembroke.

Pembroke must have an Indian town manager period. If not, we will return to the condescending attitudes of the past. Give us a brother, an Indian, that we can relate to. Give us an Indian who understands our problems, our peculiar natures. Give us an Indian who loves us and thinks well of himself.

We will accept a white as town manager in Pembroke when Lumberton hires its first Indian city manager--not before!

Pembroke is growing and learning...

Pembroke is learning and growing and joining the 20th century. Do not send us back into the 19th century by reminding us of our sordid past when Indians had nothing to do with the management of their own town.

R.D. Locklear and the present council, seemingly, moved too quickly to solve the economic problems in Pembroke. People do not like to be jarred; they do not like to be jangled and nudged to correct problems that they had nothing to do with creating.

Let's progress easily and at a moderate gait. Do not charge us more than we are able to pay.

Right now, seemingly without a vote of confirmation by the Pembroke Town Council, Pembroke has employed a white to collect our delinquent taxes. I resent it very much. Are they grooming him to be the new town clerk? The new town manager? The people want to know who hired him.

One answer given is that CETA funds are being used to pay him. Well, why not use those same funds to hire an Indian? Is this our town or not?

Do not offend the people--they are Pembroke period. One cannot govern without employing the time proven maxim that "You have to earn their trust and get them to do what you want them to do without letting them know the difference."

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Pembroke Needs An Effective and Active Chamber of Commerce

The Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Inc., seemingly, is a secret and fraternal organization designed and controlled by a handful of people in the Pembroke community.

The last news we (The Carolina Indian Voice) heard about the chamber (sic), the late Harry West Locklear was president. Now, according to street talk, John H. Sampson is acting as president. We can't prove it. We frankly do not know what the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Inc. is doing.

When do they meet? Who is eligible to be a member? How much money does the organization have on certificate of deposits from the recent sale of the old fair ground property? How many members are in the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Inc.? What do they do to help the image of Pembroke? Do they sponsor special sales days? Do they have a telephone number? We simply don't know.

The only thing we know is that Pembroke needs an active and open chamber of commerce. Said one merchant, "I agree that we need a chamber of commerce: I am getting 25 dollared to death by organizations and causes, some of them are good and some are rip offs. An effective chamber of commerce could serve as a medium through which such gift bearers and givers and promisers of the moon could be filtered."

Also, an effective chamber of commerce could work diligently to improve campus-community relationships with Pembroke State University and our high school, junior high school and elementary school.

Too, the chamber of commerce should be a voice for the merchants of Pembroke. The merchants and professional people in Pembroke need a voice in unison.

We call upon those in charge of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Inc. to publicly encourage new members, activate their existing structure and get involved with Pembroke.

Too, The Carolina Indian Voice, a weekly newspaper quartered in Pembroke, would like very much to join the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Inc. Whoever is in charge of new memberships, please call upon us. We want to join. We need an active and effective chamber of commerce in Pembroke.

A note to merchants and professional people in Pembroke: please let us know how you feel about this editorial. Are you a member of the chamber of commerce? If so, how about inviting The Carolina Indian Voice to join. If not, would you like to be a member? Do you feel that we need an active and effective chamber of commerce in Pembroke?

Know Your Bible

By Rev. D.F. Lowry

We owe all we are the Triune God of the Universe. To Satan, the Deceiver, we owe nothing. The scripture refers to the Devil as one going up and down in the earth seeking whom he may DEVOUR. Old tradition refers to Satan seeking whom he may burn in hell forever and forever.

The Bible says that every thing bad will be destroyed. For our God is a Consuming Fire. John 3:16 says God gave his son to save us from perishing. Perish means destroyed, lost, consumed or annihilated. Empires perished came to nothing.

Peter asked: "What shall the end be?" I Peter 4:17, Eze. 18:4 The soul that sinneth shall die. Not burn forever. The Devil and the fallen angels must die. Eze. 28:18, Heb. 2:14. The Lord is not willing that any should perish.

stryed- See 2nd Peter 3:9. Now read John 8:51. If we live for Christ we will never see death. This means the second death. Again John 11:26 Who soever believeth in me shall never die. This also means the second death.

Rev. 20:14 Death and hell were CAST into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Death here means all lost souls that were never found and buried. Hell here means the graves where all lost souls were buried--ie the persons.

Isa. 1:28 That that forsake the Lord shall be CONSUMED. Read Phi. 3:18 Enemies of God whose end is destruction.

Rev. 21:8 shows every class of lost souls or person will be cast into a lake of fire and brimstone and be destroyed which is the second death.