

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

AS I SEE IT Bruce Barton



UPDATE ON THE PEMBROKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE, INC...

Word has reached us that the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, Inc. is holding a board of directors meeting tonight (Thursday) at the Pembroke Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

I personally would like very much to join the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, Inc. I believe my membership would be good for The Carolina Indian Voice Newspaper and Print Shop and the Town of Pembroke.

MRS. GRACE EPPS IS A REMARKABLE LADY

Some people notice nuances... others pay them no mind; but I have seldom criticized our educators.

But a remarkable lady is retiring from service with the Robeson County School Unit as a teacher and supervisor.

All of us owe her a debt of gratitude. I shall miss her, and the board of education will be



PEMBROKE DRUG CENTER here is good advice

People can make fun of allergies. Yet for nearly 10 million who suffer from the more serious asthmatic form, it is no joking matter.

Allergy can hit anyone. At any age. Anywhere. Dust, dog hair, ragweed

hard pressed to replace her. Her motto is "God bless the children." I hope her retirement is peaceful and enjoyable and fruitful.

WHY I AM SUPPORTING CARNELL LOCKLEAR FOR A SEAT ON THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

My daddy and mama taught me never to be biggity and "above people."

I am a Robeson County Indian pure and simple. I have picked cotton and cropped tobacco and I still talk with an Elizabethan twang.

Carnell Locklear is a man who will speak up when the need arises. I believe he will represent the little people like myself on the board of education.

I believe Carnell Locklear deserves a chance to be on the county board of education because he is an Indian and is, I think, eminently qualified to serve the best interests of our children.

Some of our Indian leaders, in high places, have pooh pawed his chances simply because he is a Republican. I have heard rumors that many people in the county are telling the voters that they cannot vote for Carnell Locklear because he is a Republican.

And I like the under dog. I want people to have the right to vote for who they want to. If Indian people do not want to vote for Carnell Locklear... well, that is their business and I would not dare question that.

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



Dear Friends:

This afternoon I dropped in on the first session of the literacy workshop being held on the PSU campus.

For details you may call me at 521-4691, Vernon Hazel Locklear at 521-4323 or the Center at 738-5204.

MOTHER-IN-LAW

My mother-in-law, Mrs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Beware of tracks at Rennert

To whom it may concern:

I am a parent of children attending Rex-Rennert School. I am also a bus driver for the school. I also live 1/2 miles from the Railroad Crossing where so many lives have been taken.

Most of the tracks up here are double tracks. When a train is on one track you can't see on the other until the train is long gone.

Thank you, Mrs. Nadine Hunt Rt. 3, Box 73-C Shannon, N.C. 28386

Yard Sale SATURDAY OCTOBER 16, 9 'til 5 pm at Home of Mrs. Reggle Strickland (Located on Jones Street behind Bo's Foodland)

PUNCH LINE THE SMART POLITICIANS' MOTTO: THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT THYSELF.

PROTOTYPE WORK METAL FINISHING CALL 541-4848

An Editorial Viewpoint: Pembroke vs Lumberton

Robeson today is embroiled in a struggle of traumatic, earth shattering proportions; the outcome of which will decide nothing less than the destiny of every man, woman, and child within our county.

Today, however, several forces are battering the walls of this old order; a revolution is sweeping the land. One major factor of which has been the emergence of the Pembroke area as a force to be reckoned with in Robeson politics.

In the Democratic gubernatorial race, Jim Hunt received overwhelming support from Indian Pembroke and Black Lumberton, while he received only a minority of the votes cast in white Lumberton.

The oldest rat in the Democratic barn, Thad Eure, carried white Lumberton, while his

REFLECTIONS

Lizzie Oxendine, is home from the hospital. She appreciates the interest shown in her during her illness.

BENEFIT CELEBRATION

All of us at the Church and Community Center are busy as can be inviting people to the Center's Benefit Celebration this Saturday night at the Jaycee Fairground.

The "Benefit" starts at 7 p.m. Besides a meal (which includes barbeque and chicken) there will be a speaker and three singing groups.

Each ticket is made up in the form of a receipt for a \$5.00 donation to the Center. Even the VISTA and CETA programs depend on having a certain amount raised by local people here in Robeson County.

Tickets can be bought from staff members or at Pembroke Drug Center. If you cannot attend the banquet, any donation you might wish to make would be appreciated.

We are very grateful to friends of the Center who are donating their time as well as for those donating their money to help us carry out the many different programs under the direction of the Center.

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

I make so many mistakes. Here is a prayer for guidance I am trying to remember to pray before making each decision:

Dear Father, If this is wrong, help me to know it. If this is right, help me to do it. Amen

Perhaps many of us will be seeing each other Saturday night at the Jaycee Fairground for the "Benefit Celebration."

With my sincere best wishes to each of you, ALTA OXENDINE

Don't Vote Party-Vote for the Candidate

Between now and the coming election, you will be urged repeatedly to "vote a straight ticket."

There are good Democrats. There are good Republicans. And we need those good candidates, no matter which ballot they will be listed on.

Carnell Locklear, candidate for the Robeson County Board of Education, will be listed on the Republican ballot.

Robeson County, the State of North Carolina and the nation at large all need BOTH Parties represented in order to have the best possible representation.

That isn't the kind of situation that makes for healthy disposal of the public's business.

We need Carnell Locklear on the Robeson County Board of Education. I feel certain that a majority of the voters know this, and want to support him.

Before the general election four years ago, Gov. Jim Holshouser kicked off his campaign right here in Robeson County with some soul-

searching words for Blacks and Indians of the county. The county's Democrats, he charged, were taking the Black vote and the Indian vote here for granted.

The people of North Carolina took Jim Holshouser at his word and gave him to the state as the first Republican Governor of North Carolina in 80 years!

I have yet to hear one North Carolina voter, white, Black or Indian, say that Jim Holshouser led them wrong.

I'm saying, vote for the candidate. Don't vote blindly for any man's entire party with two little slashes of your pen.

Carnell Locklear will serve as well. His metal has been tested and proved over and over again. He is not the kind to break ranks and run simply because the going gets tough.

I am proud to call Carnell Locklear my friend. LEW BARTON

NIEA Convention held in New Mexico

The National Indian Education Association's (NIEA) Eighth Annual Convention was held at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Sept. 27-30, 1976.

The program began Monday morning, Sept. 27, with opening ceremonies and keynote addresses by Senator Joseph Montoya of New Mexico and Dr. William Demmert, Director, Educational Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The theme of this year's convention was "Education and Knowledge Are Power." Native American educators, students, tribal leaders, and BIA and OIE representatives convened to discuss and evaluate the educational needs of the American Indian.

President Ford, in a message which was read during the opening session on Monday, congratulated the National Indian Education Association on its accomplishments and reaffirmed his support for the Congressional Findings and Declaration of Policy embodied in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act which he signed 20 months ago.

The 1978 elections will be for all the marbles; let us begin to prepare now. The 1976 general elections will be the last warm-up that we will have before the 1978 sheriff's race.

Workshops which were given in the four days included such vital topics as evaluation and selection of media materials, post-secondary education (college and vocational), and Library Assistance programs for American Indian librarians.

Other scheduled events included entertainment by National Native American Musicians (Bonnie Jo Hunt, Ed Wapp, Rosalie Jones, Makull, and XIT), a pow-wow with ceremonial dancing and singing.

ing, and Native American exhibits.

The 17 member original board of directors of the NIEA were honored Tuesday night at the evening banquet. They were presented framed certificates by NIEA president, Dr. Rick St. Germaine.

They were elected to the board in 1970 when the NIEA was incorporated. Board members honored, either in person or by proxy, are: Rosemary Christenson, Marigold Linton, Dillon Platero, Elgie Raymond Elizabeth Whiteman, Roger Buffalohead, Dr. William Demmert, Robert Powless, Joe Sando, Eugene Sekaquapewa, Dick West, Jr., Dr. Will Antell, Sparlin Norwood, David Risling, Hershel Shaumant and pothumously, Ned Hatahili and John Winchester.

The local steering committee for the convention also was honored. Dr. St. Germaine, banquet speaker, discussed "The Role of NIEA in Indian Education." Makull and XIT presented a concert in the auditorium after the banquet.

At a luncheon Tuesday, Albert Shanker, national president of the American Federation of Teachers, spoke on what role the union can play in Indian education. He also cited the strides made in teacher's salaries in the 15-year history of the union, and the benefits beyond salaries that the union contributes to education in the broader sense.

Luncheon speaker for Wednesday was Dr. Paul Salmon, head of the American Association of School Administrators.

No convention concluded on Thursday, Sept. 30. The highlight of the closing session was the announcement of the new 15-member National Advisory Council on Indian Education. This council is appointed by the President of the United States. Earl H. Oxendine, a Lumbee of Pembroke, was appointed to the Council.