

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

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According to Scripture

THEME: CHRISTIAN LIVING

Colossians 3:5 "Mortify, therefore, your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil desire, and covetousness (which is idolatry)." Paul said we are to mortify our members. What does the word mortify mean? Webster's Dictionary defines it as to control physical desires by self-denial, fasting, etc. The trouble is having in or without yourself is craving. You want to be somebody else or like somebody who is able to mix well with the world.

using of grossness (enticing words). We need to let God be in control in our life then and only then will the people be blessed. Then and only then will we be able to help serve a lost soul the biggest part of the people are like myself. We are not school teachers, lawyers, or doctors. But we are born again believers of God who want to know "What dost saith the Lord." Romans 10:14

How then shall they call on him whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? It's always a joy for me to preach the love of God to try and reach a person who is found or is a servant of sin. There's nothing said in any word or language than for a sinner to say, "Lord, forgive me of my sins." You who are not Christians can find Christ, just by asking. Say Lord, forgive me of my sins, I'm sick and I want to come home to Jesus where it is peace and joy, where I can be just like Christ Jesus said I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved. John 10:9.

Jesus is your partner. If you will confess your sins, he will come. Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him. Rev. 3:20. I am so glad he said any man, Black, white or red because if I would have had to have money or other things or people to recommend me, I would have stayed lost forever because there is no one who cares like Jesus. And as for me and my household we are going to serve the Lord. We are going to live like Christians.

Yours in Christ
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Educational Views By Dr. Dalton Brooks

ATTITUDES TOWARD THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

What is the attitude of Americans toward public schools? Discipline continues to head the list of major problems; it has been named as the number one problem seven times in the last eight years. Next to discipline, and in second place, are the problems associated with bus-ing and integration. In third place this year is the lack of proper financial support for educational programs and operations.

Sixty-five percent of the respondents stated that high school students should pass a standard examination in order to get a high school diploma.

You remember recently Education Testing Service reported a decline in test scores meaning that the quality of education today is declining.

The various teacher groups today are involved in improving administrative, supervisory, and curricular activities. However, NEA, National Education Association, is fast becoming a political entity. In fact teachers want to extend their bargaining power beyond pay and working conditions. More than 25 percent of Americans have said that they are in favor of NAE and AFT

CHILD CARE CENTERS

I believe that discipline is a reflection of the kind of Curriculum that exist in schools. High school students generally adapt to the instructional environment. If instruction is improved, test scores of students will be increased.

COMMENTS

Specifically, teacher organizations are becoming more power hungry than student centered. There is evidence to support both sides. Teachers should have bargaining powers, but they should have academic excellence as a responsibility.

We are much in need of Day Care Centers that provide our 3, 4, and 5 year olds with the needed educational experience to get ready for the first grade. I believe these centers should be funded by federal dollars.

Musing...

Reasonable Locklear

O! Reasonable finally made the front page

O! Reasonable finally made the front page last week...after nearly four years. And knowing smart eck Bruce Barton like I do, I doubt I'll be back unless it looks like the Russians are coming.

I went home a braggin' about it to my ol' lady and she set me straight in a hurry: says my wife, "Do that boy say for writin'?" "No," I says, "he shore don't. Is he supposed to?" And my wife laced into me some un-scandalous, "You Dummy!" She screamed and a lot more in the same vein. "Don't Walter Cronkite git paid? Don't Jack Anderson and them fancy city boys git paid?" And I reckon they do. I imagine me and Bruce Barton have a thing or two to talk over... The generl' (my little lady) more than that told me that the only reason Bruce let me on

Shucks, Carnell Locklear never got on me about endorsing him. He let me know through the smart eck Bruce Barton that he 'preciated it a heap. And that's good enough for me.

Just goes to prove, I reckon, that the Generl' ain't right all the time. And, shucks, advice ought to be free for the askin' and some of the boys were querying me as to how I felt about the board of education race and I told 'em for nuthin': Carnell Locklear is a good ol' boy.

PEMBROKE HIGH SCHOOL "WARRIORS"

Aug. 27	Fairgrove	Home
Sept. 3	Rowland	Home
Sept. 10	Orrum	Away
Sept. 17	Open	
Sept. 24	Fairmont	Home
Oct. 1	Prospect	Away
Oct. 8	West Columbus	Away
Oct. 15	West Brunswick	Home
Oct. 22	Whiteville	Away
Oct. 29	East Bladen	Home
Nov. 5	Tabor City	Away



AS I SEE IT
Bruce Barton

ALL WHITE FOLKS AIN'T DEVILS...NEITHER ARE BLACK AND INDIAN FOLKS

Shades of conciliation! A white called me last week and talked of my views and feelings on Robeson County politics and racial harmony and brotherhood and the like. It was a good conversation. She stated her views and I stated mine. Neither of us reached for our shot gun. We talked in modulated tones and we probably, after the dialogue, found that we have a lot in common and that neither of us is as terrible as the other might have thought before we stopped and talked to each other.

The important thing is that we really talked to each other in good english without the curse words. And that's the key to it: dialogue, talking to one another.

She initially thought that I was a little heavy handed and too general and pervasive in stating my views. She noted that "all white folks ain't devils..." and I readily agreed. And I added "and neither are Black and Indian folk." We're all in this county, for better or worse, part of the landscape. It's our home, our squatter's lodge. We belong here...all of us-Indian, Black and white.

But a relationship-if the relationship is of any merit-must be based on mutual respect. People must look each other in the eye ball. Eye ball to eye ball, across the table.

I am not against reconciliation. I am for people working together and sharing their best qualities. Robeson County is for all the people-Indian, Black and white. But I am opposed to condescension. I am against people (especially Indians and Blacks) ignoring their history, pretending that problems do not exist, selling out their own. I am against Indian and Black heroes. I believe democracy is for all the people, not for just a few. I frankly do not need an Indian or Black power broker deciding what is best for me. I like to make my own decisions, do my own thinking.

I am against political contrivances like double voting in separate bathroom facilities and sitting in balconies of movie theatres and denial period because of race or creed or color.

Carl Sandburg, loving Sandburg, although irascible as hell, loved people and universal ideas. He stated once that "Hope is an echo...hope ties itself yonder, yonder..." And I believe him. If I generalize against the evil in our midst and label the good with the bad...well, I apologize for that.

But as a Robeson County Indian, I did not have anything to do with writing our history. But I have read it. It is not a nice story-the history of

Robeson County is a sorry annal of man's inhumanity to man. Indians were (and, in many instances, still are) denied full participation in the economic, social and political life of the county.

Robeson County is one of the 39 counties in North Carolina under the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The only way to be subject to civil rights legislation is to deny the people the right to vote. Period.

Senator Luther Britt engineered a bill in the N. C. General Assembly to take Clynburn Pines and Barker Ten Mile out of the county system and put them in the Lumberton City School Unit. Why? So that they (the mostly white folks) would not have to send their children to Magnolia. Until the middle 40s, the governor of N. C. appointed the mayor and city council for the Town of Pembroke. He invariably appointed whites although they represented less than ten percent of the population. Double voting. Evil double voting denied Indian people the right to a full vote. Until 1964, no Indian or Black ever served on the Robeson County Board of Education; even though the pupil enrollment is more than 80 percent minority. The superintendent of the county school system is white. Why? Supt. Y. H. Ayn lives in the Lumberton City School District and his children attend Lumberton City Schools. Why? If the county system is not good enough for his children I wonder if the county system is good enough for ours.

And, now that double voting is broken, why is Parkton trying to get out of the county school system? Why, suddenly is there an interest in consolidation and merger and brother hood and etc. etc. Why?

Why, in Pembroke the whites (although most times there were less than a hundred of them) had three churches, a school, a separate eating place etc. etc. Why? I presume that an Indian's money is alright, but "by God! I ain't going to eat with 'em." You can see that Robeson County is not a place for free dialogue and the arts and flute players and poets and music makers.

People need freedom from want and deprivation and condescension to grow. These are the things that bother me. If an Indian is going to be magnanimous, I want him to be magnanimous for the right reason.

So, I readily agree with my white caller. There are exceptions to the general rule. There are many fine and decent ad right thinking white folks. No doubt about it. There just ain't enough of 'em at the moment to make a real difference in Robeson County. But I am hopeful that Robeson County will truly become what she is capable of becoming-a decent place for all folks to live. A

place where Indians and Blacks and white can speak of brotherhood without condescension making a mockery of their utterances.

Then we will realize the hope of Sandburg and all right thinking men. But, until all men are treated equally in Robeson, I will continue to speak of o-r shortcomings as loudly as I possibly can. But no shotgun blasts. A letter to the editor is better than the negative feedback of a shotgun blast.

So, let's keep on talking to one another, sharing our frustrations and our dreams. Robeson County can become as good and decent as all of us want her to be. But we have got to quit fooling each other. Our Indian and Black heroes have got to quit selling us out and pretending that every thing is all right. And our white political masters have got to quit playing games with us, trading Indians and Blacks off against each other and teaching their own to say "nigger" and "crotan" glibly. Indians and Blacks have got to quit selling their vote to the highest bidder. The right to vote is priceless.

Yes, Robeson County is on the verge of greatness...as soon as Racism and Condescension and ill will and mistrust become relics of our language without meaning and substance.

National Newspaper Week

Dear Mr. Barton:

This is National Newspaper Week and we would like to take this opportunity to commend you for your efforts to keep the public informed about the news in our city, our county, our state and nation. Newspapers have a vital role in our modern society and are one of the major means of insuring our basic constitutional freedoms.

We appreciate your support and publicity that you have given the Robeson County Public Library and its programs and services. With your help we are better able to inform the citizens of Robeson County about our services.

Sincerely,
Diana Ray Tope, Director
Robeson County Library
Lumberton, NC

Courthouse Squares



Howard says:
Pembroke Drug Center, Odum and W. 3rd, Pembroke, NC, Dial 521-4605

Advertising freedoms make little difference

Now that the Supreme Court has knocked down the "no advertising" stand pharmacy has traditionally taken on prescription pricing, what next?

Prices will still differ from store to store despite advertising freedoms. Perplexing as this is to consumers, two things distinguish pharmacies: Operating Expenses and Services. For these reasons prices will always vary depending on cost of location and the add-on benefits of services.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some Information about Postal Service

Letter to the Editor:

The United States Postal Service was made quasi-government corporation in 1970. The law which established this corporation gave it authority to unionize the same as private industry, with one exception-the right to strike.

The National Labor Agreement, which started immediately with the corporate structure, has provisions which are above and beyond anything in the private sector, such as no-layoff. Also, when labor disagrees with management's decisions, management cannot act. The decisions must go to arbitration, etc.

The Postal Service is responsible to no one for its expenditures. Any deficit must be paid by the taxpayers.

The salary structures which the U. S. Postal Service set for itself for management and labor have a ceiling of \$63,000. A large number of management officers receive salaries which far exceed those of Senators and Congressmen. The Post Office labor force receives salaries which far exceed those for government employees prior to the formation of the Postal Corporation, these were comparable.

The investigative arm of the Congress, known as the General Accounting Office, has presented reports and testimony which are absolute fabrications. Documents proving these fabrications are in the hands of Congress. For Congress to use these reports while in the process of preparing legislation for laws to govern this Nation is a damnable act. The need to refer this to the Justice Department for an in-depth prob is of the utmost importance if our government and the nation's business is to function properly. The Board of Governors the Postmaster, the entire upper management of the United States Postal Service should be held responsible and accountable for the multi-billion dollar waste which they and they alone are responsible for.

Overstaffing and idle hours in the Postal Service is now a way of life. The law requires eight hours work for eight hours' pay in other agencies.

The union contract which the Postal Service negotiates with itself supersedes the law of our land. The financial problems in the Postal Service have been created because of this labor agreement. Excessive increase in postage has caused a decrease in mail volume. Many of the major users are now finding alternate means in lieu of paying this price. The no-layoff provision in the contract leaves a fixed number work force with a decrease in mail volume. Postal Employees receive high pay for doing nothing. Unless the attrition rate equals the workload decreases, the imbalance between the man hours and the workload will continue. The no-layoff clause does not permit management to reduce the work force to correct the imbalance. An

effective work measurement system has been eliminated, and each office is permitted to set its own work standards which supports this type of imbalance. Efficiency and economy in the operation of the postal service under this labor agreement are impossible.

The upper management of the Postal Service has shielded various acts to shield this truth from the public. Hearing before the subcommittee of the Congress when properly reviewed will clearly identify the fabrications. How can Congress or the President ignore this when conduct of a similar nature in the executive Branch of the government brought about the removal of the President of this Nation.

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I invite everyone interested in an efficient U. S. Postal Service to write their Congress man and make their views known.

Carlton G. Beall
Former Postmaster
Washington, D. C.
Retired

P. S. The only limit on U. S. Postal Service salary is that no employee can make over \$63,000. The total subsidy for the current fiscal year is 1.5 billion, plus an estimated deficit of 1.4 billion, representing a total amount the taxpayers have to shell out annually, plus the price of stamps.

ROBESON COUNTY HAS A MAN ON OUR SIDE IN RALEIGH!

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VOTE X AVERY NYE, COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

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