

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



MUSING Reasonable Locklear

A HEAVENLY LETTER TO MISTER PETER BROOKS...

Dear Brother Pete:

I miss you a lot and I wish you could have been with me at the board of elections Tuesday Night as they counted votes to see who would serve on the county board of education. You would have smiled one of your biggest smiles when they announced that 6 Indians, 1 Black and 2 Whites would serve. The top five vote getters were Indians. They will have four year terms; the next four high vote getters will serve two year terms.

tails between our legs. And I "member somethin' you said that stayed with me forever: You stood up and looked at 'em and said, "One day Indians will be sittin' around this table and we'll do what we think is best for our children. Just you wait and see..."

Brother Pete, I never forgot that and I thought about you last night when they announced that 6 Indians would be on the upcoming board of education. I wish so much you could have been there but I believe you were a lookin' down from heaven a smilin' and rememberin' what you told them that long ago day when some of us didn't believe we would ever see it.

Oh Reasonable will see you when I get there unless I get off the track somewhere in between.

Editor's Note: Mr. Peter Brooks fought double voting diligently and did not live to see the reality of his dream come true. He was a fighter for Indian justice. His spirit continues to guide us and encourage the Warriors to continue their struggle against evil and those who do evil. Mr. Pete died March 1, 1973. He was a friend of reasonable Locklear and all right thinking men and women.

Completes Masters



Mozell Oxendine Locklear

Mozell Oxendine Locklear, formerly of the Prospect Community, recently completed requirements for her Master's Degree in Reading Education at UNC-Greensboro. She is the daughter of the late Willie C. and Jennie Oxendine of the Prospect Community.

She is presently working on her Master's in Educational Administration and is teaching third grade in Burlington, NC.

Brooks Addresses Program

The Maxton Indian Parent-Student Enrichment Program was honored to have Dr. Dalton Brooks as speaker for the evening on Oct. 26, 1976 at 7 p.m. Dr. Brooks, who earned his Doctorate from the University of Miami, was employed for the past year in Raleigh in the Title IV program and presently is director of instructional research at PSU. He spoke to the parents on the Role of the Parent and his RESPONSIBILITY to the educational system. Dr. Brooks talked about various ways in which parents could aid the child in the educational process. Some of the ways are listed here:

Be interested in what the child is doing; plan TV viewing; have your child talk; quiet time for reading; allow your child to make speeches and make up songs; be patient with your child; look at pictures with your child; study with your child.

As a reminder Dr. Brooks pointed out that parents are the best teachers and that parents are primary and teachers are secondary in the educational process. Thus, as a summary, Dr. Brooks pointed out in a broad way how we, as parents, allow many opportunities to pass us by without helping the child enough and helping the child feel secure about life and the educational process.

According to Scripture

First I want to say, "Praise the Lord." I praise him for his goodness, his loving and his ever presence in my soul. Sunday morning was such a blessing to me. When I awoke and heard the Singing Rambos singing "Tear Drops Will Never Stain the Streets of That City." It took all I could do to keep from shouting. I wanted to shout, but I knew God wanted me to pray, to pray for the last for those who would not see that city, in hope some would be saved before it is too late.

Wouldn't it be good glory in his infirmities. And when he was weak, yet he was strong. Paul later wrote how to be absent from the body would be present with Christ.

Some have asked: Do you believe when you die that you go to heaven, or to a heaven? I certainly do. Any place God rules is heaven. Your life could be heaven if Christ was the ruler of your life every day, not just Sunday, but every day. In 2 Tim. 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, at the time is at hand. Paul here is telling the church that I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Paul was now ready to be offered to our Lord.

When you offer something to someone, it means he will receive it. Here Paul is offering himself to God Almighty. When you and I have fought a good fight and we have been faithful to God and have lived his word, then we can be as Paul, ready. I believe there is a place where God's people will wait if they depart from this earth before his coming. The Bible, in Luke 16:22 said that "when the beggar died he was carried to the bosom of Abraham by the Angels of God." There is also another place in the Bible which shows that a Christian who is born again lives a righteous life, clean and holy is not found by, in any grave, if you have the holy spirit which our Lord had and has given to them who believe them. Read Matt. 17:3 and behold there appears unto them Moses and Elijah talking with them, these men of God had been dead hundreds of years before Christ. But, here they are talking to Christ. We know the dead can't talk. So Moses and Elijah are alive and able to go and meet Christ on the mountain.

The Bible teaches me in Romans 8:11 that the same spirit that dwells in you and I, having loosed the pain of death, because it was not possible that he should be held by it. Acts 2:24. Neither will you or I for Jesus was first to conquer death, hell and the grave. And when I shed this mortal flesh, I shall be in a paradise. You can sleep if you like, but as for me, I am going to a new awakening which has been reserved for me. David said, "The ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinner in the congregation of the righteous."

Yours in Christ, Evangelist Ted Brooks Box 339 Pembroke, NC 28372



AS I SEE IT

Bruce Barton

WE SHOULD REJECT PEACE AT ANY PRICE

subdivisions in this county is our sacred responsibility.

Too, one will never know where he is going until he realizes where he has been. Our people have been kept in the dark literally. Many of them only know what they have read in the Robesonian. A case in point is the recent story appearing in the Robesonian concerning the advisability of releasing SAT (Scholastic Achievement Test) scores to the board members and possibly to the news media. The story as reported in the Robesonian was, as I see it, in error and did not capture the tenor or intent of the action of the board. Board members Harbert Moore, Aileen Holmes and Bob Mangum objected strenuously. You would never have known it by reading the coverage of the meeting by the Robesonian's Virginia Simkins. As I see it, her story was fraught with error and misleading...to say the least. Our story on the meeting is contrary to hers. One of us reported the story with less than veracity and truth. I believe the people have a right to make up their own minds.

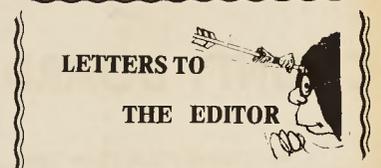
One of our readers recently renewed his subscription and added a postscript at the bottom of the subscription form. He wrote: "Bruce, please try not to be so critical of people, regardless of their race. Let by gones be gones and let's all work together for the sake of humanity..."

I respect the Indian individual who wrote the above postscript immensely, but I have certain reservations that I would like to share with my readership in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding among all of us.

First of all, I am unalterably opposed to those who insist that we be magnanimous for the wrong reasons. We should not (it is even criminal, I think) ignore injustices like double voting and inequitable courts and condescending relationships to simply appease the "peace loving at any cost" adherents in our midst. They will destroy us and our children will grow up not thinking well of themselves. I contend that many of the Whites in the county respect me for attempting to build communicative bridges between the races. They (as all of us do) respect those who respect themselves and insist that relationships be based on mutual respect and equitable treatment of all people-Indian, Black and White. I personally am appalled at the tremendous number of Black vice presidents and Indian vice chairmen in the county. I believe strongly that Robeson County is for all the people. I believe that all races should share the responsibility of building our county up to her fullest potential.

So, we will continue to rant and rave against injustices, especially those that are imposed on Indian people. I sincerely believe that a critical examination of the political

Take the case of double voting. The Carolina Indian Voice is still the only newspaper in the county that has said out loud that double voting was evil and wrong and harmful to the self images of our children. The major daily newspaper, in their last editorial on the matter, suggested that maybe seven school districts would be the answer to the problem of the denial of the Indian's voting rights. Hog wash! They still talk foolishly of "taxation without representation." They are wrong! How else can I say that without howling to those who would keep us in political bondage and tamper with the



A Scouting Thanks

To all the People of Pembroke:

We, the Scouts of Troop #319, truly appreciate your many donations which have enabled our troop to purchase needed tires and a battery for our bus. Especially, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Locklear, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Cummings, and Mr. and Mrs. James F. Maynor. Thank each and every one of you.

Sincerely, Scout Master R. S. Coulson and Scouts of Troop #319

Travel Plans

Ms. Ruth Hunt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Clark of Maxton, will be leaving Nov. 20, via air for Oxford, Miss. She will be accompanying Mr. James Woodward on a visit to his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward are residents of Oxford, Mississippi.

The Woodwards' daughter, Mrs. John Jarrett of Raleigh will also accompany Ms. Hunt to Mississippi.

Geology Topic as Kiwnaians Meet

Professor Jerry Borland, Chairman of the Geology and Geography Department at PSU was the guest speaker at the Tuesday evening meeting of the Pembroke Kiwanis Club.

The subject of his discussion was the Carolina Bays. These Bays are oval-shaped, swampy-depressions which slant toward the ocean. Aerial photographs reveal that these Bays are about 4 miles square and require ditching and tiling for drainage. As you near the Piedmont, the Bays disappear but there are hundreds of them in Bladen and Robeson Counties. Their oval shapes generally run from NW to SE. The long axis of each Bay is parallel with the long axis of other Bays. They vary in size from 100 feet up to the Lake Waccamaw Bay which is about 7 miles long. The Bay near Rennett is very large. Corn and beans are grown there and about nine years ago it was stocked with deer. The low part of the Bay has light sandy rims. These sandy rims are called "desert" because they are deserted by the people and many of them abound with wild huckleberries. Due to plowing many of the rims have practically disappeared. Most houses and tobacco barns are built along the rims of all the Bays. The oval black soil is excellent for crop-raising. At the 4-mile straight-way on the right side of the road is a real Carolina Bay, also about a quarter of a mile from Maxton another Bay is clearly defined.



Jerry Borland, left, and Bernard Lowry, pres. Pembroke Kiwanis.

From 15 to 18 feet thick on the bottom of some of the Bays can be found peat beds. These are the start of bituminous coal are at least ten different theories as to the cause of these Carolina Bays. One theory is that underlying shell beds washed in from the ocean and some 8 to 10 feet thick gradually dissolved through rainfall and possibly caused the Bay. Another states that artesian wells carved out the Bays. A third theory holds that this entire area was once under ocean water and that its eddies and swirl as the waters receded formed the Bays. Some hold that a meteor shower, coming from the west and giving elongated shape, caused the formation of the Bays.

Another theory is that a comet headway have broken up and caused the formation of the Bays, since the break-up of the comet is a cone of compressed air could have blown out all the sandy material, like a sonic boom, leaving the rich, fertile soil in the Bays. The date of these comet booms is about 35,000 years ago about the same time as the ice-age. However, the ice during this period did not come down below Long Island, New York.

President Bernard Lowry introduced the speaker and Marshall Locklear gave the invocation.

New Prospect Youth tour

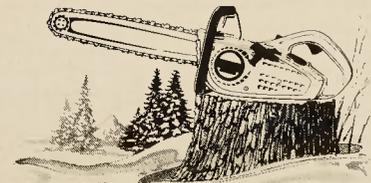
New Prospect Young Adults chartered a bus to Myrtle Beach, SC Saturday. After touring the beach in the cold rainy weather, the group went to Calabash, NC to eat. The group suggested and ate at Captain John's Restaurant. Every month the group dines at some restaurant and socializes. Traveling home the group made plans to visit the mountains on their next trip.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gene Clark (Prospect A); Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bullard (Pembroke A) and sons Chad and Gregory; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bryant and son Kelvin (Prospect A); Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Locklear (Maxton area); Mrs. Madie Rae Locklear and daughters Selena and Sophia (Prospect A); Mrs. Pandora Strickland and daughters, Mitchell and Stephanie (Prospect A); Mr. and Mrs. Rabon Maynor and son Anthony (Pembroke A); Mrs. Patricia Locklear and daughters Donna and Patti and son Kelvin (Maxton A); Rev. and Mrs. Willie Scott, Jr. and son Chris (Prospect A); Mr. and Mrs. Chester Tyler (Pembroke A); Mr. and Mrs. James Earl Locklear (Prospect A); Mr. and Mrs. Herman Barton and daughter Evonia and son Herman, Jr. (Pembroke A); Mr. Fred Strickland (Pembroke A); Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brayboy (Union Elem. Area); Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Strickland (Pembroke A); Mr. and Mrs. Leo Woods (Pembroke A); Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Bryant and son Charles & daughter Phyllis (Prospect A); and Mr. and Mrs. Donna Chavis (Pembroke A).

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