

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

...the voice of the drum is an offering to the Spirit of the World. It's sound arouses the mind and makes men feel the mystery and power of things. -BLACK ELK



AS I SEE IT

Bruce Barton



HOW ABOUT SOME GOOD NEWS... FOR A CHANGE?

Said a friend of mine, "Bruce, for God's sake, how about some good news for a change? All you talk about is evil and devilish things. Ain't there some good things you can write about every once in a while anyway?"

Well, I'll try but I do want our readers to keep in mind that I, Murchison Biggs should be replaced as the county school board attorney and Y.H. Allen ought to be replaced as superintendent of the county school unit. That's not asking for much...well, I'll admit it: I would like to see an Indian named county director of Industrial Development (chief industry hunter) and a Black named to the newly created position of federal coordinator etc. etc. Just a few things like that.

But, anyway, let's get on to the good news.

Pembroke's energetic and progressive Housing and Redevelopment Commission honored Councilman Sam Dial with a special day yesterday (Wednesday) for his efforts in securing low rent housing for the Town of Pembroke. It was an admirable gesture and one richly deserving.

We honor Sam Dial also. Largely through his efforts, Pembroke entered public housing in the early 70s in a way that has proven beneficial and helpful to those in need of low rent housing. All people are entitled to decent housing and we applaud Sam Dial and the Town of Pembroke for attempting to fill a real need in our community.

Dial Terrace, one of the housing projects in Pembroke, is named in honor of Sam Dial. Yesterday, a painting of Sam

Dial was unveiled and hung in his honor.

The gesture is proper and in honor of a man who cares immensely about his fellow men. Clinton Thomas, Pembroke's executive director of the housing authority, is to be commended also for developing the idea and honoring Sam Dial with the portrait. Sam Dial is, in more ways than one, the real father of public housing in Pembroke. Congratulations to Dial and the Town of Pembroke. They both exude a lot of class with the gesture.

...AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS TO BE COMMENDED TOO

Hooray! The Carolina Indian Voice is now a member in good standing of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce. We will be good for each other.

At the last meeting of the chamber, the membership decided to conduct a membership drive. The chamber decided to sign up at least 60 members by July 1. That ought not be too difficult to do since the chamber, at the present time, only has 12 members.

It is sincerely hoped that the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce will truly become the spokesman for the Town of Pembroke, including her businessmen, citizenry and Pembroke State University and the other schools within the towns domain.

Pembroke needs an effective, progressive chamber of commerce. A concerted membership drive is a step in the right direction.

There, I've done it: a column devoted to the good things happening in our town and county. I'll bring you up to date on our shortcomings next week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Carolina Indian Circle Extends Thanks

Dear Bruce:

The Carolina Indian Circle would like to express a special thank you to Home Florist and Pembroke Drug Center for their consideration and kindness to the Circle. Both businesses donated a subscription of The Carolina Indian Voice to the Circle in order that we could stay in contact with the happenings within the Lumbee Community and also to enhance our fellow Indians' knowledge of the Lumbee

Indian. Our organization is young and just beginning to flourish culturally and financially, so this donation is very welcome and appreciated.

Also, we'd like to thank you, Bruce, for working in cooperation with these two businesses in order that we received prompt and accurate subscription.

Sincerely,
The Carolina Indian Circle
UNC-Chapel Hill

Writer Disagrees on Security Officer's Action

To the editor:

I am writing in reference to the letter from Mr. Horace E. Locklear published in the February 3rd issue of the Carolina Indian Voice.

I would like to begin by saying first, the fact that I live a long distance from Pembroke and secondly, knowing both parties personally, Derek Lowry all through school, beginning in grade school, and also Larry McNeil for many years, I feel I can give a reasonably unbiased opinion on the matter.

I feel Mr. Locklear, obviously very uninformed about the whole incident, should have researched the whole affair more thoroughly before making such "brash" speculations and accusations. Granted, I know very little about the incident myself, the fact remains, as Mr. Locklear also stated, drugs were found on the vehicle. It is irrelevant if one of the passengers is a student at UNC-Chapel Hill, or any other university for that matter. Does that make them immune from the law? Cer-

tainly not. By the same token, do you think it would have been better (or right) for Officer McNeil, being a law enforcement officer, to have looked "the other way" when he knew a crime was being committed? Think about it Mr. Locklear, and any others with the same narrowed views.

Our law enforcement needs to be supported, not undermined. Yes, now in times of peace you blast them, but who will you turn to in times of real trouble; yes I dare say you would be one of the first to call these same "pitifully inept" officers as you have so wrongly labeled them.

Let me reinforce the fact, I am not saying anyone is guilty or innocent, that will be determined at a later date, but I am saying I think the arresting officer was doing his job and also what he thought was the right thing to do.

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Prospect Parents Agree

Dear Sir:

In regard to a letter written by Mrs. Madie Rae Locklear which appeared in the February 10, 1977 edition of The Carolina Indian Voice, I would like to offer my support for her effort to seek recognition for her daughter's accomplishment.

Mrs. Locklear's attitude clearly epitomizes the concerned parent and the need for parents to encourage their children's efforts. Through encouragement, goals are attained by our children with the expectation of being rewarded for their endeavors. When success is achieved recognition is due in order to prevent the occurrence of unusual emotional stress and social instability.

The point in question is not whether a title was given adequate publicity or not, but whether there is the possibility of a child not striving for success because of an inconspicuous act. The competitive spirit which is bred in our culture must not be destroyed, especially at such a crucial age.

The administration at Prospect School should be made aware of the danger which might occur from their negligence. Mrs. Locklear has made them aware, and I hope they will react accordingly.

Thank you,
Clara Bryant
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What Is Love?

What is love I ask? Is it when two people kiss each other and say I love you. Or is when you send a card to someone and it says I love you? Or is it just a happy feeling inside that glows when you love someone? No, not to me. Love means caring for someone. Showing someone you really do care. It's teaching a person not to be afraid of small things that can't hurt him. It's caring enough for a person in need. There's just so many ways to show your love and it's just by caring enough for someone that's lonely. Even God cared enough for us and to me that's the greatest love every.

Anna Dial
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According to Scripture

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Hebrews 1:10-12 "And thou Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hand. They shall perish, but thou remainest. And they shall all become old as doth garments. And as a vesture shall thou fold them up and they shall be changed." But the next verse says Jesus will always be the same. He is not like clothes you buy in a store which will fade or change color. Nor is he like a friend whose in and out. But praise God, Jesus said, "I am the same. I am that I am." Amen. Years can come and go, but Jesus said, "I change not." What he was or did yesterday, he can do today for he is forever. He is the same God.

transportation and fine clothing and none dying by the sword, better get busy. Jesus has every mile on your speedometer. Christ knows how many miles you have traveled for him. You that have become old in church because some say you are too old to teach or can't attend all the meetings you want to quite because you can't make their team. When are you going to please? God or man? You haven't changed, it is the world that has. But you still need Jesus as much as ever. As a Christian you are still looking for that city. You are a stranger here on earth just passing through. The closer you get to Jesus the more you can expect Satan to attack just because you are old doesn't mean Satan will hold back. When you find yourself the way Paul said, "Persecuted, but not forsaken, cast down, but not destroyed." 2 Cor. 4:19. Praise God, always he said, "bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus." 2 Cor. 4:9. Glory to God, you ought to go out somewhere in the yard and shout and dance and thank God that you have been persecuted a little, knowing that we who live a godly life are going to be always delivered unto death for Jesus sake that Christ may have and receive glory and honor in our mortal flesh. 2 Cor. 4:11.

Thank God for those old saints who still wear the old bonnet, who still look like women and whose testimonies are still the way to overcome the world. I hear an old sister say it's alright, tell them you are an old soldier of the cross, one who is on the deck of the ship and it won't be long before the captain (Jesus) steps aboard and takes control of this ship. And who are in will go sailing home to be with our Lord Jesus. So let us lay aside every weight which is unnecessary. But let us put aboard those things which are pure, honest, true, whatever things that are lovely and that which is of good report, that which is virtue. And if there be any other praise (Phil. 4:8) these are the things which can only be taken before God and the only things which he will accept.

Before I close, I want to say this to the young converts. Respect the older ones in the church. Share their thoughts and their years with Christ. They can save you many heart aches and many tears can be saved and replaced by joy. Only if you take time to listen. They know of the hard times of their sorrows. And most of all, they'll tell you, had it not been for Jesus, praise God, they don't know what would have happened. You see, they know what it is like to be delivered from trouble.

I want to tell you of a king whose name was Rehoboam. This was a young king who was the son of Solomon. When he was made king the people went to him and said, "Thy father made us yoke grievous; now therefore ease some what the grievous servitude of thy father and his heavy yoke. And we will serve thee." Solomon who was king before Rehoboam, had made servants of God's people. And had put grievous labor on the people. And the people wanted help so they asked Rehoboam, their new king, in verse 6. Note Rehoboam, who took counsel with the old and the old told him to show kindness.

"Love to speak kind to the old people and the young and they will serve you." Verse 7. "And they will never leave you. They will always serve you." I think now of God's Holy Word in Proverbs where God said he that hath pity upon the poor leadeth unto the Lord. Proverbs 19:17. There Rehoboam had the chance to lend to God and he failed. In verse 8 he forsook the counsel of the old and took counsel of the youth whom he was brought up with. I want you to note the difference in their advice. They told him to be harder on the people than his father was. "Thou shalt say unto them, my little finger shall be thicker than my father's thighs. Where my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke." 2 Cor. 10:1-11.

You see, it is the old who can help, if you will listen. The best things in life are not always bought with money.

We preachers with this easy Yours in Christ,

A Carolina Indian Voice Editorial Viewpoint

Legitimacy of I. Murchison Biggs' Contract Remains Unsolved

Some say that silence is consent. Carolina Indian Voice begs to differ. THE erroneous assumption.

Although the Robeson County Board of Education did not raise the question at latest meeting Tuesday evening, legitimacy of I. Murchison Biggs' contract (or lack of contract) is still the over issue before the board.

Seemingly, at an earlier meeting board on a 4-2 vote confirmed a contract that does not exist. The only agreement we have been able to find between Murchison Biggs and the county board of education expired October 10, 1977. Other words there was a contract at one time but it has expired.

Many of those who voted to keep Murchison Biggs (including Oxendine, Tommy Sweett and Green, the only Black on the board) seemingly did so because they were erroneously informed by Biggs and Allen, the Supt., that a contract existed when in fact, as far as we have been able to ascertain, it does not.

Laymon Poe Locklear, one of the Indians who did not vote on the matter, intimated that he did not cast a vote because he thought a contract existed. It does not.

So, why are they continuing to hold a contract that does not exist? We have to go around and, seemingly, no one knows exactly.

It seems reasonable to assume someone on the board will, as soon as possible, ask "Mr. Biggs, do you have a contract or do you not have a contract?"

When the question is answered, they should give him (Biggs) an update or dismiss him forthwith. That seems reasonable choice and one that the board is constitutionally empowered to make.

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