

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



ACROSS THE MAYOR'S DESK

-Mayor Reggie Strickland-



AS I SEE IT

Bruce Barton

POLITICS INDIAN STYLE...

It goes back to Henry Berry Lowry's day... just sit back and let the Indians tear up their own play house... goes one of the oldest adages from the white conservative camp. And the Indians will... if you'll just give 'em enough rope. That has been the rule so far.

The latest chapter concerns Representative Horace Locklear, the personable and handsome Lumbee Indian legislator. He's on an anti-Pembroke kick, if what's flitting about in the county has any merit to it.

Seemingly, the antipathy goes back to the Lumberton City Council race between the late Hilton Oxendine and Glenn Maynor, the present councilman from Lumberton's 7th Precinct, who edged the late Oxendine by a scant 2 votes in the last election. The bitter feelings remain, Oxendine, and deservedly so, was revered by many Indians in the county.

Those who loved and respected Hilton Oxendine are unable to transfer that feeling to young Maynor, who is aggressive and Indian too. John Willie Oxendine, the major dome of Indian politics, from the Saddlecreek community, seems, from all we hear and see, to harbor intense feelings of dislike for Maynor and those who align themselves with him. From all we can gather, the feeling from Maynor toward Oxendine is mutual. And Representative Locklear is from Saddlecreek.

Rep. Horace Locklear won the house seat by default when Adolph Dial from the Pembroke area withdrew from the election to run in the last general election for the house seat. The psychological mind set in the county at the present time is that the three members of the House of Representatives from the 21st District should reflect the population as a whole: one white, one Black, and one Indian. Reportedly, Dial and his adherents were wary about tampering with that mind set. They were concerned that a race between Locklear and Dial would disturb that status quo. Dial withdrew.

There was a feeling in some quarters that Locklear would nominate Dial for a seat on the UNC Board of Governors because of his withdrawal. Locklear did not. Locklear has nominated Mrs. Grace Epps, a remarkable lady who has recently retired from the position of class room supervisor with the Robeson County School Unit. No one questions her qualifications. She is a good woman period, deserving of any honor that comes her way.

Locklear, like many Indians in Robeson County, feels that Pembroke gets everything. Locklear recently told Mayor Reggie Strickland and a councilman from Pembroke that "I'm tired of having Pembroke rammed down my throat," according to a reputable source who was present at the gathering.

Howard says:
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Easter reverence and a warning on Easter pets
Easter Services, Easter egg hunts, and fancy bonnets make this early spring observance a fun time for all. No matter what your religious views, all can appreciate the beautiful inspiration Easter brings of rebirth, soulful insight, reverence, family togetherness, and spiritual union.
"Is truly a beautiful season and a joyous occasion!"
From a health stand-

unabashedly if he had won. I am simply pro Indian. I really think it is politically suicidal for Indians to fight each other. We all lose. I support all Indians everywhere. I try, to the very best of my ability, to showcase them and present them in the best possible light. I do not and will not apologize for that - ever.

I want Indians to have everything they are entitled to... and that is at least one third of everything in Robeson County. And it is about time we had an Indian sheriff, and some Indian judges, etc. etc. etc.

So, kindly leave me out of the squabbles. I ain't fighting Indians. I support Indians period, including those Indian politicians presently in office. Those folks attempting to establish a mostly Indian owned warehouse, and the one presently in operation. I am for all of them.

This is one newspaper editor who is not taking sides in the Indian camp. Ever. Period.

Why can't Rep. Horace Locklear and Pembroke declare a truce? Why can't our legislators unite around one nomination for the UNC Board of Governors? I respect both Adolph Dial and Mrs. Grace Epps. They are both eminently qualified. Why lose both when we probably could have one on the board by showing a united front?

Unity is the answer to progress, not disunity.

It reminds me of two Blacks fighting in the cotton fields in pre-Civil War days about who can pick the most cotton. Why not march on the plantation and market the stuff? The big money is in marketing the cotton, not picking it. The same rule of thumb applies in present day politics and economic ventures. I, for one, am tired of picking cotton. I want to market some of the stuff.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE CONTROL SLATED FOR APRIL 20-22

WASHINGTON, D.C.--About 200 Native American Indians from tribes throughout the United States, are expected to participate in the National Conference on High Blood Pressure Control in the Native American Community, slated for April 20-22 here.

Sponsored by the National High Blood Pressure Education Program and the Advisory Committee on Hypertension in Minority Populations of the National Institute of Health, the conference will be held at Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel, across the Potomac River.

"The basic intent of the conference," its organizers state, "is to provide an opportunity for a wide cross-section of professional and non-professional Indians to meet together to discuss issues affecting delivery and acceptance of high blood pressure control and related health care."

The conference program is aimed at health professionals and para-professionals, low-income consumers of health services, and volunteer workers providing health services to Native Americans. It will include presentations and workshops on Native Americans in the health professions, the Indian Health Service, specific needs of Native American communities in the health professions, the Indian Health Service, specific needs of Native American communities in high blood pressure control, increasing public awareness of hypertension dangers, treatment of and resources on hypertension.

Among program speakers and panelists will be members of the San Juan Laguna, Chippewa, Apache, Sioux, Lumbee, Delaware, Lummi, Navajo, Pueblo, Apache, Peoria/Wewa, and Cherokee/Choctaw tribes.

This conference is one of four ethnic hypertension events planned for 1977. The other three will focus on Asian, Hispanic, and Black Americans. The Committee on Hypertension in Minority Populations evolved from a September 1975 forum sponsored by the National High Blood Pressure Education Program to facilitate its response to minority needs.

IN LOVING MEMORY



In loving memory of James Anthony Maynor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Maynor. Born August 19, 1952 and died April 10, 1970.

What Was Meant To Be

It was meant to be that his voice was of understanding, that his smiles were of goodness and love, that his laughter was as sweet as the cooing of a babe. And his Christian life shone as the brightest of stars.

As no man is perfect, he gave living his best. And when he was hurt, he was his weakest.

The hurt felt when he was called away was great. When God has a reason we must pray for strength to understand. The answer I found to calm my hurt was God meant it to be... that we have him for a little while and then smile and see that his light will shine forever and ever.

Love, The Family

It's a matter of reading

A good friend of mine once told me he felt everyone should work for the benefit of others and not themselves. That's an interesting statement in a world overwhelmed with greed, selfishness, and complacency. There are very few people who care enough to exercise principles of "right." Today, local politicians have separated themselves from the disadvantaged and deprived people of the community and yet, say they are in touch with the so-called issues and problems that get them elected.

Optimism is preached religiously and the emotional voter's choices are based on trust of the candidate's word. Time moves on forever, and change (if any) occurs slowly only to produce the idealism that it happened at the sacrifice of powerless, unknown taxpayers who are led to believe their vote is the greatest thing that ever happened.

What does all this mean to you? Are you a Farmer? Businessman? Professional worker? Maybe an Educator? It means that if you are educated then you can be aware. And my friends, it's a matter of reading. Reading any and everything you encounter. For those of you that do not read or have difficulty in doing so, ask a friend, relative, or loved one to help you; you will be surprised at what you've been missing.

Reading is the process of self discovery and world exposure. In this instance, you owe yourself the chance to read. Be selfish, you have the right to read. There are programs available to help you, paid for by your tax dollars so spend your money wisely.

The world is moving at such a rapid pace it can pass you in the blink of an eye. If you want to catch it, it's a matter of reading. If you are one of those caring individuals, read this article to someone who will benefit.

Robert Locklear Right To Read Director Lumbee Regional Development Association

What do prisoners mean to us?

Most people have really lost the sensibility of what it means; especially the leaders of our nation. We need a lot of converts in this nation especially in the top brackets. Until this change comes about, prisoners will be treated like bargain material for political bait. When we take a person before the court, which consists of twelve jurors, one judge and as many people as some people can afford, one side tries to prove that he (the accused) is still a citizen while the other side tries to prove that he is a prisoner, whether he is guilty or not.

It is not a matter of whether he is guilty or not that is tried in court but whose son or daughter he is. Not so with our fine doctors because they will diagnose our case and they do not ask how much money we have nor what our father's name is or what race we belong to. When they are sure of our illness they write out an admittance paper to the hospital and recommend the type of treatment necessary. If it is a contagious disease they will put us in isolation and treat us until we are cured, but they do not suggest that we be shot or that we be turned loose to give others our disease.

Jesus did the same, he saw everyone alike. He saw the rich man, the poor man, the wise, and the unwise alike, each needing salvation. He requires each to pay the same penalty for sin. That is nothing less than repentance, before we can enter into his Kingdom. No one will ever live with Him unless he repents. So let us look at the prisoner as someone who needs help.

He must suffer in order to become better. To be without, not to share, not to receive, but to be trained and proven before he can ever enjoy the good things. I am sick and tired of "You can't do this and that" to a prisoner. Work him and let him play!

The citizen has no rights but only for one thing: the bureaucrats say raise the taxes and let the citizen pay them. We need a central prison where prisoners are graded and kept separately. We could cut the cost in half for what it costs to keep a prisoner. This means that we cut all of these so called hotels out and cut the staff in half. We have automation everywhere else why not use it here.

An example of injustice in our system of law find order is shoplifting. Certain children, with influential well to do parents, when observed shoplifting in stores are not reported to police but instead their parents are called and the parents are charged with the cost of the merchandise taken. While other children with less influential parents are prosecuted for such an offense.

Rev. James D. Dial

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Where is your feelings, why don't you let them go? Put them in the wind where they will blow. Where is your freedom? I don't know. Get into the wind and maybe it will show. Where is my freedom? I'm out of the snow. I'm out of the rain I'm dry and low. Waiting for a cool breeze, I'm ready to go. Do you care? Come on let it show. Where am I? Am I high or low? Put me in the middle and we will ride slow. Put me in the middle and we will cross this land no matter how we go. We will find our freedom and we'll let it show.
Kerry Woodell

The J.C.'s and Jaycettes are having a plate sale April 22nd in the Pembroke Park to help send Miss Lumbee to the N.C. pageant June 12 through the 18th. We would like for you all to join in and have lunch and dinner with the J.C.'s and Jaycettes on that date.

Last Wednesday was Mayors day in Raleigh. The Commissioners and I had dinner with our Senator and representatives from our area and then on Thursday the Mayors had a conference with Governor James B. Hunt and his cabinet and it was a worth while meeting because we listened to their problems and then in turn they listened to our problems, and I can see some great things happening for the State of N.C. over the next 4 years.

We have awarded our bids on our street work and this should begin in a few days if the weather holds.

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According to Scripture

CHRIST DID IT ALL FOR YOU AND I

Mark 14:65 "And some began to spit on Him and to cover his face and to buffet Him, and to say unto Him prophesy. And the guards did strike Him with the palms of their hands."

When Jesus was brought before the High Priest He had nothing to say for the Prophet Isaiah had already prophesied that Christ would be oppressed and He would be afflicted, and yet He would not open his mouth. "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opens not his mouth." Isa. 53:7.

The only words Jesus said at this time was, "I am; and ye shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power." Verse 62. "The Lord, Jesus said "I am."

When Moses was in doubt and fear the people God told him to tell the people, "I am that I am who sent thee." When Jesus came on this earth He said I came from my father but you might have life. But the people said it was not this Joseph and Mary's son the carpenter?"

Here we read that Jesus was condemned without a fair and legal trial. Six things they did to him while he was being tried. They shouted blasphemy because he said he was God and God in him and that he was the son of God. And for that they all condemned him to be guilty of death and some began to spit on him. Can you imagine what Jesus looked like after 600 men of soldier kept spitting on him for a period of time? And then they began to buffet him and to say unto him prophesy. Jesus had only spoken the truth and what he had prophesied would surely come to pass. But these people made fun and jokes of our Lord. And the servants of the Priest did strike him with their hands. You say why did he go through all this if he had the power to give life or take life? He did it all for you and I.

Praise God! I am talking about Jesus who has conquered death, hell and the grave. Jesus, the light of the world. That name "Jesus" which every knee shall bow before. And every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. David said that this was his desire to dwell and rest and I love the Lord because he hath heard my voice. Ps. 116:1.

You can know this Lord even now by acknowledging your sins. To look at yourself and say I am nothing without God and to realize that you are bound for hell unless you come to Jesus. And ask him for mercy which is great, so great it will, along with grace, save you and your household. If

you will believe in you and confess your faithful and just sins and to clean unrighteousness, died for the ungodly who don't know who can know and I pray read this now will be as acknowledging your sins.

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