...the voice of the drum is an offering ro 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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOOD FEELINGS, GOOD VIBRATIONS, AND MY DAUGHTER'S FIRST, TENTATIVE STEP

was sitting here in front of the typewriter wondering about my column this week. And it struck me, quite suddenly, that ten years ago I was sulling time, and feeling morose and downtrodden. If self piy had been arketable... well, I would have made a fortune because I harvested more elf Pity than anyone else I know. I reeked of the negative stuff; I sullowed in it like a pig in a trough of slop.

And, within the last few days, my daughter, Brandi Nakell, took her first tentative steps. Yesterday her brother, Pete, held her up, pointed her my way and she walked the length of the floor. The wonder, the awe of it! I am constantly amazed at the turn of my life.

I thank Gof or his amazing love and understapding. He took a morose, gruff, societal reject and allowed him to experience the marvelous love of a family: Barbara, a wife who loves me (and I love her) and tries desperately to understand my meandering past and habits; Pete and Sissy, who allow me to love them and love me back; and Brandi Nakell, a miraculous child born to a 33 year old inexperienced father and mother who's calling seemingly is to have loving and handsome children. Ah, the wonder of it all! I am so grateful: I had accepted the solitary trek through life and my family took my hand and heart and now share my journey.

MR. JIM CHAVIS, MY MENTOR AND MY FRIEND

Mr. Jim Chavis, 83 years young, has been a friend of The Carolina Indian Voice since its inception. He has chastized us when we were wrong and appliated us when we were right and he has always pointed out the difference

I used to find it extremely difficult to say, in a manly fashion, I LOVE YOU! Most times, I left it unsaid. But, while the good vibrations are flowing, I want to say: "MR JIM, MY MENTOR AND MY FRIEND, I LOVE YOU. Thank you for sharing the wisdom of your years and experiences with me.

INDIAN MEMORIAL COTTAGE DINNER A ROUSING SUCCESS!

I went there determined not to applaud. I left it unsaid but I could not understand why Indians found it necessary to erect an Indian Memorial Cottage at Odom Home when they (The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association) once owned the place out right?

But Lleft the \$100.00 a plate dinner applauding and singing the praises of those hard at work developing an Indian Memorial Cottage "to those Godly Indians who worked so hard to keep Odom Home open and operating in those difficult years before the home was turned over to the N.C. Baptist Childron's Home.

I went and listened and I understand more about it than I did before I attended the dinner. Christians across the State have contributed thousands of dollars to build a Director's Home and Recreation Center at Odom Home. And the Indians of Robesson County and elsewhere have accepted the challenge to build an Indian Memorial Cottage: believe they will succeed because they are honoring the indominatable will and christian spirit of our glorious past, present and future.

Children transcend petty Racism, that evil crippler of the spint. Odom Home is for all children, irregardless of race or creed. I believe that is how it ought to be.

Happy Birthday



at the Fellowship Hall of Union Chapel of Mrs. Docia Oxendine's 63rd birthday. was August 14, 1977.



Local health warning

Here's a local health warning. Due to a rising threat of infectious childhood diseases, the local Health Department is urging parents to bring their children in for legally required and recommended immunization and booster shots. As immunizations have fallen off over the past few years, the number of children who are unprotected from the likes of polio, German

measies (rubella), diphtheria, tetanus, whopping cough (pertussis), mumps and influenza have increased to nearly 40%.

Get the facts you need. Contact your doctor or Health Department, and write for "Immunization Checklist," free through our Clipping Service, Rev 50% Paleigh N.C.

our Clipping Service, Box 5051, Raleigh, N. C. RESERVE

Howard Brooks





A nice word for Lumbee children

You've spoken with pnde many times of your Lumbee lawyers, doors, high ranking military officers, educators, etc. But there is one thing you haven't spoken of with pride. Perhaps you are unaware of its existence or, as the old cliche says, you may be "too close to the trees to see the forest." So, I want to say it-yes, brag about it- for you.

In the past three months I have been fortunate enough to be a guest at two Lumbee "Birth Dinners," and one performance of "Strike at the Wind." At each of these gatherings there were many Lumbee children, Yet they were hardly noticeable in the crowd because they were so well behaved! There was no running

A Proud

Lumbee

BEING BORN AN INDIAN Being born an Indian, I didn't have a roof over my head And had only a buffalo hide for a

bed. But, I thanked God that I was red

But, I thanked God that I was red. Being born an Indian, Everyday of my life was a dread, Because everyone looked down on a man that was red. But, I remembered the saying, It is better to be red than dead! And I thanked God that I was red. Being born an Indian, Everyday of my life there was pain that shall remain, Because of the shame that stained my name.

my name.
This was because the whites were always right,
But never treated us Indians quite

right!
But, I still thanked God that I was red.

Is an honor in it's self.

Because it gives you the pride
and bearing to be proud of

shout as one,
Thank God that I am red, I am
proud, and that I am an INDIAN!

By: David Adkins

But being born an Indian, Is an honor in it's self.

I hope you will publish this for the sake of every parent who has ever looked at one of their offspring and shaken his or her head in dispair.

about, shouting, shoving, or colliding with people, no had language. In every other state in which I have lived and where I have attended large gatherings of various kinds, the children were always a disruptive element because of their rowdy behavior. I have no idea what the Lumbee secret is- but I believe the parents in Robeson County are doing a marvelous job, one that deserves recognition.

Birthday!

Happy

Mr. James E. Chavis was honored on the occasion of his 82nd birthday at the fellowship hall of Bear Swamp Baptis Church on Sunday, August 14. His birthday was August 7. Special guests included his pastor, Rev. T. M. Swett.

Klaudt Indian Family

Appears Locally

The Klaudt Indian Family, gospel singing group, will be at the Hestertown Church of God on Sunday, Sept. 3 for the morning service. The pastor, Rev. Millard Maynard cordially invites everyone to attend

At 12:00 the Klaudt Indian Family will be appearing at the Old Foundry Restaurant in Lumberton. They will be singing during the noon meal at the restaurant which features all you can eat, buffet style. They will sing until 4 p.m. and return for another performance at the

The Life and Times of Henry Berry Lowry

G.L. Barton

Murdoch McLean was very active in the campaign to rid the county of the infamous Lowry Gang, Indeed, he was a member of the Home Guard who tied the "Sv-year-old Allen Lowry and his 36-year-old Son William to a stake and riddled their bodies with shots. It is safe to say that he was one of the most ruthless and relentless members of the campaign to exterminate the Lowry Gang.

For those non-believers among the readership let us take a few excerpts from Andrew Strong's testimony during the preliminary hearing charging John Taylor with accessory before the fact to the murder of Make Sandsrope.

....The captain (Murdoch McLean was captain in the county militia) said boys if you have anything to say, say it for you will die in a few minutes.

A while back after Homecoming a letter was written to you concerning the event and the person who wrote 'it was: putting it (the Homecoming) down and the Lumbee people. After this letter, before I had a chance to reply, Mr. Elimer Hunt answered the letter better than anyone else could. So I didn't y. Because of this person a lot of feelings were stirred; some uncertain about their heritage. So I am enclosing a poem I wrote to be put in the paper so anyone with those uncertain feelings can read it. This is so they can remember what it is to be an Indian; which is to be proud of your heritage and of what you stand for. "....I then begged the captain to let us pray, myself and Sanderson, the captain (Murdoch McLean) said you can pray quietly, Malcolm Sanderson was praying in a conversational tone, where upon he (McLean) told him to hush which seemed not to have any effect on Sanderson. The captain then punched Malcolm Sanderson in the cae with his gun to make him pray in a lower tone of voice..." Can you imagine mashing in someone's face with the butt of a gun because he was praying too loud! Needless to say, Murdoch McLean was not too inclined toward Christianity, Although the powers-that-be during that period condoned such actions, Henry Berry Lowry did not.

It was early in the morning at Murdoch McLean's plantation. July 17, 1871. Murdoch McLean had a friend visiting, Archy McCallum, also very active in the anti-Lowry campaign. McLean and his guest were going to Shoe Heel (now Maxton) to catch the train. They left the plantation enrouse to Shoe Heel located about a mile and a quarter away. McLean's teen-aged brother Hugh drove the buggy. The three whites turned a bend in the road not far from the plantation and entered a thick clump of trees. Suddenly someone darted in their path and shouted the order "Haft" It was none other than the notorious Henry Berry Lowry and his infamous band of outlawed blood-relatives. The outlawed Indians fired. The two McLean brothers perished instantly. McCallum leaped from the buggy and escaped into the dense woods, eventually making his way to Shoe Heel on foot. He suffered only minor wounds.

Henry Berry tied the horse to a tree and sent a young child to tell the McLean brothers' mother that her sons were dead. In as much as the youthful Hugh McLean was not involved in any manner, whatsoever, in the anti-Lowry campaign, it was generally believed that the Lowry Gang meant to kill McCallum; some mix-up occurred and they got the wrong

Soon after the incident, Sheriff McMillan arrived with a posse of approximately 150 armed and blood-thirsty whites. They tracked the Lowry Gang to the plantation of William A. Sellers. It should be remembered that Sellers was one of the witnesses against William Lowy when he and his father were murdered March 3, 1865. Sellers reported that William Lowry (Henry Berry's brother) was a member of a raiding party of desperadoes, five of whom were white, who had recently raided his plantation. and bearing to be yourself.

But being born an Indian,
Is to have pride in one's self and
to remember your heritage,
Because no other race has been allowed to be as great and proud.

So let's all stand together and

When the posse tracked the Lowry Gang to Sellers', the trail got cold, McMillan noted that Henry Berry and his men had crossed the Lounbee River. Quite naturally, the exasperated posse was in no particular burry to cross Lumbee River and track the Lowry Gang through the inhospitable swamps where they were no match for the Indians who were all home in the dense, jungle-like swamps. Once again, literally-speaking, the swamps devoured the Lowry Gang. Like the deadly Cohra, Henry Berry had warned, struck and made good his marge.

SEE THE FAMOUS CAMEO BRA

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HOW MUCH LOW-RENT HOUSING IS ENOUGH?

An Editorial Viewpoint

The debate on public housing continues in Pembroke. Some say, rather forcefully, that low rent housing is a curse to the town and results in discipline problems in the school, a lowering of real estate values, an over loading of the town's water system and some even suggest that low rent housing results in a morality problem for the town.

Others say that low rent housing is essential to provide decent and comfortable and equitably priced low rent housing to those citizens unable to provide it for themselves. They say that subsidized housing is a responsibility of town government.

The Carolina Indian Voice sees merit in both viewpoints. All citizens are entitled to decent and comfortable housing at a price they can afford, tu citizens should rightly be concerned about discipline in the schools, a owering of property values and the moral climate of their town.

tut we feel that the question is not pro public housing or con public using. The question is: How much low rent housing is enough?

Consider These Facts:

The Housing Authority makes substantial payment in lieu of property axes considering it is a public non profit organization.

2. Housing residents do pay utility bills, water, sewer, electricity, and gas. All residents have utility allowances built into their rent for water, sewer, and gas. Each resident is responsible for his (or her) own electric bill Excess gas consumption is paid for by the resident. Water sewer and sanitation fees are paid from rents by the Housing Authority directly to the Town of Pembroke. Water and sewer bills are based on an annual average, average the town's minimum billing per unit. Sanitation is charged 100% at all times for all units regardless of whetherthey are occupied or not.

3. Powell Bill Money: The Town of Pembroke collects more money on the streets within the four public housing developments than any other streets in town, because such funds are based on mileage plus population. This is extra money to use on other streets because. An evel constructed existing streets in public housing won't need resurfacing for years to come.

4.Additional revenue sharing is brought in by public housing population

5. Residents pay personal property tax. Housing Management makes an extra effort in the form of advisement and counseling to insure individual filing and payment.

The Town of Pembroke spends no money in connection with the development of a public housing project. The federal grant covers all expenses in this area and all others.

7. At a publichearingon July 13, 1977 testimony and documentation were presented to the North Carolina Utilities Commission concerning the need for 100 additional units of public housing plus a day care center. As a result of the hearing, the Commission granted the Housing Authority and Redevelopment Commission of Pernbroke a certificate of public convenience and necessity certifying the need for the additional development.

Accusations have been made that the Town of Pembroke's water supply and sewer treatment capacity are operating at peak capacity because of the Public Housing Developments. This is absolutely not true.

because of the Public Housing Developments. Inits ausoumery and acceptance of the Public Housing Developments. In its ausoumery and acceptance of 425,000 gallons. A ground storage capacity of 90,000 gallons, giving a total storage capacity of 515,000 gallons. The Town has a pumping capacity of 96,000 gallons and ady. At the present time the average water consumption per day is 200,000 gallons, leaving a pumping reserve of 736,000 gallons at 315,000 stored reserve. This reserve is higher than the state recommended water reserve for our town. The state recommends that no one pump run longer than 12 hours at a time. Our Pembroke pumps currently only run approximately 5 hours to supply our current needs. Pembroke has a sewage treatment facility with a 500,000 gallon per day capacity. To date the average daily now is approximately 200,000 gallons per day, leaving a reserve of 300,000 gallons per day capacity. To date the average daily now is approximately 50,000 gallons between the supply our complexity in the 100 gallons per day capacity. To date the average daily now is approximately 50,000 gallons to the water sewer system.

BUT PEMBROKE CITIZENS DO HAVE A RIGHT TO REGISTER THEIR FEELINGS ABOUT LOW RENT HOUSING OR ANY OTHER MATTER THAN AFFECTS THEM AS TAX PAYERS.

We have not presented the above facts to disprove either viewpoint. We are merely interested in setting the record straight.

But, on one point we do agree: The issue is not pro or con low rent housing. The issue is: how much low rent housing is enough?

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We sincerely believe that Pembroke can incorporate the 100 additional low rent housing units now on the drawing board (including a modern and much needed day care center.) But enough is enough. These additional 100 units should serve our needs for a long time to come, maybe forever

Thursday, September 1, 1977 According to Scripture

WHAT WILL BE BEYOND THE RIVER FOR YOU?

Isaiah 64:4 "For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee."

God, beside thee."

I want to ask you this question: what will it be for you when this life is over? Some of you have lived a life which has been blessed, shose on your feet, food to eat, warm covers for your body and good health, able to eat with out the help of others. Have you thought of your departure from this land that God said you were only a vapor or a bubble on water which could bust or leave at any given moment. When in prayer to God, David said, "Lord, remember how short my time is." David's time was so short that he said to God man was of vain. Job said, "Is there not an appointed time?" Paalms 89-47 and Job 7:1, Pes, to us all there is an appointed unto allmenoncer to die Hebrew 9:27. When God told and warms Moses of Israel's apostosy God spoke and said, "Behold, thy days approach that hou must die." Det, 31:14.

This is why I ask you: if God

This is why I ask your if God were to call you today, this moment, would you be ready? If you are unsaved, God said to you, not I, that He (Christ) "wouldb send forth his angels to gather all those who offend and you, not 1, that he Conso, "would-send forth his angels to gather all those who offend and they would cast them (sinners) into a furnace of fire." And Jesus said there would be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Matthew 13-41-42. And there you will remain forever and ever. But tonse who have been faithful, those who live what they preach and sing. Jesus said, "I'g oaway to prepare a place for you (faithful and holy and true). Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions." Praise God, he said mansions, not letts or a low-rent housing project, but God said mansions. John 14:1-2.

God said mansions; Juni 1941And John the Revelator said he
saw the small and the great stand
before God and the books were
opened. Revelations 20:12.
"And He (Christ) stood in the
midst of the throne to feed them
and lead them unto living
waters, fountains of water, and
God shall wipe away all tear
from the mothers' eyes from the mothers' eyes for
blessed are they who have
washed their robes that they may
have right to the tree of life."
Revelations 22:14. So, if you
tink it is because you gave the Revelations 22:14. So, if you think it is because you gave the most in Sunday School and everyone knew who gave the most, it won't be. Jesus said to be washed "and be ye clean that you may enter in through the gates."

are puffed up and won't co church. But soon, my free church. But soon, my free tears shall turn to laughter! Son shall call for his chew we shall see what lies beyon great river John spoke of as city with streets of god, city with streets of god, pearl. We have heard so me heaven, and yet the half as been told of whe have settled ar account which a songwrite raithful. Jesus settled ar account which a songwrite was outstanding, past due, yet, while we were sinner died for us.

Jesus was the one who preach and the little c would follow and sit in Yes, with compassion he find the beggar on the sit even went into the home sick and they would be well. Even the blind call out to him, "David, (to David, have mercy on methese reasons, sometimes." run. out of town and would cast rocks at him would call him Satan.

blanket Jesus had w blanker Jesus had was his for his pillar he would stone. I know you say." have given him food an and a place to stay. "And we all would, but will him your life? Will you him your body, holt, you can unto God-which! you go away also as the Or will you be as the one Lord, whom shall we go 6:67.

I think of Bartholmewshe said, "'Can anything good out of Nazareth?" And afte first encounter with Christs easteunded and said, "The the Christ, Son of God. The King of Israel." Barthol also wanted to know what beyond this river in so much he was slayed (skinned) ails his faith. I believe to cross river we must give our life need be. Andrew, the desc before he was killed, cried to be spared or rescued, bathe

and guide you. Go to comake a confession for salvation Romans 10:10





A surprise cook-out was held at the home of Darce Chapel area in honor of Annie Ruth Oxendine's birthda 1977. Annie Ruth Oxendine and Darce Carter are si

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