

Up From Dust & Darkness

by Lew Barton, Third Century Artist

"OLD MAN PEMBROKE" DONS A TUX
 In the 1930s someone named Thompson wrote of his hometown: "Old Man Pembroke has washed his face and combed his hair."

Wish he could see the "Indian Capitol" in 1977. "Old Man Pembroke" has not only washed up. He has shaved, shampooed and combed a tux!

Pharmacist Howard Brooks put it this way when I happened to mention Pembroke is nearer to the geographical center of the county than any seat the other day. "Pembroke is the center of Robeson."

The only four-year liberal arts institution for many miles around is located here.

The tallest building in Robeson is located here.

Several industries are located here, including a plant (Vogue) which manufactures mobile homes.

There are more than half a dozen Indian lawyers today whereas there were none in the 1930s.

Housing here is at more of a premium than in most Robeson towns.

Robeson's Indians now have their own bank and tobacco warehouse located here.

The town now has a thriving newspaper and a very busy printing service.

The Lumbee Indians are now the celebrated Lumbee Indians having just concluded its second successful season of Strike at the Wind.

A Lumbee Indian girl has even competed for the Miss North Carolina and made a good showing.

A Lumbee Indian girl has even been named Miss Robeson County, a title which she voluntarily relinquished.

The list goes on and on. And so do the complaints from such jealous politicians as those heading the national Congress of American Indians who point to the large number of Lumbees in high places in Raleigh and Washington.

Yes, "Old Man Pembroke" is going places and doing things.

Meanwhile, there are those Indians who still seem to have nothing better to do than sit around on their reservations, look picturesque and criticize Lumbees.

They have had the distinction of being "federally recognized" in these many years. They are entitled to benefits that were never ours, including Federal Government schools. Yet we have excelled them all in the matter of education and progress in other areas. According to the findings of the U.S. Office of Education in 1968, Lumbee schools were superior to any Indian schools in the US of A even though we had to build and finance our own originality.

The slanderous attack on the Lumbee Indians recently by officials of the NCAI smacks of the same racist tactics of the KKK on them in 1958. Someone has suggested that those mixed-up NCAI officials ought to come to Robeson to see for themselves just how "Indian" we are.

I do not recommend this. Some of our more zealous people just might scalp those NCAI officials, just to let them know how Indian we still are in spite of our alleged "elite" status.



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Born in Channing, New York on October 28, 1949, Bruce spent his youth in Tarrytown and Mt. Kisco, N.Y. and Newton, Connecticut, where he competed in football, basketball and track. He was All-State pole vault champion in high school, but only Granddaddy College in Iowa offered a sports scholarship to him who was to become the world's greatest athlete.

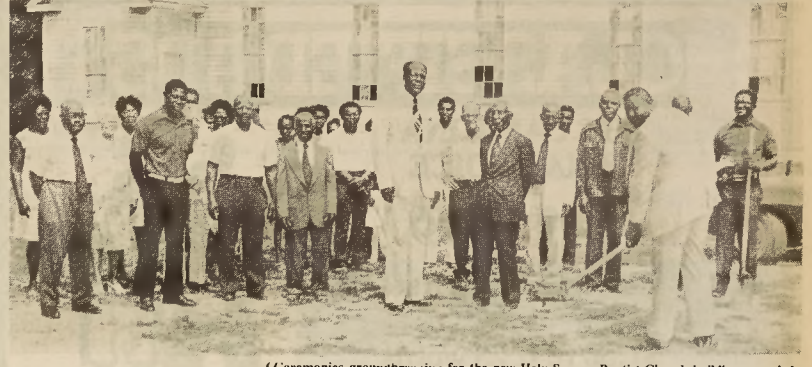
Bruce Jenner made the NAIA All-American Team and the Olympic qualifying standards in the Drake Relays, which he won in 1972. He finished 10th in his first Olympics, moving back to move to San Jose, California, with his wife, Christine, for four years of decathlon training. In August 1975, he set a world record, scoring 8,524 points in a Triangular meet in Eugene, Oregon.

Bruce Jenner is the only man ever to score over 8,500 points, and currently holds the world's record with 8,618 points. He also holds the Olympic and World Record for the greatest second-day score and the greatest 60-meter average score.

A natural athlete and outdoorsman, the 6'6", 215-lb., 195-pound Jenner bicycles, plays tennis, swims, skis and was three-time Eastern coast slalom champion.

Now he's asking you to join the Treasury Department in saying "thank you" to your local Newspaper Carriers. It's their day—Newspaper Carrier Day, 1977.

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Groundbreaking for New Holy Swamp Baptist Church

Ceremonies groundbreaking for the new Holy Swamp Baptist Church building occupied members of the church, as well as officials of the Lumber River Baptist Association recently. The new structure will replace the present wood structure which was probably erected in 1883. According to records, the church was established in that year. The site is located on Route 4, Lumberton, off highway 72 in the Moss Neck section of the county. Rev. Franklin Wooten, church pastor, is shown above doing the honors with the shovel as members of the church and visitors look on. Present for the occasion were: Rev. E.B. Turner, Moderator of the Lumber River Baptist Association; Rev. J.A. Thompson, secretary of the association; L.W. Pipkin, chairman of the deacon board and treasurer; Clarence Thompson, David Thompson, David Chapman, and Osborn Thompson, all deacons; Celesta McArthur and Ernest Liles, board of trustees members. Other members in attendance were Mrs. Ernestine Thompson, Mrs. Franklin Wooten, Mrs. Maggie Pipkin, Mrs. Mary McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Nettie Liles, Mrs. Margaret McKoy, Mrs. Patsy Pipkin, Mrs. Louise McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Ingram and family, Mrs. Terry Pipkin, Mrs. Pauline Charles, Franklin McLean, Larry Thompson and Christopher Charles. Friends who were present included Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mack Locklear, Mrs. Strawberry Cummings, Douglas McMillian, Sr. and Jr., Jermaine Patterson, Miss Cathy Liles, Kim Hudson, Ms. Cassandra Montique and David Thompson (Photo and text by Elmer W. Hunt)

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