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 nystery and power of things. -BLACK ELK 3

AS I SEE IT

Bruce Barton



They are coming to town to take

our monies. As I see it, they are

not bringing any money with

them. A town's monies.

whenever possible, should

remain in circulation within the

town so that the citizenry and the

business community can benefit

Robeson Savings and Loan

Association has its main office in

Lumberton, a mere eleven miles

away. They have a branch office

in Red Springs, only ten miles

away. If I want to borrow money

from them to build a house, for

instance, I would simply get in

my car and be in their offices

And I believe a savings and loan

association, when the need

arises, is within the capabilities

community. When we need a

savings and loan association, we

will put our heads and our

pocket books together and

To my knowledge, no minority

works for Robeson Savings and

Loan Association. If they came

to Pembroke though, I presume,

for p.r.'s sake, that they would

hire a minority to run their

But I am not blind to the history

of Robeson Savings and Loan

Association. One cannot know

where he is going if he does not

know where he has been. I smell

For these reasons, and others, I

Association

am opposed to Robeson Savings

establishing a branch office in

Pembroke. The message should

be this: "If you are coming to

Pembroke, we (the Pembroke

and Indian community) want a

piece of the action." We want

our money to circulate ... not fly

If you wish to express your

express vourself to: The N.C.

Department of Commerce

Savings and Loan Division, Post

Office Box M-27945, Raleigh,

Time is of the essence. The

hearing date for Robeson Savings

application is tentatively set for

A number of people have told

me that I should lav low and not

say anything about this matter. I

have turned from their advice. I

want to be like the mighty oak

and roll with the billowing winds

about me but I do not want to be

I want to stand for something. I

want to cling to that spark of integrity nestled within my

breast. I would rather stand for

something and starve than sit

quietly and garner all the riches

The other side of the coin is that

some businessmen in our midst

say the competition would be

community. They say that there

would be little harm to Lumbee

Bank (predominately Indian

owned) and FUNB. I disagree.

The banks have elected to take a

noncommital stance. That is their

right to do so but I believe that

Lumbee Bank would suffer most

of all. Lumbee Bank is a

testament to what the Indian

community can do. Why topple

The above is my opinion

Anyone may disagree. The pages

of the Carolina Indian Voice are

open to those with opposing

views, including Robeson

Savings and Loan Association.

our creation?

THE CAROLINA

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establish our own.

Pembroke office

I AM OPPOSED TO ROBESON SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION **ESTABLISHING A BRANCH** OFFICE IN PEMBROKE

The above is what is called a straight forward header in the newspaper business. I am, for better or worse, a blunt man.

I speak for no other person. This column is my personal opinion although I am always happy when I find out that the majority of my readers agree with me on any given issue. But our readers do not always agree with me. That is as it should be. This is America, the land, supposedly, of the free.

Robeson Savings and Loan Association has noticed something interesting happening greater Pembroke community--an economic boom of sorts. A recent study by the Lumber River Council of Government showed that Pembroke is growing faster than any other part of the county, excepting Lumberton. Also, as many others have noted, in spite of the diatribes against low rent housing in Pembroke, there is an acute housing shortage.

Robeson Savings and Loan Association has noticed the economic phenomenon Pembroke. They have decided to desomething about it. They have petitioned the Savings and Loan Division of the North Carolina Department of Commerce to allow them to establish a branch office in Pembroke.

Why have they done this? As I see it, they see our money circulating about and new want it. It is as simple as that. They (Robeson Savings and Loan officials) talk glibly about providing a service but their primary interest, as I see it, is getting as much of our money as

In their application, they noted that they had interviewed an official at Pates Supply Company, a local attorney, and the owner of a heating and air conditioning business. They made no mention of putting their story before the public, for instance, in an announcement in

the Carolina Indian Voice, the only newspaper in Pembroke. They put their required legal notice in the Robesonian. Evidently it was tucked away somewhere in the mildle of a morass of legal notices. I did not see it. I heard of their intentions at Town and Country Restaurant, one of Pembroke's favorite holes. Robeson Savings and Loan Association, to my knowledge, has not contacted town officials, the chamber of commerce, or taken an in depth survey of the business

They simply see our money circulating about and they want it, as I see it.

Indians have not in the past paid enough attention to economic matters. For instance, Pates Supply Company leases the building to the district court house and the post office. Why?

the businessmen. the Indian entrepeneurs, the Indian money counters? Where are they?

> THE SOURCE OF MY DISCONTENT

To the point, the source of my discontent with Robeson Savings and Loan Association coming to town is the lack of Indian participation. There are no Indian (or Blacks) on the board of directors of the firm. Few Indians or Blacks own any stock in Robeson Savings and Loan

MUSING Reasonable Locklear

> BOYS, LET'S CONTROL **OUR OWN MONEY**

Boys, Ol' Reasonable grew up on a farm and I neverwent but to the second grade

But Ol' Reasonable learned early how to count and how money works. I used to grow fine, vellow and firm tobacco, some of the best ever growed by the way. But I noticed, after I was on up in years, that the tobacco growers ain't the ones who make the money. It is the tobacco sellers who make a killing.

But Ol' Reasonable kept on a growing the stuff, barely gitting by. And the tobacco sellers lived in fine houses up in town and drove big, shiny automobiles.

Well, Ol' Reasonable is too old to cry about spilt milk but if en I had it to go over with I would sell the stuff and let somebody else

That's the way I feel about Robeson Savings and Loan Association a coming to Pembroke. I am agin it for the same reason I am against us a growing tobacco and them a selling it. It ain't fair.

Let Indians put their monies together and take care of their own business. Boys, let's control our little dab of money and keep it a moving around at home

Holiday Gas Prices Up

WASHINGTON Holiday driving will be cheaper over the Thanksgiving weekend than it was on Labor Day but more expensive by as much as 2.7 cents a gallon than a year ago, a national survey of gasoline prices shows.

The American Automobile Association checked prices at 3,900 service stations nationally and found the average price of regular was 63.1 cents or 0.6 cents below the price on Labor Day. Premium is selling at 68.3 cents, last long weekend. Unleaded prices dropped the least, 0.4 cents, to 66.5 cents.

Diesel fuel, once the economy leader, is inching upward to an average of 57.4 cents, nearly a penny higher than on Labor Day and up 4.1 cents on average from last year.

The same survey again proves pumping your own saves money - as much as a nickel a gallon in some areas.

Drivers in the West will pay the highest prices, an average of 70 cents a gallon for premium, while motorists in the Southwest will get by for 65.5 cents for the same grade.

Workers' Buying Power Climbs

WASHINGTON government had good holiday news for Americans Tuesday, reporting a moderate rise in inflation in October and the biggest monthly gain in workers' buying power since June.

It said consumer prices increased a moderate 0.3 percent, the same as in August September. Grocery prices rose only slightly for the fourth consecutive month.

Workers benefited from an increase of 1.1 percent in the purchasing power of their paychecks in October, raising the level of their real earnings - take home pay adjusted for taxes and inflation to a level 4.6 percent above that of a year ago.

Prices have increased at a 3.8 percent annual rate over the past three months in sharp contrast with the 10 percent rate at the beginning of the year.

The cooling of inflation since midyear is expected to boost consumer confidence in the economy and make it easier for the Carter adminis tration in its battle against



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in High

Point

I have been receiving the

Calolina Indian Voice for about

enjoyed every week of it. I think

it is wonderful for our people to

bring themselves out into the

world so other people can learn

My father, Mr. Wiley Jones,

has been visiting with us for

about 11/2 weeks and I was

wanting you to put it in the paper

Thank you very much for your

Lavonia J. Wood

Being a former resident of the

and read about us.

weeks now and I have

Note of Correction

I would like to inform everyone that I am not the James Bell mentioned in the November 17th issue of the Carolina Indian Voice. I am James E. Bell, I have been a lifetime resident of the Town of Pembroke, N.C. and also a taxpaver.

> Yours Truly James E. Bell P.O. Box 133 Pembroke, N.C. 78377



questions raised concerning Robeson Savings and Loan Association

Pembroke area, I read with much concern the November 10th issue of The Carolina Indian Voice, particularly the article dealing with the possible opening of a branch of Robeson Savings and Loan in the Town of Pembroke. That there is a market for such a business cannot be denied. But...I have many doubts and concerns about this possibility. My concerns are these: should the major investors, most from outside the Pembroke area, be allowed to "siphon off" the profits of such a business? To siphon off" the earnings of the community? Should they be allowed to "take the money and run?" Would such a business be responsible to the real needs of the Pembroke community? Who would manage such a business? What is the likelihood of success of such a business with its known outside investors? How many minorities presently hold management positions with Robeson Savings and Loan? If given the franchise to open a new branch, what assurance is there that the money deposited, if any, would be loaned to the people of the Pembroke community and not loaned elsewhere in the county to those who have close ties with the present major investors and management of Robeson Savings and Loan?

I suggest that the answers to these questions will have a significant impact upon the growth of the Pembroke area. highly likely that the impact will be a negative one, too.

I am told that in order to establish a branch of a savings and loan institution, that those who propose such a business must show the need and the likelihood of success if given the opportunity to open. The need may be shown but the likelihood of success of a branch of Robeson Savings and Loan in the Pembroke community cannot be shown, knowing the strained relationships that exist now as in the past as evidenced by numerous prior events that have taken place within Robeson County.

I believe it would be fair to say that should a branch of Robeson Savings and Loan be established in Pembroke, this event would effectively foreclose the

possibility of ever there being a predominately minority owned and operated savings and loan in Pembroke. Although there are

agency that approves such franchise is not likely to allow two such institutions in such a small community. Should the business people and investors of Pembroke be precluded from ever entering this market merely because of the wishes of the major investors of Robeson Savings and Loan? the answer must be a resounding no! Saving no and writing to The Carolina Indian Voice alone will not prevent the savings and loan division of the Department of Commerce from granting

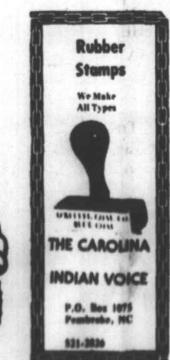
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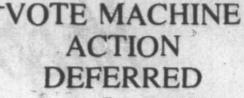
and loan establishments. The

Robeson Savings and Loan the privilege of opening this branch in Pembroke. Those concerned should actively express their desires, whatever they may be to the above mentioned North Carolina State Agency, for you can rest assured that the powers that be within the management of Robeson Savings and Loan have been and will continue to patronize this commission and will continue to lobby for the grant to establish their branch of a savings and loan in Pembroke as opposed to giving or granting the franchise to any other group of interested persons, particularly, investors from the Pembroke community The issue before the people of

Pembroke is not one cast in a racial context, but is a matter of community pride, community growth, and community development. The Pembroke Community, long stagnate in terms of growth, now has appeal to those who wish to gain at the expense of the good people of Pembroke. I suggest that if Pembroke needs a savings and loan business, that there are sufficient investors in and around Pembroke to assure the success of a locally owned and operated savings and loan. If you feel likewise, please voice vour opinion in whatever way possible, preferably with a letter to those persons who will decide whether Robeson Savings and Loan gets to open a branch in Pembroke or not. The address is: N.C. Department of Commerce. Savings and Loan Division, Raleigh, NC. Please remember that the decision will soon be made, December 7th, so it is important to act soon!

> MICHAEL REVELS Salisbury Street Greenshoro, NC





Robeson County Board of night deferred action on securing voting machines for the county.

The Rev. Charles McDowell, chairman of the Robeson County Board of Election, made a detailed presentation in which figures for purchase of one of three types of voting machines were discussed.

McDowell stated that the board of election recom mended voting machines countywide, but did not specify which type of machine they preferred.

"This is a progressive county. A county on the move. Our election system is a most important part of our progress because it deals with the citizens' constitutional McDowell said. "We consider it a top priority, not how fast we are but how straight we are. This is a time not to think of economics but to think of righteousness."

Commissioner H. T. Taylor moved to recommend purchase of some type of machine, but did not specify which type. That motion, however,

was killed by a substitute motion to take the matter under advisement. Taylor said the matter

had been brought before the board several times in the past three years he has

"We ought to be men enough to say we are going to buy the machines or not going to buy them," Taylor said.

The most costly of the machine types presented had a price tag of \$215,000. It is a lever-type machine. The lowest machine would be a "ballot coun-

ter," which is estimated to

cost \$138,305.

The other machine, an automatic ballot punching machine, would cost about \$116,535, the board was

Commissioner Herman Dial of Pembroke, who made the motion to take the matter under advisement, questioned whether it would be feasible to spend the amount in ques tion "for a few people who are serving as poll workers to be less tied up.

Commissioner Sam No. ble, the board chairman moved to put the recommendations on the board's January meeting.

McDowell, resteraing his disappointment, said: We studied hard and checked all references for our recommendations 1 consider your motion unfair to our commitment to the citizens of this

Thanksgiving comes the fourth

Thursday in November, And it's

a time to always remember. God

gives us this special day. And it

All the above are the students of

ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who won the Western

2. When will the 48th All-Star

3. Ron Carew plays pro base-

4. Who won the LPGA

5. Who was named Texas

Open golf tournament?

game be played?

Hoosier Classic?

ball for what team?

Ranger's manager?

should be bright and gay.

Ms. Rose Marie Lowry.

-Sonva Deese

Thursday, November 24, 1977

According to Scripture

HELP IS ON THY LIPS John 6: 18-19 "And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. So they rowed about twenty or thirty furlong, they see Jesus." To those of you who have trouble and it seems there is no help and like the desciple here the water had rose and by reason they knew not. But one thing they were sure of was that they were in danger and needed help. Some of vou now are pressed on all sides and vou feel like surrendering and giving up. Death is more certain than vesterday. The doctor has given you the report and the wind has picked up its speed. But I want you to read again with me in the 18th verse of the Bible. It said they rowed. What you need to remember is that God said I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5. Who are you going to believe? "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee." Isa. 43:2.

In other words, Jesus said we would pass through. No where did he sav in the middle of the waters. But Jesus said we will go through on to the other side, praise the Lord, for I am thy Lord, thy God. Isa. 43:3.

This reminds me of the time Jesus was met by a ruler and the ruler said, "My daughter is even now dead. But you come, Jesus, and put they hands on her and she shall live." So on the way there was others who were sick and Jesus needed to help them also. But when he did get there he found them singing and making a noise. And Jesus spoke and said. "Give peace for the maid is not dead but sleepeth." And they

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laughed him to scorn. Matthew 9:18-24

Don't depend on people. When they get the doctor's report they start crying and making funeral plans. But you need to trust God. People will scorn and tell you to be strong, but let it come to them, and they are the loudest on the corner. But you need to row on like the desciples. They didn't know what had the wind up, .

but they knew they had to get to safety. And the Bible said they saw Jesus walking on the waters. What ever is happening to you or to your loved one, look for Jesus in it. No matter how bad it is, Jesus is walking in your way and He will speak to you as he did to the desciples, "It is I, be not afraid. If I be for you, what can be against you?" Now, in your heart say Jesus I am going to trust vou. I know only my help shall come from thee. No more will I be afraid, willingly Lord I know everything will work to the good of them who love you. I put all my trust in you for you said in your words I will in no wise cast thee out. John 6:37

Now, if you have sick ones in vour family, go to them and let this be in you which was in Christ Jesus. Lav thy hand on the sick and say in the name of Jesus and see the waters become calm and see the sun come in and watch darkness flee. Jesus is our high tower and our shield. Whom shall we fear. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

P.S. May the Lord bless you on

BY Jarvia

JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

WHO WROTE SUCH STIRRING

MARCHES AS "THE STARS

AND STRIPES FOREVER "

CONDUCTED A THEATER

ORCHESTRA AT 17. HE

ROSE TO BECOME THE

MARINE BANDMASTER

IN 1892. HE LATER GOT

HIS RELEASE AND THEN

FORMED HIS OWN BAND

WHICH TOURED AMERICA

AND AROUND THE WIDE

Thanksgiving as Seen Through the Eves of 5th Graders at Pembroke

It's the time of year when leaves are falling upon the ground, with many colors flying around. But most of all, it's a time of year in which we give thanks unto the Lord. -Teresa Carter

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is near, And when it gets here. We shall eat turkey and stuffing. Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks, to God and praise Him. So remember, give thanks to God on Thanksgiving Dav. Michelle Lowry

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

When it gets here. fourth Thursday November. And when it gets here. The turkey will be killed. So have a happy Thanksgiving. -Danielle Brooks

LET US GIVE THANKS

you God for Thank Thanksgiving. Thank you God that we are living. Bless the Pilgrims who came across the sea. Thank you God for them and

Thank you God for Thanksgiving Day. So we can thank and give you praise. Thanksgiving Day is full of joys, while people sing and revoice. Tonsa Elk

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day is time to pray. For the food we receive each day. But don't forget instead of praying, there is also time for playing. Let us give thanks to those proud Pilgrims who came to this free land. But most of all let us give thanks to God. The One who gave them a hand -Cochise Clark

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day, As we say, Is the time of rest. And the time that's best.

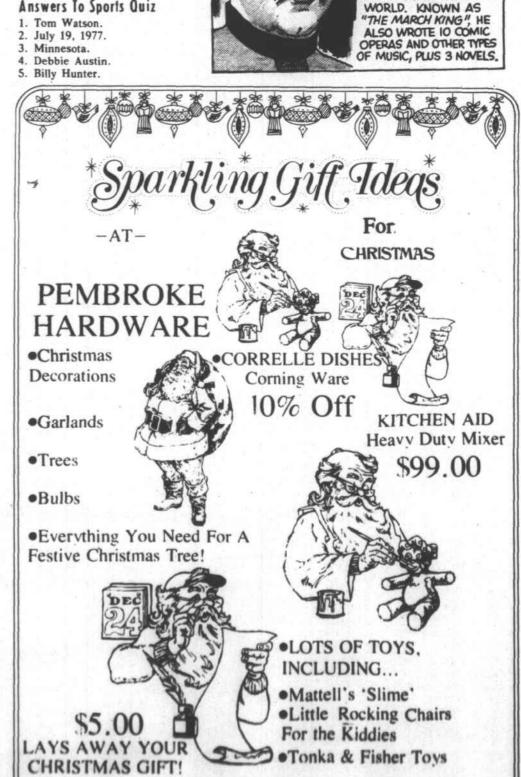
It is a time for eating. And a time for meeting, But most of all, Let us give thanks to thee above Victor Dwayne Deese

THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to the Lord, For the food that we eat. And the shoes on our feet. When the Pilgrims were living. For the first Thanksgiving. They did resoice. With love in their voice. So be thanksful that you are living, On the day called Thanksgiving. Kim McCartney

THANKSCHVING

November twenty-fifth, is a thankful day. It is when people once thanks and pray. When piderrons came over and lived in a hard was that I got for say, they tensk time to give thanks on Phankson on Day Cassandra Hunt



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