... 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** 



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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL!

Christmas is a special season. We wish each of you a Merry Christmas. For this special occasion we wish to throw down the mantel and wish everyone-friend and foe- a very special holiday season.

It is a season to be quiet, a season for reflecting and looking back with a lanquid glance. It is a time for cheer and peace and happiness. Be careful and have a fun-filled Merry Christmas, remembering that it is the time of year when we celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus.

#### PEMBROKE JUNIOR HIGH PAGEANT A ROUSING SUCCESS!

There they were on stage- fourteen lovely junior misses, beguiling and poised. And the audience (estimated at more than a thousand) enjoyed every moment of the pageant.

Pembroke Junior High's principal, Thomas Earl Locklear, and his entire nance of Robeson County, and staff, faculty and student body are to be commended for a very special now residing in Taylor,

Said one in the audience, "I'll tell you, when the junior high does something, they do it right."

Kentucky The revival was conducted at Upper Marsh Creek something, they do it right.

The pageant held last Thursday evening in Pembroke State University's Jones modern and spacious Performing Arts Center was an example of PSU and the schools in the area working together to broaden the horizons of the

It was a proud moment for students, faculty, staff and on-lookers like a couple of days. me. Indeed! Pembroke Junior High did do it right, no doubt about it.

#### INDIAN EDUCATION ON DISPLAY

Indian Education in the Robeson Countyschools, under the energetic God in Williamsburg, Kentucky. leadership of Mrs. Ruth D. Woods, held an Open House last Friday. Hundreds turned out to find out something about the program.

Visitors found IEA up and about and contributing to the educational effort in Robeson County.

For the first time, as I see it, the program is stepping out and doing something to improve the Indian students's learning capabilities.

It is a good feeling for me to see something done right. I commend Mrs. Woods for taking chances, involving people in Indian Education in

Robeson County

### AND SPECIAL SALUTES TO FRIENDS OF THE CIV

The Carolina Indian Voice is thankful for our many friends. There is a evely lady named Mrs. Nora Hardin. She contributes to The Carolina

While in Tennessee, Rev. Indian Voice on occasion. I wish her a very special Merry Christmas. The Chavis was called home to Carolina Indian Voice is surviving because of people like Mrs. Hardin. What a lovely lady!

And my mentor and friend, Elmer W. Hunt, has done more for us than we was in the hospital at Seotland can ever do for him. He has taught me all I know about photography. Memorial Ho vital. While in He is one of my heroes. And, cynical man that I am, I do not have many the home of his aunt and uncle, heroes. I wish you a Merry Christmas, Mr. Elmer. Thank you for all you Mr. have done for me and the Carolina Indian Voice.

And I remember the late and beloved Miss Anna Mae Locklear this Mrs. Lock Carter of Lumberton. Christmas. I loved her dearly. Her memory keeps me keeping on. She was a Christian lady who lived her religion every day of her life. No one ever had to wonder about her Christian life. Her life was her testimony. I. Rev. Chavis was privileged to remember telling her brother not too long ago that I was privileged to have attend a fellowship meeting of known her. My critics might disagree, but I am a better person for having association ministers of the Burnt known her. I shall always treasure her memory.

And Mr. Jim Chavis who has taught me so much about life. He always says that he should be smarter than me because he has lived longer than I have. I admit it freely, Mr. Jim, you are smarter than I am, considerably.

Mr. Jim, 83 years young, is more radical and progressive than any college student I have ever met. He believes in progress and is a constant foe of those who would mislead us. Merry Christmas, Mr. Jim! Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for sharing your experiences with us.

And Mr. Archie Oxendine. Mr. Archie teaches at Pembroke Junior High and is very active in his church, Union Chapel Community Church.

Mr. Archie Oxendine is simply a nice man, one of the nicest compliments one can pay another. He is not loud and loquacious but he is involved in his community.

And Merry Christmas to Harbert Moore, the Squire of Prospect. Harbert Moore cares. I admire him for that,

And Merry Christmas to my parents, Berna Barton and Lew Barton. I accept responsibility for the foibles in my character and give you credit for any good residing within my bosum.

And Mrs. Ada Locklear, my grandmother. I love her madly. If I had a choice, I would pick you anew to be my grandmother.

And my personal family--Barbara. Pete, Sissy and Brandi-- thanks for the love and responsibility you have taught me. Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas to Mrs. Bazie Hardin who writes the Pembroke News; to Mrs. Violet Locklear who contributes the Mt. Airy News; to Mr. Albert Hammonds, who contributes from the Piney Grove area. Thank you all, not only for your contribution of news, but because you are all wonderful people and you make The Carolina Indian Voice what it is. You give us the strength, by understanding and caring, to continue day by day. And, of course. Merry Christmas to all our readers. Without you we would not

And to Connee and Garry, my sister and brother, and Donnie, my cousin; who share the travails of the newspaper business with me-- Merry Christmas! When we are on the mountain top, it will be amusing to remind our loved ones of the hard times we have experienced.

And to good folk everywhere. Merry Christmas! May this be the best Christmas you have ever experienced. And may Christ, the one who's birth we celebrate shine in your lives every day of the year

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#### A CORRECTION

In last week's coverage of Owner Lee Oxendine's invention orthopedic shoes, we inadvertantly said that he was a teacher at Union Elementary School. We apologize for this error. The article should have

"Ozmer Lee Oxendine, ledicated school teacher, who has taught at Union Chapel School for eighteen years. recently received a patent for developing a pair of orthopedic boots for compensation of leg length deformities."

A Social

Note

Rev. William Earl Chavis, a

Michigan, recently conducted a

week long revival at Pine Knotts.

Baptist Chu., h. pastor is Kev. Ed

While in Kentucky. Rev.

Chavis was interned in a local

hospital with a minor aum, at for

The following Saturday, Rev.

Chavis was squest speaker at

Cumberland Heights Church of

On Sunday Rev. Chavis

conducted both services at the

Joseph Free Will Baptist Church

in Greenville, Tennessee. Rev.

Later Rev Chavis was treated

to a surprise birthday party at his

home church in Taylor,

Michigan Rev. Chavis ", a

member of Fellowship Free Will

Baptist Church. The surprise

birthday party was given by his

wife, Della, and members and

Robeson County due to the

illness of his grandfather, Mr.

Chancely Chavis. Mr. Chavis

Robeson, the Chavises visited in

Cummings. They also visited

Rev. Chavis' mother-in-law,

While visiting in Pembroke,

Swamp Baptist Association at the

Baptist Building in Pembroke.

Day Care

Center

enjoys

Christmas

In the midst of the holiday

season let us not forget the

children in our lives that make

Christmas the spirited event it

is. At Union Chapel and

Wakulla Day Care Centers

that spirit is given a new birth

as the seemingly countless

number of children gather

around the beautifully deco-

rated tree in hopes that Saint

Nicholas would soon be there.

The tiny tots celebrate Christ's

Those are fortunate who are

given the opportunity to teach

the children of our present

generation the golden skills of education and values that will

stay with them for years to

come. These two day care centers, sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Asso-

ciation would like to wish all of

you a very merry Christmas

and all the joys of the new

There are 47 children at

Union Chapel Day Care Center between the ages of

There are 23 students at

Wakulia between the ages of 2

dary Chavis is the director of the Union Chapel Day Care Center and Geraldine Oxen-

ects the Wakulla Con-

infant to 5 years.

birthday with joy and enthusi-

asm of wise men themselves.

and Mrs. Hartford

Homer Smith, pastor.

friends of the church.

### A New Dawn is Possible in Robeson

THE EDITOR

LETTERS TO

To the Editor:

With the holiday season upon us, everyone has good reason to be very thankful. The end of an old year brings a new year, a new dawn, one might say, in many ways, especially economically and politically for the people of Robeson County. Less than six months away in May, I think is Robeson's primary election for local elective offices: District Attorney; Clerk of Court; Sheriff; Judges' seats; state senators and representatives, and a few other offices. Though minorities have made inroads in a few elective offices, i.e., county commissioners and Robeson County Board of Education, for all practical purposes, the aforementioned higher offices have eluded Robeson's minorities. It is asking a bit too much to expect a full- fledged turnover of all the offices traditionally held by the white ruling class. I, for one, do not ask that such wholesale upheaval take place, nor do I expect it to take place. But, nevertheless; nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come and needless to say that it is high time that greater minority inroads be made in respect to these offices.

Political change generally takes time, but to continue to sit and wait and assume that the "other side" will make this change for minorities simply out of the goodness and graciousness of their hearts because "they" want to make up for past discriminations, is just not facing the facts as they actually are. Serious political change will never occur in our lifetime unless we MAKE it happen, unless we FORCE this change, unless we CAUSE it to

After writing in such generalities, I now wish to speak of the sheriff's office in particular. Rumors abound... that the present sheriff, Malcolm Mcwill not seek re-election; that he will seek re-election; that he, the sheriff, is paving the way for his number one man, Hubert Stone; that there will be no minority opposition; and that there will not be minority opposition, as well as others. Friends, regardless of the above rumors, if the time has been right for minorities to get their collective foot into the door, i.e., to elect one of their own to a high level office, it is NOW. At the risk of being labeled a defeatest, it boils down to just about this: It is now or never.

Two years ago minorities for all practical purposes had handed to them an opportunity of a life time, a district court seat, but failed to take advantage of it, largely because a number of politically active minorities with influence were pushing and shoving, for selfish reasons, their choice for governor, all to the detriment and neglect of what should be the more important local offices since these offices have day to day effect on our lives. Could we be so unwise and naive to get into the path of our own progress, to hinder our own progress, to spoil this golden opportunity again? Yes...we "could" but the more important question is will we hinder our own progress. The answer MUST be NO; it has to be NO, otherwise we get just what the "other side," the white ruling class of Robeson, wants us to have... another four years, probably more, to stay in our place as second class citizens.

Looking for a reason other than this for a change? What about the FACT that minorities simply do not get a fair shake under the present cir-cumstances, have not in past circumstances, and will not in future unless serious thanges are made.

Talk is cheap; organizing, planning, directing, funding and insuring a successful sheriff's campaign is work, hard work, and does not come cheaply. With less than six months before election time, rest assured that the incumbant, Mr. McLeod, and /or his hand picked candidate have been busily at work laying their election plans. We can not hesitate; we must not delay if our goal of political change is to become a reality. We must be well prepared in order to be successful. We must sacrifice the selfish interests and desires of the few for a greater need, that being the welfare and betterment of Robeson's minorities.

Politics at this level is serious business, particularly for minorities. The consequences of winning vs. losing can and will be of the greatest significance to the minorities of Robeson.

One last thought: Robeson County, to no one's surprise, is a rather unique county. Unique in that its minorities, Black and Indian, make up the MAJORITY of the population and registered voters. With the population roughly evenly divided between the three races, any two groups SHOULD be able to "Call the shots." Ironically, such is not what in fact has occurred in Robeson, as those traditionally in office and in control have been able through various ploys to play the bulk of both minorities against themselves, thereby protecting their treasured elected offices and perpetuating the interests of their own

racial class.

It's relatively simple, Indian people in Robeson cannot win a major county- wide elective office without the votes of at least one of the other two races. Past experiences, e.g., judge's race two years ago. have shown that the sentiments of the majority of the white race in Robeson lay just directly opposite the sentiments of minorities as evidenced by the votes cast in Lumberton's predominately white precincts when they over whelmingly chose to vote for an out-of-the-county white before voting for a qualified Robeson minority. It is inevitable that for minorities to gain a foot hold on high level elective offices in Robeson County, they must cast their lot together. If not, then together we, both Black and Indian, will share what little the white rulers of Robeson choose to dole out to us. It does not have to be this way! YOU can change this for the power is with you; it needs only to be used. Affirmative change can come, but not without your involvement. Are you up to the task that is before us? Only YOU can guarantee that minorities have more than just "excuses" after the next election, you can insure that there will be a new dawn in Robeson.

Gilbert J. Locklear

Lumberton, NC

In the name of the minority

### HAPPY BIRTHOAY DESUS

Years have passed since that time when Christmas brought much play. As I am awakened this Christmas morn, I shall bow my head & pray Thanking God for the birth of his only begotten son. Asking him that if it be His will, may many souls be won.

I once overflowed with joy at the gifts from Santa Claus. This Christmas I'm overflowing at God's gift, the greatest of all. For I'm thankful for the birth which is the meaning of this Day. When we all know this Lord, how can we help but stop and pray?

Many people try to celebrate Christmas in many different A DA As you look down I wonder, Lord, what you would have to say. For this is your birthday Lord, and it will always be. I wonder why people celebrate it in places you wouldn't be.

I know you want people to be happy, cheerful and gay. And the gifts and blessings you give us, should keep us that way, But there's a right way to celebrate the birth of anyone. And we wouldn't take this person where he would have no fun.

Dear God, I know you understand what I'm trying to say. That we try to take You many places on your birthday. Where some have parties which are not very nice at all. They drink strong drinks and for them, this is having a ball.

Christmas music is played concerning your holy birthday People continue to dance, and never let you have your say. have never heard of you having fun in this way. Dear God, Let us understand, this is your birthday.

The night you were born was such a quiet and olds night As the angel appeared, the shepherds were amazed at the sight. And yet on your birthday today as we look around How much is quiet and holy a nidst so army sounds?

Dear God, let us remember your work in its truth. Let us open the Bible and find what you want us to do. For Lord, I'm thankful that you have power to say No To all the places which you don't choose to go.

So if we try to celebrate your birthday without you I'm afraid we shall never celebrate Christmas in its truth You have given us a gift of everlasting life Let us give our hearts to you; accepting your most precious sacrifice.

#### MY BLESSED GIFT

The most precious gift I have ever received was wrapped in love, tied with mercy and had a bow of hope and truth on it. The name tag was made of peace and instead of a poinsettia for decoration it had a lily on it. The bow was made of kindness and the lid was held in place with patience. There was a message of forgiveness written period attached to it that I was to share this gift with the whole world because I had no place to keep all the riches it contained. The package was marked "Heaven" and Jesus delivered it free of charge and when I opened it, the meaning of Christmas became or to the necessitist Christ is in Christmas and in Christ we have one who cares, redeems, improves, satisfies and transforms. Therefore, to me Christmas means Christ and Christ is everything to me because nobody has greater love for me than the love he has given me, is giving me and will continue to give me through this life and through all eternity.

# Up From Dust & Darkness

THANKS, LORD, FOR ONE MORE CHRISTMAS

Thanks, Lord, for one more Christmas. I've seen 59 of them already. But the annual celebration of the birthday of Jesus has still not lost its mystique, its joys or its wonder for me. Nor has it lost its basic message which to me is still: "Joy to the World! The Lord Has Come!"

Is it any wonder that the spirit of giving permeates the whole world at Christmas time when the greatest gift ever given to mankind by God was given on that approximate date? "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

What a gift that was! The gift of His only begotten son as a sacrifice for our sins so that we might have the gift of never-ending life!

"For by grace are ye saved," declares the Bible, "and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest

Eternal life is nowhere spoken of in the Bible as a reward, as something that can be earned or bought

Oh, it had a terrible price attached, alright. A price so exceedingly high that no man who ever lived could have met the cost. For men had "sinned and come short of the glory of God.

As a result, we were all under the eternal condemnation of a Holy God. We were all "without God and without hope in the world."

But God so loved us, sinful and disobedient creatures that we were, that he provided His son, "The Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the

It was the greatest love story ever written. Christ, the sent One of God, died for even the people who put Him to death. "Greater love hath no man than this. That a man die for his friends.

Jesus had a greater love. He died for his enemies too.

Remember that when you give this Christmas.

NOTE: May I inject a note of thanks here to my many readers who wrote or called this week to let me know you were praying for me in connection with my illness? Since my stroke, scores of you have let me know you are olding me up before the Lord. I am so thankful I am living in a world of praying Christians!

But for your precious prayers, I should now be a ghost- or worse, a spirit

Please continue to pray! I'm living proof that God answers the prayers of



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Matthew 4:16 "The people who sat in darkness saw great light and to them who sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up."

In the day when Christ was brought to Jerusalem for circumcision and for a presentation to God there was a man there whose name was Simeon and the Bible said Simeon was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel. And the Holy Ghost was upon him and it had been revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death till he had seen Christ. The Bible said when he took Jesus up in his arms and blessed God he was then ready to die. But the message here is in the 32nd verse when Simeon said being annointed by the Holy Ghost that a light to lighten the Gentiles was born. Now, to really understand this, you need to read II Kings 19th Chapter. When God sent one angel to the people of the Assyrans and this angel of God slew 185000 people of the Assyrians. God's people in those days were the seed of Abraham (Jewish). Now those people of the Assyrians were at one time somebody's children. Some mother or some father loved their children whether they be Assyrian or what have you. Even the people who were covered and drowned by the Red Sea, all these people were fathers or sons and being on the opposite of God was death.

Now can you imagine what the Gentiles felt in their hearts when they read and heard for themselves that no longer would they have to sit in darkness, no sitting in the

region and shawdow of death for now light had sprung up. But you know we have some today who were like Peter. They wanted to sit down and believe this light only came to certain churches, only to certain people. They say or tell you that you have to do this or do that when the word said the light had sprung up not by you or I but by God.

Peter's prejudice was so strong against the Gentiles that it took a divine rebuke from God for Peter to concede to such a doctrine. Acts

To those of you who are lost and don't know Jesus as your Savior, you no longer have to sit in darkness, no longer have to fear death for the day spring has been born and light has sprung up that you might be

John called him the Lamb of God which would take away the sins of the world. Elizabeth cried out and said, "Blessed is she who believed." Luke 1:45. He shall be great and shall be called the son of the highest. And John said this is He of whom I said, after me cometh a man who is preferred before for he was before me. John 1:30. To you on this Chirstmas day, Christ the savior has been born and to you as it was said to all you must be born again.

I want to wish you all (readers of the Carolina Indian Voice) a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

> Yours in Christ, Evangelist Ted Brooks and Family



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