

# EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

...the voice of the drum is an offering to the Spirit of the World. Its sound arouses the mind and makes men feel the mystery and power of things. -BLACK ELK



### As I See It Bruce Barton

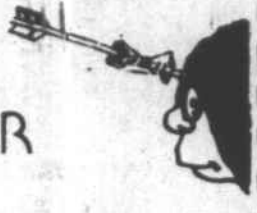


#### A CORRECTION

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

"Dr. Lee Oxendine, a dedicated 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."

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## A New Dawn is Possible in Robeson

To the Editor:

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 incumbent, Mr. McLeod, and/or his hand picked candidate have been busy 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 it 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.

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 CAUSE it to change.

After writing in such generalities, I now wish to speak of the sheriff's office in particular. Rumors abound... that the present sheriff, Malcolm McLeod, will 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 defeatist, 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 circumstances, have not in past circumstances, and will not in the future unless serious changes are made.

Gilbert J. Locklear  
Lumberton, NC

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

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 ways. 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. I 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 holy 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 amidst so many 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 pointsettia 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 on the lid 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 plain to me. 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

by Lew Barton  
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 whoever 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 any man should boast."

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 world."

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 holding 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 lost forever.

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



There's an oak tree in England that's large enough to hold 70 people in its hollow trunk.

Dale Brooks  
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### According to Scripture

Evangelist Ted Brooks

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 appointed 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 Assyrians and this angel of God slew 185,000 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.

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 Christmas 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

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



An American radio engineer and pioneer of radio astronomy, Karl Jansky, discovered radio emission from the Milky Way.

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### 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 decorated tree in hopes that Saint Nicholas would soon be there. The tiny tots celebrate Christ's birthday with joy and enthusiasm of wise men themselves.

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 Association would like to wish all of you a very merry Christmas and all the joys of the new year.

There are 47 children at Union Chapel Day Care Center between the ages of infant to 5 years.

There are 23 students at Wakulla between the ages of 2 to 5.

Merry Christmas is the director of the Union Chapel Day Care Center and Geraldine Oxendine directs the Wakulla Center.

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