

# EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

...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



### POLITICAL SIGNS OBJECT OF DESTRUCTION BY OPPOSING CAMPS

Right now it seems to be in vogue to tear down campaign signs. Really, it ought not be that way. Candidates should be allowed to put their signs up on willing sign posts, trees and assorted resting places without a distractor coming along later after dark and tearing them down.

Really, democracy should be practiced during this political season too. Leave the signs up. That's the right thing to do. We are going to vote for who we want to vote for anyway. Tearing down a sign will not deter us any longer.

Anyway, look at this sign post from a few years ago. It's a collector's item now. Recognize any of the candidates today? Some of them are still running. If someone had torn the sign down we would not be able to gaze upon this relic of the past...now, would we?



Yes! Leave the signs up. The candidates have a right to attempt to persuade us. And, on election day, vote for the candidate of your choice.

This editorial appeared in the Fayetteville Times a few days ago. We concur wholeheartedly. Why try to say something another way when it has already been said?

### SOUND DEVELOPMENT AT PSU

The way in which a master's degree program for teachers and public school administrators was developed for Pembroke State University is a fine example of how the University of North Carolina System ought to work.

The Robeson County campus of the system joined with Appalachian State University in a cooperative program as the first step toward the on-campus graduate effort.

Faculty members from the mountain campus came to PSU classrooms, and the strengths of both campuses were merged. PSU faculty gained experience in the graduate instruction role. Prospective students gained confidence that the PSU program could deliver the goods with sound courses, good materials, and dedicated teachers.

The cooperative venture expanded the horizons of both campuses and now the PSU part of the cooperative program is ready to stand on its own. The Board of Governors of the university has approved a fulfilled master's degree program for the Robeson campus.

The strength of the UNC System is ultimately in its ability to mobilize the elements of higher educational resources on varied campuses for cooperative endeavors of the sort that has born such fruit at PSU.

Part of the mandate of the University System is to assess the higher educational needs of North Carolina in terms of convenience and quality. Any such assessment would conclude that the region of the state served by PSU is deserving of special effort to both the convenience and the quality of higher educational resources.

The PSU accomplishment is a special tribute to the vision and the energy of that campus' leadership, especially that of Chancellor English Jones. It is one of the best examples of what the University of North Carolina System can and ought to be doing for higher education in the state. -Reprinted from the Fayetteville Times

### BRAVES CLUB A SPECIAL INTEREST OF MINE

And, another special interest of mine is the PSU Braves Club. I really want to see the community get involved with happenings on the Pembroke State University campus.

If we sit back and rue the good old days we will never feel a part of the university. Involvement is the key. It really is our university. But we have

to take part to be a part.

We are planning our first annual Braves Club Sports Award Banquet, Saturday night, April 29, 1978. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Our banquet speaker will be the popular and talented power forward from Wake Forest's basketball team. Rod Griffin is expected to go on the first round in the NBA draft in the near future. He has represented himself, his hometown and his school well. He is a fine young man and you will enjoy hearing him.

But mostly the banquet is to honor the Braves athletes. If they play hard on the field, do their very best, and represent the university well, we ought to take a moment and honor them. We plan to do that on the 29th.

Tickets are available just about everywhere. I have some to sell if you want to buy one. So does Jim Paul and the rest of the fellas.

Let's make this a very special night. (See places where tickets can be purchased elsewhere in this newspaper.)

## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

### Accommodation needed concerning Pembroke's Sidewalk Ban Ordinance

The continuing controversy over the Town ordinance prohibiting the placing of merchandise on the sidewalk for sale raises some interesting issues which need to be examined so that the Town Council can make a fair decision.

First of all, banning merchandise from the sidewalks affects only a portion of the business community. Insurance Agents, barbershops, beauty shops, etc., and others who merchandise primarily in service are unaffected by such an ordinance. Other businesses that are set back from town walks such as the Pembroke FCX who have the space for such displays without infringing on public walks are likewise unaffected by the ordinance. It would be interesting to know how many businessmen would actually be affected by a uniform enforcement of the ordinance.

Secondly, it would be more helpful for the public if someone would do a comprehensive written survey of those affected by the ordinance, so that we could all see the results. For one councilman to say "I have talked with five merchants" and another say "I've spoken to most of the businessmen in town" doesn't really help in making a tough decision. We are moving from being a small town where decisions are made mostly by consensus to a larger community where we need to work at accommodation conflicting concerns. Knowing more precisely how many people are for or against the ordinance could make whatever decision is made more understandable.

Thirdly, there is an economic issue involved. Those merchants who are restricted from placing their merchandise in front of their store because they are facing directly on the public walk are at a disadvantage in competing with say, Woods or the Piggly Wiggly both of which would be unaffected by the enforcement of the ordinance. So that, while Western Auto must wait for customers to come in to look at mowers, Woods can sell them from the walk in front of their store. The overall impact of such restrictive regulation is to discourage business in the "downtown" area, and promote it in our "mini-shopping center."

Fourthly, it is somehow ironic that while we are banning sidewalk sales in Pembroke, it is becoming an increasingly popular form of promotion for businesses in other towns. The direction in which we seem to be heading would not only remove newspaper stands and bicycles from the streets but special sale days also, such as dollar days of buy Pembroke Days. For a town which will block the streets several times during a year for parades, it seems inconsistent to ban the use of sidewalks by merchants.

Certainly the Town needs to be concerned for the safety of its citizens, but surely there is a middle ground, so that merchants who benefit from sidewalk sales need not bear the entire cost of the enforcement of a long ignored ordinance. The town needs the good will and tax dollars of these merchants.

Surely, accommodation is needed and possible in this instance. Reasonable men usually can accommodate one another. Let's be reasonable.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



### MERCHANT QUESTIONS TOWN'S POSITION ON DISPLAY OF MERCHANDISE

To The Editor:

I don't understand why a duly elected City Council would let themselves get drawn into a situation as they have on the ordinance of displaying merchandise on the street. Why in the first place, after all these years, did it become so dangerous to display our merchandise on the street. If so, we have had poor representation on our Town Council before.

Pembroke is a small town. We have a lot less traffic in our stores than they do in larger towns. Anyway that we can get more traffic in one store, if it is Mr. Cart Locklear's store, sooner or later some of this traffic is going to spill over into the rest of our business here in Pembroke.

### By Mr. Locklear displaying MERCHANT COMMENTS ON SIDEWALK ORDINANCE

Dear Sir:

Mayor Reggie Strickland said at Monday night's meeting of the Pembroke Town Council, "I have checked with the merchants in Pembroke and the majority is in favor of enforcing the ordinance as is...being democratic, the majority always rules."

Well, I contacted a few merchants myself and the only one in agreement with the mayor was Jim Paul from Pates Supply Company who said, "I think the sidewalks look better with the merchandise off..."

Of the following merchants contacted, only Jim Paul said that he had been contacted by the mayor:

- Curt Locklear, Pembroke Hardware; Hughes D. Lowry, Rogers Drug Store; Vardell Ransom, Road Runner Service Station; Lee Neville, Western Auto; Cliff Sampson, Sampson's Package Store; Super Dollar Store (contacted by Councilman Milton Hunt...in agreement); Willie Von Lowry, Nationwide Insurance; Eric Prevatte, Prevatte's Auto Parts; Hubert Oxendine, Oxendine's Jewelry; Sim Oxendine, Pembroke Service Station; Jim Freeman, Freeman's Sporting Goods (contacted by Councilman Milton Hunt) Said Freeman, "It doesn't matter to me if it's on

### A Note From Carnell

Dear Bruce:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the people who worked diligently with me to make The Carolina Indian Voice Appreciation Dinner a success. There were so many people involved that it is almost impossible to call all their names. So I wish to say a blanket thanks to everyone: to the committee; the entertainers; the ticket sellers; the buyers of the tickets; and especially the cooks. Someone has said that Indian people cannot unite except when the KKK attacks, Saturday night showed that statement to be false. We can do things together. In fact, Saturday night proved that people, all races, across this county can work together for the good of us all. I am ever ready to help people, all people of this county, move forward. Again, thanks to everyone.

Sincerely,  
Carnell Locklear



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## ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE

EVANGELIST TED BROOKS

Psalms 138:6 "Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; but the Proud He knoweth afar off."

light, stop sign in a moment, God will answer."

What's the matter? A preacher can get up and preach his heart out and preach the glory of God and yet the people do not come. The people fail to respond. When the writer of Luke tells that whereby the days springs from on high hath visited us. Luke 1:78. I believe if you believe that God sent his only begotten son unto the world to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace that people can be and will be saved. But it seems there is a problem. The word tells us that the proud He knoweth afar off. Psalms 138:6. God said I don't know you. You think and you act like you are something special and it is said when we think we are something, we are nothing. "Lest when you think you stand you shall fall." When the lowly people of God have ceased to give God the praise, when the church will no longer have people who can say as David, "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt receive me - thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me." Verse 7.

We need to be like Elizabeth who was filled with the Holy Ghost and the Bible said she spoke with a loud voice and said, "Blessed art thou for He that is mighty hath done to me great things and Holy is his name. Luke 1:41. No, my sister and brother, God will not honor you when you're too proud to tell the world, too proud to lift your voices, too proud to give him praise. When you refuse to move, but sit by the river of Babylon with your harp upon the willows. For man has said, "No need to seek God with a perfectionism belief." It has been told now that while you sit at a stop

light, stop sign in a moment, God will answer."

But to those who were like the Edom and the Pharisees,

No, my friend, we can keep having revivals and meetings, but if we as Christians don't give him the praise, if we don't lift our voices so that the world can see us and be filled with the Holy Spirit and for us to be effective to witness for God, I'm afraid that we fall in a land. When we realize where we are, we will be like the children of God when they were captive Children of God, when they were captive and taken to a strange land. When they were asked to sing, they wept when they remembered how it use to be. I am afraid when some of the older members are gone on to be with the Lord that you too will remember how they could praise God with tears and with a loud voice. How they could amen from the time the preacher got up until he sat down. Church it is dangerous to forget God and to be proud. David in Psalms 137:7 said, "Remember, O Lord, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem who said rose it even to the foundation thereof. The people wanted to hear no more of God's glory. The Edom people told them to rise it. In other words, don't praise God. You remember when Jesus was entering into the City of Jerusalem and it tells the people of God to sit their savior on a colt or ass and how the people went ahead spreading their garments and cutting down branches and the people with a loud voice were crying Hosanna. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. When he entered into the city, it was moved, but along the way there were those who cried also, but their cry was different, "Master, rebuke thy disciples." And Jesus said, "I tell you that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." Luke 19:39-40.

Now, you may read and take this the way you want, but God said it and these things do come to pass. Just about every week we know of a child who has been runned over or even got burned up in cars, homes, etc. Even train wrecks are taking lives of the youth. So, you go on and play church. Don't praise God as your savior. Pray at stop signs and stop lights, but you remember what God has said in Psalms 150:6.

Let every things that hath breath praise the Lord. But woe unto them who call evil, good and good evil, who put darkness for light, and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter, Isaiah 5:20.

It is a sad thing when tragedy comes and, if the person is lost, we try to bring comfort by saying God needed him or God knows best. No my friend, often you should read Psalms 137:1-9 how dangerous it is to forget God. Everybody wants to serve him, but they want no one to know it. Every body now and then will say I know God, but David said in this way we shall sing of the Lord for great is the glory of the Lord.

Yours in Christ,



Wealthy ladies in ancient Rome sometimes washed themselves in a sugary mixture consisting of 20 pounds of crushed strawberries and two pounds of raspberries.

## This Is.... WYVIS OXENDINE Candidate for COUNTY COMMISSIONER for Pembroke, Maxton and Smiths Districts



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COMMUNITY SERVICE: Coach for Prospect Summer League (baseball) 1974; Assistant Track Coach at Maxton 1975-1976; Served on Vocational Occupational Committee for Maxton City Schools; Facilitator in County Wide Voting Registration; Project evaluator for Boston Indian Council; Title IV, Part A.

EXPERIENCE: Procurement Specialist in Air Force; Director of Maxton City School Indian Education Program 1973-1977; Designed a multi-million dollar proposal for industrial economic development for economically distressed areas; Designed a comprehensive educational plan for a school system; Assisted in developing a multi-million dollar proposal for a 1-year American Indian Program at Harvard University; Assistant Principal at Lowland Middle School 1977-78.

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