

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

AS I SEE IT

by Bruce Barton



High School Sports Schedule

VARSITY BASEBALL

Thursday, April 26: Bladenboro at St. Pauls (N), Littlefield at Orrum (N), Prospect at Maxton, Red Springs at Tarheel (N), Magnolia at Nakina (N), and Parkton at Rowland.
Friday, April 27: West Columbus at Pembroke (N), Lumberton at Hoke County (N), and East Bladen at Fairmont.
Tuesday, May 1: Pembroke at East Bladen (N), St. Pauls at Littlefield (N), Richmond County at Lumberton (N), and Orrum at Red Springs (N).

J.V. BASEBALL

Friday, April 27: Hoke County at Lumberton
Tuesday, May 1: Lumberton at Richmond County

SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 26: Pembroke at East Bladen, Maxton at Prospect, Tar Heel at Red Springs, and Rowland at Parkton.
Monday, April 30: West Columbus at Pembroke.

TENNIS

Friday, April 27: Hoke County at Lumberton
Tuesday, May 1: 3-Rivers Conference Singles Tournament.
Wednesday, May 2: 3-Rivers Conference Doubles Tournament.

TENNIS RESULTS

Bulldogs win Pair
St. Pauls 9 Whiteville 0
Singles: Thompson (SP) over Straughan (W) 6-2, 6-3; Walters (SP) over Holt (W) 6-0, 6-1; Monroe (SP) over Monds (W) 6-2, 6-1; Crenshaw (SP) over Thompson (W) 6-1, 6-4; White (SP) over Parks (W) 6-1, 6-1; and Johnson (SP) over Baker (W) 6-1, 6-0.
Doubles: Walters & Thompson (SP) over Straughan & Parks (W) 8-1; Crenshaw & White (SP) over Holt & Baker (W) 8-3; Ray & McCormick (SP) over Thompson & Howard (W) 8-5.
Records: St. Pauls (13-0), Whiteville (unavailable)

St. Pauls 9 Laney 0

Singles: Thompson (SP) over Vann (L) 6-2, 6-1; Walters (SP) over Russell (L) 6-1, 6-1; Monroe (SP) over Pigford (L) 6-3, 6-4; Crenshaw (SP) over Howell (L) 6-2, 7-5; White (SP) over Hall (L) 6-2, 6-1; Ray (SP) over Helms (L) 6-2, 6-2.
Doubles: Walters & Thompson (SP) over Russell & Vann (L) 8-3; Johnson & White (SP) over Rigford & McGee (L) 8-4; McCormick & Graham (SP) over Howell & Helms (L) 8-6.
Records: St. Pauls (12-0), Laney (unavailable)

UP FROM DUST & DARKNESS

by Lew Barton,
Third Century Artist

TODAY JUST HASN'T BEEN MY DAY

Today just hasn't been my day. Not one thing's turned out right. I overslept and missed my meal. I broke my bedside light. I stepped on my poor kitten's tail. As I dashed off for work. I blundered in the wrong restroom. And drove some chick berserk. And so it's been throughout the day... Much better off I'd been. If I had stayed in bed all day. With such luck, one can't win.
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ICOME NOT TO PRAISE CEASAR

During the past few days, we have been subjected to the most bedazzling display of political wizardry in the annals of Robeson County politics. In the brightness of deceptive illusions, the name of a Republican somehow got replaced by that of a Democrat. And the man who fought bitterly to destroy Old Main, somehow came out sounding like the man who actually restored her.

Which is okay, I guess, if you happen to like political baffoonery and bologna. As for me, I'm an historian and a realist. I can afford fantasies only in the privacy and stillness of my bedroom. Now that the fanfare and ballyhoo are temporarily stilled, I must calmly and coldly contemplate our past. And resolutely decide this question: **Do I want my children's children and their children's children after them to believe a lie about our past? Or do we all owe our posterity the simple truth? I found the answer and I feel sure you will, too.**

I come, therefore, not to praise Caesar and wish him god's speed at his moment of departure, but rather to set the record straight. And the record of official decisions and official actions does not read that English E. Jones saved Old Main, all the recent publicity notwithstanding.

JIM TO THE RESCUE

I was at PSU on that fateful day that James E. Holshouser promised that if elected Governor, he would do everything in his power to save Old Main.

I remember well because it was I who asked him the inevitable question: "If elected, what are you going to do about Old Main?"

"Save Old Main! Save Old Main!" roared a couple dozen of our Tuscarora brethren, stationed in the hall just outside our door.

Before he left the PSU campus that day, the Governor-to-be was already making plans with Mrs. Janie Maynor Locklear and others as to Old Main's future.

Jim kicked off his campaign in Pembroke. And he did it with a full-scale Indian dance. Robeson Indians joined hands with other Indians to dance happily around in circles. It was the initiation of a political campaign such as Robeson's politicians had never seen, nor were ever likely to see again.

Jim's political promise paid off for him and for us. Largely because of his decisions in the direction of Old Main, he became the first Republican Governor of North Carolina in 70 years.

Now, I'm not saying that Jim did it all alone. Democrats helped, too-by the score they helped. And eventually they even wrote the salvation of Old Main into their political platform.

But it was James E. Holshouser who grabbed the Old Main football and ran victoriously with it toward the finish line. And he never let go until the restoration of Old Main was assured. No one else could have done or did as much.

HELPERS

Oh sure, I was first to sound the alarm. And Danford Dial was the first warrior on the Indian warpath. The Tuscarora joined him and Harold Deese with open hearts. Janie Maynor Locklear, Brantley Blue, Shirley Lowry, Dexter Brooks, Earl Hughes Oxendine, Mrs. Elizabeth Maynor, Carnell Locklear, and others, were in the fight practically from the word go.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

U.S. Indian Claims Commissioner Brantley Blue gave direction to our efforts from an early date. He also put the campaign on a big league basis by winning the support of the National Congress of American Indians, and other such prestigious organizations. He won the support of the White House and the fight went on.

JAMES E., NOT ENGLISH E. SAVED OLD MAIN

Chancellor English E. Jones bitterly contested every step in the direction of saving Old Main-until a Republican Governor took over and his role in the matter was ordered in the opposite direction by his superiors. But even so, Old Main was razed by the flames of an arsonist or arsonists while in the protective custody of English E. Jones

WHO BURNED OLD MAIN?

The battle to save Old Main grew increasingly hotter. Jones began to refer to Save Old Mainers as "those people" and refused to even discuss the possibility of saving Old Main with us.

PROTECTIVE CUSTODY A MUST

The protective custody of Old Main became apparent when white students, siding with Jones, publicly threatened to knock down the building themselves-with sledge hammers.

We immediately placed the building under surveillance. Recognizing the dangers involved, I went on television and warned such students and all other people so inclined, of the high feelings of Indian people in the matter. "I'm threatening no one," I said. "But I am warning them of the dangers involved. Anyone attempting to harm that building will be taking his life into his own hands."

Eventually, Jones took over protective custody of the building, padlocking it, fencing it in and allowing not even reporters to enter. How, then, did arsonists enter the building, pour kerosene in three different areas and then escape undetected by anyone, not even the night watchman?

The finger of suspicion points to someone on the inside. No convictions were forthcoming, however, not even when Gov. Holshouser offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to any such convictions.

"LET IT BURN!"

I'm accusing no one, but facts are facts. I was standing within earshot when the Chairman of the PSU Board of Trustees said to firemen battling the flames: "Let it burn! It should have been burned down long ago!"

Jones stood nearby. Whether he heard what the chairman said to the fireman, I do not know. But I do know that I went to Jones with this information immediately. "You are

responsible." I accused. "That building was in your protective custody and look at it now!" Or words to that effect.

WHO BURNED OLD MAIN?

I still don't know who burned Old Main. And my suspicions I will keep to myself. But I darn well know who didn't save Old Main. And I know who did.

His name is James E.-not English E. And the fact that he is a Republican makes not the slightest bit of difference to me. I want my grandchildren and their grandchildren, after them, to know the truth about who saved Old Main. And I'm happy to have had some small part in it myself.

A Tribute to Mr. Tom Oxendine

by W. Lonnie Revels

Today, they buried "Mr. Tom" Oxendine-a great American, a leader, teacher, scholar, statesman, farmer, father, neighbor, friend, sportsman, Christian-a proud Lumbee Indian; but, above all-a man. His smile was as much a part of him as the clothes he wore or the way he combed his hair. He somehow knew it was contagious and so enjoyed spreading it around.

He never met a man he could not talk to. He was always happy-a cheerful hello, a hearty handshake, a funny story-these were his trademarks. He loved young people. For over 40 years, he taught them the 3R's: love of God and country; respect for one's fellow man; how to live, how to work, how to play; yes, he taught them many things, but above all, he taught them to dream, to aim high, to literally reach for the stars. A visionary, he long ago envisioned a day in his native Robeson County when young Indian boys and girls would-unlike the days of his boyhood-have opportunities to successfully compete and excel in every fact of life. The Great Spirit allowed him to stay with us-until he had seen our young people become lawyers, doctors, engineers, teachers, preachers, elected to public office, school superintendents, pharmacists, manufacturers, college professors, university chancellors, and anything else they wanted to become. As "Mr. Tom" had done before them, they too met the challenge head on and found their successful places in the sun.

A devoted husband, he leaves a kind and gentle wife to carry on as the matriarch of the family he was so very proud of. A loving, kind, considerate-yet stern and demanding father, he reared eight children who followed in the footsteps of their father. They knew they were expected to be successful and to offer something worthwhile to humanity because their father had shown, not merely told, them how.

Yes, today they buried Mr. Tom. His memory, his smile, his gentleness live on in the hearts and minds of us all. He, like our Indian grandfathers of old, left us a legacy-a heritage rich with promise and bright with hope. I would like to especially challenge the Indian youth to practice the ways and wisdom of this great man.

I knew "Mr. Tom" all my life, it seems. I loved, admired and respected him. He was to me a symbol of greatness, of respect, of honor, of integrity, of success. Today, when I heard that this great baseball player has finally played his last game on this ball field, I closed my eyes and envisioned once more smiling, witty, dark-skinned man who loved his God and his people.

I whispered goodbye while still managing a smile. You see, "Mr. Tom" would have wanted it that way. Yes, that's the way he was.

Observes Golden Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Taft Lowry celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 15, 1979 at Tabernacle Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lowry are two of the founders of the church.

They observed the occasion by rededicating their marriage

vows. Rev. Nash Locklear officiated and Rev. Tommy Haggins rendered the prayer.

Mr. Lowry was born July 2, 1907 in Greensboro, Miss. Mrs. Julie Lowry was born October 15, 1905 in Robeson County. They were united in

marriage on April 11, 1929 in Dillon, South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft Lowry are shown above rededicating their marriage vows. Rev. Nash Locklear is shown officiating and Rev. Tommy Haggins is shown, left, witnessing the ceremony.

Con Men -vs- Good Old Boys

Lumberton-The "Con-Men" of Raleigh meet the "Good Old Boys" of Lumberton on Wednesday, May 2, when the North Carolina General Assembly travels to Robeson County to compete with the Lumberton Lions Club in a benefit basketball game for the Robeson County Cancer Crusade.

Don Cooper and Jim Kirkland of the Lions Club are co-chairing the event which is scheduled for May 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Robeson County Recreation Center located on the corner of Pine St. and Elizabethtown Road in Lumberton.

Rep. Horace Locklear, Robeson County Cancer Crusade Chairman, is making the

announcement, commented, "I am especially pleased that the Lions Club is taking an interest in the project. Hopefully the event will be a great push in our efforts to raise the \$10,000 needed in meeting the county goal for the Cancer Crusade."

Locklear will be among the fifteen North Carolina Representatives and Senators dressing out to challenge the Lions in the game. All proceeds from the game go toward the Robeson County Cancer fundraising project.

Tickets may be purchased from any Lumberton Lions Club member or may be purchased at the door. Admission's \$1.00. For further ticket information, please telephone 421-3226.

THE MESSAGE OF THE HOUR

I would like to present this outline to every God called preacher and teacher in Robeson and adjoining counties. Not only for you to read, but for you to preach and teach to the people in your churches on a regular basis, to inform and warn them about:

I. The Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:2) (1 Corinthians 15, 12 thru 19.)

II. An eternal salvation to whosoever will accept and believe in the heart. (John 5:24) (Romans 6:23) (Eph. 2:8) (Romans 10:9).

III That there is an eternal hell at the end of a Christless life. (254 times in 234 Chapters of God's Word).

IV. The Bible fact that Jesus is coming real, real soon. Why I believe it to be any day now, because of the signs. 1. Sodom and Gomorrah days- 2. Peter 2:5-8; Noah's Day. Matthew 24:37-39. Most of all the fig tree- Matthew 24:32-35.

V. Immediately following this comes the tribulation period for seven years on this earth, better known as Jacobs Trouble. This is the seventy weeks spoken of by Daniel in Daniel 9:20-27. During this time the Saints will be at the Judgement Seat (1 Corinthians 3:11-15), then at the Marriage Supper (Revelations 19:6-9).

VI. Then comes the Saints with the King of Kings back to this earth (Rev. 19:11-14) to see Christ set up his Kingdom. We will reign with him one thousand years and there will be peace on earth at last for one thousand years. (Revelations 20:1-4).

VII. Then comes the Great White Throne Judgement (Revelations 20:11-15) where all sinners and ungodly shall appear to be judged for eternity.

VIII. Then comes the saints moving to the city that John saw coming down out of heaven (Revelations 21). We will be with Jesus forever in our new home.

We extend a hearty welcome to visit our church, the Gospel of Grace Baptist Church, W. Elm Street, Maxton, North Carolina. This Church is the end of your search for an Independent Missionary Baptist Church.

Pastor Buck Bowen

Recipient of Rex S. Winslow Scholarship



Terry Dean Brayboy

Chapel Hill-Terry Dean Brayboy of Pembroke is the recipient of a Rex S. Winslow Scholarship at the University of North Carolina School of Business Administration.

The Rex S. Winslow Scholarship was established by the NC Real Estate Educational Foundation as an annual award in memory of the late Dr. Winslow. This year three Rex S. Winslow Scholarships were given, valued at \$400 each.

Brayboy, a senior majoring in business administration at UNC-CH, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brayboy of Pembroke. He is a graduate of East Wake High School in Wendell.

Attends Foreign Language Workshop



Vivian Sterling, left, and Mrs. Dolores Jones.

Mrs. Dolores Jones, a Spanish teacher at Pembroke Senior High, and Vivian Sterling, an exchange student from Venezuela, were participants at a recent Foreign Language Weekend at Lantana Lodge, Caswell Beach.

Mrs. Jones was one of the guest speakers and gave a 30 minute presentation in the target language entitled "Arroz Con Pollo: Sharing Ideas Which Have Been Successful In The Classroom." During the presentation she related to the International Exchange Program of which the school has been affiliated for the past 8 years. She introduced Ms. Sterling who is this year's exchange student. Vivian had a chance to exchange cultural ideas with natives of Spain, Cuba and Chile.

The purpose of the seminar was for the teachers to become totally immersed in the Spanish language in every aspect. Teachers and natives through out North Carolina were in attendance. The seminar is an annual occurrence and is sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Pro Boxing Here May 4

Professional boxing returns to Fayetteville May 4 with an eight-bout card at 8 p.m. in Cumberland County Memorial Arena.

The main event is the 12-round North Carolina heavyweight championship which will pit the current champion, Rocky Jr. Bentley, against Claman "Sandman" Parker. Other bouts include a heavyweight bout between Clenton "King" Cochran and "Big Tom" Walker, a middleweight contest between Yue Misha "Kid Dragon" Tschen and "Boston Blackie," and a lightweight fight between Gary "Sundance" Barlow and Odie "The Chief" Locklear. The rest of the card has Bulldog Patterson versus Don Collins, Joel Patterson versus Ed Smith, and Billy Gladden, "Charlie Boy" Williamson and Percy Vample will fight in separate bouts.

Admission is \$15 for golden ringside, \$10 for ringside and \$4 for general admission.



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PRAYER OF SERENITY

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.