

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

AS I SEE IT

by Bruce Barton



A PERSONAL NOTE...

I am a follower of Christ, and a member of Deep Branch Baptist Church in that order. I follow Christ, not man. I want to be like Christ. I am gloriously happy; it is wonderful, beyond articulation, to have a personal Saviour.

But I believe Christians should herald their allegiance to Christ by their Christ-like actions; therefore, I do little bragging about my Christianity. I know, instinctively, that folks would rather see a sermon than hear one. That is why I try to be Christ like in my dealings with my fellowman. One should know you are a Christian if they hang around you for any length of time. They should not have to ask you.

But this one time only I wish to say a few words about my church-Deep Branch Baptist Church. It is a good church, peopled by good and earthy folk who love Christ. I found Christ at Deep Branch Baptist Church. My church is special to me, as I am sure yours is.

We are having a special day at Deep Branch Baptist Church this coming Sunday. We are honoring Mr. Claude A. Sampson, a life long member of the Deep Branch Baptist Church. He will be 78 years old on July 26, today. That is his chronological age, his physical age. But he will be noting another special birthday on the 29th, his spiritual birthday. He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour 58 years ago the 29th of July.

He is a faithful member of his church, and is presently teaching the senior men's adult class. He has served his God and church faithfully over the years and heads the social committee at the present time.

Mr. Claude is a decent man.

fearful of God and helpful to his fellowman. He is a proud member of the Deep Branch community, presently serving as president of the Deep Branch Volunteer Fire Department. He cares; he is led by Christ.

He has been going to Deep Branch Baptist Church "as long as I can remember." When I am a senior citizen, if the Lord allows me to remain on earth that long, I want to be known, like Mr. Claude is, as a decent man, one who fears God and loves his fellow man.

The entire service Sunday will be dedicated to Mr. Claude. There will be a brief program between Sunday School and Worship Service recognizing Mr. Claude for his unwavering fidelity to his God and church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Later, after church turns out, there will be an old fashioned covered dish meal at the Deep Branch Volunteer Fire Department.

It is an honor for me to know Mr. Claude. He has taught me a lot as an elder at my church. It is good for us to honor and respect our elders. They have a lot to teach us; we have a lot to learn.

I say this: honor the elders among you; learn all you can from them. What they teach us (and what we learn) is the continuity of life. We cannot know where we are going if we do not know where we have been. Mr. Claude can tell us alot about where we have been at Deep Branch Baptist Church.

It is good and right to honor our elders, our parents. God bless you Mr. Claude, may Sunday be a special day for you. We love you!

Dr. Oxendine's Complaint Is Proper

Some say it's sour grapes; others contend that it will do no good. Others are so busy sidling up to Dr. Paul Givens that they don't want to be distracted. But the recent complaint lodged by Dr. Joseph Oxendine with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is proper, and is a welcome respite from the rhetoric of late. Finally, someone is doing something constructive about an untenable situation.

Whatever happens, I believe Pembroke State University is threatened as an institution of higher learning. Pembroke State University is not a pet project of local legislators, like East Carolina or Raleigh or UNC-Chapel Hill, etc. No one seems to really care about the institution except the Indian community. The esprit de corp of the institution is disgraceful. The mostly transient student body could care less about the school. They don't ride around with Braves bumper stickers or defend the antics of this Braves celebrity or that one.

The faculty lives mostly in Lumberton. They work at Pembroke State University but they wish the institution was some place else. They are uncomfortable with the school's Indian heritage.

But the Indian community cares about the school. They support the school through good times and bad. Without the Indian community support PSU most likely would be a rest home for administrators with high blood pressure and the like.

It is time to stand and fight. I support Dr. Oxendine's complaint. I pray he is successful. PSU needs Indian leadership through the difficult years ahead. Without Indian leadership, we expect PSU to be closed down in the next few years as a regional university. Maybe swap places with RTI or become an adjunct of Fayetteville State or be supplanted by nearby Campbell College or St. Andrews or any of a hundred or more possibilities.

Racism is real; it cannot be hidden from view. Racism is like a cancer; it will eventually destroy you. One should never accept racism; even a hint of it. When racism is suspected, a complaint should be lodged forthwith. It is good that Dr. Joseph Oxendine has lodged a complaint; now let his complaint be investigated fully.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Workshop Plans Dedication Service

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Monday, July 30th is a significant day in the life of the Pembroke Area Presbyterian Ministry! At 11:00 a.m. that morning we will dedicate the new facilities of the Pembroke Community Workshop, a mission project of the Pembroke Ministry.

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. Dr. Albert Winn will be with us to deliver the dedicatory address. Luncheon will be served immediately following the service.

You may remember that the Workshop began in April 1978 providing work experience, counseling and assistance to otherwise unemployable persons in the Pembroke area. We began with only four (4) clients and 250 square feet of floor space. On June 1, 1979 we moved into a building which we have renovated ourselves, which has 8400 square feet, enough room for

our present work and for expansion too. We now have twenty (20) full time clients and twenty-two (22) summer youth work experience clients. This has only been possible with God's guidance and the grateful support of all the people of Fayetteville Presbytery.

Therefore, Monday we will give thanks for the providence of God that we should be so fortunate in being able to employ and help so many people in such a short time.

We look forward to your being with us for this joyous occasion and hope that you will make time in your busy schedule to join us both for the dedicatory service and the luncheon following.

So that we might make preparation for the proper number, please call the Workshop at (919) 521-8661 before Friday noon, to let us know you will be coming.

Yours in Christ Rev. John Robinson

Making Family Life More Fun

Planning a trip this year? If so, little need to worry about fuel if you spend your vacation in a city.

For many vacationers, nothing beats the glamour and glitter of the city—particularly on special occasions like birthdays and anniversaries when you and your spouse want to celebrate with a few good dinners out, followed by a show or concert.

Many of the nation's hotels offer special packages and, once you arrive, you can use mass transportation to reach many areas of the city. Week or weekend packages sometimes include such amenities as drinks and meals, hotel facilities such as saunas and pools and free transportation to nearby recreational facilities.

One way to plan what to see and do, as well as where to stay is to use the new Mobil City, Vacation and

Business Guide. It lists some 1,000 hotels and restaurants in 53 cities, and quality-rates them with Mobil's one-to-five-star system.



The Guide also provides information on all major attractions and maps of downtown areas and airports to help you navigate. It rates and describes the fare in the nation's best restaurants and is available at many Mobil service stations and bookstores for \$4.95. A city vacation can mean more time off the road and more time enjoyed together. It can make a big difference in the way you feel when you return home, too!

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HIGHER EDUCATION Voter Education Drive?

- 13. Where do you go to vote? & 14. Who is your Registrar? 15. What happens if you do not vote for four years? 16. What are the only elections that absentee ballots are not permitted? 17. What elections will be held this year in Robeson County?

In case you cannot answer all of these questions, the Robeson County Board of Elections has instituted a Voter Education course in order to be able to inform the peoples of Robeson County on the voting process. We are available to teach this course which we like to call "The Mini Course on Voter Education" upon schedule through the Office of the Robeson County Board of Elections, 108 West Elizabethtown Road (across from the county jail in the old Christian Alliance Church), Lumberton, North Carolina. If any civic organization, church, private group or just a group of interested citizens are interested in this program, please contact:

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Marton Supervisor of Elections Robeson County Board of Elections 108 West Elizabethtown Rd. P.O. Box 313 Lumberton, N.C. 28358 Telephone: (919) 739-2984

The program for this month's meeting August 13, 1979 will be the Robeson County Sheriff's Department, also presented will be the North Carolina Highway Patrol and the State Bureau of Investigations. The topic of the program will be "Community Watch and Crime Prevention". This will be presented by the Sheriff's Department. The Post Commander Harold B. Locklear offers an open invitation and request that all members attend this meeting. It has something to offer us as home owners and citizens of any and all communities Sheriff Stone promises this will be a rewarding program, to you the members of Post # 2843.

Attention Post Members For the next couple of weeks with the help of comrad Monroe Lowry we will feature help in obtaining scholarships for children of certain diseases disabled, or POW/MIA Veterans as provided under Chapter 165, Article 4 General Statutes of North Carolina.

Comrad Lowry is the 13th District representative. The 13th district covers about (6) counties to include Robeson, he serves as a commissioner on the State Board of Commissioners for Veterans Affairs. Comrad Lowry resides here in the city of Pembroke at PO Box 998, Pembroke, N.C. 28372 or may be reached at area code 919-521-2881.

Comrad Lowry states that you should read these very carefully. It may save you future trouble and expense. In applying for a scholarship of this sort remember, a scholarship award doesn't automatically put you in the institution of your choice. It merely helps pay your expenses in a college, university, Junior college, Community college, or Technical Institute in North Carolina. If you have applied in time you can meet the entrance requirements. Advance arrangements for a dormitory room or other approved lodging facility will also be your responsibility.

In the next couple of issues we hope to answer questions for you like: 1) When can I apply? 2) Who may I seek advice assistance from, to see if I am eligible? 3) What makes me eligible? 4) What must I submit?

I hope that these and other questions will be answered through this series of articles. There are five (5) categories of eligibility in qualifying for this assistance, who knows maybe you fit in one of these categories.

Harold Hunt PC Post #2843

THE FIRST WOMAN TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN IN AN AIRPLANE WAS AMELIA BARNHART. ON JUNE 17, 1928, MS. BARNHART, A PASSENGER, LEFT TERPSICHA, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LANDED IN WALES AFTER 33 HOURS, 40 AND 40 MINUTES OF FLIGHT.

FOR MAPS & FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL W. R. McDuffie - Surveyor 738-9903 Or Phillip Culbreth 738-7015

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