## **EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE...**

As I

by Bruce Barton

See It



Many gospel groups parti-cipated; it was uplifting spiri-

tually, too. Turnaway crowds attended, spilling over into the

Located on Highway 74, the church is the home of many

singing groups, including the original D & L Gospel Singing

Group that revitalized an

interest in local gospel singing

disbanded now, with a number

of the group performing with

other groups, the D & Ls got

together Saturday night at the

It was an honor to be

present and hear them and all

the other participating groups sing to the glory of God. The

original D & Ls have a sound

all their own that I have never

The group is made up of

members of the Dial and

WEATHERING THE STORM

AT DEEP BRANCH CHURCH

been on the loose at Deep

Branch Baptist Church but,

thank God, the Lord has been

there too ... And the church

seems, now, to be weathering

the spiritual storm that has

beset it over the last few

Fundamental questions

arose, culminating in a vote of

confidence in our pastor, the

Rev. Chesley McNeill. The

majority of the membership

voted to retain him as pastor.

But some resentment and

What does it mean? Is it

simply Biblical prophecy com-

ing to past? Our Adam natures

seem to befuddle us on every

After a while I ran from the

battle because it seemed to be

debilitating to me spiritually. I

have been visiting other churches, gathering up my

church where God wonderfully

saved me. Deep Branch seems

to be symtomatic of what is

happening everywhere. De-

mon forces seem to be attack-

ing the church, God's Sacred

Place. All churches are being

shaken by internal disputes

I love my church and will

abide by the wishes of the

membership, assuming that it

is in keeping with what I

envision as God's will for me.

It seems to me that we must

plant our feet and stand

through thick and thin,

through good times and bad.

Unless God leads me in

another direction I plan to

contribute to the growth of

Deep Branch Baptist Church

in every way I possibly can. It

"A friend is, as it were, a second self." Cicero

is good to be home.

bitterness remains.

spiritual resolve.

and rumblings.

Seemingly the Devil has

all night gospel sing.

heard duplicated.

Locklear families.

few years ago. Mostly

MORE ON "WHITE FLIGHT"...

White flight, that's what they call it. In the big cities they flee to the subburbs; Pembroke State faculty members and administrators flee to Lumberton and similar environs. It is called "white flight" because most of those fleeing are WASPs, white anglo saxon

White flight is a sociological aberration, a societal sickness because one group of folk (WASPs, white angle saxon protestants) imply by their actions that they are better than another group of folk (the mostly Indian populace surrounding Pembroke State University). It is subtle racism, subtle, but racism never the

The new chancellor, Dr. Paul Givens, intimates that he wishes to improve campuscommunity relations. He seems sincere. But I have hit the societal nail on the head: the real boogie man is the attitude of whites who administer and teach and attend Pembroke State University. To be effective, they must become part of the PSU community; afterall, it is PSU we are writing about...not Lumberton State University. No one should ever forget that; that's the crux of the matter. Whites, for the most part, in Lumberton and other near by cities, avail themselves of the services offered by the university, but they do not support the school. Alumni support is pathetic at best; PSU graduates (except for the Indian alumni), for the most part, do not support PSU. When they (a majority of the white students) graduate from PSU, they do not return to watch a alumni gathering. It is sad, indeed!

The symbol is gone (Dr. English E. Jones, the Indian ex-chancellor); it is time to say things out loud.

As noted in earlier columns Pembroke and Lumberton have little in common; antipathies exist between the two unities. One is progressive, liberal (Pembroke); the other (Lumberton) is conservative. One (Pembroke) is peopled mostly by Indians; the other (Lumberton) is mostly white. The two communities possess little in common.

But the majority of the PSU faculty and administration work in Pembroke during the day and live in Lumberton after dark. It is condescending; it is wrong; it is demeaning to the Indian populace who watch them ride through town every day to their domiciles in Lumberton and elsewhere. They say, in passing, "you are not good enough for us to live among We will not buy your goods or use your banks or send our children to your schools, but we will come in during the day and make a living in the schools that you erected in the name of Indian education."

It would be sort of like NAACP (the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) being over run by the Ku Klux Klan.

It is my responsibility to talk about this serious problem out loud in public; it is the responsibility of the university leadership to do something constructive about it. Appoint a committee to examine the problem and develop a solu-tion; look for funding to pay for possibilities are as endless as our minds. If we can articulate the problem we can solve it.

Let's quit sticking our heads in the societal sands, let's solve this societal problem; we can do it. Together.

WHITE HILL A SYMBOL

## **Promoted**



Linda L. Chavis

The Lumbee Bank recently announced the promotion of Linda L. Chavis to the position of Assistant Cashier, Miss Chavis' responsibilities willbe primarily in the area of Loans and Funds Management. She has been employed with the Lumbee Bank since January 1973. Miss Chavis graduated from Pembroke State University in 1972 with a B.S. Degree in Business Education.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chavis of the Union Chapel area.



**OXENDINES GATHER** 

The family of the late Joseph and Maggie Oxendine gathered recently at the home of a son, Hartley (Fannie Lou) Oxendine of Pembroke, to share a pig picking and fellowship.

Approximately fifty relatives attended the festive occasion, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

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# LRDA

ness Project staff was the special guests of Lumbee Regional Development Association, Monday, Oct. 15. James Monroe Chavis invited H-CAP as part of LRDA's weekly staff meeting policy of sharing an educational resource aid with the entire associ-

Bill J. Brewington, coordifessionals

A multi media presentation produced by Marcia Locklear, project counselor, presented the activities of the program in music and pictures, including all the activities and services provided by H-CAP during its first year. Locklear, takes care of the guidance services necessary for awareness and positive exposure.

The LRDA staff learned how

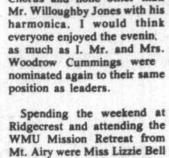


## Staff Visits

nator for the project presented an overall view of the program supplying the objectives and rationale for the project. The project is dedicated to the involvment of more minorities into the health fields. The staff identifies, recruits, and motivates high school seniors into the health professions by increasing their awareness. "These objectives," explained Brewington, "are met by an overall process of counseling. visitations to various health institutions, and personal counseling from medical pro-

The health career awareness project is a 3-year health career opportunity grant entering its second year of service. The Dept. of HEW is seeking through the H-CAP program to expose and recruit more of Robeson County's yough, particularly minorities into the health professions.

the H-CAP program could serve as a resource agency for them, supplementing their own counseling services. The staff of LRDA and H-CAP was made aware of the numerous aspects in which they could utilize and aid each other in their efforts to help the Indian students in Robeson County.



#### position as leaders. Spending the weekend at Ridgecrest and attending the WMU Mission Retreat from Mt. Airy were Miss Lizzie Bell Locklear, Mrs. Macy Woodell, Mrs. Ludalia Cummings. Mrs.

Joann Dimery, Mrs. Mary Jane Bryant, Mrs. Reta Locklear, Mrs. Adrene Locklear. Mrs. Gail Locklear, Mrs. Mary Sue Chavis, Mrs. Quae Cummings, also Mrs. Vivian Oxendine from Tabernacle Baptist Church. They report they realy really enjoyed their mission and also their trip.

with the Quarterly Association al Singing beginning at 2 p.m. Choirs present besides Mr.

Airy were West End Baptist,

Burnt Swamp, First Baptist, Mount Bethel, Reedy Branch,

Bear Swamp, Harpers Ferry,

Lowery Family of Fayetteville,

Ladies Chorus of Pembroke,

and the Pembroke Mens'

Chorus and none other than

#### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Locklear are the proud parents of a baby son, Randy Jerome, Jr. who weighed 9 lb. 1 oz. when born October 19 at Scotland Memorial Hospital, Laurinburg. Maternal grand parents are Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Hagans. Paternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Winford Locklear. This is the Locklears' fifth child. Congratulations.

The Brotherhood will be singing at the hospital on Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

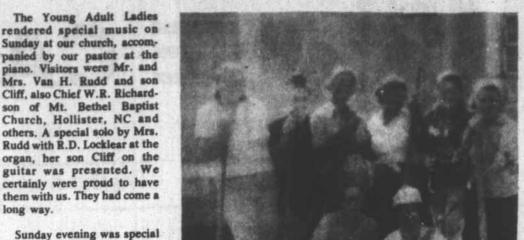
Sunday will be our big Sunday. We want to reach a goal of 400 people in our Sunday School that day. We want to compel our absentees and new people to come. Please attend if possible. If you don't attend church, some day you may regret it.

Mr. Earl Cummings was admitted to Southeastern Gereral Hospital last week due to an accident in which he broke his right ankle. He underwent surgery last Thursday. He returned home Tuesday.

Mr. Monroe Chavis was involved in a car accident on Tuesday. His left arm was broken. He was taken to Cape Fear Valley Hospital. Hopefully, it will knit back together without operation.

Mrs. Beatrice Locklear is a patient in Scotland Memorial Hospital, Laurinburg. Her con dition is improving. Please remember them all in your prayers. Also remember Mr. J.H. Locklear who is not doing good at all.

The Mt. Airy Jaycettes are



doing fine work in our community. As one of their projects last Saturday. They they went to the home of Mrs. Rockie Jane Locklear and set out all different kinds of shrubbery and flowers around her mobile home. They really worked hard and a done a good job. The family really appreciates everyone for their work and time. The Jaycettes have an enrollment of 22. Mrs. Carolyn Carter is president.

MT. AIRY NEWS

by Violet Locklear

Visiting in the home of Mrs., Docia Jacobs on Tuesday were, Mrs. Thesia Lowery, Mrs.: Gladys Jacobs, Mrs. Janice Bryant and Mrs. Mary Locklear. Mrs. Jacobs was really proud of her company. She is approaching her 92nd birthday. Her condition remains fair. We thank God for her wonderful life.

#### **CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY**

Rev. Sanford Locklear was honored Monday night, Oct. 22 on his 63rd birthday at his home with a dinner given by his children and childrenin-law. Also present were all his grandchildren. The table consisted of a careity of foods, cakes, pies, etc. He would have enjoyed it much better, but his dearly loved wife was in the hospital. He received many gifts. We wish him many many more happy birthdays.

The Mt. Airy Jaycees will be having a concert this Saturday night featuring the Henry Berry Band at the First American Warehouse, 2 miles west of Lumberton on Highway 711 between Pembroke and Lumberton. The Jaycettes will be on hand serving refreshments, sandwiches, etc Everyone is invited to attend.

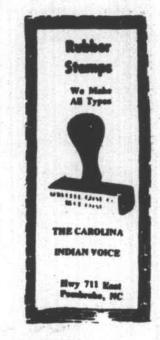
### THOUGHT FOR TODAY

As adults we still must face unknown fears. These fears are not so easily dispelled. Some fears are quite realistic, or true to life. We must all, at some time or another, experience the loss of loved ones, and we must face the fact that one day we, ourselves, will die. Faith in God is our only salvation. God's word shows how to deal with the reality of death. Light up the darkness with his word.

"Liars when they speak the truth are not believed."

"A diamond with a flaw is better than a common stone that is perfect." Chinese Proverb

Show left to right are me of the Mt. Alry Jaycettes who helped on the projects Mrs. Clea Barton, Mrs. Mary Ammons, Mrs. Janie Fay Locklear, Mrs. Winnie Lee Locklear, Mrs. Verlene Tyner, Mrs. Fay Clark, seated are Mrs. Lenoria Locklear and Mrs. Darlene Carter.



## Saddletree Church of God News

Due to a mix up in this week's nail, Saddletree Church of God News will not appear this week but will resume next

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## **Editor's daughter Celebrates** 3rd Birthday



ese of Maxton, NC. Brandi is shown above with left to right) her grandmother daughter, Rosa Lee, Her mo-ther and her sister, Teresa Maria. [Bruce Barton photo]

