

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE...

OXENDINES GATHER

MT. AIRY NEWS by Violet Locklear

As I See It by Bruce Barton



MORE ON "WHITE FLIGHT"...

White flight, that's what they call it. In the big cities they flee to the suburbs; 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 protestants.

White flight is a sociological aberration, a societal sickness because one group of folk (WASPs, white anglo 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 less.

The new chancellor, Dr. Paul Givens, intimates that he wishes to improve campus-community 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; after all, 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 basketball game or attend an 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 communities. 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 you. 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 solution; look for funding to pay for decent housing, etc. etc. The 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 OF BROTHERHOOD

Every year White Hill Free Will Baptist Church sponsors an all night gospel sing. It is an interesting and uplifting experience. Sincerely, it is another project of the church's vibrant brotherhood. They (the brotherhood) come to get things done; they work together.

Promoted



Linda L. Chavis

The Lumbee Bank recently announced the promotion of Linda L. Chavis to the position of Assistant Cashier. Miss Chavis' responsibilities will be 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.



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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Staff Visits LRDA

The Health Career Awareness 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 association.

Bill J. Brewington, coordinator for the project presented an overall view of the program supplying the objectives and rationale for the project. The project is dedicated to the involvement 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 professionals.

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 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 youth, particularly minorities into the health professions.

The LRDA staff learned how 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.

The Young Adult Ladies rendered special music on Sunday at our church, accompanied by our pastor at the piano. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Van H. Rudd and son Cliff, also Chief W.R. Richardson of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, Hollister, NC and others. A special solo by Mrs. Rudd with R.D. Locklear at the organ, her son Cliff on the guitar was presented. We certainly were proud to have them with us. They had come a long way.

Sunday evening was special with the Quarterly Association of 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 Mr. Willoughby Jones with his harmonica. I would think everyone enjoyed the evening as much as I. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Cummings were nominated again for their same 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 really enjoyed their mission and also their trip.



doing fine work in our community. As one of their projects last Saturday, 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 Jaycees have an enrollment of 22. Mrs. Carolyn Carter is president.

Show left to right are members of the Mt. Airy Jaycees who helped on the projects Mrs. Cloe Barton, Mrs. Mary Ammons, Mrs. Janie Fay Locklear, Mrs. Winnie Lee Locklear, Mrs. Verlene Tynes, Mrs. Fay Clark, seated are Mrs. Lenoria Locklear and Mrs. Darlene Carter.

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WEATHERING THE STORM AT DEEP BRANCH CHURCH

Seemingly the Devil has 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 months.

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 bitterness remains.

What does it mean? Is it simply Biblical prophecy coming to pass? Our Adam natures seem to befuddle us on every hand.

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 spiritual resolve.

But I am returning to my church where God wonderfully saved me. Deep Branch seems to be symptomatic of what is happening everywhere. Demon forces seem to be attacking the church, God's Sacred Place. All churches are being shaken by internal disputes and rumblings.

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 is good to be home.

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

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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 General 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 condition 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 Jaycees are

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 children-in-law. Also present were all his grandchildren. The table consisted of a carety 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 Jaycees 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.

"Lies when they speak the truth are not believed."
Aristotle

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

Saddletree Church of God News

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

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Editor's daughter Celebrates 3rd Birthday



Brandi Nichol Brundt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brundt of the Deep Branch area, recently celebrated her third birthday with her family and godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Deese of Maxton, NC. Brandi is shown above with (left to right) her grandmother Mrs. Margaret Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Deese and daughter, Rosa Lee. Her mother and her sister, Teresa Maria. (Bruce Barton photo)

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