

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE...

As I See It

by Bruce Barton



A Thanksgiving Message...

It was billed as a Special Thanksgiving Convocation: it was held at PSU's Performing Arts Center Tuesday morning...

Some 700 members of the university family and community people attended the convocation. Special music was by the university choir...

The idea expressed was a good one...to take a moment and thank God for his bountiful nature. Also, Dr. Givens noted that the convocation might be a good way to enhance campus-community relations.

Alas, I must say something disagreeable about the thanksgiving convocation. I do not want to say anything negative but sometimes I must. One of my duties as a columnist, as I see it, is to say the disagreeable, if it needs saying.

Here's the rub...no Indian or Black took part in the program. Race makes no difference until it makes a difference...if that makes any sense at all. But a number of people noticed. And they called me. And I am saying something about it, because something needs to be said about it.

It is virtually impossible to have a program in Robeson County and ignore two-thirds of the population. But Pembroke State University managed to do just that. Indian ministers like Simmie Barton, Julian Ransom, and Dr. Dalton Brooks are members of the PSU family...

Robeson County is a unique county, peopled by three races of folk-Indians, Blacks and Whites. Whenever possible, all three races ought to be represented. Too, Pembroke State University has a unique history, erected to provide education to the Indians of Robeson County because no one else would.

The school's Indian heritage should never be forgotten, especially at a community convocation. The school's strength is its Indian heritage. One of my community oriented roles is to not let anyone forget that, including the present administration.

Still, the idea for an annual thanksgiving convocation is a good one. But ALL the people ought to be represented on the program. After all, we cannot know where we are going if we do not know where we have

Another friend has fallen...

Another friend has fallen. Mr. Bradie Locklear succumbed to a long illness November 16. He was a good and decent man. He was original, creative, his own man. And he was plain spoken.

An obituary prepared for his funeral summed his life up eloquently, much better than I could do. It is reprinted below:

"Bradie Locklear departed this life on November 16, 1979, after an extended illness. He was born on December 10, 1919. Today he is with his Saviour, whom he loved and served so diligently.

Since no man is immortal, his passing this way is but a fleeting moment in time for him to bestow what gifts he may on those around him. Those who knew Bradie Locklear were privileged to receive some of these gifts from him--love, character, citizenship, humility, friendship, self-discipline, self-dedication, spirituality--you name any of the attributes assigned to the noblest side of man and he had his share. He was a man of solid worth and dignity and was well known and highly respected. He was an optimistic individual with a sense of compassion, resourcefulness, courage, pride, and self reliance.

Mr. Locklear was a faithful and loving husband and a devoted and caring father. Mr. Locklear accepted the Lord in 1958 at Indian River Baptist Church, Indian River City, Fla. He then served as a deacon of the Church for three years before moving back to Robeson County. Mr. Locklear, at the time of his death, was a member of the Reulah Baptist Church and was very active in the work of his church. He served as a Deacon of the Church for twenty years. Mr. Locklear was owner and operator of Locklear Woodworks, Founder of First American Co-operative Warehouse, founder of The Buck Stove of Lumberton, one of the founders of Lumbee Bank, founder of the Wilkerson Club. He was also a past member of the Board of Directors of the Riverside Country Club. In 1973 he received the Businessman of the Year Award.

He is survived by his wife, Janie Locklear; two sons, Bradie, Jr. and Harold, both of Rowland; and four daughters: Mrs. Myrtle Spencer of Fayetteville, Mrs. Brenda Miracle of Rowland, Mrs. Linda Patterson of Atlanta, Ga., and Miss Glenda Gail Locklear of Monroe, Louisiana; one sister, Mrs. Strawdie Deese of Rowland; three brothers: Clarence, Bradford and White, all of Rowland; and five grandchildren."



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Mt. Airy Jaycees

Some of the Mt. Airy Jaycees had a big weekend this past weekend. The mid-year convention was held in Charlotte, North Carolina last weekend and the Mt. Airy Jaycees and Jaycettes had 28 people to attend. From all reports, everyone had a wonderful time. We would like to congratulate and thank every one who represented the Mt. Airy community. The Jaycees recently bought a bus from the county, and this is how they went to Charlotte. The group left about 8 a.m. Saturday morning and returned home about 3:30 Sunday afternoon.

The convention was hosted by the Charlotte Jaycees. They had a series of meetings Saturday and Sunday. Awards were given out both days, and the Mt. Airy Jaycees walked away with three (3) of those awards. Mr. Harold W. Tyner (president) received the outstanding local presidents award. Mr. Tyner was one of Maurice's Marauders. He was responsible for signing up 14 new members in the past 3 or 4 weeks, with the help of a few fellow jaycees. Mr. Tyner is an outstanding local president in the East Central Region. By signing up 14 members he is one of the many reasons why. Congratulations Mr. Tyner. Keep the good work up.

The Mt. Airy Jaycees received an award for being the second Jaycee chapter in the state, second only to the Cherryville Jaycees who are the number one chapter in the state.

I might add, from all reports, they are all fired up.

Next, we received an (M) award. This award is for holding a membership drive night. We held one in August of this past year and signed up 7 new members that night.

The Mt. Airy Jaycees have got a lot of high goals set for themselves. If all of them are accomplished by the time of the State Convention, we will be number 1. We can do it. But we have got to have a lot of team work. So all of you members out there who have got careless: Hope to see you Wednesday night.

Remember: teamwork is the key to being number one in the state and nation. So let's get fired up like the Cherryville Jaycees.

At our last Wednesday night meeting, we took up a donation of \$43.00 for Mr. James Henry Locklear. He is a patient in a Raleigh hospital. Mr. Locklear, we wish you all the best, and hope you get home soon.

We would like to thank Mr. Kirby Ammons and Mr. Laddess Lee Locklear, who went over to Mr. Tim Oxendine's and helped get his hospital bed set up for his return home from the hospital. Thank you guys. Keep the good work up.

The Mt. Airy Jaycees would like to invite everyone out to our Turkey Shoot which will start Saturday, November 24, 1979 at 6 p.m. Price will be \$2.00 per shot. It will be held at either the Mt. Airy Boy Scout Hut, or at Randy's Food Country. Hope to see you there.

The Mt. Airy Boy Scouts are having a plate sale December 1, 1979 at their hut. Menu will be fried chicken. Price will be \$2.50 per plate. Time will be 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Hope you will come out and get a plate.

I am sure it will be appreciated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questions Minority-Less Thanksgiving Convocation

Dear PSU:

I was glad to see you thanking God for all the good things happening at Pembroke State University Tuesday at the Thanksgiving Convocation. It is always well to thank God.

If anyone, besides God, deserves thanks, however, for PSU's prosperity, it is definitely the Indians of Robeson County; after all we gave you our school.

tears that Pembroke State University is a reality today. I say the above only to remind you, PSU, of your rich Indian heritage.

So, PSU, upon reflection it is not possible that you overlooked the main ones (besides God) you really owe thanks to?

The very least you could have done was to have a few Indians or Blacks on the program at your Thanksgiving Convocation.

We (Indians of Robeson County) were here long before whites won control of the school. And we'll be here long after PSU is just a memory. Ignoring us will not make us go away.

Doris Barton 403 Pine Street Pembroke, N.C.



The average depth of the Pacific is more than two and a half miles.

"The Way We Were"

The way I live is the way I must die; I cannot fight Life's Battles without a cry. I've been to and fro within myself and without; I find it's a great pleasure not to be left out. My soul and I were two of a kind; And now I've lost it all in these mental confines. Once, when you saw me, I'd always have this glow; But today is another story to be told. The way we are, you'd think we were lovers; The way I feel now, could not be told by another. I could not really tell you all that I feel; 'Cause the love I have within me is for all-- And that's for real!!! Take me away from behind these locked doors, So I can give to the world the love I've bestowed. Listen to me!!! Let me go free!!! Let me find my soul and let us once again Be Free. 'Cause that's the way we were! --Kid Rainbow Dial

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Youth Services Sponsors Gospel Sing

To: The Carolina Indian Voice From: Jeannie Mareks; Bolinger, Director of Robeson County Youth Services Bureau

The Robeson County Youth Services Bureau is sponsoring a "Gospel Sing" for the benefit of all delinquency prevention and diversion programs throughout Robeson County. The money raised will be placed in a Youth Service's fund. With this money we will be able to sponsor more youth outings between and among volunteers and their respective offenders, and pick up extra expenses that occur (such as: emergency medical/dental care, scholarship money, birthday and sympathy cards and much more).

Mrs. Landa Gaddy, a volunteer community leader of Fairmont, along with the entire volunteer staff of Youth Services, is making this project a successful reality. Several local businesses throughout the County have been kind enough to act as ticket sales outlets. These businesses are: Jordan's Photography of St. Pauls, Merrimac Music Company, The Christian Book Store and Richardson's Seafood Market of Lumberton, Cliff's Package Store and the Pembroke Amoco Market-Market of Pembroke, and Stanley's Barber Shop, Faulk's Barber Shop, Odell's Barber Shop, Southern National Bank, Waccamaw Bank and Felix Deal Florist of Fairmont.

The major portion of our tickets were printed courtesy

of City Dry Cleaners of Lumberton. Town and Country Print Shop of Lumberton, also contributed complimentary tickets for our "Gospel Sing." Local radio and newspapers have all been contacted and each has been receptive and responsive to this endeavor.

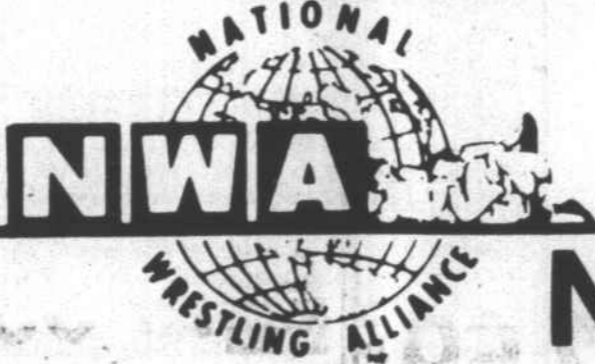
The response from the gospel singing groups has been outstanding. All of the groups are giving their performance time free to help the troubled youth of our County. The groups participating are: The Oxendine Family of Fairmont, Judy and Children of Rowland, The Swannee Aires of Lumberton, The True Believers of Whiteville, The Southern Six, Mrs. Landa Gaddy of Fairmont, The Humphrey Sisters of St. Pauls, The Calvary Gospel Singers of Lumberton and our special guest, the McDonald Sisters of Parkton.

Thank you, Youth Services, Services for Youth

MID ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

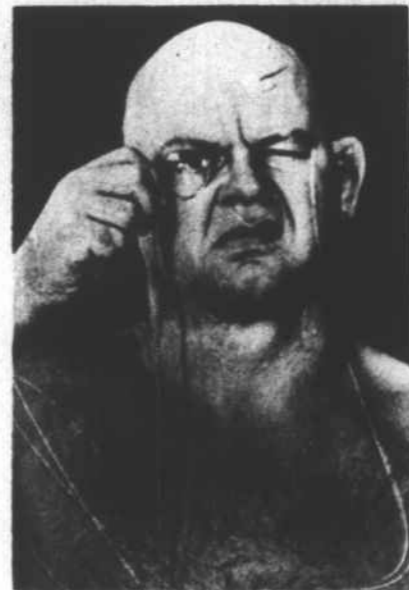
WRESTLING COMES TO PEMBROKE!

In The Pembroke Senior High School Gym



Nov. 26 at 8:15 pm Double Main Event:

Baron Von Raschke -vs- Ricky Steamboat ...and the 8th Wonder of the World-



Tickets May Be Purchased at...

Pembroke Senior High School; Ty's Mini Mart-Pembroke; Lowry's Chain Saws-Laurinburg-Maxton Airbase; Jones Hardware & Appliance-Pembroke; Carolina Indian Voice-Pembroke; Strickland's Barber Shop-Lumberton; J.R. Jones' Grain-Red Springs; and Moore's Chain Saw-Maxton.

In Addition to the Double Main Events:

\*Johnny Weaver and Bob Marcus will face Brute Bernard and Steve Muslin.



In Singles Action...

\*Leroy Dargan faces Charlie Fulton \*Luther Dargan battles Frank Monte

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BEAR SWAMP CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM

Is Having Their Annual Plate Sale

At Bear Swamp Church.

The Chicken or Barbecue Plates will cost \$2.50 each.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1979

From 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. - Everyone invited!

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