

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE... We Cannot Know Where We Are Going If We Don't Know Where We've Been...

So fittingly we honor our Pioneer Fathers



As I See It by Bruce Barton

EDITOR'S NOTE: I promised that I'd list some of the exciting personalities and supporters of Old Main this week but time ran out on me. I will share that with you next week, if nothing outlandish happens.

WE'RE IN OUR NEW QUARTERS...

We are now in our new quarters, still on Highway 711 but up the road a bit (toward Pembroke). We are located in the Revels Motel Office Complex. Look for our sign that is, for the time being, "Leaning up against the wall."

We are happy to be in our new quarters. We simply outgrew our previous facilities. We hope to be able to serve you even better in the coming years.

AND MORE ON THE OLD MAIN MOVEMENT

The Old Main Movement was a unifying force, a catalyst for change among the Indians of Robeson County. I am sorry I missed that movement. I was living away at the time and did not return home until the following year, 1973.

The more I learn about the Old Main Movement the more I like them. They were progressive, innovative, unified in their intention to 'Save Old Main.' And that is just what they did.

Old Main, after a mean and hard fight, was saved. It was not an easy task to save Old Main. Without the Save Old Main Movement I do not believe the building would have been saved.

The historic building will be re-dedicated February 16, 1980. It will be a grand and glorious occasion...if it is done properly.

The latest word (plans are still tentative, as I understand it) is that the building will be re-dedicated in the Performing Arts Center because of "the large crowd that is expected." Somehow the dedication program for Old Main in the performing arts center strikes me as ironic, to say the least. Originally the destruction of Old Main was planned to make way for a performing arts center. Progress...as they see it.

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Dial Center of Attention - AN EDITORIAL EXPRESSION - Saddletree Church of God News

by Bruce Barton

The Pembroke Council meeting Monday night began innocuously enough with an announcement by state highway department engineer B. H. Harris that Pembroke would be receiving some highway funds ticketed for general improvement.

Harris noted that East Wardell Street (just off Union Chapel Road) would receive tiling for a canal fronting the street and running past the newly developed Pembroke Medical and Dental Clinic. The street is also scheduled to receive curbing and guttering in the very near future.

Harris also announced that Jones Street (the access to the new Pembroke Elementary School) would be curbed and guttered. That seemed a good omen that the council meeting would be uneventful.

Harris, who was accompanied by state Senator Sam Noble gave Councilman Sam Dial the lion's share of credit for pointing out the town's needs to him "with the assistance of Senator Sam Noble, of course."

Public Hearing to consider annexing Pembroke Medical and Dental Clinic set for January 21

The town also, without fanfare, set January 21 as the date for a public hearing to consider annexing the Pembroke Medical and Dental Clinic into the corporate limits of Pembroke.

Study to annex West End of Pembroke also ordered by council

The council also directed town manager McDuffie Cummings to develop a study detailing the possible annexation of the general area of Pembroke known as "the West End."

The directive came following a discussion on consideration of a policy concerning requests for services outside the corporate limits. The town established a policy of 6 inch lines for all water mains run outside the corporate limits.

But exempted home owners in the area from having to assume the full cost of installing the 6 inch lines.

On a motion by Councilman Larry Brooks, the council decided to amend their policy by allowing the present home owners to pay the costs of installing a 2 inch water line with the town making up the difference.

Brooks said, "I believe this will be fair to the town and the home owners because we will annex this area of town if I have anything to do with it."

Council says "no" to Sanitation Fee reduction for Piggly Wiggly...and others

The council gave its answer to a previous request made by Piggly Wiggly Food Store for a reduction in its sanitation fee of \$240 a month. John Drose, Piggly Wiggly Store Manager, told the council in December that he had installed a corrugated cardboard recycling machine that substantially reduced his refuse and garbage.

The town unanimously said "no" because, as Councilman Milton Hunt put it, "being in the middle of a budget year..."

But Drose countered that he had never seen a budget that could not be adjusted in the middle of the year. Drose called their decision "unfair and unconstitutional."



One legend places the Garden of Eden between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in today's Iraq.

WE LIKE COUNCILMAN SAM DIAL, BUT...

It is rumored in journalistic circles that greater Pembroke and the mostly Indian community in the news making capital of the world. They say that news editors tell their writers to "go on down toward Pembroke" if news gets scarce. They say, "stick around long enough and the Indians are bound to do or say something interesting and news worthy sooner or later."

And, of course, the Indians usually will provide the news media with interesting copy. It seems most of the news generated in Robeson County is for better or worse, originates in Indian country.

So, we were not unduly alarmed when we found out Sunday morning that Pembroke Councilman Sam Dial had made the front page of the Fayetteville Times-Observer Sunday edition. We've come to expect news makers from the Indian country.

Briefly here's the story to date:

Councilman Sam Dial denied Monday night, following a meeting of the Pembroke Town Council, that he threatened Pembroke Policeman Arnold Lucas's job for stopping him on December 27 for speeding.

Said Councilman Dial, "this thing has been blown way out of proportion..."

we will investigate any such incidents through our normal procedures.

That expresses our sentiment exactly.

Sam Dial has been an aggressive and effective councilman and advocate for the Town of Pembroke for many years. He is outspoken and unorthodox in his approach sometimes. He seldom stands on protocol and is on a first name basis with Gov. Jim Hunt, Rep. Charlie Rose, Senator Bob Morgan and all the state and county political officials. He is considered the father of public housing. Dial Terrace, Pembroke's first effort in public housing, is named in his honor.

but the law applies to everyone. No one is above the law. Law and order must prevail or society will disintegrate.

We hope Councilman Sam Dial will continue to represent Pembroke in his own inimitable fashion. But he must do it within the bounds of decency and law and order.

"It is most unfortunate that this matter has reached the point that it has in the press and the many rumors that you have heard and will continue to hear regarding this matter.

"For the record this Administration has and will continue to believe in law and order and the equal application thereof to all citizens of the Town, including police and public officials; however, we are not aware of all the details of this particular incident, but Nebraska is the only state in the U.S. with a one-house legislature, called the State Senate.



Last Wednesday night Miss Renea Jacobs, 11 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jacobs, Jr. directed the Youth Choir due to the absence of Sister Jlynn Spaulding. She did real good.

Sunday morning Mrs. Rocky Simpson and children of Route 4, Lumberton visited with us. Also Miss Cynthia McGirt of Route 3, Lumberton, Mr. Donald Oxendine of Lumberton and Miss Jennie Lowry of St. Pauls. God really did move in our midst. The young people sang for us and the Spirit of the Lord blessed our hearts.

Sunday night Bro. Ronnie Chavis and the young people sang for us again. Brother Sampson preached.

Bro. Johnson Jacobs and Bro. D.H. Graham are still in the hospital. So please remember them in your prayers.

Our monthly singing will be held Sunday afternoon. You are all invited to attend. It begins at 2:30 p.m.

Let Your Concerns Be Known White House Conference On Families. North Carolina has a statewide Task Force studying concerns of families in our state. This study is a part of the White House Conference on Families. Let the Task Force know what you think by completing the form below.

Form with demographic questions: I am: female 1, male 2, My race is: black 1, white 2, other 3, I am: employed 1, retired 3, a homemaker 2, unemployed 4, My family income is: less than \$6,000 1, \$6,000 - 9,999 2, \$10,000 - 14,999 3, \$15,000 - 19,999 4, \$20,000 - 24,999 5, \$25,000 or more 6.

Form with 73 items to rate: 1. Cost of Energy, 2. Availability and cost of quality child care, 3. Family violence, 4. Single parent households, 5. Need for help in parenting, 6. Cost and availability of adequate housing, 7. Cost of food, 8. Divorce, 9. Fixed incomes of elderly, 10. Adolescent pregnancies, 11. Availability of public transportation, 12. Availability, cost and quality of health services, 13. Family life education, 14. Family planning, 15. Alcoholism, 16. Adoption/foster care, 17. Lack of family income, 18. Availability of quality education, 19. Employment for teenagers, 20. Home/school relations, 21. Preventive health care education, 22. Sales tax on food, 23. Need for more than one working person per family, 24. Availability of good jobs, 25. Drug abuse, 26. Financial planning skills, 27. Adult and continuing education, 28. Mental illness, 29. Public understanding and accountability of Social Services, 30. Maternity and infant care, 31. Interest rates, 32. Government responsiveness to family needs, 33. Marriage penalty in tax policies, 34. Family counseling, 35. Home care assistance for elderly, 36. Social Security benefits, 37. Family adjustment to death and dying, 38. Retirement adjustment, 39. Equal Rights Amendment, 40. Mid-life adjustment, 41. Welfare programs, 42. Child care tax deductions, 43. Availability and cost of nursing facilities, 44. Vocational education, 45. Cost of education, 46. Government support of child care, 47. Tax exemptions for dependents, 48. Education of persons with special needs, 49. Abortions, 50. Availability and accessibility of Social Services, 51. Overall government support of family, 52. Lack of on-the-job training, 53. Cost of clothing, 54. Employment for persons with special needs, 55. Management/labor relations in employment, 56. Accountability of government to families, 57. Housing discrimination, 58. Food stamp programs, 59. Chronic illnesses, 60. Homosexuality, 61. Cost of transportation, 62. Need for new industry, 63. Government funding of Social Services, 64. Retirement age, 65. Unemployment benefits, 66. Information about education options, 67. Too much government interference in families, 68. Disability of family member, 69. Cost of Social Services, 70. Limited job promotion opportunities, 71. Other, 72. Other, 73. Other.

Please comment on what you believe should be done about some of the concerns you have chosen. Write the number of the concern on the left and comment in the space provided to the right. This official form must be received by January 22, 1980. Mail to: North Carolina Families, Raleigh, North Carolina 27626.

Would You Like To Be A Delegate? The White House Conference on Families will be in Baltimore, Maryland, June 5-7, 1980. Twelve of the 40 delegates from North Carolina will be randomly selected from those who express an interest in attending. You may nominate only yourself by completing the form to the right. To be a delegate, you must be at least 18 years old and agree to (1) attend the conference sessions, (2) carefully study the materials prepared by the Task Force, and (3) work with the other delegates in presenting the materials from the people of North Carolina. Expenses can be paid by the White House Conference. THANK YOU!