# **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

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EDITOR'S NOTE: I promised that I'd list some of the exciting personalities and sup porters 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 out grew our previous facilities. We hope to be able to serve you even better in the coming

#### 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 int, was saved. It w 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

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." now 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

Tife insurance

fire insurance

auto insurance

homeowners

Why not have the dedication for Old Main in or at the Old Main Building itself?

Anyway, let me share this news release with you. It was prepared by Tom Edwards, a staffer at the time for the American Indian Press Association. The time was 1972. Old Main was ticketed for demolition by a callous state.

This is the way it was back

#### by Tom Edwards

Pembroke, NC--[AIPA]-- Old Main, the only structure remaining at Pembroke State University here which symbolizes the first and only fouryear Indian college in 'the country, has been ordered destroyed by the state of North

Razing of the 49-year- old building, approved by the Council of State Feb. 9, will remove the last visible remainder of the school's Indian heritage and the issue has raised a storm of protest a...ong the Lumbee Indian populace numbering about 30, 000 in the area and from national Indian leaders.

The issue apparently evolved from a November 1971 newspaper story written by Lew Barton, Lumbee author and poet, charging the state with deliberately de- Indianizing the university. Since then, the issues surrounding Old Main have become a thorn political leaders, a conscious reminder of the state's rigid segregationist's policies.

It has become a political football in this predominantly Democrative state with Republican and some Democratic candidates siding with the "Save Old Main" movement and the majority of Democratic leaders turning a deaf ear to pleas for its preservation.

Democratic Gov. Robert Scott has adamantly refused to acknowledge several letters and telegrams sent him as well as a petition with more than

7,000 signatures. The issue also has polarized the community here. White students at PSU, who now outnumber Indian students (the University was ordered desegregated after the 1954 Supreme Court civil rights decision), threaten to take sledgehammers and help state demolition crews to raze

Old Main.

The Save Old Main movement has largely been a local issue until now, but it is rapidly developing into a national issue. Louis R. Bruce, Indian Commissioner, Brantly Blue, U.S. Indian Claims Commissioner, Lumbee and former Pembroke student, and Leo W. Vocu, executive director of the National Congress of: American Indians, have joined the fight to preserve the

NCAI is mapping plans to enlist the support of Indian leaders and other prominent persons across the country and is preparing appeals to the Nixon administration and Con gress to preserve Old Main as a national historical site.

Formal education for Lumbee Indians was nonexistent until 1887 when the state General Assembly provided \$500 to establish the "Croatan Normal School." It stipulated that if the Lumbee Tribe did not provide a school building before the next assembly session, the act would be

Money was raised within the community to purchase an acre of land near Pembroke and a two-story structure was built by the tribe. The Legislature raised the annual appropriation to \$1,000 in 1889 and it remained at that sum for several years. In 1909 acres at the present PSU site were purchased with money again raised within the community. The Legislature approyed \$3,000 for construction building at the new site.

In 1921, the Legislature approved \$75,000 to build Old Main. The collonaded brick colonial structure opened its doors April 17, 1923.

"It was not just a building," wrote Lumbee author Lew Barton. "It was a beginning for the Indian people. It signified a chance to succeed. Doors were opened that had never been opened before."

Pembroke was an elementary and high school in the beginning. In 1926, the Board of Trustees added a two- year normal course and the elementary school was phased out by 1928.

In 1935, the school was offering two-year college courses and in 1940 five persons became the first graduating class of the new fouryear standard college. The high school was separated from the college in 1939.

'Old Main is a memorial to our Indian forefathers," wrote Barton. "The struggles of the Indian people created her. Now we want the state to free her and keep her."

After this (March 1973) Old Main was set afire by an arsonist's torch. The sturdy building survived that disaster too, although no one was ever charged in the matter.

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# Dial Center of Attention -AN EDITORIAL EXPRESSION-

get time."

CD Application for

application for a Community

Development Grant to the

state department of housing

and urban development in the

The target area is in the

general vicinity of Strickland

Heights (the town's latest

public housing development)

on Barker and Godwin Streets.

Although the town has been

Cummings expressed opti-

But Sam Dial is the star

of the evening ...

But most of the over flow

crowd came out to hear about

Sam Dial's confrontation with

the town's policeman Arnold

Lucas and Auxillary Police-

Dial had earlier (news reports

say December 27) been stop-

ped for "excessive speed"

within the confines of Pem-

broke by Lucas and Russ.

Contrary to conflicting re-

ports Pembroke Chief of Police

Vernon Oxendine said, "Lucas

is certified to operate radar in

Pembroke. Russ is an auxillary

Oxendine also affirmed that

Dial was stopped within the city limits of Pembroke in the

vicinity of Cherokee Street.

Mrs. Maude Jones, president

of the Lumbee River Legal

Services sponsored client's

council of the housing author-

ity took issue with news

reports detailing Dial's con-

frontation with the police. Mrs. Jones, who was added to the

agenda, publicly said that Dial

should receive a ticket "if he

was speeding" and that no one

should receive preferential

Her remarks were met with

The council then went into

executive session, returning

later to say that the counci

would investigate any incident

in which it was alleged im-

proper influence had been

brought to bear on a police

News reports said that Dial

had threatened Lucas's job

even though Dial did not

Dial maintained after the

meeting that he had not

threatened to dismiss Lucas

and said news reports had

"blown this thing way out of

proportion." Dial also said he

was outside the city limits and

questioned whether the police

officers were certified to oper-

ate the radar equipment that

he was timed with. He was

The council also informally

reported that the radar would

be put back in use at the

discretion of the police depart-

ment. Town manager Cum-

mings had ordered the equip-

ment locked up when Dial

approached him about the

Mrs. Maude Jones seemingly

expressed the sentiments of

the large crowd of towns

people present at the meeting

when she said, in remarks

before the council, "I feel like

we need the radar ...and I don't think Sam Dial, Mayor

Jacobs, McDuffle Cummings

or anyone else is exempt from

the law. I think Dial should be

given a ticket and the radar

As noted earlier, the crowd

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put back in use..."

applauded her remarks.

said to be traveling 55 in a 35

receive a ticket.

treatment from the law.

resounding applause.

and did not take part ... '

amount of \$719,000.

rehabilitation.

funding this time.

man Danny Russ.

\$179,000 requested

at Town Council Meeting

#### 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 mprovement.

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 accompan ied 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 consid 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."



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## WE LIKE COUNCILMAN

The council postponed other requests for possible reduction it is rumored in journalistic circles that greater Pembroke and the mostly Indian com-munity is the news making capitol of the world. They say that news editors tell their sanitation fees until "budwriters to "go on down toward Pombroke" if news gots scarce. They say, "stick around long enough and the indians are bound to do or say Town manager McDuffie Cummings announced that the town had turned in its pre-

And, of course, the Indians

Most of the funds asked for will be used for housing turned down four times. mism at the town's chances for

Monday night, following a meeting of the Pembroke Town Council, that he threa-tened Pembroke Peliceman Arnold Lucas's job for stop-ping him on December 27 for

SAM DIAL, BUT ... was not certified to operate the

usually will provide the news media with interesting copy. It seems most of the news generated in Robeson County , for better or worse, origi-nates in Indian country.

something interesting and

news worthy sooner or later."

So, we were not unduly alarmed when we found out Sunday morning that Pem-broke 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 community.

#### Briefly here's the story to

Councilman Sam Dial denied

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

The council also decided to return ender equipment to the police force, after town mana-ger McDuffie Cummings, had conflocated it, following a complaint from Dial that Lucas

We Like Councilman Sam Dial, but ....

No news article has mention ed the fact that Lucas and auxiliary policeman Danny Russ had also stopped Mayer Pete Jacobs for also speeding about the same time. Neither was given a ticket. Some contend that Dial "raised hell" when he was stopped and threatened to get Lucas's gun and badge. Dial denies this version.

Mayor Jacobs, according to the same sources, commended the police officers for "doing oir job" and was pleasant to both Lucas and Russ.

The council, following an executive session Monday night, issued the following

"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 citize the Town, including police and public officials; however, we are not aware of all the details of this particular incident, but we will investigate any such incidents through our normal

That expresses our sentiment exactly.

Sam Dial has been an agpressive and effective coun man and advocate for the Town of Pombroke 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, Rop. Charlie Rose, Sonator Bob Morgan and all the state and county political officials. He is considered the father of public housing. Dial Terrace, Pembreke's first effort in public housing, is named in his houser.

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

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



in the U.S. with a one-house legislature, called the State Senate.

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## News

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Church

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 n ight 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. Your information will be

used by the Task Force when writing North Carolina's report for the White House. Only this official form printed in commercial newspapers will be accepted. Unauthorized duplicated forms

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Please comment on what you believe should be done about some of the concerns you have chosen. Write the number of the

	right.
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	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 your self by completing the form to the right. To be a delegate, you must be at least 16 years old and agree to (1) attend the conference sessions. (2) carefully study the materials propaged by the Task Force, and (3) work with the other delegates in presenting the materials from the people of in presenting the materials from the people of North Carolina. Expenses can be paid by the White

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