

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



HIGHWAY PATROLMEN CONVERGE AROUND CUMMINGS HOME...

I received a call Sunday afternoon... Your story must be having some effect... there are four highway patrolmen stopping traffic right beside McDuffie Cummings' home...

Sure enough there were five highway patrolmen in the general vicinity of Cummings' home...

As I understand it there are only some 21 troopers stationed in Robeson County; if this figure is correct, five of them or approximately 25 percent of them were in the general vicinity of McDuffie Cummings' home on the Union Chapel Road which is not exactly I 95 or even Highway 74 as far as traffic is concerned.

They left hurriedly when I arrived. Or maybe they were responding to another call... I don't know... but I know what I saw...

It was just a coincidence or some mishap caused so many of them to be in the general vicinity of Cummings' home or it was just a subtle attempt to intimidate the man. If so, they ought not to do that....

PEMBROKE SEEMINGLY SLIGHTED BY PATROLMEN

Pembroke was the last municipality of any size to get a district court in Robeson County; many of us contend that we were late getting the court because of a lack of political might. The folks in and around Pembroke have only recently begun to flex their political muscle and ask why and when and how come...

What the politicians did was to split the old Maxton District and give Pembroke half of it... the Pembroke and Smith areas.

Since the rhubarb concerning confrontations between the highway patrolmen and the Indian community evidence has been compiled showing that the highway patrol has, in some cases systematically, refused to cite motorists they had ticketed in the Pembroke District to the Pembroke court.

That's as wrong as wrong can be. Two chief district court judges have issued administrative orders demanding that troopers cite people to the right district court. To date, evidence tends to show that both Judge Sam Britt (the former Chief District Court Judge) and Judge John Gardner (the present one) have been ignored.

I wonder what they are going to do about it?

SIX ROVING REGISTRARS 'LET GO'

Ms. Elizabeth Morton, the very efficient elections board supervisor said, "It sounded like we fired somebody... that's not the way it was at all..." She was referring to a story in Tuesday's Robesonian which stated that "Six Roving Registrars Were Dismissed by Board."

Ms. Morton explained, "Those who were let go had not registered any (maybe one or two) had registered one (each) new voters since they were assigned as roving registrars in October. Those registering voters or showing some degree of activity were not bothered at all."

That seems reasonable to me. Ray Revels, the former chairman of the board and the only Republican on the elections board said some, as we see it, "foolish things" about roving registrars.

Ray Revels, who has opposed roving registrars since the beginning, said reportedly "At the last minute, you will find that some politician will get hold of them (roving registrars) and pay them to register people..."

Now that's a pretty broad statement for Mr. Revels to make. Until the Methodist Church with a grant to the Robeson County Church and Community Center, put voting registrars into the hinterlands of Robeson County, people (most Indians and Blacks and poor whites) were systematically discriminated against. Roving Registrars broke the back of the power brokers in Robeson County, opening the political process to all the people of Robeson County. Things are better since roving registrars "hit the bushes" in Robeson County.

No, I do not agree with Mr. Revels; anyone who knows anything about politics in Robeson County and has lived through some of our racial history knows that what he said ain't necessarily so.

I say, as long as they are registering voters, leave roving registrars alone. Let them register new voters; if they are not registering new voters dismiss them after a reasonable time if they do not put any new voters on the books. That's reasonable enough.

NEW POLL WORKERS

Three registrars and one judge were appointed Monday night to temporarily replace precinct poll workers who have been disqualified because they are related to candidates in the in the May primary election.

Appointed were Earl Sheppard to be registrar for Union Township, Mrs. Irma Arnette, registrar, and Mrs. Marie F. Oliver, judge, for Whitehouse and Ed Chavis, registrar, for Pembroke.

Chavis replaces Ms. Mable Oxendine who is the sister of county school board candidate Simeon Oxendine. Mrs. Arnette replaces A.W. Harrington, Jr. who is the father of Fairmont school board candidate Abner Harrington. Sheppard replaces Adrian Ransom who is the brother of County Commissions Candidate Ertle Ransom.

State election law prohibits pollworkers from serving in election where candidates are immediate relation to them.

"A wise man sees as much as he ought, not as much as he can." Montaigne

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"YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN"



Lucy and Linus, played by Lori Bartlett and Dave Guy. "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" will be held March 21, 1980 at the Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m.

On Friday, March 21, the Pembroke Players will present the last show of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. The last show was scheduled for March 1, but was cancelled because of snow.

The play is a re-enactment of a day in the life of Charlie Brown brought to us by Charles Schultz. The whole gang will be here: Charlie

Brown (played by Keith Hight) and all his friends. There's Lucy (played by Lori Bartlett) who is still longing for Schroeder's (played by Mike Thornton) affections, but Schroeder's affections are for his piano. Linus (played by Dave Guy) the intellect with the blanket will be on hand along with Patty (played by Charles Karen Sellers), the tomboy who's always happy and carefree. And of course, Snoopy (played by Charles Monroe),

Charlie Brown's dog, will be around day-dreaming about becoming Joe Cool or someday defeating the Red Baron.

So, if you missed it the first time-keep March 21 at 8 p.m. in mind. The price is \$3.00 at the door. For this show we will offer a special price of \$1.00 for children under twelve accompanied by a parent. Group rates are also available. For more information call 521-4214, extension 361.

ROLE MODELS MEET STUDENTS



Shown above, left to right, Patti Brayboy, guidance counselor at Pembroke Senior High School; Dr. Earl Lowry, and Ms. Vickie Brooks Stover, advanced biology teacher at Pembroke Senior High School. They are shown following a motivating speech by Dr.

Lowry to juniors and seniors from Pembroke Senior and Prospect High Schools. The program was sponsored by the Health Careers Awareness Project-Bill James Brewington, coordinator.

The program has a phase whereby Brewington utilizes role models to let students know that they can succeed in a health profession. They find this out by meeting those role models who have succeeded in health careers professions. Dr. Lowry, a Lumbree Indian has served as private surgeon to four United States Presidents.



Shown left to right Mrs. Cherry Maynor Beasley, instructor at UNC-Chapel Hill School of Nursing; Dr. Ronald Beasley, fourth year medical student at Duke Medical School; Harold Deese, guidance counselor at Maxton High School; and Bill James Brewington, coordinator of Health Careers Awareness Pro

ject, Robeson County Schools. They are shown following a presentation at Maxton High School. Maxton's juniors and seniors listened as minority role models spoke. Ms. Beasley spoke on the role women can play in the health field. Dr. Beasley gave a motivating speech about the hurdles he had to overcome as a minority seeking a career in the health professions. Dr. Beasley plans to pursue studies in internal medicine and return to Maxton. He emphasized that belief in ones self the key to success.

Psychology

Revival Plans Announced

SANDY PLAINS

Revival services will be held at the Sandy Plains United Methodist Church beginning Sunday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. Services will be held during the week Monday through Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be the Evangelist, Rev. Bobby P. Tyson. In 1977, Rev. Tyson was appointed to the N.C. Conference approved Evangelist. He held revival services throughout the state of N.C. and Virginia. Presently he is serving as pastor of the St. Pauls United Methodist Church in Maxton. He is married to Mrs. Getta Tyson and they have three children.

Bruce Jacobs, director of the music program of the Sandy Plains Church will be in charge of the music each evening. There will be special music each evening.

The congregation and pastor extend a cordial invitation to the public to come and worship with them during these special services.

PHILADELPHUS

Revival services will be held at the Philadelphus United Methodist Church beginning Sunday, March 16-21 at 7 p.m. Services will be held each evening, Monday-Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Ted Brooks, associate pastor of the Philadelphus Church. Rev. Brooks has been serving as pastor of the church since January, 1980. He was formerly the pastor of the Mount Moriah Baptist Church near Lumberton. He is married to Mrs. Rose Brooks and they have three children.

Mrs. Annie Neal Locklear is in charge of the music program of the Philadelphus Church. She will feature special music each evening.

The congregation extends a cordial invitation to the public to come and worship with them.

ASHPOLE CENTER

Revival services will be held at the Ashpole Center United Methodist Church beginning Sunday, March 16-20 at 7:00 p.m. Services will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Ray Sparrow, pastor of the First-Calvary United Methodist Churches in Pembroke. Before coming to Pembroke, Rev. Sparrow served as pastor of the Aberdeen United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, NC. He is married to Mrs. Dorothy Sparrow. They have four children.

Mrs. Louise Mitchell, director of the music program at the Ashpole Center Church, will be in charge of the music. Special music will be featured each evening.

The congregation and the pastor extends a cordial invitation to the public to come and worship with them.

St. John's Church, where in 1775 Patrick Henry gave his stirring "Give me liberty...or give me death" speech, still stands in Richmond, Virginia.

A COMMENTARY BY DAWLEY MAYNOR

The question has been asked "What is man?" Jesus tells us in Chapter 4 Verse 14 that man is a vapor, even as a vapor. Job 14:1 "Man is a few days and full of trouble Let us take a look at man, and see what God has said about him. It may be of great service to us, before sleep to remember this mournful fact. There is nothing very pleasant in the recollection that we are not above the shafts of adversity, but it may humble us and prevent our boasting. Like the Psalmist said in Psalms 30:6 "My mountain standeth firm. I shall never be moved." It may stay us from taking too deep root in this soil from which we are so soon to be planted into the heavenly garden. Let us recollect the tenure upon which we hold our temporal mercies. If we would remember that all the trees of earth are marked for the woodman's axe, we should not be so ready to build our nests in them.

We should love, but we should love with the love which expects and which reckons upon separations. Our dear relations here are but loaned to us and the hour when we must return them to the lender's hand may be even

at the door. The like is true of our worldly goods. Do not riches take to themselves wings and fly away? Our health is equally trusted to another and this is God. Frail flowers of the field of God, we must reckon upon blooming forever. There is a time appointed for weakness and sickness. We will have to glorify God by suffering and not by earnest activity. There is no single point in which we can hope to escape from sorrow. Man's life is as a cup of bitter wine. He who looks for joy in it had better seek for honey in an ocean of brine. Beloved reader, set not your affections upon things on earth. But seek those things which are above for the moth devoureth the things on earth and the thief breaketh through to steal. But the things of God are eternal. The path of trouble is the way home. May our prayer be, Lord, make this thought a pillow for many a weary head. Isaiah 4-10:11 "Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake."

My prayer for you, Dear Reader, is that God may give you sustaining grace in your time of sickness and burdens.

HEALTH LINE... BY Jim Irion, Physician's Assistant at Pembroke Medical & Dental Clinic

WATER FLUORIDATION

Fluoridation is the safest, most economical and most effective way to reduce dental decay. Children raised in fluoridated communities have about 60 percent fewer decayed teeth than children raised in non fluoridated communities. It costs more than three times as much to provide routine dental care to children reared from birth to 14 years of age in a non fluoridated community as it does in a fluoridated community. Several studies have indicated that fluoridation also reduces malalignment of teeth by 15-20 percent. This is apparently because fewer teeth decay and are lost prematurely in a fluoridated area. One of the most visible benefits in a fluoridated area is the great number of beautiful decay-free smiles that are seen among children.

The beneficial effects of fluoridation last a lifetime. Adults who have lived in fluoridated areas all of their lives have 1.7 times fewer decayed teeth and 4.0 times fewer missing permanent teeth than adults from non fluoridated communities. There is also evidence that life long consumption of fluoridated water helps prevent hip fractures and middle ear deafness in older adults.

In rural areas not served by public water supplies, the fluoridation of school water supplies have proved to be effective. School fluoridation will reduce the occurrence of dental decay by 40 percent. The level of reduction is less than that found in community fluoridation because children do not drink the fluoridated school water until five or six years of age. Some of the permanent teeth have already formed by this age. Fluoridation is the most effective when the fluoridated water is consumed from birth-when the teeth are developing in the jawbones.

The beneficial effect of fluoridation is primarily a result of fluoride being taken up by the developing tooth.

(Some fluoride is absorbed directly from the drinking water into the enamel after the tooth erupts into the mouth. The fluoride helps the tooth to form enamel (the hard outside covering of the tooth) that is more resistant to the acids formed by bacteria in the dental plaque. This means that the plaque acids do not dissolve the tooth minerals as easily as in non fluoridated areas.

As a closing comment on fluoridation, it is important to realize that fluoride is naturally found in all drinking waters. The problem is that the concentration is usually not sufficient to provide good dental benefits. The optimal concentration of fluoride was determined by examining thousands of people living in different areas of the U.S. that had differing natural levels of fluoride present in the drinking water (in fact, several communities in Kentucky have optimum levels of fluoride naturally present in their water supply). Where the level of fluoride is deficient, fluoride is obtained from natural minerals to adjust the concentration to the proper level. There is no difference between the fluoride found naturally in water and that added in controlled fluoridation. Fluoridation is essentially "nature's way" to help prevent dental decay.

There are other methods of providing fluorides to children to help prevent dental decay. These are fluoride tablets, application of topical fluoride solutions and the use of a toothpaste containing fluoride. However, none of these methods are as safe, effective or economical as the fluoridation of community and school water supplies.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR PARENTS

If a child accidentally has a permanent tooth knocked out, the tooth can often be saved. You should place the tooth in a cup or glass of water, do not scrub the tooth. Take the child to your dentist immediately.

Jeff Collins, D.D.S.

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