

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE...

We Cannot Know Where We Are Going If We Don't Know Where We've Been...

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As I See It

by Bruce Barton

WHO'S RUNNING GOV. JIM HUNT'S CAMPAIGN IN ROBESON COUNTY?

Who's running Governor Jim Hunt's campaign in Robeson County?

In February Governor Jim Hunt's Campaign headquarters in Raleigh issued a statement saying that Robeson County Clerk of Court Ben Floyd had been named chairman of the Re-Elect Governor Jim Hunt Effort in Robeson County.

Now, according to news releases floating around, they are saying that Floyd, Dr. James B. Chavis, vice-chancellor at PSU; and George Zeigler, a Black from Maxton are co-chairmen of the effort. Another rumor says the above and adds banker R.W. Wilkins to the list of co-chairmen.

So, who's running Governor Jim Hunt's campaign effort in Robeson County? The voters need to know...if Ben Floyd is not the chairman they (the campaign headquarters in Raleigh) ought to share it with the rest of us.

A tri-racial campaign effort is necessary to win any election in Robeson County. Someone should share that news with Governor Jim Hunt.

Like Rev. E.B. Turner, the Black and erudite city councilman from Lumberton, said, "(I ain't got nothing against former Governor Bob Scott," who aspires to be governor again too. Nor any of the other candidates either.

IS IT PROPER FOR THE CLERK OF COURT TO HEAD HUNT'S CAMPAIGN?

Robeson County's Clerk of Superior Court, Ben G. Floyd, Jr. is a very political fellow. He is involved "Up to his elbows" in the effort to re-elect Jim Hunt governor of North Carolina. He is known as Governor Jim Hunt's MAN in Robeson County.

As I understand it, appointments and jobs and political plums like that have to be cleared through Ben G. Floyd, Jr. before they are awarded to democratic faithfuls.

There is probably not much to complain about if you are a friend of Floyd and an admirer of Governor Jim Hunt.

But...God help the poor Republican and former governor Bob Scott supporter... and Bev Lake's adherents, etc., etc. Who will speak for them?

As I see it, it is wrong for

Ben G. Floyd, Jr. to be clerk of superior court and, at the same time, manager of Gov. Jim Hunt's re-election effort in Robeson County. A man can not serve two masters. And Floyd cannot serve all the citizens of Robeson County and Gov. Jim Hunt too.

According to canons of ethics applicable to judicial officials, Floyd ought to resign as clerk of court, or at least, take some vacation days or a leave of absence.

Yeah, suppose you were a Republican? They are voters, too, you know...

Tax Auditing discussed at Pembroke Kiwanis

With the annual income tax deadline less than a month away, the topic of tax auditing is most timely. Bernard Lowry, guest speaker at the Tuesday evening meeting of Pembroke Kiwanis, addressed himself to this topic.

First of all, each tax payer is held accountable for his income tax return. What are the chances that your return will be audited—only one in five. Members of the medical profession, entertainers, sports figures are among those more apt to be audited than the ordinary taxpayer.

You can reduce your chances of being audited if you fill out the tax form reasonably aggressively. However, such areas as entertainment expenses, maintenance of an office in your home, or if you have tax shelters, the odds of having your returns audited are greatly increased. On the other hand, deductions claim-

ed for medical, dental and prescription expenses are not apt to demand an audit.

The use of professional tax advisers is helpful in computing your taxes but in the final analysis the individual taxpayer is held accountable for the information filed in his income tax.

Club President Gibson Gray presided at the meeting. The invocation was given by James A. Sampson. Singing was led by Lankford Godwin with Ira Pate Lowry as pianist.

Club member Harold Hunt is presently a patient at the VA Hospital in Durham. Announcement was made of the meeting of the Cape Fear Kiwanis Club in Fayetteville on April 3. Lane Hudson, admissions officer at PSU will be the speaker at this meeting and members of Pembroke Kiwanis Club will also be in attendance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Citizen Responds Re: Fluoridation

Mr. Jim Iron, Physician's Assistant at Pembroke Medical and Dental Clinic presented effective sounding arguments for the fluoridation of the Town of Pembroke water supply, but not all medical and dental authorities would agree with the validity of these statements, which are presented as undeniable fact. Opponents of fluoridation can present equally effective arguments on the adverse effects of fluoridation, not only on the individual but on the whole environment. Those who remember the endorsement of the swine flu vaccine

by reputable public health officials can attest to the fact that such approval could not guarantee its absolute safety, but, at least, the citizens were able to choose whether or not to receive the vaccine. In the Town of Pembroke, the town officials decided what was good for its citizens by prescribing fluoridation for the water supply. There is surely no malicious intent on the part of either the Pembroke town officials nor on the staff of the Pembroke Medical and Dental Clinic in their approval of fluoridation for the sake of hardening the enamel on the teeth and thus reducing the

Congrats for Article on Pembroke Bonding Co., etc.

To the Editor:

Bruce, you are to be congratulated on your excellent and rather revealing article on the Pembroke Bonding Company story. Your article in last week's issue of the C.I.V. covered more issues, or should I say "uncovered" more issues, than the entire series of "copyrighted" articles published in the Robesonian. Maybe now the S.B.I. will have a legitimate reason for investigating not Pembroke Bonding Company, but instead all other bonding companies operating in Robeson County, as it appears that it is the others who have not complied with the necessary licensing requirements. I now eagerly await an announce-

ment by the District Attorney's office that the S.B.I. has been called in to make a further investigation of violations by other bonding companies in Robeson County. Surely your article called this to his attention just as the Robesonian did with its "series of copyrighted articles."

Bruce, I also eagerly await with much anticipation a response of some kind, a reply, or just an old acknowledgement of your article by the Robesonian as the C.I.V. through last week's article has clearly put the ball in their court. Will the whole truth be revealed? Can they respond? Will they respond? Or can it be that a small weekly has put the "daily giant" on the run?

I'm betting that now this whole fiasco will just blow over, particularly since someone other than Pembroke Bonding Company is involved. You know the approach... ignore it and it will go away...or...maybe a "calling off the dogs" approach.

There exists at least one significant lesson in the comedy of errors...and it is that before one attempts to expose another for alleged wrongs, that the initiator, the aggressor, had better be able to withstand exposure himself, i.e., he had better have his own affairs in order. Such obviously is not the case here, as so vividly pointed out by the C.I.V. article.

Finally, Bruce, through your efforts at the C.I.V., Robeson's citizens have been made pointedly aware, particularly so in last week's "bonding" article, that what we read in the "daily giant" may be shaded to suit the selfish desires of a few at the expense of many.

Bruce...don't ever let the C.I.V. fall into this trap.

Again, thank you Bruce and the C.I.V. for the good work.

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20 Years Class Reunion

The Pembroke High School Class of 1960 will hold a Twenty Year Reunion this year on August 30, 1980.

For more information, please call (919) 521-4396, (919) 521-2157, or (704) 545-6805.

Everyone who began with this class in 1956 is invited.

We are anticipating a large attendance, so please call one of the numbers above as soon as possible.

We would like for all class members to pass the word and please mail your address to Walter G. Oxendine, P.O. Box 547, Pembroke, N.C. 28372, or you may call in your address. The number is (919) 521-4396.

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HIDEAWAY VALLEY

a handbook to Lumbee History

BY LEW BARTON
Knight of Mark Twain

ADAPTATION; LUMBEEES A CLASSIC EXAMPLE. A key to the survival of all living things on earth, plant or animal, is adaptation. Adaptation means the ability of a plant or animal to adjust itself to its own particular environment and to cope with the situation, whatever the circumstances at any particular moment of its history. In the matter of human survival, the Lumbee Indians are expert; and so, for that matter, are all the groups of Indian survivors that dot the Eastern Seaboard where the European colonization of what is now the U.S. of A. began. They are rightly called "Indian survivors," because somehow they survived the Indian wars, the onslaught of Western civilization, the White Man's small pox which at one time threatened to wipe out the entire Indian population, the termination policy of the United States, and all the other trials and tribulations that were their's by virtue of the fact that they were Indian. While many other tribes are now as extinct as the bald eagle, the Lumbee Indians... somehow... have coped and survived. So much so and so well that they are actually viewed occasionally by behavioral scientists as a classic example of adaptation and survival.

The long, hard, uphill journey on the trail of nigh-impossible survival began on Roanoke Island, in what is now North Carolina but which was then in Virginia, in the latter part of the sixteenth century. That our exacting history has changed us somewhat in appearance, should surprise no one. Like some living things (both plant and animal) which change their coloring to harmonize more completely with that of their surroundings, our own original coloring has been somewhat altered, to better fit us for survival. But let no one misinterpret us. We are still Indian, as we find it necessary to prove, over and over again.

We have not only survived while innumerable other groups perished. Our ancestral lands, too, are still largely intact. The retention of these lands has made us the unwilling parties to a feud which first began in 1754 and has lasted to the present day. But the lands and the Indians remain... largely and foremostly through the power of adaptation. Few, if any, are the groups of Native Americans today who can say the same.

ADAPTATION PHILOSOPHY OF CHANGE.

THERE IS SCARCELY ONE OF US LIVING TODAY, including newly-born babies, who has not seen profound changes taking place on every hand; and all of us have been deeply concerned about them, at one time or another. In the world, the nation, the state, the county, the community — and very often in our own lives — the changes go on and on. No sooner do we become comfortable with one set of circumstances and conditions than — pft! There goes another idea we once may have regarded as Everlasting Truth.

"The only thing which does not change in the world today," declared one political leader recently, "is change itself. We must either adjust or be lost in the shuffle." The truth of his statement is so obvious that I cannot now even remember his name.

In other words, change is characteristic of the age in which we live. And that we CANNOT change. Somehow, set as we are in our "old ways" (and our "old ways" grow old very quickly these days), we must adapt ourselves to new conditions, new situations, new concepts — and then even newer ones.

This — let us make no mistake about it — is the day of scientific enlightenment. Almost every day new scientific disclosures are being made; and since true science is knowledge — in short, truth — we must align ourself afresh and anew in relationship thereto.

It is also the day in which a million voices are crying out to be heard; and, sound or unsound, for our own good we dare not silence, or even ignore, any of them. Whatever the merits or demerits of each, they are bringing about changes; and this keeps one in a constant state of adjustment. Adjustment and readjustment. And according to such natural laws as those of biology, which are virtually the only laws other than spiritual laws which do not change, the "fittest" organism is that one which is capable of adaptation.

The plants and animals of yesteryear which could not adjust to their environment have long since become extinct. But some plants and animals of pre-historic times showed an amazing faculty for adjustment. The giraffe, a large cud-chewing animal of Africa, finding itself too short to reach the topmost — and generally the choicest — leaves in the highest trees to feed upon, in time developed a longer neck, longer than that of any of its fellows. It is said that birds which once walked the earth, like most other animals, upon finding itself pursued upon land by the faster animals, developed wings and took to the air. But look what happened to the poor dinosaur! — which was in some cases 100 or more feet long! He was too heavy, slow and cumbersome, either to fight well or to escape his myriad enemies. He would not, or could not, take up new ways and develop new skills; and because of this, he has perished from the face of the earth.

Insects developed new wings or stings, or both as the case might be; and often their small sizes enabled them to seize a decided advantage over the larger animals, which also were probably more dull-witted. Result? Well, which is more numerous today — insects or dinosaurs? The lizards, especially those of smaller size and greater maneuverability, developed the power to conceal themselves, some of them even acquiring the power to change their color at will. In this way, they conform with their environment in color, and virtually make themselves invisible, whether the leaves are green, brown or some other color; whether it is spring, summer, autumn or winter.

Such is the theory of evolution — or, at least, one segment of it. But society is not a jungle, some will protest; and people are not lizards. But the law of the "survival of the fittest," in a less fatal but no less real sense, dominates the world of men, nonetheless. The "big fish" gobble up the smaller ones. Small businesses often find it difficult to compete with giant corporations, so much so that they are sometimes forced out of business. The small farmer finds himself unable to compete with the larger, tractor-owning operator. Our statesmen find it necessary to pass laws for the protection of these small businesses on occasion — and for the protection of smaller ethnic groups. We pass laws for the preservation of nature's smaller, less plentiful plants and animals; and even to protect the rivers against man-made contamination. In these and many other respects — thank heaven! — we differ from lower animals.

Man is the dominant creature of the earth, commissioned by Almighty God to "Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." (Genesis 1:28). It is interesting and gratifying to know that He did not say over other men. Such was never His intention, if we are to take our authority from the Bible.

While man has destroyed most of the lower animals (no commission for this) and some of his weaker fellow men, he has nevertheless found himself to possess something possessed by no other animal — a conscience. His conscience, which motivates him to pass laws for the protection of his less fortunate fellows, is all that stands between weaker groups and extinction. We must not relinquish the human conscience; for it is the one thing which makes us a little like our Creator. Men's conscience will either doom or save the world.

As President Johnson said during his 1964 presidential campaign, "We must love or we shall die." Without mutual consideration, we shall all eventually perish together. For the time now is when men must protect themselves from THEMSELVES.

In The Armed Forces



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