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As I See It

by Bruce Barton



Dr. Martin L. Brooks addresses Democratic Convention

LUMBERTON-Observers called it "one of the best addresses I ever heard" as Dr. Martin L. Brooks gave the keynote address last Saturday as the county democrats gathered for their annual convention.

Brooks, longtime political activist, is a Pembroke physician. Brooks held the packed O.P. Owens audience spell bound as he injected historical perspectives and personal observations into his talk.

Brooks noted, "I believe that God created man in his own image and likeness and gave him dominion over all the earth..."

Brooks, who has been in the vanguard of positive change in Robeson County over the last two decades noted:

"Let us first define our terms so we can think together:

"Here dominion means the secret of overcoming every kind of difficulty.

"The earth - is meant the whole of our outer experience, the conditions of our life.

"He said that we could inherit the earth - which means we have the power to bring the conditions of our life into harmony and success.

"Now every promise in the Bible was given on condition: We will be saved, if we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. We will be approved before God, if we study.

"Now He tells us that we can have (possess) dominion over the conditions of our life, if we accept and maintain a certain simple mental attitude and that mental attitude is an attitude of Meekness.

"Meekness means - A combination of open-mindedness, faith in God, and the realization that the will of God for us is always something joyous and interesting and vital and much better than anything we could think of for ourselves. This state of mind also includes a willingness to allow this will of God to come about in what every way Divine Wisdom considers it best, rather than in some particular way that we have chosen for ourselves.

"Therefore the only thing which prevents His will from being our peace is the use of our free will in exercising our power of choice.

"(Some say, 'I don't know what God's will is.' Well you know what it ain't. A more positive answer to 'What is God's will for me is - does it fit me to be of maximum service to God and to the people about me?)"

"William Penn once said, 'Men who refuse to be governed by God, condemn themselves to be ruled by tyrants.'

Brooks asked 3 questions of his audience:

"(1) Do you have a self fit to live with - a self fit for your God and your fellow man to know?"

"(2) Do you have a world fit to live in politically?"

"(3) Do you have a philosophy fit to live by?"

He then gave six reasons why civilizations have fallen in the past:

"I - They lost their religious convictions and flaunted basic morality.

"II - They became obsessed with sex.

"III - They debased their money of its intrinsic value and let inflation run rampant.

"IV - Honest work ceased to be a virtue.

"V - Respect for law disintegrated and violence became an accepted method of achieving individual and group desires...

"VI - They reached the point where the citizens were no longer willing to be soldiers and fight for the defense of their nation and their heritage. They resorted to paid mercenaries or tried to buy off their attackers."

Brooks said, "Now no one has to be very sharp to realize that we in America have gone a long way down all six of these roads. But thanks be to God we have not passed the point of no return.

"What can we do about it: Just everything - if we don't do our jobs right here at home it doesn't matter what they do in Raleigh, Washington, the United Nations, Camp David - and the like..."

"We must use wisely our power of choice; we must: Choose to love...rather than to hate; choose to laugh...rather than to cry; choose to create...rather than to destroy; choose to preserve...rather than to squander; choose to praise...rather than to gossip; choose to heal...rather than to wound; choose to give...rather than to steal; choose to grow...rather than to rot; choose to pray...rather than to curse; choose to work...rather than to procrastinate; choose to vote...rather than to not vote.

"Did you say, vote? Yes - vote - Oh that's political, yet that's political - but political simply means to influence - The greatest politician who ever lived was Jesus Christ - He influenced the lives of more people than anyone before or since. I hope that today and every day I will be political."

Brooks lamented run-away inflation and the malaise of American life.

He noted America was practicing the Titanic philosophy. The Titanic, the most modern ship in its day was considered unsinkable. But the Titanic went down in 1912 with some 1500 people on board.

He noted that there is time to turn the course of events around.

He offered some things he considers helpful.

"I - We've got to have a religious revival in this country. If we once again become the God-fearing People we were in 1776 that fact alone would solve most of our other problems. It is true. 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added there to - it is objectively, scientifically - true.

"II - We've got to teach each and every generation what it means to be an American - They are not born with that knowledge running in their blood streams - just because they happen to be born in America. 'Self Group' knows how to get and dispense information on God's Country.

"III - We've got to teach them that America is the one hope of every person who is free or ever wants to be - Surely it is not the United Nations it's the United States of America - Example: Hostages."

"IV - We've got to teach them and help them to understand the American promise - Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness - America can't guarantee happiness; it can't guarantee equality of achievement, that everyone will go up the ladder the same distance - The guarantee is equality of opportunity - and when you have had Equal Opportunity - You have had equality. The key words in the American System are Individual and Opportunity - The whole melting pot concept from which we grew to become the greatest nation on earth, had as it's foundation Individual Opportunity.

"V - We've got to teach them to know that those in government will be, must be servants of the people and not the masters. (When I hear people say our congressmen and senators are spending money like drunken sailors, I say no, they don't - drunken sailors spend their own money.)

"VI - We've got to teach them what Thomas Jefferson referred to as a decent respect for the opinions of mankind."

Brooks concluded his remarks by saying: (To remain a free nation) "...we must realize that freedom and God are inseparable."

ENDORSEMENT

Following Brooks' speech, the convention endorsed Mike McIntyre in his bid to become a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in New York City in August. McIntyre, a Lumberton native, is attending law school at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

According to a list provided by McIntyre, he and Pembroke State University professor Adolph Dial are the only persons from Robeson County who have filed to become national delegates, while dozens of persons from surrounding counties have filed.

OUTSTANDING DEMOCRAT

Earlier during the session, a plaque was presented to Nick Hunt, chosen by the convention's executive committee as the county's Outstanding Democrat over the past year. Because Hunt could not attend due to illness, the plaque was presented by Robeson County Sheriff Hubert Stone to Hunt's son, Derwin.

COMMITTEES

Eight persons were elected by the convention to serve on four committees. The Rev. H.E. Edwards and J.W. Hunt were selected to serve on the Congressional District Executive Committee. Mrs. Adelaide Behn and Arlie Jacobs were elected to the Judicial District Executive Committee. Dr. Martin L. Brooks and Gibson Gray were named members of the State Senatorial District Executive Committee, and Wyvis Owendine and Mrs. Novella T. Whitted were tabbed to serve on the State House of

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

N.C. Immunization Law Clarified

Dear Editor:

There is widespread misunderstanding about the North Carolina Immunization Law, and I will be grateful for the opportunity to give your readers the straight information.

For many years, the state immunization law has required documentation of immunizations for children before they can attend school. The first such law was enacted in 1911. Although many parents keep accurate records of their children's shots by maintaining the immunization records given to them by their physician or clinic, some parents are caught short when the time arrives for their child to enter school because they have either lost the shot record or were never given one. It is usually a simple matter of checking back with the physician or clinic where the immunizations were administered.

prevented by two different vaccines. "Baby shots" is another unclear term with different meanings to different people. To place school officials in the position of having to sort out a child's immunization record from a parent's recollections is simply an unfair imposition of a medical task upon an educator.

The 1979 General Assembly made several changes in the immunization law. One of the more important changes is the requirement that every child attending a school (through the 12th grade), or licensed day-care center in this state, must be properly immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles and rubella (German measles). The unimmunized child in school who contracts one of these diseases (with the exception of tetanus) poses a threat to the remainder of the student body if there are other non-immunized children in the student body.

Sometimes, however, there are real problems such as a physician having died or retired or a clinic or physician - particularly those out-of-state - not wishing to be bothered with retrieving old records. In those situations, the parent is best advised to sit down with the child's present physician or someone in the present clinic and review what shots the child has received.

Every summer a heavy burden is placed on the public health departments across the state as many parents wait until the last minute to have their children protected. Many schools will have to extend the school year to make up for snow days, so the rush at clinics and doctors' offices is likely to be worse this summer.

Parents of beginning students should get the necessary shots now, before school is out for the year. Older students who need immunization would be wise to get it before the summer push starts.

J.N. MacCormack, M.D., M.P.H. Communicable Disease Control Branch N.C. Department of Human Resources, Raleigh

What the Name Lumbee Means

The word "Lumber" as a place name on the map, first came to Robeson County, N.C., in 1787, with the founding of the city called Lumberton, N.C.; spreading in 1809, by state law, from the city to the river - called "Drowning Creek" from 1750 forward, but renamed Lumber River in 1809, to "improve commerce." (This river appears on no map, so far as we have yet discovered, earlier than 1725 - and the only name of this river on the 1725 map is "Wacoma," which refers not to the river itself but to the Waccamaw Tribe of Indians, otherwise called the Woccon, Wacon, Vocama, or Wacama Indians - also spelled Wackamaw. This tribe moved up to what South Carolina called her "northern frontiers" in 1720 - moved up there in the summer of 1720, to the number of 100 Waccamaw Indian men, plus women and children - and stayed there until at least 1733, dealing solely but uneasily with the colony of North Carolina. Record dates of 1734, 1735, 1750 and continuously thereafter - particularly in 1754 and 1755 - make it look to us as if the entire Waccamaw Nation of Indians had moved onto the South Carolina side of the line between North and South Carolina; a line a large portion of which surveyors set in 1735. This line remains in the same place today, 245 years later. One could argue that the Colony of North Carolina did not annex the present Robeson County, N.C., until the 17th of March 1750 (new style).

Publications date of 1888, 1918 and 1919 call it not the Lumber but the Lumbee River. (Hamilton McMillan's 1888 booklet, Field & Stream magazine, and the Journal of American Folklore, respectively.)

In 1951, two thousand, nine-hundred and fifty-one Indians in Robeson County held an election, and voted (2,916 to 35) to call themselves Lumbee Indians. This movement to name ourselves Lumbee Indians was led by the late D.F. Lowry. They made up just over 7.7% of the 22,553 American Indians counted in Robeson County by the federal census in 1950. However, Tuscarora Indians have lived on Drowning Creek since at least the 21st of October 1767 (Sarah Lowrie and her 5 children). And by the 7th of December 1778 Lazy Will Locklear (who spoke the Saponi Indian language in daily conversation with relatives) had already lived in the present Robeson County long enough to have substantial improvements on his land.

Ronald Brooks Maxton, N.C.

Tax Bite By State Is Bigger

RALEIGH - If you have a feeling that more of your hard-earned dollars are going to the state income tax collector, you're probably right.

Figures compiled by the Division of State Budget and Management show that in 1969 state income taxes took 1.7 percent of the average Tar Heel resident's salary. By last year, however, the figure had grown to 2.5 percent.

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God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the different.

Pre-school Clinic Planned

Dear Parents:

Pre-kindergarten Registration will be held on Friday, May 2, 1980, at 9 a.m. In order to register a child he or she must be 5 years of age by October 16.

We ask that you bring the following information: •Birth certificate. •Shot record. •Physical form (must be completed by doctor).

We look forward to seeing each of you as we prepare for the upcoming school year.

NOTE: We ask that children do not attend Pre-registration.

Sincerely yours, John N. Sampson, Principal Dorleen S. Hall, Kindergarten Teacher Betty C. Locklear, Kindergarten Teacher DEEP BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Rt. 4, Box 170 Lumberton, N.C. 28358

Representatives Executive Committee.

In other business, convention chairman John Mark Brooks announced that the county could send 148 delegates to the district and state Democratic conventions. Less than 60 persons have signed up to attend each convention.

The convention unanimously approved resolutions honoring the late James E. Chavis Sr., Special Superior Court Judge Samuel E. Britt and District Court Judge Herbert L. Richardson.

The convention also heard a resolution sent by the Robeson County Black Caucus. The measure, which cited several grievances against the county Democratic organization, asked the convention to "give an ear" to the Black Caucus and requested that blacks be called upon to fill vacant positions.

The resolution was signed by state representative Robert Davis and Lumberton councilman E.B. Turner, both members of the Black Caucus. J. Mark Brooks, chairman, presided.

PSU Yearbook became Indianhead

Sir:

I often read in your news paper about activities at PSU.

Well, when I was there it was Pembroke State College for Indians only, specified on my diploma. Since then I have attended Wayne State University in Detroit, in addition to Appalachian State.

I want to let you know how the name of PSU's annual yearbook came about. This can be verified by members of the college graduating class of 1946.

One day while sitting around a table in our classroom with our beloved Dr. Kennedy, Etha Mae Harris Cummings was sitting at the table along with Helen Maynor Jones, others and myself. asked Dr. Kennedy did Etha Mae look like she had an Indianhead.

Hence the name of the annual yearbook, Indianhead.

Sincerely, Jesse J. Maynor Route 1, Pembroke, NC 28372

Leaf Planting Hike Expected

RALEIGH (AP) - The planting of tobacco in North Carolina is expected to increase by 16 percent this year as farmers try to recover from the problems they encountered last year.

A survey of farmers by the state Agriculture Department's Crop and Livestock Reporting Service shows that 272,000 acres of flue-cured tobacco will be planted. The survey showed that the burley crop also is expected to increase.

Carl Gross of the reporting service says the increase in flue-cured tobacco will enable farmers to meet the maximum amount the federal government allows to be grown in state. The state's quota is 790-million pounds, an increase of 50-million pounds over last year.

The yield is expected to be 4 percent lower than the record 1978 crop despite being so much higher than 1979.