

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

LUMBEE HOMECOMING...

I am grateful to Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) for activating Lumbee Homecoming. It is a nice time of the year, a

welcome respite from our labors.

It is a time to welcome our loved ones home.

Welcome home, everyone. I am looking forward to seeing all of you and just relaxing for the next few days as Lumbee Homecoming 1980 unfolds.

And Another People Profile:

BETTY SHEHDAN & DAUGHTERS BELLY DANCE



Shown above are: the mother, Betty Clark Shehdan; 16-year-old daughter Serina

(Amira); and the youngest daughter of 10, Sawnika (Kateri).

Betty Shehdan (Jamila) is an American Lumbee Indian from Pembroke, and the daughter of Timothy and Sally Clark.

Pennsylvania. We are the only mother and daughter professional group in or around the State of North Carolina."

Many years ago she was introduced to the art and culture of the middle eastern countries. She attended the Arabic Nights at State University in 1971 which was held at the student union on the Raleigh campus. Needless to say, she fell madly in love with the art and culture and was completely mesmerized by one of the dancers. From then on she attended the Arabic Night for the next five consecutive years.

CHARLIE BROWN'S STEAK HOUSE-AUGUST 15th U.S. 1 North-Dinner Starts 7 p.m.-2 Hour Professional Show

Mrs. Shehdan continues: "This brings us to where we are today in planning our dinner, show and dance to the world famous recording artist, George Abdo. This live performance by Mr. Abdo will be his first within a five hundred mile radius of Raleigh and the Fred Shehdan Harem takes great pleasure personally in being able to bring our friend to our town."

In 1976 she heard there were belly dance classes being held at one of the centers in Raleigh. She jumped at the chance to join. Her daughter, Serina (Amira) was then twelve. By this time she had already had quite a bit of belly dancing experience. At age five she took her over to the college to try out for a solo part in a Middle Eastern Wedding Dance. She had never had professional training but won the solo. She was a self-taught belly dancer. For the next five consecutive years she danced at the Arabian Nights.

Mr. Abdo is the son of a Lebanese actor. His mother was a Syrian vocalist. A Salem native, he began by singing Blues, then formed his "Flames of Araby Orchestra" in 1961. Middle eastern and Greek Music was a staple in his home. In the late 60's George and his orchestra started recording and are now on Monitor records, which is a New York label specializing in ethnic music. He sings in seven languages--Arabic, Armenian, Turkish, Greek, Yiddish, French and English. His orchestra is equally versatile, containing some of the world's best musicians. Edward Melikian, from Worcester, plays the mandolin-like Oud. John Haddad, Abdo's 22-year-old nephew and student at the New England Conservatory, plays the Electric Violin and Viola. Martin Yuffe, who was a Harvard Music instructor and played with the London Symphony when he was 14, plays Oboe. Manny Petro is "the king of middle eastern guitar." Mitchell Kaltsunas, from Rosindale, is a standout percussionist. The exotic music which is accompanied by the dancers' fingers cymbals, involves a considerable manipulation of the singer's voice, along with a lot of chanting. It can all be summed up in one word. FREELINGS.

They have danced for many different affairs and fund-raising benefits. It has been a most enjoyable and relaxing experience. Says she: "Our dancing has taken us as far as Florida and North to Boston.

The sale of George's six albums were led by almost 200,000 sales worldwide of his latest album, Danny Thomas, Liza Minnelli and Henry Mancini have all voiced acclaim. All McGraw just purchased all

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer Counters Fluoridation Claims in Pembroke

Dear Sir:

Communities considering the fluoridation of water should consider the following facts: Antigo, Wisconsin, (Fluoridated 25 years) has had a tremendous rise in heart deaths (court house records). This has happened also in fluoridated cities in Michigan and Nebraska.

The 1980 Physicians Desk Reference (the bible of the medical profession) carries warnings of adverse reactions with the use of fluoride.

The F.D.A. (Federal Register 3-28-80) has proposed rules that would require fluoridated toothpaste to carry a warning label.

It has been proven in court that fluoridation contributes to cancer. Dr. Dean Burk, founder of the National Cancer Institute, says that fluoridation causes 25,000 extra cancer deaths per year in the U.S.

A U.S. HEW study cites findings of 1.8 ppm. of fluoride in daily food intake. Almost two times as much as recommended by the Public Health Service and 6 times as much as children under the age of two should be getting. (See PDR 1980).

In nine out of nine referendums in April, 1980, fluoridation was defeated. This should tell city councils something.

With toothpaste, mouth wash, tablets, drops and foods high in fluoride readily available why is there a need for fluoridated water simply because funds are available? Why poison the whole well with a prescription drug? Why waste you tax money in this way?

In the Congressional Labor-HEW appropriations bill hearings, the Public Health Service could not come up with a single study that showed that fluoridation water at 1 part per 1 million was effective in reducing cavities.

Isabel Jansen, R.N. 608 Gowan Road Antigo, Wis. 54409 President, Citizens Action Program for Safe Wisconsin Water Inc.

They could not show any double blind tests in the U.S. or a single unbiased study showing that fluoridation was safe.

SOUTHEASTERN GOSPEL SINGING ASSOCIATION

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To all gospel music lovers:

Another first Saturday Night Singing has come. It's that time when we can meet together to enjoy ourselves in the Lord. It seems to me that after meeting so many people (weekly) that God's people are the happiest people in the world. So many people are not free in churches, and as a result of this they are weak in spirit.

delighted to have you. You are free at Oak Grove and can worship God to His choosing and your desire. If you can only come, I believe God will bless you Monday through Friday which is the 4th of July, come on by and worship with us.

We know that we have a lot of competition that our attendance this month may be off, with Strike at the Wind and other programs going on for this Saturday Night people may have to decide where to go, but we cannot give our services up, for even one month. We must carry on for God in trying to win souls for God, and to be a blessing for his people that may be weak. WE can offer a place for the children of God. And anyone else who wishes to attend to come together and sing praises to God, but we cannot make you come, so if you will come and sing praises with us, I know you will be happy.

Our guest singers for this month, July 5th at 8 p.m. at Deep Branch School is: The Singing Miracles from Troy, North Carolina; The Jubilee Gospel Singers from Lumberton, North Carolina; The Truth Gospel Singers from Fayetteville, North Carolina; and many others. Come on out and enjoy the blessings of God. I feel that you will enjoy yourself in this Gospel Singing. Now remember there is no charge to get in. Come on out.

By the time you get this letter our day time revival at the Oak Grove Church will be in progress two services daily 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. beginning June 30, thru July 4, 1980. Please if you can come even for just a day we will be

On July 26th, Saturday night there will be a great Gospel Singing at the Lumberton Senior High School in Lumberton. This singing is sponsored by the McNeill Quartet, Singers for this event are The Scott Sisters, The Heavenly Bound Boys, The McNeill Quartet, and the Singing Samaritans.

Come on out and help in this singing. Come prepared to receive your blessing from God. Looking for you on Saturday, July 5th, 1980 at the Deep Branch School at 8 p.m.

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Pembroke Eye Clinic director thanks public for response

To: The Editor and Citizens of the Pembroke Area:

Dr. John Adams and I wish to express our appreciation to the many citizens of the Pembroke area who have contributed to our warm welcome and have assisted us in establishing the Pembroke Eye Clinic. Your newspaper very ably presented our philosophies and experience and caused our open house and reception on Sunday afternoon to be very successful.

We are grateful to the many citizens who came to the new clinic to express their interest and concern and support. There is no way that any community could have been more cordial and we shall not forget these overtures of kindness and courtesy.

On Sunday afternoon at the open house and reception, we dedicated our new building and our practice to the glory of God, and Reverend Dawley Maynor led us in prayer. I stated at that time that this would be our purpose, and if we did this, to please tell Him, and if we did not function in this mood, to please tell us.

Again, we would like to publicly thank Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lowry, the owners of our new building, for their wonderful assistance. Also, Mayor Pete Jacobs and his fine wife who introduced our guests to us at the reception. I

learned many things from Mr. Jacobs, and we are proud to be part of the future growth that is predicted for the Pembroke community.

We feel we are very fortunate to have Mrs. Lycourous (Helen) Lowry to serve as our receptionist-secretary. She has been so helpful to us already, and she has further agreed to allow persons to make appointments with her at her home on the days we are not at the office. If she can not be reached at home or the office, please call our Fairmont Optometric Clinic. A part-time clinic requires some temporary inconveniences, but I predict we will soon be in Pembroke four to five days each week.

Mr. Barton, your newspaper is making a tremendous contribution to the Pembroke area, and as a subscriber to your newspaper, I want to thank you, congratulate you, and challenge you to continue the strong efforts that you are making to provide the Pembroke area with an effective newspaper. As you know, a growing newspaper is necessary to a growing community.

With kind personal regards to you and the citizens of the Pembroke area and a prayer that God will bless all of you at all times and in all ways, I am

Appreciatively yours, Harold C. Herring, O.D.

LRDA IN ACTION by Lew Barton

HOMECOMING 1980

to be considered:

A dozen years have passed since the inception of LRDA. Homecoming 1980 is a far cry from Homecoming 1970. The past decade has seen some of the most marked and most remarkable changes in the life of our Indian community in our history. Ten years ago, many people were worrying about the loss of our identity because of the loss of our schools as Indian schools. Now, ten years later, the Robeson Indian Community is more stable, more cohesive, more prosperous than ever before.

In short, despite sweeping changes, we have prevailed. One big reason is that we have organized and coordinated our efforts in greater measure and in more ways than ever before. We have a central organization, a centralized organization, capable of dealing in one way or another with all the problems inherent in our existence as an Indian community. For this, we should all be thankful.

Homecoming 1980 is reflecting much of our phenomenal growth and development during the past decade. This year as never before, we should focus attention on those elements of our community which are now serving us. Focus and be proud of our accomplishments.

1. Visit LRDA's facilities. Ask questions. Take stock of our resources. Think of new ways we can improve and/or serve the Indian community better. Then write, suggesting whatever changes appear to be desirable. Remember that LRDA has an open door policy and your suggestions are sure

2. See Strike at the Wind. Suggest any changes that may be indicated. Communicate!

3. Visit Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc. Ask questions. Here is another service which was not available to us ten years ago.

4. Visit Old Main on the Pembroke State University campus, remembering that ten years ago the building representing our community was listed as a liability rather than an asset and was on its way to everlasting destruction.

5. Visit the new quarters of the Carolina Indian Voice at the Revets Motel facilities. Just think: Until January 1, 1973, we didn't really have a community voice. A community, Indian or otherwise, is a sad thing without its own voice.

7. Take note of Pembroke's growth within the past ten years. Suggest ways that we can make our streets safer now that traffic flow has increased to such a point as to have become really hazardous.

8. Check on recent plans to make the romantic old Lumbee River a Canoe Trail. If the effort meets with your approval, or doesn't, make your feelings known.

9. Just wander around, meeting old acquaintances and renewing old friendships.

10. Have the time of your life this year!

WELCOME HOME, FELLOW LUMBEE! WELCOME BACK TO GOD'S COUNTRY!

MY NAME IS LUMBEE

My name is Lumbee-My perverters would say Lumber. Just a crooked little river, 44 miles in length. But I know many secrets. And I fathered a people. And few there should be who would harm me. My name is Lumbee. I join Drowning Creek At the one end, And the Little Peedee On the other. Why do people deny I exist? I who have birthed them? I who have nursed thee, Like a mother from my bosom? Am I really unworthy of them? Or are they really unworthy of Me? They have fished in my cool waters. And they have swum in my swift stream. Yet they have despised me. They have rejected me. And they have scorned the father. The father who fathered them. And they have heaped abuse upon my name For my name is Lumbee. What have I done to deserve disfavor? Have I not harbored them? Have I not hidden them? Have I not kept their very lives safe In times of war and peace? And have I not lulled their Restless children to sleep at night With the gentle trickle of me. Oh, listen to my sad murmuring. And tell me, do tell me, For which of these things Do you now persecute me?

-Lew Barton

"Prevention is the daughter of intelligence." Walter Raleigh



Pharmacist Howard Brooks Pembroke Drug Center

July 4th fireworks: Be cautious!

I will recall the excitement of July 4th fireworks. But if you're planning fireworks this 4th, do so with caution for safety's sake!

Make certain an adult is present to supervise children. Half of the nearly 10,000 people seriously injured last year were under age 16. Light only one device at a time, well away from other people, houses and flammable materials, such as dry bushes. Keep a bucket of water handy in case of fire. Don't touch or try to re-light malfunctioning fireworks.

Enjoy the 4th - Do so, Safely!

Your Pharmacy

Dr. Harold Herring and the Staff of Pembroke Eye Clinic wish to thank all the citizens of the Pembroke area for their warm welcome to us; also, we are grateful for the splendid attendance at our Reception and Open House on Sunday afternoon.

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