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EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

"We cannot know where we are going if we do not know where we have been."



As I See It

by Bruce Barton

Gene Locklear is well...and developing as a painter in San Diego, California

Gene Locklear is well...and developing as a painter in San Diego. California where he now resides. After ten years as a professional ballplayer Gene has laid down his bat and glove and taken up the paint brush full time. He wants to be recognized as a painter of note: he is well on his way toward that goal.

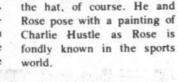
Recently he completed a portrait of San Diego Charger footballers Dan Fouts. John Jefferson and Doug Wilkerson. The original of the limited edition portrait was given away to a lucky fan during a promotion at La Jolla Village Square in San Diego, California.

Gene received most of his fame as a professional ballplayer with the San Diego Padres Baseball Club. At the height of his stardom he hit .321 for a season and won two battling titles outright in the minor leagues before he ascended to the big leagues with the Cincinnati RedLegs, the San Diego Padres and the new York Yankees with whom he finished his career.

Since his retirement from in 1978 Gene



Gene is also shown with a early 70s. Gene's the guy with former teammate. Pete Rose. who now plays with the Philadelphia Phillies. Gene broke in with the Red Legs when Rose was an established star in the world



A note about letters to the editor ...

Letters to the editor can be an effective forum for a newspaper and its readers. It is generally a good thing for people to be able to express

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IN REPLY TO A LETTER WRITTEN BY **BRANTLEY OXENDINE**

icers that they had received a

telephone call from the killer

in which he inquired if there

was a warrant pending for his

arrest. When he was informed

that there was a warrant

issued for his arrest in the

shooting of another man, he

subsequently informed the

officers of the location of

Anthony Oxendine's body.

only the killer could have kown

the location of his victim's

body, which he had let lay for

several days decomposing

while he was out peddeling the

victim's personal possessions

at pawn shops. No one knows

what became of the money he

received for the property he

stole from his dead victim.

Perhaps it was used for the

drugs and alcohol that he

claims made him too high to

He stated that his confess-

ion was a phoney statement

arranged by the local police

officers. But the details of the

killer's story as told to the

officers after leading them to

the body, dovetail exactly with

the events that took place

before and after the murder.

A large percentage of the facts

that the killer confessed to the

police were not known to the

authorities at the time of the

confession, but were corro-

barated later by the investi-

gating officers and proven in

In the convicted killer's

memory of the events of the

murder were blurred, fogged

or dimmed by drugs and

alcohol as he claims, then it is

truly remarkable how he could

have given such a truthful and

detailed account of the crime.

In the face of the overwhelm-

ing evidence against him, we

marveled at his desperation in

his claim of innocence, and

yet we wonder just how he

would explain his innocence if

it were possible for him to once

again see and talk to Anthony

We have no doubt in our

minds about who Anthony's

killer was. If Brantley has

accepted Christ as his personal

Savior it seems that he would

be able to tell the truth now.

We all feel that he should

Oxendine.

court.

make a statement.

The following is a statement of the surviving members of the family of Anthony Oxendine. regarding the facts in the case of James Brantley Oxendine, who was convicted of first degree murder in the slaving of Anthony Oxendine.

On November 20th the Carolina Indian Voice published a letter from the convicted killer James B. Oxendine, in which he alleges that justice was not done in his case. The letter attempts through a series of falsehoods to elicit sympathy for the murderer by claiming that he did not receive a fair trial. Anthony Oxendine, the victim of this callous crime, lies now in a cold grave unable to come forth and refute the false claims of his killer. It is for this reason that we the surviving members of Anthony's family who must live day by day with the suffering from his loss feel that we should express our feelings in this matter to the general public. We had hoped that the passage of time would help to heal the wounds of our sorrow but it is now apparant that there is no end to the lengths to which the killer will go to defeat justice. It is therefore with sadness, hurt and anger that we take pen in hand to answer the lies of the man who slayed our beloved Anthony.

James Brantley Oxendine received a life sentence after being convicted in a court of law of the murder of Anthony Oxendine. Everyone knows that this does not mean that he will spend the rest of his life in prison. To the contrary he will some day again walk the streets of Robeson County, free to do whatever his imagination leads him to do. During his stay in prison he will be denied nothing except total freedom and the company of the opposite sex. With the exception of these things he is provided with everything he

needs including good food, warm living quarters, entertainment in the form of movies, radio and television and everything he needs to. lead a healthy existence. Com-

able to experience any of the

pleasures that his killer enjoys

and takes for granted every

James Brantley Oxendine

states in his letter the he was

under the influence of both

drugs and alcohol before and

after the murder. Yet it was

the convicted killer himself

who led the authorities to the

lifeless body of his victim. It

was disclosed at the trial by

But please understand that

we never wish to offend

anyone and we try to the best

of our limited abilities to judge

each letter on its own merit.

Recently Al Kahn wrote me

in a mildly annoying vein. I

printed a letter to the editor

which chastised WAGR for not

Of course, Al Kahn, a

patriotic American, took issue

with that letter and informed

me that he did not agree with

the writer, Sgt. W.P. Revels,

another patriotic American.

Kahn is the owner of one of the

favorite radio stations in the

area. WAGR is the AM

station; he also owns WJSK.

It seems that Kahn did not

play a recording that Sgt.

Revels wished for him to play

on Veterans Day. Instead.

WAGR and WJSK ran five

editorials on Veteran's Day, a

subject which was also covered

by a number of public service

Sgt. Revels affirms that he

Too. Kahn noted that the

recording Sgt. Revels chas-

tised the radio station for not

playing was about the inde-

pendence of Israel and he

the FM affiliate.

announcements.

the station.

being patriotic enough.

testimony of investigating off-

day

Writer Questions **Church Practices**

To the Editor:

Even in the newspapers. one can plainly see that the Bible is being fulfilled. People are turning to Fables. putting the truth aside. Many preachers are preaching parts or almost all of the truth. But very few are telling the whole truth. On the average, the big time preachers have written book after book claiming to make the word of God plainer. When in reality, they mess it up. 111

The Bible says that the way is so plain that a fool can understand it. So why all these books. I read an advertisement the other morning in a local newspaper and in it was a book title that read "Why Do I Not Speak In Tongues." The gift of tongues is a spiritual gift found in Corinthians. It's plain to see a form of godliness and any Bible read Christian can see a denial of the power of God. Amen.

False prophets are in abundance. Where are false prophets? For a long time before Jesus Christ came 2000 years ago. God ceased to send prophets because of disobedience. But God restored prophecy to us. The Holy Bible says, I Corinthians 14:4 "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophieseth edifieth the church." May God bless the quotation of his holy word.

The word of God makes it plain that tongues is communication between the individual and God. But prophesy feeds the church. That is what the word edifieth means. That is how Peter fed the sheep as Jesus commanded him to do. Amen

Spiritual starvation is plagueing the church today. I

OUESTIONS LREMC BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S PRIORITIES

rageous

Dear Sir: I feel I must respond to a

recent letter to the editor from Mr. Bobby Maynor. As a member consumer of Lumbee **River Electric Membership** Corporation, I am acutely aware of the problems with that organization. When I realize that there are people

urge all of you people to go back to the Bible and stop folowing man. A man can only lead you to where he is. Christ will led you into perfect liberty thru the word of God.

You can see ministers of every denomination preaching false doctrines. Don't follow them. You can't sit on the pew and be saved and stay saved. If a minister does not tell you to take up your cross and follow Jesus, then he is not right. If he does not tell you to come out from among the world and love not the things of the world, then he is not right.

The church is supposed to be a holy place and it is a sin to use worldly things such as ball games to draw people to church. If the Holy Ghost can't draw sinners thru the edified preaching of the word of God and the walking talking testimony of the saved, sanctified, Holy Ghost filled children of God, then it can't be done. Amen.

The church is supposed to be without spot, wrinkle or blemish. Strange that it seems that we can't find any that are really like that. I know God called me to straighten out the mess that preachers have made. I have to tell you that compromise is sin. If a man preaches false doctrine, then he is a false prophet and is out of contact with Jesus Christ.

God called me and ordained me and two churches have seen fit to commission me as an Evangelist. Follow God today and for eternity.

All correspondences should be sent to the address below:

Rev. Douglas W. Maynor P.O. Box 854 Pembroke, NC 28372

If I am informed correctly,

going to? What are we paying

My condolences to all of us

Sincerely.

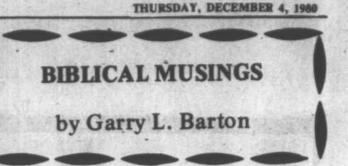
Jimmy Goins

Route 1

Pembroke, NC 28372

begins. with paying through the nose

for electricity while the spending in house remains out-CP and L's rate increase to LREMC was not half as much as the increase on our electric bills. Where is our money



ings. Webster defines doctrine

as "What is taught as the

belief of a church." The way I

see it, the church should

believe that Jesus Christ died

on the cross for the remission

of man's sins. And that He

rose from the dead on the third

day and ascended to heaven.

If you don't believe this, in

my estimation, you are not a

Christian. Mind you, I am not

judging for the Bible ad-

monishes us not to judge. I am

simply stating a matter of fact.

It has been said that man has

took Christ out of Christmas. I

dare to expound upon that:

Man has all but took Christ out

of being a Christian. Instead of

concentrating our energies

upon praising and edifying

God we many times find

ourselves hung up on such

things as whether or not one

should be baptized, whether or

not it is proper to shout, speak

in tongues, work on Sundays,

etc. It's sad and sickening at

I said all that to say this.

Doctrine is what is taught as

the belief of a church. We

should therefore be concerned

with Jesus Christ's Doctrine.

There is no other. I don't

particularly care what the

doctrine of Moses was. And I

know I don't care what the

doctrine of Grandma Moses

Indeed, the Old Testament

(as is all scripture) is profitable

for doctrine, correction,

reproof and instruction in

righteousness (see II Timothy

3:16). As a matter of fact,

Jesus guoted directly from 22

of the 39 books found in the

Old Testament. He was espe-

cially fond of quoting from the

Book of Deuteronomy, no

doubt His favorite. It is my

opinion that what Jesus

thought to be relevant in

regard to Doctrine, He quoted

If I failed to get the point

across, give Jesus a chance.

children hearing His sayings.

substituted the word church

Matthew 7:24-- Any church

that "heareth these sayings of

mine, and doeth them, I will

liken (them) unto a wise man,

which built his (church) upon a

rock: And the rain descended,

and the floods came, and the

winds blew, and beat upon

that (church): and it fell not:

for it was founded upon a

So, church, use Jesus Christ

it Himself.

for house).

rock."

the same time.

was

In our everyday Christian Testament tells us about Jesus Christ's two and one half year life, we are bombarded with doctrines; man-made rules ministry. and regulations have a strangle-hold on our churches, and When we speak of Christ's are slowly squeezing the life ministry, we are talking about Christ's teachings and sayout of them.

The reason for this is quite simple. Man is just getting further and further away from the Word and since John 1:1 tells us God is the Word, we therefore are alienating ourselves further from God.

Man can take the simplest task and in a very short interval of time he will have miraculously transformed it into a complex and practically incomprehensible beast.

This is what is happening in our churches today. It seems that every denomination has a separate and distinctly different doctrine, notwithstanding the fact that there is, in actuality, only one Doctrine. Notice what Matthew 7:28 says: "It came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings (referring to His Sermon on the Mound), the people were astonished at his doctrine."

It does not take a scholar to surmise from this scripture that one can discover the true Doctrine by reading and studying Jesus's sayings and teachings found in the New Testament, especially in the Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. That seems simple enough.

But, many churches feel that they must immerse themselves into the Old Testament when formulating church doctrine. And, in my estimation, this is where the controversy

I am not knocking the Old Testament, Heaven forbid, I just feel that God had a reason for admonishing His children "to study to shew thyself approved of God." If one studies God's Word, he will find himself capable of keeping things in their proper perspective.

devoted fulltime to his painting. He brings to the canvas his own instinctive sensitivity inspired by his Native American heritage as well as his experience as a renowned sports figure. Gene sums up his ambition this way: "It is my goal to become the painter that one day can be admired, appreciated and criticised with pleasure."

I learned long ago not to take bets against Gene Locklear. I admire him immensely. He is a big thinker and a hard worker ... that's a tough combination to stop. I expect Gene to continue to grow and develop as a painter until he ranks with the best in the business.



Here, too, is a painting Gene

recently did of Los Angeles

Dodger star firstbasemen.

Steve Garvey.

Here's his painting (a fas- kerson is from nearby Faycimile, of course) of Fouts, etteville. Jefferson and Wilkerson, Wil-

COUNCIL MEETS DEC 8

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Pembroke. scheduled for Dec. 1. 1980, has been re-scheduled for December 8. 1980 at 7

themselves.

But sometimes the Letters to the Editor column is misunderstood by the readers. Most of the time we give the benefit of the doubt when people wish to express themselves although it does not necessarily mean that we agree or disagree. Letters to the Editor belong on the Editorial Page because they are opinions of the readers, not necessarily the Indian Voice

We seldom turn down a letter to the editor and allow people to express themselves as much as possible.

One thing we do not want to do is get into a shouting match with anyone; for instance, if one person writes a letter concerning another person and /or institution and a reply is forthcoming we usually attempt to end the dialogue immediately because generally both sides have been heard and that should be the end of it. It is left to the readers to decide for themselves who they agree with.

Recently we received a letter from a purported Tuscarora - Chief and decided not to print it because it raised the same issues that previous letters stated.

And other letters not printed usually are those we feel would create excessive ill will in say a church or a community or family.

We really respect all those writing letters to the editor and we shall continue to print as many of them as we can.

We thank all of you for your editorial expressions and did not hear any of the opinions over the last eight references to Veteran's Day on years since we began The **Carolina Indian Voice**.

Too, we respectfully ask that you not use the forum of the letters to the editor to grind your own as excessively.

pare this if you will to the accept his sentence and serve plight of his victim who lies in it like a man. a lonely grave, never again

> We were contacted by Brantley's own family to assure us that they felt that Brantley had committed the crime. Anthony's family has enough hurt to live with day by day and we could certainly appreciate it if Brantley would realize that he has caused us enough pain without continuing to try to hurt our family.

> > The Family of Anthony Oxendine

to play the tape on the air. I should have called Kahn and Sgt. Revels before I ran the letter. Both guys are patriotic and decent guys. I know them both well. A call from me might have reduced

I apologize to any of our readers who have been offended in the past by a letter to the editor of The Carolina Indian Voice. Our only defense is. I suppose, that we try to be fair and honest in our dealings with everyone. especially those who respect us enough to write a letter to the editor.

Maybe a firm policy about our letters to the editor will emerge from all this. Our only intent is to allow everyone to express themselves without offending anyone else: it's a mighty thin line to walk between the two extremes.

Rev. Chealey McNelll, the pastor; and a number of the membership officially broke ground for the new facilities which will house Riverside Independent Baptist Church. The groundbreaking took place last Saturday morning. The church will be located on Highway 74, approximately five miles from Lumberton (Bruce Barton photo)

for? Unlimited expenses, I who live on fixed incomes and their electric bills are more suppose. than their income. I cannot I would advise all member

prevent my concern. When consumers of LREMC to talk will the board of directors of to their directors. If you have LREMC stop gagging at gnats one who is unresponsive and and swallowing camels? gives you only half truths, begin now to eliminate him or I call on my board of her, whatever the case may

directors to begin nipping the he. problems in the bud. If, indeed, the general manager LREMC MEMBER We have has an unlimited expense once again been had. account, start by placing limitations on his spending. Stop excessive spending and begin where the problem lies.

We cannot continue to exist

Breaking

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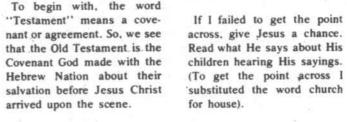
Thanks

Dear Mr. Barton:

It is with great pleasure that I and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the Locklear- Lowry VFW Post 2843 of Pembroke, NC extend to you our thanks for the assistance you gave us during our Annual Veterans Day Parade and activities.

Again, let us say thanks for the news coverage on November 11 and the times past.

> Yours in Cområdeship, Harold B. Locklear **Post Commander**



But God saw that the Law was not sufficient; man needed an alternate plan of salvation. Therefore, God took off His royal robe of authority and manifested His presence here on earth in the form of Jesus Christ. So, we see that the New lestament is the Covenant (agreement) God made with man about his salvation after Christ came.

Just remember this when

reading the Bible. The Old

Testament is an account of a

nation (the Hebrew nation).

The New Testament is an

account of a Man (the Son of

man). The Old Testament is

especially important because it

set the stage for the appear-

ance of Jesus Christ. The New

man's sins.

In other words, the Old as the foundation of your church. And you will have a Testament is the Covenant of Law; one had to adhere strictly church with a solid foundation to the Law in order to acquire that can weather any storm salvation. The New Testament that comes its way. is the Covenant of Grace. You may disagree with my Jesus Christ sacrificed Himcontention that Doctrine self upon the old rugged Cross of Calvary for the remission of

should emanate from the New Testament. But if you love God like I do, you have to agree with me that there is no solider foundation upon which to build a church, or anything else for that matter.

Pray for one another, and as John 13:35 tell us so vividly. show love to one another so that man will know you are Christ's disciples.

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the need for Sgt. Revels to write. Hindsight's of little help in the matter though. Riverside