

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE



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

1st American Showcase, Inc. Names officers



Dr. John Rimberg



Felicia Turner



Ronnie Hunt

PEMBROKE First American Showcase, Inc., a non-profit corporation committed to involving Lumbee Indians and others in the arts, met last Friday night at Big Mo's Restaurant near Pembroke and named permanent officers.

Bruce Barton, editor of the Carolina Indian Voice, was named president of the fledgling organization; Dr. John Rimberg, a sociology professor at Pembroke State University, was named vice-president; Felicia Turner, director of cultural events at PSU's Performing Arts Center, was chosen as secretary; Ronnie Hunt, manager of office and staff services, Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, was elected as treasurer.

Also elected as directors were Rev. Elias Rogers, McKeithan Jones and John L. Locklear, Jr.

Barton named three standing committees: by-laws, public relations and membership, and planning.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 1981 at the same place and time.

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Letters to the editor . . .

F-R-E-E-D-O-M

F...Is for Freedom the 52 holds today.

R...Is for Roses they will need along the Way.

E...Is for Endeavor and Courage they held from day to day.

E...Is for Everlasting Joy and Peace, may God grant along their way.

D...Is for Dominion they Faithfully held on to and didn't loose.

O...Is for Option but they didn't have the freedom to Choose.

M...Is for Many long Hours

the 444 days surely did hold.

On January 20, 1981, the magic word, "Freedom" filled the land, over the air and in the hearts of Man. It brought sweet music that will always last. Our 52 Americans are free at last.

"Freedom" will always be a symbol we cannot forget. It brought Joy to many mothers' hearts that were still bleeding as yet. It brought Joy, Happiness and Celebration throughout the land when our 52 Americans were Free at last.

Written by
Ader Jacobs

Thanks from the Fire Marshal

Dear Mr. Barton:

We would like to express our most sincere appreciation to you for your cooperation in the publication of the Fire Education Awareness Week in your paper. It means a great deal to know you are concerned enough about the

safety of the general public to print this type material.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Wilson J. McNeill
Fire Marshal
Robeson County Fire
Marshal Dept.

Send a AISA Student to Indian Unity Conference

Dear Sir:

The American Indian Student Association of Pembroke State University challenges the community business people, the community leaders or any persons interested in aiding one of our deserving members with a donation to send a student to the Indian Unity Conference to be held this year, March 5, 6, and 7 at the Quality Inn in Charlotte, NC.

Fees required are a \$30.00 registration fee which includes one banquet, a dance, two

breaks, one breakfast and workshops.

The AISA is very interested in having as many students as possible given the opportunity to attend. We feel action taken to secure the presence of our Indian students will profoundly make our young people aware of the Indian problems and issues of today.

Please help us to become involved. If anyone is concerned with helping, please contact Karen Hunt, AISA President at 521-9117, Belk Dorm at PSU. All help will be greatly appreciated.

HIDEAWAY VALLEY a handbook to Lumbee History

BY LEW BARTON
Knight of Mark Twain

POWHATAN AND A LUMBEE TRADITION

I encountered the tradition many years ago. The Lumbee tradition that some of our ancestors "fled Roanoke to escape the wrath of Powhatan."

It made little sense to me until I discussed it with the late Miss Mary H. Livermore, local White missionary to the Robeson Indians who was also head of Pembroke State's religious education department. Having conducted her own special research of Lumbee history, she was a staunch supporter of the old Lumbee tradition that we descended from the Hatteras/Croatan Indians and the so-called "Lost" Colony.

Powhatan, born about 1550 and living until 1618, is the American Indian chief who is best-known to history because he was the father of Pocahontas, the American Indian princess who allegedly saved the life of Captain John Smith. The Powhatan Indians, named for him, were the Algonquian speaking tribes of North American Indians, formerly inhabiting Eastern Virginia.

North of Roanoke Island, North Carolina, in 1587, "a local chieftain of the Richmond area was carving a small domain out of the Virginia wilderness. He was Powhatan, father of fair Pocahontas. The English, establishing their first permanent colony at Jamestown in 1607, found him a master of the region." (American Heritage

Book of Indians, NY, 1961.)

The Powhatan Confederacy contained about 200 Indian villages and embraced 30 tribes. All of these tribes paid him tribute in skins, pagnour (corn or maize), and freshwater pearls. "This oldest dominion covered all of tide-water Virginia, from the Potomac River to Albemarle Sound" in North Carolina. (p. 179.)

That Powhatan came to dislike the English colonists intensely, is not surprising. The Powhatan Indians "met the English with friendliness and were repaid with the back of the hand." (ibid.)

Powhatan came to resent any friendliness between the Indians and these ill-mannered new-comers. Rebellion sputtered, "and was to continue for 22 years..."

That this unhappy state of affairs resulted in an attack on the Roanoke Island inhabitants by Powhatan is a matter of historical record.

The tradition of the Lumbee Indians that their ancestors "fled Roanoke to escape the wrath of Powhatan" is supported by a solidly historical document. William Strachey, secretary of the Jamestown, Virginia, Colony, in his *Historie of Travallo into Virginia Britania*, written in 1613, a reference to the "miserable slaughter" is found. And the blame for the incident is laid at the door-step of no other than Powhatan.

(More on this subject to come.)

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

Dear Sir:

No doubt the greatest satisfaction in life comes from meeting the needs of people in simply "Wanting to know." This curiosity, satisfaction leads mankind to pass on information, to train, and to inspire the young in our public schools. This "positive attitude" has been developed over the many years by good, strong disciplined teachers and strong principals, and strong newspapers. The free press has and always will be synoptic, that is to look on two sides of all problems in order to come up with the right answers to our pressing problems.

Philosophy simply defined is—"the love of wisdom." In order to get this wisdom we must be sure that our "positivism" our being sure we are right is verified. Just to match ones will power against another person's will power could be wrong. So the philosophy of "Positivism" always needs verification.

It simply made me sick to see on television the showing of four undisciplined teachers' classrooms and the chaos in each. This is not the really

good professional teachers classroom. These teachers should be fired. This was shown on Wed. Feb. 25th "To-day Program." All those teachers were either fat or simply looked like they would not take a stand on anything including class room discipline. The TV camera was hidden and this certainly was unfair to the teachers. These teachers looked like they really lacked pride in their appearance and their physical fitness.

Now for Robeson County Schools. We just need backing for each good, strong, dedicated teacher and not backing for a teacher who won't step on anybody's toes including the students. Discipline must be strong but fair.

We need backing for the teachers who rally and keep discipline and of course parents need help too in disciplining their children: Parents need to realize they can't raise their kids by themselves. They need the help of teachers. This is Positivism Philosophy with verification.

Sincerely,
Ken Johnson
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Pembroke, N.C. 28372

NOTICE

Attention All Michigan Lumbees:

There will be a called meeting of all Michigan Lumbees on Monday, March 9th, at 7 p.m. at the Church of St. Paul, 4300 Woodward Avenue, between Warren and Forest Avenue, Detroit, MI.

An attorney will be present to explain the status of the legal suit against the Michigan State Commission of Indian Affairs and the State of Michigan regarding the tuition waiver eligibility for Lumbees of Michigan and to give us an update on these issues.

Everyone stands to benefit from this action, and everyone should give us their support by attendance at this meeting.

Adelaide Locklear
3272 Helen St.
Detroit, Michigan 48207



A Free Movie, "Ancient America Speaks"

Being Shown at PSU March 2nd

Dear Sir:

During the past few weeks, we as Latter-Day Saint Missionaries, Elder Rodriguez and Elder Brown have enjoyed the hospitality of the Pembroke people. Having been acquainted with you on the streets, in your homes, and at the post office. We find the Pembroke area interesting because of its proud Indian heritage, but the past goes way back to the forefathers of the American Indian. The ruins that they left are the silent reminders of their great civiliza-

tions. Who were these people? Where did they come from? What happened to them and the legends they left? The light God Quetzalcoatl of the Aztecs. To answer these questions and more, we are showing a free movie entitled "Ancient America Speaks." It will be shown at Pembroke State University in the education building room 223, Monday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Elder Rodriguez and
Elder Brown
Pembroke

Approaching Marriage Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bowen of Pembroke announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen Denise, to John Marvin Carter (Peter), Jr. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Barton and John Marvin Carter of Pembroke. He is the grandson of Mrs. Margaret Sampson and the late Edwin Sampson and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Carter of Pembroke. Karen is also the granddaughter of Mrs. Hazel Jones of Pembroke.

Sunday, March 15, 1981 at 5:00 p.m. at the Gospel of Grace Baptist Church, Elm Street, Maxton.

The bride-elect attended Pembroke Senior High School. The groom-elect attended Pembroke Senior High School and is presently attending Robeson Technical College.

No formal invitations are being sent, however, friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. [A Connie Brayboy photo]



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AREA SCOREBOARD

Prospect Cats fall in 1A tiff

Lady Cats prevail

PEMBROKE--Rennie Breeden and James McCrae scored 23 points each to lead the Rowland boys past the Prospect Cats in first round action at Pembroke 68-53.

Tiny Jones popped in 12 points to lead the Prospect Lady Cats to a 43-34 win over the Fairgrove girls in first round action.

Rowland meets top seeded Maxton tonight in the semi-finals.

Prospect meets the winner of the game between Williams Township and Maxton in Friday's semi-finals.

The Cats were led by Mike Deese with 18.



"The way to be a bore is to say everything." Voltaire

As I See It

by Bruce Barton

Meeting Conway Twitty up close...

Americans.

O.K. I'll admit it: I am a Country Music fan. I like of Conway Twitty and other stylists like him. My number one singer is ol' Possum Eye George Jones, the greatest country music stylist in the world. He and Conway sing "heart felt" songs. Real songs, I call them. And I like Conway next best.

It was totally out of character for the tough, blood-and-guts Marine Corps, trying the first such case in its two-century history, to show compassion for one who had rejected all the Corps' proud tradition by turning turncoat when captured by the enemy 15 years ago.

Some observers will say the precedent set in letting Garwood off with a dishonorable discharge and sacrifice of all or part of his back pay will encourage desertion and collaboration in the future.

I had the privilege of going back stage at the Cumberland County Arena recently and meeting face to face Conway Twitty, T.G. Sheppard and Helen Cornelius. The three appeared together on a show at the Cumberland County Arena February 13.

We think not. Undoubtedly the jury, in setting sentence for Garwood, took into consideration the man's miserable youth, the confused state of mind, his years of living hell in the company of his enemies. It recognized Garwood as another tragic victim of the ugliest, most unpopular war in the nation's history, a war without honor or reward or nobility for any Americans.

Seemingly the show lost money because of the reduced seating capacity of the arena to 3,000 because of insurance regulations.

The Twitty Show was booked before the arena was reduced, but promoters decided to put the show on anyway.

The jury quite properly found Garwood guilty as charged and could have sentenced him to life imprisonment. To its credit, it recognized the futility of imprisonment. Garwood, a piece of flotsam from life as well as war, would have rotted away in obscurity or would have quietly been paroled. But he would have emerged even a worse psychological wreck than he is now. At least he now has the concern and affection of Jacksonville widow Donna Long and her two sons to build on.

Conway Twitty explained why: "The fans are the main thing...They couldn't understand why when we said we were coming..."

Everyone had a great time. I really enjoyed the show. And I enjoyed meeting Conway and the others back stage.

Country Music performers have a high regard for the fans. Maybe that's why most of their shows are sold out and why they sell so many records.

Garwood sentence just

And I found this editorial in the Raleigh Times which appeared February 16. I agree wholeheartedly with it and wish to share its sentiments with you.

GARWOOD SENTENCE JUST

A Marine Corps jury's decision to dishonorable discharge Marine Pfc. Robert Garwood instead of send him to prison for collaborating with the enemy surprised the nation. But we think it satisfied the majority of

As for precedents, the country had already set some in the compassion it showed President Richard Nixon and the hundreds of draft dodgers who fled to Canada to escape what Garwood endured. It could hardly do less for this mangled man, when even his accusers from the Vietnam prison interceded on his behalf.

The Marine Corps jury, by dispensing compassion instead of punishment, has added another quality to its elite tradition.

Pharmacist
Howard Brooks
 Pembroke Drug Center
 Odum and W. 3rd, Pembroke, NC

Diet dilemma and solution

Do diet-faddists, fast-food junkies, and snack-time Alberts really have any hope to curb and control their appetites? If you're serious, your pharmacist is the place to go. The advice of your "personal pharmacist" in helping you select a safe, effective diet aid and explaining its proper usage and precautions is good sense.

Diet aids are short-run solutions to long-run problems. Yet, they can do the job.

So be advised by a pharmacist who cares and start down the street to our pharmacy. Feel fit, again!

Your Pharmacy