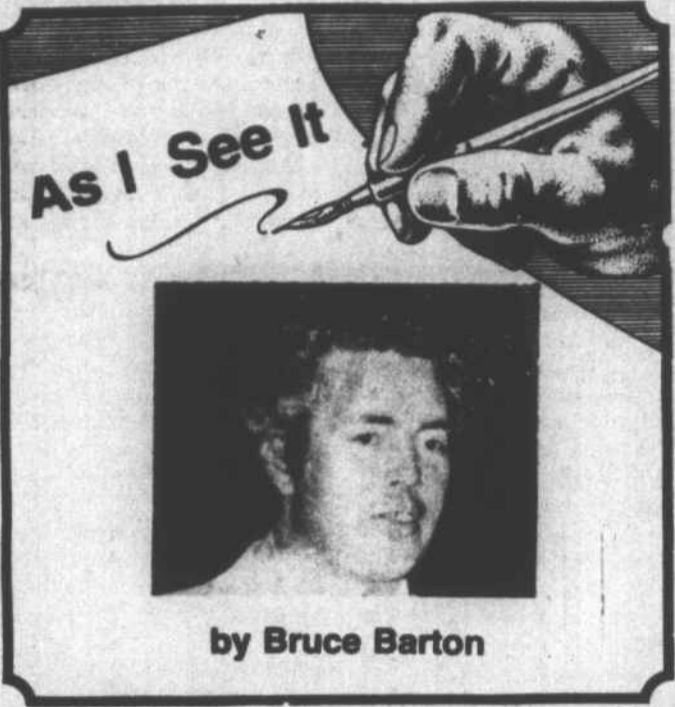


EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

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



As I See It



by Bruce Barton

A man and his religion
RAEFORD—I received word from one of my sources last Monday that a man in Raeford, N.C. was taking a stand on his religious beliefs and I rode down there Tuesday to find out a little more about it. And I found out that there was a man named Brother Ronald Bryant who was refusing to serve on jury duty because his religious beliefs demand that he not take a brother to court. His church affirms that "as Christians our Kingdom is not of this world... we are in the world but we are not of this world..."
 Brother Bryant is a member of a strict, fundamentalist church named **Trinity House of Prayer Holiness Church**. The church is located in Lumber Bridge, North Carolina. They hold to the old-timey ways. They are a small group in numbers but big in their beliefs. For instance, they do not like for their women folk to cut their hair, deeming it an honor to them and God. And they have had instances of prophesying. And direct messages from God, especially through Rev. Edgar Bryant, the founder of the church and the father of Brother Ronald Bryant.
 When Brother Robert Bryant was called to jury duty this week he simply ignored the summons prompting Sheriff David Barrington to go to the fields where Bryant was working on the Hendrix Farms in nearby Arabia, North Carolina and forcefully bring him before Superior Court Judge Coy Brewer. Brother Bryant still refused to serve saying, in effect, that

he would go to jail before he would stand in judgement of another. A compromise seems to have been struck.
 The judge demanded, according to associates of Bryant, that he remain in court throughout the length of his jury duty (throughout the week), even though he probably would not be chosen to serve on an active trial.
 Brother Edgar Bryant and his associates and church members believe firmly in the separation of church and state. A number of them also do not believe that Indians should have to serve on juries either. They are affiliated with the Cherokee Indians of Robeson and adjoining counties.
 In a letter addressed to the judge they stated:
 "We, the members of Trinity House of Prayer Holiness Church do hereby protest the actions of the court. We protest the court holding Brother Ronald Bryant a hostage and the attempt of the court to place Brother Bryant in bondage and in violation of his Constitutional rights of Religious Freedom.
 The Bible says not to take a brother to court. As Christians, our Kingdom is not of this world. We are in the world but we are not of this world.
 This court is of this world and we cannot have part of this worldly mess.
 We will not rest until Brother Bryant is free. Amen.
 According to the Bible, we cannot take part in court and we protest the kidnapping of Brother Bryant.

We don't follow the guidelines of man, but of God. "Isn't it against the law of the land for the court or the sheriff to harrass Brother Ronald Bryant? We are entitled to live our lives as we see fit.
 "We choose to go by the Word of God exactly. Our church is not like other churches.
 "We demand that the court release Brother Ronald Bryant from bondage and apologize in writing both to him and the church.
 "If Brother Bryant is not released we will file for an injunction in federal court. We will be victorious for God's glory. All the devils in hell cannot stop us. It doesn't matter if the devils wear badges and robes.
 "We do not fear what man can do to our physical bodies and we stand united in Christ.
 "There are all kinds of resources that we may contact. And we will. We demand that you release Brother Ronald Bryant and we rebuke you evil ones in the name of Jesus.

Signed,
Trinity House of Prayer Holiness Church
 Rt. 1, Box 129-C
 Lumber Bridge, N.C.
Rev. Douglas Maynor,
 Ordained Minister
Rev. Edgar Bryant
 Ordained Minister

In a statement to the press Rev. Douglas Maynor stated: "Bro. Bryant stood on his rights of religious freedom, took a stand for God. And now they have ordered him to sit in bondage in the court or go to jail. We are fighting to free him from the satanic bondage."

I talked to Sheriff Barrington while in Raeford and he intimated that the "fuss" was much ado about nothing. Said Sheriff Barrington, "All he has to do when he comes before the judge is tell him that he does not wish to serve because of his religious convictions... And I doubt very much he will have to. But he has the same responsibility as any other citizen to serve on jury duty; when the judge says go get them I go get them..." In response to a message received at the clerk of court's office that Bryant would be ex-communicated if he served Barrington said, "Why would a church do that to a member for doing his

Happy Birthday Friend!

Liza Locklear: You're such a special person, that it simply wouldn't do to pass up any chance at all to wish life's best for you. So your birthday's doubly welcome as a perfect time to send best wishes and this little thought—I'm glad that you're my friend! Happy birthday!

Debra Locklear

Plaudits for "Dollar Bill"

Editor's note: Mr. Billy Oxendine is a member of the Pembroke Jaycees. He recently received the following letter of congratulations for winning the State Jaycee Award.

Mr. Billy Oxendine
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Dear Mr. Oxendine:
 Let me take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you for winning the State Jaycee Award.

It is always nice to hear of an outstanding citizen, and you certainly are one. By being in charge of the Saw Project, Community Watch, City Council Visit, and many others, you have contributed much to the community and to the people in it. Your help and guidance will never be forgotten.

Once again, I would like to congratulate you for winning the State Jaycee Award. With best wishes,

Sincerely,
Congressman Charlie Rose
 7th District, North Carolina

duty?" I did not get to talk to Brother Robert Bryant. A rape case was under way and the judge allowed him to go home Tuesday and work in the fields... but insisting that he report back to court Wednesday morning.

Said Rev. Edgar Bryant and Rev. Doug Maynor, "He (Bro. Bryant) is a man who will stand for his convictions, for what he believes in." Probably everyone was right in the matter but it is refreshing to see a man stand resolutely for what he believes in.

As the matter stands, Bro. Bryant will have to be in court but chances are unlikely that he will be chosen for a jury. I can see lawyers now "We'll take this man" and the district attorney saying just as firmly, "No! We won't!"

WHO WE ARE... by Lew Barton Knight of Mark Twain

WHO I AM

Works of non-fiction are usually begun by telling some thing about the author by way of his qualifications. People purchasing a particular book want to know, first of all, "Who the devil is this?" They also want to know if he knows what he is talking about, and just how this expertise came to be acquired.

I have writteh seriously about the Lumbee Indians, and rather regularly, too, since I was editor of the **Pembroke Progress** in 1947. I am still at it. The reason for my interest is that I am a Lumbee myself despite my WASP-like name (Lewis Randolph Barton.) I always wanted a genuine Indian name but never acquired one until recently when some Indian friends dubbed me Silver Eagle. I am glad it is not an un-nice name, such as Tumblebug, because once the Indians hang one on you (a monicker, I mean), it usually remains with you until your dying-day, even when it happens to be uncomplimentary.

I don't know too much about my birth. Only that I was born on a Tuesday in the month of June, 1918. My 1940 delayed birth certificate says that it was on the 4th. My mother's family Bible bears record. The Indian midwife who delivered me to the world didn't record my birth in the county court house because that was not required here until more-recent times. She was a lady known locally as "Aunt Sis" Blue. Nobody ever told me what my delivery bill was but it must have been \$5, or less because midwives were still delivering babies in Robeson County, North Carolina, when I was a fully-grown man and a parent myself for just \$5. This particular Indian midwife just happened to be the grandmother of the late U.S. Indian Claims Commissioner Brantley Blue, a fact about which I used to kid him a lot and frequently.

My parents were Lumbee, too—Harker Randolph Barton and Catherine Ann Dial Barton. I understand that I was "born on the old Frank Place," somewhere on RFD 3, Maxton, near Prospect. All this took place, of course, in Robeson County, North Carolina, in the heart of the Lumbee community. I'm neither bragging nor complaining but it so happens that my mother was a sister to the father of Prof. Adolph Dial of PSU and Herman Dial, who turned out to be Chairman of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners. I will let you know what they do to me for revealing that. I am the only boy in the Barton family, being blessed with 6 lovely sisters, although my father was later married for the third time and this act blessed me with still other brothers and sisters.

My mother wasn't my father's first, he having been married for a brief period previously. That first union brought me a dear brother and a dear sister, both of whom are now deceased.

I thank God that I have been so blessed with brothers and sisters. I've always heard that my father was quite a lady's man, and judging from the way I myself feel about the opposite sex, I guess I have to believe that. I think man was the original model and woman the new improved model. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised at all if the old saying is true:

"The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." Men don't readily admit this, of course, but somehow I've always had that feeling. Remember the book of a few years ago, **The Natural Superiority of Women?**

Being brought up in a family of all women, except my father and myself, I can't believe it. Women don't bluster and command, like men. But they get what they want, anyway. In the end, they do. And any man who doesn't know that it is a fool.

Maybe that is because "the new, improved model" is superiorly equipped, just as the book says. They can out-suffer men. Their patience puts ours to shame. And sometimes I get the feeling that they are even brighter. I know darn well they are prettier.

No, as a child, race problems didn't beset or up-set me. Hell, I didn't even know there was another race. Other than the Lumbee race, I mean. It is a large community and I was 9 before I saw either a White or a Black human being.

Then Herbert Hoover went into the White House. The Great Depression came and he, like Nero, fiddled while Rome burned. In 1927, credit merchants "broke up" my family. I still remember the day the man with the lien came. He took our two farm animals, in this case, mules, hogs and a few scraggly chickens. He also took my father's Model T Ford. And we were reduced from "half-farmers" to "third-farmers."

Which meant that we got only a third of what the farm produced, whereas we had been getting one half, inasmuch as we owned our own farming equipment. Oh, my mother's father, Marcus Dial, had a large farm. And my father had a small tract of land, too, left to him by his mother Florence. But as for my mother's heritage, Grandpap always believed that the boys should have the property and that his daughter should marry property. I've heard my poor mother complain many a time that she darn near killed herself helping Grandpap clear his tract of timber land. He left her \$30 when he died, the same as he left his other daughters.

Papa didn't worry much about owning land, as most Robeson Indians do. He gave up his right to Granny's tract because his half sister cared for his mother in the old lady's later years. Papa felt that "sister vicey" ought to have the land for her pains. So we didn't have a whole darn lot to loose when the Great Depression struck. But my mother's younger brother didn't fare too badly. So we moved on part of the Marcus Dial farm when the big blow came. I've never thought too much of my grandfather because of his unfair treatment of his daughters, who after all were his flesh and blood, too. But that is the way many of the old-time Indians operated. They meant for the land to remain in an Indian name. I understand the reasoning behind it but it was still a cruel practice. Indians of yesterday wanted none of their daughters "marrying outside" and dragging unfamiliar names and faces onto Indian property. Cruel or not, however, the practice has helped to keep the Indian community intact over a long, long period of time.

EXTENSION SCENE



North Carolina EXTENSION SERVICE



JOHN G. RICHARDSON
 ROBESON COUNTY EXTENSION CHAIRMAN

As the cost of producing any farm commodity has continued to increase, one of the most important aspects of a successful farming operation is to be able to make accurate decisions which are based on a solid footing. To obtain this solid footing for good and correct decisions a farmer must know the type soils that he has and their capabilities. This information can be obtained from the soil survey information that is available through the Soil Conservation Service or the Extension Office. In addition to knowing the soil capabilities, it is equally important to know the soil fertility levels and other factors which can reduce overall yield. Once a farmer knows his land and its overall capabilities, then other important decisions must be made regarding the total operation. These decisions revolve around whether to produce crops or livestock; the types of crops to produce or the most efficient livestock unit to develop; and marketing decisions must always be made. In marketing, even if one fails to make a decision and sells directly from the combine, they have neverthe less made a marketing decision. Thus, as in all farming operations, decisions must be made or they will be made inadvertently.

One way that improved decisions can be made is through excellent farm records. Many farmers have been known to use paper bags, pickup dashes, bottom drawers, and other haphazard record keeping systems of this type. Others feel that by keeping a reasonable account of their operations in their checkbooks that they have adequate records. However, none of these systems provides the producer the opportunity to know anything at all as to the overall profitability of specific enterprises. Simplified record books which were once mailed to producers and now other small record books which are available from farm credit agencies provide a reasonable record system. However, a record system that is available through the Extension Service has been proven to be almost worth its weight in gold. The computerized records program which we have available to any farm operator in Robeson County provides monthly enterprise accounting which allows the farmer to be able to maintain accurate records in knowing exactly what the expenses and receipts are for each specific enterprise that is produced on the farm. As the end of the year nears, it is quite easy to distinguish between the profitable enterprises and that that were not so profitable. By having this information readily available it becomes much easier to make decisions relating to crop rotation and adjustments in acreage based on the actual profitability from enterprises rather than seat-of-the-pants guesses.

In addition to the enterprise accounting, our computer records program provides an accurate depreciation schedule at the end of each year which can be attached directly to the income tax form, and with this depreciation schedule being available many hours can be saved in the tax form preparation. In addition

to the enterprise accounting and the depreciation, there are also other sections on loan accounts, a total net worth statement, a complete inventory, and even a social security accounting for those persons who employ enough laborers that social security withholding is needed.

While this list of information seems extensive, another part of the program which is extremely beneficial at the end of each year is a total summary of the profit and loss statement for the total farm, and this information is provided in tabular form that can be copied directly to the 1040F income tax statement. Furthermore, while farm accounting information is quite valuable some producers find it extremely beneficial to be able to put personal expense and income items on the records form. This is also quite acceptable and a personal accounting of expenses and income is available without additional cost.

Many of our producers who are on the computerized records program have found the information that they obtain quite beneficial and especially exciting in the overall profitability of their farm. Hiram Burns from Rennett has been a long term participant in the computerized records program and will readily speak in favor of the computer records at any meeting or any other activity that he is called upon to speak. Hiram said only last week that he uses the information from his computer records as a decision-making tool in his total farm operation. Only recently he has analyzed his records over the past few years and has determined that the medicine costs for his hog operation could be cut dramatically with a change in his herd operations. Thus, he is now making plans to completely readjust his hog herd in order to cut medication cost by \$6,000 or more per year. This is only one example of information that is readily available in the computerized records program.

Any farmer or farm operator who would like to know more about the computerized records program is more than welcome to call the county Extension office. Upon receiving the call we shall be more than pleased to provide an overall review of the records program and its requirements in terms of the necessary forms to complete and the excellent flexibility of the overall computerized records program. Perhaps the greatest point that I would like to make in this column about the special farm records program is that the word computer should not scare anyone away since this overall effort has been developed with simplicity built in throughout.

 You don't have to know everything to know something, but you do have to know something to know that you don't know everything.

 Those who find it difficult to get down to work in the summer usually find it difficult to get down to work in spring, autumn and fall, too.

Pharmacist
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 Pembroke Drug Center
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Stairway to destruction
 Whatever the "trip," there's no **Good Housekeeping** "seal of approval" on street drugs. Marijuana has 50 percent more tar than any cigarettes, while its active agent affects the brain, lungs, and reproductive organs continuously for 30 days.
 Little known among today's youth, LSD can destroy lives. Lower cocaine prices have propelled its use into the frequently-abused category. Glue-sniffing makes over-users vegetables.
 -Is the cost worth it? Think about it - before peer pressure sells you a one-way ticket down a spiral stairway to destruction.

Your Pharmacy

HUMOR FROM THE INSIDE

Dear Bruce,
 I have decided to write a poem for your paper that might make some people laugh. I am now in prison but your paper comes here. This is a poem I wrote while in prison.

Standing on the Corner
 I was standing on the corner...
 Not doing any harm... Along
 came a policeman and took
 me by my arm... He took me
 down the street and rang a
 little bell... Along came a
 squad car and took me to my
 cell... I woke up in the
 morning and looked up on the
 wall... The bedbugs and the
 roaches were having a game
 of ball... The score was
 twenty-one to nothing... The
 roaches were ahead... The
 bed bugs hit a homer and
 knocked me out of bed.

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