

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

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

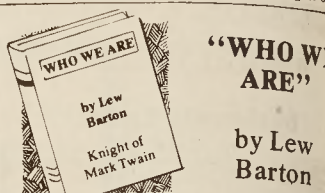


News from Rowland Church of God

Dear Bruce,
I'm writing with regards to ask you to please print the following announcements in your next issue of *The Carolina Indian Voice*.
On Saturday, August 22, 1981, at 7:30 p.m., a religious film, entitled "A Thief In The Night" will be shown at the Rowland Church of God near Rowland, N.C. The church is located approximately 3 miles west of Rowland. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Also, bring along a friend to see: "A Thief In The Night."
On Saturday, August 8, 1981, at 7:30 p.m., a Special Singing will be held at the Rowland Church of God. The featured gospel singing group will be Quinton Mills and the Deliverance (Singers) from Hollister, N.C. This is an outstanding group with great musical talent.
The church is located approximately 3 miles west of Rowland.
There will also be other great gospel singers at the church on the same night. Thank you very much!
Rev. Margaret Faye Demery (Pastor)

Criticism of Human Resources Head Aired

To the Editor:
The Robeson County Department of Human Resources Director, Mr. Chris Antwi, may be driving his staff crazy and driving them away.
It's a known fact that there is a lot of stress involved in any job that deals with the Federal Government, but the stress is further enhanced at DHR by an autocratic style of management (one man, one rule).
There is a considerably high rate of turn over of CETA staff at a time when few workers are trying desperately to keep even menial type jobs. A turn over of twenty-five or more employees in a two-year period is extreme for a staff of 40-42 at maximum operations. This does not include the 13 staff effected by the lay-offs. The majority of these ex-employees have resigned due to conflicts or pressures imposed on them by their employer. The staff of RCDHR are verbally abused and humiliated at public meetings and personally insulted for job related errors.
Within the past two years, there have been only two employees brave enough to file complaints against Mr. Antwi for his unethical tactics. The first complaint went as far as the Commissioners, but for some strange reason the individual filing the complaint wasn't notified of his hearing until after the hearing was over. Since the individual obviously could not be present at the hearing, the complaint was dismissed.
The second complaint is presently before the County Personnel Board. Will this case be inadvertently dismissed by the Personnel Board and the County Commissioners?
Between April 30, 1981 and September 30, 1981 there will be a reduction in staff at RCDHR due to Federal cut backs. There are questions in our minds as to how individuals were and will be selected for lay-offs. How do employees on probation status (or less employment years) have priority over individuals with as high as 3 years employment services? Even more amazing is how can an individual be notified



"WHO WE ARE" by Lew Barton

THE INEVITABLE QUESTION
In 1970 when Adolph Dial, Jerry Lowry and I were official Lumbee delegates to the First Convocation of American Indian Scholars at Princeton, New Jersey, the inevitable question was put to us by someone in a meeting: "How do you know you're Indians?"
Dial gave a discourse on the progress our people had made, especially in the field of education, but failed to answer the question directly, or specifically. Whereupon someone objected that he was not answering the question. I tried repeatedly to gain recognition from the chair person, Jeanette Henry. Having just written a history of our people, the Lumbee Indians two years earlier, I wanted a crack at that question, too!
The Cherokee Ph.D. who along with her husband edits and publishes *The American Indian Historian*, declined to give me that opportunity. Whereupon I stormed angrily out of the meeting with the remark, "I did not come here all the way from North Carolina to hear my people insulted without an opportunity to reply."
Before we left Princeton, Jeanette who along with her husband had obtained a grant from the Ford Foundation for the purpose of sponsoring the Convocation, promised Dial that they would seek a grant on Dial's behalf from the Ford Foundation so that he could write a history of the Lumbee people. I still remember his broad grin as we drove home. "Mack," he told me, "I'm gonna write me an Indian book!"
Well, he did, along with a White professor of Pembroke State University's history department, David Eliades. A Ford Foundation grant of \$19,000 was obtained for the purpose, and the title of the book turned out to be, *The Only Land I Know. The American Indian Historian* organization published the book several years ago.
I did not tell you all this just to explain the very unusual way a certain book had to be written and published. I believe it only in order to high-light the importance of that inevitable question: **How do you know you're an Indian?**
Inasmuch as I was not allowed to answer it in Princeton in 1970, I shall do so in this very first chapter.
I know I'm an Indian because my parents told me so, just as their parents told them.
I know I'm an Indian because that is what is written on my birth certificate.
I know I'm an Indian because the General Assembly of North Carolina and even the Congress of the United States says so in the laws of this land.
I know I'm an Indian because I didn't even know there was any other race in the world until I was nine. That should give you an idea as to just how large the Lumbee Indian community is in southeastern North Carolina.
I know I'm an Indian because the newspapers of our area call me that. One of them, the *Robesonian*, has been publishing news about us for the past 100 years and longer.
I know I'm an Indian because every Lumbee or Robeson Tuscarora I ever knew considered himself to be one, and I am one of them.
I know I'm an Indian because I have studied our own history during the major portion of my life.
I know I'm an Indian because I have been treated and mistreated as one during the larger part of my life.
I know I'm an Indian because of the very way I feel.
I know I'm an Indian because I don't even speak the same way either Whites or Blacks of my area do, nor are my values the same as theirs.
And if these are not reasons enough for my belief that I'm an Indian, there are many more where these came from, most of which I shall include in this book.
Stav with us!

As I See It

by Bruce Barton

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"One kind word can warm three winter months."
Japanese Proverb

WHAT DOES PSU GET OUT OF THE UNC SETTLEMENT WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT?

What does Pembroke State University get out of the UNC settlement with the U.S. Government? The best I can figure is **nothing**.
I read that nearby Fayetteville State will get a new library-good. They probably need it. But PSU? **Nothing**.
Of the 16 schools that make up the state-wide university system, Pembroke State has the best desegregation figures of all. The most recent enrollment figures listed 25 percent Indian, 13 percent Black and 62 percent white students. That's a good record.
Alas, the Office of Civil Rights, the monitoring agency in the U.S. Office of Education, counts the Indians as "whites." Can you believe that? That's strange, indeed, seeing as how Pembroke State University began as "an Indian school" because "others"

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wouldn't let us go to school with them.
But PSU's administration seems to be satisfied with this unfair treatment of a much maligned minority - the Indians.
I suggest the Indians sue the government to straighten out this mess. And I suggest that PSU's administration join hands to right this terrible wrong. But it is difficult, I suppose, for PSU's administration and faculty to get alarmed since most of them live in Lumberton themselves.

Sheriff Promotes Three

Lumberton-Sheriff Hubert Stone recently announced three promotions with in his department.
Ray Strickland, elevated from sergeant has been named a plainclothes detective and assigned to the Pembroke area.
Deputies Stanley Clark and James McLean have been promoted to sergeant. Clark's area of responsibility will be the Pembroke-Maxton area. McLean will be assigned to the Ared Springs area.
The intra-departmental promotions received accolades from Lumberton Human Relations Director Ernest Grimes who said, "I think it is great that minorities are being recognized for their achievement."

MUSINGS... by Ol' Reasonable Locklear

Indians Like To Wash Their Dirty Laundry In Public
Smart alecky Bruce Barton, the editor of this here paper, was on his high horse, yesterday when I talked to him. Out of sorts, snappy as all git out.
He was talking about some criticism he saw in the *Robesonian* about the fuss raised about the Pembroke Precinct officials named by Milton Hunt, the chairman.
Hunt turned in Ed Chavis's name instead of Mrs. Mabel Oxendine as his choice for registrar. Mrs. Oxendine's brother, Harry, the vice chairman, had a lot to say about it, as well as some other members of the Pembroke Precinct.
Cain't say I oppose a fella speaking up in behalf of his sister.
But, of the 39 Precincts in the county, Pembroke was the only one to raise a fuss loud enough to be heard.
Still, America's the land of the free. A man has got to have his say or it ain't America.
And we Indians love to wash our dirty laundry in public, especially in the *Robesonian*, our daily newspaper that seems to speak sometimes as if we were still in the midst of the 1860 Civil War. And the good stuff about Indians usually comes out on Thursday, the day this here paper comes out.
Anyway, it's good to be in America where a fella can have his say where he wants to even if it makes somebody mad

Swimming Safety

- Experts at Speedo Swimwear and at the United States Lifeguard Association suggest these tips before taking to the water.
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Their names are Chavis, Dare, Lowry, Locklear and Oxendine. Their speech patterns recall Elizabethan England and their eyes range from jet black to light blue in color. Many historians have called them the "Lost Colony" found. They are the Lumbee Indians.
There are some 40,000 Lumbees in Robeson County and surrounding southeastern North Carolina. Like most tribes in America, they take pains to preserve their cultural heritage. This heritage, however, is clouded with controversy, for it is the story of an English-speaking people with European customs.
Some experience the most exciting outdoor drama in America about Henry Berry Lowrie and the Lumbee Indians of Robeson County. Their names to the sounds of the cello through the swamps, enjoy the dancing and singing at a family gathering; shed tears over the injustices inflicted and rejoice in the love of a man for a woman.
Strike at the Wind plays every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night through Aug. 29th. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. Follow the signs to the Lakeside Amphitheatre at the Riverside Country Club, 30 miles west of Pembroke, 60 miles north of U.S. Highway 74, on State Road 1354. Adult tickets are \$4, children under 12 \$2 and senior citizens \$3.50.
For more information contact the office of **Strike at the Wind**.

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