

# EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

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

## MUSINGS...

by Ol' Reasonable Locklear

Smart clecky Bruce Barton was in the lime light Tuesday night at LREMC's annual meeting.

He... well I'll let him tell you about it. See related story on page one of this issue.

## County-wide Meeting on Food, Land and Jobs

The first county-wide meeting on "Food, Land, and Jobs--Everyone's Right" will be held on Saturday, October 31, from 9:30-3:30 at Mt. Olive United Methodist Church in Lumberton. The meeting will be a time for all citizens to come together who are looking for ways to cut their food bills, hold on to their land and farms, market farm produce, work for better jobs, understand changes and cuts in Federal programs, and participate in local government. Churches and community organizations throughout the county are being encouraged to participate in the program. The meeting is being sponsored by Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned.

Workshops will include: **Food We Can Afford**--Food prices keep going higher. Food Co-ops and Farmer's Markets are two ways of cutting the cost. This workshop will focus on how to start them in your own community or church.

**Saving Our Land**--Land is getting harder to keep with high debts, credit, and taxes. This workshop will look at the ways we lose our land, how we can save it, and how to sustain it.

**Farming with Limited Resources**--Small farmers are going out of business every day. This workshop will look at ways to keep a small farm alive, including pest control, building up the soil, farmer's markets, and farm cooperatives.

**Jobs That Support Us**--many citizens work full time.

yet remain poor. This workshop will look at the employment situation. Its causes, and what can be done to improve job opportunities.

**Government Programs**--Social Security, AFDC, Food Stamps, and Medicaid are all being changed and cut. This workshop will explain the changes and cuts so that everyone will have knowledge of both new and continuing regulations.

**Land Ownership: What Difference Does it Make**--More and more land is being owned by less and less people. This workshop will look at ways to determine this pattern and its impact in your own community.

These workshops will be led by resource people from Robeson County as well as: Mike Streater, a farmer and President of the United Small Farmers Community Development Cooperative in N.C. and S.C.; John Gaventa, staff member of the Highlander Center in New Market, Tennessee; Kay Young, Lawyer for the Emergency Land Fund in Atlanta, Ga.; and J. Efrid, N.C. State Coordinator of the Appalachian Land Ownership Task Force.

Mt. Olive United Methodist Church in Lumberton is on the corner of Pine St. and Elizabethtown Rd. Child Care will be provided. For more information, contact the Staff of Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned: Ms. Donna Chavis, Rev. Mac Legerton, and Rev. John Campbell at 521-3269 or 521-8522.

In a recent column of "Who We Are" by Lew Barton, a line of copy was inadvertently left out.

Alas, it probably was the most important line of copy, unfortunately distorting the whole column. Therefore, we are reprinting the whole column which continues the story of the Ku Klux Klan episode, an important part of Lumbree history. More next week.

**THE PEOPLE CALLED A PROBLEM (Continued)**  
"Could be that the K.K.K. has bitten off more than it can chew."

In the stillness of my work-cluttered little room, I pondered the Observer editorial. Yes, chances were very good that it had. Yet I felt no great elation, only sorrow, as I switched on my table radio receiver and prepared to listen. "Oh, God," I prayed most fervently, "allow no one to be killed! What we need most right now, is a miracle!"

My brother-in-law, Charlie Warriax, had filled me in as to what was going to happen in advance, up to a point. But no one wanted to take a legally blind individual to what promised to be so stormy an occasion. And so I was stuck with my radio for that momentous occasion.

But it was adequate. A newsman from a local radio station was broadcasting an on-the-spot, play-by-play description from the vantage point of a nearby ditch.

When Klansmen strung up a single light bulb, several hundred Robeson Indians fanned out along the road. A rifle fired--and out went the light. Then all hell broke loose.

## Cong. Rose sends staffers to Robeson

WASHINGTON, DC--Congressman Charlie Rose (D-N.C.), announced today that he will send two staffers to locations in the 7th Congressional District the week of October 26 to meet with any persons interested in taking this opportunity as a method of communicating with him. John Crumpler of the Washington office and Jane Fonvielle of the Wilmington District office will be at central locations in 11 towns in Southeastern North Carolina October 26-30.

"We in the Congress are seeing many changes in the way our government is run," said Congressman Rose. "In order to keep people informed of these changes, I am sending my staffers throughout the 7th District to address problems and answer questions about the Federal government," Rose said.

Fonvielle's and Crumpler's schedule is as follows:

- The Saint Pauls Post Office on Monday, October 26, from 9-11 a.m.
- The Red Springs Post Office on Monday, October 26, from 2-4 p.m.
- The Fairmont Post office on Tuesday, October 27, from 9-11 a.m.
- The Fair Bluff Post Office on Tuesday, October 27, from 1-3 p.m.
- The Bolton Post Office on Wednesday, October 28, from 9-10:30 a.m.
- The Chadbourne Post Office on Wednesday, October 28, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- The Whiteville Post Office on Wednesday, October 28, from 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- The Southport Post office on Thursday, October 29, from 9-11 a.m.
- The Shallotte Post Office on Thursday, October 29, from 2-4 p.m.
- The Tabor City Post Office on Friday, October 30, from 9-11 a.m.
- And the Calabash Barber Shop on Friday, October 30, from 2-4 p.m.



## "WHO WE ARE" by Lew Barton

Under cover of gunfire, I have been told, Charlie Warriax and Simeon Oxendine rushed in to capture the huge K.K.K. banner, then bore it proudly away like some rare trophy of war. Other Indians confiscated the public address equipment. All this while hundreds of rounds of ammunition were being fired just over the heads of the disorganized and fleeing Klansmen.

The Grand Wizzard deserted his car, in which sat his wife. She tried to drive away but her car stuck in the sand. Whereupon some of the In-

dians cheerfully and respectfully assisted her in getting the car started.

Tear gas bombs were fired by officers into the rioting mob.

The Indians of Robeson had enormous respect and a special liking for Sheriff Malcolm G. McLeod. His friendly drawl could be heard above the bedlam. "You know," remarked the man who became a legend in his own time, "if we all hurry back home, we'll still be in time to watch, Gun Smoke on television."

He served Robeson County as Sheriff longer than any other man in Robeson County history.

## THANKS

Dear Mr. Barton: On behalf of the administration, faculty, staff and student body at Robeson Technical College, we salute you and your entire staff for your accomplishments, contributions, and support to our community on this - your week.

Your assistance has enabled many people in our area to benefit from the programs we offer. Therefore, everyone at Robeson Tech feels that every week is Newspaper Week and we would like to say "thank you."

Once again, congratulations for a job well done.

Sincerely,  
Wayne Newnam  
Marketing Director

## Warrior of the Week

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The second half was almost a re-run of the first. The Warriors scored three times. The first was a 35 yd pass to Devy Bell with 5:59 to go in the third quarter. Five minutes and fifty seconds later, McCartney dashed eleven yards for his second touchdown of the night. Finally with only 56 seconds remaining in the game, McCartney collected his third touchdown of the game on a two yard plunge.

Meanwhile, the Pembroke defense once again looked like the unit that had only allowed nine points per game coming into this game. The defense forced three interceptions and one fumble and allowed only one score.

The Warriors had several outstanding performances offensively and defensively in the game. Quarterback Anthony Locklear completed nine of sixteen passes for 175 yards and four touchdowns. Running back Michael McCartney rushed for 98 yards on 19 carries including three touchdowns. End Kenny Chavis caught two passes for twenty-eight yards and one touchdown. On defense Kenny had two pass interceptions and one very important solo tackle which stopped a certain touchdown which would have put West Columbus right back in the game.

The Pembroke Senior High Booster Club wishes to thank each of you who have been faithful with your support during the past years. At the same time that the Booster Club expresses thanks, we are sure the Administration, the Coaching Staff, and most of all, the Players sincerely appreciate all the support you have given.

We wish the present team the best of luck during the 1981 season, keeping in mind that luck on the playing field, as well as in other areas of life is usually the result of hard work.

Supporting one's team is hard work when we have only a few active members. We would like to encourage you to participate by joining and attending our meetings each third Monday night on the month at 7:00 P.M. in the Cafeteria. Remember, whatever position we find ourselves in today, what job we perform, what company or business we operate, what house we build, what farm we operate, what school, club or church we support within just a few years our youth will fill these same positions and perform these tasks. Let's take pride in the fact that we support youth--they are our hope for tomorrow.

Very sincerely yours,  
THE PEMBROKE BOOSTER CLUB  
Delton R. Locklear, President John L. Carter, Secretary/Treasurer  
Wade Hunt, Vice President

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## Defeated in one way... Victory in Another

R.D. Locklear candidate against Bradford Oxendine of the Board of Directors of Lumbree River EMC was defeated by only twelve votes Tuesday night. Really good for the first time and also a death in the family.

But after all, Bruce Barton, Editor of the CIV, surpassed history for us. Bruce, all hats off to you!!! It takes men of integrity like you to pave the way for us. Especially where Attorney William Crisp has such an instinct built up within him; but it is too bad he didn't know where he was. Or whom he was among.

I was about to think the meeting might turn into a battle meleé (where fists are used) similar to the KK Klan

in 1958 when our real history began.

Expenses are out of hand for these light bills each month. Are we paying for all these fabulous trips the board members of LREMC are taking? If so, I think now since we can attend these closed in meetings, it gives to all of us more equalization. I don't want to scandalize anyone of them in the right, but I do love to see justice. So keep your head up, Bruce, for I have a passionate zeal for you for showing the keen interest you show for your people. You are a man without fear when you know you are in the right.

Violet Locklear  
Mt. Alry Community

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