

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

...TO MY BUDDY, AL KAHN, WAGS GREAT PONTIFICATOR

The phone's been ringing off the hook. "When are you going to answer Al Kahn?" they ask. And, of course, I am going to answer him either today or tomorrow.

I was the subject of Kahn's editorial last week on WAGR Radio in Lumberton. While his editorial was running I was faced with the biggest challenge I have ever faced as editor of The Carolina Indian Voice—the Internal Revenue Service. We met the challenge but I was caught up in that unpleasant task and I have not had time to get there. But I'm coming, Al, you can depend on it.

Al's editorial question was, generally speaking, "What does double voting have to do with the recent district plans underway at the county board of education?" And Al, as I recall, said, "I don't know but I am sure Bruce Barton will tell us." Al's right. Listen for it either today or tomorrow.

THE NON STORY CONCERNING DERL HINSON'S TERMINATION

Last Friday's Robesonian, the county's daily newspaper, carried a teaser of a story entitled "Hinson backers may seek rehiring." The gist of the story was that some county residents were to appear at Monday's meeting of the county commissioners and lament the fact that the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation's board of directors had decided not to renew the contract of Derl Hinson, the general manager, after December 31.

We call that kind of story "fluff," "much ado about nothing" in the newspaper trade. The story quoted "sources" and was written "from staff reports." Be wary of that kind of story. It usually means that the story was concocted by some enterprising reporter for some unknown reason.

Of course no one showed up Monday and the story served its purpose but was neither accurate nor timely, as I see it.

After the story appeared the county commissioners heard from some of their constituents and thought better of airing the matter which is, as a matter of fact, none of their business.

The people, according to the non story were to appear and ask the commissioners to pass a resolution asking the LREMC directors not to go through with their declared intention of terminating Hinson's contract.

If they had gone through with it I meant to make a regular habit of appearing before the commissioners on matters of concern to me. If they had been gullible enough to have involved themselves in LREMC's business I was going to ask them in upcoming meetings to take a stand on nuclear proliferation, the Russian occupation of Afghanistan and other stuff like that. Their time, as I see it, can be better spent on county business. I congratulate them for being wise and discerning in this matter.

So, here's a ground rule for you to consider. When you

see a story (sic) quoting "sources" and emanating from "staff reports" count it as a non-story because that is what it is.

DISTRICT PLAN EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT BOARD OF ED MEETING

The "new" Robeson County Board of Education was sworn in Monday morning and will attend their first meeting next Tuesday. It ought to be an exciting meeting.

"New" members Dr. Dalton P. Brooks, Charles David Locklear, Bill Oxendine and Ronald Revels will take part in electing a chairman to head the board in the coming year. It will be interesting to see if enough support can be mustered to insure an Indian chairman, especially since more than 60 percent of the pupil enrollment is Indian and Indians and Blacks are in the majority. The district plan of electing board members has created a problem in this regard. Recently the board has been unable to avoid fractionalism, provincialism and the like. The result has been a non-Indian chairman for the last two years.

Now the problem will be confounded further if the latest "new" district plan is allowed to take place. The "new" plan creates a tenth district, including the newly acquired Clyburn Pines and Country Club areas in a new alignment with Raft Swamp and Burnt Swamp.

The "new" board members are expected to take a hard look at this new plan and, hopefully, relegate it to the back burner where it rightfully belongs, as I see it. Efforts should now be made in examining merger possibilities or, at the least, entertaining proposals from some of the smaller city units in the county instead of diluting the county system further.

Who will the new chairman be? Will David Green be re-elected for the third term? It is interesting that there will now be two Indians with doctorate degrees in the education field on the board. One, Dr. Gerald Maynor, is chairman of the Department of Education at PSU; the other, Dr. Dalton Brooks, is director of institutional research at PSU. Still, as I see it, the votes ain't there. It's a shame. And the culprit in the matter is the district formula of electing board members, further provincializing a problem that has been spoon fed on provincialism since time immemorial.

I hope this "new" board will have the guts to take a considered look at the district plan as it is now proposed and come up with something better. It's a shame, as I see it, to have broken double voting and have given away all the gains shortly thereafter. Districts and wards belong in Lumberton, Chicago, places like that where minorities' votes are in the minority. We broke double voting to assure democracy, not scrap it when the power brokers in our midst begin to yelp.

MT. AIRY NEWS by Violet Locklear

On Sunday we had a lot of visitors from different areas. Some of them I didn't know, but I'm quite sure everyone enjoyed service. And we certainly enjoyed having you with us.

The Brotherhood Choir, also Mr. Tommy Gist really did some wonderful singing. Music is a wonderful gift from God. Bro. Tommy just set our souls on fire, not only by his singing, but also such a wonderful testimony. Tommy is our new deacon and I believe the Lord has a great work for him to do.

The movie, "God's Prison Gang" was shown on Sunday night by the pastor, assisted by Mr. Earl Cummings. It was amazing how some of those convicts changed their lives etc. The pastor will be showing the movie this Saturday at 2 to inmates at prison in Lumberton.

This is the week of prayer being held in different homes. On Friday night it will be led by the Brotherhood at the church. Rice supper at church at 7 p.m. also demonstrating world hunger. The world today stands in deep and desperate need. Now we ask for God's Grace to flood over every land, linking people one by one to God and creating a world fit for all people to live in. One question? Do I see the hungry person in every land as my sister or brother and each hungry child as my own? To do our work well, we must look beneath the surface problems. Only the poor go hungry in our world. And I don't think they go hungry by choice.

I was in Detroit, Mich. in the year of '56 and I experienced a depression. Something I will never forget. My heart goes out for those people in the cities, etc. It certainly is not like being in the country. This Sunday night at 6 our youth will be presenting to us their Christmas play "Because of God's Love" under the direction of Mrs. Delois Lowry, assisted by Monroe Chavis. Beginning at 7 p.m. our singing. We invite all choirs, anybody who loves to sing for the glory of God. That is a night set aside as my choice. I am like Mom, I love singing and more singing.

The pastor is now in a new convert class for our children each Wednesday night at 8. Take your child, this is a way of giving them a better

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understanding of their commitment to the Lord Jesus.

Let us be careful when we say to a child, you are not old enough to know what you are doing. This principle applies to persons who wait until late in life to surrender their lives to God. The weight of their refusals from the past, accumulate (to pile up) as the heart becomes hardened. A lot of times we see our loved one stand back and we begin to be fearful of their destiny as to what the outcome will be. Read Ecclesiastes 12:1.

Mr. Dexter Locklear is a patient in VA Hospital, Fayetteville. His condition is improving. Also Mr. Harold Wilkins is a patient in Southeastern General Hospital.

Please remember these two young men in your prayers and many more in our community who are sick.

THE NEW YEAR APPROACHING

Soon we come to the end of the year. Only a little time yet remains before the bells ring out the advent of a new year. So our lives move onward down the river of time. We do not stop and think of the destiny of our lives very often. Too often we like our days on the surface and give no thought to these deeper facts of existence. My father was always a big man at heart until the day he left this mortal world. As a dedicated Christian he could always quote scriptures with the right passage for every occasion. He would say remember to serve God while you are still afloat on the river of time. Has our loved ones been taken away from us on the river of time? Not at all. Time does not destroy. Time enshrines (to treasure with affection) and so as the new year comes to an end, may we ever stand on the bank of the river of time and thank our Almighty God for the fleeting years he has given us.

For He tells us in Revelation "Behold I make all things new." And so as we come to the beginning of a new year, it would be better to say happy new year. So let's be thankful for the good things that happened in the year about to end. Christ is the Eternal fact in the world history. To Him everything looks forward or backwards.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR BRANNAGAN RAY

LOCKLEAR

Who was eleven years old December 8, 1982. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dean Locklear of the Union Chapel area.



The acre was originally the acre a yoke of oxen could plow in a day.

Obituary

MR. JAMES ALBERT SAMPSON
Mr. James Albert Sampson, son of the late Oscar R. and Susie J. Sampson, was born on January 28, 1908 and died at the age of 74, on November 24, 1982. He is survived by his wife: Mrs. Zettie S. Sampson; five sons: Thomas B. Sanderson of Spring Hope, NC; William C. Sampson of New Foundland, Canada; Gilbert L. Sampson of Pembroke, NC; Spencer R. Sampson of the home; Ellis W. Sampson of Ellicott City, Md.; two daughters: Mrs. Rowena Peeler of Slidell, La.; Ms. Angela Sampson of Ellicott City, Md., a daughter-in-law; Mrs. Oscar Ronald Sampson of Birmingham, Ala.; two brothers: John Paul Sampson of Decatur, Ill.; Joseph J. Sampson of Cleveland, Ohio; four sisters: Mrs. Charity Sampson, Mrs. Lucy Locklear and Mrs. Katie Lowry, all of Pembroke; and Mrs. Martha Locklear of Jennings, La.; sixteen grand children, five great-grand children.

James Albert, as he was generally recognized, completed the high school program at Pembroke Normal School in 1926. In 1953 he received the A.B. Degree from Pembroke State College and a M. Ed. degree from George Peabody College in 1955.

During the years of World War II, James Albert served his country by working in the ship yards of Baltimore, Md. Maxton Air Force Base and in the European Theater as a member of the 71st Infantry Division of the Third Army. Although he had tenure as a loyal merchant and veteran's agricultural agent, his main vocation was as a teacher and administrator of the public schools of Robeson County, NC and Howard County, Md., which he served for thirty-seven years until his retirement in 1975 when he returned home to Pembroke to spend his remaining years.

His community service included membership on the local Selective Service Board and Pembroke State University Board of Trustees. Throughout this time, he has remained active and faithful in his church work as a member of First United Methodist Church of Pembroke and Glen Mar Methodist Church of Ellicott City, Md. James Albert Sampson was a gentleman of strong convictions who departed this life as quiet and peacefully as he lived and left all who knew and loved him just a little richer for having known him and sharing his life with them.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 27, 1982 at First United Methodist Church. Officiating ministers included Rev. Linwood Blackburn, Rev. Dawley Maynor and Rev. Ray Sparrow. Burial followed in Lumbee Memorial Gardens.



Rinse tea stains from china by soaking overnight in a solution of denture cleaner.



Snakes have an "egg" tooth which they use to hatch out of their shells. This tooth falls off shortly after hatching.



Finland's literacy rate is over 99 percent.



Piggly Wiggly in Pembroke has given these two ladies something nice to smile about this Christmas season. The two were named winners in Piggly Wiggly Food Store's Greenbax Stamp promotion recently.

Shown (left to right) are Carol Hunt, winner of 50,000 Greenbax stamps; John Drose, Jr., Pembroke Piggly Wiggly

Food Store Manager who made the presentations to the lucky winners; and Debra Hammonds, who won a turkey "special for Christmas."

Piggly Wiggly, continuing in the Christmas spirit, will continue to give away two turkeys each week until Christmas.

Indian Educator of the Year



Sharing in the national recognition of Mrs. Agnes H. Chavis as INDIAN EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR by the National Indian Education Association are left to right, Mr. Woodrow Dial, Chairperson of the Robeson County Title IV Indian Education Parent Committee, Ms. Chavis, the honoree, and Mr.

Thomas Earl Locklear, Principal of Pembroke Junior High School. Ms. Chavis was presented a plaque and a six-pointed star patterned quilt from Art Hill of Oklahoma, President of the National Indian Education Association during the Fourteenth Annual Convention held in New Orleans.

Loris Couple to Minister at FGBMFL Dinner Tuesday

The Robeson County Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (FGBMFI) is making Pembroke the site of its annual Christmas Dinner Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m. with special entertainment scheduled.

The dinner will be held at Sheff's Seafood in Pembroke where Paul and Glenda Vaught of Loris, SC will minister in word and song.

All members of the FGBMFI and their wives are invited. Also invited is anyone else who wishes to attend. Reservations are not necessary. Sheff's Seafood is

providing a special price for this dinner. Paul and Glenda Vaught are an outreach of Grace Tabernacle Christian Center in Loris, SC. They pastored a church for one year after which they were called into an evangelistic ministry.

Married for 22 years, they did not know the reality of Jesus Christ until 1974 when Glenda was cured of 12 years of drug addiction. A few months later Paul had a life-changing experience with Jesus.

The program will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. following the dinner.



Shown above is the Robeson County Community Choir in rehearsal for their performance of the Christmas Cantata "Night of Miracles" to be presented Sunday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m. at Harpers ferry Baptist Church.

Child Support Program Explained at Pembroke Kiwanis

Program Chairman Arnold Locklear presented Mr. Ronald Floyd, Agent for Title 4D Child Support Program for Dependent Children, as the speaker for the Tuesday evening meeting of Pembroke Kiwanis.

The Title 4D program was established in 1975 and functioned in many different ways. In many cases, the absent parent did not support the child prior to 1975—hence the enactment of one legal way to ensure child support through the Court Clerk's Office. As many as 10 or more children can be supported by the Clerk of Court program.

The most difficult part of the program is that of locating the absent parent. Once the parent is located, he comes to the Court and his responsibilities are explained. The form of acknowledgement is signed by the parents and his responsibility is established as to the amount of support and thus becomes a court order to support the child. The enforcement of the Court order follows and records are kept of payments. If the absent parent falls behind in payments, cause must be shown, and if he fails to carry out his responsibility, he is jailed. An absent parent can receive up to two years in

prison. The more the Court can collect, the less the tax payer has to pay. For 1976, \$13,648 was collected and over \$500,000 was collected in 1980. Over \$71,000 was collected last month. Robeson County ranks in the top 5 for collecting child support monies in the state. Ninety-five percent of the male parent and five percent of the female parent pay child support through this program.

Presiding at the meeting was Club President Alvin Lowry. The invocation was given by Garth Locklear.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT IN FAIRMONT, N.C.



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