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## PLANS FINALIZED FOR TEN YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

by Sam Kerns

The board of directors of the Carolina Indian Voice, Inc. finalized plans for the ten year celebration of the Carolina Indian Voice Monday night. Rev. Elias Rogers, president of the board, said, "I hope this celebration will be one of the most exciting things to happen in this area. It will be a celebration of ten years of continuous publication of a newspaper that has added immeasurably to our lives. I sincerely believe the Indian community and Robeson County and points east and west are better for the experience of the CIV newspaper. Bruce Barton and his staff are to be commended for persevering for ten years. We really believe it is something of note to celebrate."

The celebration will be in three phases. The CIV will publish an historical edition of the newspaper on Jan. 20, 1983. That date will make ten years of continuous publication. The staff of the CIV is proud and rightly so of the fact that an issue has been published each and every week since the newspaper began from scratch "with \$500 borrowed from a finance company," according to Bruce Barton, the editor of the paper since its founding on Jan. 18, 1973.

This particular issue will be the largest issue ever published, complete with a definitive history of the newspaper and highlights of the last ten years. Lots of pictures. A lot of historical notes. The commemorative issue will also carry advertisements of congratulations from area businesses—the life blood of any newspaper.

Subscribers of the CIV will receive the issue "as usual" as well as the news stands. All copies other than the above will cost \$1 each because of the size and the content and the added cost of publishing the special issue.

The issue, because of its size and historical content is expected to be a collector's item. The staff hopes the

special issue will be one that everyone will want to keep for history's sake. The issue, although the final content of the newspaper has not been finalized, is expected to be "at least 60 pages" according to Barton.

### Appreciation dinner scheduled for January 22, 1983

An appreciation dinner or as organizers have termed it, "a celebration" will be held in the gymnasium of the Pembroke Senior High School beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 1983.

Serving as tri-chairmen are Carnell Locklear, Sam Kerns and Jimmy Goins. Tickets are available from those selling for \$8 single and \$15 couple. Said Kerns, who is in charge of the ticket distribution and collection, "This is an opportunity for all of us to let the Carolina Indian Voice know how much we appreciate it as a communications vehicle that has brought us closer together as a people."

Those wishing to sell or purchase tickets may contact any member of the Carolina Indian Voice staff.

The program, still being finalized, will include testimonies and accolades, and directions for the future. It is hoped that this will be a night to remember. Anyone wishing to participate may contact Sam Kerns, Carnell Locklear or Jimmy Goins.

And publication of an Indian manifesto, a collection of Bruce Barton's Best of As I See It, his popular column which has appeared in the Voice since its

inception.

An autograph party will be held following the dinner Jan. 22 for those wishing to purchase a copy of the book. Advance orders are also being accepted. The book will be released to the public on the night of the appreciation dinner—Jan. 22.

"Barton has said a lot of things over the last ten years," said Rogers. "The book will be an historical look at our people over the last ten years. It will include pictures, historical notes and more. But we recognize that Barton is an opinionated fellow...I guess that is why people have enjoyed the column over the last ten years. The things that interests me about the book is seeing Barton grow before my very eyes as I have read an advance copy of the book." The book costs \$8.27 which includes tax. You can place an order for an advance copy by sending a check or money order to The Carolina Indian Voice, P.O. Box 1075, Pembroke, NC 28372.

Said Carnell Locklear, overall chairman of the appreciation dinner, "I hope all of you will want to take part in this special moment as we take a brief pause and celebrate ten years of the Carolina Indian Voice. The thing I like best about the newspaper is its logo: building communicative bridges in a tri-racial setting. We want you to be part of this special celebration."

### A NOTE FROM MAE ERNLE

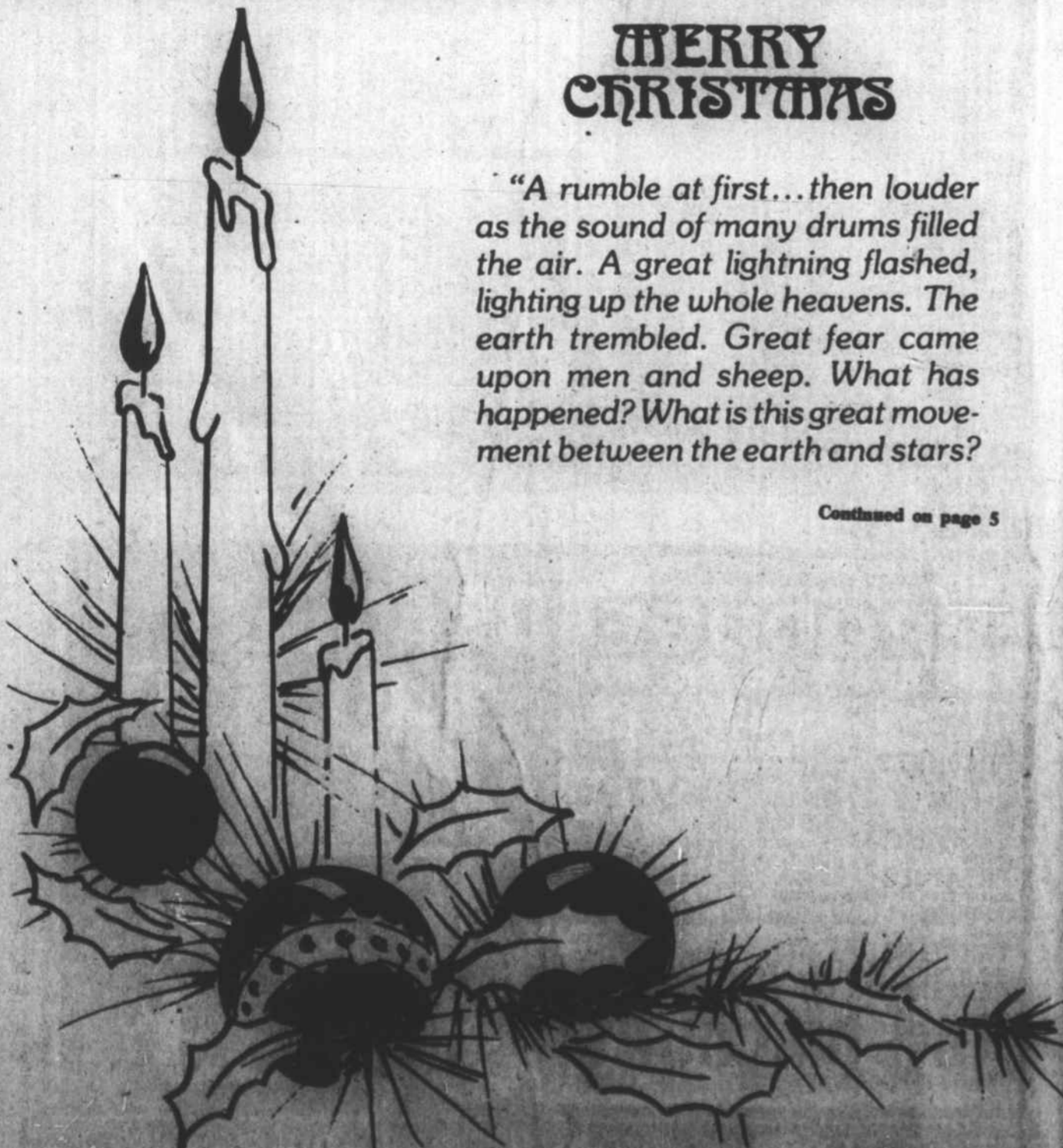
Last week I had the honor of being invited to the Graduation Exercises of the Air Force Communications Command, Class 83-1, held at Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss. Dec. 17, 1982. My granddaughter, Brenda Gleave drove me down to attend the festivities which were held at the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy. Cocktails were served at 7:30 after which a Surf and Turf dinner

followed at 8:30 p.m. Diplomas were awarded to 146 graduates from Air bases all over the world. Services were concluded with a tribute to the flag. A local band played for dancing. My son, Technical Sergeant Donald W. Ernle was among the graduates. He serves at Mahstrom Air Base, Great Falls, Montana.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

"A rumble at first... then louder as the sound of many drums filled the air. A great lightning flashed, lighting up the whole heavens. The earth trembled. Great fear came upon men and sheep. What has happened? What is this great movement between the earth and stars?"

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"It's this look of Christmas that makes the Christmas Care Drive," said chairman Earl Collins, a line foreman at Lumbee River EMC.

### CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The Harpers Ferry Childrens Choir will present "Stranger in the Straw" on Sunday, Dec. 26, at 6 p.m. at Harpers Ferry Baptist Church in Pembroke. The choir is directed by Ms. Angela L. Mercer assisted by Mrs. Sarah Brewington, Mrs. Gail Lowry and Mrs. Myrna Strickland. The puppets are directed by Mr. Daryl Locklear. The public is invited to attend.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

### LREMC Employees Provide Christmas for 110 Families

Red Springs—"There has been nothing more fulfilling for us this year than to see the faces of the kids and their parents," said Christmas Care Drive Chairman Earl Collins, a line foreman at Lumbee River EMC. "It's simply been a matter of connecting those who want to help with those who need it most."

In its second year, the Lumbee River EMC Christmas Care Drive provided food totalling more than \$100 per family, toys for the visits from Santa Claus, and articles of clothing for every member of the families who were helped. The Association, made up of 87 employees of the rural electric cooperative, provided for more than \$3,000 themselves. Many of the employees wrote personal checks for \$100 and more to help out this Christmas season.

"It's been a lot of hard work," said Collins, "but everyone of us would do it again in a minute. Sorting clothes, packing boxes and delivering them took a lot of our own time...but it's worth it."

The Association bought more than \$500 worth of new toys, games, coloring books and puzzles to add to the donated

items which came from individuals and from Cablevision of Lumberton.

Manager Scott Bigelow of Cablevision said that the toy donation was part of their program called "Toys for Tots" which provides for a donation in lieu of a cablevision connection charge during the month of December.

Perhaps the largest in-kind contributor was Piggly Wiggly manager David Scull. His Red Springs' store gave a frozen hen to every family on the list along with the wholesale prices for the food items which were purchased.

"If we could wish any one thing for Christmas, it would be that none of the families would need help next year," said Collins. "Maybe they can get back on their feet soon."

In all, more than 400 persons in rural Robeson, Scotland, Hoke and Cumberland counties have been assisted through the LREMC Christmas Care Drive. Several other families in need will be helped before the season ends, said Collins. And everything soft over goes to the local social service agencies.

### CORRECTION

The legal notice run in last Thursday's CIV about the upcoming Town of Pembroke Council meeting should be dated for the 4th of January and not the 5th. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

## Robeson Board Approves Referendum

LUMBERTON — The Robeson County Board of Commissioners voted Monday to authorize a county vote on a \$7 million bond issue to expand and improve the county's new water system.

The board also scheduled a public hearing on the water system Jan. 3 at 5:30 p.m. during the commissioners' next scheduled meeting.

County Attorney Joe P. Ward said the referendum may be held March 8.

Included in a proposed bond order approved by the board is provision for \$4 million to be matched with state and federal funds. Another \$3 million will be designated for further water projects and would be held in reserve until matching state and federal funds for the projects are available.

County Manager Paul Graham said the county would not have to raise taxes to pay off the bonds.

"We feel that user fees will pay

back the debt on the bond," Graham said.

The bond order contains a provision for taxing citizens to repay the bonds, but that is only to satisfy legal requirements, Graham said.

In other business Monday Tax Supervisor Pete Jacobs discussed the impact on the county of the recently announced quota reduction for tobacco next year.

Jacobs said that since the last revaluation of property in 1980 tobacco farmers have experienced a 16.9 percent reduction in allotments.

He said he could not determine what affect the reductions would have on county tax revenues.

Property owners are taxed \$1 per pound on their tobacco allotments. To compensate farmers for their allotment reductions the board voted to cut that by 16.9 percent in 1983. Commissioner Bill Herndon, a farmer, abstained from voting because of his financial interest in tobacco.

Pembroke  
Jaycees sponsor  
Christmas  
Party for  
Odom Home  
Children

Members of the Pembroke Jaycees recently shared the experience of Christmas with residents of the Odom Home in Pembroke. The Jaycees provided the children with a Christmas Party which included a meal and a gift for all the children. Afterward, the children showed the Jaycees how much they appreciated the Jaycees a good exercise workout on the basketball court. Overall, the party was a night for sharing, giving, and enjoying the spirit of Christmas.

The Pembroke Jaycees would like to thank Freda's Kwik Stop, Wanda's Package Store, and Bo's Supermarket for their contributions which helped to make the party a success.

Anyone interested in helping to "make dreams come true" by becoming involved in the work and betterment of the community should contact the Pembroke Jaycees at 521-3282 or 521-8088.

