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SHEIK MOHAMMED AL-FASSI AIN'T COMING TO OUR TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION... BUT WE HOPE YOU ARE

by Bruce Barton

Some of you might have read of Sheik Mohammed al-Fassi lately or heard of him on the nightly news. He's a media darling, one who is written about when hard news is short. He's a nice speciality piece, as they say in the media trade. And I said to myself, "hey, you want to publicize your Ten Year Anniversary Celebration...right? Why not invite Sheik Mohammed al-Fassi to be your banquet speaker?" And it had possibilities but...well, no one can reach Sheik Mohammed al-Fassi. My letters have been returned "refused" from his Miami Beach mansion. I have written the Saudi Arabia Embassy in Washington, D.C. They haven't responded. So, as far as I know, Sheik Mohammed al-Fassi ain't coming to our Ten Year Anniversary Celebration...but we hope you are.

Sheik in USA- Today, the new national newspaper and the article indicated that the Sheik was responsive to requests for reasonable funding. And I wrote him. Being audacious, I never pass up an opportunity for a miracle. I said, in part, in my letter to him: "Dear Sir: Allow me to introduce myself: I am Bruce Barton, a Lumbee Indian, and editor (and founder) of the Carolina Indian Voice newspaper, a weekly newspaper located in Robeson County, North Carolina--the economic and spiritual center of the far-flung Lumbee Indian community. "I notice, if news reports are to be believed, that you are a decent man, who from time to time, because of your immense wealth and kind heart, helps a fellow traveler in this world.

lot of publicity. Too, I would like for my readers to meet you first hand and hear what you have to say about America, Saudi Arabia and points east and west. "Yes, I would like some of your money but it is not a proper thing to ask of you. I would be embarrassed. But I would like to meet you and learn more about what you are attempting to do in your travels across America. "You are an interesting man. That is enough for me. And I want to learn more about you. Would you consider my request? I would be glad to pay your way here if you will come. And I promise, no matter how tempting it might be, not to badger you for money. I have been somewhat embarrassed by my fellow Americans as they have inundated you with requests. "It's just that I would not feel right asking a perfect stranger for money. It would be demeaning to me. But I feel good about asking you to speak at our banquet which celebrates our ten years of publication. We Americans ought to give something to you, instead of the other way around.. I want you to know about my people--the Lumbee Indians, and I want to know about yours. "Let me hear from you. You interest me as a Human Being."

Sheik al-Fassi, connected by marriage to the Royal Family in Saudi Arabia maintains a mansion in Miami Beach. He first became a media darling a few years ago when he was chastised severely by Miami Beach society for painting genitalia on statues in his million dollar mansion yard. Later his wife sued him for alimony. She wants half his estimated 6 Billion dollar fortune. But Sheik al-Fassi has disappeared and, according to a spokesman at the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce "has not been heard of in this parts in some time." Sources indicate that the Sheik is back in Saudi Arabia, or ensconced in some other royal place, probably out of the reach of his ex wife and her lawyers. I recently read an article about the

"I began the newspaper ten years ago, with five hundred dollars borrowed from a finance company and a dream to build a viable newspaper. I have not missed an issue since I began. I am, justly, I think, proud of that fact. The newspaper is a communicative bridge for people, what ever their race and political persuasion, in what has been the most difficult of understandings that separate us one from the other. "I am celebrating ten years of continuous publication in January 1983. I need a banquet speaker for our celebration scheduled for January 22, 1983. I sincerely ask you to come and be our banquet speaker. I believe you could talk quite freely on misunderstandings, the proper role of a newspaper and the like. And, frankly, your visit would engender a

Appreciation Dinner Scheduled for Jan. 22
The appreciation dinner or as many folks have termed it, "the 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. And, of course, the publication of our special historical edition is scheduled for January 20, 1983. It you are already a subscriber the issue will come to you as usual. If not, the across the counter cost will be \$1.00 per copy.

Brewington named to National Indian Council



Robert Brewington
by Bruce Barton

Washington, D.C.-President Ronald Reagan has announced the appointment of Robert B. Brewington to be a member of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE). NACIE is the advisory council to the Indian Education Act, which was authorized by Congress in 1972. The program makes grants to school districts, tribes and other organizations, and provides fellowships to Indians in certain fields of study. Brewington is one of the 14 new members of the council that replaces the old council fired by President Reagan in November, amid charges that it made a blatant attempt to remove opposition to the transfer of Indian Education from the Department of Education to the Bureau of Indian Affairs as proposed by the Reagan Administration.

Brewington is one of four Indians from this area who have served on the Council since its inception. Others from this area who have served was Karma Hunt Torklep, who was the first director of Pembroke State University's Native American Resource Center and served in that capacity until June, 1975; Earl Hughes Oxendine, Director of Compensatory Education, Hoke County Schools; and Noah Woods, principal of Magnolia School and one of those fired by President Reagan.

Brewington has served two terms on the Pembroke Town Council and has served on the Indian Education Act Parent Committee at Pembroke Elementary.

Brewington, now self employed at Brewington's Welding is most proud of his family. His wife, Marilyn, is a teacher's aide at Pembroke Elementary. They are the proud parents of four children: Theresa is a school teacher at East Robeson Elementary School; Belinda is a pharmacy student at UNC-Chapel Hill; Robin studies optometry at UNC-Chapel Hill; Robert Jr. is a 9th grader at Pembroke Junior High.

Brewington makes no promises as he prepares for this exciting adventure except to "make up my own mind...and do my own thinking."

NEW COHARIE COLUMNIST

Frances Emanuel Maynor, a lifetime resident of Sampson County, will be writing a weekly column beginning this week on the Coharies of Sampson County. Ms. Maynor was born in the Dismal Township area of Sampson County June 9, 1926 where she lived until 1971. She attended elementary school in that area from 1932 until 1940 (Shiloh) with the same name as the church in that area. Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church is the only Indian church in that area. The Indian schools were then consolidated and Frances was one of the students transferred to New Bethel Church on Route 1, Clinton for

high school classes. She graduated in 1943 in a new building being erected there during her high school years. In the 1944 school year the building was complete enough for classes to begin there.

Being from a low-income family, Frances didn't see her way to go to college. She married Rosta F. Maynor the Shiloh area. They reared a family of four on a low income level. In 1971 Frances went back to school and took a course in general office technology at age 42. At this time her husband became ill.

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PEOPLE... PLACES AND THINGS

LEADERSHIP TRAINING PLANNED

United Methodists from the Rockingham District (Scotland, Robeson and Richmond Counties) will be at First United Methodist Church, Laurinburg on January 11 at 7:30 p.m. for leadership training. District Superintendent Dr. Joseph B. Bethea states that "the training received in those workshops can help strengthen the mission of the churches in our district. All United Methodist churches should be represented by members serving on these local boards, committees, and work areas."

Workshops will be held in the following areas: Administrative Board, Council on Ministries, Pastor Parish Relations, Youth Ministry, Evangelism, Education, Missions, Stewardship, Worship, Board of Church and Society, Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, Commission on Religion and Race, Higher Education and Campus Ministry, Administrative Council, Nurture and Membership Care and Outreach.

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!

The nation's youngest businesswomen will be out in force this week. The annual Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council Cookie Sale begins January 21 and runs through February 6. In Robeson County girls have been planning their marketing strategy. They'll be offering 7 varieties of cookies at \$2.00 per box. The bakery gets 73c of this amount. The rest helps to support Girl Scouting in Pines of Carolina Council's 20 counties. For example, the profit from 552 boxes of Girl Scout cookies will buy a canoe. It takes 294 boxes to purchase a slide projector. Individual troops keep 25c per box for their own troop programs. When you purchase Girl Scout cookies you are contributing to the Girl Scout program, as well as enjoying some delicious eating. Order some cookies from your favorite Girl Scout or call Gail Gainey, Lumberton, 738-2383.

NC SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATH OFFICIAL TO VISIT LOCAL SCHOOL

Ola F. Stringer, Head of Admissions or Doug Spain, Assistant Head of Admissions of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics will conduct an information session on the school's educational program and admissions process at Robeson County Career Center on Friday, Jan. 7, 1983 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. All students, parents, and others who are interested in the School are invited to the meeting, particularly tenth-grade students who must apply before January 28, 1983 if they wish to attend the high school. There will be a time for questions and answers.

NCCSSM, located in Durham, is the nation's first public, residential state-wide, co-educational, tuition-free school for eleventh and twelfth graders who have high interest and potential in science and mathematics.

NCCSSM opened in 1980 with 150 students. The first commencement was held in June 1982.

This year nearly 400 students from 878 counties will be enrolled.

CLAYTON C. BELL CELEBRATES 69TH BIRTHDAY IN MIAMI, FLORIDA

Bobby Ray Bell of Miami, Fla. gave his father Clayton C. Bell of Pembroke, NC a birthday dinner in his home December 28, 1982.

Seafood dinner was served to Mr. Clayton Bell and his ten guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton C. Bell have spent the holidays with their son, Bobby Ray Bell of North Miami, Fla. They have now returned to Pembroke, NC.

COACHES NEEDED

The Robeson County Park and Recreation Commission is searching for adult coaches interested in volunteering their time to coach a 5th and 6th grade soccer team. Knowledge of the sport is not a necessity. A workshop will be held on the basis of this fast growing sport. For more information concerning locations and times call Larry Lanier at 738-9061.

VFW TO MEET

Locklear-Lowry VFW Post 2843 of Pembroke will host the 8th District meeting of VFW of North Carolina Sunday, January 9th at the Post Home at 1:00 p.m. The 8th District consists of Posts from Pembroke, Red Springs, Maxton, Lumberton, St. Pauls, Raeford, Fayetteville and Spring Lake.

Then on Monday, January 10th Pembroke Post will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Post.

All members who have not paid their dues for 1983 are asked to do so now. All members are asked to attend the above meeting dates by Post Commander, Bobby D. Locklear.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors, Lumbee Regional Development association, Inc. at their December 27, 1982 monthly meeting voted to have an open election for nominating a member to serve on the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs' Board of Directors. Mrs. Ruth D. Woods, whose term has expired, is not seeking re-election.

The election meeting will be conducted on January 27, 1983 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Pembroke Senior High School Cafeteria. This meeting will be comprised of Indian individuals who reside in the following townships: Maxton, Smiths, Philadelphus, and Pembroke.

In order for you, as community persons, to participate in this meeting, you must meet the following criteria: 1. Indian, 2. live in the above mentioned townships, 3. be 18 years or older. The chair will entertain nominations from the floor. In order to prepare election ballots, anyone interested in seeking this nomination, should declare their candidacy no later than January 21, 1983 by contacting Mr. Kenneth R. Maynor, LRDA-Executive Director at 521-8602.

Additional information will be forthcoming.

Lifesaving Course Offered by Red Cross

The Robeson County Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer an Advanced Lifesaving Course from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, beginning January 12, 1983, at the Pembroke State University Pool. Candidates must be good swimmers and at least 15 years of age. For further information and registration please call 521-4214, Ext. 220; Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Students of Month Named

Pembroke Dance Center is proud to announce that students for the month of November have been selected. They are as follows:

Monday, Beginning Ballet and Tap: Tiffney Locklear and Marlina Jacobs; Tuesday-Level 1 Ballet (5 & 6 years old), Kristin Owens and Melodi Rene Locklear; Wednesday-Beginning Ballet and Tap: Alicia Thomas and Heather Jacobs; Wednesday-Jazz Class, Tara Locklear.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pembroke Dance Center is sponsoring a Patron and Sponsor Drive for the May, 1983 Recital. If you are interested in becoming a Patron or Sponsor of Pembroke Dance Center for the 1982-83 season, please call 521-3379 or 521-3384 after 6 p.m.

Maggie Ree- Young Jazz Singer Coming to PSU Jan. 8



Maggie Ree

"Talented, vocal, ambitious, dedicated a young girl with a solid plan-that's MAGGIE REE, and boy can she play a piano," raves Lou Parris of the *Spartanburg Herald-Journal*.

MAGGIE REE, jazz soloist and pianist will appear January 8, at 7:00 p.m. as part of the RED BALLOON children's SERIES at Pembroke State University's Performing Arts Center.

Performing with her father Bobby Hughey, Maggie sings and plays the piano in the style of known jazz artists as Ray Charles and Count Basie.

Jazz has been part of the Hughey family's lifestyle for many years. Bobby Hughey played the trumpet professionally for about 30 years. Maggie, age thirteen, has been a pianist since she was seven years old, and she's been singing professionally since she was ten. She and her father, who switched to bass to accompany her, are known as the MAGGIE REE DUO.

Maggie comes from a musical family. Her dad started the first bands at Cowpens and Pacolet Elementary

Schools while he attended Wofford College, after attending Converse College on a musical scholarship. His wife, Betty, sang with her husband's band for several years. Maggie studied at Converse College for two years, part of the time visiting her instructor, Martha Corbin, at home for private lessons. "I got the basics from Converse, but Daddy taught me most everything I know about jazz with what he calls his 'Jazz Bible,'" states Maggie. Her mother and sister usually back her up singing.

Maggie not only wants to be a musician, but she's interested in journalism. She has been asked to edit the student newspaper at her school, McCracken Junior High, where she is a ninth grader. She has also written several songs. Maggie and her father have made a special appearance on the national TV show PM MAGAZINE and last year appeared at the annual Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC. They have also performed at the Southeastern Showcase in Savannah, GA.