

# EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

We Cannot Know Where We Are Going If We Don't Know Where We've Been...



## So fittingly we honor our Pioneer Fathers



by Bruce Barton

EDITOR'S NOTE: OI' Reasonable Locklear brought me the following column and told me to print it "in my name, just like I wrote it." As you know, OI' Reasonable disappeared for a while and now tells me that "Boys, I'm a living in public housing and liking it right much thank you. It's warm and, believe it or not, we are getting [and some of us has already got it] cable t.v."

OI' Reasonable swears that he has got used to Mr. Roger's Neighborhood and is mad as the devil because Jones Intercable is swapping him Mr. Rogers, Masterpiece Theatre and stuff like that for around the clock sports. Said OI' Reasonable, "Shoot man I want Mr. Rogers back...that oi' boy is laid back and reminds me kind of my self."

When reminded that the article was "wrote up" in better grammar than we are used to from OI' Reasonable he grinned and said, "I'll admit that I had some help. You know this [Pembroke] here is a college town. Just about anybody can throw a comma in the right tater-rom."

So here's OI' Reasonable a fussing and fuming about Mr. Rogers having to leave our neighborhood. Sure wish we had cable t.v. in Deep Branch where I live but you can't have everything. At least I can walk out in the back yard and yell my fool head off without the next door neighbor a shushing me.

MUSINGS....

by OI' Reasonable Locklear GOODBYE, MR. ROGERS. Sunday evenings are special at our house, it is a time to relax and rest for the coming week, to read and to watch Masterpiece Theatre. This week was different, however, for without any notice from Jones Cablevision all Public Television was pre-empted by a new all-sports network and a second commercial station in Wilmington. At the flip of a switch Alistair Cooke introducing the last segment of "To Serve Them All My Days" was replaced by a basketball game unrelated to our part of the country.

One can understand the commercial needs of a cable company to make money, and sports...even sports television makes money in America. What cannot be understood is the kind of thinking which would permit the elimination of all Public Broadcasting from a cable which is supposed to be capable of carrying a minimum of 20 channels. Even with the present limit of 12 channels, there ought to be

room for at least one educational channel.

So what do we lose? A great deal. Besides the quality drama and cultural programming we also lose educational programming in the afternoons for our children and an alternative to network news in the evenings. No more will our children see Sesame Street, Mr. Rogers Neighborhood, the Electric Company, or Powerhouse. All of these programs are badly needed in area where the school systems have the dubious distinction of being the worst in the state. No more shall we have the opportunity of seeing: Nova, National Geographic, Nature, Jacques Cousteau, Washington Week in Review, or the award-winning McNeill/Lehrer Report. All these in addition to Great Performances, Masterpiece Theatre, Mystery, All Creatures Great and Small, Odyssey, and Austin City Limits.

What is so disheartening about the loss is not only the suddenness of the change (of not knowing what happens to P.J. in the end, or whether Jemima survives the convent murders); but also the sense from the Cable Company that the change might not matter, the assumption that rural communities are made up of such boors that we might not miss the only quality programming worth paying \$7.50 a month to get.

No matter what the rationalizations we need to send both the cable company and the town boards which license them, a message: "We don't want to say goodbye to Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood: We want it back, and the sooner the better." After all, we are a select breed of folk who watch PBS, we have to pay twice for our viewing. Unlike the commercial networks and specialized cable stations, the funds for PBS programs come from voluntary contributions of the viewers...and then we have to pay the cable company (theoretically any way) to bring us that signal from the patchwork quilt of UHF transmitters across the state. Jones Intercable should not be allowed to take us for granted so easily!

Even the compromise position of sharing time with another channel really won't be satisfactory. Who would decide which channel is aired? PBS airs programs all day long which are valuable and important to the community, how would the decision be made which channel would be aired...and then how would

the viewers be notified when PBS would be on the air.

Finally, there is some indication that Educational TV from South Carolina might be aired, at least part time on channel nine. What sense does that make? All of the Jones subscribers live in NORTH Carolina! We want to watch our own Public Television thank you very much.

The awful realization might soon be dawning on the home office of Jones Intercable that the promise of five years ago are finally coming home to roost; and the necessity of a 20 channel system in order to satisfy the FCC, the community and commercial viability is finally here. Perhaps, if the choice had been to dump a duplicate of a network channel like one of the two CBS affiliates no one would have noticed; but to sacrifice PBS on the high altar of organized sport could not go unheralded nor unopposed... one would have thought they would have known that in the home office...

## Supt. Swett Updates West Robeson

Superintendent of Robeson County Schools Purnell Swett was introduced to Pembroke Kiwanis members by Program Chairman Bill Oxendine at the Tuesday evening meeting of the Club at the Town and Country Restaurant.

The West Robeson High School located in Red Banks occupies 57 acres. Work is presently in progress in the painting of classrooms and work on the ceilings. The school will be open for occupancy in August 1983. The roofs are sloped thus providing better drainage than flat roofs and is more economical in the long run. In order to meet the needs of the students, advisory groups are set up for curriculum, transportation, and student affairs. There are also committees concerned with school colors, mascots, trophies won by each school. Grades 10, 11 and 12 will be accommodated. Seating capacity for the gym will accommodate 2000 people and will be equipped for a well rounded physical education program. There is also room for the addition of an auditorium.

Supt. Swett displayed architectural plans for the building. Facilities include Band and Music rooms, classrooms for languages, communicative arts, vocational, business, home economics cafeteria, media center, science laboratories, math and social studies classrooms. There will be 3 separate parking areas and space for the addition of football, baseball, tennis courts, and track.

New Kiwanis member Wade Hunt, principal of the Union Chapel Elementary School was welcomed by Club members. Wade has been prominent in Little League Baseball and many community youth activities.

Marshall Locklear announced the Kiwanis Birthday Foundation offering has been 100% and Lt. Governor Bernard Lowry will present the check to the Carolinas Foundation. Lt. Governor Lowry as made his official visits to Fayetteville and Southern Ines Kiwanis Clubs.

Presiding was President Alvin Ray Lowry. Pianist was Pate Lowry and the invocation was given by Henry Ward Oxendine.

## New Coharie Columnist

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He died in 1973. Frances was left with an 11 year old son, Rex, whom she reared along from that time.

She took several jobs as a surveyor for the program on aging in Sampson County. In October 1974 she began working with the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs and except for 8 months with the Coharie People under the County Manpower Program, she has worked with the Commission since that time with constant interruptions because of funds ending.

Frances is now at work again since being off from August 31 to November 30.

She is the daughter of the late James Watha Emanuel and Annie Brewington Emanuel. She has four sons, Rudy F. Maynor of Benson who is a machinist for a manufacturing co.; Larry Truman Maynor of Fayetteville, an instructor and supervisor for Carolina Telephone Co.; Anthony Eugene Maynor of Raleigh who works in the Federal Department of Agriculture in the Animal Health Division; and Rex Allen Maynor of Route 1, Clinton, Sampson, Independent Employee.

Frances took the HRD course, a home course in creative writing. She has three Certificate in Literacy Training and one as a Tutor Trainer.

## COHARIE INDIANS

The Coharie Indians can be found in mainly three specific areas of Sampson County namely: Shifoh-in the Dismal Township near Godwin, North Carolina on the Cumberland - Sampson line; Holly Grove or South Clinton located just south of Clinton between highways 421 and 701; and the New Bethel area in Herring Township eight miles north of Clinton on highway 421. Until about 1940 the Coharie people made their living mainly by farming. Since that time some of our people have gone into public work, such as, teachers, doctors, and to other related fields.

The mass meeting for which we can account was held in March 1910 for the purpose of organizing an annual reunion and picnic at that time known as a Clan meeting. There were very few years that meetings were not held annually. Records can be shown of the meetings held during this time.

Most of the Coharie Indians have lived isolated lives and seem to have developed a feeling of not being able to rise to the standard of living enjoyed by other races, especially as having better jobs, education; this perhaps accounts for the Coharie Indians having a tendency to remain mostly in the Coharie Dismal swamp and South Clinton areas.

Until 1944 there was a separate elementary school for each of the three communities. But at this time the three were consolidated and the East Carolina Indian School was a result of this consolidation. Due to low population in the Sampson County area a progress was hampered but the school maintained until 1966. All efforts were made to make ECI a standard high school. High school students were brought from Columbus, Harnett, Bladen, Person, Cumberland and Hoke Counties in order to increase the enrollment and aid in making ECI a standard high school, as well as providing a high school education for students from these other counties.

In 1966 Sampson County schools were integrated and to the disappointment of many of the Coharie people, ECI became Sampson Technical Institute. School children are doing fair in Sampson County and Clinton City Schools, but need much motivation and encouragement from parents and other interested people.

In some areas living conditions are improving, but much needs to be done in every phase of Indian life in this area.

Residents from the five counties named herein, have intermarried over the years, as well as, many other counties and states. But the Majority have followed the tradition of the early American Indian by marrying within the Indian race. Most of the Coharie people prior to the last few years, have seemed content to earn a reasonable salary even though some times their ability and expertise outweighed their efforts for advancement.

During the last few years there has been a strong desire among some of the Coharie people to motivate our people to search ways of acquiring a better education, homes, jobs, and above all the feeling of being equal to other races in every sense.

We find many talented and gifted people among the Coharies. Looking over the material and records we find that among those earnest and hard working ancestors who have preceded us into the great beyond, much talent and expertise was hidden and unused because of the inability and know-how to use it.

The Indian people of Sampson County in 1967 reorganized and called themselves the Coharie Indians. The name Coharie coming from the Coharie River, also by this time some of the population had moved to the Harnett County area.

God grant that we might motivate and encourage within those fortunate braves of today a desire to use the great gifts given to them by the one in whom our forefathers trusted. Thus making easier paths for their moccasins, homes to replace the teepees, jobs to relieve the hard laborers, strength to accept as well as to be accepted by our fellow man.

By Francis E. Maynor

## BREWINGTON & REGAN UNITED IN BAPTIST CEREMONY



Mrs. Richard Regan

PEMBROKE - Miss Zenetta Gail Brewington and Richard Regan were united in marriage on Friday, Dec. 31, at three o'clock in the afternoon at Berea Baptist Church. The Revs. Tony E. Brewington and L.P. Hardy officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Mrs. Jody A. Honeycutt of Rockingham, were honorary attendants.

Jason Lowry, Jr. of Dillon, S.C. was best man. Ushers were the bridegroom's brother, Bobby Regan; the bride's brothers, Jimmy and Ricky Brewington; and her nephew, Ray Brewington.

Ringerbearer was Jeremy Brewington.

Directing the wedding were Mrs. Mary Bell and Johnny Bullard.

The bride received a B.S. degree in music education from Pembroke State University in May, 1982, and a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in December, 1982.

The bridegroom received a B.S. degree in business administration from Pembroke State University in 1980 and plans to attend Southeastern Theological Seminary in January. The couple will live in Wake Forest.

### RECEPTION

A reception was held in the church Fellowship Hall hosted by the bride's parents. Greeting guests were Mr. and Mrs. Hartman Brewington.

Assisting at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bullard, Mrs. Daisy Demery, Mrs. Lillian Chavis, Mrs. Hazel O. Brewington, Mrs. Queenie Lowry, Mrs. Fannie Oxendine, Mrs. Christy S. Strickland, Miss Angeline Demery, Mrs. Josephine Barnes, Mrs. Barbara Locklear, Miss Louise Cummings, Mrs. Gertrude Locklear and Mrs. Patty Brayboy.

SOCIAL COURTESIES Miss Brewington was honored on a number of occasions prior to her marriage.

The ladies of Berea Baptist Church entertained at a shower.

Mrs. Rosalind Lowry, Mrs. Sandra Neville and Mrs. Barbara Locklear hosted a shower at the home of Mrs. Maureen Regan.

Mrs. Helen Sampson and Mrs. Vicki Bass entertained at a shower at the home of the former.

### REHEARSAL DINNER

The Rehearsal Dinner was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Regan, parents of the groom.



The zebra is basically a light animal with dark stripes.



The word tuxedo is an Algonquin Indian word meaning, "he has a round foot."

## To seek Election to N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs



Carnell Locklear

Carnell Locklear, general manager of 'Strike at the Wind' and a long time Indian activist, is the first one to announce his candidacy for a seat on the North Carolina Indian Commission's board of directors.

Locklear will be vying for the seat left vacant by Mrs. Ruth Dial Woods' decision not to seek re-election.

Said Locklear, "I love to work for my Indian people and I believe this would be a wonderful opportunity for me to be an advocate for them. I promise, if elected, to do my very best."

Carnell, his wife, Peggy, and their five children live in the Red Banks community.

The election will take place January 27 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Pembroke Senior High School Cafeteria. The seat represents Indian people from the Maxton, Smiths, Philadelphus and Pembroke areas and townships.

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It was once believed that if a person dreams of a river, it means that something stands between him and his wishes.