

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



Braves must have white chief to lead them

To the Editor:
This article is in response to the action taken by the Superintendent of the Robeson County Board of Education in the appointment of co-principals of the new West Robeson High School.
I would like to commend the above action in regard to the appointment of Mr. Roy Maynor because he has proven his ability in educational circles as a very competent administrator and educator.

by Bruce Barton

ANNIVERSARY IN GOOD HANDS...SAM KERNS, CARNELL LOCKLEAR & JIMMY GOINS

Our Ten Year Anniversary Celebration is in good hands...those of Jimmy Goins, Carnell Locklear and Sam Kerns. They are serving as tri-chairmen of our Ten Year Anniversary Celebration scheduled for January 22, 1983 beginning at 7 p.m. at Pembroke Senior High School. It will be a real celebration of the Carolina Indian Voice newspaper. And we are grateful to Jimmy, Carnell and Sam for serving as tri-chairmen of our birthday party.

Carnell Locklear is the crowd pleasing "Boss, Strong" for the last seven years of "Strike at the Wind" and also doubles as general manager of the exciting outdoor drama about Henry Berry Lowrie and the mysterious and interesting Lumbee Indians. Carnell, his wife, Peggy, and five children live in the Red Banks Community near Pembroke.

Sam Kerns is a probation officer for the state of North Carolina and a long time champion for Indian rights. Sam was instrumental in the formation of the American Indian Student Association (then the Lumbee Student Association) at Pembroke State while a student there. Sam, his wife, Sue, and two daughters live on Pine Street

in Pembroke. Jimmy Goins, former president of the Pembroke Jaycees, and a Vietnam veteran, is a popular community activist. Jimmy can be found where ever people are helping people. He loves the Pembroke Jaycees.

Jimmy is the owner of the Fillin' Station in Pembroke, and also holds the contract for the snack bar at Robeson Technical College. Jimmy, his wife, Diane, and three daughters live in the Prospect community.

The Carolina Indian Voice is proud to count the above three as friends of long standing, and am happy that our fortune and birthday party is in their hands.

IREMCA RECALL EFFORT SMACKS OF RACISM...

Look. I'm busy having a party, attempting to tie down all the loose ends that need tying down as we get ready for our ten year anniversary celebration... But that IREMCA recall effort smacks of racism to me. Watch for it for racial smoke. Where there is smoke there is bound to be fire. Just keep an eye on this one. More next week.

Anyway, hope to see you at our party and thanks for your many acts of kindness over the last ten years. It won't be as good a party without you but it will be a party nevertheless... Hope to see you there!

THE CARL WEST OPINIONS

The Carl West Opinions column, commencing this week will appear on the editorial page of the Carolina Indian Voice "as long as the Lord dictates," according to Mr. West.

The venerable Mr. West is a friend of long standing. We made a promise a long time ago to be friends and disagree agreeably whenever either of us chooses to do so with the other. I value friendship. I am proud to call him my friend.

Lumber River Conference

The copy for this article was not received in time for this week's publication. Look next week for the continuing series of articles on the Lumber River Holiness Methodist Conference by Jason B. Lowry.

parking with purchases of \$20.00 or more.

Sincerely,
Piercing Eyes Indian Crafts Inc.

More than a gift shop

December 30, 1982

Friends,
We would like to introduce ourselves.

We are Inter Native American Indians. We have recently opened a Native American Indian Craft Shop. Our craft shop is located in the Philadelphia International Airport, Terminal C Departures, next to Eastern Airlines ticket window.

The name of our shop is "PIERCING EYES INDIAN CRAFTS, INC." We are proud that our shop is more than a "gift" shop. We are offering more than merchandise for sale. We offer an important part of American history, as we display and explain various American Indian artifacts, "lost" arts, and how they are made. To enhance our shop, you will find various craft persons working on their leatherwork, beadwork, silverwork, paintings etc. while you watch. We also offer shows, talks, etc., outside of the shop. A one week notice is requested. Please telephone 215-365-4820.

We hope you will find this letter of interest.

We have priced our merchandise from \$2.00 to \$10,000. Won't you join us? We offer one hour free

Letters To The Editor

Gas Tax Bad Business

To the Editor:

I wish to express to you and your readers several (there are many more) of my objections to the recent \$29 billion federal gas tax bill. The new tax of five cents on a gallon of gas is a regressive tax that comes in a time of recession and is added to the existing four-cent federal tax and to the North Carolina state gas tax which is already one of the highest in the nation. That is not good economics nor sound tax policy. This tax will hit the working people of this country harder than any other single group and that alone made it worth resisting.



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In addition, this gas tax of five cents a gallon will have an adverse effect in our rural areas. North Carolina is a major agricultural state, and thus this state will experience a negative impact. Sen. James Exon, D-Neb., stated in a letter to his colleagues and on the Senate floor:

"The clear predictable effect of the cost of this program will fall disproportionately on the rural areas."

Why? Among other reasons, this tax is called a "user fee," but in fact it is not a "user fee," for one-fifth of this tax will be diverted to mass transit use in large cities of the North and particularly the Northeast. As a practical matter then, you are taxing agricultural and rural users of roads, bridges and highways to subsidize mass transit use in other parts of the country. Call it what one will — that is not a "user fee," and the economic impact is negative in agricultural states.

Moreover, the formula used to compute what North Carolina will receive from its contribution to Washington indicates North Carolina will not receive back a dollar for every dollar paid into the trust fund. Historically we have gotten back 74 cents on the dollar. We have tied with Texas and Oklahoma for last place as a "donor" state, and under the new formula we will remain a "donor" state receiving far less in return than we will be contributing.

Furthermore, this tax will adversely affect the trucking industry of this nation and North Carolina. Trucking is a major industry in North Carolina (we are the seventh largest trucking state in America) and many trucking businesses, particularly those of middle and small size, will feel a heavy brunt from this tax and added license fees. In this time of a weak economy it could force many of them out of business. In good conscience, a senator from North Carolina, keeping in mind the trucking interests of this state, could not support this tax and the dramatically increased license fees this legislation imposes.

Beyond burdening agricultural and trucking interests so vital to the economic well-being of North Carolina, this tax also could have a negative impact on tourism in our state. To increase the costs of driving clearly may discourage tourist activity so critical to the economic health of our entire state.

As regards the use of the filibuster to prevent passage of this bill, Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., stated on the Senate floor that the North Carolina senators "had every right to do what they did. The people don't want faint-hearted senators. People want senators who will fight for their position."

Finally, it is worth noting that the fruit of this lame duck session of Congress is basically two-fold. One, it raised the pay of members of Congress (nearly \$10,000 per member in the case of the House of Representatives), which I vigorously opposed. Secondly, with enactment of the gas tax, it imposed a new tax on the working people of the country, and likewise I strongly opposed that even to the point of filibustering.

I make no apologies for my stand. I think it was right that this tax be resisted, and I trust that the people of this state, if they study this measure carefully and fully, will understand this was a carefully reasoned and principled decision, and there was no alternative but to stand and to resist. In fact, Congress should have reflected longer on this important and far-reaching legislation than it did. Obviously, 32 other senators, who voted in opposition with me, agreed.

JOHN P. EAST
United States Senator

Cherokee Indians of Hoke County

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To the Editor
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We wish to inform the Indians of Hoke County, NC that we, the Cherokee Indians of Hoke County, NC are now accepting applicants for enrollment into the Tribe.

The purpose of the Cherokee Indians of Hoke County, NC is to (1) provide adequate and authentic representation and assistance for the Indian people of Hoke County and (2) to provide a sensible and civilized alternative to the secular education by means of an "Indian Education."

On July 1, 1983, we will begin accepting applications for enrollment in the Cherokee Indian Reservation School of Hoke County which will be located on RPR 1003 in Hoke County in the Davis Bridge Community.

We are asking for donations of the following; school desks, chairs or tables of any type, benches or old church pews.

If anyone has an old house or building that they want moved then we would gladly tear it down for the material. Please you can help write us at the address below or leave a message for me, Rev. Douglas W. Maynor at 521-8251 after 6 p.m. in the evening. God Bless all of you.

The Cherokee Indians of Hoke County, NC
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GOOD PSYCHOLOGY



Are you a daydreamer? No need to be ashamed, psychologists say. Your waking musings aren't just a waste of time. They can often work for you—to meet the stress of life and even solve problems. Nearly everybody else daydreams too! Another way to ease tension is to sit back and relax with a nice cup of hot tea. It's a pleasant accompaniment to any daydreamy afternoon.

educational jobs which come available?

Did an adequate number of Indians apply for the position of principal of West Robeson High School? If they did not apply for the job, what could be some of the reasons? Was the job adequately advertised? I have not been able to locate any Indians who saw the job advertised in a local newspaper.

Some people may say that we do not have anyone qualified with experience to do the job. I would like to say that competent superintendents are supposed to provide opportunities for staff development so that people may grow and assume more responsibility. If we have to go outside the county to find competent people to educate our Indian, Black and white children, then this may indicate that our top educational administrator is either incompetent or playing politics instead of providing leadership.

The policy of hiring people from the outside such as

County School System is not proportionate with the number of minorities in the school district. When one walks through the central office at the Robeson County Board of Education and looks at the central office staff and their racial makeup, one must question if the above allegation is true. However, if one walks through Lumberton City Schools' Central Office, one cannot find any Indians in any positions.

I would like to challenge Robeson County's Superintendent, the school board and the relevant target publics (people) to examine our educational goals, objectives, and direction in our pursuit of the andragogical and pedagogical process.

Respectfully yours,
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General George A. Custer ranked last in his West Point graduating class of 1861.

REPORT FROM
U.S. Senator
JESSE ★★
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WASHINGTON—In last week's report, I discussed some, but not all, of the glaring defects in the legislation approved by Congress just before Christmas to increase the federal gasoline tax by five cents.

As you probably noted, the news media had a field day with the fact that some Senators were irritated because I refused to let this proposal glide through the Senate unopposed.

Many Senators were indeed unhappy, because their top priority was going home for Christmas. They were not in the mood to defer this 27½ billion dollar additional tax bite until adequate consideration could be given it. They just wanted to go home.

POLITICS—A number of highly respected Senators came to my defense against the attacks on me by Senator Kennedy, Senator Cranston, Senator Ford, and Senator Simpson. I suspect that you have read nothing at all about comments by Senator Russell Long of Louisiana, Senator Bill Armstrong of Colorado, and others. The comments by these Senators—in my defense—were buried in the news stories, if they were used at all.

Senator Ford of Kentucky made a blatantly political statement. He is a very partisan Senator who claims to be a great friend of the tobacco farmer. But I cannot forget that Senator Ford flatly refused to go to bat for the tobacco farmers back in July when I sought to cut down on the cigarette tax increase. I proposed that the taxes on beer, wine and hard liquor, along with cigarettes, be increased by the same percentage. (My proposal would have cut the cigarette tax increase down from eight cents to two cents; it would have increased the tax on beer about a penny a can, and on wine and hard liquor by a relatively small amount.) Senator Ford would not hear of it. Apparently he was more interested in his whiskey manufacturers in Kentucky than in his tobacco farmers.

One further note: When the survival of the tobacco program was on the line in the Senate last July, Senator Ford was able to persuade only 22 Democrats to vote to save the tobacco program. Had it not been for the 32 Republicans who voted to save the program, it would have been a disaster. So, when Senator Ford tries to play politics with the tobacco program, he should first look at his own efforts.

KENNEDY—Senator Kennedy is—well, he is Ted Kennedy. I did not run for the Senate to win a popularity contest with Mr. Kennedy. I cannot think of anything in his personal or private life that I admire, and I suppose he feels the same way about me. So when he attacks me, as he frequently does, I consider it an honor.

As for trying to defeat this gasoline tax increase, I would do it all over again. It was one of the most tiring experiences of my life, but it was a fight that I felt should be waged.

REAGAN—I am obliged to say that I feel President Reagan's advisors did him great harm when they persuaded him to reverse his position on this proposal. Originally, he had been totally against it—and he was right the first time.

I still admire Ronald Reagan, but I will never be a yes-man for him or any other President. Nor will I refuse to take a stand when I believe that a worthy principle is at stake. I felt that this gasoline tax proposal was a bad bill, proposed at the wrong time and in the wrong manner.

The outcry from the liberal politicians and partisan editors was predictable. But in this instance, I don't believe the people will be fooled. I have been comforted—and grateful—to note the overwhelming support I have received from people all over the country. They know when they are being snookered.

CARL WEST OPINIONS

This column is only for the purpose of introduction, although to all my good friends in Robeson Co. who have read my column for several years, I do not feel that I need much introduction. All of you are aware that I have never been interested in the color of one's skin. God created us all in his own image and made our skin whatever color he desired. My first priority in life is to be a Christian who can become more dedicated each day that I live. I have always been interested in politics because that is what controls our peoples lives and will ultimately determine whether or not we survive as a nation.

Oh yes, I am aware that Bruce Barton has been called a racist. I also am aware that some people now call him a white Indian. I have only known Mr. Barton for about three years and during that time I have known him as a Christian gentleman. I will be writing this column as long as the Good Lord dictates, and the only promise I make is that just as long as this column appears, that never shall one dart be thrown at any individual. There will be no character assassination, no malice, no hatred. We cannot hate anyone and be a Christian at the same time. We live in a tri-racial county where we have a lot going for us. Some of it very good, some of it very bad.

In future weeks I shall discuss both aspects of this with all the vigor at my command, I hope you will read these articles because some of them will probably give you facts and figures that you might not know exist.

Sincerely,
Carl West

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