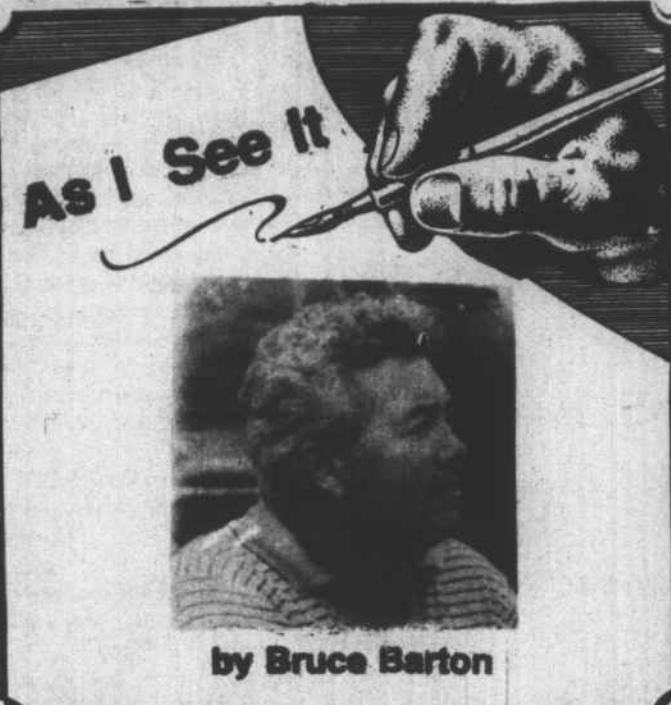


EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE



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

TEN YEARS OF DOING WHAT MAKES ME FEEL GOOD

A philosopher once said that happiness is "finding a need and attempting to fill it." And that is what I have tried to do with the Carolina Indian Voice, my particular passion. I have tried to get people to talk to one another, across racial lines, respecting political persuasions and simply how are you I am fine...And it has not always been well received. I probably hold the record for receiving the most cussings in one life time. Robesonians-Indians, Blacks and white-generally speaking, find it too difficult to talk to one another, and when I suggest they talk to one another (not about one another) I sometimes get "agood and needful cussing" as one lady told me just before she laced into me.

But it has been exciting too. I have found many decent people of all races and political persuasions. But enough red necks and provincial types remain to keep my sociological inclinations going for at least a life time.

It has been a wonderful and fulfilling ten years for me as editor of the Carolina Indian Voice. I would not trade places with any man I know. God has been good to me.

But rancor remaining from the recent political season reminds me that all of us are liable to get mad and say and do things that we are not especially proud of. But we must keep taking chances, keep on talking to everyone will talk back to us. As I have said, on many occasions, "A letter to the editor is better than the negative feedback of a shotgun blast."

So thanks for ten years of joy and happiness. And I hope you enjoy our Ten Year Celebration of the Carolina Indian Voice. I dedicate this issue to all of you who have cared enough to "Keep them cards and letters a coming in." God bless each of you.

do not believe they represent the best interests of the rest of the Indian and Black and white consumers on the line. Keep an eye on them. Please. Their intentions, as I see it, are not laudable.

But Happy Anniversary to all of us. More about this next week and the week after and until challenge is met.

Listen for the little sayings. Indians know when racism is being bandied about. Those practicing racism will say, in essence, "Now this ain't got nothing to do with racism but..." Watch them but.

It looks to me like some folks are really upset that the Indians and Black on the board had the gall to not only replace the white general manager but even had the audacity to replace him with an Indian; that is almost unbearable for some folks in this area.

Just think about it. Don't be misled by rhetoric. Let's get ready for a tussle. I do consider Carl Branch, the spokesman for the dissidents, a worthy adversary. It will be a good philosophical battle, if everyone will play by the rules of common decency and respect.

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Did you know that birds don't sing just to make pretty music? Small songbirds sometimes use their songs to organize a mass attack on a larger "bully" bird. If the bully is too big to tangle with—a hawk, for instance—they use a different kind of song to warn each other to escape.



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Thomas seeks Seat on N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs



Clinton L. Thomas, Jr.

Clinton L. Thomas, Jr., Executive Director of the Housing Authority and Redevelopment Commission of Pembroke has announced that he is seeking election to the North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs. The position which Mr. Thomas is seeking represents the Pembroke, Maxton, Smiths, and Philadelphus townships. The seat is being vacated by Mrs. Ruth Dial Woods who has decided not to seek reelection.

The twenty-two member Commission was established in 1971 to deal fairly and effectively with Indian affairs; to bring local, state and federal resources into focus for implementation of meaningful programs for Indian citizens of the State of North Carolina and to assist Indian communities in social and economic development.

Mr. Thomas has served as Executive Director of the Pembroke Housing Authority for the past ten years and also serves as Chairman of the Pembroke Planning Board. He resides in Pembroke with his wife Cathy and their two children, Alicia and Aaron. During his ten year tenure with Pembroke Housing Authority, Mr. Thomas has had extensive formal training and work experience in public administration and feels that this background will enable him to establish a productive relationship between the Indian Commission and the residents of the Pembroke, Maxton, Smiths and Philadelphus townships.

The election will be held on Thursday, January 27, 1983 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pembroke Senior High School and all Indian residents of the Pembroke, Maxton, Smiths, and Philadelphus townships who are eighteen years of age and older, are encouraged to attend and vote.



Leather-bound books will benefit from periodic applications of saddle soap, neats-foot oil or petroleum jelly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rep. DeVane Sends Congratulations

Dear Bruce, Connee & Staff: I want to say congratulations on your tenth anniversary and to thank you for the super job that you did for me during our campaign for the North Carolina House of Representatives. I hope and pray that I will be able to do as good a job for the people of this district as you did for me.

Sincerely
DANIEL H. DeVANE
Representative, N.C.
House of Representatives
Raeford, NC

Best Wishes From Out of State Reader

Dear Mr. Barton, As one of your out of state readers for some three years, I would like to offer my congratulations to you and your colleagues on actually being the first to publish a successful newspaper out of the town of Pembroke. Celebrating your tenth year of publication gives evidence that you have succeeded where others have failed to sustain a newspaper out of Pembroke on a long term basis. You are proving that a newspaper can be successful by reporting the accomplishments of a people in a positive way. Today when many newspapers are reporting depressing and violent type news, it is a pleasure for me to relax once each week with the Carolina Indian Voice. The pictures, news items, history and stories by-of- and for the people, who descended from the original settlers along the banks of Lumber River, are interesting, informative and help one keep in touch with the folks back home.

I have always been thankful that I grew up in an area where a belief in God, strong family units, patriotism, and educational growth were emphasized and promoted. I am happy to see the Carolina Indian Voice filling a void of the past by providing the means through which the descendants of the original settlers along the banks of Lumber River can see, read, and write about our involvement as a very interesting race of people. In the past when it took acts of violence to make newspaper headlines in Robeson County concerning the Indian population, it is good to see the Carolina Indian Voice carrying head lines of accomplishments and being successful.

Keep up the good work, your second decade should be much easier now that you've got your feet wet.

Sincerely,
RONALD H. LOWRY
5513 Susquehanna Drive
Virginia Beach, Va.

CARL WEST OPINIONS

It is strange how things sometimes happen, I meet before our Robeson County Board of Commissioners, Monday for a brief period of time, I was not there to ask for money or anything at all for myself. I was simply there to try and help my neighbors, of course I know all of our Commissioners except Mr. Wyvis Oxendine and as I stated at the meeting he must be a very good man or he would not be there. I was the second person on the agenda and the first person had a short discussion just as I did, so I was not in the Commissioner's Room just a few minutes but I was impressed by the few things I saw and heard. While I was there, what impressed me most was the prayer at the opening of the meeting by Commissioner J.W. Hunt. I believe that prayer came straight from the heart of Mr. Hunt. He asked God to direct our Commissioners in all of their decisions that God's will be done in all duties they are called upon to perform in the operation of this county's business. Its good to know that we have people looking after the affairs of our county who recognize that we were founded as a nation under God. If every person in every Board Room and all our elected leaders throughout this nation could realize that, I feel certain we would not be confronted with all the problems that we now find ourselves facing.

room, one of the commissioners asked me what I thought of phase 11 in our Robeson Co. water line system. If this same question had been asked me six or seven years ago, my answer would have been that no way should we spend that kind of money for water lines in the majority of our county. But by pure coincidence my wife and myself had gone through a lengthy discussion about the water situation in much of our county just two nights before. I have heard and personally known of our ever increasing areas in more and more neighborhoods where getting clean odorless water by drilling a hole in the ground is no longer possible. When we really think about it, the answer should be fairly obvious. In about a mile of my house in all directions there is probably more than a hundred You find this same thing on most roads in our county. Certainly we are aware that each of these houses and trailers have a septic tank. There are hundreds of thousands of gallons of raw sewer that is being deposited not far beneath the earth's surface. Then does it not naturally follow that in most places you cannot go out and drill a hole and expect to get clean water? I think what it will finally come down to is that all of our drinking water will necessarily have to go through a purification system before it is safe for human consumption.

After I had made my brief statement to our Board of Commissioners and was ready to step down and leave the

Carl West

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January 13, 1983

Mr. Bruce Barton, Editor
The Carolina Indian Voice
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Dear Bruce:

Congratulations to you and your outstanding newspaper, The Carolina Indian Voice, on the tenth anniversary of continuous publication. The Carolina Indian Voice has stayed in touch with the needs and concerns of the people it serves. Over the past ten years, The Carolina Indian Voice has focused public attention on the story of our great American Indians -- and particularly, the Lumbees. Bruce, you've made a great contribution to North Carolina by informing the public about the needs and concerns of the Lumbee Indians. The Carolina Indian Voice has made a lasting impression on the hearts and minds of thousands of people.

We appreciate you, Bruce. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with us over the past decade. May The Carolina Indian Voice have many more decades of publication. God bless you and the fine people of Robeson County.

Sincerely,
Charlie Rose
Charlie Rose

Tenth Anniversary Edition Dedicated

This Tenth Anniversary Edition of The Carolina Indian Voice is dedicated lovingly to the memory of Peter Brooks and James E. Chavis.

The realization of a dream always means looking back in appreciation and admiration to those special persons who encouraged one to "reach for the stars." And so it is with the Carolina Indian Voice, we look back to these two men in particular, encouraging, inspiring, moving forward.

Congratulations

Dear Mr. Barton:

Upon announcement that the Carolina Indian Voice will celebrate ten years of continuous publication on January 20, 1983, commemorating a decade of service from January 18, 1973 to January 20, 1983, the Robeson County Board of Commissioners take this opportunity to congratulate The Carolina Indian Voice and its management on this accomplishment.

It is necessary and important for a person to become involved in order to fulfill duties to his fellow man and accept the responsibilities of his profession. This you have done and through your publication during the past decade the public has gained knowledge of various activities that have been most informative.

We wish for you continued prosperity.

Sincerely,
Robeson County
Board of Commissioners
W. PAUL GRAHAM
County Manager

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I plan to resist them with all the strength I am able to muster. They do not represent me or my best interests, and I