

AS I SEE IT



by
Bruce Barton

PENCE, CURRIN AND COMPANY OUGHT TO SHOW US "THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG" OR SHUT UP AND LET ROBESON COUNTY GET BACK TO WORK

Robert Pence, the FBI's Agent in Charge in North Carolina, has been much in the news lately, especially with pronouncements about Robeson County's so-called CETA probe that has resulted in the arrest of Chris Antwi, the county's head of the Department of Human Resources until he was arrested last week and charged with alleged irregularities in the administration of the CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) program in Robeson County. He is charged with four counts of misapplying CETA funds in relation to a computer contract, a count of hiring someone who was not eligible for CETA employment and misstatement on a travel voucher.

The rest of us are waiting to see what Pence will say next. He has been quoted as saying the Antwi's arrest was "just the tip of the iceberg" in ol' Robeson. Pence also says that an extensive probe is underway and that the Antwi indictment is "just the beginning of possible indictments and arrests in Robeson County."

Republican? I know U.S. Attorney Sam Currin is, and was appointed by Republican Senator Jesse Helms. But, to Currin's credit, he has not dealt in hyperbole and speculation like Pence has in subtle hints to the media. Currin has said simply that his office will not confirm whether or not any agencies or individuals are involved.

But many knowledgeable politicians in the county believe the probe supposedly underway is Republican-induced. I believe Currin's attention was turned toward Robeson County by Republicans who want to see democratic influence lessened. I suppose it'll all come out sooner or later.

As I see it, Pence, Currin and other responsible officials ought to go ahead and show us what they have. People's lives are at stake here, and the speculation and inferences are damaging to many people, some of whom will be found to be innocent of any wrong doing. If everyone is arrested whose name I have heard banded about by news toters and rumor mongers then there won't be a soul left to mind Robeson County's store.

I wonder if Pence is a

...and this report from the Associated Press...

Justice Says Death Row Wait Unfair Calls For Speeding Or Ending Executions

SAVANNAH — Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, citing an "intolerable" backlog of criminals on death row, said Monday the death penalty should be abolished unless prolonged delays in carrying it out are eliminated.

"This malfunctioning of our system of justice is unfair to the hundreds of persons confined anxiously on death row," Powell told a conference of judges from the 11th U.S. Judicial Circuit, which includes Alabama, Georgia and Florida.



Powell

"It also deserves the public interest in the implemen-

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Letters To The Editor

A Helms adherent

To the Editor's
Carolina Indian Voice
Pembroke, NC 28372

Dear Sir:

As I was reading my latest issue of *The Carolina Indian Voice*, I discovered a political ad paid for by Democrats for Jesse Helms.

I was appalled to read what Julian Bond had to say:

"I'd like to see us run a picture of Jesse Helms in North Carolina Newspapers with a rifle's crosshair over his chest..."

I ask you as a law abiding citizen, to what extent will Jim Hunt go to try and defeat Senator Jesse Helms?

Franklin Biggs
Lumberton, NC 28358

Pembroke grads of '63 where are you?

To the Editor:

Would you be so kind as to assist us in an effort to locate missing classmates by printing the following notice:

To members of the 1963 Class of Pembroke High School, Pembroke, NC. Where are you? Wanda Woodell; David R. Brewington, Jr.; Lena Clarke; Linda Faye Dial; Elizabeth Ann Locklear; Julius Lowery; Paul Taylor; David Sampson; James Grady Young; Dallas Revels; Hazel Wilkins; Ressie Dean Oxendine and Dexter Locklear.

Persons knowing the whereabouts of the above persons are asked to contact Mrs. Pattie Brayboy at 919-521-8397 after 5:00 p.m. or Samuel Kerns at 919-521-2339. This information is needed immediately so as members may be notified about an up-coming twentieth year class reunion.

Samuel Kerns
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Pembroke, NC 28372

Pembroke Class of '43

Hear Ye!! Hear Ye!!!

Pembroke High School
Graduation Class
of 1943

As a bonafide member of the Pembroke High School graduation class of 1943, I make a motion that an attempt be initiated for the purpose of getting together for a 40th Year Class Reunion on either July 1st or July 2nd, 1983, someplace in Robeson County. If any other class member or members second this motion, then same should contact any class officers and other members now residing in Robeson County for the purpose of acting on this motion. A positive response should set into action plans for a 40th Year Class Reunion, and the means by which class members may be contacted.

The class of '43' was very unique in many ways, and the following are only a few examples.

1. We were the first class to complete four consecutive years of academics in the new Pembroke High School.
2. We began as freshmen the first year the new High School opened in the fall of 1939.
3. World War II and our High School coincided, and we were probably the most patriotic class to traverse the hallway of the original Pembroke High School.
4. After our graduation in May 1943, many of our classmates answered the call of our country and helped bring that conflict to a successful conclusion.

What have our High School classmates been up to the last 40 years? Let's find out.

Submitted this 29th Day
of April, 1983
Ronald H. Lowry
Pembroke High School
Class of 1943
5513 Susquehanna Drive
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'the children need more...'

Dear Editor,

The General Assembly will soon consider whether to repeal legislation that allows local school districts to shorten the length of the school year on their own. That legislation, passed in the 1982 session of the General Assembly, was a response to the problems many school systems have in making up days lost due to inclement weather. Under the law, school districts can decide not to make up as many as five days.

In other words, in some of our school districts, the school year has been reduced from 180 to 175 days. Our children are growing up in a complex and difficult world—far more complex and difficult than the one we grew up in. When there is so much more to learn, it does not make sense to reduce the amount of time we provide for the learning of our children.

One of the arguments put forth in favor of allowing school districts to waive five days is that making up days in the heat of June is too hard. Working in hot weather is part of being a human being. Certainly, hot weather makes learning more difficult than fine spring weather. When, however, did we arrive at the notion that conditions must be perfect for learning to happen? I do not want my own children thinking that everything has to be just right in order for them to learn, and I doubt that most folks in this state feel any differently.

We have a good state school system, one that I would put up against any in the land. Our children, however, cannot compete well against children in other areas if they do not learn as much as those other youngsters.

Our children need more education, not less. Reducing the amount of time they spend in school is a step backward.

It is very important that the General Assembly repeal the legislation which has resulted in less education for too many of our children.

Sincerely,
C.D. Spangler, Jr., Chairman
N.C. State Board of Education

Class of '63 Plans 20th Year Reunion

Class Reunion

To Eugene Shannon of Hoke County, the LREMC Board of Directors are abiding by the bylaws that were drawn up at LREMC's inception. If you cannot understand the wording or meaning of your bylaws, seek legal advice.

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Good news at last. The LREMC Action Group is going underground as per a statement to the Fayetteville Times, May 10, 1983.

This could be the LREMC Action Group's greatest achievement since their origin, if they promise not to interfere with the moles and ants, whose efforts are worthwhile and contribute to mankind's welfare. Of course it is common practice to put anything that is dead underground. The main purpose being to remove the smell that is associated with dead things.

To Leland Adams of Cumberland County, the system is the best in the world accord-

Calls Carl Branch and Cohort's "Going underground" good news

ing to all the law makers and professional politicians.

These gentlemen of the LREMC Board of Directors offered their fine service to the members of LREMC and were elected by and through the democratic process and they are serving very intelligently.

The only changes in the LREMC bylaws since their inception was to protect against discrimination, which was prevalent then and now. The most horrendous mistake the LREMC Board of Directors could make would be to accept any proposals or concessions offered by the LREMC Action Group.

In my opinion, Carl Branch, Eugene Shannon, and Leland Adams should go underground, literally speaking and take your inferior complexes with you.

P.S. Let's help Bruce Barton reach 5,000 subscribers by December 31, 1983 to the Carolina Indian Voice.

John L. Godwin
Pembroke, NC

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

MEANDERING WITH GARRY L. BARTON

Ezekiel 16:6... Believe it or not!

Being a dude with only average intellect, I trip over many mysteries that my finite mind cannot comprehend while traveling along this rocky road called life. But none, I dare say, has baffled me more so than the phenomena I wish to explore this week.

Another thing, before we get too far along, I would like to issue a challenge to the atheists (ones who deny the existence of God) among the readership. When the opportunity presents itself apply this simple first aid technique. You will be amazed to say the least. I dare say you will feel forced to reevaluate your stand; for indeed, what we are going to reveal this week is a phenomena of the universe that mortal man cannot duplicate or explain. It simply has to be of God.

Now that the stage is set, here goes... If you, or someone you come in contact with in your day to day interactions with others suffer a laceration (a cut) of the skin, and the wound bleeds profusely, first of all, don't panic. The recommended treatment by the medical profession is direct pressure to the injury. If this doesn't stop the bleeding they (doctors) say you should apply a tourniquet.

All this is well and good. But I suggest an alternate treatment. One that does not run the risk of a tourniquet that cuts off the flow of blood to some vital part of the body.

Simply take down your Bible. Turn to the book of Ezekiel, the 16th chapter, the 6th verse. During an emergency situation such as this speed is of the essence. So I strongly suggest you memorize this verse. Or, if need be, cut the verse which will appear below out of this column and tape it to your medicine cabinet or some other

Remember - these views are mine, they are not necessarily anyone else's; they aren't even necessarily views.

convenient location in your bathroom. Read the verse out loud (for best results place your hand on the head of the victim while reciting the verse). The verse follows, taken from the King James version of the Bible:

"And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live." Ezekiel 16:6

If you recited the verse out loud with your hand on the head of the person bleeding while you recite, the bleeding should stop. Sounds incredible, I know. But it works. Why it works I know not. But I know from personal experience that it does.

Some say that the person reciting the verse has to have faith in God for this procedure to work. But I have seen it work for some people who did not profess to believe in God. So I highly recommend that you give it a try.

A lot of times during emergency situations people panic—especially if profuse bleeding is involved. The sight of blood freaks some people out. So, you really have nothing to lose and everything to gain if you try it. Ergo if you are the first on the scene of an accident why not give it a try while waiting for the rescue squad or ambulances? Remember, it's Ezekiel 16:6! Try it! The life you save may be that of a loved one—or your own.

Skeptical? Well, believe it or not! But you'll never know for sure if it works unless you give it a try. Right? Don't forget—the verse is Ezekiel 16:6.

News About SSI

The supplemental security income (SSI) program is designed for aged, disabled, or blind persons with limited income and assets. Unlike the Social Security program, eligibility for SSI does not require a history of Social Security covered employment. However, a person who has worked in covered employment may be eligible for both SSI and Social Security monthly payments.

SSI payments are made from Federal general funds, not from Social Security taxes.

The age limit for eligibility for SSI is clear-cut; a person must be at least 65 years of age to be eligible for benefits as an aged person. For those who are disabled, the criteria are the same as under the Social Security disability insurance program—a physical or mental impairment that prevents the person from doing any work for at least 12 months or that is expected to result in death.

To be eligible for SSI payments on the basis of blindness, a person must have vision no better than 20/200, or a visual field of 20 degrees or less.

The determination of disability or blindness under the law is generally made by an agency in the State in which the applicant resides. It is based on a review of medical evidence, including reports from doctors, hospitals, and other health facilities where the person may have been treated. Additional examinations, if needed, are paid for by Social Security.

Additional information about eligibility for SSI payments as an aged, blind, or disabled person may be obtained from any Social Security office.

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Let us help you lower the pressure

May is National High Blood Pressure Month. As your pharmacy let me encourage you to take the first step to have your blood pressure monitored.

Only you can initiate this step. Hypertension is silent but deadly. Symptoms are not always present. It's you who must decide to accept guidance and counseling from your physician or pharmacist. When we dispense blood pressure medications, it's you who must take it as prescribed.

Ask us for guidance. Your good health is this pharmacy's major responsibility. Let us help.

STUDIES FROM THE BOOK OF JOHN

3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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