

AS I SEE IT

by
Bruce Barton



Bruce Barton is out this week with illness. He solicits your prayers as he convalesces. He will return next week to continue his column, "As I See It."

Moon Over Miasma
A climatologist says too little is known to accurately predict changes in the atmosphere brought on by rising temperatures due to the increase in carbon monoxide. John Griffiths, who has studied Texas weather patterns for 20 years, says we may see a one-degree temperature increase on the Earth's surface in the next 40-50 years if the present rate of fossil fuels burning continues. And that could be enough to begin melting the polar ice caps.

A Tale of Two Sillies
America's next war is more likely to be conventional rather than nuclear, although armed conflict in space between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. also looms as a reality. If the two superpowers get through the next decade without a major conflict on the Earth's surface, the chances of a war in space will be much greater, predicts the head of a strategic think tank.

Protect Furniture
Low humidity causes wooden furniture to dry and crack. If you do not have a humidifier, put a saturated sponge in a bowl and place them inside the cupboard or chest to protect it.

Frozen Fruits
If frozen fruits are allowed to thaw completely, they will lose their juiciness and shape. Serve frozen fruits while they still have ice crystals in them.

Velvety Chocolate
When making hot cocoa, simmer the cocoa powder in water about five minutes before adding milk and sugar. This breaks down the starch and gives a more velvety cup of hot chocolate.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

For Robeson Technical College to ask support of an eight (8) million dollar bond referendum at this or any other time for an unwarranted purpose is ridiculous. Want to know why?

First, there is extremely high unemployment in Robeson County.

Second, those that are fortunate enough to have a job are working for the minimum wage, maybe a little more or less.

Third, unemployment and how wages contribute nothing to support an eight (8) million dollar debt.

Fourth, in my opinion, the politicians give away too much to industry per low tax levy, low wages and other assets that are being taken out of Robeson County.

Fifth, politicians at the state level will not allow high tech or skilled type industry to locate in Robeson County, in my opinion.

Sixth, if after eighteen (18) years RTC cannot or has not become self-supporting, it is

time to close it down, along with Hilly Branch Vocational Training, and channel these funds through the high school where it should have been from the beginning.

Seven, duplication is being practiced with wild abandon by RTC and HBVT. This turns out to be a double expense for the voter-taxpayer, and it places the school system in double jeopardy.

The voter-taxpayer is asking the Robeson County Board of Education and the Robeson County Commissioners to put a stop to this thought of financial destruction to our school system. I hope those elected to the board of education and as county commissioners will not agree to pay room rent to Southeastern General Hospital for RTC. This, in my opinion, would be ridiculously stupid.

P.S. Be sure to send Bruce Barton your subscription for the CIV.

John L. Godwin
Pembroke, NC

PSHS Top 10 Students

The following is a list of the Top Ten Academic Students listed alphabetically at Pembroke Senior High School:



Christopher Wade Hunt



Sharon E. Daniel



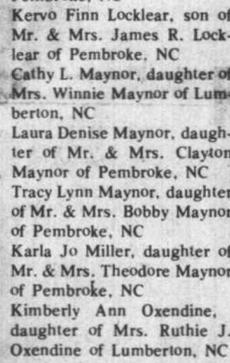
Laura Denise Maynor



Tammy Sampson



Iris take their name from Iris, the Greek goddess of the rainbow.



Cathy L. Maynor



Karla Jo Miller



Kimberly Ann Oxendine



Kervo F. Locklear



Annie C. Powell

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

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

The Beast was harmless until through someone's carelessness the lid was taken off. As soon as the seal was broken, he changed into a blood-thirsty, cold-blooded predator wreaking havoc and horror and leaving death and destruction in his wake.

A little girl was riding her bicycle along the edge of the road. The Beast stalked her. He hit her with one mighty swipe, leaving her bleeding and mangled in a filthy, stinking, muddy ditch only to die later on her way to the hospital. This could have been your little girl just as easy as it could have been mine.

Unfortunately, the Beast's thirst for blood was not quenched. His insatiable hunger of course was not appeased. Luckily the Beast was caught. But, again, through someone's stupidity, carelessness or neglect--a little bit of all three--he was set loose upon the innocent, unsuspecting public once again.

But this time, as soon as the lid was opened, the Beast went on yet another bloody rampage, this time striking oh so close to me. He attacked my sister just about a mile from her home. The attack was so ruthless, brutal and violent that even the Beast was wounded. His wounds proved to be superficial. He recovered. Her wounds were fatal. She perished. And I still feel the aftereffects of this cold-blooded, premeditated murder.

It seems ironic to me. Her name was Ruth. The Beast was callous and ruthless

in his cold-hearted disregard for life or limb. And now I'm Ruth-less. It just don't seem fair. It just don't seem right.

Unfortunately, they turned the Beast loose again. Turned him loose to kill again. And he will. The next time he could strike close to your home. 'Cause the Beast doesn't only prowl in Burlington where the attack on my sister took place. No, indeed. Everywhere is his stomping grounds. He definitely gets around.

And every time you sit behind the steering wheel of a car you become prey to the Beast. And he'll eventually get you if you don't keep ever vigilant, ever on the lookout for his erratic, unpredictable behavior.

Keep your eyes peeled for the swerving, unsteady manner in which he travels. It will give him away every time.

Yes. The Beast is a drunk driver--a menace to every God fearing man or woman because you never know when or where he will strike next. But like a Tornado you know where he's been by the trail of destruction, despair, death, horror, sorrow and general havoc it leaves behind.

Please don't drink and drive. The life you save may be the life of another one of my loved ones. Or yours! Or mine. Or my children. Oh God! Please, please! Don't drink and drive. And if you see a drunk driver on the road, report him to the proper authorities.

Be careful out there.



If one baseball is tossed horizontally while at the same instant a second baseball is dropped vertically from the same height, both of them will reach the ground simultaneously.

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God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

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"We will never know where we are going if we do not know where we have been..."

Pharmacist
Howard Brooks
Pembroke Drug Center
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Food and drugs may not mix

Foods can slow down, speed up or eliminate the effectiveness of a drug, altogether. So beware of mixing drugs with certain foods, even if that drug is over-the-counter.

Mineral oil, for example, keeps the body from absorbing fat soluble vitamins such as A and E, while antacids interfere with the absorption of some minerals.

Know your pharmacist. Don't be afraid to ask questions about potential food-drug interactions. Like good nutrition, your personal pharmacist is good "health insurance."

THERE IT GOES... Many of the sports memories of this century at the University of Notre Dame came down with the demolition of its Old Fieldhouse, parts of which went back to 1899.

STORIES FROM THE BOOK BY JOHN
5:14 "Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God."

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