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THIS MIGHT BE MY LAST YEAR AS EDITOR OF THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

by Bruce Barton

The Carolina Indian Voice newspaper was begun in 1973 as a weekly newspaper with a Lumbee Indian editorial perspective. The original incorporators were Bruce Barton and Howard and Brenda Brooks. Bruce Barton became editor and sole owner shortly thereafter when the Brookses decided to pursue other interests.

The first issue was published January 18, 1973. The headline was "PSU Convocation...Dedication of Buildings Today." The buildings were the English E. Jones Health and Physical Education Center and the Herbert G. Oxendine Science Building.

Another headline heralded "Indian Unrest Tops Poll." And there was a picture and story about our friend, W.J. Strickland, being appointed chairman of the now disbanded CENA (Coalition of Eastern Native Americans).

One ad, in particular, is recalled with fondness. The Lumbee Bank, newly formed itself, offered congratulations to "The new kid on the block." That was us. We are happy to report that both Lumbee Bank and the Carolina Indian Voice are alive and well.

The Carolina Indian Voice has never missed a publication date although we have skirted with disaster from time to time.

We began publishing with a used Varityper justwriter and recorder and a recalcitrant headliner 800. We now use a typesetter made by Compugraphic Corporation.

We began with 73 subscribers and now send the Carolina Indian Voice out to 3,000, mostly by mail and news stands.

Howard and Brenda Brooks, Emma L. Locklear and the founders of the now defunct Henry Berry Lowry College were invaluable in organizing and giving us direction and encouragement. Also my father, Lew Barton, has helped us whenever we have called upon him to do so. He still contributes an occasional column when he feels up to it. He taught us mostly what we know. He charted our directions a long time ago; he was once editor of the Pembroke Progress, a forerunner of the Indian Voice in the forties.

And my sister, Connie Brayboy, continues to stand with me through the perils of getting an issue out each week. She is our associate editor, and my brother, Garry Lewis Barton, has been with me since the beginning except for a temporary moment here and there. He is probably the best typesetter this side of the Mississippi River. And Connie is our in-house "social services bureau."

Heartaches, euphoria, and the like have been our daily fare. A brother and sister (Ruth and Ernie) have died in the interim, both victims of car accidents. Ruth was 39 when she died in 1979 and Ernie was 31 when he died in 1980. We put out issues during those grief stricken days. It was hard, almost unbearable. But I knew they would have wanted us to publish and I am glad we did. It was, in a way, a testament to them.

And time marches on. We have cried, laughed, had good times and bad... But the need for a communications vehicle from the Indian perspective is needed today as much or maybe more than it ever was.

When we began the Carolina Indian Voice in 1973 a stamp cost eight cents; it now costs 20. Costs in the graphic arts

area have skyrocketed, quadrupling over the last ten years. The economy is crazy, out of sorts. But The Carolina Indian Voice continues, correctly billing itself as the largest weekly newspaper in Robeson County. We have, from time to time, attacked dragons, sacred cows, dared to lament evil doers in our midsts. We are proud to have championed the breaking of double voting and other schemes which denied people basic rights guaranteed in the name of the Constitution and decency.

So, we ask you to consider us as a possible investment. A newspaper is only as good as the community it serves and the people who subscribe and advertise in its pages. We are proud to be a part of the Eastern Indian experience, an exciting adventure for all of us.

Subscribe, it's as easy as pie. If you wish to join our effort toward knowing what is going on in the Indian community and Robeson County and points east and west, we invite you to subscribe, advertise or consider an investment in this exciting adventure.

If interested in subscribing, our mailing address is P.O. Box 1075, Pembroke, N.C. Our phone number is 521-2826 (area code 919).

Thanks again...to all of you, even our detractors who have kept us reasonably honest over the years.

Here are the present stockholders of record of the Carolina Indian Voice:

- 1. Bruce Barton, Pembroke, N.C., 20 shares;
- 2. Connie Barton Brayboy, Pembroke, N.C., 20 shares;
- Garry Lewis Barton, Pembroke, N.C., 11 shares;
- Ricky M. Barton, Pembroke, N.C., 5;
- Elias Rogers, Red Springs, N.C., 1;
- Gus Bullard, Maxton, N.C., 1;
- Carlton and G. Mae Locklear, Maxton, N.C., 1;
- Catherine M. Earle, Pembroke, N.C., 2;
- Frank Jacobs, Maxton, N.C., 1;
- James & Eula Locklear, Pembroke, N.C., 1/4;
- Timothy Strickland, Maxton, N.C., 1/4;
- Ronnie Hunt, Pembroke, N.C., 1/4;
- Catherine M. Earle, Pembroke, N.C., 1;
- Constance Gleave, Pembroke, N.C., 1;
- McKeithan Jones, Rowland, N.C., 1/2;
- Fayetteville Presbyterian, Fayetteville, N.C., 2;
- Fayetteville Presbyterian, Fayetteville, N.C., 1;
- Dexter Brooks, Pembroke, N.C., 1;
- Clinton Thomas, Jr., Pembroke, N.C., 1/4;
- McDuffie Cummings, Pembroke, N.C., 1/4;
- Phil A. Diehl, Raeford, N.C., 1/2;
- Sam Kerns, Custodian for Nancy B. Kerns, Pembroke, N.C., 1/2;
- Sam Kerns, Custodian for Geneen L. Kerns, Pembroke, N.C., 1/2;
- Brenda Jacobs, Pembroke, N.C., 1/2;
- Grover Oxendine, Pembroke, N.C., 2;
- Gus Bullard, Maxton, N.C., 1;
- Gary D. Jacobs, Pembroke, N.C., 1;
- Barbara Barton, Lumberton, N.C., 1;
- Gus Bullard, Maxton, N.C., 1/2;
- United Tribes of America, Fairfax, Va., 1;
- Continental Industrial Chemicals, Charlotte, 1/2.

The Carolina Indian Voice, Inc. is a N.C. "for profit" corporation, comprised

of 100 shares valued at \$1,000 per share. 78 3/4 Shares, as of September 30, 1983, are now sold. 21 3/4 Shares remain unsold.

If you would like more information about this proposition please contact either of the following: Bruce Barton or Connie Brayboy, P.O. Box 1075, Pembroke, N.C. 28372. Telephone: (919) 521-2826.

...MIGHT BE MY LAST YEAR AS EDITOR

1984 might be my last year as editor of the Carolina Indian Voice. I'm tired, and sometimes disillusioned. Even years is a long time to do anything.

I want to be cold-blooded and honest with you. The Carolina Indian Voice has been stale lately, a sameness to it that has lulled us all to literary sleep, but we've avoided bankruptcy, skirted financial disaster from time to time.

We need a challenge. And I, personally, need to trust God more fully in the coming years.

I'm going to throw myself anew into the fray in 1984. I'm going to give it my best shot.

Our goal, as of January 1, 1984, is to add 5,000 subscribers to our rolls in 1984.

And we are going to profile 12 churches and 12 families this year (one each month), as well as add more in-depth investigative pieces and profiles and new columns on books and success and more.

And this is what I want in 1984: a closer relationship with God. Every other goal and aspiration pales in comparison. And I want a meaningful relationship with my family and the Carolina Indian Voice.

General prosperity. Health. Lack of envy. Peace. No inner fears. All these stem from God.

And I can know God more fully for myself if I trust Him in turn. I need to walk down the corridor of faith for myself.

So, I claim prosperity for us in 1984. And vow, anew, to give myself fully to our enterprise in 1984.

Yet, 1984 might be my last year as editor of the Carolina Indian Voice. If prosperity eludes us again this year I will turn the reins of leadership over to another.

I do not want to be guilty of crushing the dreams of the Carolina Indian Voice to my breast in the attempt to be a big shot.

So, a fair goal, a reasonable one, for "our" (note the list of stockholders) newspaper is 5,000 subscribers added to our rolls. If that goal is not attainable... well, maybe I should step down as editor and let a fresh perspective assert itself.

We sincerely invite you to join us in 1984. 5,000 new subscribers. Join us on this Great Adventure!

OUR COUNTDOWN TO 5,000

- 1. Arlee Oxendine, Ft. Pierce, Fla.
 - 2. Pat Turner, Atlanta, Ga.
- And Happy New Year! God bless each of you. And please pray for me. I need your prayers desperately.

Family Burned Out

A local family's house was destroyed by fire Sunday evening. The family lost everything.

Anything anyone would like to donate (such as clothes, furniture, housewares, etc.) would be appreciated. If you would like to help, please contact Helen Locklear at 521-8661 at the Pembroke Community Workshop or Leanne Jacobs (the victim) at 521-0738.

Call

CALL EITHER OF THE ABOVE FOR CLOTHES SIZE AND other pertinent information!

Won't you please help?

Subscription Rates Going Up

Subscription rates, like everything else in America, continue to creep up with the accompanying increase in the production costs of the Carolina Indian Voice.

As of February 1, a one-year subscription of the Carolina Indian Voice will cost \$10.00 in North Carolina (we pay the taxes). Out of state will be \$13.00.

Senior citizens (those 65 years old and above) and prisoners may receive the Carolina Indian Voice free of charge simply by requesting it.

Subscriptions will be for the length of one year only, beginning February 1, 1984 to facilitate and improve our record keeping.

You may renew at the old rate until the new rates become effective.

A Front Page Editorial

A Job Well Done for Retiring County Manager Paul Graham

Paul Graham, 61, citing personal reasons, has resigned as county manager for Robeson County. Graham held the job 21 years and said, at a meeting of the county commissioners Monday night, that he had intended to resign in 1983 but stayed on the job after he was indicted in the much ballyhooed RobCor probe. Graham, like most of those indicted, was eventually cleared of any wrongdoing. Graham said, "I stayed on because I wanted to prove that I was not guilty." And, of course, he did. Graham was always courteous and helpful as county manager. He most times rose above the provincial and racial politics of Robeson County and exercised the duties of his office with care and decency, never losing sight of the fact that he worked for the county commissioners who represented the taxpayers of Robeson County.

Graham will be hard to replace and we join others like Sammy Cox, vice-chairman of the commissioners, who said, "You've done an excellent job." We wish Graham well in whatever he chooses to do after he retires.

Graham's retirement will be effective January 1, 1985.

AMERICA'S TASTIEST TRADITION

It's Girl Scout Cookie time! Starting January 13, Pines of Carolina Girl Scouts will be taking orders throughout their 20 counties. The annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale is 50 years old this year! In the beginning there was only one cookie, a vanilla shortbread in the shape of the Girls Scout trefoil. Today there are seven varieties to choose from!

Now, more than ever, Girl Scout activities depend on the proceeds from this annual sale. These proceeds, plus allocations from the United Way, make many learning and growing opportunities possible, from ballet and backpacking to camping and career days.

If you are not contacted by a Girl Scout and wish to order cookies, call 738-2383.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP WILL HONOR JIM THORPE

The design of a United States commemorative stamp honoring the great Indian athlete Jim Thorpe was unveiled recently in ceremonies at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Thorpe, a Sac and Fox Indian, was the star running back of the Canton Bulldogs, one of the earliest pro football teams. The 20-cent stamp will be officially issued May 14, 1984 in ceremonies at Shawnee, Oklahoma, near Thorpe's birthplace. U.S. Postmaster General William Bolger said that honoring a sports hero like Thorpe, along with other national heroes like George Washington, John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, was entirely appropriate. "Every now and then," Bolger said, "a figure comes along who transcends the world of sports." Thorpe is the first football player and the fifth athlete to be honored with a commemorative stamp. The others were Jackie Robinson, Babe Ruth, Bobby Jones and Babe Didrickson Zaharias. The stamp shows Thorpe standing upright in his Canton uniform, holding his helmet in his right hand. The name Jim Thorpe is printed across the top and in the lower right portion of the stamp are "USA" and "20c." The stamp was designed by Richard Gangel, former art director of Sports Illustrated magazine. He used an early photograph of Thorpe as his model.

GOPEL SING

The Deep Branch Recreation Association will hold a Gospel Sing and Dinner on Friday, January 20, 1984 at the Deep Branch School Cafeteria. Singers featured will be the McNeill Quartet.

Tickets available at Superior Office Supplies, Pembroke, N.C. Call 521-0100 for more information.

MRS. ESTELLE CLARK RETIRES...WITH A SMILE



Mrs. Estelle Clark, a 33 year fixture at Pates Supply Company, announced her retirement recently. Her smile affirms that, "I loved every moment of it."

Her retirement coincides with the closing of the Men's and Ladies' departments at Pates Supply where she last worked.

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

Mayor Hunt buys first jar of Jaycee Jelly

The Pembroke Jaycees will begin their annual sale of Jaycee Jelly Monday, January 9, 1984. The proceeds will go to the North Carolina Burn Center, Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt was the first person to buy a case of jelly.

Other activities the Jaycees are involved in are a Membership Recruitment Night, January 4, 1984. President Larry Jacobs encourages all young men, ages 18-36, who are interested in helping their community to come to the Pembroke Jaycee Hut Wednesday night to learn more about the Jaycees.

There will be a Jaycee Charter Member Pig Pickin', January 14, 1984, at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut. More details of the Pig Pickin' will appear in next week's issue of the Carolina Indian Voice.

Billy Oxendine is chairman of the Jaycee Jelly Sale. Jimmy Goins is chairman of Jaycee Week. William Lowry is internal vice president.

In honor of the many accomplishments of the Pembroke Jaycees, Milton R. Hunt, Mayor of Pembroke, proclaimed the town's appreciation of the Pembroke Jaycees by issuing the following proclamation:

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING JAYCEE WEEK

WHEREAS, the Pembroke Jaycees provide leadership training and personal development to young men between the ages of 18 and 35; and

WHEREAS, the Pembroke Jaycees believe that "Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life"; and

WHEREAS, the Pembroke Jaycees strive to make their community a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, the Pembroke Jaycees feel that government should be of laws rather than men; and

WHEREAS, the Pembroke Jaycees have contributed substantially to the progress of the Pembroke Community;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Milton R. Hunt, Mayor of the Town of Pembroke, do hereby commend the Pembroke Jaycees for their many accomplishments to the Pembroke Community and to the State of North Carolina and Salute the Pembroke Jaycees during U.S. Jaycee Week January 9-15, 1984.

The Honorable Milton R. Hunt, Mayor Town of Pembroke

Pembroke

Town Council

Meets

The Pembroke Town Council meeting was called to order at 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 1984 by Mayor Milton Hunt. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters coming before the Town Council included the Public Hearing 1982 Community Development Program. Mr. Reed Whitsell (employee of Talbert, Cox and Associates who administered the grant) gave an update on the target area. No action was taken by the board (it was a public hearing).

The Council approved the transfer of ownership of Jones Intercable to Alert Cable.

The Council also adopted a resolution of intent to close an alleyway and approved the tax releases.

The Council also reviewed the Town of Pembroke Water Bond Anticipation notes.

Then the Council went into executive session to deal with personnel matters and the matter of land sale.

Indian boy's plea gets father a job

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration, responding to a "Mr. President: Do you like Indians?" letter from a 12-year-old, has found a job for the boy's Oglala Sioux father who served during World War II.

In a two-page handwritten letter written to President Reagan on Nov. 1 and sent to the White House without his father's knowledge, Little Beaver Canoe pleaded for Reagan's help in finding work for his father, Buffaloboy Canoe, 59.

"Mr. President, do you like Indians?" the boy asked. "Because I never hear or read about you trying to help our people. My father voted for you and has always liked you. ... He served his country well, and now this country won't give him a job."

Little Beaver Canoe said that his father, a World War II paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division and former Hollywood stuntman who now lives in Hayward, Calif., was out of work and deeply in debt.

It was not clear whether the letter reached Reagan. But it reached high-level White House aides, who referred it to the Labor Department.

Through the Center for Community Economics in Santa Rosa, Calif., a private organization providing job referral services under contract to the Labor Department, Buffaloboy Canoe was put to work in a \$24,000-a-year job helping locate native Americans who might benefit from the Job Training and Partnership Act.