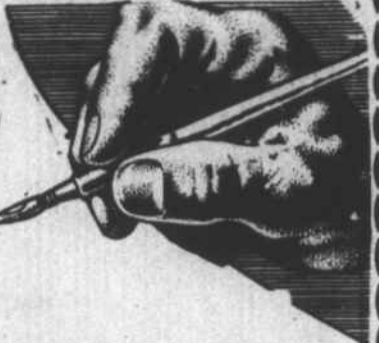


# EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

We Cannot Know Where We Are Going If We Don't Know Where We've Been...

So fittingly we honor our Pioneer Fathers

AS I SEE IT



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by Bruce Barton



## Mrs. Mary H. Locklear, A Good Democrat ...And a Good Person

Mrs. Mary H. Locklear calls herself a good Democrat... but she's a good person too. The widow of Indian leader Harry West Locklear, she likes to do things right and puts a lot of store in treating people with dignity and respect.

She always says that we ought to do things right, and respect institutions and offices of those in public office. For instance, when Governor Jim Hunt stopped in Pembroke last Tuesday "Miss Mary" had her own welcoming party. She had festooned her car with balloons, welcome Governor Jim Hunt signs, a democratically inclined donkey (the symbol of the Democratic party) and she turned out in a "Jimacrat" shirt in honor of the governor.

She said, "Whether you like the governor or not, we ought to respect his office." She said it was proper to welcome any elected official, no matter what his (or her) party affiliation. I agree with her.

Anyway, we changed printing companies last week, and the printing press messed up the picture I had taken of "Miss Mary" and Governor Hunt. It aggravated me no end, and I was upset to say the least.

I'm running another picture of "Miss Mary" and Governor Hunt. If the printing company messes this one up... well I'll be looking for another printing company.

I like "Miss Mary" but I respect her most of all. I could have cried when her picture with the governor did not turn out as it should have.



So, here's another picture of "Miss Mary" and the governor taken last Tuesday while he was in Pembroke. God, I hope it turns out good. "Miss Mary" deserves respect, and insists on doing things right. I do too.

## Church Night Remembered...

I'm a natural born promoter. I like promoting things like 'Strike at the Wind!', and the other worthy organizations etc. in our midst. They need our help always. And I salute Pembroke Police Chief Kirby Ammons for singing for us as well as:



The Plainsmen, and...

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

### Pembroke Jaycees Care

Caring is certainly not a thing of the past. It became a reality last Saturday evening when Billy Oxendine and the Pembroke Jaycees had as their guests for dinner at Sheff's in downtown Pembroke and the outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind," Luckey Welsh, Senior Vice President of Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton.

The delicious dinner at Sheff's and the professional production of "Strike at the Wind!" was enjoyed by all-compliments of the Jaycees. Sincere thanks to all of the Pembroke Jaycees and Billy Oxendine, President, for a most enjoyable evening. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and caring for others. Also thanks to all of the wonderful people of Robeson County who have reached out. We love you all.

daughter, Mary Beck, has been in a coma for the last seven weeks in the recently completed Intensive Care Unit of Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton.

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Sincerely,  
Lyman and JoAnne Whitehead

### Wants to see Pembroke Railroad Station restored

Dear Bruce:

As a child I remember the train depot and all the activity surrounding it. At the age of 5 Mrs. Lucy Jean Locklear (operator of Jack & Jill Kindergarten) took our class on a train ride. In fact it's the only train ride I've ever been on. That was one of the most exciting days of my life.

"Mr. Donnie Oxendine" has a special place in my heart. Each time I visited the depot he was always taking time to talk to me or show me things. My dad, Warford Maynor enjoyed going there also.

I've always envisioned painting the railroad station red and white or green and yellow with pretty flowers and shrubs surrounding it. I'd like to call the station Pembroke Express or Donnie's Depot! Since Mrs. Lucy Jane is one of Pembroke's memorials herself, I'd like for her to do a tiny flag, to fly high on top of

the station calling it Pembroke Express or Donnie's Depot in red white and blue. She is to be commended on her beautiful handiwork.

At the entrance we could hang a portrait or picture of Mr. Donnie who gave, I understand, 34 years of service. If some of our older folks would look through their photos they might find some old pics and let them hang on the inside. We could have our own tiny museum. The Town of Pembroke could keep maintenance up with a special fund.

Myself and worker's at Maynor Center Restaurant and Grocery would like to start a Pembroke Express or Donnie's Depot Fund of \$20 for the reconstruction. I urge all businesses of Pembroke to do likewise. We can't bring back yesteryear, but keeping the memories are priceless.

Kayron Maynor

# RANTING & RAVING with Gary Barton

Remember folk: These views are mine. They are not necessarily anyone else's. Heck! They ain't even necessarily views! Just my rantings and ravings, I guess!

ONLY IN AMERICA!

It seems to me that far too many things in the good ol' U.S. of A. are the complete opposite of what you would expect them to be.

Take, for instance, the job market here in our fair land. It seems to me that the harder a man works, the less money he is paid for his labors. Really. Take note some time. You'll notice that the folk who have the best-paying jobs are the ones who do the least amount of work. I'll just be danged if that makes any blame sense to me. No wonder unemployment is so prevalent in America.

Speaking of unemployment, consider also this latest in a series of useless holidays we here in America are famous for celebrating-- Labor Day. I guess Labor Day is set aside to recognize labor in our fair land. But, what blew my mind was the way everybody seemed to celebrate Labor Day. Yea, you guessed it. To celebrate Labor Day, everybody closed up shop and quit working.

That's right. Stores were closed. Schools were closed. Banks were closed. A lot of the food stores were closed. Heck! It seemed to me that practically nobody was working (or laboring) on Labor Day.

Now, folk, I don't want to be the one to rain on anybody's parade, but something seems a wee bit amiss here. Seemed to me that if we were celebrating anything this Labor Day it was "Unemployment." So, I suggest we set the record straight. Rename "Labor Day," "Unemployment Day."

Perhaps then, with our propensity to do things backwards, we'd celebrate "Unemployment Day" by keeping everything open that day and working.

Another thing I've noticed here in America that seems backwards is the tax situation. It would seem that the government would want to encourage folk to work hard and strive to be successful. But just the opposite is true. If a fella becomes successful by reaching a certain income bracket, he is penalized by the government taking about half his income under the guise of taxation.

Heck! Seems to me the bungling bureaucrats would want to offer some sorta incentive plan to entice folk to work hard and strive to be successful and independent, thereby taking away the need for the government to have to spend money on him. Say a fella makes \$100,000 a year. Instead of taking 50% of his salary in taxes, why not, let's say, charge him 5% of his income for taxes. That way, he could have something to strive for. More people would work hard, persevere and become successful. The per capita income for families would increase. And the extra folk

who were enticed to work and persevere and become successful because of the incentive plan would more than make up for the difference in the 50% and 5%.

Or, better yet, why not charge everybody--rich and poor alike--a flat 10% of their income for taxes. This would serve as an inducement, too?

With the present system of penalizing folk who work hard and make it, it's small wonder far too many of our citizens are content to lay back, not work and let the government or state support them with our tax monies.

We'll talk some more next week. This week's column is a wee bit shorter than usual. The column I originally wrote was a scathing and scorching column about a fella in Lumberton who sells mobile homes. I'm not supposed to tell you his name, but I will tell you that he uses his name as the name of his mobile home dealership. He was extremely rude to a lady--in fact, his rude behavior brought her to tears--who sells advertising for the Carolina Indian Voice. She asked him if he would like to advertise in the Carolina Indian Voice. In other words, she was just doing her job. Instead of being business-like and saying "no thank you" when she asked, the fella became rude and insulting in his behavior. It is his privilege to advertise with whomever he chooses. Just like it's my -- and your -- privilege to buy mobile homes from whomever we choose. But he has no right to be rude to or insult any representative of the Carolina Indian Voice, or anybody else for that matter. I labeled the column: "-----: A Rude Dude?" You can fill in the blanks.

My brother and sister (Bruce and Connee) felt that the column was a bit libelous. I imagine they're right. Nevertheless, before you buy a mobile home, you might wish to stop by the Carolina Indian Voice and read the column that was too hot to print.

By the way, fella. You know who you are (and, believe me, if I had my way everybody else would too). I still feel that you owe the lady an apology for your extremely rude and unprofessional behavior. The number to call is 521-2826. You too, can read the column if you wish. But, until the lady receives an apology, I'll continue to let as many folk as I can get to stop by the office, to read the "Rude Dude" column. So, it would definitely behoove you to do the only right and decent thing--stop by or call 521-2826 and apologize.

Oh, well. We'll chat some more next week folk.

Dr. Sherwood Hinson, Jr.

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## AN EDITORIAL EXPRESSION

### Thanks to Morgan, Oxendine and Hunt For Compassionate Votes on Social Services Debacle

Three of our Robeson County Commissioners are to be commended. They made a gallant effort to correct some of the seeming injustices practiced by the Department of Social Services in the county. Jack Morgan, Red Springs Commissioner, requested that the commissioners have the state Division of Social Services evaluate the local agency administration and programs. Of course there were not enough votes to approve the request. Instead of Morgan's request, the board approved a substitute motion on a 4-3 vote to refer all questions concerning the Social Services agency to its board of directors. Voting for the substitute were Carl Britt, H.T. Taylor, Sammy Cox and Bill Herndon. Voting against were Morgan, J.W. Hunt, Rowland Commissioner and Wyvis Oxendine, Maxton District.

Morgan, Hunt and Oxendine are to be commended for their effort to correct some of the wrongs apparently perpetrated by the Department of Social Services. We salute their efforts and encourage them not to give up. Keep reminding those other commissioners that many of their constituents are in need of the services offered by the local Department of Social Services.

"I believe the public needs and deserves some answers to some of the questions that have been asked," Morgan said before making his motion for the state to evaluate the department.

Our sentiments exactly! We believe that the public not only deserves some answers, but also deserves a director who is compassionate.

We commend you Commissioner Morgan, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Oxendine!! Continue to be responsive to the needs of people in Robeson County.

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