

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



by
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ROBESONIANS SHOW RESTRAINT IN KU KLUX KLAN VISIT TO COUNTY

The Ku Klux Klan Rally near St. Pauls Saturday, if press reports and talk at Town and Country Restaurant in Pembroke is an indication, was a bust. Most Robesonians simply ignored the Klan and let them scream "White Power" to themselves.

I decided to stay away. I have heard their chants before, and disavow them so there was no reason for me to go. Most Robesonians felt likewise. Let's give ourselves a hearty pat on the back for showing restraint.

Besides, even the Klan has a right to gather unto themselves, as long as they keep their crosses burning out of my yard. Like the late Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes said once, "the freedom of speech does not give one the right to scream 'fire' in a crowded theatre when there is no fire." But you can scream any kind of obscenity you want to in your own back yard. Democracy gives even the Klan the right to free speech, assembly and assorted other liberties as long as they do not intrude upon yours and mine.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPER SEEMINGLY RESERVED FOR WHITE MALE IN ROBESON COUNTY

According to press reports Commissioners named Max Kinlaw as the new Industrial and Agricultural Director at their Monday night meeting. We wish Mr. Kinlaw well, but we must observe that the position seems to be one of those last bastions of white conservatism. A num-

ber of minorities, over the last few years, have applied for the post to no avail. As a matter of fact, a woman--Vivian Floyd--of Route 2, Fairmont has filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She alleges that she was rejected earlier for the post because she is a woman. The discrimination complaint is pending, but I would tend to agree with her. That post seems reserved for a White male in Robeson County's peculiar and paranoid societal pecking order. According to news release, an Indian woman was one of those under consideration when Kinlaw was hired.

And the Indian woman applicant probably doesn't want her name printed but I know who she is and I can assure you that she is eminently qualified. Robeson County missed a golden opportunity to hire an applicant who would have done a wonderful job besides. As long as four of the seven county commissioners are white conservatives you can expect most of the positions filled by them to be white conservatives. According to a source of mine, all three Indians--Jack Morgan, J.W. Hunt and Wyvis Oxendine--were in favor of the Indian woman candidate. But only Wyvis Oxendine voted against Kinlaw in open session.

Robeson County still has quite a ways to go before equal opportunity is synonymous with its good name. As I see it, the commissioners blew this one in the name of white conservatism. Ahem. Kinlaw replaces Tony Smith who resigned in April. Until being hired Monday night Kinlaw was in the insur-

ance business in St. Pauls. I only hope the Indian woman applicant will join Ms. Floyd in pressing a claim of discrimination.

AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL
And Happy Thanksgiving to all. As my Thanksgiving gift, I wish to share these thoughts, *How to Get Along With People*, compliments of Rev. Rudolph Hardee, a dear friend from my Chapel Hill days:

1. Keep skid chains on your tongue: Always say less than you think. How you say it often counts more than what you say.
2. Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully, no matter what it costs you.
3. Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging thing to or about somebody. Praise good work done, regardless of who did it. If criticism is needed, criticize helpfully--never spitefully.
4. Be interested in others--interested in their pursuits, their welfare, their homes and families. Let everyone you meet, however humble, feel that you regard him as one of importance.
5. Be cheerful. Keep the corners of your mouth turned upward. Hide your pain, worries and disappointments under a smile. Laugh at good stories and learn to tell them.
6. Preserve an open mind on all debatable subjects and questions. Discuss but don't argue. It is a mark of a superior mind to disagree in a friendly manner.
7. Let your virtues speak for themselves and refuse to talk of another's vices. Make it a rule to say nothing of another unless it is something good.
8. Be careful of another's feelings. Wit and humor at the other fellow's expense are rarely worth the effort.
9. Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you. Simply live that no one will believe them. Disordered nerves and bad digestion are a common cause of back-biting.
10. Don't be too anxious about your dues. Do your work, be patient and keep your disposition sweet. Forget self and you will be rewarded.



Calamity Jane, the Western folk hero, was married a dozen times.

Letters

Scores PSU for Name Change Approach

I am troubled by the approach the administration used to attempt to secure a name change for Pembroke State University. For some reason, the administration has decided to ignore the surrounding community's feelings and thoughts. At best, this shows an acute lack of sensitivity! It also tends to reinforce some suspicions held by members of the community.

I find it ironic that the administration of P.S.U. has failed to educate us as to the need and desirability of a name change. Instead of an open, frank, and full discussion, we have been ignored and for the most part, kept in the dark. We have been forced to await their proclamations--evidently our participation is not needed or wanted.

Understanding often promotes cooperation, but apparently this administration seeks neither! To continue to

remain silent as to the necessity and justification for a name change is to give support to the notion, that, perhaps, a decision was made, and then as an afterthought, attempts to justify the decision were orchestrated.

If the administration sought to confuse, isolate, and depress a community, it has certainly accomplished its mission. It appears that a wall is being erected between the university and the community. A "fortress university mentality" seems to have developed.

Remember - you, the present administration of P.S.U., are only a temporary custodian of the vision that has become Pembroke State University. As such, you owe it to history to "preserve, protect, and defend" that VISION!
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The Reasons for Changing to UNC-Pembroke

Letter to the Editor:

As the person responsible for sending out news about Pembroke State University for over 16 years, we have been involved, it seems, in almost every phase of the University's development during that exciting span of time. This has included the promotion of this institution to University status in the 1968-69 academic year--and the University's becoming a campus of the UNC System in 1972.

Now another phase in the growth of this University is upon us: whether to become the University of North Carolina at Pembroke--or not.

Having received an Associate of Arts degree at what is now UNC at Wilmington and then a B.A. degree from UNC at Chapel Hill, we can perhaps see this situation from a different perspective from people who have lived in this region all of their lives.

In my opinion UNC at Pembroke identifies today who we really are and what we are about. And it does so quickly. We are a campus of the UNC System just as much as UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Charlotte, etc. We are part of the great University of North Carolina System, which includes 16 campuses from the mountains to the seashore.

The proposed name change explains precisely where we are located: at Pembroke. Many stories in the years we have been here have been written by newspapers in this state putting LUMBERTON as the dateline because they thought we were a school located there. We are UNC at Pembroke, located in a town with a rich Indian heritage in the midst of some 30,000-40,000 Indians.

To the people I've talked with in my 16 years at Pembroke State, the name Pembroke is synonymous with Indian. As long as Pembroke is part of the name--and it should be forever--people will know of our University's Indian heritage. In my opinion, UNC-Pembroke identifies that heritage just as well as Pembroke State University.

The fact we are Pembroke State, not simply Pembroke, has been emphasized in my 16 years here. Yet, many newspapers, TV, and radio continue to use the short version, saying simply: "Pembroke defeated so-and-so in basketball." The headlines in newspapers often say: "Pembroke Wins." An editorial in the Oct. 31, 1984, issue of The Fayetteville Times said: "Pembroke's Name."

A Charlotte Observer reporter who has been with that newspaper many years telephoned me last week and wanted to know the background on the proposed name change. Then he asked: "Is that a junior college?" He didn't know the difference

after all of these years. The trustees of this University are seeking simply to clearly define who we are. UNC-Pembroke will do that. Our University's athletic teams are rated among the finest anywhere. With UNC-Pembroke on our jerseys, they will carry that name across the state and nation.

The returns for the University and Town of Pembroke will be many. When Charlotte College, which almost closed at one point in its history, became UNC-Charlotte in 1965, its enrollment was 1,815. Today its enrollment is 10,457. The name change made a difference.

Look at the UNC-Wilmington situation which I know well from being a member of that school's first student council in 1947. As late as 1968-69, the enrollment of Wilmington was only 1,080. In 1969, the school became UNC-Wilmington, and its enrollment has soared to 5,535. The name change there also made a difference.

Our institution with an enrollment of 2,197 believes a name change to UNC-Pembroke would be one of the factors helping to increase enrollment. This would have the chain reaction of increasing state funding for this institution and increasing the economy in the Town of Pembroke. The Pembroke business community would benefit. The Indian people of this area would not be losing anything; they would be gaining a great deal.

Everyone must realize that the name change is not going to change the University's mission. Our present mission will continue. UNC-Pembroke will be an effort to help people everywhere perceive of us accurately as the institution we are--of being exactly what we are.

The name change may be difficult for some people to understand. But, as has been pointed out, every name change of this institution has been to more clearly define what it was doing at that particular time. The institution has progressed through the years to its present level: of being really the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

For the good of the children of this region served by this University, for the good of future generations, for the good of the region itself, let us support our trustees in the endorsement they have taken to reach new horizons for this University.

I would be proud to see us become known as UNC at Pembroke. It would be another great step forward for this institution which celebrates its Centennial in 1987.
Gene Warren
Public Information Director
Pembroke State University

CITIZENS TO PRESERVE THE NAME PSU TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the "Citizens to Preserve the Name Pembroke State University" at Pembroke, N.C. on Nov. 29, 1984, at the LRDA Annex, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Come and bring petitions totally filled out.

RANTING & RAVING with Darryl 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!

THE KLAN CAN IF THEY STAY OUT OF THE INDIANS' BACK YARD!

As no doubt you are well aware of, the Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held a cross-burning rally, Saturday, in a field about four miles east of St. Pauls. According to local media reports, there were between 200 and 300 people at the rally.

There were no significant incidents -- in fact, the only significant thing about the whole incident (rally) was the fact that it was the first public Ku Klux Klan rally in Robeson County in 26 years.

Before I get off on a rampage, let me say that I don't like the Ku Klux Klan. But I do respect their right to assemble. In fact, at least folk like the members of the Ku Klux Klan are brave enough to be labeled. They don't try and hide their racism and prejudice. Unlike some folk I could mention at a nearby (really near) University who try and mask and hide their prejudice and racist notions by cunning and conniving shennanigans, I'm talking about Chancellor Givens and the campaign afoot at Pembroke State University to change the name to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. I could respect the folk initiating the campaign to change the name if they would be honest with us and admit the real reason behind the name change. The real reason is to disassociate Pembroke State University from its rich Indian past. But, I won't belabor that point further. Suffice it to say, the name change is wrong. The motive for the name change is wrong. And that's that.

Now, getting back to the Ku Klux Klan rally Saturday.

The leader of the Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is F. Glenn Miller, Jr. Miller was quoted in the local media as saying: "We prayed there would be no violence or trouble and our prayers were answered. We didn't want anything like that and we didn't get anything. We simply came down here and exercised our constitutional rights. We'll be back."

To begin with, I see hypocrisy here. Miller speaks from one side of his mouth about burning a cross, and everyone knows that the cross symbolizes the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Then, he talks from the other side of his mouth about praying and his prayers being answered. I guess it depends upon to whom you're praying. After all, Miller never did make it clear to whom he was praying that there would be no trouble. I dare say, it wasn't to God, not if his prayers were answered. His flagrant disregard and disrespect for the cross make that point obvious. If he had been praying to God, his prayers would probably have fallen back on his beret.

The fact of the matter is that most of those whites in attendance at the rally were heavily armed. Miller can spout his racist gibberish from both sides of his mouth all he wishes. The fact of the matter is that he, and all other Ku Klux Klansmen remember what happened back in 1958. The Klan--unfortunately for them--worked up enough courage in 1958 to stage a Ku Klux Klan rally in nearby Maxton. For their daring, a bunch of armed Indians from Robeson and surrounding counties ran them out of the county. The incident was--and still is--a big embarrassment to the Ku Klux Klan.

In fact, the only reason Saturday's Ku Klux Klan rally in St. Pauls was not a repeat of the 1958 Ku Klux Klan routing was because St. Pauls is some 20 miles away from the heart of the Indian country. And St. Pauls does not have a predominantly Indian population. Whereas, Maxton is located only about 12 miles away from Pembroke, the economic and social hub of the Indian community.

But, Miller says "We'll (the KKK) be

back." And, no doubt, he probably will.

And, we (the Indian community) will be right here!

I only suggest that the next time Miller falls down on his knees to pray, that he prays for wisdom to continue to shun a confrontation between Indians of Robeson and adjoining counties and the Ku Klux Klan. I can't speak for Blacks. For one reason, I'm an Indian, and another reason, Blacks don't need a spokesman. They are well capable of speaking for themselves. But I do know the Indian psyche. And the Indian psyche has not changed since 1958.

The Indian community respected Miller's desire to exercise his "constitutional right" to assemble. He said, "We have to stand up and fight for the white people. The Ku Klux Klan stands up for the rights of white people."

I say, all that is well and good. Miller and the Klan are guaranteed certain rights as free citizens under the Constitution. Just like Indians and Blacks are. I respect his right to "stand up and fight" for his rights. I only hope he realizes that Indians of Robeson and surrounding counties have been fighting for their rights--indeed, the fight still goes on--ever since white folk first intruded upon our domain. We have developed quite a nation-wide reputation of responding appropriately when we are challenged or our rights abused. We have also developed a low tolerance level when it comes to folk tampering with our rights.

I therefore sincerely hope that Miller and his Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan weren't testing the waters by staging the rally Saturday in St. Pauls. You see, there is no need to test the waters. Knowing the Indian psyche like I do, I know the condition of the water. I feel confident in saying that if the Ku Klux Klan comes any closer to Indian country to hold their rallies, they -- not the Indians -- will be in hot water. Indeed, the water is fine right now. But I wouldn't suggest that the Klan jump in. There's a strong undercurrent of mistrust, hatred and ill will between Indians of Robeson and adjoining counties and the Ku Klux Klan. And, as everyone knows, it's dangerous to jump into water when there's a strong undercurrent. Someone could get hurt.

So, hopefully, the Ku Klux Klan will be satisfied that they have made their point--whatever their point is--and will feel content to leave the Indians of Robeson and adjoining counties alone. If our history proves but one thing, it proves that Indians of Robeson and adjoining counties only bother those who bother them.

The Indians showed their respect for Miller's and the Ku Klux Klan's right to a peaceful assemblage. Perhaps now the Ku Klux Klan will respect the Indians' right to be left alone.

I sincerely hope so. Because, as everyone knows, history oftentimes repeats itself.

A wise man does not tamper with fate. To do so could prove to be a mistake--A GRAVE MISTAKE!

So, Miller says, "We'll (the KKK) be back." I say, "We'll be here!"

But, let's pray that common sense and better judgement prevail. After all, God made lovers and fighters, and lovers of fighting. I fit that first category. Let's hope Miller and his Klansmen do too. For only when we learn to love each other as members of one solitary race--THE HUMAN RACE--will there be no further need for all such racist mumbo-jumbo.

We'll talk more next week, folk.

Writer not Happy by Klan Rally in St. Pauls

I do not think the seriousness of the CKKKK incidents near St. Pauls, N.C. on Nov. 17, 1984 was accepted in the manner it should have been. When the governing powers at the local, state and national level does allow any one or any group to arm themselves and intimidate a whole county of first class taxpaying citizens it is indeed shameful.

About 50 years ago, give or take a few years, there was a man in Germany who turned out to be a mass murderer whose mode of operation was very similar to that of Glenn Miller of Angier, N.C. This international killer was known as Adolph Hitler, who marched across Europe with armed killers destroying decent mankind. The hate for mankind which took charge of Adolph Hitler's mind was his hatred of the Jews. Glenn Miller hates all people, even the whites who do not accept his evaluation of all other people. Glenn Miller and his armed guards are killers by their own admission as per the ad in the Robesonian on Nov. 14, 1984. Beware of the people who come with guns and knives to talk to you as to why they hate you.

I was asked several times to

make an attempt to crash this party on Nov. 17, 1984, at St. Pauls, N.C. My answer was that the county, state and national law was on their side. I also told the people who talked to me that I would not dignify that occasion with my presence if the situation was totally different.

Glenn Miller attempts to bring God into his feeble spiel about a perfect people. Since the disobedience of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, have there been perfect people on this earth. It is very, very obvious that Glenn Miller does not recognize the act of disobedience as I see it. God does not direct us to destroy mankind because of the color of his skin.

I think legislation should be enacted to protect honest, decent, law abiding, taxpaying, and most of all, God fearing people from shallow thinking, irresponsible, intimidating persons like Glenn Miller and the CKKKK, as I see it.

I have a few words of advice for Glenn Miller and the CKKKK group. DO NOT MAKE ANY MISTAKES.
John L. Godwin
Pembroke, N.C.

Marriage Plans Announced

IN LAST WEEK'S ISSUE WE INADVERTENTLY SAID THE FOLLOWING WEDDING WOULD BE HELD DECEMBER 25. THE ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD HAVE LISTED THE WEDDING DATE AS DECEMBER 29, 1984 WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE MISTAKE. THE CORRECTED ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ray Mayer, Sr. of Pembroke announce the engagement of their daughter, Wynne Fay Maynor to Dr. Mark Lee Miller of Akron, Ohio.

Miss Maynor graduated from Pembroke Senior High School in 1981 and is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Her fiance is the son of Mrs. Jo Collins and Mr. Cletus Miller of Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduated from Indianapolis University in 1979 and from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1984. He is employed by Motorola of Akron, Ohio as a Senior Research Chemist.

The wedding is planned for December 29 in Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church in Pembroke at 2 p.m.

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