

EDITORIAL PAGE

ASI SEE IT

by **Bruce Barton**



CHAMBER MEETS NEXT THURSDAY AT SHEFFS...

I've always felt that Pembroke is one of the most exciting and unique towns in America; that's why I am involved in the doings of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce. I am serving as president of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce again this year, and I invite you to join me in enhancing Pembroke--the economic and spiritual capitol of the Lumbee world.

Our next meeting is next Thursday (March 21) at 12 Noon. We will be meeting for a lunch luncheon at Sheff's Restaurant. Our speaker will be Max Kinlaw, the industrial developer for Robeson County. We hope he will devote some attention to Pembroke's needs. It should be an interesting meeting, and you are invited. Come out and see what we are doing.

THINKING ABOUT REV. CHESLEY McNEILL...

I've been listening to a gospel tape the last few days of the McNeill Family, made up of the talented off spring of Rev. and Mrs. Chesley McNeill. It's a joy to hear them. It brings back good memories of when we used to "church" together at Deep Branch Baptist Church. Rev. McNeill was the pastor there when I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. I have not been the same since.

The McNeills eventually left Deep Branch and were instrumental in building Riverside Independent Baptist Church on Highway 74 where Rev. McNeill is the pastor. I stayed at Deep Branch.

He's been sick for some time now, and he has been in my thoughts and prayers. We never forget the one who introduces us to Jesus Christ. He preached that morning on the second chapter of Philipians...where the writer (Paul) talks about Christ and how we will react when we stand before the Judgment Bar. Paul said that all of us would bow our knees and acknowledge Him as Lord and Savior. Paul said "Every knee will bow...", and I was moved to step out of the ranks

of the lost and bow in subjection before Christ. I've never forgotten the peace that descended upon me. And I've never forgotten Rev. Chesley McNeill, the one who led me to Christ. I wish him well, and solicit your prayers in his behalf. I love him as my Christian mentor and time and distance can never change that unerring fact.

HEARING FOR THE PEMBROKE RAILROAD STATION IS MONDAY

The Pembroke Historic Properties Commission and the Pembroke Town Council will be holding a public hearing Monday night (March 18) beginning at 7 p.m. As Chairman of the Commission, I will ask the chamber to declare the Pembroke Railroad Station "an historic property," hopefully so that the abandoned depot can be saved as an historical marker in Pembroke. The building, built in 1888, is the oldest standing structure in Pembroke, and possibly in Robeson County. It is part of our heritage, and historically significant to all of us.

If you have any comments--pro or con--you are invited to attend this meeting and express them. As soon as the building is declared "historically significant" we'll be developing a fund raising campaign.

Some folks have reservations about a restoration effort, but I am not one of them. I am thankful to the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce for broaching the idea of saving the depot. We'll do the rest...right?

THE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE IS NOT ALWAYS SUNSHINY

And, finally, let me state with resolution that the Christian experience is not always sunny, in spite of Rev. Ike and sundry rabble rousers who declare otherwise. Trauma and troubles are the Christian's fare, and the joy is realized only when we face up to problems in our life. None of us are going to live forever on this earthly plane, but we can live successfully and victoriously. It's how we do it that is important



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Letters

Friends of the Arts solicited

Dear Friends of the Arts: The Lumbee Regional Development Association's Lumbee River Native American Center for the Arts is soliciting your patronage for our production of "Grease." May 17, 1985.

For a contribution of \$10 or more we will list your name on the program, recognize you during the show, provide reserved seating and admit you free to the performance. As a supporter in the past at our performances, we felt sure you would want to help us with this undertaking. We find that we need to raise \$3,000 in order to do the production. All contributions are tax deductible and an investment in the future of our young people.

Contributions should be made to Lumbee Regional Development Association's Center for the Arts, Post Office Box 68, Pembroke, NC, or can be picked up if you will call 521-2401.

Thanking you in advance. Sincerely,

Janie Maynor Locklear, Director
Lumbee River Native American Center for the Arts

Deep Branch students learn about Karate

Recently Deep Branch Elementary was presented a Karate Program by Mr. Johnnie Woodell who is an instructor with a Second Dan Blackbelt at Pembroke. Different karate techniques were exemplified; with a wide range of weapons defined and used in demonstrations. Mr. Woodell was accompanied by four assistants: Roger Hunt, Mickey Canady, Frankie Andujar, and his son, David Eric Woodell, who is in Mr. Elliott's sixth grade class at Deep Branch Elementary.

and not, necessarily, what happens to us.

I cling to Jesus with an eternal grip, believing that peace can only be found in His presence. Let trouble come, and I'll stare the doomsday sayer in the eye until he turns away. We are saved by grace, and peace is our arbiter in the face of life's little storms.

I am satisfied with Jesus. And, consequently, I find no fault in Him. Anyway, trouble is joy turned inside out. We simply have to wait until the silver lining emerges from the clouds that haunt us from time to time.

I need your prayers; I can say little more.

Brooks/Sanderson Wedding



L. Cynthia Brooks and Herbert H. Sanderson

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Maynor was the setting for the January 19th wedding of Cynthia Brooks to Herbert H. Sanderson. Rev. Sherman Brooks, brother of the bride officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Sally Brooks and the late Joseph Brooks of Pembroke, NC. The groom is the son of Mr. Walter Sanderson and the late Mrs. Sanderson of Pembroke, NC. He is a graduate of Pembroke High School, class of '47. He is employed by Macomb Comm. College, Warren, Michigan.

The bride wore a floor-length gown of ivory with wedding hat of matching ivory with a shoulder length veil. She carried a bouquet of white daisies, baby orchids and baby's breath.

Flower girls were Robin Caldwell, granddaughter of the bride, and Kris Baker, niece of the bride.

Escorting the bride was her grandson, James K. Ward, McColl, and William Alan Robinson, Jacksonville, NC.

Standing for the bride were her children, Sherry Lynn Odom and Anthony C. Caldwell, both of Raeford, N.C. Standing for the groom was his sister, Mrs. Carolyn Coronado of Pembroke, NC and William Wooten of Warren, Michigan.

The wedding reception was held at the Fellowship Hall of Berea Baptist Church, Pembroke, NC, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Maynor and Ms. Sherry Lynn Odom.

The rehearsal dinner was held January 18th at Sheff's in Pembroke, NC.

After a wedding trip to various points of interest enroute to Michigan, the couple will live at their home in Mount Clemens, Michigan.

Photo by Elmer W. Hunt

...From Congressman Charlie Rose

Congressman Charlie Rose has announced that he will have staff members from his offices available at area post offices this month, to assist constituents who have problems involving the federal government.

"These visits are part of my continuing program involving close contact with our people," Congressman Rose said.

"First of all, I feel that it is easy for people to get to their local post office and hopefully they will take this opportunity to involve me in resolving their problems with a federal agency. Secondly, people will find it easy to relay their thoughts and feelings on important issues," he said.

"If you have a problem with an agency, such as the Social Security Administration, or the Veterans Administration, or the Farmers Home Administration, or the Small Business Administration--or any agency in the Federal government, and want me to help you resolve it, please bring whatever paperwork or letters you have on the

problem to one of the post offices listed." Congressman Rose said. "I'll do my very best to be of assistance."

Congressman Rose has instructed the staff members to take notes on any comments concerning important issues, so that they can be sent to him in Washington. He said that persons unable to be at one of the post offices can always feel free to call his Fayetteville office at 323-0260, or his Wilmington office at 343-4959.

Anyone who wants to contact him in Washington can write him at 2230 Rayburn Building, Washington, DC 20515 or call (202) 225-2731.

Congressman Rose's staff post office visits for this area: Tuesday, March 26- Marietta Post Office, 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m.; Pembroke Post Office 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27- 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. St. Pauls Post Office; 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon, Lumber Bridge Post Office; 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Fair Bluff Post Office.

RANTING & RAVING WITH *Sunny Barton*

Remember folks: 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!

OOPS, FOLK! I RAN OUT OF TIME!
Wednesday was D-Day for me, folk-- D-Day I went to court about the Driving While Impaired ticket I received recently. Dread and apprehension so overwhelmed me that I scarcely was able to function as a

human being. much less write a column. So, excuse-u-u-u-use me! I'll probably talk to y'all next week about my day in court. So, tune in next week. Same place, same time, same ranting and raving.

ILLINOIS CAB DRIVER FINDS "GOOD FOLKS" IN PEMBROKE



Stranded Illinois cab driver Achiel Altman (left) found "good folks" in Pembroke; among them being Pembroke

policeman Jeff Locklear and Police Chief Kirby Ammons, two of those who helped a stranger in distress. Altman

left for Illinois saying, "I will never forget the good folks in Pembroke."

PEMBROKE--Being a trusting soul and a Christian, Arlington Heights, Illinois (a suburb of Chicago) cab driver Achiel Altman was convinced to drive a Pembroke man home for a fee of \$600, payable upon completion of the journey. They made it as far as Highway 74, and the cab broke down suddenly. The cab fare walked off and left Altman alone, stranded in a strange place. Altman felt terribly alone that February morning with 30 cents in his pocket. Altman used the change to call the operator, and she provisionally put him in touch with the Pembroke Police Department.

He came to his rescue and although the recalcitrant cab fare could not be located and, because of the judicial restraints, no redress of the problem could be resolved, Altman found "good folks" in Pembroke.

Pembroke policeman Jeff Locklear, Police Chief Kirby Ammons, members of the fire department, and members of the community responded as only Pembroke can when called upon to do so. Locklear allowed Altman to stay with him one night, found lodging for him in the Baptist House near the Pembroke State University campus another night, and some \$300 was raised from churches, and just "good folks" in the Pembroke area.

because of the "good folks" in Pembroke who responded to a stranger in distress. Locklear said it best when he exulted, "It really makes

you feel good inside when you can help someone. The people of Pembroke should be happy today."

42nd Wedding Anniversary Observed



Mr. and Mrs. Willie and Roberta Locklear were married March 7, 1943. They observed their forty-second wedding anniversary on March 10, 1985. To this union were born four children. They are: James Wilbert Locklear, Ruth Helen Locklear, Virginia Carter and Johnnie Locklear. The family is looking forward to many happy returns of the day. And report that they are all happy in Christ.

Pharmacist Howard Brooks

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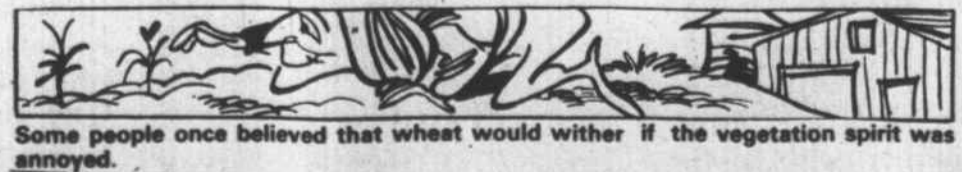
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