

EDITORIAL PAGE

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS by Bruce Barton

My column "People, Places and Things" will resume next week. Hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas, and that you have a new year's celebration that is memorable and refreshing. God bless each of you.
Bruce Barton

Asterisk Should Be By Ruth's Name, Not Maris's

Not many realize it, but Roger Maris hit 61 home runs in only 684 trips to the plate in 1961. It took Babe Ruth 3 more at-bats to hit 60 homers in 1927. And yet, an asterisk stands beside Maris's name in the record books. That's trashy. Commissioner Ueberroth oughtta remove it. It's an unjustified stain on a remarkable feat. Teammate Bobby Richardson, a close friend, recalls the year after Maris hit 61 homers. "That year (1962), he had 100 RBI's and 33 home runs, and the press called him the flop of the year." Maris was a complete ballplayer, and underrated. "Before he came to us," says Richardson, "I knew him as probably the best baserunner in baseball."

"North Carolina has more NBA first-round draft picks than some pro teams," says Rutgers Coach Craig Littlepage. Jeff Lebo's favorite movie is "On Golden Pond"; Joe Wolf's is "Never Cry Wolf". Aw, come on Joe. If Furman's football secondary is a bit shell-shocked, there's a reason. Nevada-Reno threw 54 passes against the Paladins, and Rhode Island an incredible 90 aeriels. In time, we'll know the real reason behind Tom Reed's abrupt resignation as State football coach. It wouldn't surprise me to learn that Chancellor Bruce Poulton's behind it.

The dumbest sports move of the year has gotta be changing Spud Webb's uniform number from 4 to .4. Atlanta Hawk general manager Stan Kasten thought it was a great publicity idea. It wasn't. It was a cheap stunt and demeaning to the 5-7 Webb. Fortunately, Kasten dropped the idea. Everybody wonders why South Carolina so dominates the Shrine Bowl. Herman Helms, executive sports editor of the Columbia State and one of the nation's premier writers, says there can be only one explanation: superior coaching. Maybe so, but I believe the answer may be "up front". The Sandlappers knock the socks off North Carolina in the trenches.

How does North Carolina stack up against Eastern power Syracuse? Ohio Coach Danny Nee says, "Carolina's more dimensional, but Syracuse might be a little more physical and aggressive." The American Medical Association (AMA) has reaffirmed its call for a ban on boxing. Now, it wants to ban tobacco ads. I'm sure the AMA's heart's in the right place, but I wonder about its head. There's a little thing called the U.S. Constitution the good doctors ought to consider. Tyrone Bogues, all 5-3 of him, hauled down 8 rebounds the other night.

Some wonder why Gaffney, which won the state 4-A Division I title, didn't have a player in the Shrine Bowl. Reason is that Coach A.L. Curtis had only 2 seniors on his 1985 squad. The generation gap was never more evident than when Bear quarterback Jim McMahon and former Colt great Johnny Unitas appeared with Brent Musburger recently. McMahon wore an open shirt, dark glasses and a greased-down hair style. Unitas was nattily attired in a business suit. He still has class written all over him.

(Editor's note: Watch Paul Cameron on the 6 pm and 11 pm newscasts on Channel 3.)

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CHIROPRACTORS CONTROL PAIN NATURALLY

district attorney appears on '60 Minutes'

Robeson County District Attorney Joe Freeman Britt, who is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for obtaining more death penalty convictions than any other U.S. prosecutor, received national exposure for his tough courtroom tactics Sunday night on a segment of the CBS News program "60 Minutes." Britt, of Lumberton, the prosecutor responsible for sending convicted murderer Margie Velma Barfield to the Central Prison death chamber last year, was portrayed by CBS correspondent Ed Bradley as "The Deadliest D.A." Bradley, who filmed por-

tions of the broadcast in Raleigh and Lumberton last June, said Britt has obtained 37 death penalty convictions in the past 12 years. The program showed how Britt pressured the N.C. Parole Commission last summer to rescind an agreement to release a Robeson County man convicted of killing his wife with a shotgun as she walked into church for an Easter Sunday service. It was the first time the parole commission reversed itself on such a decision. Wake County Superior Court Judge James H. Pou Bailey summed the program's moral up in a telephone interview after the program.

Robeson Men Get Death Penalty

LUMBERTON — One of the longest trials in Robeson County history ended after five weeks Friday afternoon when a jury sentenced two Lumberton men to death for the September 1984 murders of Jackie Ray Ransom and Larry Jones. A seven-man, five-woman jury on Tuesday convicted Henry Lee "Buck" Hunt, 41, and Elwell "Babe" Barnes, 56, with two counts each of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder. Defense attorneys said Friday they would appeal the verdicts. Hunt and Barnes were convicted of shooting the 37-year-old Ransom on Sept. 8, 1984, so they could collect \$2,000 from Ransom's wife, Dorothy. She and her first husband, to whom she was still married, contracted to have Ransom killed so they could collect a \$25,000 double-indemnity life insurance policy. Jones, 33, a police informant, was shot to prevent him from implicating the two in the Ransom case. On Monday, a mistrial was declared in the case of Barnes' brother, 65-year-old Exonic "A.R." Barnes of Fairmont, also charged in the Ransom case. He will be tried later. The two sentences bring the number of cases District Attorney Joe Freeman Britt has prosecuted and won a death penalty on to 37. He is recognized as the "deadliest district attorney" by record books.

NATIVE AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT STUDIES



Native American students taking part in the Close Up Foundation's government studies program sit in on briefings by government officials, lobbyists and journalists.

Native American high school students from across the country are invited to participate in a unique, in-depth look at the federal government through a program conducted by the Close Up Foundation in Washington, D.C. Through Close Up, students can visit the nation's capital and question a vast number of experts on the process and issues facing the country. Close Up is funded in part through a grant from R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. "Washington is a city with innumerable resources and expertise and Close Up seeks to capitalize on the opinions and information," said Sue Higby, Close Up's community coordinator for Native American Schools.

Higby explained that during their week in Washington the students meet with members of Congress, journalists and experts on the executive and judicial branches and on foreign and domestic issues. The participants also take part in various tours of the city, attend a live theater performance, and have a final banquet and dance. "The heart of the week will be daily, small group informative workshops in which students have the opportunity to share their concerns and ideas with other students from around the country," she said. Close Up provides limited fellowship funds to each participating school for a teacher and low-income students. A teacher from each participating school travels

to Washington with the students so that the teachers may carry Washington resources back to their classrooms. Higby said that Close Up is encouraging Native American schools to apply for participation for the 1986-87 school year. Reynolds Industries, the largest corporate sponsor of Close Up, assists with the foundation's fellowship program and also supports its publications and minority which is carried on the C-SPAN cable network. R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., with headquarters in Winston-Salem, N.C., is the parent company of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.; R.J. Reynolds Tobacco International, Inc.; Nabisco Brands, Inc. (cookies, crackers, nuts and snacks, confectionery, deserts, margarines and cereals); Del Monte Corp. (canned and frozen foods, beverages, fresh fruit); Heublein Inc. (spirits, wines and imported beers); Kentucky Fried Chicken Corp.; and RJR Archer, Inc. (packing).

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STUDIES FROM THE BOOK OF JOHN
14:7) If you had known me, ye should have known my Father also; and henceforth, ye know him and have seen him.

Patrol Urges motorists To Be Careful During The Holidays

"Home for the holidays" is a phrase that will be repeated many times across North Carolina as we approach the Christmas and New Year's holiday period. The State Highway Patrol will strive to make it a safe trip "home for the holidays" as thousands of Tarheel motorists travel our roads and interstate highways to spend time with family and friends. "Too often, this time of good cheer turns to sadness because of a fatal traffic accident," said Colonel Jack Cardwell, Commander of the State Highway Patrol. The grim statistics for last year's Christmas and New Year's holiday driving periods were 40 killed and 2,095 injured. Colonel Cardwell added, "Our troopers will be making

every effort to detect and apprehend drinking and speeding drivers. These two offenses continue to be the leading cause of death on our roads." Heavy traffic, reduced daylight hours, and the potential for bad weather will add to the problems of motorists. The Christmas holiday driving period extends from 6:00 p.m. on December 23 until midnight Christmas day. The New Year's holiday driving period begins at 6:00 p.m. on December 30 and ends at midnight January 1. "The use of seatbelts, not drinking while driving, obeying traffic laws, and keeping in mind defensive driving will make the phrase "Home for the holidays" a safe reality", Colonel Cardwell advised.

January Activities Kick Off Year Of The Native American

A Winter Festival featuring special exhibits, a banquet and other activities will mark the beginning of the year of the Native American in 1986. The festival, Jan. 9-12 in Raleigh, will attract Indian leaders and friends from across the state and nation. Billy Mills, an Ogala Sioux and a gold medalist runner in the 1964 Olympics will be the guest speaker at a Recognition Banquet Jan. 9 at the Raleigh Civic Center. Earlier that day, he will participate in a "Fun Run" beginning at 12 noon at the N.C. State University campus. The banquet will feature Native American food, music, dance and art.

The Museum of Natural History will host an exhibit entitled "The Amerind Empire: Man in the New World: 40,000 B.C. to 1400 A.D.," beginning Jan. 10 and continuing through Feb. 28. The Winter Festival is sponsored by the America's Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee, the Wake County Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee, the City of Raleigh, the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs in the N.C. Department of Administration and the United Tribes of North Carolina. Tickets for the Jan. 9 Recognition Banquet are \$20 per person and may be purchased through local Indian organizations and the Commission of Indian Affairs.

Other festival activities will include the opening of Encyclopedia Britannica's Great American Indian Leaders Exhibit at the North Carolina Museum of History, an Oconaluftee Indian Village crafts display at the Archives and History Building on Jan. 10, and lectures by Lumbee historians at both the Museum of History and the North Carolina Museum of Natural His-

Gov. James G. Martin, in proclaiming 1986 as Year of the Native American, recognized the "first inhabitants of our great state" and their special heritage. For more information, contact Wanda Burns-Ramsey at the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs in Raleigh at (919) 733-5998.

CONGRESSMAN ROSE DISAPPOINTED IN PRESIDENTIAL VETO

Congressman Charlie Rose today said he is disappointed by the President's veto of the Textile and Apparel Trade Enforcement Act of 1985.

"If free trade existed in this world, that would be one thing, but unfair trade practices by other countries have thrown thousands of North Carolinians out of work." If and when an opportunity comes to try to override the President's veto, I'm going to vote for the American textile and apparel worker, and for the American textile and apparel industry," Congressman Rose said.

"Mr. Reagan has just sentenced millions of American textile and apparel workers to permanent joblessness," Congressman Rose said. "Our North Carolina textile and apparel industry deserves better than this."

NEWSWORTHY TRENDS

Everywhere you look, Americans are going for fruit. They're eating more fresh fruit, drinking more fresh juice, even slurping frozen fruit on a stick. Take a look in your local supermarket, and you'll see that there's a national craze for fruit, and nowhere in the store is the demand for fruit products more apparent than in the soft drink section. America's soft drink manufacturers also have a passion for fruit. They've added juice to soda pop, and have created a product that combines the refreshment of soft drinks with the great taste of fruit juice. Sales of these juice-added soft drinks have soared from \$25 million in 1982 to an expected \$200 million in 1985, and that's just the beginning. It's expected that within a few years, juice-added soft drinks may account for 15 percent of all soft drinks sold. The soft drink that pioneered the juice-added market is called Slice, and it's singlehandedly responsible for most of the growth of the category. With 10 percent real



Juice added soft drinks may soon account for 15 percent of all soft drinks sold. fruit juice, the lemon-lime soft drink, has successfully tapped into the great consumer demand for fruit and is spawning a number of imitators. It has even brought the benefits of fruit juice to diet soda drinkers. Diet Slice, sweetened with 100 percent Nutra-Sweet, also contains 10 percent real fruit juice, and calorie-conscious consumers have welcomed it with open arms (and mouths). As America's love affair with fruit continues, juice-added soft drinks will flourish. For refreshment and taste, consumers seem to be saying that nothing beats the flavor of fruit.

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