

EDITORIAL PAGE

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

by Bruce Barton

Tragedy Strikes Deep Branch Community Again
As many of you know, I live in the Deep Branch Community. It has always been known as a quiet, nice place to live. But tragedy has struck our community twice in the last few days. Last week, a stalwart member of our community, J.R. Hunt, was felled by death following a heart operation. He is sorely missed, as he was a good and decent man who went about doing good; he acted out the principles of neighborliness.

Early Tuesday morning, Glenda Sampson Oxendine was shot in the head in the parking lot of Jasper Mills near Lumberton where she worked. She died later in the day. Her husband, Stevie Oxendine, has been identified as the one who shot her, and is recovering himself after apparently shooting himself in the stomach.

It's sad, and leaves one at a loss for words. The Oxendines, who lived across the street from me, were good neighbors. They have three handsome sons. We hope they survive the loss of their mother. Mrs. Oxendine's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sampson, also live in the Deep Branch Community; as do a number of her brothers and sisters. We extend our heartfelt condolences to all of them during this sad time.

I've Enjoyed Watching Ryan Tuck Play Basketball
One of the nicest young men I have met since I began editing the newspaper more than 13 years ago is Ryan Tuck, the personable and explosive basketball player at Pembroke State University. He must have been raised good, as they say. He is personable, and as nice a young fellow as you would ever want to meet. He also starred in basketball at then Pembroke Senior High School, and is now finishing up a stellar career as a Brave. I have enjoyed watching him play basketball over the years, but I am most impressed by him as a man. If I had a son, I would be honored if he grew up to be like Ryan Tuck, a good example for our youngsters.

Looking Forward To Returning To Claxton, Georgia Area
Last September, me and Sam Jacobs and Rev. Welton Lowry went to the Claxton, Georgia area to retrace the steps of our fellow Lumbee Indians who migrated there sometime following the Civil War, and returning in the 1920s. Their story is an interesting one, and we hope to return to the Claxton, Georgia area sometime later...possibly in the Spring. When we return, we hope to accompany some of those who lived there as youngsters. While there, we want to spruce up the Croatan Cemetery where a number of Indians are buried. We also want to put up a suitable marker, so that those coming behind us will find it and marvel anew at the derring do of their forebears.

I hope to have some definitive information for those who would like to go with us in the next few weeks. Watch for it. I also have some more letters that I would like to share with you in the coming weeks. The letters were written by Indians who lived there, and wrote back home to let their relatives and friends know how they were doing.

Pembroke Depot Project Will Soon Be On The Drawing Board
Our project for restoring the Pembroke Railroad Depot will soon be back on the drawing board where it belongs. Pates Supply Company has graciously agreed to donate an adjoining piece of land for us to put the depot on. The legal work is being done, bids have been received for moving the structure, and activity will soon be underway. Look for an announcement, and further details, in the coming weeks.

The Carolina Indian Voice wants to serve you by printing your news. However, in order to better serve you, the staff of The Carolina Indian Voice must impose a 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline for news that is to appear in the Thursday edition.

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CHURCH BRIEFS

United Gospel Sing will sponsor a special singing on February 28 at 7 p.m. at the Carolina Civic Center in Lumberton. Featured singing groups will be the McNeill Family, the Pierce Family, the Tyler Family and others. Admission is free.

Evangelism Conference Scheduled
Burnt Swamp Baptist Association will be meeting for their annual Evangelism Conference at Island Grove Baptist Church Sunday, March 2 through Tuesday, March 4. Services will start at 7 p.m. nightly. Ministers scheduled to speak are Rev. John Campbell from Pembroke, Rev. Gaddis Perry from Raleigh, and Rev. David Hunt from Red Springs. Several church choirs will be performing nightly.

Revival Scheduled For Harpers Ferry Baptist Church
Harpers Ferry Baptist Church will be holding a revival—March 9-14. The theme will be "Good News America, God Loves You!". The guest evangelist will be Bill James Locklear. Sunday night services will begin at 7 p.m., weekly services at 7:30 p.m.

The pastor, Rev. Steve Jones, cordially invites the public to attend.

GOOD NEWS AMERICA REVIVAL PLANNED
Good News America Revival will be held jointly by Burnt Swamp Baptist Church and Deep Branch Baptist Church beginning March 9 at 7 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evening services will be held at Burnt Swamp Baptist Church at 7 p.m. each night. Music will be provided by the Deep Branch Choir.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening services will be held at Deep Branch Baptist Church beginning at 7 p.m. nightly. The congregations and pastors of both churches extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend this special revival. Rev. Tommy Gist is pastor of Burnt Swamp Baptist Church and Rev. Harvey Brewington is pastor of Deep Branch Baptist Church.

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Male Pekinese grayish-beige dog. Last seen Friday, February 14, near Pembroke F.C.X. If found please call 521-9424. Reward offered.

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PEMBROKE STATE

By Gene Warren
Director of Public Information



Program To Orient High School Students For N.C. School of Science And Mathematics Approved For PSU
A "Minority Participation in Science and Mathematics" program, in which 50 selected minority students will receive special orientation for applying to the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics at Durham, has been approved for PSU. The approval for funding the program was granted by the UNC Board of Governors, who said, "We are pleased to be able to provide support for this important project."

Some 400 students are now attending this Durham school for 11th and 12th graders who are particularly talented in science and mathematics. The Durham school is funded through the UNC Board of Governors. Initiating and writing the proposal for this program at PSU was Dr. Gilbert Sampson, chairman of the PSU Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. He will co-direct the program with Betty Mangum, director of Indian Education of the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. Sampson said this new program "is designed to increase the career awareness in science and mathematics for ninth and 10th grade exceptionally talented minority students and to increase the number of potential candidates to the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics." This will be done, he said, "through a sequence of sessions orienting the students to the school and its admissions qualifications."

The UNC Board of Governors has allotted \$8,160 to the PSU program. "Mrs. Mangum and I believe this is an excellent way to work with our minority students in this southeastern area of the state in helping them to enter this fine N.C. School of Science and Mathematics," said Sampson, whose son, Christopher, is an 11th grader there.

The selection of the 50 participants in the program will be made this summer by a committee of mathematics and science instructors at PSU. Notification of the students who have been chosen will be mailed to those selected in August.

Beginning in September after Labor Day, the participants in the program will take part in four Saturday morning sessions, each lasting three hours, at PSU.

The sessions will include career orientation in mathematics and science, test-taking skills, learning the application and interview processes, and becoming familiar with the schedule, curriculum and graduation requirements of the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics.

Each participant will compile a notebook of information relative to the four-session program.

"The most immediate benefit of this program," said Dr. Sampson, "will be an identified pool of potential minority candidates for the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics." All communications and financial records for this program will be transmitted through PSU.

This program has been enthusiastically endorsed by both the State Department of Public Instruction and the Robeson County Board of Education.

"Quilt Documentation Day" Set March 8

Do you have a quilt made before 1976? A N.C. Quilt Project is underway throughout the state in which quilts made before 1976 are being located and documented. Information collected will be stored permanently in the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh. The museum there will also select a number of quilts for exhibition.

In Robeson County, a "Quilt Documentation Day" in connection with this will be held on Saturday, March 8, at PSU's Native American Resource Center from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sponsoring it will be the N.C. Arts Council, the N.C. Museum of History, and the N.C. Quilt Symposium, Inc.

Coordinating the documentation at PSU will be Linda Oxendine, director of the Native American Resource Center, and Kay Bryant of Fayetteville.

"Both plain, fancy, and Depression quilts are welcome and need not have been made only in North Carolina," said Ms. Oxendine. "The exciting thing is that the quilt maker's name, information about the quilt, and a picture of the quilt will be stored forever in the N.C. Museum of History."

Persons bringing quilts to PSU on March 8 should have available information such as: the owner of the quilt, its maker, date and location it was made, and any other pertinent information relating to the history of the quilt, said Ms. Oxendine.

Schmallegger Book Published
Wyndham Hall Press in Bristol, Ind., has published a book by Dr. Frank Schmallegger, chairman of the PSU Department of Sociology and Social Work, entitled: "A History of Corrections: Emerging Practices and Ideologies."

The publishing company describes the book as "a marvelously compact introduction to the history of corrections in the western world. A splendid book for the undergraduate student in need of a comprehensive yet succinct introduction

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

REFLECTIONS

By Alma Oxendine

Reminiscing-Reflecting-Reflections
This is how I came up with a heading for my comments in the Carolina Indian Voice— even before I started a column.
"Just reminiscing" would explain what I was doing. But reminiscing is a big, seldom-used word which is not spelled the way it sounds. So I went to "Just reflecting."
Then it hit me! Why not "reflections"? That word fit what I was doing, had a nice ring to it, and would be used in a completely original way. Or so I thought! Since I started this column in 1976, I've seen "Reflections" in all directions! Now Woman's Day magazine has a regular feature—called "Reflections."
Anyhow, I still do lots of reflecting—as I've been doing ever since I can remember. My problem is not competing with other writer's "reflections." It is managing to get my constant mental process of reflecting into a form which may be worth sharing with others.
Positive Feedback
Even though I'm never satisfied with my column—never get around to polishing up my articles the way good writers do...I often have people tell me they enjoy reading my "reflections."
In fact, this happened last Sunday. Among our visitors at church were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sampson, who live in Illinois. As I started explaining to Mr. Sampson who my husband was, he exclaimed "So you're Alta! I like what you write in the paper!"
Those words really cheered me up...on a day when I felt like I might be coming down with the flu. (Fortunately, the problem seems to be just sinus congestion).

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