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BRUCE BARTON SEVERES TIES WITH THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE...AMIABLY

BY BRUCE BARTON

It was an amiable parting, but I have decided to sever my ties officially with the *Carolina Indian Voice*. My sister, and my spiritual better half, Connee Brayboy is replacing me at the journalistic helm as editor. She has been with me since I began the *Carolina Indian Voice* October, 1972. She has been the editor, unofficially anyway, since I went off to college in 1984. I received my teaching certificate after graduating from PSU in December of 1986.

I am now teaching social studies at South Robeson High School, and the new vocation has spiritually renewed me.

After 14 years as editor, I was, in a real sense, burned out. I needed a new challenge, and teaching has provided me with a new calling.

I encourage all of you to continue to support the *Carolina Indian Voice*. We still need an Indian perspective, and I believe the *Indian Voice* will get along just fine without me.

When I have spiritually rested and renewed myself, and if I am needed, I will hang out a few "As I See It" columns when I get something pressing on my heart. Too, maybe in the future, I can contribute with a few free lance pieces, and cover a meeting or two for the new staff.

In the meantime, thanks for your prayers: They have always sustained me. God bless each of you. I hope that I have been a positive force with the Indian camp, and that my heart felt effort will not have been in vain.

For the time being, though, I am stepping aside so that Connee and her associates can put their own distinctive stamp on the *Carolina Indian Voice* - a newspaper for Indians and their friends everywhere.

Pembroke Re-elects Mayor and Two Councilmen

In the quietest election in several years, Milton Hunt was returned as Mayor for the Town of Pembroke on Tuesday. He received 232 votes. He was unopposed. Also unopposed were councilmen Henry Ward Oxendine who received 213 votes and Vernon Oxendine who received 228 votes. Mayor Hunt begins his third term as Mayor.

Pembroke Attorney Appointed to State Legislative Committee of the Academy of Trial Lawyers



Dexter Brooks

Dexter Brooks, an attorney associated with Locklear, Brooks, Jacobs and Sutton of Pembroke, has been appointed to the Legislative Committee of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. The committee is responsible for the preparation of a

legislative agenda to be submitted to the General Assembly. The Academy is composed of attorneys representing civil plaintiffs and criminal defendants.

The purpose of the academy is to protect the interests of consumers, workers and the general public. In the last legislative session of the Academy successfully supported legislation benefiting workers injured on the job and opposed efforts by the insurance industry to dismantle the civil jury system.

As an attorney representing the Robeson County Department of Social Services Brooks was substantially involved in the drafting of North Carolina's new income withholding statute. The law is designed to withhold monies from the income of absent parents for the support of their dependent children.

Spotlight on Cut and Sew Fabrics Local Business Persons

by Barbara Brayboy-Locklear
Special To The Carolina Indian Voice

At age eleven, her grandmother taught her how to sew a garment, and ever since then Mary Ethel Chavis has been dressing others, mostly women and children.

"I lived with my grandmother and made her muslin underslips by cutting patterns from another underslip," she says. Discarded newspapers served as pattern markers, while her grandmother's antique pedal machine was used in constructing the garments.

For the past 34 years, Chavis has sewn all styles of apparel which have included ladies' sportswear, Army fatigues and fancy ruffled dresses for little girls.

Twenty-two of those years were spent in Robeson County sewing factories where she learned all aspects of a cut and sew operation. Chavis left a factory in 1982, where she worked as a floor supervisor. "I felt like I devoted too much of myself and time to the factory job. When I took a day off for any reason, I felt I needed to be there. My job was on my mind 24 hours a day," she says.

The Lumbee Indian now works in a building adjacent to her rural Lumberton home. She says the move is a long time dream come true. "In establishing my own business, I feel like I can better control my time."

In the two-room building designed especially for her cut and sew operation, she works alone creating custom-made garments for her many customers whose sizes range from 3 to 50.

Adjusting patterns to fit various body measurements poses no problem for the tailor who sews more ladies' dresses than anything else.

"I guess it's a gift to be able to sew and I like to see how good I can make a piece of work look," says the young grandmother of five, who has never had any kind of business advertisement except "word of mouth."

Along with custom sewing, Chavis offers an array of sewing notions and fabrics. An added service is alterations and custom-sewing of country curtains. She warns, "Don't be in any great hurry for them. There's a six week waiting period on country curtains."

Her sewing is never sub-contracted due to quality control. "I want things made right, so I do all my work," she says. Chavis says she doesn't find it hard to please the public, because she, too is hard to please. She has refused contracts to sew for retailers who admire her sewing skills, especially in making her fancy ruffled dresses for little girls.

Chavis says she never tires of sewing because she loves anything that involves a needle and thread. She loves people and adds, "If I didn't love them, I probably wouldn't be in this business sewing for them."

To locate Cut and Sew, from Lumberton travel 5 miles west towards Red Springs on highway 211. Cut and Sew is located in the building next to the first brick house on left past third intersection.

Countdown To 5,000 Subscribers Continues

Our countdown to 5,000 subscribers continues. This week we heard from:

- 247. Robeson Co. Recreation & Park Comm.-Lumberton
- 248. Gene Warren-Pembroke
- 249. Patricia B. Cavan-Matt-hews, NC
- 250. Margaret Locklear-Pembroke
- 251. Marvin Lowry-Pembroke
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- 254. Betty Lou Bell-Pembroke
- 255. Rev. Harvey Brewington-Pembroke
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- 257. Lumbee Bank-Pembroke
- 258. James Strickland-Pembroke
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- 260. Clewis Dimory-Pembroke
- 261. Carson Lowry-IN
- 262. Eutherd Ray Locklear-FL
- 263. Nora S. Moore-Maxton
- 264. Lumberton Housing Au-thority-Lumberton
- 265. Daphne Strickland-Jamestown, NC
- 266. Ann Dial-Pembroke
- 267. Buddy Barnes-Pembroke
- 268. GH Wilkins-Pembroke
- 269. Pine View Motel-New London, NC
- 270. James B. Hunt-Lumberton
- 271. James Sheffield-Pembroke
- 272. John Thompson-Maxton
- 273. Dora Lowry-Lumberton
- 274. James Dial-Pembroke



Mary Ethel Chavis sews a garment for one of the many customers.

PEMBROKE HARDEE'S COOK WINS BISCUIT BAKE OFF COMPETITION



Lori Locklear, biscuit cook at Hardee's of Pembroke makes a batch of her award-winning biscuits. She was

chosen one of the top 21 biscuit cooks in 390 south-eastern Hardee's restaurants during the 1987 Biscuit Bake-Off competition.

Lori Locklear of Pembroke was recently named one of Hardee's best biscuit makers in competition among the 390 Hardee's restaurants operated by Spartan Food Systems. She is a biscuit cook at Hardee's 3rd Avenue & Odum Street. Spartan Food Systems, the

largest franchisee of Hardee's fast-food restaurants, recently concluded its fifth annual Biscuit Bake-Off contest in which more than 800 of the company's certified biscuit cooks participated.

Competition began at the local level, where the general manager and breakfast man-

ager of each of the 390 Hardee's chose the best biscuit cook in their restaurant. Winners advanced through city, state, and regional competition until the 21 best Hardee's biscuit cooks in Spartan Food Systems' nine-state market area were selected.

As one of the company's best biscuit cooks, Lori received a cash award, along with a President's Club pin, jacket, and engraved clock. She has been employed at Hardee's since September, 1985.

The final bake-off competition was held at company Headquarters in Spartanburg, SC. Spartan Food Systems is a division of TW Services, Inc.

OUR MEN IN UNIFORM

Victor D. Deese
October 15 (FHTNC)-Navy Seaman Apprentice Victor D. Deese, son of Bruce Deese of Route 1, Maxton, NC, recently departed for a five-month deployment to the Mediterranean aboard the combat ship USS Concord, homeported in Norfolk, VA.

A 1985 graduate of West Robeson Senior High School, Pembroke, he joined the Navy in October 1985.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

Dicy Ann Sampson



by Barbara Brayboy-Locklear
Special To The Carolina Indian Voice

She refers to herself as a child of God. Hundreds of former customers call her the "ice-cream woman." She is Dicy Ann Sampson, the petite woman who served ice-cream at what used to be known in Pembroke as the Dairy Queen.

Sampson says even though she make and served thousands of cones of the sweet, frozen milk delight, she rarely ate any during the 28 years she worked at the dairy bar. "No, ma'am I didn't eat ice-cream. I didn't want it, and I got sick of looking at it." She says that too much of her milking the cow during her childhood years on the farm turned her taste against milk.

She admits that since her retirement five years ago, she has an occasional serving of ice-cream. Sampson still gets teasing requests for the dessert. "Some of my old customers still come up to me now and ask for a cone of ice-cream. Just the other Sunday at a church gathering one said she'd love to have one of my sundaes," she laughs.

Years have done little to change the facial lines of the 78 year-old grandmother who attributes her youthful appearance to hard work. "Laziness is what kills people. I can't stand laziness," she comments. She says it worries her now that she is unable to do the chores in her home which she built in 1935, and where she lives with her son, one of three children. Arthritis limits her mobility.

Twice widowed, Sampson worked 51 years before retiring in 1982. She left farming after the death of her first husband and worked for 12 years in a restaurant outside Pembroke before a local hankery manufacturer then lured her into its plant where she worked as an inspector. Shortly thereafter, she again began cooking in another restaurant before her last job assignment with the dairy bar located a few yards from Pembroke State College.

"I always cooked because I knew I'd never be without a job as long as people had to eat," the American Indian says. Her job duties became one of sole ice-cream maker, cook and dishwasher.

"I was by myself when I first started. We started out cooking on a hot plate, and I fixed eight hot dogs the first day that we began selling items other than malts, drinks and ice-cream."

Later as the college allowed students to leave campus for meals, other kinds of sandwiches were added to the dairy bar menu. "I got so I was making so many sandwiches, dining rooms were added, and an assistant was hired," she says.

Sampson became such a familiar face at the restaurant that local people started calling it Dicy Ann's. This proved a problem for out-of-towners who returned to Pembroke and were told the local "hangout" was Dicy Ann's.

"One man drove up and down the street a dozen times looking for the sign saying Dicy Ann's before he finally stopped and asked just where the place was," she chuckles. For almost three decades, local citizens called the Dairy Queen, Dicy Ann's.

Sampson says she learned the secret of handling rowdy customers from a former restaurant employer. She remembers one cold Friday night years ago when a rowdy bunch of high school basketball fans came in. "They started showing themselves, and I just cut off the lights." This signalled the place was closing for the night.

When a later request came from the students asking her to work late to serve after game food, she warned, "whenever you all start acting like humans and not dogs, I'll stay open for you."

She says she never had to call the police even though she was often-times accused of it whenever local law officers patrolled the area. "I don't know how they thought I could call the law with no telephone in the place," she comments.

In retirement Sampson has remained busy. She works five days a week as a volunteer arranging lunches and serving them to senior citizens who gather at a housing project near her Pembroke home. She is a loyal member of First Baptist Church where she has held membership since 1935. Not one to miss church, she says the entire time she worked, which required Sunday afternoon duty. "I prayed that I'd get to go to Church and not have to work."

Much of her time is spent reading the Bible. She reads three chapters daily and five on Sunday. She expects to have her third complete reading of the Book finished by the year's end. Sampson says her busy schedule has no time for another husband. "I'm a widow, and I'm going to remain one too. I'll never marry another man. I've had a hate."

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

WEST ROBESON BOOSTERS TO MEET

The West Robeson Band Boosters will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 5, 1987 at 7 p.m. in the band room of West Robeson High School. All parents and interested supporters are encouraged to come out and support the band.

BIKE SAFETY CLINICS

The Robeson County Coalition On Minority Health is sponsoring Bike Safety Clinics for children at the following sites on Saturday, November 7, 1987:

Burnt-Swamp-Philadelphus Fire Department; Lumber Bridge Fire Department; Pembroke Fire Departments (rural and town); Raft Swamp Fire Department; Raynham Fire Department; Red Springs Fire Department.

The clinics are being co-sponsored by the Robeson County Fireman's Association with the Volunteer Firemen of each department operating the clinics. The Bike Safety Clinic hours are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. through 12:00 noon.

The Volunteer Firemen will be offering the children Bike Safety educational materials, as well as, performing minor bicycle adjustments. Additional reflecting material will also be available for the children's bicycles.

All children are invited to visit one of the clinic sites on Saturday, November 7, 1987 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon.



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