

## From This Side of the Aisle

by Bruce Barton

"Hey!" to all my friends

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thanks and cry out "Hey!" to all my friends in Robeson and beyond.

In recent private moments with the Lord, I vowed to make some time for the Carolina Indian Voice, and my baby sister and editor, Connie Brayboy, if and when I was granted a pardon by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. Hallelujah! That wonderful event occurred on January 24. I thank, again, Governor Hunt and my many friends who called and wrote letters for me, in the attempt to come to spiritual grips, once for all, with the Breaking and Entering felony conviction that had hovered like a black cloud over my life for the last 30 years. It's lifted now, and I feel like I have been given a new lease on life; I promise to do my best to live up to the trust and faith that has been placed in me. I probably won't have much more to say about this matter, unless I find out that it might help someone. Again, "hey!" and thanks!!

My Plans for the Indian Voice

I always felt like I let Connie, and the Indian Voice readers, down by spiritually withdrawing in the late 80s. I was tired, and drained. The death of my friend Julian Pierce and the burning of Pembroke's historic train depot that I was trying to save, and similar events, prompted me to go away and save myself anew. I wound up going back to school, eventually earning a B.A. and masters in history at PSU and the University of Southern Mississippi respectively. I have been teaching history etc. at the high school level for the last eight years. Now at nearby Swett High, I'm very happy in the classroom, and have no immediate plans to leave.

It's just that I am making some time for the Indian Voice part time. My plans are to just help Connie some and look for ways to enhance the Indian Voice. I hope to find 12-15 hours that I might give to "our" newspaper.

Our plan is to set up a non-profit organization named aptly enough, "Friends of the Carolina Indian Voice, Inc." This organization will be charged with being just that—a friend of the Carolina Indian Voice. By-laws and incorporation papers are being prepared.

Friends of the Carolina Indian Voice will, in time, help the newspaper financially. We will do this by conducting fund-raising, and writing grants and proposals etc. far and wide. Frankly, the Indian Voice needs our help. There are forces afoot hell bent on closing the newspaper I helped breathe life into in its first issue and birth on January 18, 1973. We've never missed an issue, now going on 23 years.

On January 18, 1996, the Lord willing, we plan to present the Indian Voice an endowment of at least \$23,000 (a \$1000 for each year of publication) as a testimony to its survival against great odds! I'll tell you more in weeks ahead. Let me hear from you. Share ideas on how we can help the Indian Voice. Write me at the Indian Voice, P.O. Box 1075, Pembroke, NC 28372.

If you want to help, contact me. I promise all funds raised will be accounted for publicly, and will go toward helping the Indian Voice.

A Note About Conflict in the Indian Camp: Don't Wash Your Dirty Linen in the Robesonian

Indian business is Indian business. I have nothing to say about Indians in the Robesonian period. Period!

I have vowed never to buy another Robesonian, and encourage my friends to do like-wise. I decided sometime ago that the Robesonian was editorially dishonest, most recently in the sheriff's race when they did every conceivable thing short of casting a spell to defeat Glenn Maynor. Thanks for Indians and Blacks (and decent Anglos too!) Maynor won in spite of the editorial shellacking he took in the pages of the Robesonian.

Now that Maynor has won, and the electoral die seems to have been cast, the Robesonian seems now to be enamored of Indians. Don't be fooled by the seeming "new" Robesonian. It's the same old 1860s Democratic Party mentality all dressed up in civility and touting, God forbid, Indian matters.

I say foey! They're (the Robesonian) trying to trick up, play us off one against another. If they run a story on LRDA's James Hardin today, for instance, should the rest of us then turn around and foolishly and plaintively beg them to do a story on Tribal Chairman Dalton Brooks? God forbid! It's the old ruse of divide and conquer. Nothing more.

The only way to get their attention is to cancel your subscription and stop toting news to them. I'll bet you more than half of the Robesonian's subscribers are Indian. Do something positive and helpful for Indians. STOP GIVING THE ROBESONIAN YOUR MONEY! That's the only way you'll get their attention. I do not respect the Robesonian, and consider them an enemy of my Indian people. It'll take more than news articles on a prominent Indian family and LRDA's James Hardin to convince me otherwise.



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### Drinking and Powwows Don't Mix



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## Along the Robeson Trail

by Dr. Stan Knick, Director  
PSU Native American Resource Center

The Native American Resource Center is pleased to announce the opening of another new exhibit. This one is entitled *Memories Whisper Eternity*. The exhibit is a collection of new paintings in dyes and acrylics on canvas by Lumbee artist Hatty Miller.

In this group of paintings Ms. Miller reaches into the world of ideas, colors and images and comes out with twenty wonderfully expressive and extraordinarily beautiful examples of modern art. There is something about these paintings which goes beyond words — which speaks in an eloquent silence in what was recently described by songwriter Van Morrison as the "inarticulate speech of the heart."

The message in *Memories Whisper Eternity* is the most important thing to Ms. Miller. She believes that in ancient art as well as contemporary art the artist's ability should be seen as secondary to the message the artist wants to convey.

While for some artists such a focus on the importance of the message over the medium might be used as an excuse to take shortcuts on the technical aspects of the work, this is certainly not the case with Ms. Miller's work.

Miller's expert use of color and hue, of image and suggestion, confirms what is apparent to the viewer — her technical skill is a ready match for the deeper meanings which her works invoke. The message in these works is both simple and complex. The artist says: "The past is within us all, on a spiritual level. It provides consolation for the present, through which we can realize the reality of eternity."

Ms. Miller presents messages which have spiritual and environmental relevance in the past, present and future. The artist says that she wants these works "to transcend individual cultures, to affirm the

fundamentals of life — that we should live life to the best of our abilities. The realities of life never change. The basic elemental things like joy and sorrow are always with us. What we have to do is to find purpose in the midst of unknowing."

This unique exhibit opens 10 February and will be on display until 30 March. Take the time to stop at each painting, to look beyond its surface, maybe even to look into your own heart. There is a subtle but profound power in these paintings which moves and inspires.

To celebrate the opening of this delightful new exhibit, a reception will be held at 2:30 PM on Thursday, 16 February in the Center. Ms. Miller will be present to comment on her works. The public is invited.

For more information, visit the Native American Resource Center in Old Main Building, on the campus of Pembroke State University.

### Reader supports duly elected tribal council and tribal attorney

To the Editor: you This is open letter to the Indians of Robeson County.

A few weeks ago Dr. Dean Chavers had a column in the Indian Voice about LRDA. He said we need to do away with LRDA and support the Tribal Council that we voted in. He also said we should support tribal attorney, Arlinda Locklear. I, for one, support the Tribal leaders and the Council that we as Lumbee people voted in. We did not vote for James Hardin and LRDA.

Gaylord Revels  
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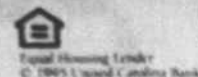
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