

## is 'cream of America'

### Letters to the editor

heart and might. Mr. Barlow, do you remember "Joan of Arc?"

Then Mr. Barlow jumps in there with the statement, "siphoning off money to Swiss Banks." Very emphatic. But it is mighty funny that not a penny of that money went to Oliver North. Also claiming Mr. McFarlane's testimony was not "coerced." Just calling it "copping a plea." Considering Mr. McFarlane's previous actions he must have needed it. Now! Lt. Col. North. WOW! He told Congress, our elected do-nothing boys on the hill, "if he had his way he wouldn't tell Congress anything. Do with me what you will but for God's sake do not desert the Contras." Does that seem like begging for immunity or pity? Mr. Barlow, do you remember Nathan Hale?

But Mr. Barlow, your viewpoint was not completely negative. Your very last sentence was powerful. "We, the people, must decide." Yes, we the people must decide, and I would suggest that everyone begin by reading several recent columns by Charley Reese, editorial columnist. If you would read those articles you would truly want to be an Oliver North, to prevent or correct the things Mr. Reese speaks of. Our Congress, elected representatives, as it now stands, do not have the guts to do it.

Yes, Mr. Barlow, I glorify Oliver North. To me he is the cream of America's heritage, and if God had just made me half the American he is, I would be a giant.

Albert Lee  
Orangeburg

### Where are three missing people?

Dear editor:  
It has been one year, April 3, since Linda McCord, Sarah Boyd and her daughter disappeared. The school in which Mrs. Boyd is employed sponsored a program on Wednesday, April 5, entitled "Where are they?"

I am a close friend of Mrs. Boyd employed here in Orangeburg County and I haven't seen anything in the newspaper to this effect.

Let me brief you on the incident that occurred. Mrs. McCord, Mrs. Boyd and Kimberly went to a gospel concert in Walterboro on April 3, 1987. They were last seen driving slowly on Highway 15 between Canadays and Walterboro. The car was found at Wells Crossroads with no trace of these individuals.

If anyone has any information leading to the whereabouts of these

three individuals, please inform the Dorchester County Sheriff's Department or your local authorities. The students and faculty of Norman C. Toole Middle School along with relatives and friends want to know.

Beverly D. Brown  
Orangeburg

### Why no policeman in town of Branchville?

Dear editor:

My letter is to address an important issue in our community, which recently has become even more important. I am speaking of the vacancy that was created at the time of Harry Harriott's resignation as town policeman in Branchville.

I understand that Mr. Harriott resigned in order to join the sheriff's department. Since Mr. Harriott's departure, the good tax-paying citizens of Branchville have had very little law enforcement on duty, with the exception of the County Sheriff's Department. This is not the reason that we taxpayers pay our hard-earned money every year. I respectfully ask the reason for this position not being filled.

Town council has been interviewing candidates since late October or early November 1987, still this position has not been filled. Why? I know for a fact that several people here in Branchville are interested in this position. Granted they may not have the experience that you good people are looking for, but neither did the last person that was hired. I cannot for the life of me see why these concerned citizens have not been at least given a chance to serve their community.

Violence is on the rise in Branchville. Our quiet streets have become race tracks for reckless teen-agers and drivers under the influence and our local businesses are now places where loud-mouthed remarks come to express themselves. I feel that it will be only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured. I hope the time never comes that I have to be the one to come forward and say, "I told you so."

There is simply not any reason that we cannot have a functional police department. Give the young people a chance. I am sure that they will surprise the lot of you. I understand that some quick decisions have been made about some of the applicants' qualifications. I certainly hope we are not showing any type of discrimination in our interviews.

Please take this letter as positive criticism on my part. I would not like to see any drastic problems develop in our lovely community.

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