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EARL HUGHES OXENDINE NAMED TO NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION

Earl Hughes Oxendine, a Lumbee Indian long active in educational circles, has received the prestigious appointment to the National Advisory Council on Indian Education. The appointment is a presidential one and is one of the highest ranking advisory councils in America. The council advises the president of the United States on all matters dealing with Indian education in the United States.

Oxendine, a native of Robeson County, now resides in Raeford, North Carolina and is principal of Upchurch Junior High School in Hoke County.

Oxendine is also a member of the North Carolina Board of Education. He was appointed to the state board of education by Governor James E. Holshouser.

Said Oxendine, upon being notified of his appointment, "I am honored by this appointment because it is in regard to Indian education. I am an educator and I believe education is the answer to the ills of Indian America and the United States at large. Education teaches understanding, and I promise to exert myself to be a bridge of understanding between the Indian world and the rest of America."

The National Advisory Council on Indian Education recently met in Raleigh in full session. Karma Torklep, a Lumbee Indian now living in New Mexico, who was a member of the outgoing council was not re-appointed.

Sue Lallmang, a Seneca from New York, who has used the forum of the council to lambast the Lumbee Indian community, was not re-appointed either.

Oxendine was appointed for a three year term. The advisory council is made up of fifteen persons appointed personally by the president of the United States.

The other appointees are:

For a term of one year:

Joe Abeysa, of Espanola, New Mexico, Superintendent, Albuquerque Indian School, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Will D. Antell, of Stillwater, Minnesota, Assistant Commissioner of Education, State Department of Education, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Linda Berlarde, of Zunie, New Mexico, Teacher, Zunie Alternative Learning Program.

Donna Rhodes, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Director, Indian Women Consultant's Inc.

James G. Sappier, of Old Town, Maine, Tribal Coordinator, Office of Development, Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe, Perry, Maine.

For a term of two years:

Ellen A. Allen, of Horton, Kansas, Cultural Curricula Developer, Powhatan Unified School, District #510, Powhatan, Kansas.

Theodore D. George, of Poulosbo, Washington, Regional Program Director, Office of Native American Programs, Department of HEW, Seattle, Washington.

Calvin J. Isaac, of Philadelphia, Mississippi, Tribal Chief-Administrator, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

Paul R. Platero, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Associate Director, Native American Materials Development Center.

David Risling, Jr., of Davis, California, Professor, University of California at Davis.

For a term of three years:

Wesley Bonito, of White River, Arizona, Tribal Education Director, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Education Department.

Patricia Ann McGee, of Prescott, Arizona, Tribe President, Yavapai-Prescott Tribe.

Thomas Thompson, of Heart Butte, Montana, Federal Programs Coordinator, School District #9, Browning, Montana.

Minerva C. White, of Hopansburg, New York, Director, Native American Special Services, St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York.

The National Advisory Council on Indian Education was created by Public Law 92-318, the Education Amendments of 1972. The Council is to consist of 15 Indians and Alaskan natives, appointed by the President from lists nominated from time to time by Indian tribes and organizations. The Council will select its own Chairman.

The purposes of the Council are: To advise the Commissioner of Education on the administration of education programs from which Indian adults or children benefit, and to review and make recommendations concerning grant applications to provide technical assistance to local education agencies and Indian education agencies, institutions, and organizations to assist them in improving the education of Indian children.

Social Services Board meets

The Social Services Board, and Executive Director, Russel Sessions, met with the local news media Tuesday afternoon to set the record straight, according to Chairman, Rev. H.E. Edwards of Maxton.

Rev. Edwards said one purpose of the meeting was to "set the record straight" concerning the responsibility of the board in the recently disclosed shortage of funds in the food stamp department.

The board of commissioners were notified Monday that a shortage has been discovered in the food stamp division of DDS. A shortage of \$9,817.72 was discovered following an audit of the books in the food stamp department.

According to Sessions, a Bill Baxley was first suspended following discovery of the shortage and then later resigned. Sessions termed the suspension: "normal procedure following a case such as this one." Sessions and the board were careful to note that Baxley had never been charged with the disappearance of the funds. Baxley headed the food stamp department before his suspension.

As a matter of fact, the board refused repeatedly to discuss personnel working at social services. No one has been charged in the unaccounted for funds.

It was aired at the meeting Tuesday that the district attorney's office had been notified of the discrepancy and that possibly the bonding company would also conduct an investigation.

The social services board also, according to Edwards, met Tuesday to

respond to questions raised concerning an executive session held by the board last week.

Edwards noted that the board was in error in going into executive session without a motion and for reportedly taking action without returning to open session as required by law.

Members of the board noted that they did not discuss the missing funds or the food stamp department in last week's meeting as reported in local news media. The meeting reportedly was to discuss educational leave requested by an employee of the agency. According to one source, the board was in session to discuss an employee who previously had requested educational leave, been denied, and then began school anyway in the face of the board's denial of her original request. It was not reported as to what the board decided at the meeting.

Other members of the board present were Howard Davis, McDuffie Cummings and Herman Dial.

The board is made up of five members, four of which are minorities. They are Howard Davis, Black; Cummings, Indian; Dial, Indian; Edwards, Black; and Harry Ivey, White.

The social services board repeatedly noted in Tuesday's meeting that they have "practically nothing" to do with the food stamp program noting that it is administered by the county commissioners.

The board also noted that they took appropriate action when they reported the matter of missing funds to the county commissioners.

Retiring Town Clerk Honored



The Town of Pembroke honored Mrs. Maybelle Elk last Thursday with a steak dinner and a shower of gifts as they reluctantly acknowledged her departure.

The mayor and council also presented Mrs. Elk with a Plaque of Appreciation for her years of service to the Town of Pembroke.

Shown are (L-R) Councilman Sam Dial; Assistant Town Clerk, Laveria Chavis; Mayor Reggie Strickland; Mrs. Elk; Councilman Milton Hunt; Karen Townsend, who is replacing Mrs. Elk; and Councilman Lee Neville.

Said Councilman Sam Dial, "You can keep the gifts if you'll just come back."



Earl Hughes Oxendine

Warrior of the Week

Pembroke Senior High Warrior of the Week is Steve Pipkin. Running from the fullback position, Steve rushed 16 times Friday night against Prospect for 146 yards and three touchdowns. The touchdowns came on runs of 55 yards, 11 yards, and 2 yards. Steve has been a workhorse for the last few weeks and is ably filling the spot left by the injury to Marvin Butler.

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Statewide

EOP Program

Tommy D. Swett, director of special services at PSU, presided as president of the N. C. Council of Educational Opportunity Programs at a three-day meeting of that council held at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill Monday through Wednesday (Oct. 4-6).

Representatives of programs in Upward Bound, Special Services and Talent Search for both public and private schools were present.

Accompanying Swett was the staff of the PSU Department of Special Services. They include: Larry Brooks and Alphonzo McRae, counselors; Mrs. Neila Mangum, reading instructor for special programs; and Stanford Lowry, coordinator of special programs.

The main speaker for the meeting was Dr. William Burke of Chapel Hill, director of student teaching and other field experiences at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Keynote speaker on Tuesday night was Mrs. Thelma C. Lennin, director of pupil personnel services of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Mrs. Merlyn Burton, representative of the regional HEW Office in Atlanta, was also present.

Water Rates Again Topic of Discussion at Pembroke Council Meet

The report prepared by Attorney Phil Diehl, representing "Concerned Water Consumers of Pembroke" began ominously enough: "Water, Sewage and Sanitation bills to the Pembroke Housing Authority reflect numerous errors and constitute a substantial loss of revenue to the Town of Pembroke..."

Summarized Diehl, "A total of ten billings were checked over a four month period. Errors appeared in six of the ten billings."

"These errors reflect undercharges to the housing authority of \$66.10 and an overcharge of \$2.96. The total loss of revenue to the Town of Pembroke is \$63.14..."

Diehl, appearing before the Pembroke council at Monday night's meeting, recommended that "An independent audit be conducted of all water and sewage accounts for the housing authority and all other water users with a consumption of more than 50,000 gallons per month. Results of such an audit should be submitted to the town commissioners at a regularly scheduled meeting within 60 days from the presentation of this report."

"The audit should cover billings for the last three years and the Town of Pembroke should take whatever steps are required to collect amounts due the town because of under charges, or give proper credit for excessive charges."

Diehl's study also found that the Town of Pembroke had followed a policy of providing free water and sewer to religious organizations, including Odum Home and all churches in Pembroke.

Basing his recommendation, seemingly, on the constitutional question of separation of church and state, Diehl asked that meters be installed immediately and billing commence on those parties now receiving free water and sewer.

MINIMUM BILLING POLICY

Diehl also found inconsistencies in the minimum billing policy of the town. He noted that the housing authority and some apartment buildings are served by one meter and pay only one billing per meter.

Citing the rate structure prior to September 1, Diehl found that an individual residence had a minimum bill

Special Parents Night

Pembroke Senior High School will hold a special night for the parents of Sophomores Monday night, October 11 at Pembroke Senior High School.

The purpose of the meeting, according to Principal Dr. V.R. Thompson, is to better familiarize the parents with the school's total programs and to acquaint

of \$3.50 for 2,000 gallons of water, \$3.50 for sewage and \$2.00 for sanitation collection; a total of \$9.00.

He then cited the August bill for one of the housing units (Dial Terrace) for the month of August and found that the housing unit paid a single billing for all 43 units in the development. Averaging the 43 accounts out, Diehl said they only paid \$7.45 per unit.

Diehl charged by the above example that "the water users (of Pembroke) are paying a substantial supplement to the housing authority."

He cited other inconsistencies, "Three small businesses housed in one building are served by one meter. Each business was billed as though it was a separate unit on a separate meter and the minimum charge of \$3.50 for water and \$3.50 for sewage was collected."

Diehl charged that the three businesses were, based on the billing policy for the housing authority, over charged because all three businesses combined only used 2,100 gallons of water.

Diehl recommended that the town establish a policy to treat all users in the same manner and suggested that the town charge each of the 141 units of public housing separately.

Diehl further charged that the present rate structure of the town penalizing the private consumer while benefiting the large consumer. Diehl recommended an equitable rate structure that would treat all users fairly and proportionate to the amount of water used.

The council took the recommendations under advisement noting that "there is always room for improvement."

One of the councilmen also noted, as did Diehl in his report, that the town has recently revised the rate structure by cutting the sewage bill in half to its original minimum cost of \$1.75.

A public hearing was also called for on the Home Rule question whereby councilmen would be elected on a staggered basis rather than all at one time. The hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. on October 15.

Karen Townsend was appointed to replace Mrs. Maybelle Elk who has retired as acting town clerk and finance officer.

The parents with faculty and staff personnel at Pembroke Senior High School.

The school has previously held special nights for the parents of juniors and seniors at Pembroke Senior High School.



BEULAH BAPTIST PLANS REVIVAL

Revival will be held at Beulah Baptist Church during the week of October 17-23. Services will begin each night at 7:30 p.m. Speakers will be Rev. C. W. Maynor and Rev. Bobby Dean Locklear. Special music is planned each night. Rev. Manford Locklear, pastor of Beulah Baptist, extends a personal invitation to the public to attend these services.

REVIVAL PLANNED AT NEW BETHEL

Revival will be held at New Bethel Holiness Methodist Church, Route 3, Fairmont, October 10-15.

The evangelist will be Rev. Wade Locklear, pastor of Union Baptist Church, also Rev. Steve Locklear, pastor of Union Chapel Holiness Methodist Church.

There will be special music each night. The public is invited to attend. Rev. James H. Woods is pastor.

SINGING PLANNED AT OAK GROVE

A singing will be held Saturday night, Oct. 9, at Oak Grove Holiness Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. Special participants will be Connie and The Harper Brothers, The Joys Singers, and The Shannoneers. No admission will be charged. Rev. Grover Oxendine, pastor extends a cordial invitation to the public.

BENEFIT DINNER PLANNED

The Annual Benefit Celebration Dinner of the Robeson County Church and Community Center, Inc. will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, 1976 at the Jaycees Fairground in Lumberton at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Calvin Morris of Howard University, Washington, DC will be the featured speaker. The Pembroke State University Choir, the Mt. Airy Brotherhood Choir, and the Sandy Grove Baptist Choir will provide special music. Pictured right is the extended hands logo of the Benefit Celebration. Over 700 Robesonians are expected to enjoy a barbeque chicken pot feast. To get receipt-passes to the dinner, please call 738-5204.

SHERIFF MCLEOD WINS BIG ENGINE VS LITTLE ENGINE DEBATE

After months of discussion centering around the economics of small engines vs the law and order needs of big engines, the big engine proponents won at Monday's meeting of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners in their spacious courthouse digs.

A committee recommended that the board authorize the Sheriff's dept. to purchase the big engine police type automobiles recommended by Sheriff Malcolm McLeod. It was not a unanimous decision.

Comm. Herman Dial, a member of the study committee, voted against the measure as did Red Springs Comm. Bobby Dean Locklear. The vote was 3-2 to purchase the big engine automobiles.

Said a wag who was there, "I guess they'll be able to serve warrants and eviction notices quicker now."

COMMISSIONERS VOTE THEMSELVES A SALARY

The commissioners, at Monday's meeting, voted to give themselves a salary of \$4,800 per year and the chairman a salary of \$6,000 annually. The measure eliminates all special meeting and travel benefits in lieu of an annual salary.

The county manager, Paul Graham, also received an increase in salary from \$19,986 to \$21,000 annually. The coroner's salary increased by 100 percent from \$100 a month to \$200 a month.

A request for an additional employee and a promotion in the register of deeds office was not accepted by the commissioners. The proposal for a new position was tabled, and the request for a promotion for one employee was denied because of the recent adoption of a county plan and an expected review of county jobs relative to merit and longevity raises.

LUMBERTON HAS NEW CITY COUNCILMAN

The sparks flew and debate was acrid and sharp but Osborne Lee, Jr. is the new Lumberton City Councilman, replacing the retired Doug McIntire.

Lee was chosen on a sharply divided 4-3 vote with James Bracey, Glenn Maynor, E. B. Turner and Frank Benton voting in favor of Lee. Voting against Lee were Hubert Gore, Harry Ivey and Hugh Hines.

Frank Benton was chosen mayor pro tem on the same 4-3 vote.

Mayor Clifford Bullard was contained by the vote of 4-3 and was not called upon to vote on either measure. His contribution to the meeting was in the form of acrid comments throughout the meeting in reference to a supposed 7 a.m. meeting that supposedly took place.

He finally evoked the ire of E. B. Turner, the Black commissioner from Lumberton, who reportedly told Bullard "I resent your continued comments about a meeting this morning. It is a personal insult to me that you make these continued references to a 7 o'clock meeting. If we want to meet, that's our business. You sit up here and meet all day."

Bullard reportedly replied, limply, "if the shoe fits, wear it."



PSU'S GARY HENRY WINS CROSS COUNTRY

For the third straight week in an unprecedented dominance of cross country in NAIA District 29, Australian Gary Henry of PSU has again swept District "Runner of the Week" honors after capturing the six team meet Saturday at Davidson College.

Running on a muddy six-mile course, Henry beat everyone by more than 200 yards in achieving a time of 30:53. He took the lead after 1 1/2 miles and easily ran away from everyone.

Pembroke State's mighty cross country team won the meet by capturing four of the first five places and 11 of the first 17 spots. The Braves, in five-way team scoring, defeated Campbell 15-50; St. Andrews 15:50; Johnson C. Smith 17:46; Davidson 16:45 and Lynchburg 16:45.

CHIP CARTER VISITS LUMBERTON.. FLEETINGLY

Chip Carter, 26 year old son of Democratic presidential candidate, Jimmy Carter, appeared in Lumberton Tuesday for about ten minutes before an enthusiastic throng estimated at anywhere from 400 to 2700...depending on who you were talking to.

Carter was welcomed by Dr. E. B. Turner, Chairman of Robeson's Democratic Party and other local democratic party leaders.

Carter promised that "dad's administration" would put a family farmer in the agricultural spot vacated under pressure earlier in the week by Earl Butz.

PSU BEATS FRANCIS MARION

Eric Ricioppo scored four goals to lead Pembroke State to a 5-3 soccer victory over Francis Marion Tuesday on Francis Marion's home turf in Florence, SC.

John Schmidt scored the other goal for Pembroke. Pembroke, now 2-5, plays Liberty Baptist at Pembroke today (Thursday.)