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PEMBROKE'S 'MISSING FUNDS' STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

According to unconfirmed reports, S. Preston Douglas and Associates have uncovered further discrepancies in the books of the Town of Pembroke.

with officials of S. Preston Douglas and discussed the audit of 1975-76. According to Mayor Reggie Strickland, no action was taken in executive session.

ing to Mayor Strickland, "to report soon on their findings."

The Town Council has hired S. Preston Douglas to audit their book keeping records. The town council, at the conclusion of Tuesday night's council meeting, went into executive session

The State Bureau of Investigation is continuing their investigation of discrepancies found in the books of Pembroke. They are expected, accord-

There have been reports, unconfirmed by town officials, that more than \$20,000 has been found unaccounted for in audits to date. The SBI is examining the last three years of bookkeeping records of Pembroke.

Lindy Martin Chairs 'National Prayer For The President Day' Sunday, January 16

Birmingham, Ala.--Dr. H. L. (Lindy) Martin, a '52 graduate of Pembroke State University who in 1968 was presented the PSU Alumni Association's "Outstanding Alumnus Award," is national chairman of the "National Prayer for the President Day" Sunday, January 16.

"We want the new administration to go into office tuned into God's leadership," said Martin. "We believe that the good things in our nation's heritage have come from dependence on God. We need this kind of trust today."

Martin, who now serves as dean of student services at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., is also interim pastor of South Avondale Baptist Church in Birmingham, which originated the idea of the special prayer day.

Samford University, where Martin is dean, is a Baptist-supported institution.

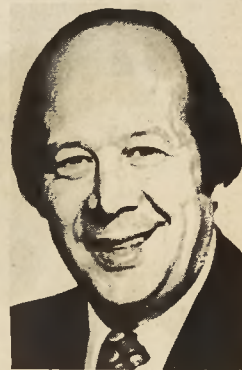
Martin, an American Indian from Person County, is a graduate of Pembroke High School. After graduating from PSU, he earned his Master's in Psychology at Auburn University and his Ph. D. in Theology at Union Theological Seminary in Birmingham, Ala.

Members of the 750-member church have stuffed envelopes with information and paid the postage bill to encourage churches across the country to join them in prayer Jan. 16 for the President-elect Carter and his administration. They have mailed out 10,000 letters and cards promoting the observance.

The son of Mrs. R. M. Martin and the late Mr. Martin, Dr. Martin is married to the former Amma Sue Ellard of Birmingham. They have six children: John, 17; Sue, 16; Lue, 14; Leigh, 12; David, 5; and Daniel, 2.

Three purposes for the prayer day expressed by the 90-year-old South Avondale Baptist Church are: (1) to encourage all places of worship to pray for Jimmy Carter and his administration on Jan. 16; (2) to pray privately for Carter and (3) to make long-range commitment to daily pray for the nation's leaders.

Martin had been recommended by Carter's Citizens Advisory Committee for a position in the cabinet and believes he will serve in some capacity in the Carter Administration, probably in Indian Affairs.



Dr. L. H. (Lindy) Martin

Citizen Input Planned In Affirmative Action

The County Commissioners have decided to form a citizens task force to evaluate and make recommendations for possibly revising or upgrading the county's recently enacted Affirmative Action Policy and Plan.

Bobby Dean Locklear, the Red Springs Commissioner, said, "I hate to see us adopt a plan for this reason but if it will satisfy EDA, I'll agree to it with the right to change it or modify it in the future."

The action was taken at Monday's meeting and was partly in response to the veiled criticisms of Indian Commissioners Herman Dial, Bobby Dean Locklear and J. W. Hunt.

The commissioners plan to form a 13 member citizens task force with each county commissioner appointing one member and three members to be appointed by Chairman Sam Noble. The 13 member commission also will include the county manager, the personnel manager and the county attorney.

The Indian Commissioners, although eventually voting in favor of the measure, voiced displeasure at being asked to vote for an affirmative action plan that they had never seen or studied. The Affirmative Action Plan, recently adopted, was seemingly written by County Manager Paul Graham and personnel manager Y. H. Hester. The county officials urged the board to adopt the plan, unseen and unstudied, so that they could submit it with a proposal to the federal government for a possible \$2.5 million EDA Grant. It seems that the federal government looks more favorably on a grant request when said request is submitted with an affirmative action plan. Said an erudite wag, "Affirmative action plans, even if they are rife through and through with inadequacies, assuage bureaucratic consciences." Anyway, county officials asked for the affirmative plan adoption so that they could make a deadline set by the federal government.

Monday's action followed a recommendation by Rev. Bob Mangum, Director of the Robeson County Church and Community Center, who said that the plan as it now stands, "is somewhat general in its language."

The task force will be commissioned at the Jan. 17 meeting of the board.

FEDERAL COORDINATOR SOUGHT

Bobby Dean Locklear also requested the county advertise for the positions of the newly created federal coordinator and director of industrial and agricultural development. Applications, according to the mood of the board, will be screened according to the guidelines of the recently adopted affirmative action plan.

At Lumbee River EMC

Radio Controls To Cut Peak Power Use

Reprinted from Carolina Country December 1976

Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation is gearing up to launch North Carolina's first peak-shaving project involving the use of radio-controlled switches on electric water heaters and air conditioners.

at wholesale rates. In Lumbee River's case, most of the power is purchased from Carolina Power and Light Company. However, a small block of power is obtained from the Kerr Dam Project through the Southeastern Power Administration.

The project will save the EMC an estimated \$300,000 a year. It will link the cooperative's headquarters with the homes of about 8,000 consumer-members, permitting 6,000 water heaters and 2,000 central air conditioners to be turned off for a short time during periods of peak power demand.

The CP&L wholesale rate includes a special "demand charge" which is computed on the system's annual summer peak demand. Charges for 95 per cent of this summer peak are levied against the EMC following 12 months even though actual demand may be lower. Since January, 1974, this "demand charge" has risen from \$1.90 per KW to \$4.90 per KW, an increase of 2 1/2 times.

"Our plans call for putting this program into effect by next June, in time to reduce our summer peak," said Derl J. Hinson, general manager of Lumbee River EMC.

"By reducing the peak, then, we can reduce these heavy demand charges," Hinson pointed out. "A conservative estimate of our potential savings here is \$300,000 a

The cooperative will purchase the radio control switches and install them in the homes of member-owners who volunteer to participate in the peak-shaving effort. The devices will be installed without cost to the volunteers, since the EMC is footing the entire cost for the project.

year, using current rates. This would recover the cost of the project within two years."

When power demand reaches a pre-determined peak, these switches will be activated by radio signal, shutting off power to the compressor of the air conditioners while permitting the fans to continue operating. Each unit would be off for seven-minute intervals each half hour.

This peak-shaving technique has been used successfully in other states, but no Tar Heel power system has made use of it up to now.

"Apparently, ours will be the first system in the state to try this technique, but I expect others—particularly other cooperatives—will be following our results very closely."

"We will, of course, be sharing the results of our experiences in this project with the other EMCs."

Lumbee River EMC, like the 27 other rural electric cooperatives in North Carolina, owns no generating facilities and must buy all its power from commercial power companies

Lumbee River EMC serves about 16,000 consumer-members in Hoke, Cumberland, Robeson and Scotland Counties.

PSU Braves Win Pembroke Invitational



For the second straight year Pembroke State University's basketball Braves won the Pembroke Invitational Tournament Monday and Tuesday. PSU defeated UNC-Asheville 74-70 in the first round and downed Coastal Carolina in Conway, SC, 75-73 for the title. Tom

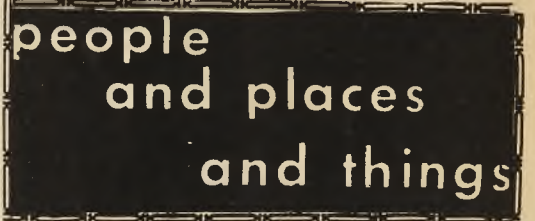
Gardner (kneeling at left) was chosen the "Most Valuable Player" in the tournament and made the all-tourney team along with Lenwood Graham (kneeling at right). The Braves play their next home game Monday, Jan. 10, against Catawba in a Carolinas Conference

encounter. Gardner, team captain and 6-foot-7 center, went over the 1,000-point mark for his career with 24 points in the tourney finals. He now has 1,003, placing him eighth among all-time PSU scorers.

PSU Spring Registration Continues through Monday



Through Wednesday morning 1,949 students had registered for the spring semester at PSU. Registration will continue through Monday, Jan. 10, for both daytime and evening classes.



ROVING FOOD STAMP OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED BY COMMISSIONERS

In response to a request by the Inter-Agency Council on Hunger, the Robeson County Board of Commissioners voted Monday to authorize the hiring of two roving food stamp eligibility workers, under the county Department of Social Services, for a period of six months. At the end of that time an evaluation will be made to determine whether or not the workers will be continued.

saving 20 children from injury. A telegram from the President to six-year-old Galen Howard said: "I welcome the chance to commend your quick thinking and unselfish concern for others. I hope the same qualities you displayed on that occasion will continue to guide you throughout life." Galen took control and steered the bus to a safe stop after the driver had suffered a seizure and was unable to function.

SIOUX AUTHOR DIES

Chief Lame Deer, 81, died Dec. 14. He was the author of "Lame Deer, Seeker of Visions," a book which described attempts to adjust traditional Indian beliefs with the modern world. The book, according to a friend, had been translated into nine or ten languages. Funeral services were to consist of traditional Sioux ceremonies conducted by leaders of the Oglala Tribe.

STATE COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

A "Red Alert" warning on the effects of a proposed Senate Committee reorganization, which would split Indian Affairs between two committees, was issued by the American Indian Law Center at the University of New Mexico together with Americans for Indian Opportunity, now situated in Albuquerque. The alert urged Indians to act quickly to let their Senators know their opposition to this proposal, scheduled for consideration in early January. Indian land management and trust responsibility would be placed under Energy and Natural Resources. Indian health, education, welfare and social services would be under Human Resources in the proposed reorganization.

WESCO GIVES NAVAJO ULTIMATUM

Western Gasification Company has announced that plans to build two coal gasification plants on the Navajo Reservation will be dropped unless tribal approval is given in January. Further delays would make the plants too expensive to build, a WESCO spokesman said. Since 1972 the estimated building cost has risen from \$500 million to more than \$1 billion. Revenues to the tribe, according to WESCO, would exceed \$5 million annually.

INDIAN BIBLIOGRAPHIES PUBLISHED

The Newberry Library Center for the History of the American Indian and the Indiana University Press have launched a series of bibliographies on American Indians. One aim of the series is to assist scholars in identifying reliable sources of information about Indians. Each volume has two main parts, an essay and an alphabetical list of all works cited. The first five volumes, published December 6, were Native American Historical Demography of the Navajos, The Ojibwas, Indians of the Subarctic and Indians of California.

A CLARIFYING STATEMENT

Errors! Ah, Ugh, Ummmm! We despise the little journalistic bugs. But we make them like everyone else...like last week.

Bruce Barton's article, As I See It, according to him, was as interesting and thought provoking as ever BUT....

The header should have read "Rev. Bob Mangum is not a scared cow." Alas, and our proofreader is shame faced about it, the head line came out "Rev. Bob Mangum is not a scared cow..."

As we tried to explain to that little old lady who called us angrily, "We didn't mean to infer or say or hollar that Rev. Bob Mangum is a scared cow." We screamed, "honest to heavens" as she slammed down the phone in our ear.

Honestly, we promise to be more careful in the future and we apologize to Rev. Bob Mangum for our proof reading nightmare. There is considerable difference in a "scared cow" and a "sacred cow." They are definitely two different animals.

THE STAFF

PRESIDENT PAYS TRIBUTE TO INDIAN BOY

A Mohave Indian boy from Parker Valley, Arizona, received congratulations from President Ford for taking control of a runaway school bus and

ADA DEER LEAVING MENOMINEE POST

Ada Deer, who led the Menominees' restoration fight and for the past two years has been chairperson of the interim governing body of the tribe, is planning "to leave and let others carry on." According to a Shawano, Wisconsin newspaper report, she said that the basic goals of the restoration effort have been accomplished and she planned to move to Madison and become involved in the academic community. Speaking on the tribe's successful restoration efforts she said, "We've showed the Indian world that the government can be responsive and that gives others hope."