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ADOLPH DIAL REPORTEDLY ON VERGE OF FILING FOR N.C. HOUSE SEAT



Adolph Dial

Adolph Dial, Chairman of the American Indian Studies Department at Pembroke State University, is reportedly on the verge of filing for the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Although Dial has not officially filed with the Robeson County Board of Elections or released a statement of intentions to the press, he is feeling out the constituency, testing the political waters and

seriously considering making his first bid for political office since serving on the Pembroke Town Council a number of years ago.

Dial has served as a teacher, principal, and is now a university professor. He is finishing up his two year appointment on the American Indian Policy Review Commission, a congressional commission chartered to explore the national Indian problem and recommend a legislative course of action to the United States Congress.

When queried by this reporter, Dial said he was seriously considering making the race although he did not officially declare himself a candidate. But, as one bystander put it, "He certainly sounds like a serious candidate."

Incumbent, Rep. Horace Locklear, has announced his intentions to run for re-election although he has not, to date, filed with the board of elections.

Others already in the race for the house of representatives are William C. Gay, Tracy Britt, Robert E. Davis and incumbent David Parnell.

Dr. Joy J. Johnson, who was appointed to the N.C. Commission of Paroles earlier in the week has with drawn his intentions to seek re-election.

HAMMONDS FILES FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION



Ruby Locklear Hammonds

Ruby Locklear Hammonds from the Magnolia area has filed for the Robeson County Board of Education. Mrs. Hammonds is the mother of six children and well knows the educational needs of the county. She is married to B.F. Hammonds and is a member of Ten Mile Baptist Church. She attended Magnolia High School.

ELECTIONS WRAP UP

At press time the following candidates had filed their candidacy with the Robeson County Board of Elections:

Coroner, Chalmers Biggs; **Sheriff**, Dixon Britt, Hubert Stone and Purvis Thompson; **County Commissioner**, Sam Noble, Sammy Cox-Lumberton District; **Herman Dial**, Ted Brewington & **Thadeus Oxendine-Pembroke/Maxton District**; L.W. (Bill) Herndon-St. Pauls District.

Filing for the House of Representatives from the 21st District are Robert (Bob) Davis, Tracy Britt, William C. Gay and David Parnell, the incumbent. Rep. Joy J. Johnson, who previously had announced his intention to run for another term, has withdrawn his candidacy after accepting an appointment from Governor Jim Hunt to serve on the North Carolina Board of Paroles.

Filing for the Robeson County Board of Education are Morris I. Britt, Shirley Britt (incumbent), Richard Davis, Ruby Hammonds, Lillian Faye Locklear (incumbent), Jerry Lowry, Robert L. Mangum (incumbent), Harbert Moore

(incumbent), Gladys Pierce and Ernest Roberts.

Filing for the Fairmont Board of Education are W. Linwood Floyd, James A. Freeman, Percy Hill, Patricia Lennon and H. Fay Sellers.

February 6 at 12 noon is the deadline for filing for office in the upcoming May Primary.

Joe Freeman Britt, District Attorney, has filed with the North Carolina Board of Elections.

Also filing in Raleigh are C.A. Brown, running against Charles G. McLean (who has also announced his candidacy) and Governor Barnes, Jr. who is running against Sam Britt. Britt also announced his candidacy to succeed himself.

Also up for grabs this time is the senate seat now held by Senator Luther J. Britt, Jr. No one has filed to the office yet although Senator Britt is expected to seek re-election.

Britt Files for N.C. House

Tracy Britt has filed his intention to run for the North Carolina House of Representatives in the May Primary.

Britt, long active in Robeson County political circles, lives with his wife Mercer and their three children in Maxton where he operates as a merchant, specializing in the retail and wholesale of fruit.

Said Britt, upon announcing his intention to run for the house of representatives from the 21st District, "We need a better educational system, with a strong emphasis on quality education for our children.

"If elected, I pledge to represent all the people of the 21st District. I will be the kind of legislator whom people will feel as comfortable approaching in Raleigh as they would back home. I am not interested in going to Raleigh to pass more laws. I am interested in making the laws already on the books work better for the people.

"I am not backed by any special interest group. If elected, I will truly represent all the citizens of our district and strive, diligently, to be a people's man in Raleigh.

"I sincerely solicit your vote and support in the May primary."

Brown to Oppose McLean In Judge's Race

C.A. Brown, from Maxton, filed yesterday in Raleigh for district judge. Brown, a businessman with interests in an auction house, and a farmer, will oppose Charles G. McLean, the incumbent district judge representing Robeson and Scotland Counties.

Brown, his wife, Virginia Ann, and their three children, are life long resident of Robeson County.

Brown, releasing the following statement upon announcing his intention to run for the judgeship:

"I am running for judge because I believe the courts should be open to the public. A fair trial includes freedom of speech. I believe in fair treatment for everyone. My court would be for the people-not the lawyers. The people would have an opportunity to express themselves and receive a fair hearing in the court room.

"I have always treated everyone fairly in my many years in the auction business, and I would do the same as judge.

"I would be as close as the telephone or a knock on the door. I would make myself accessible to the people.

"I want to say too that one does not have to be a lawyer to be a district judge. Common sense is the most important attribute in being a good district judge. I will appreciate all of your support and votes in the May primary."

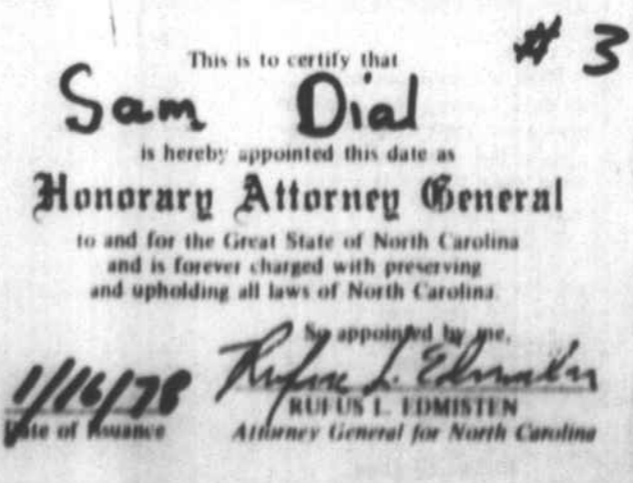
LRDA TAKES OVER REX-RENNERT DAY CARE CENTER

At the request of Mary Lois Locklear, board member from the Rex-Rennert Community, LRDA (Lumbee Regional Development Association) unanimously agreed at their board meeting Monday night to assume the operations of the Rex-Rennert Day Care Center. The Day Care Center has been plagued by money problems even though Ms. Locklear noted, with pride,

"It's been touch and go ever since we opened the center, but we've managed to keep it open for seven or eight years. If we don't get some help it looks like we might have to fold it."

Recently Edmisten appointed his friend, Sam Dial, an honorary attorney general of North Carolina.

Here is a copy of the designation.



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PLATE SALE PLANNED

The Evans Crossing Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a barbecue sale on Friday, Feb. 4, 1978 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the fire department and lasting until Saturday, Feb. 5, 1978 at 10 p.m. They will be selling home cooked barbecue. The proceeds will be used for the volunteer fire department.

PSU HAS RECORD SPRING ENROLLMENT OF 2,123

PSU has a record spring semester enrollment of 2,123 student this year. This represents 56 more students than attended last spring.

This is a steady growth for students enrolling at PSU during the spring semester over the past five years. In 1974 the number was 1,714. In 1975 it climbed to 1,784. In 1976 the total was 2,033. Then came last year's 2,067 figure, which has been surpassed by the current 2,123 enrollment.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CANCELLED

The Feb. 6, 1978 meeting of the Mayor and the Town Council of Pembroke has been cancelled, according to Ruby N. Smith, Town Clerk.

INDIAN ART CONTEST PLANNED

The Indian Art Contest sponsored by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, will be held March 8, 1978 at the Royal Villa in Raleigh. All entries should be received at the local field offices by March 3, 1978 to be considered eligible.

THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE, REGGIE STRICKLAND HAS PROCLAIMED THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5 THROUGH 11, 1978 AS CHILDREN'S DENTAL WEEK IN THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE. HE URGES ALL CITIZENS AND ALL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO JOIN IN THE OBSERVANCE.

DAVIS REPORTEDLY THE CHOICE OF BLACK COMMUNITY TO REPLACE JOHNSON

The Black Caucus in Robeson County reportedly met earlier in the week and threw their support behind Robert Davis as a replacement for Rep. Joy J. Johnson who has resigned his house seat and accepted a position on the state board of paroles.

DAVIS, A BLACK FROM MAXTON, HAS LONG BEEN ACTIVE IN ROBESON COUNTY POLITICS AND MOST RECENTLY RAN A SPIRITED RACE FOR MAYOR IN MAXTON. HE WAS EDGED BY BILL CHESTNUT, THE CURRENT MAYOR OF MAXTON.

JOHNSON, ALSO A BLACK, HAS DISTURBED THE SEEMING PSYCHOLOGICAL MIND SET CONCERNING THE HOUSE DELEGATION WHICH, IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, HAS BEEN DIVIDED BETWEEN THE THREE RACES IN ROBESON COUNTY. FOR INSTANCE, IN THE LAST HOUSE SESSION, THE 21ST DISTRICT WAS REPRESENTED BY JOHNSON, A BLACK; HORACE LOCKLEAR, AN INDIAN; AND DAVID PARNELL, A WHITE.

A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONCERNING A REPLACEMENT FOR JOHNSON IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, CHARGED WITH FILING INTERIM APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSE, IS COMPRISED OF ONE INDIAN AND ONE BLACK.

SOURCES INDICATE THAT THEY WILL APPOINT A BLACK TO REPLACE A BLACK. DAVIS HAS FILED AS A CANDIDATE FOR A FULL TERM IN THE MAY PRIMARY.

REP. JOY JOHNSON NAMED TO STATE PAROLES PANEL

RALEIGH--Joy Johnson, state representative, Fairmont, has been appointed to the N.C. Paroles Commission by Gov. Jim Hunt.

Johnson will complete the term of J.C. Jones, former Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Fayetteville State University who died Jan. 20. The term runs until July 1, 1981.

APPOINTMENT TO THE \$27,000 A YEAR POST MEANS JOHNSON WILL HAVE TO STEP DOWN FROM HIS SEAT IN THE LEGISLATURE. HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION, FILED YESTERDAY, IS EFFECTIVE FEB. 10.

He will also withdraw from the race for state representative in which he is currently engaged.

JOHNSON IS ROBESON COUNTY'S SECOND REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FIVE MEMBER COMMISSION. HE JOINS PEMBROKE NATIVE HENRY WARD OXENDINE.

As a state representative, Johnson sponsored a bill which automatically restored the citizenship of convicts upon their release from prison. He also worked on a bill which recommended incentive wages for inmates, but the bill was not passed.

MCNEILL SMITH MAKES STATEMENT ON WILMINGTON 10 DECISION

McNeill Smith, candidate for the U.S. Senate released the following statement on Gov. Hunt's decision relative to the Wilmington 10:

"He took the right approach-- that is to commute the sentences. Only the Governor can do that. Even the Supreme Court cannot reduce the sentences, and the sentences were unusually long. I had recommended that the Governor reduce the sentences and he did that. No case has been found where sentences for that offense were that long. This was the proper function of the Governor and he was on the right track. Many persons had hoped the sentences would be reduced even more than that but the Governor did have the full record in front of him."

Insurance Commissioner John Ingram Speaks to Municipal Association

PEMBROKE--Insurance Commissioner, John Ingram, was the guest speaker Tuesday night at the Robeson County Municipal Association.

Pembroke, serving as host town, welcomed an overflow crowd (including some 100 municipal officials from towns throughout Robeson County) to Town and Country Restaurant where the meeting was held. Mayor Reggie Strickland extended a hearty welcome to Pembroke's guests for the evening.

Ingram, who is also a democratic candidate for the United States Senate, spoke forcefully about his populist views during his term as insurance commissioner for North Carolina.

Ingram talked mostly about insurance and railed out against "special interest groups like the insurance industry. "In 1972 I said we should abolish the assigned risk. Those who parrot the special interests said it could not be done--there are no simple solutions. But, in 1973, we did abolish the assigned risk with a reinsurance facility. Now you can buy your automobile insurance from the agent and company of your choice without the fear of cancellation or termination."

Motor Trend Magazine and the Small Business Magazine called it landmark legislation.

Ingram, in talking of his senatorial aspirations, said, "We have learned that the insurance industry is too powerful to fight successfully at the state level year after year. Our fight must be in the national area of anti-trust...It is important to break up monopolies and stop price fixing. The insurance industry is the only multi-billion dollar industry exempt from the nation's anti-trust laws."

Ingram was received enthusiastically by his audience.

Ingram, after giving an over view of the insurance department, closed his remarks by saying, "The issue of issues is who will represent the people and not the special interests. Solving this problem will help solve other issues such as energy, inflation, jobs, the economy, anti-trust and monopolies, and health care. When someone says there are no simple solutions, tell them the difficulty is in overcoming the special interests."

Many in attendance at the meeting termed it "one of the best ones seen in recent years."



Insurance Commissioner John Ingram brandishes a copy of Small Business Magazine. Pembroke Councilman Sam Dial is shown to Ingram's right. Dial was instrumental in bringing Ingram to Pembroke.



Insurance Commissioner John Ingram (second from left) is greeted by (left to right) Pembroke Councilman Milton Hunt, Pembroke Town Manager MeDuffie Cummings and Pembroke Mayor Reggie Strickland.