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PROSPECT SUIT DISMISSED

A STAFF REPORT

Fayetteville-- It is now official, the suit entitled "Bostic Locklear, et al versus Elliot Richardson et al," filed immediately after the implementation of the HEW mandated county-wide desegregation plan, in the fall of 1970, has been dismissed by Chief District Judge John D. Larkins, Jr. of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. The dismissal of the popularly-styled "Prospect Suit" was confirmed via oral communication with the Office of the Clerk; however, the order itself reveals very little of the reasons behind the dismissal nor very little of what the suit was concerning as Larkins' order reads simply: "This case having been dormant for the past five years, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that this action be, and the same is hereby dismissed for failure to prosecute..."

According to the information which we were able to gather by press-time, the suit was filed by a group of Indians who were protesting the HEW-mandated pupil assignment plan that required the six school systems in Robeson County to refuse to enroll students residing outside its boundaries. Thus, under the mandate, Indian students residing within the legal boundaries of the Red Springs and Maxton school districts were prohibited from attending their traditional schools of Prospect and Oxendine thereby igniting the spark leading to the

institution of the so-called "Prospect Suit." The suit was born in a frenzy of Indian reaction to what some saw as a destruction of what were termed "Indian Schools." Great sums of money were raised throughout the Indian community and mass meetings were held to rally the people behind what was viewed by the leaders of the movement as the last chance to preserve Indian identity and autonomy.

The suit, born in such frenzied time is now quietly dead, and yet it seems to have left more questions unanswered than were resolved during the some eight long years of its existence. Many of these questions need answers if we are to make sense of present-day Robeson County. In the next few weeks, the Carolina Indian Voice will be exploring many of these questions. What were the objectives of the movement? Who were the leaders? What was the suit seeking to accomplish? What exactly was the role of HEW in shaping the present pupil assignment plans? Why were the only suits filed brought by the Indians and Blacks? What relationship, if any, do the annexations of the Lumberton City School District have to do with the Indian and Black suits? What is the present position of HEW with regard to pupil assignment in Robeson County? What effect will the Department of Justice objection to the Lumberton Annexations have on HEW policy now?

Newcomer Files For Seat On LREMC's Board of Directors



James B. (Jim) Hunt

Red Springs-- James B. (Jim) Hunt, 33, has filed for a seat on the board of directors of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation. He, his wife, Sheila, and their two children reside on Boone Road in the Clyburn Pines Section near Lumberton. This is his first attempt at public office.

Hunt will be contesting for a seat from Area 3. The incumbent from Area 3 is Bradford Oxendine.

Hunt is an external vice president of the Saddletree Jaycees.

Upon filing for a seat on the coop board Hunt made the following statement:

To All Members of LREMC:

"I would like to ask for your support in

the upcoming election of the Board of Directors of L.R.E.M.C. I have worked as a telephone repairman with Southern Bell Telephone Co. for the past twelve years. During this time I have dealt with a lot of business and residential customers, therefore I believe that I have gained the ability to understand both sides of the situation from the customers side as well as the business side. Therefore I would like to work towards a closer and better understanding between the Co-op and members. The members are suppose to own the Co-op, I would like to see them treated as if they do. In order to do this I need your vote on October 17th at 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Building at PSU.

Thank You,
James B. (Jim) Hunt

Brewer Files For Re-election To LREMC's Board of Directors



Harold Dean Brewer

Red Springs-- Incumbent Harold Dean Brewer has filed for re-election to the board of directors of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation's board of directors. Brewer is completing his first term.

Said Brewer, "I have found out that the cooperative works best when consumers like you and me take part in the election processes that make the electric cooperatives one of the most democratic organizations in America. The cooperative is people, and I offer myself for re-election. As before, I can only promise to be honest and fair and conscientious in administering the affairs of our electric cooperative. I have

learned a lot during my term on the board and I hope to be able to put that experience to work during another term on the board. I humbly ask for your support at the membership meeting scheduled for October 17th at Pembroke State University's Performing Arts Center."

Brewer, 28, represents the cooperative from Area 7. He resides in Hoke County with his wife Anna and their three children.

He is employed as a counselor for LRDA's CETA Program in the work experience program.

Rogers Faces Three Incumbants October 17th

RED SPRINGS--Led by incumbent president, Rev. Elias Rogers, three incumbants are vying for re-election as board members on the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation's board of directors.

The incumbants are Rev. Elias Rogers, who is the incumbent at large; Bradford W. Oxendine, the incumbent from Area 3; Harold Dean Brewer, the incumbent from Area 7; and Frank Jacobs, representing Area 9.

Challenging Oxendine in Area 3 is James B. Hunt and Leroy Hardin. Brewer is being contested by Charlie Pendergrass, Rev. H.E. Edwards and Herbert Amaral. Jacobs is challenged by Mrs. Marciea Lowery.

Rev. Rogers is being challenged by Robert A. Fairley, Sr., Rev. Grover Oxendine and Hamer Lee Oxendine.

The election will be held October 17 at Pembroke State University's Performing Arts Center. The filing deadline was September 22 at 5 p.m.

There are twelve members on the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation's Board of Directors. Each year three seats are up for grabs at the annual meeting of the member-owned cooperative.

An Amplification Concerning Jim McNair

Pembroke-- In last week's issue of the Carolina Indian Voice I quoted Jim McNair as saying, in regard to Pembroke Town Manager, McDuffie Cummings, "...I would like for the town manager to not answer because he has already shown by his action that he leads the opposition to this request..."

The matter in question was the town's position on a request from People's Gas and Oil to erect a combination gas pumps-car wash facility on Hwy 711.

The council did vote 3-1 to deny the request to change the zoning from R-2 (residential) to C-3 which would have been necessary for the facility proposed by People's Gas and Oil of Maxton.

McNair said he actually said in essence, that he did not wish for Mr. Cummings to answer because he had not said anything in opposition and he (McNair) wanted the council members who opposed the measure to explain the difference between C-3 zoning classification and a C-2 zoning classification. A C-3 classification would allow the erection of the facility; a C-2 would not.

A NOTE FROM A READER IN HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Hagerstown, Md.-- A reader, Lewis A. Thompson, from Hagerstown, Maryland, writes: "I'm an Indian from Cherokee, North Carolina who has done 1 year in 'Hagerstown Jr. College.' I'm proud because more Indian brothers and sisters should be in college as well to show that we are as good as anyone else and can do as well as anyone else..."

Mr. Thompson also adds, "A special Birthday greeting to my daughter, Jaime Lynn Thompson, who was 1 year old on September 25, 1978. My daughter is a Lumbee Indian..."

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PINES OF CAROLINA GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL PLAN ANNUAL OUTDOOR WEEKEND

About 150 adult Girl Scouts volunteers from the 20 counties of the Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council will participate in an annual outdoor weekend of fun and training at Camp Mary Atkinson in Johnston County, September 29-October 1. Highlights of the weekend will include workshops in backpacking, outdoor cooking, canoeing, basketry, leathercraft and maps and compass, as well as leadership courses in understanding handicapped children and safety considerations for Girl Scout trips.

CHEROKEE METHODIST CHURCH TO HOLD HOMECOMING

The Cherokee Methodist Church of the Wakulla community will hold its Homecoming on Sunday, October 1st. There will be regular morning worship service, dinner in the fellowship hall and singing in the afternoon. All former members are asked to attend and singing groups. Rev. Julian Ransom, pastor.

TITLE IV-PART A TO HOLD ELECTIONS

Robeson County's Title IV-Part A Project has scheduled a second round of meetings for the purpose of electing representatives to the Countywide Title IV-Part A Parent Committee.

These meetings will be as follows: **Thursday, September 28** 1. Orrum Long Branch/Proctorville at Orrum- 1 parent, 1 parent/teacher. 2. Purvis at Purvis- 1 parent. **Monday, October 2** 1. Magnolia Piney Grove at Magnolia- 1 parent, 1 teacher, 1 student. 2. Union Chapel at Union Chapel- 2 parents. 3. Littlefield-Allenton/Smiths at Littlefield -2 parents.

Attendance is strongly encouraged to ensure that each school does have representation on the Committee.

ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET

The Pembroke Senior High School Advisory Council will meet Friday, September 29th at 7 p.m. at the school library.

REVIVAL MEETING

Harpers Ferry Baptist Church services will begin Sunday evening, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday evening, Guest Speakers will be Rev. Jimmy Strickland and Rev. David Hunt.

OPEN HOUSE AT BECK CHIROPRACTIC CENTER

Dr. W.W. Beck, Jr. of Beck Chiropractic Center cordially invites you to attend an Open House on Sunday afternoon, October 1, from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The Center is located at 578 Farringdon Street, Lumberton.

MAXTON HIGH PTA SLATED

Maxton High School will hold their PTA meeting tonight, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Parents of students attending Maxton High School are urged to attend.

LAWN MOWER PULL PLANNED

A big lawn mower pull will be held Sept. 30 at the Saddletree Jaycee Hut beginning at 2 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Saddletree Jaycees. Trophies will be given. Anyone can enter. For more information, contact Roger Jacobs at 738-5584.

REVIVAL PLANNED AT UNION CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Revival services will begin at Union Chapel Community Church on Sunday, October 1, and continue thru Friday night. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Rev. C.W. Maynor, pastor of Saddle Branch Church, will deliver the message on Sunday night. Rev. Douglas

Mitchell will be the guest speaker on Monday nights. The ministers will alternate speaking for the rest of the week. Rev. Monroe Woods, pastor of Union Chapel Community Church, cordially invites the public to attend.

A BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Blakeslee Jones announce the birth of their second child, a son, Damien Wyatt, who weighed 7 pounds and 15 1/4 ounces when born September 16 at Scotland Memorial Hospital, Laurinburg.

Mrs. Jones is the former Clementine Locklear, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Percell Locklear of Route 1, Rowland. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Jones, also of Route 1, Rowland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones also have another son, Ryan Blakeslee.

FAMILY REUNION

Relatives are invited to attend the late Wiley and Anna Bell Oxendine Family Reunion on October 1, 1978. It will be held at Green Pine Freewill Baptist Church. The time will be at 12:00 noon until. Everyone is urged to bring a covered dish.

RAY SCHRUMP VISITS ROBESON AREA

Lumberton-- Ray Schrupp, running for congress against Charlie Rose, was in the area yesterday, (Wednesday) touching base with local Republican Party leaders but mostly touching flesh and getting acquainted with voters in Robeson County.

He was the headliner at a dutch buffet luncheon held at Pine Crest Country Club in Lumberton.

Schrump, considered more conservative than Rose, is a businessman from Fayetteville and recently retired from military service as a Lt. colonel. He was a prisoner of war for several years.

PROSPECT BOOSTER CLUB TO MEET

In an effort to revitalize the Prospect Booster Club, a meeting is planned for Tuesday night, October 3, in the Prospect School Cafeteria. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Ms. Pat Baker, treasurer, urges all interested patrons and friends of Prospect School to attend the meeting.

Lightest Turn Out In History

Robeson County voters mostly stayed home Tuesday but 2,778 went to the polls and voted on the referendum concerning the good water bonds endorsed by the county commissioners.

That's less than 7% of the registered voters in Robeson County. 1,686 approved the matter and 1,098 voted "no." Election officials called it the lightest turn out in history.

The referendum approved the sale of \$7 million in good water bonds to develop a county-wide water system.

The county commissioners, and most civic organizations across Robeson County, approved the measure and endorsed it. According to advertisements and fact sheets issued by the advertising company which handled publicity, the monies expended on bringing water to rural Robeson will pay for itself via water bills to the new customers.

Campbell Soup Company is expected to benefit from the measure but county officials contend that Campbell soup, which is inating near Maxton, will pay its fair share by assessed water bills.

Rural areas are expected to benefit mostly from the measure.