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IT'S SNOW TIME!

Snow Blankets Robeson

BELOW IS THE BEGINNING OF A PICTORIAL ACCOUNT OF THE SNOW BY THE INCOMPARABLE ELMER W. HUNT



Mr. Elmer's daughter, Kay (Mrs. Larry Locklear), is shown with daughters Tara K. and Traci and, of course, Mr. Snow Man.

by Bruce Barton

Most of us seemingly pay little attention to the weather man on television. Most of us take that time to raid the refrigerator, go to the bathroom or check on the sleeping babies. Most of us just wish he would hurry up so that "Here's Johnny!" can filter into our bedrooms. Most people contend that two things remain the same: the weather and taxes.

So, most of us were not listening Saturday night when the weather man came on the air talking about high pressure masses, and north winds blowing.

Many of us were ushered out of our beds Sunday morning by frantic children crying happily "snow! snow! snow! Can we go outside?" And many, like me, were surprised, to say the least, to awaken to find the grounds covered with snow and snow and more snow.

Few of us were prepared. Most church services were canceled and most of us who live in the country were unable to get to town to work on Monday. And probably a record was set for broken water pumps and water lines. Most of us seemed to think that the cold weather was behind us.

But snow it did. It is estimated that Robeson was blanketed with up to 10 inches of snow. Schools were shut down.

With the warming trend the snow is now melting. And turning into a slushy mess. But until it began to warm up a bit it was as pretty a snow as you would ever want to see.

But it was a grim snow storm too. Some eight deaths were blamed on the ice and snow statewide.

Unseasonably warm temperatures, coupled with predictions of rain, are expected to melt most of the snow and ice by today.

Life is slowly returning to some semblance of normal as sunny skies continue to peek out at us and temperatures rise up and hover around 50 degrees.

So, kids, it's back to school. And for the rest of us it's time to get out the shovels and dig ourselves out of the worst snow storm to strike in at least five years.

It's sunny skies predicted at least until Friday and Saturday when it is expected to turn cold and dreary and rainy.

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PSU Basketball

LAST HOME GAME

Pembroke tate "Braves"

vs.

Atlantic Christian "Bulldogs"

Tonight,

February 22 - 7:45 p.m.

Church of God Officials "Take Out Papers" on Disbarred Pastors

Lumberton-It finally happened. After threatening to "take out papers" for more than two weeks, state overseer Harold B. Thompson finally did so in Robeson County Superior Court Tuesday.

Thompson, through church attorneys, is seeking a temporary restraining order to bar Rev. Jack Hunt (Pembroke Church of God), Rev. C.C. Allen, Jr. (Eastside Church of God, Fayetteville), and Rev. Stelford Smith (Riverside Church of God in Lumberton) from the grounds of the respective churches.

The legal suit also asks that state officials be designated as trustees of the church property noting that the state and national Church of God is legally the "true owners and possessors of the real and personal property" of the three local churches.

The three pastors have been charged by church officials with sowing discord in the church and working against the governmental policies of the church. A church trial of Jan. 31 was set for the three pastors at East Laurinburg Church of God but the three dissidents appealed their case to the national office in Cleveland, Tennessee. That is where the matter now rests.

The pastors deny the charge of sowing discord. But they do admit that they have objected to local church policy that directly affects what was known until recently as the Pembroke Indian Church of God District. Since promoting Rev. Millard Maynard to another position in the church, Rev. R.P. Fields (pastor of East Laurinburg Church of God) has assumed the position of district overseer. Since then conflicts have arisen between him and some of the local pastors, including Hunt, Allen, and Smith. They contend that the district was split into two parts without any input from the local pastors. Both pastorates are held by non-Indians.

In a widely circulated petition the pastors declared:

"We the undersigned, respectfully petition and beseech all those who know and love Almighty God to hear and redress the grievances described below which are destroying the Church of God

in N.C.

"1. The Indian people of this State are not accorded their rightful voice in the affairs of the Church;

"2. Due consideration should be given to the appointment of an Indian overseer in predominately Indian districts;

"3. Due consideration should be given to the appointment of duly ordained Indian ministers to the pastoral post of predominately Indian churches;

"4. Appointments to the Ethnic Advisory Council should be duly ordained ministers;

"5. Due consideration should be given to the appointment of Indian ministers to the pastoral posts of predominately White churches; and,

"6. The Church, above all institutions should be mindful of the due process rights of individuals to the extent that one is presumed innocent until guilt is established.

"Each of the persons whose signature appears below specifically and publicly declares his or her support of the collective efforts of the Rev. Jack Hunt, the Rev. C.C. Allen, Jr., and the Rev. Stelford Smith to redress the grievances or concerns above. We respectfully request that they be restored to their rightful place in the Church of God."

At last accounting more than 500 church members and supporters had signed the petition in behalf of the dismissed pastors.

In arguing his case before the state overseer, Rev. C.C. Allen, Jr., recalls that Thompson said, "Bologna!" and hung up on him as Allen was quoting scriptures and church policy to him.

As Rev. Jack Hunt noted, "We will continue to preach as the Lord has commissioned us to do. We will stay in the pulpit until a court order takes us out."

The district's make up (11 churches) is predominately Indian, although a number of the churches have white pastors.

Another point of contention with many of the local churches of God is that the coin is not automatically turned over as no Indian pastors are known to pastor a predominately white church.

BILL FRIDAY HAS... "NO OFFICIAL COMMENT"

Chapel Hill- "Realv, what we ask the local board of trustees to do is to submit at least two names to us for consideration-that's all. Now they could submit more than that. I don't know. I understand that Mr. Marks (Leroy), the chairman of the PSU Board of Trustees, is sending me a letter. To date, I have not received it so I have no comment other than to say that I have not received the report as of this morning..."

Friday also said that, to his knowledge, no policy exists concerning nepotism. "It has never come up before..." The question arose because of reliable sources that state that the vote was 11 in favor of and one against adding Dr. Chavis' name to a list of three to be submitted to Friday's office. According to unconfirmed sources, a list of four (including Chavis) was submitted for consideration by Friday and the board of governors.

The nepotism question arises from the fact that Jesse Oxendine, a native of Robeson County and now an owner of two drug stores in Charlotte, is, in fact, a first cousin of candidate Dr. Joe B. Oxendine.

One question that has arisen is: should Jesse Oxendine (as a member of the PSU board of trustees) abstain from voting on a chancellor selection when one of the candidates is his first cousin.

No one on the board of trustees will "on the record" make a statement about the matter. But, as a political wag noted, "someone is telling someone something because everyone in town knows what is going on."

Jesse Oxendine, contacted by telephone, confirmed that he and Dr. Oxendine are first cousins. He would not divulge anything that happened in the board chambers saying, "If I could it would clear up a lot of things."

Jesse Oxendine noted, "Those who know me will tell you that it would not be in Dr. Oxendine's advantage to be my first cousin in something like this because I would be even harder than usual to convince because we are cousins."

Chavis Seemingly Added to Chancellor List

by Bruce Barton

Pembroke-Area reporters talked about everything from when to plant corn to who Deep Throat was in the celebrated Watergate case as they waited for PSU Trustees to come out of an executive session called to decide how to deal with the report of the local chancellor selection committee last Friday evening.

Most of the trustees quietly slipped out the back door rather than face the inquisitive press who had earlier "officially protested" the decision of the board to vote in executive session rather than to do so in open session. The reporters claimed that they were abridging the Open Meetings provisions of the law to no avail as the board did not officially announce their decision as to what action they took in reference to the chancellor selection committee's report, presented by executive director of the committee, Dr. Jose D'Arruda.

Unofficial sources confirm that the trustees, after some two hours in executive session, decided to add the name of Dr. James B. Chavis to the list to be presented to UNC President, Bill Friday, who, in turn, will recommend one of the four names as the new chancellor of PSU, replacing retiring Chancellor Dr. English E. Jones, at the March 16 meeting of the UNC Board of Governors.

Earlier, an inside source had leaked the news to the local press that Dr. Chavis was not on the committee's list of three candidates being recommended to Friday for his consideration.

According to information garnered by this reporter, the vote was 11-1 as to whether or not the board of trustees would expand the list to include Chavis' name to the originally agreed upon list of three top candidates.

The board seemingly took refuge in advice given by UNC attorneys who advised them that they could decide in executive session because they are not the official body who will decide the matter, that being the UNC Board of Governors who make policy for the University system of which Pembroke is a part.

Much local support had surfaced for Chavis, including a petition on campus calling on university officials to consider all six of the candidates whittled down from an original list of more than eighty.

According to insiders, Dr. Chavis was rated fourth on the list of six, with Dr. Joeseph Oxendine being the top ranked candidate by the selection committee. Oxendine, like Chavis, an Indian native of the county, was rated strong by the faculty while Chavis received his strongest support from the administration.

Chavis, formerly an ombudsman for North Carolina, has served in various administrative capacities at PSU since 1964. He is currently vice-chancellor for student affairs.

Dr. Oxendine is currently chairman of the department of health, physical education, recreation and dance at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



WILLIAM FRIDAY

PEOPLE AND LAND THINGS... CUTIES

California Cuties to Appear at PSHS

"Those who watch the Cuties play, live to laugh another day." That's the slogan of the California Cuties who will be in Pembroke on Friday, March 2nd for a comedy contest against the Pembroke Senior High Teachers.

Composed of talented men players who dress in ladies' clothes, the Cuties are hailed as the world's "funniest basketball team."

The California quintet has mastered the art of comedy in basketball with a series of routines designed to entertain fans and non-fans alike.

"Every night we'll have dozens of parents bringing their children to the game and expecting it to be one of those long nights," says Trino Palacios, the team's founder and owner.

"But more often than not, the parents end up laughing harder than their kids," Palacios adds.

The Cuties are in their 23rd year of athletic competition, starting out as a softball team. Their success in softball led to the addition of a basketball team eight years ago.

Dipping into their bag of basketball tricks during the Cuties' local appearance will be such tour veterans as Dottie Dribble, Leaping Lena, Dinah Sore, Hefty Helen, Rebound Ruby and Scaggie Maggie.

The cutest Cutie of them all is the popular Little Susie, who stands only 38 inches high but still manages to play a prominent role in a game tailored for the tall.

The fun starts at 7:30 at Pembroke Senior High Gym. The game is being sponsored by the Pembroke Senior High Athletic Department.

BIBLE STUDY COURSE TO BEGIN AT UNION LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH

Union Light Baptist Church will begin a Bible Study course Feb. 25. It will run through March 1, 1979. The Rev. James Dial will lead the discussion on the Book of Mark. The services will begin at 7 p.m. and last until 9 p.m. each night, beginning Sunday night through Thursday night. The pastor of Union Light is Rev. Grady Hunt.

MAYNOR WINS HONORS IN LOUISVILLE BARROW SHOW

Louisville, Ky.-Jeffery Maynor, a Duroc Hog producer from Robeson County, was one of the prize winners in the recently concluded Louisville Barrow Hog Show in Louisville, Kentucky.

Maynor won honors in the Duroc Light Weight division.

Hank Freter of Willow Springs, Missouri, won the Overall Grand Champion Award at the Louisville Barrow Show on February 6 with a medium weight Chester White. Freter's barrow took top honors after competing with 198 other animals at the big show, which ranked among the three largest swine events held in the United States annually.

Overall Reserve Grand Champion went to Fred Smith and Sons of Wabash, Indiana. They secured the number 2 position with a medium weight Duroc.

The 1979 Louisville Barrow Show showed an increase in total number of swine participating, according to the records of show management. In total, 594 animals were shown, including 198 barrows, 249 boars, and 147 gilts. Those numbers compare favorably with the past two years showing that 588 animals were shown in 1977 and 490 were shown in 1978.

CHARTER TO BE SIGNED

The Council of Native Americans of South Carolina cordially invites you to attend the signing of their Charter March 3, 1979 at 2 p.m. at the College Place Methodist Church, Columbia College Campus. A reception will follow.

CPR-WORKSHOP SCHEDULED

A Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Workshop (CPR) will be offered to the general public at PSU in accordance to the standards of the American Heart Association. Conducting the workshop will be Mrs. Otha Swett-AHA, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiac Care Instructor.

The Course will provide an opportunity for learning psychomotor skills of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, information about prudent heart living, prevention of unnecessary death from heart attacks and signals and actions for survival will be taught. Successful candidates will be certified as "Basic Rescuers" by the American Heart Association.

The Workshop is sponsored by the Health Careers Club of PSU and will include nine hours of instruction and lab practical.

Dates and times are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 26, 27, 28, from 7-10 p.m. nightly in the University Library, Room #205.

Contact Larry T. Brooks, 521-4214, or Flora G. Lowry, 521-4653 before Monday at noon for participation or additional information.

TEA & AUTOGRAPH PARTY PLANNED

The Robeson County Association of Classroom Teachers (ACT) will sponsor a tea and autograph party for Ms. Harvalene Bullard, author of The Curious Prince and the Sad Easter Bunny, Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 4-5 p.m. room 222 of the Educational Building on the Pembroke State University campus. All teachers and friends are welcome.



Little Susie