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RED SPRINGS SCHOOLS ASK FOR A BAILOUT

Glenn Maynor Assailed by Taylor, Herndon & Locklear

LUMBERTON-County attorney Joe "Pete" Ward said bluntly, "They (the Red Springs School Unit) are clearly in violation ...and I don't know if you can help them or not ...they're in the pond and you don't want to necessarily get in there with them..."

Ward was referring to the action of the Red Springs Administrative School Unit whereby they admitted spending close to a million dollars for a vocational educational complex that they do not have in a letter to the County Commissioners Monday night.

The complex is expected to cost between \$900,000 and a million dollars when completed. The Red Springs administrators committed the whole amount and signed contracts for the expenditure of money not readily available because of the financing of the recently passed \$16 million school bond issue.

Red Springs' share, when finalized, will be \$1,102,080 but they cannot receive the total funds for the current fiscal year because the school bonds have not all been sold; according to Paul Graham, county manager, only \$8 million worth of bonds have been sold to date.

Under the formula Red Springs could only receive its pro rata share of that \$8 million. The school system, in a letter to Graham, admitted failure to carry out the instructions of the county. They readily admitted that they would need \$730,000 for the upcoming fiscal year although only \$225,000 had been allocated in the current 1980.

Bobby Dean Locklear, outgoing county commissioner from the Red Springs District, said, "They are clearly in a predicament ...I make a motion that we advance them \$225,000 from the general fund..."

But Ward cautioned the commissioners to be careful saying, "They are clearly in violation ...the question is whether you can help them without getting yourself in deep water too..."

The commissioners demurred and, instead, agreed to a motion from Lumberton County Commissioner asking the Red Springs administrators to come to the August meeting and inform the board more fully of their actions.

The Red Springs administrators did not appear before the commissioners Monday night; they sent them a letter. Said a veteran political observer in Robeson County, "The Red Springs

people played a power hand ...thinking that the county commissioners would go ahead and give them the money with a few harsh words thrown in for good measure. They did not expect to be called upon the carpet so forcefully..."

The building project has been thrown in jeopardy with no one knowing for sure what will happen next.

Graham insists that the money is just not available for the remainder of the project and that he did not expect to have the money available until the remainder of the \$16 million bonds are sold.

Glenn Maynor escapes again... as board rescinds previous action dissolving housing authority

Said a Glenn Maynor admirer, "He has escaped again but the political hounds are barking louder than ever..."

Glenn Maynor is a Lumberton City Councilman and the county housing authority head. He has made enemies, including, according to their comments Monday night, Lumberton Commissioner, H.T. Taylor; Bill Herndon, St. Pauls Commissioner; and Bobby Dean Locklear, outgoing Red Springs Commissioner. It seemed each had a beef with Maynor.

All three had accused Maynor two weeks ago of politicking on the job and not being answerable to anyone when they voted to dissolve the county housing authority and bring it under the direct supervision of the county commissioners.

But Monday night Rowland Commissioner J.W. Hunt changed his mind and voted with Tom Jones and Sammy Cox to rescind their previous action and put the housing authority back like it was.

Opposing the action vociferously was Locklear, Herndon and Taylor.

Herman Dial, county board chairman broke the tie in favor of rescinding the action.

Tom Jones, the outgoing Fairmont commissioner, made the motion to rescind the previous action with Hunt seconding his motion.

When Jones made his motion Locklear made a substitute motion to table the matter until the next meeting. That motion was defeated on the same 4-3 vote with Dial having to break the tie again.

Jones' motion included a proviso that the county commissioners call for a meeting with Maynor and the county housing authority.

H.T. Taylor affirmed passionately that he had been "getting all kinds of phone calls asking who the executive director was working for ..." Taylor also accused Maynor of "hanging around the board of elections" on election day.

Herndon accused him expressly of using a county car to politic in.

Glen Maynor was not present to defend himself and a number of those present in the audience speculated that it was "getting even time." Also, questions were raised concerning the propriety of the board's action since Maynor's name was seemingly vilified in public without him present to defend himself although the commissioners were careful not to call his name out specifically referring to him, time and again, as "the housing director."

Incoming Red Springs Commissioner Jack Morgan was present and sat quietly during the meeting offering no comment.

It is known that Maynor supported Morgan during the last election and also supported the opponents of H.T. Taylor.

It is not known why Herndon was so adamantly opposed to Maynor although he denied heatedly being against public housing as some have speculated.

Said an observer, "It was nasty...it was dirty Robeson County politics at its worst. They want Maynor bad and some of them would just about go up in flames with him to get him."

Maynor has not been available for comment.

Almost unnoticed was a motion by L.W. Herndon to add two commissioner members to the county housing board expanding the board from 7 to 9 members.

The motion passed unanimously.

Politics, Robeson County style

It was hard to stay up with the action Monday night as subtleties ran deep. One political wag said, "You have to know where all the bodies are buried to understand Robeson County politics. When you get three racial winds blowing you have got a mighty wind, like no place else in America."

The board spent a considerable amount of time in executive session with Sheriff Hubert Stone discussing personnel reclassification. When they came out Commissioner Tom Jones read his motion from a piece of paper before him.



Bobby Dean Locklear

The board agreed hurriedly to reclassify Carolyn Jennings as a secretary in grade 8, step one; Hazel Collins to a clerk, grade 4 and step 4; and Jane Britt and Brenda Sanderson to clerk 2. All had previously been classified as typists.

At the same time Jones made a motion to reclassify Thomas West of the sanitation department to a higher rating.

No explanation was given by the commissioners concerning their action although they had previously gone on record discouraging re-classification so quickly following the adoption of the recent budget.

In other matters...

Jay Sellers appeared before the commissioners and asked them to look into why they had not been asked to bid for equipment from the recreation commission, asserting that Sellers Sporting Goods in Lumberton had only done approximately \$900.00 of business with the recreation commission over the last three years.

County chairman Herman Dial asked the county manager to look into the matter, checking with the heads of the respective departments to find out if there is a problem in the matter.

And, in one of his final acts, Bobby Dean Locklear removed Broughton Oxendine from the recreation commission replacing him with Charles Alton Maynor. He also appointed Anthony Blanks to the industrial and agricultural development commission.

The board also appointed Chairman Dial as their voting delegate at the upcoming N.C. Association of County Commissioners.

Pig Pickin' at Townsend Middle School to help defray expenses of Ms. Emma Lee Locklear's trip to China

A pig pickin' will be held at Townsend Middle School's Cafeteria in Maxton July 30, 1980 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The price will be \$5.00 donations. The feed is being held as a fund raising effort to defray expenses incurred by Ms. Emma Lee Locklear on her trip to China.

Ms. Locklear will be among the first Indians to travel to China. The trip is being conducted through the efforts of China's Committee on Minority Nationalities in cooperation with the Chinese Peoples' Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. Ms. Locklear will depart for the tour the first of August 1980.

Friends and associates of Ms. Locklear have planned the pig pickin' and they encourage everyone to come out and participate.



EMMA LEE LOCKLEAR

New Principal at R.B. Dean School

Oscar M. Graham has assumed duties as the new principal of R.B. Dean School in Maxton. Graham replaces B.C. McBee who retired June 30 after 21 years at R.B. Dean. Graham comes to the position from a principalship at Southside Middle School.

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

APOLOGIZES FOR CABLE T.V. DISRUPTION

Harrison Daniels, systems manager for the Jones Intercable T.V. Company noted in a recent interview that he would like to apologize to all their subscribers for the inconveniences caused due to a recent spate of lightning which caused considerable damage to the system on Saturday, July 12.

He asserts that the company is working diligently to repair the damage and that those cable stations knocked off the channel will be returned to service as soon as possible.

Daniels also said some fair adjustments would be paid on future bills.

The cable t.v. company serves Fairmont, Red Springs and Pembroke.

APRIL LOCKLEAR - A WINNER!

Indian Commission member to be named



April Locklear, former Little Miss Lumbree and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Locklear of Pembroke, was a contestant in the Miss North Carolina Charm Pageant in Raleigh July 15-19. April won the following honors: Miss Photogenic; party dress award; second place in the door poster division; a certificate of outstanding achievement in the 1980 Miss North Carolina Charm Pageant. She was chosen first runner-up in the Miss North Carolina Charm Pageant.

The Board of Directors of Lumbree Regional Development Association, Inc. has scheduled a community meeting at Magnolia School on July 29, 1980 at 8 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to nominate and elect a representative to serve on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. Once this individual has been elected, the Governor will appoint that person to the Board for a three (3) year term.

The meeting will be comprised of community individuals that reside in the following townships: Burnt Swamp, Raft Swamp, East Howellsville, West Howellsville, Wishart, Red Springs, Shannon, Lumber Bridge, Parkton, Rennert, St. Pauls, and Saddletree. Currently representing these townships is Mr. John Willie Oxendine of the Saddletree Community.

In order for you as community persons to participate in this meeting: (1) you must live in the above mentioned townships, (2) be 18 years or older (3) be Indian.

PEMBROKE RECREATION COMMISSION SPONSORS TRIP TO SEE BRAVES VS. PHILLIES See... "As I See It"



Some youngsters are shown awaiting action in front of Atlanta-Fulton Stadium. The youngsters were part of the contingent visiting Atlanta to see the Braves and Phillies play last Saturday. See more coverage in "As I See It," on page 2.

A Correction Concerning Last Week's Pembroke Postmaster Story

PEMBROKE-An article appeared in last week's issue of *The Carolina Indian Voice* entitled "Pembroke Postmaster expected to be named soon."

In the life of the article it was recounted that the selection process has narrowed the candidates down to five with those five being listed as Dosey Chavis, Grady Chavis, Paul Locklear, Jr., Harvey Godwin, Jr. and Boyce Maynor.

The article stated incorrectly that Paul Locklear, Jr. is employed as foreman as Housing by Vogue in Pembroke.

We have been informed by Mr. Locklear that his title is more correctly comptroller and chief finance officer at Housing by Vogue.

He also noted that the article stated the final interviews were held in Memphis, Tennessee on July 7; the interviews were actually held July 9.

We apologize for the misrepresentation. We are happy to correct the matter for the public record.

At press time no announcement had been made concerning the new postmaster although Dosey Chavis is considered the front runner. He is a postal employee at the Laurinburg Post Office.

Pembroke is assured of an Indian postmaster because all five final candidates are Lumbree Indians.

The last two postmasters have been non-Indians.

...THE PEMBROKE SCENE



Pretty girls are so much more interesting than cars and hoodies, cars don't wave back at you. These ladies were among the hundreds in Pembroke Sunday for what has become a custom here on Sunday afternoon, dragging town. (Janice Franklin Photo).