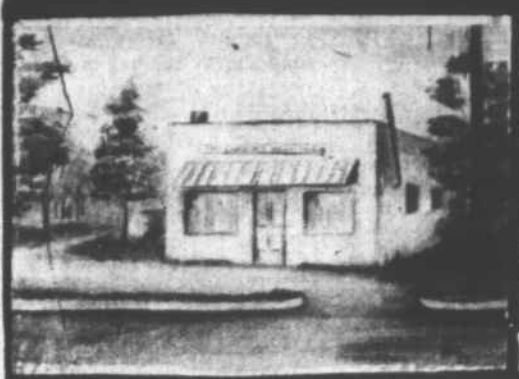


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REV. ELIAS ROGERS STRIPPED OF STATE WIDE OFFICES IN L.R.E.M.C. UPHEAVAL

by Bruce Barton

Red Springs—One of the surprises of the recent (Oct. 21) meeting of the Lumbee River Membership Corporation's board of directors were four resolutions presented by Bill Brewington, but refined and presented as a substitute motion by Davis K. Parker, the only white on the 12 member board. The resolutions were considered to be a slap in the face to Rev. Elias Rogers, the outspoken Indian president of the board of directors of the member owned electric corporation. Davis' substitute motion passed on a 7 to 3 vote.

Resolution # 1 read: **Appointment of LREMC's NCAEC, NCME and TEMA delegate.** Whereas it is in the best interest of Lumbee River EMC to rotate the above positions, then be it resolved that James H. Hammonds be named as the cooperative's delegate until after the next annual meeting of the members." NCAEC is the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives; NCMEC is the N.C. Electric Membership Cooperative; and TEMA is the Tarheel Electric Membership Association.

Resolution # 2 stated that no director would be eligible to receive per diem or expenses for any meeting or activity unless it were approved by the existing directors in advance.

Resolution # 3 limits the number of consecutive terms a member can serve as an officer of the EMC to two terms in succession.

Resolution # 4 limits the number of directors who can attend conferences, meetings or conventions to "no more than 4." The restriction does not apply to annual meetings or statewide meetings of service organizations related to LREMC.

All four resolutions were presented on one motion with someone seemingly having done their homework.

A number of people knowledgeable with the affairs of Lumbee River EMC consider the resolutions to be directed toward Elias Rogers as a way to curb his influence and power.

Voting against the resolutions, according to the unofficial minutes of the

Lumbee River EMC, were Alton Dudley (the only black on the board of directors), Timothy Strickland and Gus Bullard. The minutes noted that Rogers "although he was not required to vote also indicated his dissent."

The news of the resolutions have generated a considerable amount of comment...most of it favorable to Rogers with rumors of recall petitions being circulated in the area against those who voted in favor of the resolutions.

Rogers, who is considered almost a legendary figure because of his civil rights lawsuit against the EMC a few years ago, seems to be the focal point of the split board. Some like him; others do not.

After an extended legal battle Rogers, in 1973, won an out of court settlement against the Lumbee River EMC in excess of \$10,000 for discriminating against him in attempting to deny him a seat on the board of directors. At the same time, as part of the settlement, 3 at large members were added to the board, and the use of proxies was outlawed.

Rogers was the first Indian or black to serve on the board of directors and is given the lion's share of the credit for opening up Lumbee River EMC to Indians and blacks and others denied the right to serve on the board of directors and work there because of their race and status in life.

Said an elected official, "I feel like this about Rogers: he can stay on the board as long as he wants to. They treated him wrong like they did all of us. It's just that Rogers called their hand and won out over those who tried to discriminate against him. If it weren't for him none of us would be able to serve on the board or work there."

Many consider the resolutions to be the result of an internecine feud between Rogers and Derl Hinson, the general manager. Hinson's resignation was called for and voted down on the same 7-5 vote a couple of months ago, according to reliable sources.

Homecoming and Revival Planned at Green Pine Church

Homecoming will be observed Sunday, Nov. 2, at Green Pine Freewill Baptist Church of Pembroke. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. followed by the morning worship service at 11 a.m. The Rev. D.B. Oxendine will deliver the sermon.

Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at 12 noon. A singing is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. All area singing groups are invited to participate.

Revival services are scheduled to begin Monday night, Nov. 3rd and run through Friday night, Nov. 7th at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Rev. Simmie Barton and Rev. Tommy Haggins will be guest speakers. You are invited to worship with them. Rev. Bobby D. Locklear is the pastor.

CAR WASH SLATED
Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church will sponsor a car wash on Nov. 1, 1980 at First Union National Bank from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The church proudly announces three new members of the church. They are Don Chavis, Patricia Locklear and Radella Locklear.

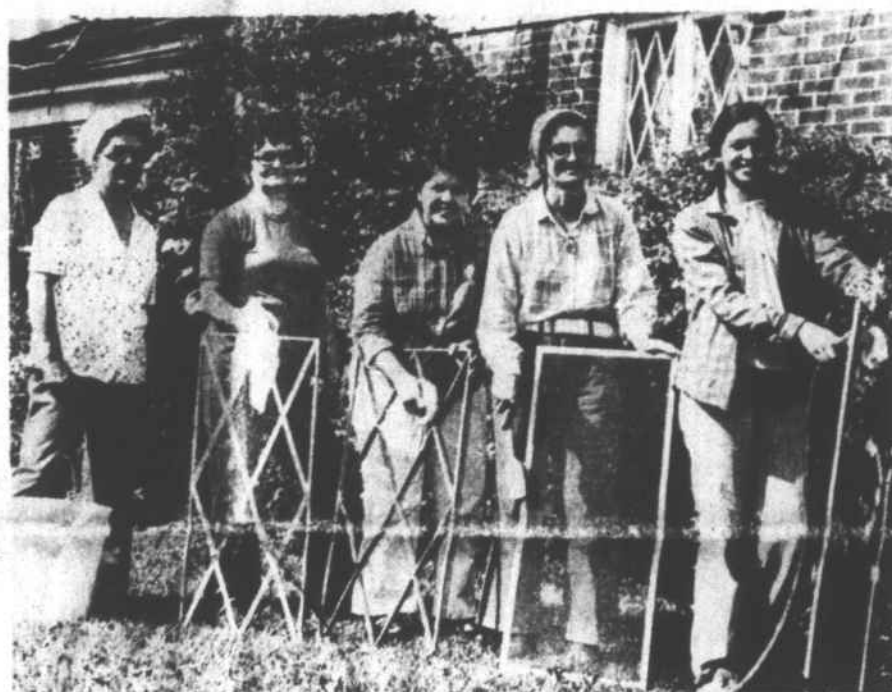
Prospect PTA Plans Nov. 10th meeting

The Prospect PTA will meet at the school Monday night, Nov. 10. The agenda for the meeting includes a report on the State PTA Convention held recently, a report on the Variety Show planned for Nov. 13, and a reminder about the Bike Identification

Program which will be held at 1 p.m. at the school Nov. 15th.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. All parents and teachers are encouraged by Jimmy Goins, President of the PTA, to attend.

SADDLETREE JAYCETTES BUSY HELPING PEOPLE



Left to right: Margaret L. Oxendine, Lucy Locklear, Barbara B. Locklear, Grace H. Jones and Wanda L. Hammonds. (Jay Taylor photo)

Saddle Tree—The Saddle Tree Jayettes, chartered in 1977, are currently engaged in numerous activities involving the community in which they live.

Among the most recent fund raising projects was a "Teen Halloween Disco Night" held last Friday at the Jaycee Hut in rural Saddle Tree.

The Jayettes involve themselves civically with the community and its people. They recently arrived at the resi-

dence of Mrs. Grace Epps who is confined to her home due to illness, gathered tools in hand and washed all windows of the Epps home.

Chores all finished, the group enjoyed a light snack on the back yard on this Indian Summer day. Wanda L. Hammonds was chairperson of the project.

Mrs. Shirlean C. Hunt is president of the Saddle Tree Jayettes.

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS



...SPOTLIGHT!

EDITOR'S NOTE: As a public service and in recognition of the stellar service provided by the completely volunteer Pembroke Rescue Squad, the Carolina Indian Voice, continues this week the public relations campaign to let you know what the Pembroke Rescue Squad is doing to make our community a better place to live in.

We are providing biographical sketches of the members of the service oriented organization and historical notes and pictures and features.

The campaign will culminate with the Grand Opening of the new facilities located on Union Chapel Road. We will be telling you more about that in the weeks ahead. Tentative plans are to

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Tonight's the Night as Fans and Friends gather to Honor Carnell Locklear

Pembroke—Some five hundred friends and fans of Carnell Locklear are expected to gather tonight at the Pembroke Senior High School to honor him. The banquet begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door and cost \$25.00 for a couple and \$15.00 for a single.

Speaking at the festive occasion will be former Governor Jim Holshouser, Congressman Charlie Rose, and Herman Dial, chairman of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners. Rev. Julian Ransom is the master of ceremonies.

Making a special appearance will be Brigitte Brayboy, Miss Lumbee 1980, who will introduce Carnell Locklear, the star of the evening. Special presentations will be made to Carnell by the Honorable James A. "Pete" Jacobs, the mayor of Pembroke; Mr. Gerald Strickland, President of the Pembroke Jaycees; and Bruce Barton, temporary chairman of the newly organized First American Showcase, Inc.

The affair, billed as "Let's Send Carnell Locklear to Hollywood," is in honor of Carnell Locklear, the irrepressible local talent who has helped popularize "Strike at the Wind," the successful outdoor drama which tells

the story of Henry Berry Lowry and his Indian, black and white counterparts in Robeson County during, before and after the Civil War.

Carnell has played the well received "Boss Strong" in the drama since the play's inception in 1976. Additionally, he has just been named general manager of Strike at the Wind, replacing Rock Kershaw. He assumes his duties in December.

Carnell is expected to receive a gift of money tonight which will help defray the cost of his trip to Hollywood in November when he will pursue his dream of being a star. A number of contacts have been made in the entertainment industry in his behalf and he is expected to have a number of auditions while he is in California.

Locklear appeared on WECT (Channel 6) Wednesday morning with Bob Walters, who co-hosts the Morning Show from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. with Wayne Jackson.

He performed a number of songs and told a particularly corny but funny joke. Said Walters, who knew Carnell from his days in Robeson County as news director for WAGR Radio in Lumberton, "Carnell, you've got it."



Carnell (left) is shown with Bob Walters (center) and Wilbert Locklear, who accompanies Carnell on the piano. Bruce Barton, editor of the Indian Voice, accompanied the Locklears to

Wilmington where WECT is located and he also filmed a segment with Walters which will be shown at a later date. (Bruce Barton photo)

Steve Strickland is the Republican Candidate for Register of Deeds

Steve Strickland is the only Republican running for a county office. He will be opposing James B. Freeman November 4th for the office of Register of Deeds.

Strickland attended Pembroke State University. He is a graduate of the Durham Institute of Barbering. Strickland owns and operates Strickland's Barber Shop and has done so for 16 years.

Strickland made the following statement relative to becoming the Register of Deeds: "I feel a two party system is best for the county and the country. I believe that I am qualified to be register of deeds due to my exposure as owner and operator of my own business and being in charge of other businesses in the past 20 years. Your vote will be appreciated on November 4th."

Strickland is 53 years old and resides near Pembroke with his wife, Mary and two of his three children.



Steve Strickland

PROFESSOR AT OGDEN UNIVERSITY IN UTAH



Furman Cummings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cummings of Pembroke, is now an associate professor of Health Occupation at Weber State College where he teaches Respiratory Therapy. He has a Registered Respiratory Therapist and has a A.S. Degree in Respiratory Therapy which was completed in Kansas City, Mo. at Penn Valley Junior College in 1971. He also completed a B.S. degree in History and Zoology at

Weber State College in 1975 and is now working on a master's degree in Teachers Education at Weber State College and will graduate with his master's degree in the spring of 1981. He has taught at Weber State since September, 1975 and plans to pursue his doctorate degree (Ph.D.) after completing his master's degree. He is especially interested in developing land in the midwest some day.