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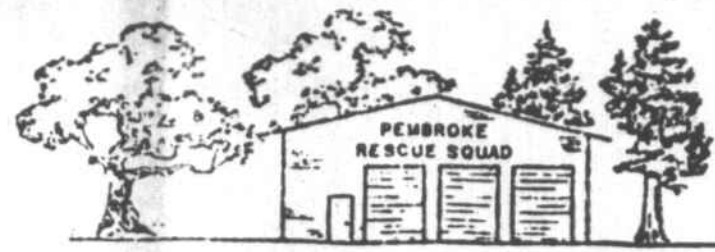
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## ...SPOTLIGHT!

## PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

### JUDGE McLEAN ASSESSES LUMBEE RIVER EMC \$27.00 COURT COSTS FOR "FRIVOLOUS PROSECUTION" OF INDIAN VOICE EDITOR - Charge of Trespass Thrown Out-

by Bruce Barton, Editor  
THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

mission has the case under advisement and is investigating the complaints.

Traditionally, until Rogers assumed the office, the president had named the people who would serve on the state wide offices. The vote seems to imply that that right has been taken away from Rogers.

A large contingent of supporters accompanied me to the Red Springs District Court Tuesday morning. They expected to hear a spirited debate between me (I had intended to represent myself) and representatives of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation.

On October 21, 1980 I entered the board room of the LREMC while a board of directors meeting was in progress. I asked to stay in the meeting because of the open meetings laws. I contend that Lumbee River EMC falls under the mandate of the North Carolina Open Meetings Law because they receive federal funds in the guise of preferential rates from the Rural Electrification Administration.

Rogers is a controversial figure of seeming legendary proportions. In the early 70's he sued the Lumbee River EMC for discrimination against him in attempting to keep him from being seated on the board of directors. The suit was settled out of court in 1973 in Rogers' favor; he won a settlement of more than \$10,000 from the cooperative and a tacit admission that he did in fact discriminate against him. The settlement outlawed the use of proxies at the cooperative and added three at-large members to the board of directors.

The on lookers hoped to hear the merits or dismerits of my right and the public's right to attend meetings of the E.M.C.

Too, I noted that I am also a member of the cooperative because my personal residence is on the LREMC line in the Deep Branch Community near Pembroke where I live.

Rogers was the first Indian or Black to serve on the board of directors and given the lion's share of credit for opening the cooperative up to minorities as far as serving on the board of directors and working there is concerned.

But, at the last minute, Derl Hinson, general manager of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, decided not to contest the matter. No reason was given for the change of heart. It had been rumored that Britt Smith, the attorney for the electric cooperative, had counseled that they should vigorously prosecute me so that a precedent could be established.

But Britt Smith ruled that I could not attend the meeting because Lumbee River EMC, according to his interpretation, did not fall under the guidelines of the Open Meetings Law because the loans are subject to repayment and because the cooperative is a private business owned by the some 19,000 members. The board, on a 7-3 vote, agreed with Smith and voted to bar me from the meeting.

But, as noted, Hinson decided not to press the matter. Judge Charles McLean charged the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation with "frivolous prosecution" and demanded that they pay the court costs in the matter. I had been charged with trespass when I refused to leave a meeting of the board of directors when asked to do so by Hinson at the behest of Smith, the attorney.

Judge McLean ruled that Lumbee River EMC must pay the \$27.00 court costs in the matter. He ruled they must pay because of the "frivolous" nature of their prosecution. I objected to the dismissal. And there the matter rests.

I had attempted to attend the board of directors meeting because I had heard that two employees had filed racial discrimination claims against the cooperative; reportedly both employees worked at the Lake Rim District office. It was reported that the two employees-- a Black woman and an Indian woman-- had charged the district manager with discriminating against them at work.

The activities of the electric cooperative are under public scrutiny also because of reported differences between Derl Hinson, the general manager; and Rev. Elias Rogers, the president of the board of directors.

No action has been taken in the matter officially although the cooperative admits that Paul Dallas, the Lake Rim manager, is on leave, effective October 21. It is also admitted that the State Equal Employment Opportunity Com-

A move was reportedly made to dismiss Hinson a few months ago; Hinson was given a vote of confidence on a 7-5 vote.

The board of directors recently passed a motion stripping Rogers of a number of state wide offices he holds, including the prestigious appointment to the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives.

### CARNELL LOCKLEAR'S DINNER A SUCCESS -More Photos Pages 2 & 3-



Part of the large throng which turned out for the "Let's Send Carnell Locklear to Hollywood Banquet." M.C. Julian Ransom is shown at the podium.

PEMBROKE-An estimated 500 Carnell Locklear admirers turned out last Thursday evening (Oct. 30) to laud their favorite "star" and be entertained by him. Organizers termed the evening "a rousing success." The popular event was held at Pembroke Senior High School.

fledgling organization is Bruce Barton, who also doubles as editor of the Carolina Indian Voice newspaper.

Speakers included former Governor Jim Holshouser, Congressman Charlie Rose, Commissioner Herman Dial and special presentations by Pembroke Mayor James A. "Pete" Jacobs; Mr. Gerald Strickland, president of the Pembroke Jaycees; and Mr. Bruce Barton, temporary chairman of First American Showcase, Inc.

The prestigious evening was co-sponsored by the Pembroke Jaycees and the fans and friends of Carnell Locklear, the popular "Boss Strong" of "Strike at the Wind!" fame. Locklear will assume the duties of general manager of "Strike at the Wind!" December 1, 1980.

Special entertainment was provided by Ms. Brigitte Brayboy, Miss Lumbee, who also introduced the star of the evening--Carnell "Boss Strong" Locklear!

But he is heading for Hollywood first. Congressman Charlie Rose provided the biggest surprise of the evening when he revealed that he had helped arrange two legitimate auditions for Carnell in Hollywood. One of the auditions is scheduled for November 17, and November 18 with D.W. Griffith, a prestigious and influential Hollywood producer in Hollywood, California.

Master of ceremonies was Rev. Julian Ransom.

The other interview is with Tony Adams, producer of the famous movie "10" which starred the beautiful Bo Derek.

Invocation was offered by Rev. E.B. Turner; benediction was by Rev. Elias Rogers.

It was an evening of fun and entertainment. Said Cliff Sampson, one of those who attended the event, "Carnell amazes me; I believe he really does have what it takes to be a star. I admire him tremendously and wish him the best." The rest of the overflow crowd, based on their enthusiastic response, agreed wholeheartedly with him.

The special benefit in honor of Carnell Locklear was sponsored by the newly organized First American Showcase, Inc. The non profit organization is interested in revitalizing the arts in the area. The temporary chairman of the

Spotlight on Pembroke Rescue Squad members:

Carol Smith Oxendine is married to Rev. Alonzo Oxendine. They have three children. Carol is presently unemployed. She joined Pembroke Rescue Squad October 20, 1977 and is a member of the Committee for screening new members.

James H. Oxendine is married to Merdis Graham. They have four children and one grandchild. James is self-employed in refrigeration service work. He joined the Pembroke Rescue Squad May 6, 1976. He is also a member of the Committee for screening new members.

Larry W. Hunt is married to Stephanie Locklear. They have one child. Larry is employed by Dupont of Fayetteville as a plastic operator. Larry joined the squad March 24, 1980.

Dook Locklear is married to Jolly Locklear. They have one child. Dook is employed by the Town of Pembroke. Dook joined the Pembroke Rescue Squad on January 15, 1976.

### A SUMMARY OF ELECTION RETURNS

#### REAGAN SWEEPS THE STATE AND NATION

In a mighty show of force, Ronald Reagan swept North Carolina and the nation in balloting Tuesday. Reagan garnered 469 electoral votes to Jimmy Carter's 49 with two states with a total of 20 electoral votes undecided at press time.

Ronald Reagan, the Republican nominee, took North Carolina's 13 electoral votes by winning the popularity vote count. Reagan out polled Jimmy Carter, the incumbent President, 906,610 to 867,529.

#### GOVERNOR HUNT WINS GOVERNOR'S RACE EASILY

Conversely, Governor Jim Hunt, the democratic incumbent, easily out polled his Republican challenger I. Beverly Lake, with more than 60 percent of the vote.

Robeson County stayed in the Democratic camp by voting for President Jimmy Carter and Senator Robert Morgan while they lost state and nation wide. Carter received 17,513 in Robeson County while Governor Jim Hunt garnered more than 75 percent of the vote in Robeson County.

#### EAST EDGES MORGAN IN SENATE RACE

For the first time in its history North Carolina will have two Republican senators with John East edging incumbent Robert Morgan statewide. East, at press time, had a slight margin over Morgan of 883,190 to 875,338.

East seemed to be helped by Ronald Reagan's strong showing in North Carolina.

#### CHARLIE ROSE RETURNS TO HOUSE EASILY

Charlie Rose, the young and popular congressman from the 7th

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#### PROSPECT LADY AUXILIARY SPONSOR DANCE

The Prospect Lady Auxiliary are having a Dance November 22nd at Prospect School. The Dance is to raise funds to fix toys and make things for Christmas to give to the poor.

#### INDIAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Federal program coordinators, Indian educators and parents will gather at the Ramada Inn in Greensboro Nov. 5-7 for an Indian Education Conference, sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Noah Woods, a member of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education, will address the opening session Wednesday evening.

Workshops Thursday and Friday morning will include such topics as Title IV rules and regulations, federal programs, an up-date on Indian test scores, the role of the Indian Parent Committee and local education unit, self image development techniques, support services for the Indian student, and how to cope with stress.

Keynote speaker at the Thursday evening banquet will be Purnell Swett, superintendent of Robeson County Schools, who will emphasize the influence of the group on the self-image of Indian children.

The conference will convene before noon on Friday. The closing session will hear Nancy Morgan Sampson, assistant professor of education at Fayetteville State University.

#### RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT

Purnell Swett, who is superintendent of the Robeson County Schools, has received a Presidential appointment, for a three-year term, to the National Council on Adult Education. This announcement was made October 30, 1980 by Senator Robert Morgan.

#### 225 PARENTS ATTEND P.T.A. OPEN HOUSE

Southside-Ashpole School had some 225 parents to attend their P.T.A. Open House, Tuesday, October 21, 1980. The parents were entertained briefly by the kindergarten and seventh grade students. The staff members were introduced by the principal, Mrs. Mable Revels.

After the drawing of a \$15 Gift Certificate, won by Mrs. James Hunt, the principal invited the parents to visit the classrooms. The parents visited the classrooms to view the work of their children.

The two classes with the most parents will enjoy an ice-cream party. The lucky winners were Mrs. Twitty's fourth grade and Mrs. Lewis' seventh grade.

Mrs. Revels would like to thank all the parents for attending Southside-Ashpole's first P.T.A. Open House.

Thank you very much for your support.

#### OXENDINE SCHOOL TO HOLD PLATE SALE

Oxendine School will hold its annual fall fund raising plate sale on Friday, November 14, 1980 from the hours of 12:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Barbecue and chicken plates will be sold at \$2.50 per plate. The proceeds will be used to purchase additional equipment and instructional materials. The public is cordially invited to attend.

#### KEEN AGERS TO HOST PLATE SALE

The Keen Agers of Prospect United Methodist Church are having a plate sale November 13, 1980 from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the church. Barbecue, chicken and chicken and pastry will be on sale, as well as crafts.

#### ALCOHOLISM IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

A special 9-week seminar is now in progress at the Robeson County Mental Health Center, Lumberton. The seminar, entitled Alcoholism is a Family Affair is being presented to the public free of charge as a service of the A.R.C. Family Group of the Robeson County Mental Health Center. The seminar will include some of the latest films and videotapes available in the field of alcohol education and treatment. Lecture presentations are being mixed with panel discussions, and opportunities for audience participation is also provided.

The Alcohol Recovery Center's Family Group was organized in August of 1979. Family Group meets each week on Tuesday night at 8 and is open to anyone with an interest in alcohol and drug dependency and the recovery process.

If you are interested in further information about the seminar or any of the other services provided by Alcohol Treatment Services, call 738-1431 and ask to speak with an alcohol counselor.

#### ROBESON COUNTY BASKETBALL MEETINGS

Fairmont Men's Basketball Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 1980 at 7:00 p.m. at Fairmont Middle School in the Agricultural Building.

Rowland Men's Basketball Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10, 1980 at the Rowland Southside School at 7:00 p.m.

Oak Ridge Men's Basketball Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 1980 at Oak Ridge Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

For further information, contact Rudy Paul at Robeson County Recreation Department at 738-9061 or 738-9595.

### LUMBEEES NOW IN NCAI

The Lumbee Tribe was admitted to membership in the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) at their national meeting in Spokane, Washington last week. They are now one of the largest members of that organization.

This is a significant event for Lumbees in that they are now admitted to one of the foremost national Indian organizations. It is an important step for pan-Indian relations that the Lumbees are accepted as one of the largest, oldest Indian groups in the country.

Attending the meeting in Spokane to advocate for the Lumbees were Julian T. Pierce, Executive Director of Lumbee River Legal Services, S. Dexter Brooks, private attorney and counsel for Robeson County Board of Education, and Rod Locklear of L.R.E.D.A. Mr. Pierce reports that he and Mr. Brooks were prepared to argue the legal status and history of the Lumbee tribe but were application for admission and were opposed from the NCAI membership committee. The committee's concerns only asked questions pertaining to factual issues, which had already been spoken to.

### WEST END RESIDENTS SPEAK OUT SHARPLY AGAINST ANNEXATION

Pembroke-Every speaker spoke out forcefully against the town's proposed annexation of their area.

The occasion was the public hearing concerning the proposed annexation of some 69 acres of the West End adjoining Pembroke.

Mike Avery, Pembroke's town planner, gave a report noting that the town would gain some \$20,000 of anticipated revenues annually if the area were annexed.

At Monday night's hearing the property owners in the West End area were not laudatory in their comments concerning Pembroke.

Said Mrs. Mary Bell, "I am as close to Pembroke as I want to be." She noted, "Pembroke does not have the best of reputations...and I tell people now...I just live near Pembroke...that's good enough for me."

Rev. Dawley Maynor addressed the overflow crowd in Pembroke's small town hall. "How many of you do not want to be annexed?" It seemed like everyone in the audience stood up.

Mr. Ancil Sanderson asked point blank, "How is it going to effect my

taxes?" Later, he added, "i don't want your help; if you want money we'll take up a collection...I'll look after my own property..."

Mr. Marshall Locklear, a retired school teacher, said, "Do you have any idea how many people in the west end are on fixed income?"

Michael Sanderson, another resident, said, "I resent the fact that you want to annex me for financial reasons...if you hadn't built these low rent houses you wouldn't be in the situation you are in..."

Herry Smith said, "We hear a deal has been made...someone is trying to infringe on my civil rights..."

Mayor Pete Jacobs noted, "The law says you must receive services within 12- 15 months after annexation" in response to a questioner.

He also said that the town would have a report ready by November 15th and promised "no action will be taken before December 1."

An observer noted, in response to the overwhelming sentiment against annexation, "It is not unreasonable... afterall, would you vote willingly for extra taxes?"