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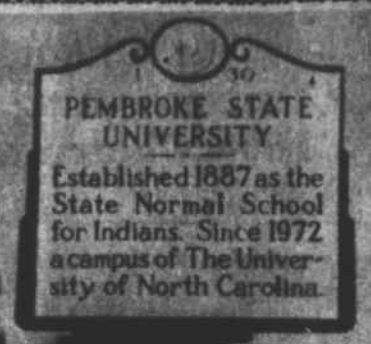
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## BILL BREWINGTON CHANGES HIS MIND....

Action Taken by LREMC Board Undone on 7-5 Vote

by Bruce Barton  
RED SPRINGS--Paraphrasing the popular song, "Oh what a difference a (week) makes..." The board of directors of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation met Tuesday afternoon in regular session and undone their action of the previous week when they demanded the resignation of Derl Hinson, the general manager, and abrogated his contract "on or before December 31, 1982."

This time Bill Brewington, assistant principal at Pembroke Senior High School, and up for election at the October Annual Meeting, made another motion that wiped out his previous one. At Tuesday's meeting, Brewington made a motion in executive session to simply terminate Hinson's present contract by December 31. No mention was made of asking for Hinson's resignation. Presumably Hinson can now convene the board (probably before the annual meet-

ing) and negotiate another contract with the board. The board votes in secret in executive session and did not divulge how each member voted but probably the vote was a unanimous one.

### A BOARD DIVIDED...

The board of directors seems to have been split asunder, most times on a 7-5 vote on issues of importance. There seems to be one faction on the board that follows the lead of Derl Hinson, the general manager; and another that forms around Rev. Elias Rogers, formerly the president of the board, and the man who successfully sued the electric cooperative a few years ago for discriminating against him. Rogers won the suit (actually a settlement) that opened the board of directors up to minorities, doing away with questionable proxies and manipulation by political forces in the region. The board is now composed of 10 Indians, 1 Black and 1 White. But the board seems hopelessly split, in spite of the "minority" majority.

Bill Brewington surprisingly, at a special called meeting on August 16, made a motion to not only terminate Hinson's present contract but also asked for his resignation "on or before December 31." That seemingly was the first time, as far as a substantive issue is concerned, that the 7-5 split had been breached. Brewington, most times, in the past, had aligned himself with the 7 members that carry the day on most votes.

But, as noted, he reversed himself at Tuesday's meeting, seeming to succumb to pressure from political points in the county and region partial to Hinson.

### BOARD CONVENES IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON SAME SPLIT VOTE

But before the board could go into

executive session at Tuesday's meeting there was a fight to uphold the previous motion. Rev. Elias Rogers, the catalyst for the motion to ask for Hinson's resignation, objected to taking further action on Hinson's contract. "We've already gone into this and, as far as I am concerned, it's settled." Alton Dudley, the only Black on the board, concurred. "I am of the same opinion as I was at the last meeting..."

Cynthia Currin, the cooperative's attorney, advised the board to go into executive session. She said, "I strongly advise that we go into executive session." But she was resisted. Those who voted to ask for Hinson's resignation at the previous meeting (except for Brewington) held that the previous motion was binding and legally done. They saw no reason to go into executive session to discuss something that, as far as they were concerned, was already settled.

But the board put it to a vote, on a motion by Davis Parker, the only White on the board. And here is how they voted. Voting for Davis Parker's motion were Bill Brewington, John Paul Jones, James H. Hammonds, Bradford Oxendine, and Marciea Lowery. The president of the board, J.W. Hunt, did not vote but had indicated at the previous meeting that he was not in favor of the action taken.

Voting against Parker's motion were Rev. Elias Rogers, Alton Dudley, Gus Bullard, Timothy Strickland and Harold Dean Brewer. The motion carried. The irony is that the previous motion would have probably stood if Brewington had not changed his vote, even though he was the one who made the motion at the previous meeting. A majority (6 votes) would have been necessary to go into executive session.

## FREDA'S KWIK STOP Grand Opening August 27th



Freda's Kwik Stop on Union Chapel Road in Pembroke will have their Grand Opening on Friday August 27. This event will feature a drawing in the morning with the Grand Prize of a Black and white TV. Music at 2 p.m. will be provided by Clyde Jones and the Country Steelers. Free Coke and Pepsi will be available during the day with other featured specials. Come on out and wish Freda well.

## SATURDAY ON THE QUAD!!

World Class Jumper at PSU



Pembroke State University will host an all day TV picnic and auction on Saturday, August 28, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on the campus quadrangle. Merchandise and goods donated by area merchants will be auctioned by Danny DeVane, democratic candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives. Proceeds will go to the public television matching funds requirements. There will be country and western and bluegrass music performed throughout the day. A special attraction will be Bill Jordan and his Grass Strings from Fayetteville, a top flight bluegrass band. George Lowery and his fiddle will perform, and Dr. Shelby Stephenson,

associate professor at PSU, will make Hank Williams come alive.

Jackie Jacobs, Promotion and Resource Director of the television project, will be the Mistress of Ceremonies. Other entertainers will include Lori Ann Locklear, Ronnie Stansel, Miss Lumbee Rhonda Flanagan, Brenda Hunt Williams, Layton Chavis, Little Miss Lumbee Aimey Dunn and Little Miss North Carolina Amy Chestnut.

Bargain hunters and music lovers can't afford to miss SATURDAY ON THE QUAD. As Bruce Barton says, "I love my country, and I love my country's music, bluegrass."

## Another public hearing to consider Zoning Ordinances

First on the agenda of the Monday night Special Public Hearing meeting of the Town of Pembroke Council was the request of Mr. Charles Maynor to change a zoning ordinance to accommodate the newly re-constructed building on the east side of Pembroke on Highway 711. The matter had come before the planning board for re-view according to Mr. Clint Thomas, and was unanimously recommended by that body to approve the change. There was a question of the proposed change, the wording of a conditional use or permitted use of the area in question so Mayor Jacobs recommended another public hearing be set up to review both meanings of the phrases. That meeting being in conjunction with the regular Sept. meeting of the Town Council on Monday Sept. 7 at 7 p.m.

Other matters considered by the board were the improvement of the service in the cablevision provided by Jones Intercable; the recommendation of Chief Vernon Oxendine to replace the recently retired Wade Hunt from the recreation department; and the approval of the other members of the department for the next 3 year term. Motion was moved to approve these actions, seconded and carried.

An ordinance change to allow 10 days Public Notice of a zoning change instead of 15 days was moved on and carried.

An addition to the agenda, the agreement between the Town of Pembroke and the Robeson Board of Education was discussed and the board

approved of the changes and accepted the agreement.

The budget revisions of the CD proposal were accepted and the board adjourned shortly after 8 p.m.

By Connie Gleave

## 'The Ten Virgins' Appearing at Lumberton Sr. High

"The Ten Virgins," a drama based on Matthew's Gospel will be presented Saturday, August 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lumberton High School Auditorium. There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be received. It is being dramatized by the Saddletree Church of God Youth, where Rev. Millard Maynard is pastor. The drama is written and directed by Sister Loraine Scott. It is being sponsored by a youth group from out of Lumberton who call themselves "Youth Out To Change Our World." Everyone is welcome from all churches and races. This is a non-profit organization.



Shown left to right are the cast members of "The Ten Virgins." They are Ruth Jacobs, Grace McGirt, Jacqueline Emanuel, Patsy Spaulding, Linda Locklear, Ruth Ann, Billy E. Locklear, Deven Hunt, Kay Graham, Debbie Spaulding, Helen Chavis, Debra Hunt, Kenny

Locklear and Loraine Scott. The singers and musicians are Robert E. Carter, Jr., Debra White Spaulding, Peter Brooks, Debra Chavis, Bruce David Carter, Eric Chavis, Judy Jacobs, Debra Graham and the Saddletree Youth Choir singers.



PEMBROKE-Matt McManus, former member of the Golden Knights Army parachute demonstration team, will parachute into the Pembroke State University quad-rangle Saturday at 2 p.m. The jump will be part of the festivities planned for SATURDAY ON THE QUAD, a benefit auction to help raise money required to meet the Dept. of Commerce television grant for PSU. McManus, who was a member of the Golden Knights for over four years, is held numerous world records in accuracy

and formation. He was a member of the 1978 Golden Knight team which won a national championship and the world championship after competition in Reims France.

A senior at PSU, Matt is an English Literature major who hails from Dallas, Tx. He will be using a square style parachute on Saturday, and the jump will be number 2,911.

Max Gargew, of Flight Unlimited, Inc. will be donating the use of his airplane for the jump.