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DERL HINSON OUT AS GENERAL MANAGER AT LUMBER RIVER EMC

Board also hires Local Law Firm

Red Springs-The Board of Directors of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation met Monday afternoon and, without notice and undue fanfare, voted "that the services of general manager Derl J. Hinson be hereby terminated effective January 1, 1983."

The decision over Hinson's employment followed the board's action at an August meeting when Hinson's contract was not renewed and allowed to run until December 31 only. Previously Hinson served on a contract that automatically renewed itself every two years if the board did not take action to the contrary by August 31 of the renewable year.

The discontended board members, at that time reportedly, were upset that they had never seen a copy of the contract proper and had previously approved it in principal by agreeing to a memorandum of agreement that placed it into effect, according to sources familiar with Hinson's employment status.

The board of directors have, over the last year or two, been split between two poles of influence, one centering around Hinson and another around Rev. Elias Rogers, newly named as president of the board after J.W. Hunt, another board member, had replaced him the previous year as president.

Newly named board members Lacy

Cummings and Ronald Hammonds voted with the majority to terminate Hinson's services. Reportedly, voting with them were Rogers, Gus Bullard, Timothy Strickland, Alton Dudley and Harold Dean Brewer.

Official votes could not be confirmed as we went to press because most of the participants were in Greensboro for a statewide meeting of electric co-operative officials, and could not be contacted for confirmation.

But, according to information gathered by this reporter, J.W. Hunt, Bradford Oxendine, Bill Brewington and Davis K. Parker did not agree to ask for Hinson's walking papers. Another director, Marcia Lowery, was not present for the meeting as she is hospitalized for some minor physical problems.

Hinson had been general manager since 1974 of the 20,000 member cooperative.

The LREMC Board also voted to terminate the services of Crisp, Davis, Schwentker and Page, a Raleigh based law firm which has provided legal counsel to the cooperative for many years. They voted to retain the firm of Locklear, Brooks and Jacobs in Pembroke and utilize the services of the former firm to serve on an as-called or as-needed basis.

White House

Fires Council Members

by Dr. Dean Chavers

Washington, DC-Amid charges that it made a blatant attempt to remove opposition to the transfer of Indian education from the Department of Education to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Reagan administration has fired all 14 members of the advisory council to the program.

The members of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE), who are appointed by the President, were informed this week that their membership was terminated.

NACIE is the advisory council to the Indian Education Act, which was authorized by Congress in 1972. The program makes grants to school districts, tribes and other organizations, and provides fellowships to Indians in certain fields of study.

The letters to the NACIE members were dated November 2, but two of the former members said they received them a week later.

John Rouillard, former first vice president of NACIE, said the sudden move by the White House is an insult both to Indian people and the legislative system. Total replacement of all members, he said, is a violation of the protocols established over the years.

He is concerned, he said, about the gap in continuity such a total replacement creates.

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Maynor Retains Housing

Post by 1 Vote

Lumberton-The Robeson County Board of Commissioners met for over an hour Monday night in executive session to discuss the dismissal of Glen Maynor as Robeson County Housing Authority director before voting to retain him by a single vote.

Maynor has been at odds with several board members, most notably outgoing commissioner Herman Dial who cast one of the three votes for his dismissal. Commissioners H.T. Taylor and Bill Herndon voted for the dismissal while Commissioners Sammy Cox, Chairman Carl Britt, Jack Morgan and J.W. Hunt voted against.

Commissioners went into closed session on Dial's recommendation to discuss a letter from a federal official that alleged the county was in violation of federal regulations since a commissioner's wife worked in the housing authority.

While the name was never mentioned in the letter, members indicated privately that the reference was to Morgan's wife. Morgan said the entire housing authority controversy was a political matter.

Wyvis Oxendine defeated Dial in the primary election this summer and Maynor, a member of the Lumberton City Council, reportedly supported Oxendine.

With the executive session complete and the regular meeting back in progress, Taylor made a motion to eliminate a recently created accounting position in the housing authority. Maynor, who made the appointment this week, said federal Housing and Urban Development officials had directed the creation of the position. The motion passed with Hunt voting against the measure.

In the vote to keep Maynor as director, at least two commissioners said they voted for dismissal because pending requests had not been honored.

Herndon and Taylor said that in addition to the newly created accounting position, Maynor had not completed an audit that was requested nearly three months ago.

In other business, members authorized contracts for the county's water project. With the project in its final phases, the board awarded the firm of Koonce, Noble and Associates the engineering services for \$265,000.

AUDIO VIDEO GAME DEMEANING TO AMERICAN INDIANS

Indian tribes, bands and organizations across the Nation have been alerted to the manufacturing of a new adult video game which exploits the American Indian woman and are being encouraged to protest the marketing of "Custer's Revenge" by American Multiple-Industries of Northridge, California and distribution by Mahoney Wasserman and Associates.

"Custer's Revenge" is a video game which depicts the raping of an Indian woman by a Caucasian man thereby modeling violence and defaming American Indian women by rewarding such action through a game.

Telegrams and resolutions are being sent from across the country in protest of such blatant and disgraceful attack on the dignity and integrity of American Indian people. In addition to resolutions by tribal and other Indian organizations, national women's organizations are joining in the efforts to protest the marketing and distribution of "Custer's Revenge."

Interested support groups are encouraged to write letters of protest to American Multiple Industries, Northridge, California or Mahoney Wasserman and Associates, 110 East 59th Street, New York, New York.

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

GUEST SPEAKER

The Rev. Donald Bullard will be the guest speaker at Burnt Swamp Church on Sunday, November 21, 1982 at 7:00 p.m.

FARM-CITY WEEK ACTIVITIES INCLUDE RADIO PROGRAMS

Farm-City Week will be observed in Robeson County during the week of Thanksgiving. This event, conducted each year by the Agricultural Extension Service, the Kiwanis, and the Rural Development Panel, is an effort to help the farm people and city people better appreciate and understand each other.

The theme for this year's activities is Farm and City-Working Together-You Can't Have One Without the Other. In order to better present this theme to the public, radio stations, WTSB in Lumberton and WFMO in Fairmont will be conducting live panel discussions featuring local farmers and business leaders. This program will present the views of these panel members of the importance and interaction of both agriculture and industry in the local, national, and international economy. In addition, the listening audience will be allowed to direct questions to this panel by phone.

This program will be presented on WTSB in Lumberton on Monday November 22, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. On WFMO in Fairmont the program will be presented on Monday and Tuesday, November 22 and 23, from 11:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

For further information concerning Farm-City Week activities, call the Robeson County Extension Service at 738-8111.

GREGORY G. CIPOLLA ELECTED TO COUNCIL

Mr. Gregory G. Cipolla has won a seat on the Council as a Democrat in Gibbstown, N.J. He is also the president of the Democratic Club.

Mr. Cipolla is the husband of Helen Lowry Cipolla, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Deese Lowry and Mr. Nash Lowry. Mrs. Cipolla is also the grand-daughter of Mrs. Aggie Deese and the late Hezzie Deese of Pembroke, N.C.

LIVERMORE LIBRARY TO HOST PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The Mary Livermore Library will host a photographic exhibition entitled "Unity and Diversity in the Arab World," sponsored by the League of Arab States, Nov. 14-20. The forty color photographs will be displayed in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center at PSU.

The exhibit is the work of Mokless Al-Hariri, a Syrian photographer, writer, architect, and city planner, who, since 1973, has lived in Washington, D.C., where he is president of the Georgetown Design Group. Prior to coming to Washington, DC in 1973, he lived in Paris, France for over ten years. He received his Ph.D in Architecture and Planning from the Ecole des Beaux-Arts and studied Political Science at the Institute d'Etudes Politiques in Paris.

The show originally opened at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington in 1978, and has since been shown extensively throughout the United States. Excelling in portraiture, Al-Hariri has graphically captured traditional and contemporary life in the Arab world.

SAME TIME NEXT YEAR TO BE PRESENTED

Robeson Little Theatre will present the comedy "Same Time Next Year" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18-20 in the Carolina Theatre in downtown Lumberton. All performances begin at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2 for students.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR PLANNED

Pleasant Grove United Methodist Women's Club will hold a Christmas Bazaar on November 20, 1982 at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church beginning at 9 a.m. There will be crafts, gifts, baked goods, etc. on sale.

The church is located about two miles off Highway 74 in the Hope Well Community, one mile east of Hope Well Church.

LUMBERTON CHAMBER SPONSORS WORKSHOP

The Lumberton Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a workshop on "News Releases and Public Service Announcements-How to Get Them In the News" on Tuesday, November 23, 1982, at 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Bill Sapp Recreation Center.

The purpose is to acquaint Robeson County clubs, organizations, schools businesses and industry on the proper manner in which to get media coverage of an event or a news release/public service announcement in the news.

On many occasions a club or organization has wanted to get a particular item in the newspaper, or on the radio or T.V. but just did not know the proper procedure, or if the information did not get in the right hands, it was not used. This will be the opportunity to learn about all of the ins and outs of getting information across to the public.

Greg Barnes of T.V. 6 will be the keynote speaker. Then each person will have an opportunity to visit personally with a representative from every radio, T.V. and newspaper that covers Robeson County.

This is an essential workshop for any organization that communicates with the general public. PLAN TO ATTEND AND BECOME BETTER INFORMED, call the Chamber at 739-4750.

JOHN R. BLOCK TO SPEAK AT TOBACCO GROWERS MEETING

U.S. Agriculture Secretary John R. Block will be the keynote speaker for the annual meeting of Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina, Inc., at the Kerr Scott Pavilion, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, on Friday, Nov. 19.

Block is expected to discuss tobacco matters as well as the outlook for U.S. agriculture in the 1980's, said T.C. Blalock, executive vice president of the association.

U.S. Sen. Jesse A. Helms, R-NC, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, will introduce Block. Presiding will be William V. Griffin of Pollocksville, the association's first vice president.

CUB SCOUT PACK TO ORGANIZE AT OXENDINE

Oxendine Elementary School has begun a Cub Scout Pack under the leadership of Cubmaster Jimmy F. Locklear, Webelos Leader James Williams, Den Leaders Annia Locklear and Sylvia Williams and assistant Den Leaders Susan Chavis and Donna F. Bryant.

Pack 411 has seventeen boys enrolled and others are invited to join. If anyone needs additional information, please call Principal C.A. Maynor at 843-4243 or come to a Thursday night meeting at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the School Gymnasium.

GOSPEL SINGING PLANNED

There will be a gospel singing at Deep Branch School on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. sponsored by the Pembroke Church of God. Proceeds from the singing will go to Rev. and Mrs. Jack Hunt. Special singers will be Calvary Gospel Singers, the Apostolic Singers of Fayetteville, Sister Judy Jacobs and the Young People, Bro. Felix Deal and Family and Bro. Lacy Freeman and others.

There will also be a chicken and barbecue plate sale and a rummage sale at the Pembroke Church of God on Saturday, Nov. 27. The proceeds will go to the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Hunt.

Deep Branch Plate Sale

The Deep Branch PTA is sponsoring a plate sale on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chicken and turkey plates will be for \$3.00 and beef plates for \$2.00. Proceeds will go to Deep Branch for support.

Eastern Indians gather for Conference on Survival Strategies

by Bruce Barton

Arlington, Virginia-Indians representing most of the Eastern American Indian tribes and communities up and down the eastern seaboard gathered in Arlington, Virginia to discuss survival strategies for the 80's November 11-13.

The convocation was convened by the newly formed United Indians of America and the Indian Information Project.

Coordinator was Helen Maynor Scheirbeck and a host of friends and volunteers.

As Ms. Scheirbeck noted in an advance letter to participants, "Eastern American Indians are caught up in a web of circumstances that have the potential to choke off all federal resources to which Eastern Indian people are entitled."

A major point of concern at the convocation was President Reagan's policy statement which is scheduled for release shortly. According to informed sources Reagan's Indian policy statement will say nothing about Eastern Indians, state-recognized, rural or urban Indian tribes and groups and organizations. The conference dealt primarily with ways to counteract President Reagan's seeming disregard of Eastern Indians' vested rights.

Another matter of concern is S. 1088, a bill to add public service employees for "federally recognized" Indians to the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) which passed the U.S. Senate during its final days in October. Eastern Indians and the Indian Information Project, had been assured that the bill would not be pushed for passage during that Congress. Yet, despite the assurance of the contrary, the bill passed on the last day of the legislative session and was referred to the appropriate committee in the House of Representatives.

According to reliable sources, and Ron Andrade, the executive director of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), confirmed it during an impromptu appearance at the conference, NCAI is lobbying for passage of the bill.

The consensus of the convocation seems to be that Eastern Indians ought to fight the bill before it begins its route through the house of representatives. As the matter now stands, it is in the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

The Indian Education Act program also came under scrutiny during the conference. The IEA program seems to be in trouble. Reagan has indicated that he will send down federal monies through block grants set aside for Indians to "federally recognized" tribes only. It was noted by participants that Reagan's act would be illegal and contrary to the act's provision to provide services to all Indians, whether they be designated federally or non-federally recognized.

And the question of federal and state recognition continues to be matters of grave concern to Eastern Indians. Work shops and discussions on this matter and others continued throughout the length of the conference.

A number of local people attended the conference including delegations from Lumbee Regional Development Association (LEDA), the Pembroke Community Workshop and others.

EDITION'S NOTE: We will have pictures and more reports on this important conference next week.

VETERANS DAY



Pembroke was one of many towns in the region who participated in Veterans Day activities November 11, 1982.

Here are scenes from the parade held last Thursday to honor our Veterans.