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LREMC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS NEW ELECTION

After a lengthy public hearing, the Elections and Credentials Committee of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation voted to set aside the October 6 election and recommended a new election be held. The hearing was held to determine if any improprieties occurred in the October 6 election. A protest had been filed by Rev. Elias Rogers who alleged vote-buying and other acts of improper conduct.

The Committee was handed affidavits by Rogers' attorney, Barry Nakell of Chapel Hill. The affidavits stated that the Co-op's president, Bishop Ward Clark, Jr. was offered money to members for their support of Conrad Oxendine who was opposing Elias Rogers. They further stated that Clark removed campaign material from the hands of members and intimidated members by paying them three dollar to vote against Rogers. Oxendine outpolled Rogers by 40 votes.

The allegations, affidavits and witnesses were directed at Clark. Although he was not up for re-election he seemingly had waged a campaign to

unseat Elias Rogers, who was the first Indian ever to serve on that board.

In response to questions from Nakell, Clark first stated that he didn't spend "not a dime." Later he admitted that he spent \$1400.00 to rent buses and pay drivers to get members to the polling site. He refuted the testimony of two witnesses who stated he offered "any amount you need" and "\$200.00" to work against Rogers. These two witnesses were not present when he refuted their statements. Clark, however, did not deny any statements made by the witnesses who remained until the end of the hearing.

Rogers will be re-seated until a new election is slated. Also unseated by this action was Herbert Clark who was elected at the October 6 meeting by acclamation. The present board composed of Ward Clark, Elias Rogers, Gus Bullard, Timothy Strickland, Lacy Cummings, Ronald Hammonds, Harold Dean Brewer, James Hardin, Alton Dudley and JW Hunt will decide when the new election will be held.

Countdown To 5,000 Subscribers Continues

Our countdown to 5,000 subscribers continues. For the record, when we started counting down at number 1, these were in addition to the subscribers that we already had. This week we heard from:

- 194. Lowry's Pharmacy, Pembroke
- 195. Green Manor Rest Home, Parkton
- 196. Betty Faye Brewington, MI
- 197. Dennis M. Clark, MD
- 198. Wade L. Lowry, TX
- 199. James Alton Barnes, PA
- 200. Hugh Locklear, MD
- 201. Mr. & Mrs. William Oxendine, Jr., TX
- 202. Elias Warriax, Pembroke
- 203. WJ "Bill" Myers, Cleveland, NC
- 204. John Robinson, Pembroke
- 205. Robeson Health Care Corp., Pembroke
- 206. Terrence Brayboy, SC
- 207. Galloway Hunt, Lumberton
- 208. James A. Hunt, Red Springs
- 209. Ardell Thompson
- 210. Vernon Hunt, NC
- 211. Paul Harris, NC
- 212. Kerry Canaday
- 213. Luce Press Clippings, KS
- 214. Locklear, Brooks, Jacobs & Sutton, Pembroke
- 215. Rayfield Locklear, Rowland
- 216. John C. Revels, MI
- 217. Robeson Technical College, Lumberton
- 218. Gerald D. Locklear, MI
- 219. N. h Lowry, NJ
- 220. M s Mae Walker, TN
- 221. Jc any Cummings, NC

- 222. Cecil Locklear, Pembroke
- 223. Deep Branch School, Lumberton
- 224. East Robeson School, Lumberton
- 225. Fairgrove School, Fairmont
- 226. Green Grove School, Fairmont
- 227. Littlefield High School, Lumberton
- 228. Long Branch School, Lumberton
- 229. Magnolia School, Lumberton
- 230. Oxendine School, Maxton
- 231. Parkton School, Parkton
- 232. Pembroke Elementary School, Pembroke
- 233. Pembroke Junior High School, Pembroke
- 234. Pembroke Middle School, Pembroke
- 235. Piney Grove School, Lumberton
- 236. Prospect School, Maxton
- 237. Rex-Rennert School, Shannan
- 238. Robeson County Career Center, Lumberton
- 239. Smiths/Allenton School, Lumberton
- 240. Southside/Ashpole School, Rowland
- 241. Union Chapel School, Pembroke
- 242. Union Elementary School, Rowland
- 243. West Robeson Senior High School, Pembroke
- 244. R.B. Dean School, Maxton
- 245. Proctorville School, Proctorville
- 246. Rowland Middle School, Rowland
- 247. Townsend Middle School, Maxton

Spotlight on Lowry's Country Store

Local Business Persons

By Barbara Brayboy-Locklear
Special To THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

The days of yesteryear are kept alive at Lowry's Country Store. Located in the Prospect Community, it's a watering hole for those who thirst from memories of how it used to be in rural Robeson County.

It's a tranquil scene inside the store where tin lard stands line the floor and garden tools stand in corners. Elastic suspenders hang from a rope above shelves filled with chewing tobacco. Ceiling nails hold scales which weigh meats, seeds and nails in the place built to serve neighbors who are mostly farmers.

Joann Locklear is full-time manager of the business her late father, Joe Lowry, built in 1974. Her mother, Priscilla Lowry owns the store and assists whenever she "feels good."

Operating the store comes easily for 31-year-old Locklear, who says, "I've always wanted to be my own boss since I worked with my daddy at the old Pates Store outside Pembroke. Since I was 14 years old, my daddy taught me everything about running a store," she adds.

Lowry is content to take a backseat as her daughter manages all operations of the business. "Jo talks a lot and meets people very well. She's never met a stranger," Lowry says.

During the winter months customers come in just to sit and talk. "It doesn't bother me when people come in just to sit, because I like to talk," Locklear laughs.

Lowry says she, too, enjoys the company and adds, "I can't get out and visit with my health like it is. If we didn't have this store, I wouldn't see many people." "We love people and like it when they come in and tell about life years ago," Locklear says.

A barn located near the store holds corn grown on the Lowry farm. A special scale is used in weighing 100 pound amounts sold to customers. The scale gets a real workout in the fall when pecans are gathered. "Local farmers raise pecans, and northern people buy 'em, so we offer our scales to help them out," says Lowry. There is no charge for scale usage.

Reading the four different scales used in the business comes without effort for the owner and manager. "There's a scale for garden seeds and a scale for meats. There's a scale for corn and one for nails," Locklear points out.

Special services are offered to customers. Some requests come for items not offered in stock. "A man came in the other day and wanted a wood heater. We don't sell them, but I ordered one for him," Locklear says. The customer was able to get the stove pipe needed for the heater from the country store.



Joann Locklear selects a wooden handle for a customer.

According to Locklear, seasons dictate what goods sell well. "Hog-killing time is coming up, so we have plenty of lard stands for that. Fall is here and we have wooden handles for regular axes and bush axes and leaf rakes for yards," she adds.

Spring season brings orders for garden seeds, vegetables and orchard sprays and hoes. The hog raiser isn't forgotten. There are feeds and "pig wormers" available.

"People like to come here because we have a little bit of everything for everybody," Locklear comments. A recent visitor came with a request for garment-mending. Sixty-two year-old Lowry placed herself at her late mother's old pedal machine and repaired the gentleman's suspenders. She quickly announces, "I don't do sewing for the public."

Lowry, a widow, joined a local "singles" club a while back. She says she's not looking for a mate and adds, "I just attend the meetings for company."

The mother/daughter team teaches a primary Sunday School class at their Prospect United Methodist church. "I devote my time to the church and this store," Locklear says. She says she has no children and has no problem with working 12 hours a day. "I have plenty of time and love for people, and I love it when they come by to visit. That way I get to talk," she says.

To locate Lowry's Country Store, travel approximately 6 miles west on Prospect-Wakulla Road. Turn left at Prospect School. Go past Prospect United Methodist Church. Take first paved road to left: the country store is last building on left side of road. Store hours are from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed on Sundays.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...

Galloway & Ronie Lee Hunt



Mr. and Mrs. Galloway Hunt are shown with their son, Galloway Hunt, Jr. at the recent gathering for their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

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"I take our running away to get married to be one of the happiest days of my life," Ronie Lee Hunt says while telling of the elopement plot carried out 50 years ago. "I packed me a few clothes in a paper bag, raised the window in a back bedroom, dropped the bag on the dirt outside," she recalls. She then adds, "I couldn't very well tell my mama I was going to get married, she'd snatch it from under my arm."

It was just a little while later on that September, 1937, night she was running through the rows of ribbon cane, that she heard, "Are you ready?" Peeking through the tall stalks was Galloway Hunt, the young man she had dated for five years. "Yes, I'm ready," the 19-year-old bride answered.

"We hit the ditch bank with that paper bag of clothes under his arm, crossed the ditch and ran to the car of a waiting friend."

Last Sunday that friend, Herbert Locklear, was among the 150 guests honoring the couple with a golden wedding anniversary dinner at Mt. Airy Baptist Church.

The Hunts have been farmers all their married life and continue to work the earth. This past season they tended 196 acres of tobacco, soybeans, corn and vegetables. "I've farmed all my life," says Mr. Hunt. He glances toward his silver-haired wife and adds, "We work side by side just like a team."

While his profession is enjoyable, it is not without its drawbacks. He says there are no fair prices given the farmer for his goods, and the farmer is "underdogged" all the time. "All farmers are getting a rotten deal. They're in the dirtiest thing there is from their feet to the top of their heads," he laments. He then slyly adds, "But they'll always live. You can kick 'em out of their houses and they'll still live."

Mr. Hunt who has never spent a day in the hospital as a patient attributes his good health to hard work and his wife's

good cooking. He says, "There's nothing I enjoy more than good food. She'd better not come to me with sandwiches. Give me any kind of vegetable. I eat 'em all."

She says she doesn't mind cooking three full-course meals a day. But says she prefers to be outdoors. "I don't mind keeping house, but don't put me there year round."

Much time is required in keeping the yards surrounding the Hunt residence located in the Raft Swamp Community. Flower beds and rows grace the home they've lived in for over 20 years. "I never get tired of fooling with flowers. Everywhere I ever stayed I wanted beautiful flowers," Mrs. Hunt comments. "I get tired mean when I have to get on a lawn mower and get around all that shrubbery and flowers," Mr. Hunt says. He says he usually hires someone else to do the chore.

"I don't want to slow down until I have to," says 69-year-old Mrs. Hunt. She adds, "I can't content myself if I know I have something to do and am not doing it." She says she watches little television, and whenever she does, she's crocheting afghans to give to relatives and friends.

Mr. Hunt, who never takes a vacation, goes to the beach occasionally just to get away from the "cussed telephone." "I go to relax. I use to love fishing until I got into big farming. Then I had to quit," he says. He says he sees fishing as a waste of time.

His wife thinks he works too hard and says, "I quit insisting that he stop, because I know it's no good. When he takes a notion to do something, there's no stopping him."

Mr. Hunt calls the months from Nov.-Jan. his "resting time," and adds, "I just hang around and cure and sell my sweet potatoes." He sells them from a storage barn behind his house.

Seventy-two year old Hunt says he does as much work as he did when he was 60 years old. "I can hustle for ten hours. Only after I make ten hours in the field and come inside, do I get tired."

He ashes his cigarette in an ashtray cradled in a laminated tobacco leaf and says, "I will not retire as long as I have good health. I love to work, and the way I figure, I'll last longer as long as I'm moving."

Then he softly adds, "I love to see God's good earth green."

West Robeson Parent-Teacher Conference Night

West Robeson Senior High School will have Parent-Teacher Conference Night on Monday, October 26, 1987 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All parents of West Robeson students are invited and encouraged to come visit the school and talk with teachers. Report Cards were issued on Monday, October 19, 1987.

The faculty and administration would like for this school year to be rewarding for each student. Working together, we can make this happen. It is most important that all parents meet and talk with their son/daughter's teachers. We need and appreciate your support.

REP. SIDNEY LOCKS TO SPEAK AT MEETING OCT. 29
Rev. Sidney Locks, member of the N.C. House of Representatives, will be the guest speaker at a special meeting of the Concerned Citizens for Better Government on Thursday, October 29. The meeting will be held at Fairgrove School in Fairmont, NC from 7:30-9:00 p.m. The theme for the meeting is *Remembering the Past and Voting for the Future*. The public is urged to attend this meeting.

FIRST BAPTIST CELEBRATES HOMECOMING OCT. 25
First Baptist Church of Pembroke will celebrate their homecoming Sunday, October 25, 1987. A special singing will be held at 2 p.m. that day. Area church choirs and groups are welcome to participate. The pastor, Rev. Charles P. Locklear, and the congregation invite the public to attend and celebrate with them.

FIRST BAPTIST TO HOLD REVIVAL OCT. 26-30
First Baptist Church of Pembroke, NC will be holding revival services October 26-30, 1987. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. with special music nightly. A nursery will be provided.

Guest speakers for this revival will be Rev. Bo Parris, pastor of Big Cove Baptist Church in Cherokee, NC, and the Choctaw Baptist pastor from Oklahoma. Rev. Parris also serves as moderator for the Cherokee Indian Baptist Association.

The public is welcomed and encouraged to come and share in this special week at First Baptist. The pastor is Rev. Charles P. Locklear.

LRDA COMMUNITY MEETING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 26
Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) will conduct a community meeting concerning the upcoming Indian Education Program Proposals to be submitted to the Office of Indian Education by November 16, 1987. The meeting will be held on Monday, October 26, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. at the LRDA Bookroom and Conference Center located on Third Street. The meeting is open to the public to gather input into the Title IV Part B and C grants to be submitted.

INDIAN MUSEUM OF THE CAROLINAS TO SHOW SPECIAL FILM OCTOBER 29
In honor of German Week at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, the Indian Museum will show the film, "Dreams Which Came True," about the life and work of Heinrich Schliemann. Those who enjoyed the PBS series, "The Search for Troy," will be interested in this account of the German archaeologist who found Troy. The film will be shown Thursday, Oct. 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. at the Indian Museum of the Carolinas, 607 Turnpike Road, Laurinburg, NC. For more information call (919)276-5880.

REP. HASTY APPOINTED TO PROPERTY TAX STUDY COMMITTEE
Raleigh--Representative John C. (Pete) Hasty of Robeson County has been appointed by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey to the newly-created Property Tax Study Committee. The 1987 General Assembly established the committee and instructed it to make a "detailed and comprehensive study of the efficiency and effectiveness of the property tax system in North Carolina." The group will "examine all classes of property comprising the tax base and all exemptions, exclusions and preferential classifications."
The committee is to file a written report by March 1, 1989. Hasty, a Maxton insurance man, is chairman of the House Corporations Committee. He represents Hoke and Robeson and part of Scotland County in the 16th House District.

REP. LOCKS APPOINTED TO COMMISSION
Raleigh--Representative Sidney Locks of Robeson County has been appointed by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey to the North Carolina Mental Health Study Commission.
The work of the commission, which has been in operation since 1973, was extended for another two years by the 1987 General Assembly. It will "examine the needs of North Carolina citizens suffering from severe and persistent mental illness and develop a comprehensive plan to provide care and respond to those needs."
Locks, a minister in Lumberton, represents the 16th House District made up of Hoke and Robeson counties and part of Scotland County. He is chairman of the House Appropriations Base Budget Committee on Human Resources.

SGH TO X-RAY HALLOWEEN TREATS
Children look forward to Halloween as a fun time. Southeastern General Hospital wants to help make sure it's a safe time, too.
On Halloween night, Saturday, October 31, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., SGH will x-ray Halloween treats to make sure they're free of foreign objects. There is no charge for this service and it will be available at the hospital's Diagnostic and Treatment Center.
"No foreign objects were found in the 125 treats examined last year," said Bruce Bergstresser, SGH radiology manager. "Still we feel that this is a worthwhile service that we can provide again for the safety of our children."
Free parking will be available in the parking deck for trick or treaters who should use the Floyd Avenue entrance to the hospital.

JACQUELINE CLARK NAMED COUNSELOR FOR PSU'S SPECIAL PROGRAMS OFFICE
Jacqueline Hunt Clark has been named a new counselor in Pembroke State University's Office of Special Programs, it has been announced by special programs director Tommy Sweett.
A native of Lumberton, she graduated from Lumberton Senior High School, earned her B.A. in sociology in '77 from Pembroke State University and received her M.Ed. last December from Campbell University.
Prior to joining PSU Mrs. Clark was a counselor for Lumberton High School from 1977-87.
She is a member of the N.C. Association of Counseling and Development (NCACD), the Coastal Plain Chapter of NCACD, the N.C. Council of the Educational Opportunity Association and Phi Delta Kappa.
Mrs. Clark, 31, is married to Dexter Clark, a teacher. They have two children: Jessica, 10, and Ryan, 8.



First Union recently concluded a 6 week fund raising event for "Strike at the Wind" when Kimberly Clark, Miss Lumbee 1987-88, drew the winning ticket on their raffle. Approximately \$300 was raised during this event which ended on Oct. 2 when Kimberly drew the lucky name of Dwayne Locklear from the Deep Branch area as winner of a framed print of Rhoda Strong. Show holding the print with Dwayne Locklear (left) is Nancy Blue from First Union who sold the most tickets for the fund raiser, and later handed the check to Mr. Julian Fierce for "Strike at the Wind."