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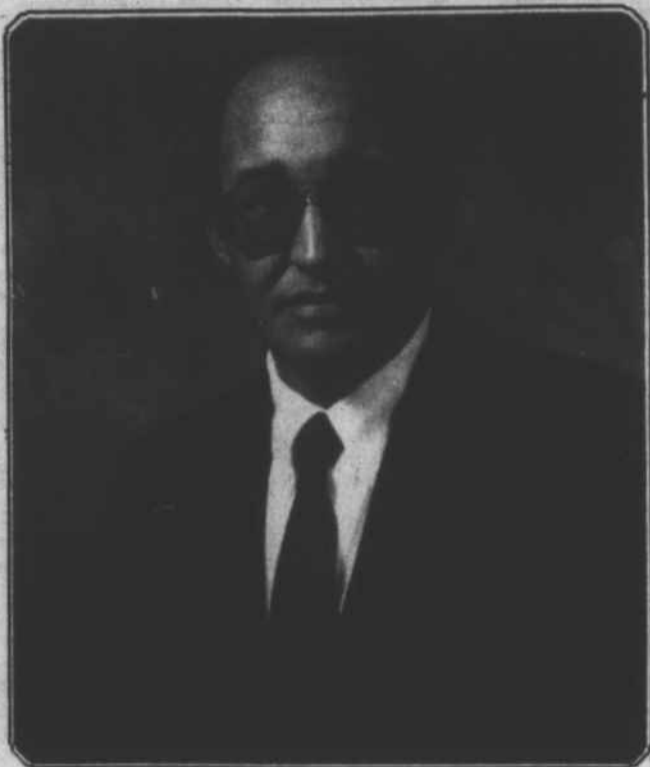
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James Hardin announces re-election bid to LREMC Board



utility users to donate up to \$1.00 per month, in addition to paying their bill, to a special energy assistance fund called "Help a Needy Friend" that is awarded by EMC to the needy in the winter or summer to help pay their electric bill.

CP&L has had a similar program for many years and only CP&L customers can get this help thru the Department of Social Services in Lumberton.

As federal budget cuts continue for energy assistance programs, Mr. Hardin believes that programs like "Help a Needy Friend" will be there to help meet some of the need. The need is larger than the fund at EMC as it is with the CP&L program at DSS, according to Hardin.

The Coop will face competitive challenges in the future and the current board's leadership is poisoning Lumbree River to face these challenges, Hardin believes.

However, Mr. Hardin feels the Coop can do more to help advance the educational, health and economic well being of the Coop service area. Partnerships must be formed with our school systems, industry leaders, and health care providers to help keep the needs to the poor in our services area before the state's leadership and the new Republican Congress, and to plan and implement local solutions to our problems, Mr. Hardin explains.

If re-elected Mr. Hardin said that he will continue to make decisions and vote for better service, efficiency and cost savings for the consumer. The Coop is a \$40,000,000 plus business per year. A board for a corporation this large that meets only one time per month must be well trained to make intelligent decisions within a few hours in a meeting.

"I will continue to go to each board meeting informed and prepared to debate and question all issues affecting the consumers. I will try to help raise the board's level of understanding of these issues where ever I can so that we as a board may approach these issues and problems with a sense of what is best for our customers, which is the Cooperative way," Hardin said.

"With this sense of concern, with God's help, our decisions will successfully lead Lumbree River Electric Cooperative into the 21st Century seeking to be more to its consumers than just a utility company," Hardin concluded.

The EMC election begins at 6:00 p.m., October 3rd at the PSU Performing Arts Center.

ships all energy consumers face today, particularly the elderly.

For the past 3 years Mr. Hardin said EMC customers have not had a utility rate increase.

If re-elected he will oppose any rate increase the next three years. He acknowledges that the EMC has an equity base of over 50%. With this strong financial position, due to solid board and management leadership in the past, the EMC is in a better position to face major financing losses that will begin coming to Coops nationwide in 1997 from the new Republican Congress.

If re-elected Hardin believes that he can help lead the board as he has in the past to become more than just a utility company. He is proud of his achievements that led the board to establish an Economic Development Committee and he was its first Chairman.

That Committee and board has established a broad range of incentives that have helped attract or expand industry and jobs to the EMC services area since it was established.

Numerous industries with heavy commercial electric use has located on EMC service territory. These "commercial loads" help the board hold down residential rates to family households.

Hardin's effort also helped lead the board to establish a computer billing option that allows individual

Debra Goins Huff seeks election to LREMC Board of Directors October 3



Ms. Debra Goins Huff, a teacher with the Public Schools of Robeson County, announces her candidacy for District 8 (Cumberland County) on the LREMC Board of Directors. The annual meeting will be held October 3, 1995 at the PSU Performing Arts Center and registration begins at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Huff is registered with the Lumbree Tribal Council Enrollment Office. Her children, Joshua and Amanda Huff, are registered on the Oneida tribal enrollment of Wisconsin. She is the granddaughter of

Mr. Champ Goins, one of the founders of the Cumberland County Association for Indian People, Fayetteville.

"Running for the LREMC Board was a major decision for me," said Ms. Huff. "But I believe consumers deserve a candidate who has the qualifications, experience and commitment to represent them fairly and equally."

Ms. Huff is very active in the United Methodist Church, where she serves as the Chairperson of the Administrative Board for Grace United Methodist Church, pastored by Dr. Sam Wynn.

She also serves on the board of the Native American International Caucus and is on the Executive Board for the Southeastern Regional Native American Caucus. For the past several years Ms. Huff has coordinated children programs for the Native American International Caucus which draws native American participation throughout the United States. In addition, she finds time to be a presenter for the United Methodist "Born Free Stay Free" drug prevention program, designed to prevent drug abuse among Native American youth in southeastern states. For her excellence in community services, Ms. Huff was awarded the honor of "Cub Master of the Year" for 1990-91 by the Kia Kima District of Fayetteville.

As a single parent, Ms. Huff is concerned about the high cost of energy. She works hard for her money, as do others, and feels that LREMC members are entitled to have their consumer money spent wisely. A community oriented person, Ms. Huff strongly believes that LREMC needs board members who are willing to invest their time in the community.

"It is easy to get distracted by the glamour of serving on secular national boards and committees," said Ms. Huff. "but my commitment will be to the co-op consumer at home who is struggling with high energy bills and other family needs."

Ms. Huff believes people deserve to have their concerns voiced. She asks co-op members on October 3 to elect her as their representative for District 8. She has the concerns of the consumer and the experience of serving on boards, to make her an effective LREMC board member.

(son of Mr. Harold B. Wynn), and special guest speaker Rev. Welton Lowery.

Mr. Wynn shared honorary letters to the class from President Bill Clinton, Governor James B. Hunt, and Congressman Charlie Rose, who was scheduled to attend, but was delayed. Entertainment was provided by Mr. Willie Lowery and yours truly, Mary Jones, with some special gospel tunes rendered by the lovely and talented Ms. Paula Wynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wynn.

Prizes were presented and Ms. Doris (Chavis) Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Chavis from Saddletree, received the prize for the longest distance traveled. Doris lives in Waukegan, IL (near Chicago). She was also the lucky winner of the special door prize. It seemed to be your lucky day Doris. It was good to see you again. I hope you had a good flight home to Illinois. I look forward to seeing you in October, when you are back in the Carolina's.

Ms. Annie Grace (Smith) Brewer, wife of Clayton Brewer from our area, won the prize for most grandchildren. A prize was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Revels, who were such kind and gracious host. Everything was lovely! As this gala event was nearing an end one of the class members, Ms. Doris (Revels) Fink, who flew in from her home in Bladenburg, Maryland, just for the evening, was overheard saying, "I will never miss another one if I can help it." All and all, this evening of reflection and reminiscing will be a moment to treasure until next time they meet.

Do not miss the Oxendine's Homecoming Singing at Shannon Assembly Church on Saturday, September 16, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. Featured groups will be Eric and Debbie Chavis, The Winstons, The Oxendines and special guest Mr. Michael Combs. Be there!

Just a reminder about the "Lumbree Warrior Campaign Fund Raiser and Kick Off Rally" which is coming up on Friday, September 22, 1995. This all day event begins around 11:00 a.m. and last throughout the day.

There will be lots of good family, food, fun, and fellowship. Also some good old gospel singing in the afternoon. This all will take place at the Riverside Independent Baptist Church located four miles west of I-95 on HWY 74, where Rev. Jerry McNeill is Pastor. For more information call (910) 739-0712 or (910) 521-9999.

Bethel Hill Baptist Church members went on a trip to Camp Dixie on Friday. While there they enjoyed camping, fishing, basketball, bon fires, and etc. Just some fun things for the old and the young alike. Great fun and fellowship. Mr. Jimmy Hammonds is very instrumental in getting this trip together.

Bethel Hill will also be holding a weekend revival on September 29-31, 1995. There will be a different speaker

each night, Rev. Glassie Locklear, Sr., Rev. Tony Hunt, and Rev. Jerry Grove.

You are all cordially invited to attend these services. Also Bible study is held every Wednesday night.

Special birthday congratulations go out to a very special little lady who has been a neighbor in Saddletree for many years before retiring to the Wesley Pines Retirement Center. Please join me in wishing "Mrs. Bertha Jones" a big Happy Birthday on her 97th special day. God bless you.

Also to Ms. Rose Chavis of Bethel Hill Church, congratulations to you on your birthday. Many happy returns on your special day.

Let's not forget two people who are very special to me and who are celebrating birthdays in September. To my brother, Mr. Huey Chavis, who has a birthday on the 17th and to my "other mother", Mrs. Eldon H. Jones, of Davenport, Iowa who will celebrate a birthday on September 21, 1995. I would like to say I love you both and you are special to me. I wish you many more healthy and Happy Birthdays!

Mr. Kenny Pickens of Lincoln Park, Michigan, son of Bob and Lib Pickens of Saddletree, will be another year older this month also. Mom and Dad send their love and a big Happy Birthday to you. Ken. Have many happy returns.

Hope you had a nice safe holiday weekend. Ms. Eve (Finley) Brown and Hubby Paul Brown, returned from their Ocean Isle Beach home on Monday with loads of nice fresh red-eyed spots and buckets of luscious meaty crabs. They called me to say, "Come and join us." Needless to say, she did not have to ask me twice.

Paul did the fish frying and was suppose to be assisted by brother-in-law, Freddie Bell, who turned out to be a bit of a hinderance. He dropped the fish in the "hot grease" before they had been battered! Freddie claimed the crabs had distracted his attention for a moment, but Eve's reply to that was, "Do not worry Freddie it is ok, but you eat what you cook." The meal was great. It was complete with cole slaw, potatoes, hush puppies, ice tea, and topped off with some scrumptious lemon pie.

Thanks Eve and Paul, you made my day! Eat your heart out "Lacy Bell" while you are out in Belleville, Illinois. I know you would love some good fresh spots, wouldn't you? Luv and miss you! Your family reunion is coming up soon, so do not forget it. Your family is hosting it this year.

That is about it for this week. The signals are fading out! But since so many people are celebrating birthdays, I would like to leave you with this thought for the week: Do not let numbers like 40, 50, 60, or 70 prevent you from making life and adventure. Just enjoy the power that maturity can bring!

Democratic Party Sponsors Rally/Fundraiser

The Robeson County Democratic Party will sponsor a rally/fundraiser on September 28, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. in the National Guard Armory. Tickets are on sale and will include the cost of the dinner.

Party members who desire to purchase or sell tickets may call (910) 422-3402 or 739-3039 for additional information.

Singing at Deep Branch

Special singing at Deep Branch Baptist Church on September 23, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. Hosted by Heavenly Host Groups include: Blood Bought, Herman Lowery and the Lowery Sisters, Eric and Debbie Chavis, Brother J.C. Hunt, and Sister Geraldyn Chavis. No charge, but a love offering will be taken. Call (910) 521-9548, 618-0550, or 739-9321 for more information.

Revival planned at St. Annah

September 10-15, 1995 St. Annah Freewill Baptist Church Sunday service starts at 6:00 p.m. Monday - Friday service starts at 7:30 p.m.

Speakers are: Gary Chavis and Donald Bullard

Pembroke Centennial Celebration To Hold Downtown Street Festival Sept. 23

The Town of Pembroke will hold a Downtown Street Festival on September 23, 1995 from 6:30 until 9 p.m. as part of its ongoing Centennial Celebration. The Festival will include entertainment, refreshments, and a fireworks display. The "Great DARE Band", sponsored by the Lumberton Police Department, is the featured entertainment.

The event will be held on Main Street in front of the Pembroke Courthouse. The fireworks display will begin at 9:15 p.m. The event will have many people are celebrating birthdays, ited arts and crafts and food vendors. The public is cordially invited to come out and enjoy the evening of festivities.

For additional information call Gregory Cummings at (910) 521-8602 or Harry Oxendine at (910) 521-9424.

Saddletree Smoke Signals

by A Mary Chavis Jones



Rev. and Mrs. Millard Maynard

A very special event took place at the Saddletree Church of God on Saturday the 26th of August, when a very beautiful and well deserved celebration was held to honor their pastor and wife on their Golden 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The Reverend Dr. and Mrs. Millard Maynard were united in marriage on August 25, 1945. As a result of this union four children and six grandchildren blessed and enhanced their lives. The Maynards have been at the Saddletree Church of God for fourteen years and are very dedicated and dearly loved and respected by the church, the community and the surrounding area.

Though many special moments were shared during this celebration, painting a definite and revered portrait of the honorees, we will leave those very special memories to them alone. We like to simply say "Congratulations" to a very gallant couple who with much wisdom, vision, and virtue, has been a blessing to many. May you continue to have many blissful years together and may you continue to be a blessing to others.

After the celebration, the Maynards left on a trip to Charleston, SC for some rest and relaxation. The trip was provided by the couples children.

The Magnolia High School Class of 1960 held their 35th Anniversary Class Reunion on Saturday, September 2, 1995 and what a time of reminiscing, reflecting, and renewing old friendships.

A very well organized event, with credit going to the planning committee, made up of Mr. Thomas Wynn, Ms. Ancie Dale (Sampson) McDowell, Ms. Shelby (Hunt) Barnett, and Mr. James Harris.

A very interesting evening indeed, as each class mate shared bits and pieces of their years past and present. Special speakers were class members - Mr. Vincent Revels (son of Mr. and Mrs. Hezzie Revels), Mr. Thomas Wynn