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Courthouse Remodelling Planned; Bonds For Job Sold In 1940

Drawings Not Yet Made; Architect Given Instructions

LUMBERTON—Meeting in special session the board of county commissioners Friday instructed architect C. W. Connelly of Charlotte to draw up tentative plans for remodeling the county courthouse and for building additions to the court house. This action is a resumption of plans which were interrupted by the shortage of materials and workmen during the war years. A \$100,000 bond issue was voted and sold in 1940 for remodeling the courthouse and the proceeds of that sale of bonds are still available for the purpose.

Tentative plans call for the expenditure of approximately \$150,000, the cost in excess of the bond issue being available for the purpose and coming in part from the sale of property at the county home.

Plans have not yet been drawn and a definite list of changes will depend on approval of the architect's plans and on the cost of the plans. The proposed remodeling of the courthouse will include major changes in the court room and in the offices of the Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds. The courtroom gallery will be converted to office and storage space and the space before the bar will be considerably decreased to provide more seating capacity on the main floor and a more efficient arrangement of the area around the bench.

The courtroom will be re-decorated as will nearly all of the interior of the building. The proposed plans call for the erection of the new buildings, one on the south and one on the north of the courthouse, their entrances to be west and to be located just east of the present north and south entrances. An attempt will be made to match the brick of the existing building and if that is not possible the new building will probably be painted a harmonizing color. The new structures will be connected to the existing building by an arcade; they will be heated individually by small oil furnaces.

The two new buildings are to house the offices of the Clerk and the Register of Deeds, both of whom are now terribly crowded for both work and storage space, and the present offices of these officers will be remodeled for other use. Definite plans for use of the additional space have not been formulated, but the Board of Education, to mention one part of the county government, has been inexorably crowded for many years.

Whether the exterior of the old building will get attention depends largely on the estimate of costs for the interior work. The clock house and dome need attention but may not get it at this time. The clock, while in good working order, was defaced years ago when the dials, which used to be glass and lighted from within were broken, one of them by gunshot.

The plans drawn in 1940 called for additions to the rear of the present building, rather than for separate buildings and for an almost complete remodeling of the interior from the side doors to the rear. At that time federal funds would have been used in part to defray expenses, but these funds are not now available and economies must be made in the original plan. The present plan will be much less expensive than the original.

Robeson County's courthouse was built in 1906. It was and still is a handsome structure, but more than forty years of use with out major repairs have damaged its interior to the point where both private citizens and higher court judges have pointed to the necessity for improvement. During the two score years since its erection the business of the county has increased enormously and cannot hope to operate efficiently without additional space.

Attending the meeting last Friday were representatives of the Robeson County Bar Association, L. R. Varner and J. Dickson McLean. The bar has a vital interest in the seat of government and its representatives acted in an advisory capacity. County Attorney Henry A. McKinnon was also present.

Guard To Camp Next Week

RED SPRINGS—Headquarters Battery of the 67th Antiaircraft Battalion will leave for Camp Stewart, Georgia next week. The advance detail will leave Wednesday, July 7th, and the remainder of the unit will leave from Fayetteville at 4:20 p. m. Saturday.

Library Of Founder Gives Books To PJC

MAXTON—A gift of books for the library of Presbyterian Junior College has been received from Mrs. Andrew J. Howell of Wilmington. The books were from the library of her late husband, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, one of the founders of the college.

160 Polio Cases Reported In NC Month Of June

The State Board of Health reported a months total of 160 polio cases for June and the UNC news bureau declares that there are more for this season of the year than during the 1944 epidemic.

Thirty counties reported one or more cases during the month with Burke and Guilford hardest hit. Burke had a June total of 31 and Guilford 29. The piedmont section in general fared much worse than any other section of the state, but neighboring Cumberland reported 13 cases last month. Robeson with two June cases, was more lightly hit than most.

Ten hospitals in the state have polio patients and many of these are reserving beds for new cases. James Walker Memorial hospital in Wilmington is the treatment center for this area. Its officials have announced that additional rooms have been reserved, staff additions have been made and other equipment installed to take care of a possible emergency. There are 10 patients now at the Wilmington institution according to a press release.

The polio units—that is, county chapters which have combined to contribute funds and equipment to hospitals taking polio victims, which have been built up through out the state since the 1944 epidemic—are now paying off. Philip S. Randolph, State Representative of the eastern area of the North Carolina chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, said.

Dr. Norton Takes NC Health Post

By William H. Richardson
RALEIGH—Dr. John William Roy Norton, native of Scotland county, equipped for the position by training and experience, and a distinguished member of the Army Medical Corps on General Patton's staff during World War II, was inaugurated State Health Officer, during colorful but simple ceremonies, held in the auditorium of the State Laboratory of Hygiene, today at 10 o'clock.

The ceremonies were presided over by Dr. George M. Cooper, in the capacity of Acting State Health Officer. The invocation was given by the Rev. Dr. Howard P. Powell, minister of the Edenton Street Methodist church of Raleigh, and the oath of office was administered by Chief Justice W. P. Stacy, of the N. C. Supreme Court. Dr. Norton was presented for inauguration by Dr. Hubert B. Haywood of Raleigh, representing the State Board of Health, which elected Dr. Norton at a called meeting, March 31, to succeed Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, whose resignation became effective at the close of yesterday, June 30.

Following his induction into office, Dr. Norton addressed the large gathering of Public Health workers, from Raleigh and all parts of the state, here for his induction.

Miss Boone Helps Rewrite Manual

RED SPRINGS—May S. Boone, president of the Red Springs unit of the NCEA was one of the 13 people called to Raleigh by the State association of the NCEA on Friday, June 25, to help rewrite the handbook to be used by the local presidents during the coming school year.

Miss Boone is also state chairman of the professional relations committee, which assists in formulating policies of professional standards, professional ethics, in-service training for teachers and professional libraries, and any other activity or agency that will promote teacher welfare in North Carolina. This committee is one of only six state committees in N.C.E.A.

D-Erwin Player Critically Hurt

DUNN—Burch, second baseman for the Dunn-Erwin Twins, was critically injured here Wednesday night by a pitched ball. Burch was second man at bat in the opening inning of a game delayed on account of rain.

Charlie Lynch, Lumberton Cubs pitcher, slipped on the wet ground as he pitched the first ball to Burch, the ball went very high. Lynch slipped again as he pitched the second ball, which struck Burch on the side of the head. He was immediately rushed to the hospital, and the game was called immediately thereafter by the umpires due to wet grounds.

Funeral Service For Wm. H. Pasmore, 82

FAIRMONT—Funeral services were held Sunday at 10:00 A. M. from the Stephens and Prevette Funeral Home for William Henry Pasmore, aged 82, who died Saturday morning at 8:30 at the home of his niece, Miss Virginia Floyd, after a very brief illness. Rev. Daniel Lane, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church, conducted the rites in Fairmont, after which the body was carried to Cary, where a short committal service was held at the family plot by Rev. Mr. Greene.

Mr. Pasmore was born in Apex on October 10, 1865, a son of the late W. H. and Mrs. Cassandra Wilson Pasmore. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Julia Pasmore of Davidson, and Mrs. A. B. Austin of Fairmont; two nieces, Miss Virginia Floyd of Fairmont, and Mrs. Ivan O. Harrah of Winston-Salem.

W. F. Britt Funeral Rites Held Tuesday

FAIRMONT—Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the chapel of Stephens and Prevette Funeral Home for Wake Forest Britt, aged 45, who died in Bakers Hospital Monday afternoon after apparently suffering a heart attack several hours earlier while driving a taxi.

Services were conducted by the Rev. C. P. Herring pastor of the First Baptist church of which Mr. Britt was a member. Interment was in the Fairmont cemetery.

Mr. Britt was the son of the late Isham Britt and Callie Nye Britt and is survived by his wife, Agnes Grun Britt; three brothers, Hoyt Britt of Fairmont, Route 3, Harvey Britt of Chabourn, and Cort Britt of Cerro Gordo; and one sister, Mrs. Fred Stephens of Cerro Gordo. The couple had no children.

Maxton Cleanup

MAXTON—An appeal has been made by Mayor C. M. Castevens to all persons who own vacant property within the city limits to have these pieces of land cleared of all weeds and refuse as soon as possible. This request is made on behalf of the public health as well as to aid in the beautification of the town.

It is believed that when these places are cleaned off that the number of breeding places for mosquitoes will be greatly decreased, thus lessening the possibilities of malarial infection.

American Legion Has Fish Fry

FAIRMONT—The George Galloway Post of the American Legion held its June meeting on the Woodman Hall Grounds last Friday evening at which time a fish fry was enjoyed by the goodly number of members and guests attending.

Legionnaires Maurice McRae, Furman Floyd, and A. D. Lewis were in charge of arrangements and Carson Bullock and Wilbur Jones assisted them in cooking the fish.

County Service Officer A. E. Watson of Rowland attended as a guest and made very appropriate remarks in connection with the work of the American Legion and the important part it has played and is playing in advancement of veteran's interests. He also advised of various features of his work with veterans and their problems in Robeson County.

Commander James H. McCollum presided and had charge of the meeting following the supper.

North Carolina's farms and industries use 100 million board feet more lumber than is produced in the State.

US 74 Change To By-Pass Pembroke; Will Eliminate Two River Bridges

July 5th Holiday

Most business houses throughout the county will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day which falls on Sunday, as will the county courthouse, the post offices, and the banks.

W. D. Reynolds, county manager, has announced that the regular meeting of the county commissioners will be held on Tuesday instead of Monday on account of the holiday.

Lumberton, Maxton, Ferrimont, Pembroke and Red Springs have definitely announced that their stores will be closed and it is expected that other towns will do the same.

The Lumberton Recorders Court will hear no cases on July 5. Solicitor Murchison Biggs announced today, and all cases scheduled for hearing on Monday will be heard on Tuesday, July 6th.

Ann Hale Brown Heads Honor Roll In Baby Contest

With Saturday ending the first period in the Popular Baby Contest and a decline in votes thereafter every contestant tossed all their accumulated votes into the ballot box and brought about a few changes in the Honor Roll standing.

Ann Hale Brown slipped into first place with Betty Jean McNeill showing up for second. Susan Singleton came up from fifth to third position. Then Ann Malloy, last week's headliner, went into fourth place closely following by Stephen C. Chason in fifth. James Malcolm Varnum stepped up one place to sixth while the rest of the field remained about as last week.

This switching around of the top six candidates just goes to show how closely they are bunched together and also indicates how just the matter of five or ten years of subscription can make a candidate step up three or four places on the honor roll.

HONOR ROLL

1. Ann Hale Brown
2. Betty Jean McNeill
3. Susan Singleton
4. Ann Malloy
5. Stephen C. Chason
6. James Malcolm Varnum
7. Barbara Jean Dudley
8. Carolina M. Bardell
9. Richard Watson
10. Ernest Graham
11. Marsha Lee Spivey
12. Donna Jean Beacham.

The candidates that are at work to win are extending the Second Period vote schedule until Friday, July 9 at 5:00 p. m. Then will come the final and lowest vote schedule period with the contest ending Saturday night July 16, at 8:30 o'clock and the awarding of the prizes. Due to the fact that some of the towns in the county have dropped out of the contest there will not be any county-wide competition as previously announced.

The next tabulation of the votes will be made at 5:00 p. m. Friday July 2 and for that count a bonus of 100,000 votes will be given for each five years of subscription turned in. This bonus will sway more than offset the decline in votes and the wise contestant will go all-out to take advantage of it. At no time during the remainder of the campaign will as high a bonus vote offer as this be again made. The results of this count will be posted in the Citizen window shortly after the votes are tabulated. Then the count for next week's Honor Roll will be made at 5:00 p. m. Tuesday, July 6. Any one of the top 6 candidates can lead either or both of those Honor Rolls if they will just get out and really work!

DRIVE CAREFULLY—Be living July 6.

Robeson Gets 22.14 Miles Of Highway Improvement At \$288,171.40

The State Highway Commission let bids totalling \$2,623,919.95 Tuesday for construction on 20 road projects totalling 129.69 miles in 21 counties. Robeson county came in for one-sixth of the total mileage at a total cost of \$288,171.40.

Major Robeson county project is the relocation of a portion of US Highway 74. The new roadbed will leave the present highway five miles east of Maxton at Harpers Ferry and will run southeast to join US Highway 301 near Back Swamp church and at the Earl Thompson farm. The relocated road will route through traffic south of Pembroke and will eliminate two river crossings on very narrow bridges, at Harper's Ferry and at McNeill's Bridge. The old Rockingham Road will be followed almost exactly. E. W. Grannis was successful bidder for structures at \$52,020.00, and Kiker and Yount, Inc., were low on the roadway at \$171,376.40. Total mileage is 11.54 miles. The contract was let for grading and structures.

7TH STREET ROAD
The Zeigler-Cline Construction Co. was awarded a \$18,725.00 contract for sand-asphalt surfacing of the Seventh Street Road (extension of Seventh Street in Lumberton) from the city limits 4.5 miles to the Allenton Road.

Zeigler-Cline was low on the bid for 6.1 miles of bituminous surfacing on the Broad Ridge Road, south from US Highway 74 to Proctorville.

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Weed Markets Open Aug. 3; Pile Weight Concession Made

Presbyterians On Air Sunday

The 1948 summer series of the Presbyterian Hour will be on the air during the months of July and August. The programs will be directed particularly to young people and some of the outstanding leaders of youth groups will speak. The music will be largely furnished by college choirs and choruses.

The first speaker in the series comes from the campus of one of our great universities; Rev. Harry M. Moffett is the pastor of the University Presbyterian Church which serves the students of the University of Texas in Austin. Rev. Moffett was born in the manse in Fredericksburg, Va., and was educated in Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. He was ordained in Holston Presbytery and served pastorates in Jefferson City, Tenn. Liberty and Columbus, Mo. He is in great demand as a speaker to young people. His topic will be, "Christ, the Only Answer for Youth."

The guest choir on this program will be the student A capella choir from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, under the direction of Robert W. Bedford.

This program may be heard in this section over Radio Station WPTF, Sunday July 4th at 3:30 A. M.

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Careful Now!

RALEIGH—Motor Vehicle Commissioner L. C. Rosser today appealed to North Carolina motorists to fight 4th of July accidents with an extra measure of caution during the coming holiday weekend.

Pointing out that 8 persons were killed during the holiday weekend last year, Commissioner Rosser emphasized that the 4th of July hazards this year would be greatly intensified by heavier traffic, more mileage and correspondingly increased exposure to accidents.

Motorists will have to exercise real self-restraint on the highways during this busy weekend, Rosser said. Hold down your driving speed; stay in line on hills and curves; if you drink, don't drive; observe all traffic regulations, signs, and signals; watch out for pedestrians, and treat both pedestrians and other drivers with the same kind of driving courtesy your yourself expect.

SAL Laying Rail At CP&L Power Plant Location

LUMBERTON—Grading for foundations of the Carolina Power and Light company steam-electric site east of Lumberton began Monday morning. Having a high priority among grading jobs is that of preparing the railroad bed for the mile and a half CP&L track which will virtually circle the property.

This privately owned road will also have a siding along the north side for 20 coal gondolas and the power company will use a small yard engine, probably diesel, to handle its freight. Blythe Bros. of Charlotte was awarded the grading contract. The Seaboard Airline Railroad will lay the track (at no profit) and has been advised that the grade will probably be ready by July 15.

SAL has virtually completed its own spur which will join the company property line. This mile and a half spur leaves the SAL main line at a point about a quarter mile east of the highway 74 crossing and parallels the right of way eastward to a point just beyond the Dave Israel home where it turns south and crosses the old Whiteville road east of the Odell Edens farm. This portion of the power plant fuel supply track also has a 20-car storage track.

The Virginia and Carolina Southern has just begun extension of its Mansfield Mills spur to the power plant site after extensive repairs to the old track. The V&CS will join the C&L-owned railroad at about the same place as does Seaboard.

The daily coal supply has been estimated at 950 tons per day. This is to be built and the carload estimate has been placed at 16. Railroad officials say that it will take 20 heavy gondolas to supply that tonnage. The power company will install a car shaker to unload the coal gondolas and the coal will be pulverized and blown into generating boilers which will supply super heated steam to the turbines. Condensation will be handled by a diversion of Lumber River through a canal system.

The \$15 million electric plant will not be completed until 1950.

Missionary At Chestnut Street Methodist Sunday

LUMBERTON—Miss Louise Robinson, secretary for China for the Methodist Women's Mission Board, has accepted an invitation to speak at the 11 o'clock Sunday morning service at Chestnut Street Methodist Church. Miss Robinson has recently made a nine-month visit to China. She is a former missionary and was interned during the war, being repatriated on the Grisham.

Miss Robinson will be accompanied by Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon who holds a similar secretaryship for Europe and Africa.

Committee Re-named Rountree Secty.; Ga. Opens July 22

The Georgia market opens July 22; the Border Belt opens August 3; Eastern Belt opens August 19; sale time was set at 5 hours daily; sales speed at 400 piles per hour; maximum weight per pile remains at 250 pounds, with a tolerance of 50 additional pounds allowed. That was the action taken by the 15-man floured marketing committee meeting in Raleigh Tuesday.

The tolerance of 50 pounds allowed over the maximum 250 pounds makes it possible for the

Commodity Credit Corporation loans on tobacco will be made this year on a price of 43.9 cents per pound, 3.9 cents above last year's rate, according to the Agriculture Department in Washington. The new loan rate is based on 90 cents of parity as of June 15, parity being based on government estimated cost of living and cost of producing. The schedule of rates by various grades will be announced later and is expected to range from 14 to 65 cents.

grower to sell a pile weighing up to 300 pounds. This measure was adopted to prevent penalizing farmers with piles weighing between those two figures and to "save growers weighing, handling and auction charges on the over-then 250 pounds."

Fred S. Royster, Henderson, was re-elected chairman and J. B. Rountree, Lumberton, was re-elected secretary of the committee which is composed of five representatives each of growers, warehousemen, and buyers.

Individual markets will be allowed to set their own closing dates and to observe the usual holidays.

Quarter Of PJC Summer Students From Robeson

MAXTON—More than one-quarter of the students enrolled at Presbyterian Junior college for the first semester are residents of Robeson county. Maxton leads with 15 members of the student body; Lumberton has 6 enrolled; St. Pauls and Red Springs 4 each; Fairmont has 3; Wagram has 2; Pembroke has only 1.

Students from Maxton are Nancy Arnette, Amos Biles, Marie Essey, Mrs. Gladys Dunn, Elizabeth English, Mrs. Edith Lyles, Irvin McConaghy, Julian McIntyre, Ruby Ravelly, Mrs. Wanda Russell, Mary Louise Solomon, Wiley Steed, Mrs. Katherine Sullivan, Douglas McCormac, Nancy McKinnon.

From Lumberton are Ann C. Baker, Frank Bodford, Samuel K. Johnson, Jack Kinlaw, Ertel Williamson, Twyla Carter.

From St. Pauls are Larry W. Carroll, Don Broadwell, Robert Carlyle, W. O. Parker.

Red Springs has Fred Gimsley, Betty Lynn Currie, William McKellar and Luther Hugbins.

Fairmont students are Catherine Bullock Robert McCormick, and Theilson Peacock; from Wagram are John A. McKay and Robert Cooley; and from Pembroke, John C. Cubreth.

Last Recruits To Guard Unit

RED SPRINGS—Twelve new recruits were accepted this week in the Headquarters Battery of the 67th Antiaircraft Battalion before orders came from the Adjutant General's office to stop recruiting.

This brings to 20 the total of new members obtained by the unit in the past two weeks. Capt. George Furlow's stated today, and "makes the total enlisted strength 53 men. Only replacements of men who might become separated from the unit may be recruited now, it was said.

Those enlisting this week were S-Sgt. James O. Evers, T-4 Benjamin F. Watts, Pfc. Robert J. Gilmore, Charles R. Brown, Ertle C. Edwards, Mack Evers, Fred Evers, Walter Cribb, Horace M. Stone of Lumberton, Arthur Mc. Townsend of Fairmont, Horace W. Parnell of Parkton, Tommie C. Tolar of Lumber Bridge.

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