

## Supt. Dudley Announces Plans For Red Springs School Opening

RED SPRINGS—A week late due to polio, school bells will ring here next Thursday, September 16, for approximately 520 students of the white schools, it was stated today by Walter R. Dudley, superintendent of the schools of this charter district. About 820 negro children will also start classes that day in the Red Springs, Shannon, Snow Hill and Mt. Zion schools, Mr. Dudley stated.

The white school enrollment will be approximately 405 in the elementary school and 115 in the high school with sufficient increase over last year for an additional elementary teacher. The negro school enrollment is expected to be approximately the same as last year. In the Red Springs school there will be 425 in the elementary and 115 in the high school; at Shannon and Snow Hill about 120 each and 40 at Mt. Zion.

A number of improvements have been made this summer in the buildings of both the white and negro schools here in town. The schools at Shannon, Mt. Zion and Snow Hill are to be consolidated with the local unit and little improvement has been made in these.

Mr. Dudley states that a contract has been let for the replacement of all window sash and frames of the windows in the white elementary school to J. S. Stearns Const. Co. of Monroe and that work is to be started immediately. The steel frames and sash have been shipped and the Stearns concern will install them on arrival without interference with class schedules. The amount of this contract is \$3100. New shades or venetian blinds will be installed in this building after completion of the installation of

the steel sash and all wood trim and paneling in the rooms will be repainted. The walls of the entire lower floor of the building have been painted this summer. A few of the rooms on second floor needing paint have been refinished and the woodwork in these rooms will be painted as soon as the sash are installed.

The 12th grade room of Miss Bessie Covington (teachers) has been completely redecorated and refurnished with new desks and other furniture, and 70 new chairs-desks have been received for installation in the elementary school.

The high school library has undergone a major overhaul job, with new equipment and especially constructed shelving throughout. New lighting equipment has been installed. The library, the home economics rooms and Miss Covington's room will all have new venetian blinds. And these rooms and all the halls have had their floors refinished. The school offices have also been refinished.

About \$500 worth of new laboratory equipment is being purchased for the science department. Eleven new typewriters have been received to give a total of 31 machines for the commercial department. And \$600 worth of new dishes cutlery and pots and pans have been bought for the lunchroom, where repainting and refinishing of walls and floors were completed this week.

**No Opening Ceremony**  
Mr. Dudley states that while there will be no formal opening ceremony or program Thursday, all parents and other citizens interested in visiting the school will be cordially welcome. The school session Thursday will be from 9 to 12, and regular class work will start Friday morning with a full schedule.

## Flossie Mac Will Open Sept. 20

Dr. H. G. Bedinger, president of Flora Macdonald college, has announced the postponement of the opening of college from the previously scheduled date, September 13, to Monday September 20. This change is in view of the fact that a number of colleges and public schools in the state have postponed their opening dates because of the polio situation, and as an extra precautionary measure. The extra week will also give additional time for the completion of the various improvements now being made at the college.

Members of the faculty and staff have been requested to arrive on Thursday, September 16, for a preliminary opening conference. Orientation period for new students will be on Monday and Tuesday, September 20-21, and members of the student council and cabinet will arrive as usual on Friday preceding the opening of school, to make plans for student activities and work during the college year.

## Branch Registration Office Opened In Red Springs

RED SPRINGS—A branch draft office for registrations only, was opened in Red Springs Tuesday afternoon, and will operate each week day for two weeks. Mrs. E. H. Alexander is supervising the registrations and is being assisted by members of the Dilettante Club.

The branch office is located in the Legion hall on East Third Avenue. It is open from 9 to 12 each morning and from 2 to 5 each afternoon. Among those assisting Mrs. Alexander on opening day were Mrs. A. H. Grant, John Bender and Mrs. A. H. Grant. Other members of the club will staff the registration office throughout the two weeks.

## 35 Report For PJC Football

MAXTON—Rain, Monday afternoon, kept the first P. J. C. football practice indoors, which was probably just as well, because most of the day's session was taken up with discussion of the coming season by Coach Doak.

A larger turn-out of players came Tuesday afternoon, at 3:35 candidates reported for light drill. However, of the 35, only six were returning lettermen, and only two of these were first stringers. Horace Prevatte and Powell Jones have already returned from last year's first string, and Buddy Powers, Tom Mullins, Aukie Rowe and Wallace Rowe are the remaining lettermen enrolled.

Practice brought on three newcomers who look like exceptionally good material. 195 lb. Lee Tabert, from Davidson College. Haynes Stratford, Greensboro high guard last year and Will Jones, tall back from Kentucky.

## Seek Maxton Bible Teacher Funds; Budget Raised To \$1500 This Year

**Legion Plans For Annual Banquet.**  
RED SPRINGS—Morrison Peterson was named chairman of the committee to arrange for the annual banquet of the Auxiliary and the Legionnaires of Charlie Hall Post No. 35, of Red Springs, which is held each year on or about Armistice Day.

Other members of the committee named by R. D. McMillan, Jr., commander of the post, are Dan Klapp, C. E. Leigh, James A. Graham and Dr. H. G. Bedinger. The group was announced at a meeting of the post Monday evening.

Another annual event of the fall season discussed by the post was the membership drive which officially began on September 1. Mr. McMillan is ex-officio chairman of the committee. Other members are: Town area: A. C. Stephenson, C. E. Leigh, Jr. and Donnie Lee Norris; Robbins Mill area: A. H. Grant, chairman, Ben Campbell and J. B. McCloskey; Rural areas: Sam Thomas, chairman, Dan Klapp, Shannon; J. H. McArthur, Wakulla; George Nye, Rennett; James L. McPhaul, Duffies-Antioch; Claude McNeil, Philadelphia, and Grady Marley, Lumber Bridge.

As a part of this drive a Legion fish fry was planned with the date to be set after the baseball season ends.

## Lumberton Jay-Cees Appoint Committees For Farmers Festival

LUMBERTON—Committees for organizing the Farmers Festival to be staged in Lumberton October 28, 29 and 30 were appointed at a meeting of the Lumberton Junior Chamber of Commerce Monday night. Appointments were made by Jay-Cee president A. T. McLean. Mr. Plans for the three-day event grew from last year's Farmers Day, which was so successful that it was enlarged and extended over three days to approach the proportions of a fair.

Last year Farmers Day events included a parade, a speech, entertainment and display booths of farm, home, and commercial products. Prizes were given for attendance amounting to several thousand dollars, and ranging downward from the mule and wagon which was the top award.

Plans for this year's Farm Festival include an even more attractive array of gifts for Robeson County farmers, three full days of entertainment, free shows, a carnival, and many more exhibits than appeared last year.

## Grand Jury Recommends Re-Opening County Home

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The report in full follows: Honorable Q. K. Nimocks, Judge Presiding: Your Honor: During this term of Court, we have met as a body with all members present.

We have examined a total of 19 indictments and have found 19 true bills, and 0 not true bills. We visited, by committee, the properties and institutions of the County requiring attention of the Grand Jury and having inspected properties, we submit the following report: County Jail, visited by committee, was found to be in good condition, except mattresses need covering. Some of the prisoners complained of being cold at night. We found 16 male prisoners and 3 females.

Fairmont Jail, inspected by committee, and was found to be in good condition. Rowland Jail was found in good condition. Pembroke Jail was found in good condition, except no drinking water was available. Maxton Jail was in good condition.

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## Teachers Must Have Physical Exam.

The County Health Department will conduct physical examinations for school teachers in its offices in Lumberton every Tuesday from 2:00 until 4:30 p. m. School teachers are required by state law to present a health certificate to their principal.

The examination this year is much more complete than formerly and according to Dr. Hardin are as detailed as an insurance examination. They will take longer and teachers are urged to have the examination at as early a date as possible.

## Booth Speaks To RS Rotary Club

RED SPRINGS—Jean P. Booth, of 188th Rotary District, was the Kingston schoolman and governor speaker for the local Rotary club on last Friday on the occasion of his annual visit to the club.

During the late afternoon he met with President Hiram Grant and the club assembly which includes the officers, board of directors and committee chairmen, during which time the club work of Rotary for the years was discussed.

At the supper meeting, Mr. Booth gave an interesting account of his visit to Quebec and pointed out a number of the highlights of the Rotary International conference and then dealt briefly but pointedly with the vocational guidance work of the club. He complimented the Red Springs club particularly on its proposed plan for offering vocational guidance and get-acquainted-with-the-job plan which is to be inaugurated this fall in connection with the guidance program of the Red Springs high school.

## Enrolling Tots In Kindergarten

MAXTON—Plans are underway to resume operation of the Maxton Kindergarten, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, and directed by Mrs. J. E. Hord. Enrollment of children from 3½ to six is being handled by Mrs. Hord, Mrs. O. W. Ferrene and Mrs. L. Gilbert, all Junior club members.

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## 3-Year Job Of Indexing Property Records Of County To Begin Monday

LUMBERTON—Miss Grace Crosby and Edison P. Cott, both of the Cott Index Company, Columbus, Ohio, are scheduled to arrive here tomorrow to make preliminary arrangements for the indexing of the county's registered instruments, which they will begin Monday. A letter from Mr. Cott to the county manager revealed the plans for beginning the work immediately and asked that a room in which to work be provided. A contract for the job which will take almost three years was awarded the Cott Company by the county commissioners on June 7 of this year.

The job when completed will provide a complete index of the more than 190,000 registered instruments of both grants and deeds in the Register of Deeds. The index will be arranged by grantee, grantor, and by property description.

The present index in use was installed about 1906 and is antiquated and by reason of constant use over the years has become worn and in some cases illegible. Lawyers who use these records say that the work of abstracting in the Register of Deeds office has become well nigh impossible with the present outdated method of indexing.

The Cott system is the most modern in use and has been installed in Cumberland, Columbus and other nearby counties. An expert will be sent here to have charge of the work and a number of local persons will be employed.

The index will have a separate place for each family name and will then be sub-indexed by initials of both grantors and grantees. In this way the work of abstracting titles will be greatly shortened and the security of titles will be strengthened as each real estate instrument will be properly indexed; every land owner will be interested in this work. Failure to properly index a real estate instrument may vitally affect the title to the property.

The saving that will result to property owners cannot possibly be estimated and if the work were not done search would become more and more costly and more time consuming.

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## Supper Planned By Davidson Alumni

A Davidson College alumni supper has been planned for Fayetteville next Wednesday by the Cape Fear chapter of the alumni association. The supper will be at the Fayetteville YMCA at 7:30. Former Davidson students have been advised of the dinner and reservations are being accepted.

At the meeting plans will be made for the November 19 football game between Davidson and the N. C. State freshmen. Representatives from the college will attend and take part in the program.

## NEW PATROLMEN ASSIGNED

Among the 47 new State Highway patrolmen who were sworn in last week, two were assigned to Robeson county. B. G. Hilburn of Elizabethtown has been assigned to Maxton and H. B. Ray of Hallsboro has been assigned to Red Springs.

## School Fund Injunction Hearing Monday "Regardless" Says Judge

Appearing for the defendants in the injunction against school and county officials which has been twice before scheduled for hearing, attorney Dickson McLean, Lumberton, urged Judge Q. K. Nimocks, at the opening of court Tuesday to set an immediate hearing of the matter. Judge Nimocks, explaining the crowded condition of the docket set the hearing for Monday afternoon at 2:30.

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## Two Polio Cases Reported

LUMBERTON—A new case of polio was reported to the county health officer and the victim was sent to James Walker Memorial hospital in Wilmington yesterday. Agnes Turner, age 11, was stricken on August 29; the physician Dr. A. B. Nash, St. Pauls. The child's parents is A. B. Turner, Route 1, St. Pauls.

A suspected case was reported last Friday when Mrs. M. T. Jordan, age 27, Fairmont, was sent to Duke. The onset of this case was September 1st.

## Draft Board Has Five Temporary Branch Offices

Robeson County's Draft Board established five branch registration places throughout the county after the first few days rush proved it was impossible for the single board in Lumberton to handle the registrations during the time allotted by the selective service director. The number of men presenting themselves for registration worked a hardship on both registration clerks and themselves; the clerks were overworked, and most of the men had to travel some distance and spend unnecessary time waiting their turn.

Branch registration places are established in Pembroke, Rowland, Fairmont, St. Pauls and Red Springs, and in spite of this the clerks are still over-worked and in need of volunteer assistants. The registration in Lumberton is still located at the Agriculture Building where it will remain until the initial registration ends September 18. After that it will move into permanent quarters in the Rowland Building on West Fifth Street and the branches will be closed. All men 18 through 25 are required to register before that date and afterward men now under 18 will register on their birthdays.

The heading now set for Monday requires that the defendant county officials against their using county funds should not be made permanent, and while the existing temporary injunction is in effect much of the county's money is tied up and cannot be disbursed.

In their "Return To Notice To Show Cause" filed with the court on August 26, the defendants claim, among other things, that the order (injunction) is detrimental to progress in the equalization of school facilities, that if the order is made permanent the completion of present construction cannot be accomplished, that the tax collector cannot distribute current revenues, and that the order will accomplish the disruption of the school system. These claims are the matters which the respondents aver make an early hearing of the injunction imperative.

The officials of the schools and county have been enjoined from disbursing county funds by the injunction which was signed by Judge Henry Stevens the day after the suit was entered against school and county officials alleging misuse of school funds. The suit was entered by six citizens of the county in the name of the county.

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## Supt. B. E. Littlefield Announces School Opening Thursday, Sept. 16

FAIRMONT—Superintendent B. E. Littlefield stated today that school will officially open next Thursday, September 16, with the school busses rolling onto the campus at 8:30 a. m. The original opening date of Sept. 6 was postponed because of the polio ban, but with the lifting of this quarantine, the school bell will ring on Thursday morning.

Mr. Littlefield also states that any children entering the first grade must be 6 years of age by October 1, and must have a doctor's certificate of immunization against diphtheria, small pox and whooping cough before being enrolled. Any children who are to enter the first grade must be enrolled during the first month of school because no beginner will be allowed to enroll after this period.

A total of seventy-three teachers for the Fairmont charter district will be on duty for opening day. This total includes thirty-two teachers in the white schools, thirty-seven in the Negro schools, two agriculture teachers, one Bible teacher, and one piano teacher.

Two new teachers have been added to the faculty of Fairmont high school. Miss Mylma Waters of Ocala, S. C., a 1948 graduate of Ocker College Cum Laude, will be instructor in French. William Johnson of Wake Forest will teach science and commerce.

## Maxton Schools Complete Faculty; One More Teacher This Year

MAXTON—Maxton grammar and high school students will surrender vacation privileges and start back to more academic matters next Thursday at 8:40. That's the school date opening for all grades.

The faculty list of 14 teachers was completed yesterday morning and released by H. M. Guyot, principal of the Maxton public schools. This was a gain of one teacher over the 1948-49 term, which will enable the school to add additional courses of math and social studies.

Five new teachers are included in the list: Mrs. Flora M. Caddell, of Maxton, graduate of Flora Macdonald College; Mrs. J. D. Melvin, Jr., of Maxton, graduate of Duke; Miss Mary McQueen, of Maxton, graduate of Womens College at Greensboro and also of the Juillard school of Music in New York; Mrs. Margaret Sink of Lexington, Catawba College graduate and teacher last year at China Grove; and Raymond Peele, Marshville, graduate of Duke who taught for the last four years at Union high school.

The complete faculty list is as follows: First Grade: Miss Marguerite S. Townsend, Second: Mrs. Edith S. Williams, Third: Miss Esther Cobb, Fourth: Miss Lillis Cousar, Fifth: Mrs. Flora M. Caddell, Sixth: Miss Florence Redwine, Seventh: Mrs. J. D. Melvin, Jr., Eighth: Miss Margaret Sink, English; Mrs. Ida J. McKinnon, Math; Mrs. Ann Elizabeth McKinnon, Science and Mathematics; Raymond Peele, Public School Music and French; Miss Mary McQueen, Home Economics; Miss Retha Watts, Music; Mrs. J. P. Stancel.

## Fairmont Leads Border Belt In Pounds, Average

FAIRMONT—At the closing of the fifth week of the Fairmont Tobacco market, Fairmont is still leading all markets in the Border Belt both in poundage and in average on sales. This is not just the general statement around town, but is the official report for the market.

At the close of the sales on Friday, September 3, the total pounds sold for the season were 27,626,964 for a total of \$14,946,974.96 giving an average price of \$54.10. This average is approximately ten dollars per hundred pounds above the average at the same time last year.

More and more good tobacco is appearing on the floor, but to date floors have not been blocked. Warehouses have been able to clear the floor after each sale and are ready to refill in time for the next scheduled auction. Farmers in general express great satisfaction with the results of their sales, and the only moaning heard around town is over the fact that the crop is extremely short, consequently, in spite of the high average, not too

## Lumberton Mari Over 25 Million, Prices Holding

By M. R. ALEXANDER  
LUMBERTON—With prices firm and steady at the same high levels, the Lumberton Tobacco market passed the 25 million mark early this morning and was due to be right at 27 by the end of Friday the 28th marketing day.

The prices on the opening sales today appeared to be about the same as yesterday, but the volume of leaf and tips and common on the floors was holding down the average.

Good smoking leaf, however, was still bringing 66 and 67, and at least one grower with a quality crop sold several piles of wrappers in the 70's and 80's. Yesterday's sale was another million-pounder, the exact figures being 1,013,464 pounds for a total of \$480,730.74 and an average of \$47.43.

## Formal Opening Of College Friday

MAXTON—P. J. C. corridors were teeming with students this week, as registration for the coming school term was underway. Aptitude tests were given Monday, followed by registration of preparatory students on Tuesday. Freshmen were being registered Wednesday and Sophomores on Thursday. The total number of students will be more than 200 at the formal opening of the college this Friday.

## Guest Minister At Centre Presbyterian

MAXTON—Rev. O. V. Caudill, director of planning and building of the Synod of North Carolina, from Salisbury, will be the guest minister at the Centre Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, September 12th, at eleven o'clock. Sunday school will be held at ten o'clock. Rev. J. Ray Dickson is pastor of the Centre and Smyrna Presbyterian Churches.

## YOUNG DEMOS TO ORGANIZE

LUMBERTON—An organizational meeting of the Young Democrats of Robeson County will be held at the courthouse here Monday night at eight o'clock. County officers will be chosen and interested persons have been urged to attend.

## Faculty Confers At Junior College

MAXTON—A pre-session faculty conference led by Dr. William P. Pressly, President of Peace College, Raleigh, was held at Presbyterian Junior College all day on Saturday in preparation for the opening of the fall session on September 7.

Topics considered during the conference included spiritual values, standards of the Southern Association, library, orientation program, counselling, student activities, and testing.

## Manslaughter Charged In Auto, Bike Accident

MAXTON—A. J. Shepherd, of Skyway Terrace and an employee of the Robbins Mills in Red Springs, was charged with manslaughter in the death of John Willie Watson, 30-year-old negro of Maxton, who was killed in an auto-cycle crash Friday night. The charge was brought against Shepherd by a coroner's jury which served at the inquest held Tuesday.

## Children May Go To Sunday School

LUMBERTON—Dr. E. R. Hardin, County Health Officer has announced that the polio quarantine which will be lifted September 12 will be lifted that morning, and it will be permissible for children to attend Sunday School.

Dr. Hardin makes this announcement, he says, in response to numerous telephone calls inquiring whether the lifting of the ban was effective Sunday morning or Sunday night.

## Dr. Hardin makes this announcement

The death occurred on the Maxton-Red Springs road, about halfway between the two towns. Willie, who was riding a bicycle toward Red Springs, was hit by Shepherd's car as the car was passing another auto. The negro was dead when patrolmen arrived at the scene.

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Forsyth County will hold its annual dairy and beef cattle show at Kernersville September 30.

Interest in poultry production is increasing in Montgomery County.

Miss Dorothy Spivey, former member of the Court House "Gang," spent the weekend with Miss Anne McPhatter.