



YOU---and the year ahead...

Tradition ordains this the season of resolve. Let's keep our resolutions, simple but firm. Ideas have legs. If, on a local level, we resolve to make this community a better place in which to live, it may have an effect on making the world of nations a better place in which governments may live.

Start in your own backyard. You figure out what you can do to better the churches, schools and institutions of this place we call our home.

We'll start in our own backyard. For the year ahead, this newspaper pledges a program of complete editorial support for any and all efforts at community betterment.

This community is only as strong as we make it. No one outside it cares much what happens to our town. But we care. Let's prove that we care by making that resolution now—to build a better community.

It is in that spirit that the people who publish this paper wish for you a—

Happy New Year 1949

Carlyle Off To Washington Today

LUMBERTON.—Congressman F. Eitel Carlyle left today for Washington and on Monday will take his seat in the House of Representatives when the 81st U. S. Congress convenes.

Senator Broughton will meet with the final session of the 80th Congress tomorrow and will be sworn in at that time; the gavel which will be used to call the session to order will be the same one used when Broughton was sworn in as Governor of North Carolina. The session Friday is an unusual one and is called only because the 80th Congress adjourned to December 31 with the idea that there might be some final business for the Republican majority to transact before adjourning sine die.

Congressman Carlyle was accompanied to Washington by Mrs. Carlyle and their daughter, Miss Lois Carlyle, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle will make their Washington home at the Willard Hotel. Miss Carlyle will see her father sworn in and will return to school in Asheville. Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle plan to return to Lumberton for the week end of January 7.

Carolina War Dead Are Returned

ATLANTA GENERAL DEPOT, ATLANTA, GA.—Remains of 74 North Carolina World War II dead, who were originally interred in temporary military cemeteries in France, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg, are being returned to the United States aboard the U. S. Army Transport "Barney Kirschbaum."

After arrival of the "Barney Kirschbaum" at the New York Port of Embarkation, from two to five weeks will elapse before the Atlanta Distribution Center will be able to advise the next of kin when they may expect to receive the remains of their loved ones.

Each next of kin will be notified in advance of the arrival of the "Barney Kirschbaum" in New York, and again after arrival of the remains at the Atlanta Distribution Center of the American Graves Registration Service.

Among the bodies are the following: Pfc. Beamon O. Guy, next of kin Stuart J. Guy, St. Paul; Pvt. Garrett T. Hughes, next of kin, George W. Hughes, Hope Mills; Pfc. Bud E. Godwin, next of kin, Mrs. Hattie J. Godwin, Lumberton; Pfc. John D. Owens, next of kin, Robert W. Owens, St. Paul.

Movie Of War To Be Shown In Fairmont

FAIRMONT.—Announcement was made here this week that the official war picture "The Glory" will be shown in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, January 13, at 7:45. The public is cordially invited to attend this showing.

The Civitan club has invited officers in the United States Army at Fort Bragg to bring the film and show it at this public occasion following the regular dinner meeting at the Hotel Fairmont at seven o'clock.

Mitchell Carlyle Funeral Wednesday

FAIRMONT.—Mitchell Carlyle, aged 65, died at his home in Fairmont about midnight Wednesday after a long illness.

The funeral was held at 11 o'clock Friday morning at the Stephens and Prevatte Funeral Home by the Rev. Daniel Lane, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church.

Interment was in the Fairmont cemetery with the following serving as pallbearers: Bradley Atkinson, D. Lane, Frank Walters, Wayland Bass, Grandy Christmas, and Tooney Lamb.

Discontinue Maxton Weekly Square Dance

MAXTON.—The weekly Tuesday night square dances held at Evans Hall have been discontinued indefinitely. The last dance was held Tuesday night of this week. The dances have been sponsored as a way and means project of the Junior Woman's Club for the last ten years. Since attendance has dropped off for various reasons, it was decided by the club's executive board to discontinue them after December 28th.

Mitchell Davis Rites Friday

FAIRMONT.—At the home near Fairmont on Friday afternoon a funeral service was held for Mitchell Davis, 65, who died of a heart ailment Thursday morning in Thompson hospital, where he had been a patient for less than a day.

He had been in bad health for some time. Rev. C. P. Herring was in charge of the service. Burial was in a family cemetery near the home.

Survivors include three sisters and three brothers; Misses Cora E. Mennie, and Zella Davis; Lonnie, F. K., and E. S. Davis, of Fairmont.

FIRE DESTROYS COLORED HOME

RED SPRINGS.—The home of the Russell Black family was a total loss when destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. The mother was away at the time of the fire but the three children got out of the building safely. The house, located on North Main street was built about a year ago.

Black has been a patient in a sanatorium for several years.

Stacy Predicts Enactment of Legislation Sought By State Education Commission

Postal Rates Increase Saturday 1st Class One Of Few Unaffected

Beginning Saturday postal rates on virtually all classes of mail except first class letters will be increased. The increase was authorized by the last Congress. Postal rates have been increased each time they have been changed for many years, with the exception of air mail which some two years ago was reduced from six cents to five, and prior to that from ten cents to six cents; air mail on letters will again be raised to six cents per ounce.

Besides the increase in air mail letters, there will be an increase in rates on ordinary third class matter such as greeting cards. Third class matter, unsealed, has been mailed for 1½ cents, but beginning January 1 it will require two cents postage for each ounce or fraction of an ounce. There will be a minimum charge of three cents on third class matter which is irregular in shape or which is less than 4 inches long or three inches wide. The

Legislators Go To Capitol Hill

Robeson sends three men to the State Assembly next week; one is being returned for a second term, the other two have had no previous legislative experience. Senator Henry A. McKinnon goes to Raleigh Tuesday to begin his second term in the upper house. Of the fifty members of the Senate 16 served in the 1947 Senate with Mr. McKinnon. Four of the new senators served in the lower House in 1947, fifteen of them have served in one house or the other prior to 1947, and fifteen have had no previous legislative experience.

F. Wayland Floyd and John E. Regan go to the lower house from Fairmont and St. Pauls without previous experience on Capitol Hill; they are among 55 who go to the assembly for the first time. The house has a total of 120 members, of these 46 served in 1947, one served in the 1947 Senate, and 18 had legislative experience prior to 1947.

Dinner Last Nite Discusses Needs Of School System

Mr. Stacy spoke to the members of the Lumberton unit of the North Carolina Educational Association and a number of guests of the unit at a dinner meeting held at the Lorraine Hotel. He was presented by Miss Mabel Stephens, president of the unit, and reviewed the recently published report of the Commission.

Mr. Stacy opened his remarks with the statement that the commission was named in 1947 to study the secondary educational system of the state and bring recommendations to the General Assembly for the improvement of the system. He pointed out that in 1937 there had been a commission named and that by 1943 all of the recommendations of that commission had been enacted into law. He prophesied that this new report would be enacted into law, but he stated that some of the proposed changes would be hotly contested on the floor of the General Assembly, and that some changes would not be made at the next session nor the second next session of the law making body.

Number Employed In County Is Up

RALEIGH.—Employment in North Carolina, covered by the Employment Security Law, increased 31.12 percent, or by nearly 150,000 workers in the seven year period from 1940 through 1947, while all non-agricultural employment increased by nearly 250,000, it is shown in a study by S. F. Campbell, director of the Bureau of Research and Statistics, and announced by Henry E. Kendall, Employment Security Commission chairman.

Covered employment increased in that period from 474,872 workers to 622,636 workers and all non-agricultural workers increased from 635,000 to an estimated 882,000. Meanwhile, agricultural employment decreased from 409,000 in 1940 to an estimated 380,000 in 1947. The net increase of about 120,000 workers in non-agricultural 120,000 covered workers and 220,000 work, coupled with the excess of births over deaths from 1940 to 1947, or 534,000, makes it hard to reconcile these figures with the government estimate as of July 1947, that the population of North Carolina had increased only 93,000 or 2.6 percent, since 1940.

Inquest Tonight In Hunt-Hunt Shooting

Inquest into the death of Oscar Hunt is scheduled for tonight at the courthouse in Lumberton. Hunt died Monday at the Scotland Memorial Hospital as a result of shotgun wounds, allegedly inflicted by Dock Hunt Christmas eve.

According to witnesses Oscar Hunt was struck when he peered from behind a post where he sought protection from Dock Hunt who was approaching with a gun.

Maxton Couples Plan New Year Eve Party

MAXTON.—The Maxton Couples Club is planning a New Year's Eve party on Friday night, at seven-thirty at the American Legion Hut. A barbecue supper will be served and bingo will be played during the evening.

All Maxton couples are invited. Hostesses are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pruette, chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McLaughlin.

Athletics Will Operate "Robins" Again In 1949, States Ehlers

RED SPRINGS.—The Red Robins will be a farm club of the Philadelphia Athletics again in 1949, according to a letter from Arthur H. Ehlers, general manager of the farm clubs of the Athletics.

Representatives of the "A's" have been here several times in the past few weeks and held a meeting with a group of business men fans the week before Christmas, at which time no definite announcement whether the Robins would be operated again for a third year by the Athletics or not.

RS To Have Pro Ball Despite 1948 Losses

It has been suggested that the business men of Red Springs make a donation to the ball club. This we do not want. Naturally we will welcome advertisers to our score card, and we can be helped most by folks attending as many ball games as they possibly can.

We want you people to feel you are a vital part of this ball club and let us all work together and keep baseball in Red Springs.

Very truly yours,
Arthur H. Ehlers.

TEACHER LOAD SALARIES

The following is a condensed listing of the legislative program of the North Carolina Education Association. The association will present these needs of the state's school system to the 1949 assembly, and its legislative committee will try to have as many of the recommendations of the association as possible made into law.

TEACHER LOAD
Reduction of teacher load.

SALARIES
(A) Teachers with A and G Certificates.
1. A minimum salary of at least \$2,400 per year for beginning teachers holding A-O certificates.
2. Twelve increments of at least \$100 per year for teachers holding A certificates.
3. A minimum salary of at least \$2,900 for teachers holding G-2 certificates.
4. Eleven increments of at least \$100 per year for teachers holding graduate certificates.

(B) Proportionate increases in salaries for principals, supervisors, superintendents, members of the professional staff of the State Department of Public Instruction, and teachers in institutions of higher learning.

(C) Adequate salary increases for other school personnel.

(D) Salary increases to meet the rise in cost of living for teachers holding certificates below Class A.

(E) Retroactive payment, beginning with the school year 1948-1949, for all salary increases recommended in the legislative program.

(F) Payment of salaries of school personnel on a calendar-month basis for a ten months period of service.

SICK LEAVE
A sick-leave period of 10 days per year, on a cumulative basis, in addition to the present provision for legal absence.

RETIREMENT
Study being made.

CONTINUING CONTRACT
The same procedure for dismissing teachers at the close of the school year as now provided by law during the school year.

CLERICAL AID
Adequate clerical aid for each school.

HEALTH
Expanded health service and health education for school children.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
Adequate education for exceptional children.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS
State assistance in financing an adequate program of erecting, enlarging, and maintaining school buildings.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE
An effective system, with adequate financial support, for the enforcement of the compulsory attendance law.

Legislative Program of NCEA

Robeson County, this report shows increased its average employment from 3,161 in 1940 to 5,665 in 1947, a gain of 79.22 percent. The county's average weekly wage increased from \$14.47 in 1940 to \$34.05 in 1947, a gain of 135.52 percent.

MARRIED XMAS EVE
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller of Lumberton announce the marriage of their daughter, Betty Lou, to Hillman Parnell Edens on Friday, December 24, 1948, at Dillon, S. C.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry G. Bedinger and daughter, Lillian, of Pineville visited Mr. and Mrs. John C. Graham on Tuesday. Lillian will continue her visit for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. Thomas A. Frye, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sullivan, and Miss Doris Sullivan of Decatur, Ga., visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Frye, Jr., over the Christmas holidays.

Miss Earline Edens visited in Florence, S. C., on Christmas day.

Property Listing Begins Saturday; Detailed Descriptions Wanted

List Takers To Seek Value Equalization Information

Listing of real and personal property for taxation begins Saturday, January 1, and will continue through the month. Failure to list property is a misdemeanor and is punishable by fine.

Early listing is more important this year than formerly because of the fact that listing will require more time. List takers will require more detailed information about property than formerly as a part of the 1949 program of property value equalization. List takers will follow, more or less, the questionnaire which was sent to property owners in the fall. Their list taking will include a detailed description of property as an aid to the appraisers in determining its worth.

Acres will be broken down into types and use of the acreage and the amount of cleared and woods land will be requested. Buildings on property will also be described by type and condition. Map locations will be sought for reference purposes and in the case of city lots the lot number will be determined whenever possible at the time taxes are listed.

1949 has been set as the year for reevaluation of property in the county and with the reevaluation, and as an aid to reevaluation, the values are to be equalized.

Although the equalization of real property values is paramount, list takers will also seek a more detailed listing of personal property as one method of increasing the total valuation.

List takers will announce their locations in each community and township and will be available throughout the month for property owners.

The list-takers are:

Alfordsville, Alex. D. McLean; Back Swamp, Mrs. F. F. Barnes; Britt, Okey Stephens; Burnt Swamp, Russell Locklear; Fairmont, D. R. Mitchell; Gaddy, J. O. McArthur; Howellsville, Mrs. Charles Barker; Lumber Bridge, A. F. Tolar; Lumberton, County Manager's Office; Maxton, Mrs. Flora Bell Hasty; Orum, Mrs. Alice Warwick; Parkton, Clayton Ross.

Pembroke, M. N. Folger; Philadelphia, Ira Prevatte; Raft Swamp, H. F. Townsend; Red Springs, W. L. Prevatte; Rennett, Geo. B. Nye; Rowland, Mrs. W. E. Lynch; Saddle Tree, Pope Humphrey; Shannon, B. E. Currie; Smith, Mrs. Dan McArthur; Smyrna, Mrs. J. D. Britt; Sterling, Mrs. W. C. Walters; St. Pauls, Mrs. D. C. McCasheff; Thompson, Mrs. Bland P. Brown; Union, G. F. Fate; White House, W. T. Jenrette; Wisharts, Mrs. J. C. Stansel.

DR. DURHAM TO CONDUCT SUNDAY SERVICE
RED SPRINGS.—Dr. C. H. Durham of Lumberton will conduct the eleven o'clock morning service at the First Baptist church in Red Springs on Sunday, January 2.

Dr. Nell McKinnon of Detroit, Mich., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Nell McKinnon.

L. E. Baldwin Will Return To Office Liberty Mfg. Co.

RED SPRINGS.—Leslie E. Baldwin has sold his interest in the Watson Milling company, Inc., and will return to the Liberty Manufacturing Company the first of the year, he stated today.

Mr. Baldwin has been secretary-treasurer of the milling company since its incorporation two years ago. Prior to that time he was head of the accounting department of the Liberty concern for nine years.

Purnell Gets Award For 20-Year Service

LUMBERTON.—Malcolm Purnell, manager of the Carolina Theatre in Lumberton, was honored at a dinner given by his company in Raleigh December 14. The Wilby-Kinsey theatre chain presented Mr. Purnell and two other managers with 21-jewel Hamilton watches in recognition of their 20 years of service with the company. Also presented at the annual affair were certificates of the award. Mr. Purnell and the two others who were honored began work with Wilby-Kinsey 20 years ago in Raleigh when they became ushers; they have held virtually every position in the theatres in the process of becoming managers.

Funeral Monday For Mrs. Leonard

LUMBERTON.—Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from Stephens Funeral Home for Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard, 74, who died in a Fayetteville hospital Sunday afternoon. She had been a patient in the hospital for several weeks. Rev. F. D. Hedden, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist Church, was in charge of the services.

Mrs. Leonard made her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sellers.

Miss Dorothy Coleman of Monroe and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Britt of Lumberton visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Coleman over the holidays.

George Bradham of Greenville, S. C., visited Miss Earline Edens during Christmas.

Roland Meyers of Lexington spent Christmas day with Miss Jerry Shook.

Mrs. J. D. McPhaul and son Johnny, of Duffie, Miss Brooks Papp of Raeford, and Henton McPhaul of Raeford spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McCracken.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Little and children of Lumberton visited Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McCracken on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davenport of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. George Baker of Charlotte visited Mr. and Mrs. MacPherson Buie during the holidays.

Nat Weaver, student at Washington and Lee in Lexington, Va., arrived Saturday to spend the remainder of the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Weaver.