

Scouters Hold Annual Dinner; County Troops Get Awards

Dobson And Sweazy Address Meeting Of Scout Volunteers

The annual meeting-dinner of the Cape Fear Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, held at Flora Macdonald college Friday had as its speaker W. A. Dobson, regional scout executive of Area Six, Mr. Dobson, introduced by E. Hervey Evans of Laurinburg, praised the work of volunteers in the scouting program and discussed the "jojo ahead" of the organization.

For to the address the Silver Beaver award, scouting's highest honor, was presented to Mr. Evans, to Sidne Thornton of Elizabethtown, to V. C. Mason of Fayetteville, and to Dr. Sandy Marks of Wilmington. Dr. Marks is in Africa as a missionary and his reward was received for him by his brother Rufus Marks of Whiteville. All of the men so honored have served more than ten years in scouting and in the words of the award have given "distinguished service to boyhood." At last year's meeting the award was given James R. Poole, Jr., of Lumberton and Walter Pinchbeck of Pembroke.

James H. Clark of Elizabethtown was named new president of the area council and Josiah Maulsby of Whiteville was elected vice president. Mr. Evans was re-



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lected treasurer and Wallace West of Wilmington was made area commissioner. C. D. Brothers of Lumberton succeeded himself as commodore, in charge of the senior scout program. Dr. Phillip McLean of Lumberton is an area vice-president by virtue of his post as Central District chairman. Paul Blake is district commissioner.

Commissioner James R. Poole, Jr., presented the Presidents 1948 Round-Up award to scout units qualifying. The award is given for

superior unit performance and for unit growth during the year. Four Robeson scout units were among the 21 in the area receiving the award: they were Troop 28, Prospect High School, A. L. Dial, leader; Troop 81 Burnt Swamp Baptist church, W. O. Maynor, leader; Troop 88, North Lumberton Baptist church, P. C. Brooks, leader; Troop 89, First Presbyterian church, Lumberton, J. R. McCallum, leader.

Mr. Clark, who was elected president for 1949, presided in the absence of Dr. W. T. McRainey of Fayetteville who was ill. The meeting opened with the national anthem and the invocation was by Rev. Robert C. Foster, Baptist pastor of Whiteville.

Following the dinner A. Middleton Norris of Wilmington sang, accompanied by Miss Mary McQueen. After Mr. Poole made the president's awards new officers were elected, and Ray W. Sweazy, scout executive for the area spoke briefly. The Silver Beaver Awards were made just before the principal address.

To close the program a tableau was presented by scouts from Lumberton and Red Springs. The tableau, directed and described by Gordon A. Blair of Wilmington, depicted the aims of the three branches of scouting—cubs, scouts and senior scouts.

Dinner was prepared and served by the college. Mr. Poole was in charge of arrangements.

Dr. R. D. Wellons was elected a member at large to the executive committee.

To Survey RS For Opportunity Offered Youths

RED SPRINGS.—A youth opportunity survey will be made Tuesday, January 25, in Red Springs. The purpose of this survey is to determine what opportunities the businesses of Red Springs offer for the youth of the town. It is sponsored by the vocational service committee of the Red Springs Rotary Club and the Red Springs High School.

A questionnaire has been completed and members of the Junior Class will call upon managers and owners of various businesses of Red Springs to determine the opportunities in their business, the salary range of these occupations, and training or skill needed for these jobs.

It is hoped that some businesses might take on certain high school pupils part time with the idea of giving the high school pupil training in the various jobs or departments of the business in order that complete knowledge might be obtained within approximately one year. This knowledge should enable the pupil to continue work in this business after graduation or have an excellent foundation for work elsewhere in this occupation or a related occupation.

The Vocational Survey Committee of the Rotary Club is composed of Lambert Lewis, chairman, Phil Bragg, Walter Dudley and Warren Detwiler. Mr. DeWilder made a report of the youth opportunity survey to the Rotary Club at its meeting on Friday, January 21.

Methodists Hear 4-Year Plan Of Expansion

RED SPRINGS.—Six delegates from Trinity Methodist church here attended the Fayetteville District conference which was held at Aberdeen Tuesday under the direction of the Rev. Walter C. Ball, district superintendent.

Dr. Quinby of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist church was the principal speaker. He outlined the program recently adopted for the expansion of the church. The general program plan covers the planned activities of the church for a period of four years. Other speakers who discussed various phases of the program were: the Rev. W. L. Clegg of Burlington, NC Conference director; the Rev. Leon Russell of Greenville, regional director of missions; Mrs. Lineberger of Raleigh, director of missions for the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and the Rev. Linwood Blackburn, formerly of Fayetteville and now a missionary to Africa. Devotionals were conducted by the Rev. Graham Eubanks, pastor of Trinity church here.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Eubanks, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stephenson, Mrs. F. K. Watson and Charles Gardner.

A survey was made in Red Springs, Rowland, Maxton and Philadelphia schools to determine what some of these teachers thought should be included in a curriculum guide for the various age levels of children in first aid, home nursing and relationships. This material will be tabulated and reported to the committee at its Friday meeting.

The committee is made up of health educators, school physicians, health and physical education teachers in colleges and public schools as well as superintendents and principals. The final report is to be published during the summer months.

Special Dimes Events Boosts City's Total

LUMBERTON.—Pete Sundry and Jimmy Payne, co-chairmen of the March of Dimes campaign for Lumberton, report that special events are proving of great help in building up total collections. The radio program managed by WTSE last Sunday netted a total of \$133.42 and will be repeated next Sunday. Requests for musical numbers and contributions phoned in were so numerous that the program had to be extended to two hours.

The proprietors of the two-headed cow which was on display last week took a collection in place of admissions on the first day and turned over \$223.68 to the fund. Randall Stevens, who last year collected more than \$500 with a collection box at the police station, has brought in \$21.25 as a starter. At the dinner given highway employees last Thursday a collection totaled \$50.20.

Final Rites Today For Mrs. Medlin

Funeral services will be held for Mrs. J. D. Medlin, Sr., 74, this morning at 11 o'clock from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mayme McQueen. Mrs. Medlin died Tuesday night after an extended illness. She had made her home with her daughter since her invalidism several years ago.

Services will be conducted by Rev. E. L. Stoffel, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Medlin was a member. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. McQueen and Mrs. Charles Odom, Sr., of Laurinburg; four sons, J. D. Jr., and Angus of Maxton, Gilbert of Laurinburg and Rowland, and a number of grandchildren.

Ed McLeod of Chapel Hill, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. R. A. McLeod.

VFW Dance For Polio Funds

RED SPRINGS.—The entire proceeds from the regular weekly square dance of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (John Tucker Post 7385) will be given tonight to the local drive for funds for the March of Dimes it was stated here today by James Q. Parnell, commander.

The dance this (Thursday) evening will start at 9 p.m., and is being held as usual in the VFW clubhouse on Raeford Road.

A special meeting of the post was held Monday evening to approve this action so that the Post could take part in the March of Dimes campaign. The donation of the proceeds was proposed by Ed Bodenheimer and the approval was unanimous. The funds usually derived from the Thursday dances are applied to the Post building fund. \$1,000 has recently been spent adding powder room and locker room facilities.

Methodists Plan New Parsonage In Red Springs

RED SPRINGS.—Members of the congregation of Trinity Methodist church are now planning a drive to raise funds for the erection of a new parsonage. Location of the lot for the new parsonage is expected to be announced this week.

Already some \$5,000 has been contributed to the parsonage fund, and an additional amount of \$8,000 is being sought from the sale of the present home located on East Third Avenue opposite the church.

Work on the Sunday school rooms, remodeling of which has been in progress for several weeks is nearing completion. The rearrangement of the space will give two floor levels in the Sunday school department and 8 classrooms are being built into this department of the church. A pastor's study is also being added. Plans call for the continued use of the sanctuary by the Bible Class and the hut by the other departments of the school. The Rev. Graham Eubanks, pastor, states that he feels sure that under the new arrangement adequate space is being provided to care for the growing needs of the Sunday school for several years.

CONFERENCE

A quarterly conference was begun last night and will be continued on February 6th at the Rev. Walter C. Ball, district superintendent will be present. Last night's sessions were conducted by the pastor in the absence of Mr. Ball.

Major Wildman Rotary Speaker

RED SPRINGS.—Korea, its customs and social and political life, was the subject of a fascinating talk and art exhibition given before the Rotary club here Friday evening. The speaker was the Rev. Albert C. Wildman, a major in the Chaplain's service of the Army who is now stationed at Fort Bragg.

Major Wildman told of several years life in Korea, dealing with the religious and social customs and the political practices of the Koreans, telling of the marvelous strides made by this people since their liberation from Japanese domination.

While here Major Wildman made many color photographs of interesting subjects and a large number of these pictures were viewed during a part of his talk. Also exhibited were samples of bowls, and many household utensils used in daily life; small temple bells and statuettes of deities used in the homes and temples of the nation.

Major Wildman, a graduate of Davidson College, was pastor of several Kentucky churches before entering the service in 1941.

Raymond Hendrix Buys Grocery

PEMBROKE.—Raymond Hendrix opened this week the Hendrix Safeway Grocery and Market in the building formerly occupied by the Cash Grocery. Mr. Hendrix purchased the stock and fixtures of the recently remodeled and arranged Cash grocery and plans to operate a modern food store.

A veteran of the African and European campaigns of the recent war Mr. Hendrix served four years in the army. He is a native of the Barker-Ten-Mile community. Since returning from the service he has been connected with the hardware department of the Pates Supply company of Pembroke. He is married to the former Miss Mary Britt.

Army Makes Tentative Plans For Lumberton Reserve Armory

City Will Provide Site If Building Is Erected

LUMBERTON.—Col. William P. Elam, commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion, 321st Infantry Division, Organized Reserve Corps, here, presented to the City Council Tuesday an inquiry from the Army Department asking whether the city would provide a site in event a reserve armory were located here. The city commissioners agreed to provide such a site and tentatively located it on the airport property.

If the army locates one of its 53 proposed N. C. armories here it will lease the property provided

for 20 years at a yearly rental of one dollar and the property and improvements will revert to the city at the expiration of the lease. The army's proposal is tentative and its program to enlarge the reserves depends apparently on appropriations. In event the plans are consummated the Lumberton ORC unit which is Headquarters Company, will become 3rd Battalion headquarters. The battalion is made up of about ten ORC units in south-central North Carolina. The proposed armory would also be used by a composite group of unassigned reserves in the area attached to the 321st. The composite group is commanded by Col. Knox Andrews.

Although the proposal was endorsed by the reserve corps representatives, the city council insisted on making the location tentative so that if the city so desired the building might be located within the city by the purchase of suitable site more centrally located.

Merchants Group Fireworks Up North Monday Night

The Aurora Borealis is seldom seen in these latitudes (about 34 degrees north) and is not the spectacle that it is when viewed fifteen or more degrees further from the equator, but the infrequency with which it shows itself here makes it a genuine curiosity. That's why many people drove out from towns in Carolina the last few nights to see the tremendous red glow in the northern sky.

What was seen here was not the northern lights, but a glow from them, like a city's lights reflecting on clouds above it. The display that was visible was tremendous and not to be belittled, but the lights themselves as seen from the vicinity, of the Canadian border

Commissioners Hear Auditors Report; Revenue More Than Expected In 47-48

While the county overspent its budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1948, revenue was in excess of estimates and the operating statement shows a surplus for the 1947-1948 year of operation. The audit report on 1947-1948 was presented to the county commissioners at a meeting held Monday night, by S. Preston Douglas.

Total revenue for the year ended June 30, 1948, according to the report amounted to \$715,064.17, and expenditures amounted to \$689,179.55; leaving a surplus of \$25,884.62 as of the date of the audit. The budget for the general fund called for expenditure of \$342,372.62; revenue amounted to \$380,494.56 and expenditures to \$368,568.69; the fund budget was thus overspent \$26,196.01, but excess revenue of \$38,121.85 left a net surplus of \$11,925.87.

The budget for the Debt Service Fund was \$133,200.00; revenue was \$150,033.47 and \$140,006.86 was spent. This is an overexpenditure of \$6,026.61 against excess revenue of \$16,838.47, for a net surplus of \$10,761.61.

The budget for the Sinking Fund was \$723.50; revenue was \$71,852.24. The underexpenditure was \$6,292.50 and over-collection \$619.64 for a net surplus of \$6882.14.

The cash balance of the county on June 30, 1948, was \$490,898.20. This figure is now meaningless as the money was largely concentrated in the Capital Reserve Account and has since been appropriated from that fund for school construction.

The auditor made certain recommendations as to technicalities of accounting but was generally complimentary of the manner in which the business of the county had been conducted.

The report of the audit of the accounts of the Clerk of Superior Court found all monies properly handled. The commissioners suggested that the clerk invest some \$20,000 to \$25,000 of the money on deposit in bonds so that the county might benefit from some revenue on the money.

have been organized but inactive but that at the end of this month key enlisted personnel will be drawn into the organization and its activities will be enlarged. Regular training in the unit here will serve instead of active service required of reserves. Besides the reserves assigned to the unit Col. Andrews said that there were approximately 300 reserve in the area in his composite group. When built up to strength the unit will have the same function as the National Guard.

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Merchants Group Directors Meet Friday Night

RED SPRINGS.—Membership of several committees of the Red Springs Merchants Association will be named Friday evening at a meeting of the officers and directors of the association, it was stated today by Waverly S. Barham, president.

The meeting will be held at 8:15 at Legion Hall just after the Rotary club meeting, Mr. Barham stated.

Projects of the group to be discussed and recommended to the association will be proposed, it was stated, and Mr. Barham asks that members having suggestions for projects please make their suggestions to the directors prior to Friday evening or attend the meeting and present their proposals at that time.

Several advertising and solicitation schemes have been taken up by the group's advertising committee within the past two weeks, and two were given letters of approval by the association.

RS Police Warn Careless Drivers

RED SPRINGS.—In cooperation with the Robeson County Safety campaign now underway, the Red Springs police department under the supervision of Chief Floyd Whitman is conducting a safety drive throughout the community as a caution to careless drivers.

Huge safety signs are being placed across the intersection of third avenue at Main street. The first of these signs, "DRIVE SAFE—SAVE LIVES," was erected last Thursday and a second sign listing the fatalities of the county will be put up in the near future.

These signs, with red and black letters on a silver background, are being painted by Robert McKellar.

Maxton Man Sees Inauguration; Says Southern Girls Prettiest

Buddy Dunn Gives Impressions Of Inaugural Spectacle In Washington

"Somebody Was Sitting On Every Tree Top"

As Told to Bill Reusonover

MAXTON.—Buddy Dunn returned from Washington, D. C., on Friday morning after stopping over in the Capitol city to attend the inauguration of Pres. Harry Truman on Thursday. Dunn spent the greater part of the day in Washington and the following is an account of the various activities as told to our Hometown Newspaper writer.

"It is hard to realize that so many people could be in any one place. By early morning people were starting to come out into the streets and by mid-morning every inch of space, every window and even every tree top had somebody standing or sitting on it.

"The various government and foreign officials presented a very colorful picture as they came out to the stands. Many of the diplomats were dressed in their native costumes which added much to the color of the day. It seemed that just about everybody important in the government was in Washington for the inauguration.

to get within ten feet of him as he walked to the stands) and I believe he is a very sincere person. The prayer that the Chaplain made as the ceremonies opened was very impressive and Truman followed this up in his talk by asking the people to pray for him.

Truman expressed himself very forcefully in his talk and one could not help but realize the determination he possessed to put his program across.

"After the address the parade started and it was certainly the most wonderful thing I have ever seen. The roar of the 600 airplanes was so great that it shook the ground and all the buildings in Washington. There were many types of new war planes in the sky that day that I had never seen before.

"There were around 40,000 soldiers, sailors, marines and other marching people in the parade plus the many military bands, floats and etc. All of the states with the exception of a few, were represented by a float and their Governor. Governor Dewey was not there and the public address system announcer made several cracks about this such as 'we'll have fair weather but no Dewey.' "The North Carolina float was very pretty and had several lovely girls on it. Most of the floats had girls on them and etc., but

the best looking girls came from the Southern States. The South Carolina float was unusual and attracted much attention. Governor Thurmond of South Carolina rode just behind it and I did not hear a single boo against him as he rode by. However, President Truman looked the other way as he passed. The President did, however, give a big wave to Gov. Scott of North Carolina.

"The parade lasted for four hours that there was just about everything in it you can think of. All of the military units were very smart in appearance and there were many different kinds of military equipment displayed.

"Secret Service men were everywhere, in fact, there was a member of the armed forces stationed every ten feet on both sides of the streets the parade came down. Heavy wire cables were put up and it was obvious that the secret service men didn't mean for anyone to go over the cables.

"Newsmen were everywhere and it was almost blinding at times taking flash pictures. Several of when the photographers started the national newscasters were standing near me and I could hear them making their national broadcast.

"The day was one of the most colorful ones I have ever seen and I certainly am planning to go to the next one four years from now. Washington isn't as far away as people think and it certainly is an education to see an Inauguration of a President.

Start Red Springs Polio Drive

RED SPRINGS.—The March of Dimes quota for Red Springs has been doubled for 1949 with \$2,900 being asked here this year. Materials arrived Friday morning and have been distributed to the various businesses.

The March of Dimes campaign is headed by Walter R. Dudley, superintendent of Red Springs schools. Ben Campbell of the Robbins Cloth Mill has charge of the mill and surrounding area.

The business men's committee composed of Ed Bodenheimer, chairman, Bill King, Clement Stephenson, Walter Dudley and L. E. Baldwin will contact business houses and business men on Wednesday morning, beginning at 9:30. A. C. McSwain will be in charge of contributions through the Red Springs Theater. J. T. Peterson of the Red Springs Colored school will head the colored division for the March of Dimes drive.

Masonic Speaker P. C. Stoff In RS

RED SPRINGS.—P. C. Stoff, certified lecturer of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, is conducting a series of classes in Masonry this week with the Red Springs Lodge No. 501. He lectures each afternoon and evening at the Lodge hall in the McMillan building.

Mr. Stoff has been a lecturer for the Grand Lodge for over 25 years and this is his 6th year to come to Red Springs. His home is at Wendell. Blind for the past 29 years, Mr. Stoff lost the use of his right eye as a youth when he was struck by a rock while playing "hot jacket." He lost his other eye 29 years ago in an accident in a lumber plant.

RS Phones Listed In Temporary Directory

RED SPRINGS.—Temporary telephone directories for the Red Springs community were received last week from the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company. These directories, with a corrected list of telephone holders through December 13, 1948, are to be used until the complete Red Springs, Raeford, and Maxton directories can be published and issued later this spring.

Towns' Fathers To Convene January 31

RED SPRINGS.—An important meeting of the Robeson county League of Municipalities will be held at the Lorraine Hotel in Lumberton on Monday, January 31, it was announced today by Mayor E. H. Alexander, president of the league.

A number of legislative matters affecting municipalities and which are under discussion in the General Assembly at this time, will be presented to the towns' officials.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. McManus and Mr. and Mrs. Creed McManus and son of Albemarle visited Mr. and Mrs. John McManus on Sunday. Mrs. Jimmy Prevatte of Southport is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. N. Clark, this week.

CHARLIE HALL POST TO HAVE MEETING

RED SPRINGS.—According to Commander R. D. McMillan, Jr., there will be a very important meeting of Charlie Hall Post, American Legion at Legion Hall at eight o'clock, Monday night, February 7. A large attendance is requested for this meeting as a number of important projects are to be considered.