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County Home Repairs Considered, Commission Adopts Pension Plan

Courthouse Wings May Get 2nd Story

County Employees To Get Pensions

Welfare, Health, Education To Go To County Home

Robeson county commissioners in regular session Monday voted to place county employees under the NC Local Government Employees' Retirement System, began investigation of remodeling costs for the county home with a view toward using it for the County Board of Education, Health Department, and Welfare Department, and considered the possibility of making the courthouse enlargement bigger than first planned.

The retirement system will take effect July 1 when the new fiscal year starts. County employees may subscribe to the plan or not as they see fit, but must go under the system when it is inaugurated if ever included in it. The system will be administered by the same board which operates the teachers retirement plan in the state and will operate in the same way; employee and the county will contribute to the fund; cost to the county will be about \$8,000 per year. The retirement plan provides for consistent savings, supplemented by county contributions which together provide some security at retirement age.

The commissioners employed an architect, Charles Connelly, of Charlotte, to draw tentative plans for remodeling the county home so that it can be used for needed office space by county departments. Funds for the project will come from the money which was derived from sale of a portion of the county home property. Use of the building will allow other departments additional space in the courthouse and in the Agriculture building where they now have inadequate office. Some \$50,000 will be needed and that much is available for the purpose.

The bar association has asked the county commissioners to add a floor to the proposed addition to the county court house and on Monday met with the commissioners to argue the merits of the additional space adjacent to the court room. The space on one wing would house the Records court and the space on the other would provide consultation rooms and a law library as well as additional room for caring for jurors of both sexes and all races.

The plans as already approved by the commissioners call for two wings north and south of the courthouse to house the clerk of the court and the register of deeds; these wings would have a basement and one floor at the level of the present ground floor. The proposed new floor would be at courtroom level and would be connected to the courtroom by archways.

Attorneys cited the fact that judges consider the present facilities among the most inadequate in the state. They said that justice would be speedier and more certain if the courtroom were less crowded with people who could wait their turn at the bar adjacent to it. The need for jury dormitories was particularly stressed under the present necessity of having both men and women on juries, and along with this the need for additional sanitary facilities was brought out. Consultation rooms, said the lawyers, would probably result in more cases being settled between parties and without litigation if some place were available to bring the parties together for discussion. The economy of building all space needed at once was thought to be greater than building inadequately now and making other additions in the future.

A \$100,000 bond issue was voted before the war for the courthouse addition, which was to be matched by WPA funds. Construction was postponed during the war but the \$100,000 is still available. The two-story addition falls within this amount; the addition of another story will add about \$40,000 to the cost.

Boy Scouts Will Meet Friday

RED SPRINGS—Troop No. 51 of the Red Springs Boy Scouts will meet Friday night at 7:30 pm at the Presbyterian Hut, Smith Overstreet, newly elected scoutmaster, will have charge of the meeting assisted by David Ratley, assistant scoutmaster.

The troop is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

A special committee composed of W. P. Dorman, L. E. Baldwin, Charles Leigh, Sr., Tom Fry, John Graham, and David Brown, has been named to assist the scoutmaster.

PJC Defeats EMI 13 To 5 Saturday In Opening Game Of Diamond Season

Dr. Ramsey Will Conduct Series Next Week



RED SPRINGS—Dr. Harmon B. Ramsey, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Bluefield, West Virginia, will conduct the Holy Week services at the Presbyterian church here beginning at the morning service on April 10th and continuing through the 15th. Starting Monday the services will be held each evening at 7:45 p. m.

Dr. Ramsey attended Louisville Theological Seminary, where he received the Patterson Fellowship, and later studied at Edinburgh and Cambridge. He was also moderator of the Synod of West Virginia for the year 1947-48.

The congregations of all churches throughout the community are cordially invited to attend these services.

Motorcades Will Promote Robins Opening Game

RED SPRINGS—A motorcade to promote interest in the opening of baseball season of the Red Robins on April 20th, is being planned by the Merchants Association here. The motorcade will visit all the nearby towns on Wednesday, April 20th, inviting the folks of Raeford, Wagram, Laurinburg, Maxton, Rowland, Pembroke, Fairmont, Lumberton, St. Pauls, Parkton and Lumber Bridge to see the Tobacco State league games at Robbins Park this summer especially the season's opener between Lumberton and Red Springs on Wednesday evening, April 20th.

Bobby Graham was named chairman of the motorcade committee, and two groups of cars are being planned to visit these towns. Banners are being prepared and two sets of public address equipment have been secured so that each motorcade will have a "Voice" over which to make announcements.

A number of special entertainment features are being planned for the opening night crowd, with a half-hour program to precede the confab between Mayor Pitt Allen of Lumberton and Mayor E. H. Alexander of Red Springs and the Mayor of the other towns listed above.

Midway Church Seeks Help

LUMBERTON—Midway Baptist Church is campaigning for funds to complete payments on the new church building which was dedicated February 5. Funds are being sought from other churches in the Robeson Baptist Association. Robert Branch, treasurer of the church is heading the drive.

Solicitation of funds and formation of the congregation of the church began early last year and the building was near enough completion before Christmas so that its eleven members could begin using it. It is located some four miles from Beulah Church southeast of Lumberton. Funds needed amount to \$1900 of a total cost of \$4000.

High School Day Held On Campus

MAXTON—Presbyterian Junior college's baseball team, known as the Scotties, successfully opened their North Carolina Junior college conference season on Saturday afternoon on the home diamond, with a 13-5 victory over Edwards Military Institute cadets from Salemburg.

The visitors got 5 runs in the first two innings. After this Rev. McIntyre pitched seven and two-thirds innings, allowing only one hit, in a relief role to receive credit for the win. PJC bunched their runs in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings on three EMI pitchers to put the game on ice.

Wiley Steed led the Scotties by hitting with a triple, two doubles and a single in five plate visits.

HIGH SCHOOL DAY

The annual tradition of High School Day was observed Saturday also on the campus with high school seniors and their instructors visiting the college and enjoying the baseball game and a supper in the college cafeteria. Quizzes were conducted around the campus and the college band directed by Richard Harrison presented a musical program immediately before the game. Seniors under a motoring distance of Maxton were cordially invited to be present for High School Day.

Services Held For Mrs. McGuire At Laurinburg

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Morgan McGuire, first graduate of Flora Macdonald College, were held Tuesday afternoon at Laurinburg. Mrs. McGuire was the daughter of the late Mark Morgan, one of the early substantial supporters of the college at Red Springs, and was herself active in the interest and support of the institution.

A leader in the women's work of the Presbyterian church she was a past president of the Fayetteville Presbyterian, and only last year a scholarship in her honor was given by this group for student aid at Flora Macdonald. During the recent war she served as director of Red Cross activities in Scotland county. Among her other activities she was a member of the advisory board of Flora Macdonald and of Presbyterian Junior College at Maxton, vice chairman of the Democratic executive committee, and a Sunday School teacher for many years.

Baseball Fans

RED SPRINGS—An important meeting of baseball fans and supporters of the Red Robins has been called for tonight at Legion Hall. Manager Tom Cope states he will have a special report on the spring training season, direct from Macon, Ga., from playing manager, Red Norris.



RED SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BANQUET which was given last Wednesday night at the Red Spring cafeteria in honor of the champion basketball team of Red Springs.

Springers Take Hoke High By 12 To 8

RED SPRINGS—The Springers added their third straight win of the baseball season here yesterday by defeating Hoke High School 12 to 8.

Tommy Ashford went in as reliever in the third inning after the Hoke boys had scored five times and had the bases loaded with two out. He fanned the next hitter.

Until the 7th inning the visitors led 8 to 7, then the Springers went ahead scoring 5 in the 7th and 8th innings.

Frank McDonald hit a triple, a double and a single, for hitting honors. Cole hit 2 for 3 for Raeford.

Taborough, Cole (8) and Clark, for Kaeford and Watson, Ashford (3) and Beck for Red Springs were the batteries.

Biberstein Hired As Architect For RS School

RED SPRINGS—H. V. Biberstein was employed by the Red Springs School Board to draw plans for the new buildings of the white and Negro schools of this special charter district.

At a meeting Tuesday night the board asked Mr. Biberstein to submit location plans for the proposed buildings, and to proceed with preliminary floor plans for the Negro building which will have 100 class rooms, a home economics department and a lunchroom, and also to prepare suggested plans for the gymnasium, lunchroom and vocational classroom for the white school, with recommendations that the present lockerroom and storage room under the high school stage be remodeled to serve for a vocational workshop.

Chairman Hartles T. Johnson states that the first draughts of these plans are expected to be ready for the consideration of the board at an early date.

Col. Lowry PSC Speaker April 12

PEMBROKE—Col. Earl C. Lowry, M. C., E. S. M. D., and P. S. C., son of Rev. D. F. Lowry of Pembroke will be speaker in the second of the series of lectures in Citizenship Institute at Pembroke State college on April 12 at 8 p. m. Col. Lowry will speak on "The Citizen and Atomic Energy."

Col. Lowry, formerly chief consultant in surgery in the US forces in the European theater 1945-46, is now chief of surgical service and head of the department of surgery at Olivier General hospital in Augusta, Ga. He is also professor of chemical surgery in the University of Georgia, school of medicine and is the chairman of the panel on surgery and member of the panel on drugs of the joint annual services material group.

MAXTON—Leroy B. Martin, Jr., announced this week on Tuesday that he would be a candidate for the office of Commissioner of the town of Maxton in the election to be held Tuesday, May 3.

Robbery Victim Beaten To Death

LUMBERTON—M. L. Blackman, was found dead in his home on Highway 74, west, yesterday morning at 7:30 by deputy sheriff E. D. Rice. Deputy Rice went to the scene in response to a telephone call from an unidentified informant.

The man was found beaten to death in his home on the highway just across from the oil mill. That he had been robbed was evidenced by money dropped along the getaway route for several hundred yards from the back door which was found open. Two pistols belonging to Mr. Blackman were found some distance from the house, as well as a double-barrel shotgun the stock of which was broken off.

No arrests have been made. Neighbors recall having heard a gunshot about 9:30 Tuesday night. So far as can be determined the victim had no relatives in the vicinity.

Presbyterians To Hear Rev. Williams

MAXTON—Reverend R. Murphy Williams, of Greensboro, field representative of the Presbyterian Home for the Aged, will be guest minister on Sunday, April 10th, at the morning service of the First Presbyterian church held at the chapel of Presbyterian Junior college.

Service will continue to be held at Presbyterian Junior college through Sunday, April 17th, because of the remodeling program underway at the church. Sunday school classes also meet at the college, but youth groups and the prayer service are held at the church.

"King of Kings" produced by Cecil B. DeMille and released on new film with sound, will be shown at Presbyterian Junior college on Wednesday night, April 13th at eight o'clock. This film is a dramatic story of the life and death of Christ. The public is cordially invited. Prayer services at the Presbyterian and Methodist churches will be discontinued that evening due to the showing of this film.

REDFORD—The Modern Beauty Shop has moved into new quarters at East Fourth Avenue in the Scottish Bank building.

Mrs. Bertha Carville, manager of the shop, states that Miss Virginia Tate of Elizabeth City is expected to arrive next week to be associated with her in the operation of the shop.

ATTEND ALA MEETING
Among those attending the District Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary in Fayetteville on Wednesday were: Mrs. E. D. McMillan, Jr., Mrs. Sam Thomas, Mrs. Grace Adams, Mrs. J. A. Love, and Mrs. James McKay.

College Dramatic Production Tuesday

MAXTON—The PJC Dramatic club will present a serious drama, entitled, "Outward Bound" by Sutton Vane on Tuesday evening, April 12th, at eight p. m. at the Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base Skyline theater.

Al Grant Elected Rotary President In Red Springs

RED SPRINGS—Al H. Grant, manager of the Red Springs division of Robbins Cloth Mills, was named president of the Rotary club here, to succeed Hiram Grantham, at the annual election of officers last Friday evening.

Other officers elected to serve under Mr. Grant are: Neil P. Clinton, vice president; G. Robert Graham, secretary; John Graham, treasurer; Warren B. Detweiler, sergeant at arms; and Hartman, D. Baxley, song leader.

The board of directors will include: Mr. Grantham, Mr. Grant, Mr. Detweiler, Mr. Clinton, John and Robert Graham, and Carl Stubbs.

The program for the meetings included a safety film shown under the direction of Chief Whitman of the Red Springs Police department. The film dealt with reckless and drunken driving illustrating how these driver faults led to accidents and deaths on the highways. The picture was loaned to the local police department by the safety division of the State Highway department.

Maxton, Fairmont Debate Teams Win In Prelims

Both Fairmont and Maxton had winning teams in the triangular debates held Friday. The query discussed in this, the 37th annual State-wide high school debating contest is: "Resolved that the United Nations now be revised into a Federal World Government." This query is the national high school debate subject for the current year. Fairmont, Maxton and Whiteville form the triangle in which the county teams were entered.

The Maxton affirmative team composed of John Hunter LaMonte and Woody Frostick debated against Whiteville's negative team in Fairmont and won by a 3-0 decision. They will participate in the district debates to be held in Red Springs at Flora Macdonald college on Monday, April 11.

A. L. Patterson, Jr., and Reginald McVicker debated on the negative team against Fairmont's in Whiteville on Friday, and lost their debate 2-1.

Mrs. Ida J. McKinnon has been coaching the Maxton debating teams.

The Maxton affirmative team last year made an excellent record and completed in the finals in Chapel Hill on a labor question.

The alternate members of the Maxton debating teams, Miss Ann McLeod and Miss Katherine Carter, served as chairman and time-keeper respectively for the visiting debaters, and helped received at the tea.

Following the debates in Fairmont the home economics department entertained out of town spectators and contestants. Arrangements were in charge of Miss Beta Harrelson and guests were served by Michele Jennings, Alma Rogers, Ann Troy Mitchell, Faith Fenegan, Treva Pittman, and Jean Wilkerson.

Fairmont's negative team is composed of Maxie Turner and Velma Turbeville, with Sybil Morgan as alternate. The Fairmont affirmative was represented by Marie Russell and Joan Britt, with Billy Hamilton as alternate. Mrs. Herman Campbell is affirmative coach and Mrs. Broughton Jenks is negative.

The drive will be conducted with the aid of coin boxes and various community events, but solicitation will be relied upon for the majority of the money.

Mrs. Shephard and Mrs. McCormick attended the dinner inaugurating the estate campaign, which was held in Raleigh last week.

Surviving Colon Britt, 23, are his wife, Mrs. Bessie Edwards Britt; five children; his mother, Mrs. M. C. Britt of Orrum, Route 1; a brother and a sister.

The car was headed toward Proctorville and the train struck the rear portion of it, witnesses

Red Springs Folk Honor High School Athletes At Banquet

RED SPRINGS—The first Red Springs High school athletic banquet was held Wednesday night in the high school cafeteria with 90 guests present including the members of local baseball, basketball and football teams and their parents, who were being honored by the school board for their accomplishments during the past seasons.

Coach Bob Van Hoy acted as toastmaster for the occasion with Dr. C. T. Johnson welcoming the guests and the response by Captain Billy Stutts of the Boys basketball team. Coach Van Hoy recognized the coaches from surrounding communities who were invited guests, among those were Coach "Pop" Clements newly elected head coach of Fayetteville high school, R. R. Doak of Presbyterian Junior college, Miss Ethel Bateman, physical education director of Flora Macdonald college, Carol King of Laurinburg high school, Raymond, Peele of Maxton high school, Coach Elnsey of St. Pauls high school, and Tom Cope of the local Red Springs Red Robins. Also recognized were Harold Wood and Jim Waiser who were teammates at Catawba college this past year. Wood formerly starred for Red Springs high school in basketball and baseball.

Mr. Van Hoy then introduced the speakers of the evening Coach Richards director of physical education and assistant coach of Catawba college, who congratulated the teams and Mr. Van Hoy on the splendid performance of the players in winning the Raeford Invitational tournament by the Robeson county basketball team, by the girls basketball team. He stated that it was pleasure for the staff at Catawba college to participate in a program like the one being held at that time particularly when one of their former players and student was the coach, Coach Earl Ruth, head basketball and baseball coach at Catawba, then took over and delivered a very humorous speech concerning the activities of coaching and playing of sports.

The closing event of the evening was the presentation of a gold wrist watch to Coach Van Hoy by Captain Eunice Duncan of the girls basketball team on behalf of the boys and girls basketball teams, the football and baseball teams their managers and cheerleaders and the school administration in recognition of the hard work and splendid job of coaching during the past year.

Mr. Van Hoy acknowledged the gift and thanked the team members, student assistants school authorities and supporters for the cooperation given and pledged every effort toward an even better athletic program in the future.

Four Announce For Office In May 3 Election

RED SPRINGS—Blowing the lid off a political situation that has but scarcely simmered for the past several weeks, four candidates for offices in the town government filed at City Hall yesterday.

Hiram Grantham, filed as a candidate for mayor, to oppose the incumbent E. Herndon Alexander; and filing for commissioner were Bart Lewis, Duncan McGougan and James Owen.

Of the group Mr. McGougan, operator of the Auto Service Center, is the only candidate who has held office formerly, having been a member of the commission; several terms. Mr. Lewis is manager of the hardware department of Red Springs Supply company and Mr. Owen is manager of the Colonial Frozen Foods plant. Mr. Grantham was a candidate for mayor two years ago and polled a nice vote in one of the hottest political contests in the history of Red Springs.

With two candidates for mayor and eight announced for the six-place commission, indications are that things political will be somewhat warmed up by election time on May 3rd.

Committees Set In Cancer Drive

Robeson County's campaign for funds to combat cancer will be staged during the week beginning April 18, according to an announcement by committee heads in the county. The county quota for the campaign has been set at \$3,000 and chairmen have been appointed in communities throughout Robeson.

The central organization is made up of an educational committee headed by Mrs. D. S. Currie of Parkton, a fund raising committee headed by Mrs. D. A. McCormick of Maxton, and of Mrs. W. Scott Shepherd who acts as coordinator of the two divisions.

Mrs. Currie is assisted by the members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Robeson Medical Association.

The fund raising chairmen appointed in the county are Mrs. Jack Mitchell in Fairmont, Mrs. Earl McKellar in Rowland, J. H. Hood in Pembroke, Neil P. Clinton in Red Springs, Mrs. Lacy Carroll in St. Pauls, John Tudor in Lumberton, and Mrs. J. B. Hord in Maxton. Jim McNeill is handling radio publicity.

The drive will be conducted with the aid of coin boxes and various community events, but solicitation will be relied upon for the majority of the money.

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Miss Alice Kelly is treasurer of the fund.

Addition At RS Baptist Church Being Erected

RED SPRINGS—A new pastor's study and an addition to the Sunday School assembly room of the First Baptist church here are nearing completion, and installation of a new carpet for the auditorium of the church is to be made next week.

The addition being constructed is approximately 12 by 24 feet and is of similar brick construction as the older building. It will provide an entrance vestibule, with the pastor's study on the main floor and the addition to the assembly room on the ground floor level.

Hartman D. Baxley, chairman, J. L. Duncan and Lee V. Davis are the committee in charge of this construction.

The new carpet is to be laid next week by the floor coverings department of J. B. Ivey and Company of Charlotte. This will be the final step in an improvement program being carried out by the church over the past year. Last summer the interior of the church was completely repainted, and a pipe organ and set of chimes were installed. Earlier a new oil furnace was installed, and a number of improvements were made in the Sunday School department.

Baptist To Vote On New Pastor

RED SPRINGS—There will be a congregational meeting at the Red Springs Baptist church on Sunday, April 10, at the regular morning service, for consideration of a pastor. At this time the Board of Deacons will probably have a recommendation regarding a new minister for the church. All members are urged to be present.

Power Off

RED SPRINGS—The Carolina Power and Light Company will have the power off on Sunday, April 10, from 6 a. m. to 6:45 a. m.

Two Men Killed Tues. In Train-Car Crash

A grade crossing accident claimed the lives of two men Tuesday morning when the car in which they were riding was struck by the Elrod-Myrtle Beach train of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

The train struck the car at the crossing between Orrum and Proctorville about eight o'clock; the driver, D. G. (Buster) Britt, was killed instantly, and his companion, Colon Britt, died about two hours later in a Lumberton hospital.

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