

ROBINS SEEK ATTENDANCE RECORD AT OPENING WED.

RED SPRINGS—Next Wednesday night, this town will again seek to live up to its reputation of the being the biggest little baseball town in the country.

Then—the Red Robins play host to the Lumberton Auctioneers in the season's opener of the Tobacco State League. Manager Red Norris will set out for another season of league leadership in the class D circuit.

Seeking to break the park's attendance record, the team management and sports fans of Red Springs are promoting the opener in a big way, hoping to sell over 3,000 of the special souvenir opening game tickets. These tickets carry an oversized stub bearing a drawing of Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics, who is president of the local farm club of the "A's."

Mayor Pitt Allen of Lumberton will be the first batter and Mayor E. H. Alexander of Red Springs will be first-ball pitcher, in the opening ceremonies which start at 7:30. Official "Play Ball" of the game will be sounded out by the ball and strike umpire at 7:45, and the league season will be underway for a 140 game series which winds up in early September.

Squad Members
Pitchers for the Red Springs squad include: Wally Ammons of Brockton, Pa., both holdovers from last season's Wood Circuit championships, Robert Unger, William Helms and Mike Byrd, a Hamlet portlander. Three others as yet unproved will come in with the team from their Spring training grounds at Moultrie, Ga. Charlie Simmons and two others will go on the early catching staff.

Basemen are: Roy Brouder, lefty and hefty, 6ft. 3 inch and 200 pounds Philadelphia lad, at first; Ernie Brockman returns at second, while Bob Tomshaw takes over the shortstop spot; Joe Kottel has clinched the third base position. All Pannell will again be in right field and Johnny "The Preacher's boy" Wisneski is at center. The left field post has some three candidates, according to Red Norris.

Preview
There will be a preview for local fans of the Lam on Monday night when McColl, of the Border Belt semi-pro league comes to Robins Park, and the Robins will go to Rockingham for a Textile league opponent Tuesday night.

Starters
Wallace Ammons is expected to get the mound assignment for the game here Wednesday night, and Robert Bessler will draw the Lumberton starting task Thursday, it is expected.

Maxton Lions To Stage Minstrel

MAXTON—Final plans were discussed for the minstrel which will be presented sometime next month, at the meeting of the Lions' Club held on Tuesday evening of last week. A supper was served by Mrs. McCallum at Presbyterian Junior College dining room, after which the business meeting was conducted by Lion President Kenneth Welsh.

Lion Malcolm Gillis is to be chairman of the 1949 Minstrel sponsored by the Lions' Club, which will be staged sometime during the first two weeks of May. The date will be announced later.

Last year a most successful minstrel was produced in the spring by the Lions' Club and this year's show is being looked forward to with much anticipation. Casting will take place immediately and rehearsals will commence next week following the regular Lions' Club meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th.

Booster Club Plans Robins Ticket Sale

RED SPRINGS—At a meeting Thursday night the Red Springs Red Robins Booster club took on the project of handling the pregame sale of tickets for the opening night game with Lumberton April 20. Here in Robins Park. Special souvenir tickets will be used this year with a picture of Connie Mack, president of the Red Springs Ball club, on the detachable stub.

Enthusiasm ran high at this meeting and a goal of 3,000 was set for the attendance opening night. The Booster club also will help the local merchants association in the motorcades that will visit the surrounding towns on the Tuesday before the game. Towns to be visited include, Raeford, Wagram, Laurinburg, Maxton Rowland, Pembroke, St. Pauls, Parkton and Lumber Bridge. Bobbie Graham is chairman of the Motorcade Committee of the merchants association and Randy Bullard is ticket chairman.

North Carolina now has 41 artificial breeding associations serving 50 counties. The associations have a membership of 7,450 farmers who have signed up 35,708 cows under the program.



PRIVATE LOUIS W. WILLIAMS for whom memorial and burial services will be held Sunday April 17, at the Methodist church at Parkton. A member of Company K of the 30th Division he was killed in action in France on January 24, 1945.

Community Greet Easter Morning In Song Service

RED SPRINGS. — A community-wide service will be held at May Day Dell on the college campus Sunday morning, when devotions will be led by the several ministers of the town and special music will be presented by the choir of the High School.

Miss Lois Lambie, director of public school music, will be in charge of the musical program. The service will be held at 7 a. m.

Auctioneers Meet College Team In Rotary Sponsored Practice Game

Lumberton-Armory field will see some first-class baseball tomorrow night when Wake Forest comes to Lumberton to meet the Auctioneers in the third of a four-game series between the college nine and professional clubs in the state. Tonight the Deacons meet Fayetteville in the second game of their tour; they played at Roanoke Rapids Wednesday and will go from here to Greenville for a Saturday afternoon meet.

This is the third time the Auctioneers have met the Deacons and it's time for a win by the locals; the WF nine took them twice recently at Rockingham, 3-0 and 13-3. Both teams are readying for their regular season; the college boys are making their last practice tour and the Auctioneers open regular play next week at Robins park in Red Springs, with a return engagement here Thursday.

The Deacons are enjoying a perfect record this season with eight victories in as many starts. In addition to their two wins over Lumberton, Wake Forest has beaten Cornell twice and Randolph-Macon, Washington and Lee, Duke and Burlington of the Class B Carolina League once each.

The entire pitching staff is expected to see action in these games. This staff is composed of Dick Vander Clute, Harry Nicholson, Raymond, (Moe) Bauer, Vernon Mustian, Charlie Kinlaw, Max Eller, and Dick McCleney. Vander Clute and Nicholas are leading the way with two victories each. The leading hitters are Charlie Kersh (857), Vander Clute (.500), Wiley Warren (.476), and Kent Rogers (.455).

Methodists Plan Special Easter Evening Service

RED SPRINGS — On Easter Sunday evening, April 17th, at 7:45 o'clock, the Trinity Methodist church of Red Springs will present "The Story of Easter." The last week of Christ's earthly life will be told through the use of the Scriptures, anthems, and solos. Both the adult choir and the Junior choir will aid in rendering the music. Among the familiar anthems are "The Palms" by Faure, "A Joyous Easter Hymn" from the Cologne Gesangbuch (1623), and "Go to Dark Gethsemane" by Noble.

The public is cordially invited to attend this inspirational service which will be a climax to the Easter season.

New Manager At Maxton Movie

MAXTON.—J. W. McMillan, Jr., of Latta, S. C., assumed duties as manager of the Maxton Theatre this week. Mr. McMillan is the son of J. W. McMillan, owner of the local theater, and has attended Clemson College in S. C.

Mrs. C. P. McMillan will continue as ticket seller and projector operator is Tommy Bracey. Mr. McMillan announced plans to renovate the theater in the near future. A change in schedule for evening shows has been made recently and shows now start at 7:30 p. m. and 9:30 p. m. Matinee on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday are at 3:30 p. m. as usual.

D. L. Stone, Jr., has been manager of the theater until recently and is now operating the Gulf Service Station.

Erle Edwards Is Star In Game At Raeford

RED SPRINGS.—It was Erle Edwards who Raeford baseball park last Friday when the Spring-scaped Hoke High in their own backyard. Erle has been doing some right good pitching this spring, but he did his best in several seasons on the mound against Hoke.

He allowed but four hits, fanned 10, walked but one batter, and let only one runner get to second base. And besides all that he led the team by hitting the game with five good clean singles in five trips to the plate.

The Springers won the game in the third inning, when three bas knocks, plus a couple of Raeford errors and a walk scored three runs. The Red Springs High School baseball squad yesterday won their fifth straight game of the season from Hope Mills by a score of 7 to 2. This was a class B conference game and was played in Hope Mills.

Donald Watson pitched a two hitter keeping Hope Mills under perfect control except in the 3rd inning. In the 3rd he walked two men and then hit the next batter to load the bases with two out. Dalton, Hope Mills left fielder, made the only solo hit. Hope Mills hit of the game and this brought in two runs.

Nine Candidates Are Out For Commission

RED SPRINGS.—Gus S. Edens added a bit more fuel to the political fire this week when he filed for a place on the Board of Commissioners to make the ninth candidate seeking a place on the six-man board.

Others who have previously filed for the board are: Fd C. Bodenheimer, John McManus, Leslie E. Baldwin, R. D. McMillan, Jr., Ben Campen, Jr., Duncan McGougan, James M. Owen and Earl R. Lewis, the first five names listed are those of the incumbents.

In the mayoralty race rumors that a third candidate for the post have not yet materialized. So far, the incumbent, Mayor E. H. Alexander, and Hiram Grantham, whom Mr. Alexander defeated two years ago, are the only candidates for the office.

Final date for filing for the town officer is next Tuesday, April 19.

Sunrise Service At Centre Church

MAXTON.—An Easter sunrise service will be held at Centre Presbyterian church, between Maxton and Red Springs, on Sunday morning at seven o'clock. The service will be conducted by the young people of the church of which Miss Virginia McGirt is president.

Special music will be presented and the public is cordially invited. The young people of the Maxton Presbyterian church are issued a special invitation to attend. Red Springs Sunrise service, Sunday School will be held at 8 o'clock and there will not be a morning church service in order that members may attend churches of their choice elsewhere. Rev. J. R. Dickens is pastor of the Centre church.

Jim Appley Will Speak To Church Leaders Tuesday

ANTIOCH CHURCH, RED SPRINGS.—The Rev. James A. Appley, former pastor of the Maxton Presbyterian church and now of Union Seminary, Richmond, will deliver the principal address at the Spring meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery which convenes here Tuesday morning for a one-day session.

The Rev. W. S. Golden of Carthage is retiring moderator of the body, and will preach the opening sermon shortly after the meeting is convened at 10 a. m. The Rev. J. W. Mann is pastor of the host church.

Nearly all Tyrrell County farmers will plant at least part of their 1949 corn crop to hybrid varieties.

Solicitor Seeks To Remove St. Pauls Judge From Office

SC Editor Talks On City Gov't



LUMBERTON.—The problems of transition from the alderman to the city manager form of city government were presented to members of the Lumberton Junior Chamber of Commerce Monday night by Harold C. Booker, South Carolina editor. Mr. Booker, now editor of the Camden, S. C. Chronicle, has seen both Lancaster, where he formerly lived, and Camden make the change to city manager government and having observed the changes from an editor's point of view had interesting comparisons to make.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is the moving spirit in Lumberton's change to the newer government form, which was approved by referendum, and which will be instituted following the coming election of city councilors.

Mr. Booker compared a city to a large corporation, which may be departmentalized but which must have one full time director to coordinate all its departments. He also cited the value of long-range planning which can be carried over from one elected administration to another by a city manager. He said that the manager cannot function properly unless he is given free rein in management, conforming of course to the general policies of the elected officials.

Mr. Booker believes that any money spent for a city manager is money well spent, and that any competent man can more than earn his keep. An expensive man, if he is expensive because of his experience, will be worth whatever paid, according to Mr. Booker.

The speaker warned that the first years under the new governmental plan will be difficult, but that the plan cannot fail to benefit the city.

Mr. Booker was introduced by Jay-Cee Bill Reasonover, a native of Camden. Accompanying Mr. Booker was M. M. Reasonover, Bill's father.

Invited guests at the dinner meeting included present and prospective city officials and city departmental administrators.

Special Meeting Of Woodmen Is Held

MAXTON. — The Woodmen of the World enjoyed a special meeting and Brunswick stew supper on Friday evening at Sellers Landing on Lumber River. Approximately forty members and guests attended, including local Masons. Hugh McCall was in charge of preparations and he was assisted by Woodmen McKay Morgan and Elmer Barrow.

Cancer Fund To Be Raised In Drive Next Week

Next week has been set for Robeson county's cancer fund drive and plans are complete for the campaign to raise \$3000 in the area. The drive will be conducted with the aid of coin boxes and other methods of collection, but the bulk of the money is to be raised by personal solicitation.

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 McDondal, 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 F. Clayton in Red Springs; Mrs. Lily Carroll in St. Pauls; John Tudor in Lumberton; and Mrs. J. B. Hord in Maxton. Jim McNeill is handling radio publicity.

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

Miss Alice Kelly is treasurer of the fund.

Charges Johnson With Misconduct, Compounding Felonies, Errors

Posthumous Award Made To Donald McLaren's Widow

Panama, City Fla. — Mrs. D. G. McLaren, 708 MacKenzie Ave., Panama City and Col. H. S. Williams Jr., Chief of Staff, Tyndall Air Force Base, read the official citation awarded posthumously to Lt. Donald Greene McLaren, while his son, Donald Jr., inspected the Air Medal pinned on his chest as his father's representative. The presentation was made at Tyndall to Mrs. McLaren and Donald for Lt. McLaren, who was killed in a ground accident on Luzon, in the Philippines, October 25, 1945, the day before he was to return home.

In addition to the Air Medal, awarded for action in the South Pacific May 5, 1945, Lt. McLaren was awarded the Good Conduct ribbon, the American Defense ribbon, the Philippine Liberation medal with one bronze star, the Victory Medal, the American campaign ribbon, and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with one silver and three bronze stars, representing participation in the campaigns in the Solomons, Ryukyus, Southern Philippines, Western Pacific, American Offensive against Japan, Bismarck Archipelago, Luzon and New Guinea.

Lt. McLaren, a native of Red Springs, was the son of Mrs. John L. McLaren and the late Mr. McLaren of Lumberton.

Covington And McRainey Deny "Job Rumors"

RED SPRINGS — Statements today by two former town officials served to clear up some of the matters which have entered into local political campaign discussions.

Preston M. Covington, town clerk and superintendent of the water and light department for 21 years, and Norman McRainey, former chief of police for 15 years, both state that they are not available to accept positions with the town government in case there is a change of administration.

Mr. Covington states that there have been considerable number of rumors to the effect that should there be a change in the administration, he would be employed as clerk and as head of the utilities department again. "My future plans are in no way concerned with the holding of any public office, and I would not be able to accept the job with the Town if it were offered to me," Mr. Covington stated.

Mr. McRainey is now with the Robbins Cloth Mills and he states that this position is far more attractive and suitable to him than to be back on the police force.

HEARING SET FOR NEXT MONDAY

Petition Presented By Seawell Monday Afternoon

The Superior Court Court of Robeson County, Judge John J. Burney presiding, received Monday a Petition For Removal From Public Office directed against A. B. Johnson, Judge of Records, St. Pauls District. The petition was filed, presented and signed by Malcolm B. Seawell, Solicitor Ninth Judicial District.

The respondent, A. B. Johnson, pleaded through attorneys for a continuance until Monday, April 18, due to the fact that he had had no time to consider his answer. The bill of particulars in the petition had not been filed at the time the petition was presented. Judge Burney granted continuance Judge Johnson not to conduct his court until after such hearing. The St. Pauls judge is represented by attorneys T. L. Johnson, L. R. Varner and W. S. Britt.

The petition alleges "that this petitioner (Solicitor Seawell) believes and so alleges that the defendant has in numerous cases rendered void and erroneous judgments while serving as Judge of Records of Court of St. Pauls District. — that the defendant as Judge of Records of Court of St. Pauls District has compounded numerous felonies while serving as such judge — that the defendant has in other ways so conducted himself in his official capacity as to display willful misconduct and mal-administration in performance of his duties.

The concluding section of the petition asked "that an order issue forthwith commanding the said defendant to appear instanter — to the end that inquiry may be made as to whether the defendant should be suspended from office, pending a hearing on this petition."

The case has been prepared by Solicitor Seawell over a period of several weeks and his investigation was a result of requests of citizens of the court district. Investigation has included financial reports of the court, examination of warrants in cases handled by the court, and comparison of the court's record of case disposition with the records of arresting officers.

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The local high school is after a conference win after their loss to Laurinburg Saturday in the first official conference play of the year.

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