

Town Election Tuesday Centers Red Springs Citizens' Interest

RED SPRINGS—Election Day vies with the annual May Day festival of Flora MacDonald Public for interest of the general public on next Tuesday. The election will be an all-day feature from 6:30 A. M. until 6:30 P. M., while the May Day program starts promptly at 5 P. M.

With contests between two candidates for mayor, E. H. Alexander, incumbent, and Hiram Grantham, and nine seeking the six places on the Board of Commissioners, it is expected that there will be nearly 100 per cent turnout of the 560 registrants who were enrolled during the new registration during the past month. There is also a chance for a few additional voters, if they have become 21 years of age since the books closed on Saturday April 23rd. These can register and vote on election day, according to Ben F. Stanton, registrar. Election judges will be Knox Harrington and W. E. Robeson.

Candidates for the commission are: R. D. McMillan, Jr., E. C. Fodenheimer, John McMasius, Ben Campen, Leslie Baldwin, incumbents, Warren C. McNeill and Acree Boatwright, are the only candidates.

William B. McLean, member of the present board, did not offer for re-election. Explaining his action, Mr. McLean states that he did not feel that he could devote the time required to render the services demanded by his office. "The present board has had a number of difficult jobs to do, with limited funds, and I think that Mayor Alexander and the commissioners I had the pleasure of serving with have done a very commendable job during the past two years, in a very businesslike way. I appreciate the confidence the people gave me in making me a member of this board and I am grateful to those who have urged me to be a candidate again," Mr. McLean stated.

Robins Tan Scots In 17 To 9 Fray

RED SPRINGS—The Robins got their 4th victory in 6 starts Tuesday night topping the Fayetteville Scotts 17 to 9 as Managers Norris and Payne used up a total of seven hurlers.

Pattell and Brockman each got triples and Helms, Brockman, Doak (2) and Guiliano got doubles, during the three hour game. In the opener last Wednesday night Wally Ammons pitched the Robins to a 6 to 2 win over Lumberton and on Thursday night lack of hitting in the clutches cost the Robins a 5 to 0 game as Bassler held the Auctioneers to 6 hits. The first of the Clinton games was rained out but the Robins took the Saturday night 13 inning game from the Huckleberry Pickers, 2 to 1, behind the debut pitching of Harrington who went the route and allowed but five well-scattered hits.

Sunday afternoon the Robins took a 17 to 7 win from Dunn-Erwin and dropped a 5 to 4 decision at Dunn Monday.

The last Pre-School clinic to be conducted by the county health department will be held in Fairmont Tuesday. This clinic will be at the white school and is scheduled for 9:30 a. m.

Sen. H. A. McKinnon Summarizes Doings Of General Assembly

Predicts Drop In State Revenues

by STAFF WRITER

Commenting on the appropriations made by the General Assembly yesterday Senator Henry A. McKinnon said, "For all these appropriations, I voted, and yet I am criticized for being too conservative."

Mr. McKinnon has figured out that if the legislature had appropriated \$140 million each year (as it has just done for the next two years) since 1943-44, and if revenues had been just what they actually were, that the \$40 million surplus which existed in 1943 would have been used, the \$51 million appropriated for 1948-49 and the \$73 million appropriated for 1949-50 for permanent improvements would not have been available, and the state would have a deficit of \$175 million. "And," he said, "official and unofficial esti-

Joe Grier, N. C. Legion Commander, To Make Dinner Address Tonight

Joe Grier, commander of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion will be the principal speaker at the ladies night dinner to be held at the Lumberton Armyory tonight at 7:30.

Grier, one of the most able young attorneys of Charlotte, is a 1937 graduate of the University of North Carolina. A former law clerk to Senior Circuit Judge John J. Parker of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, Grier served four years in the Army during War II.

He was decorated with the Bronze Star medal for heroic action in the Luzon invasion Overseas 30 months, he also served in the Solomon campaigns and established AA defenses at Clark Field in the Philippines.

Grier, a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, has long been vigorously active in civic and Legion affairs, serving as department delegate to the 1947 national convention, commander of the Independence Post of Charlotte, chairman of the department reburial committee, 1947 Fourth Division Commander and is now a member of the National Graves Registration committee.

During his administration as commander of the Independence Post, the unit sponsored construction of 50 low-cost homes for



Charlotte veterans.

The dinner has been planned by Commander William E. Timberlake of Legion Post No. 42 and will be a Dutch affair. Representatives of other legion posts in the county have been invited as have members of the Robeson county Voiture of the 40 and 8.

Junior Legion baseball will be the principal subject for discussion at the meeting and all posts are asked to consider the possibility of a county team sponsored by all posts with games in all towns.

Katherine Currie Writes Winning Song

MAXTON—Miss Katherine Currie has been awarded first prize in a contest sponsored recently by the Home Demonstration Club for the composition of a pep song to be used in Maxton gatherings. Pupils of high school English classes participated and Miss Currie's entry was judged the winner at the Home Demonstration Club meeting held last week.

The winning song is entitled "Dear Old Maxton" and is to be sung to the tune of "I've Been Working on the Railroad." Following is Miss Currie's pep song: "Dear Old Maxton How we love her, She is our hometown. We'll all love her, We'll all serve her, Through hard times, smile or frown. Yes, we all want her to prosper, So everybody lend a hand, And we'll make for her the name of The best town in the land!"

Tom Wedding Is Postponed

MAXTON—The Tom Thumb Wedding which was to be presented tomorrow (Friday) night at the high school by the Junior Woman's Club and Maxton Kindergarten, has been postponed until a later date. Mrs. J. H. Hord announced this week that it would probably be in early June and that the definite date would be set soon.

Although Dr. Fred Ford stated that it would be all right to stage the Tom Thumb Wedding despite the illness of little Jane Hasty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hasty, it was decided to postpone until later. Jane, a student at the Kindergarten, contracted a case of meningitis last week and is improving after being a patient at Highsmith Hospital in Fayetteville. A colored child also is reported to have had the disease but is now better.

Sessions have been resumed at the Maxton Kindergarten on the advice of Dr. Ford. It was closed most of last week because the director, Mrs. Hord, was attending a convention.

Early Becomes Pastor of Baptist Church Sunday

RED SPRINGS—The Rev. Paul D. Early, Th. D., will become pastor of the First Baptist Church here Sunday morning, having accepted a recent call to the church effective on May 1st.

Mr. Early, a native of Winston-Salem, comes here this week from Louisville, Ky., where he has been studying for his doctorate at the Southern Baptist Seminary for the past three years since his discharge from the armed services as a chaplain in which he served for 20 months.

He completed high school at Winston-Salem, attended Mars Hill and was graduated from Wake Forest in 1941. He received his master of theology degree from the seminary at Louisville in 1944, and held pastorates at Buck Run and Forks Baptist churches at Elkhorn, Ky., and later at Hebron Baptist Church of Madison, Ind.

Mrs. Early, a native of Macon, Ga., and a graduate of Bessie Tift College and the Baptist Training School at Louisville. For several years she has taught in high schools in Georgia and Rock Hill, S. C. They have two children, Paul Davis, Jr., age three, and Miriam, age 18 months. Mrs. Early and the children are expected to arrive in Red Springs later next week, and the family will be at home in the Baptist parsonage on East Fifth Avenue.

WORK COMPLETED
Completion of the new carpet, and the addition to the church is expected this week which will complete the present improvement program which has been in progress during the past two years. The program included the installation of a new furnace and heat circulation system, installation of new pipe organ and chimes, enlargement and repainting of Sunday school rooms, in addition to the school department and enlargement of the assembly room, repainting and re-decoration of entire church.

Baseball Clinic
RED SPRINGS—On Monday, May 2, the spring baseball clinic of various county high schools will be conducted in the Robbins Ball Park at 3 o'clock in the afternoon with players, umpires, and officials participating.

Woman's Club Federation Convention Attended By Maxton Junior Women

Seminary Man Heard By Students

MAXTON—Rev. Fred Stair, assistant to the president of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, was speaker at the chapel hour at Presbyterian Junior College on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Stair addressed the student body and also held private interviews with students interested in the ministry. Mr. Stair's position at the seminary is enlisting young people for full time Christian service and in this connection, he visits educational institutions frequently.

Scouts Camp Out At Air Base

MAXTON—The Maxton Boy Scout Troop 39 enjoyed an overnight hike at the Air Base on Saturday of last week. The troop was accompanied by Bob Brooks, an eagle scout who is a student at Presbyterian Junior College.

Scouts attending were Mac Davis, Thomas Caddell, Thomas Cannon, J. P. McKenzie, J. B. Watson, Clinton West and Glen Crofton. As soon as they arrived at their camp site, the troop prepared to hike to the river to cook supper.

The hiked home after cooking breakfast on Sunday morning, after an enjoyable outing.

Sponsored by the Mormax Club, scoutmasters are Jack Castevens, and Doug Purcell. The troop is now meeting upstairs in the State Bank Building, having recently moved from the Presbyterian church hut. Plans are underway for securing a permanent scout house.

Southern Bell Rates Raised

The largest single increase ever allowed a firm by the State Utilities Commission will have its effect on Robeson County. Two towns in the county will feel the effects of rate increases allowed the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. The increase throughout the state was allowed because the Utilities Commission found that it was needed to keep the firm sound financially.

In Lumberton rates on residence phones will be \$3 for one party and \$2.50 for two parties, while a four party line will cost each subscriber \$2.25 the same as for rural homes. Business telephones in Lumberton will cost \$5.25 for one party, \$4.50 for two party, and \$3.75 for four party service. Rural business subscribers will be charged \$3.00.

Fairmont rates are somewhat lower as municipal rates are based to a large extent on the size of the exchange. Residence phones in Fairmont will cost \$2.75, \$2.25 and \$2 for one, two and four-party service respectively. Rural phones will be \$2. Fairmont business rates will be \$4.75, \$4 and \$3.50, with rural business outlets costing \$2.75.

The new rates will go into effect May 1. Other towns in the county are served by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph and there will be no rate change at present.

Election Monday In E. Lumberton

LUMBERTON—East Lumberton will elect officials Monday when it names a mayor and three commissioners. For the mayors post there are three candidates and 12 men seek the three commission spots.

The present mayor, C. C. West, is not offering for re-election and his post is sought by Commissioner C. P. Godwin and by Robert Hinson and Haril Barnes.

Commissioners Lonnie Neely and Donnie Faircloth are not seeking re-election. Mr. Godwin is the only town officer who is offering for office, and if he fails in his bid for mayor the town will have a completely new government. Even the clerk, Curtis Humphrey, has resigned.

Seeking the post of commissioner are Roy Byrd, C. C. Gene, Horace Phillips, O'Neal Babson, Henry W. Goodwin, Leo Rhodes, Hugh Price, Pete Mays, James Britt, C. Guyton, Buddy Coleman Lloyd Kirby.

JOINS FOUNDATION
FAIRMONT—Dr. H. C. Herring, Fairmont optometrist, has become an active member of the American Optometric Foundation to help support research in visual care and advancement of the visual health of the nation.

Municipal League To Demand Radios For Sheriff's Cars

Attend Meeting Of Presbytery

MAXTON—Representing the Maxton Presbyterian Church at the spring meeting of Fayetteville Presbytery held last Tuesday at Antioch Presbyterian Church, were Rev. E. L. Stoffel, who was elected moderator of the meeting; Dr. R. D. Croom, Jr., M. P. James, R. F. Morris and J. B. McCallum, Jr. Dr. Croom and Mr. James represented the local church as delegates from the Session and Board to Deacons, respectively.

One of the guest speakers at the meeting was Rev. James Appleby of Richmond, Va., former Maxton pastor, who addressed the group on "Visitation Evangelism." A sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. W. S. Golden of Carthage, opened the morning session which was attended by over three hundred persons.

Roger Gentry Is P-TA President

MAXTON—At the monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association held Monday night, the following officers were elected for next year's term: Roger Gentry, president; Mrs. G. P. Henderson, vice president; Mrs. G. W. Pulliam, secretary; and Mrs. M. G. Misenheimer, treasurer. The newly elected officers will be installed at the May meeting.

Highlight of the meeting, was the enjoyable program presented by the second grade Rhythm Band under the direction of second grade teacher, Mrs. E. P. Williams. Attired in attractive new uniforms which consist of navy blue capes lined with red; white pants and red hats with blue chin straps, the band was led by Carolyn Ann Smith, director. Buck Maynard and Patricia Holland also participated in the program by introducing the band and welcoming the visitors.

The program included the following selections: "Shoemaker's Dance," "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," "Lavender Blue," "Polish Dance," "Tulip Time," "Beautiful Heaven," "Tolling Bells," "Away in a Manger," "Onward Christian Soldiers," and "America" as the finale. Each piece was played with precision and perfection and the program was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of parents and friends present. A collection was taken for band equipment and amounted to more than thirty dollars.

The Children's Building will be erected on a lot to the rear of the present church which has been presented to the church by the children of the late K. M. Biggs, Mary Elizabeth Price, granddaughter of Mr. Biggs, will present the spake to Furman K. Biggs, Sr., who will then break the ground, and turn it over to Judge L. R. Varner, chairman of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. R. W. Jopling

LANCASTER, S. C.—Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon in Radford, Va., for Mrs. R. W. Jopling, former Lancaster woman, who died at her home in Norfolk, Va., Sunday. Mrs. Jopling made her home for many years in Lancaster where her husband, the late Dr. R. W. Jopling, was pastor of the Lancaster Presbyterian church. Surviving is a daughter.

Dr. Jopling was also a former pastor of the Red Springs Presbyterian church.

Paul Oliver On State School Bd.

Governor Scott last week appointed Paul S. Oliver of Marietta to succeed H. E. Stacy of Lumberton on the N. C. State Board of Education. Mr. Oliver was one of four appointees announced last Friday; he will serve for eight years.

Mr. Oliver is master of Pomona and Marietta-Oakdale Granges and is a leading farmer of the county. He is a graduate of State College in Raleigh.

High Band Gives Program For PTA

RED SPRINGS—The Red Springs Parent Teachers Association held their April meeting at the High School last night with W. O. Melvin, band director of the Red Springs School, in charge of the program.

At this time the band presented a concert of well-known marches and waltzes. Charles Brown played a saxophone solo, "Over the Waves" by Rosar.

Funeral Services For J. W. McKenzie

DUNDARRACH—John William McKenzie, age 66, died at his home near Dundarrach early Wednesday morning following an illness of two years. He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Jane Currie of Robeson County and two daughters, Mrs. Fred P. Johnson of St. Pauls, and Miss Helen McKenzie of Lancaster, S. C., and one sister, Miss Ella McKenzie of Shsnon.

Funeral services will be held at the Antioch Presbyterian Church Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. W. Mann. Interment will follow in Antioch cemetery.

Municipal League To Demand Radios For Sheriff's Cars

Tony Tolar Heads Highway Patrol

Announcement has been made that C. R. "Tony" Tolar has been made State Highway Patrol Commander. The appointment was confirmed by Mr. Tolar by telephone late yesterday.

The post has been vacant since Commander H. J. Hatcher stepped down on January 6, Scott's inauguration day. Hatcher was a strong Johnson backer in last year's campaign.

The 39-year-old Tolar has an interest in a used car business in Raleigh, but he calls himself a Robeson County farmer. He owns a 300-acre farm at Rennett.

Tolar was a strong Scott backer last year and chaffered across the state during his campaign. He played football while at State College during the late 20's.

He was an OPA Inspector during the war.

Churchmen Officers Take Over Duties

MAXTON—Newly elected officers of the men of the First Presbyterian Church organization, which met on Tuesday evening of last week at the dining room of Presbyterian Junior College, were H. J. Preseben, president; W. Glenn Peale, vice president; and R. C. Hellekson, secretary-treasurer.

Presiding at the business session, which followed a delicious dinner served by Mrs. Joe McCallum, was J. V. Henderson, Jr., retiring president. The new officers will begin serving immediately. A committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of building a play ground on the church premises and the men were also requested to contribute clothing to be sent to native pastors in Korea.

Guest speaker at the dinner, which was attended by approximately fifty men, was Rev. James Appleby of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. He was introduced by the pastor, Rev. E. L. Stoffel. Mr. Appleby's interesting address was on the subject, "The Rising Tide." The group adjourned to meet again during the summer.

To Break Ground For Baptist Bldg. Sunday Morning

LUMBERTON—The First Baptist Church will have a groundbreaking service on Sunday morning at the close of the morning service at 11:00 o'clock to start work on the Children's Building. Full-scale construction is to be started by the contractors, The Southeastern Construction Co., on Monday morning.

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Others participating in the ceremony will be LeRoy Townsend, chairman of the building committee, and Ingram Hedgpeth, superintendent of the Sunday school. Dr. Charles H. Durham, Minister Emeritus, will offer the prayer. The church choir will sing and the pastor will offer the benediction.

Junior Play At Philadelphus On Friday Evening

RED SPRINGS—The Junior Class of Philadelphia High School will present a three-act play, "Rainbow Cottage" at the school on Friday evening, April 29, at eight o'clock. The play has been in rehearsal for several weeks under the direction of Mrs. Vardell Gibson, home room teacher, and Miss Doris Bain, student teacher from Flora MacDonald College. An evening of fun is assured those who see it.

Audrey Todd will appear as Sally Sears, always searching for rainbows. She will be supported by Harold Bullock as John Sears, one-fourth lawyer and three-fourths architect; Maxine Parnell as Margot Sears, Sally's charming young sister; Mildred Lee as Nell Newton; Frances Burchette as Corinne Carlyle, the summer boarder; Aubrey Townsend as Thomas Tucker, a mystery; and Ann Bruce, as Mrs. Handy, a neighbor with an ear for news.

Proceeds from the play will be used toward financing the annual Junior-Senior banquet.

Municipal Organization Ends Year At Fairmont Meet

The Robeson County League of Municipalities met Monday night at the Fairmont Hotel as guests of the Town of Fairmont. The meeting completed the first year of the existence of the organization and at the next meeting new officers will be elected.

A discussion resulted in a resolution making all present members of the league honorary members in future years, in a decision to ask the State Highway Commission to give municipalities a voice in the use of highway funds allotted to them, and in the appointment of a committee of the mayors in the league to appear before the county commissioners and demand the installation of police radios in cars of the county sheriff's department.

The matter of the installation of two-way radios on cars of the sheriff's department is an issue of long standing and has been discussed by the municipal league, the grand jury, and the county commissioners. The last move by supporters of the idea was a request to legislators to have an act passed enabling the county commissioners to install the communications equipment. An opinion of the State Attorney General said that such an act was not necessary, as the commissioners already had the power to make such installation.

The catch seems to be that the cars used by the sheriff and his deputies are privately owned and when the matter was last brought up, the sheriff's department declined to put the radios in. The commissioners never took action in the matter. Whether the county can force its deputies to install the equipment is an unanswered question. Whether the county should make the investment in autos it does not own is another unanswered question.

Radio communication has been proven by law enforcement officers everywhere; its value is proven. A suggested solution, made by many, is that a non-elective county police force be set up with all equipment owned by the county.

Tentative plans for the second year of the league, which is the only one of its kind in North Carolina, call for inviting towns in surrounding counties to meetings with the hope that they will organize similar leagues.

Fairmont's recently re-elected Mayor Ernest Jones welcomed the visiting municipal officers. E. H. Alexander, mayor of Red Springs presided.

Mr. Alexander summarized the accomplishments of the league for the year and pointed out that he considered its efforts justified if it had done no more than effect the redistribution of recorder courts costs so that the towns now get an equitable share.

Name Students To Attend "STATES"

RED SPRINGS—Tommy Ashford, Billy Lewis, and Misses Kathleen Yarborough and Joan Stevens, all members of the Junior class of the Red Springs High School, were selected Tuesday as representatives of the local school to the annual "Tar Heel Boys' State and Girls' State" delegations.

Boys' State, sponsored by the American Legion and Girls' State, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, are programs conducted each summer during which representatives from various state schools meet to study world, national, state and local government. Delegates are chosen by school faculty members according to aptitude and desire for this special training.

Boys' State will convene this summer on June 12 at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill while Girls' State will be held at Womens College in Greensboro on July 24.

Fairmont Prepared For Fat Stock Show

FAIRMONT—A crowd that will overflow the town is expected here Friday, May 6, for the second annual Fairmont Fat Stock Show and Sale in the opinion of sponsors of the event.

Members of the Fairmont Civitan and Rotary clubs and the Chamber of Commerce reported this week that much interest is being shown in the approaching show and that an all-day program is being planned for the enjoyment of the visitors. The show and judging will be held at the Planters Warehouse on Center street.

There will be a street parade at noon, featuring the Fairmont school band, followed by a pit barbecue dinner, served by the Fairmont Grange.

The day's program will be climaxed by the Civitan Minstrel to be staged at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. Sponsors of the minstrel recall that last year's performance filled the auditorium to overflowing and they are confident that this year's minstrel will draw equally as large a crowd. A total of 24 calves are being

entered in the show, reported Show Chairman M. S. Huston, with the following 4-H and FFA members participating:

Marietta: Patsy Page and Jimmy Oliver.
Fairmont: Henry Floyd and Ralph Floyd.
Rowland: John Pleasants, Gilbert Singletary and Peggy Singletary.
Lumberton Rt. 1: Henry Powers, Norwood Powers, John Ray Wilkins, Horace Roberts, Frank Powers and Dixon Powers.
Lumberton Rt. 5: Herbert West, Lloyd West, Herman West and Stacy West.