

## NC Supreme Court Upholds Lower Court In School Case

### County Officials Were Charged With Fund Misuse

The North Carolina Supreme Court yesterday upheld the dissolution of an injunction against the Robeson County Board of Education and other county bodies and officials, which was designed to prevent their spending county school funds and which charged misuse of funds. The injunction was dissolved by Judge Q. K. Nimocks last September. Appeal was taken and the Supreme Court heard the case presented two weeks ago.

The case entitled "Branch vs. Board of Education" was entered by a group of six Robeson citizens. The injunction cited various misdeeds by county officials and also challenged the constitutionality of an act of the legislature under which the officials expended monies.

The dissolution order issued by Judge Nimocks on the hearing of the injunction, which was affirmed by the supreme court, read as follows:

"The court finds as a fact that all school funds arising from taxes collected by the Board of Commissioners of Robeson County have been properly accounted for and that all school funds have been either (1) lawfully expended under the provision of the Capital Reserve Act, for school purposes, or (2) have been lawfully appropriated for school purposes under the provisions of the Capital Reserve Act, or (3) are now in the treasury of the county of Robeson unexpended or unappropriated.

"Upon the foregoing findings of fact, it is ordered and adjudged: (a) That the temporary injunctions issued herein by Honorable Henry L. Stephens, Jr., Judge, be and the same is hereby dissolved.

"(b) The court holds that Chapter 86 and Chapter 487, Public Laws of 1945 are constitutional."

The order was signed September 28, 1948.

The plaintiffs filed an objection and exception to the findings of the judgment. The judge set bond for appeal to the Supreme Court at \$100 and allowed thirty days for the plaintiff's appeal.



RED SPRINGS—Plans for summer activities of members of Troop No. 51, of the Boy Scouts, were discussed at a meeting of the executive committee held last Thursday evening. Ray Sweazy of Wilmington, chief executive of the Cape Fear Council, and Carl Knott, district executive, met with the committee.

Scout camp plans were made, and other summertime training plans were recommended. Sixteen members of the troop, which was reorganized recently, attended the Western District court of honor held at Laurinburg Tuesday night, and came away with a much better understanding of scouting activities, said Chairman Purdie Dorman states that his committee will probably be very busy this summer if these boys live up to their plans made since attending the court.

Members of the committee are Mr. Dorman, Thomas A. Fry, Dr. John Bender, L. E. Baldwin, Smith Brown and C. E. Leigh. David Overstreet is scoutmaster of the troop.

In his brief talk to the committee Mr. Sweazy explained a number of the activities of the summer camp and outlined a number of other scouting activities which should be undertaken by the new troop.

### TROOP HAS OUTING

RED SPRINGS—Troop No. 78, Boy Scouts, at Robbins Mill, had an outing last night for members of the troop who have passed their tests for tenderfoot rank. Ten boys who passed their tests last week, and six who passed this week were guests of the Scoutmaster Joe Hough, and Committeeman J. E. Horde at a weiner roast at Watson's Pond.

Plans for a troop baseball team are now being made and the scoutmaster is planning to get the team started just as soon as the school vacation starts.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Covington, who are now located in Charlotte, where Mr. Covington is connected with the television department of WPTV, spent several days in town last week.



Above is the new Educational Building which the Red Springs Presbyterian congregation hopes to add to the present church building during the summer months. Contracts are being drawn up at the present time with plans for completion of the building by early fall.

### Senior Play Draws Capacity Audience

RED SPRINGS—The annual High School senior play, under the direction of Miss Bessie Covington, was presented in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, before an appreciative audience of parents and friends, the largest ever to attend this annual event.

The play, "The Divine Flamingo," was a modern, fast-moving three-act comedy which was well enacted by members of the senior class, but at times was hard to understand by the audience due to the fact that the voices of the actors did not carry well throughout the auditorium.

Miss Ann McArthur as the teenage Flora displayed exceptional talent throughout the entire play with her admirers, Billy Stutts, and Al Eule, also turning in good performances. Buddy McNeill and Eunice Duncan, as Mr. and Mrs. Pryor, were excellent in their portrayal of the typical parents trying to maintain peace and quiet in the confusion of their summer cottage.

Other honors were taken by Patricia McNeill, pretty daughter of the Pryors; Grace Graham, the impulsive and noisy friend; and Frank McDonald, popular radio crooner.

Make-up was by Miss Lois Lambie; scene design by Frank McDonald, assisted by Donald Watson; lighting by John Alvin Varum; and furniture for the setting was by courtesy of the Home Furniture Co.

Ushers were Tom Ashford, Tommy Ammons, Zeb McMillan, Jr., Bill Lewis and Elbert McPhaul.

### Bible Program At High School Sunday

RED SPRINGS—Bible students of the Red Springs school will present their annual program in the school auditorium on Sunday, May 29, at 8 P. M., under the direction of their Bible instructor, Mrs. A. L. Campbell of Maxton.

The program will open with a processional, "Onward Christian Soldiers," by the students after which the invocation will be sung by Miss Juanita Nurnberger, 7th grade pupil. Each grade from the third through the eighth will participate in the program with selections of prayers, hymns and readings from the Bible.

Certificates of attainment will be awarded eighth grade pupils the requirements. The minimum is public school Bible in grades four through eight.

At the conclusion of the program there will be the formation of a cross and the singing of "The Lord's Prayer" by members of the eighth grade.

### ANOTHER FIRST

RED SPRINGS—Duncan McGougan, recently high man in the race for commissioner of Town of Red Springs, got another "first" Monday afternoon. The town commission passed a resolution last week regarding shutting up of dogs and treating them with rabies anti-toxin. Commissioner McGougan was bit by a dog believed to be mad Monday, and thusly becomes the first resident to have to take the anti-rabies treatment this season. Note—local police are making a concerted drive for the penning of dogs.

### ORC MEETING FRIDAY

RED SPRINGS—The 3,114 Training Unit of the Officers Reserve Corps will meet Friday night at 8 P. M. in the office of the Commanding Officer, Maj. E. H. Alexander, in Red Springs.

All members of the unit are urged to be present for this meeting.

### FMC Alumnae To Hear B. F. Hall At Sat'day Luncheon

RED SPRINGS—Miss Martha Gaitley, president of the Flora Macdonald College alumnae association, has announced the program for Alumnae Day, Saturday, May 28.

The business session will begin promptly at 11:30 in the college auditorium and will be followed by luncheon in the dining hall at 1:00 o'clock.

The Rev. E. Frank Hall, Th.D., D.D., pastor of Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, will be the speaker at the luncheon program. Halbert M. Jones of Laurinburg, acting president, will welcome the guests, and William G. Coxhead, acting vice-president, will bring greetings.

The luncheon program will also be featured by solos by the three 1949 valedictorians, Misses Carolyn Greene of Norwood, central, and Frances Nassif of Laurinburg and Vernise Woodward of Murrell's Inlet, S. C., both sopranos, and the Highland Fling, danced by a group of physical education students, in Scottish costumes.

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Alvin Morrison, formerly of Red Springs, has been promoted to the grade of corporal, officials at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fla., announced today.

Cpl. Morrison enlisted in the U. S. Air Force in July, 1942. Fort Bragg. He is now engaged as an x-ray technician with the MacDill AFB Station Hospital.

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## Paving Work On Five Streets Nearly Complete

RED SPRINGS—Paving work on sections of five streets here and a sidewalk project which were started yesterday by the Zeigler-Cline Construction Company of Fayetteville, is expected to be completed today.

Streets being topped with sand-asphalt are: Coppedge from Second to Third avenues; College from Third to Fourth Avenues and from the College gate to the P. D. Singleton residence; Peachtree from Third to Fourth avenues, and Liberty street from the Maxton Road to the Liberty Manufacturing Company office. The sidewalk project extends along the north side of East Fourth avenue for about two blocks from the Scottish Bank building past the Allo Builders Supplies warehouse.

The paving is being done jointly by property owners and the town with all assessments paid in advance so that there will be no bonds or notes issued by the town to cover the improvements.

A highway drainage project with tiling placed in the open storm sewer ditch along the Lumberton highway was completed by the State Highway Department Tuesday. Approximately 100 feet of 30 inch concrete tiling was placed across the property of the Lumbree Electric Membership Corporation and the front of the lot filled and graded in this project.

## Education Body Reviews Budget; Requests Bond \$'s

In its session Monday, prior to the election of B. E. Littlefield as superintendent of schools, the Robeson County Board of Education gave consideration to its budget requests which will be presented to the county commissioners on June 6. The budget was not adopted but indications were that requests would be higher than last year. Some increase in operating expenses will be necessitated by the additions and enlargements which are planned for the system. The tentative budget which has not yet been adopted by the education board and which must be approved by the commissioners will include increases in janitorial salaries, an increase in the appropriation for agricultural and home economics expenses, an increase in the repair to furniture and fixtures item, and requests 20 school buses.

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The influence of the Gulf Stream can be felt as far north as Cape Cod, Mass.

## Littlefield Named School Head; Replaces Green As Robeson Supt.



CLYDE L. GREEN, retiring superintendent of schools for Robeson County, has headed the county school system for 12 years. Mr. Green was educated at Washington and Lee University and became superintendent of the Maxton school system in 1922. He accepted the county post in 1937. Mr. Green did not submit application for reelection to the superintendency.

## Speakers For FMC Finals Named

RED SPRINGS—The Rev. Albert G. Edwards, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Harrisonburg, Virginia, will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the 1949 graduating class at Flora Macdonald College on Sunday morning, May 29, at 11:15.

The vespers service in the evening will be conducted by the Rev. Lee Stoffel, pastor of the Maxton Presbyterian Church. This service is sponsored by the senior class, with the aid of the student Christian Association, and will be held on the front veranda at 8:15 in the evening. The Rev. Leslie Bullock, of the college faculty will assist with the Communion service.

Commencement Day exercises on Tuesday, May 31, will be featured by Dr. Hevvel Hart, professor of sociology at Duke University, and will begin at 10:30. Halbert M. Jones, acting president, will preside at the Tuesday exercises, and will present the diplomas and certificates. Mr. Bullock, head of the Bible department, will present the Bibles to the graduates.

Class Day exercises and the capping ceremony will be held in the auditorium on Saturday evening, May 28, at 8:15, and the annual commencement concert will be given in the auditorium by conservatory students on Monday evening, May 30, at 8:15.

## ALA To Sponsor Poppy Day Sale

RED SPRINGS—In keeping with an annual and a national program, the Charlie Hall Post No. 35 of the American Legion Auxiliary will sponsor Poppy Day in Red Springs on Saturday, May 28.

The announcement was made today by Mrs. Clyde Stanton, American Legion Auxiliary Poppy chairman, who said that poppies will be offered for sale throughout the city on May 28.

"Everyone," she said, "will have an opportunity to honor the dead of the two World Wars; and they will also have an opportunity to contribute toward the welfare of the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead."

Teams of volunteer workers from the auxiliary will be assigned to various sections of the city.

## NC Presbyterian Youth Conference At Flora Macdonald To Be June 14-20

RED SPRINGS—Preparation is underway for the Presbyterian Youth Conference of the Synod of North Carolina, which is to be held from June 14 through June 20 at Flora Macdonald College in Red Springs. Attendance to the conference will be restricted to members of the Synod's Council, members of the Presbyterial Councils, presidents of the local fellowships, and chairmen of the Commission on Christian Faith in local fellowships. Conference delegates from the young people of the church may also be chosen by the pastor.

Delegates will arrive at Flora Macdonald College on Tuesday afternoon, June 14, and at this time will register and receive their room assignments. Each day during the conference the delegates will devote their time to worship services, Bible study, vespers, and recreation under the

## RED SPRINGS WINS COUNTY SCHOOL SERIES OPENER

Red Springs trounced Lumberton in the opening game of the county high school baseball champ series Monday. The second game of the two-out-of-three series is scheduled for play in Lumberton tomorrow, and a win by the visitors will end the play.

## LaMotte, First, Duncan Second, In Helms Award

MAXTON—Announcement was made this week that the winner of the Helms Scholarship Award was John Hunter LaMotte, son of Dr. and Mrs. Louis LaMotte, a member of the Maxton High School's senior class.

Competing in a number of examinations to determine the winner of this award, were the best students of eight schools of Robeson County. Miss Eunice Duncan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Duncan of Red Springs, senior, was the second place winner. The exams were held about a month ago in Lumberton with a \$500 scholarship awarded by the Helms Jewelry Store of Lumberton going to the winner. W. K. Cromartie of St. Pauls is the Helms Scholarship Committee chairman and made the announcement of winners this week.

John Hunter is one of the outstanding students of his class, being valedictorian and class president. Among his many other activities, he is also editor of the school annual, "The Pine Cone."

## Furman K. Biggs Is Chef de Gare 40 And 8 Voiture

MAXTON—Furman K. Biggs was named Chef de Gare of Robeson County Voiture No. 1337 of the Forty and Eight, at a meeting here Monday evening. The May meeting of this fun organization of the American Legion was held in the dining hall of Presbyterian Junior College, with the Maxton Post members as hosts to the county group.

Principal matter discussed at the meeting following the annual election of officers was a resolution presented by Morrison Peterson, of Red Springs, and approved unanimously by the Voiture.

In passing the resolution, the Voiture asked that a similar resolution be passed by the Grand Voiture when it meets in Raleigh in June.

The resolution cited the fact that the American Legion is dedicated and committed to the task of preserving the Government of the United States, and declared that the "ideologists, doctrines or principles of thought of the Communist Party are opposed to the principles of a Free People."

It pointed out the fact that the University is a public institution receiving funds from the taxpayers and stated that such Communist activities "are repugnant to the taxpayers of this state."

The text of the resolution urged: "Now therefore, be it resolved by the members of Robeson County Voiture No. 1337 of La Societe in meeting regularly assembled, that they are opposed to any and all activities of the said Communist Party or any of its members being carried on at the University of North Carolina, and we do hereby call upon the Trustees of the Greater University of North Carolina to investigate all such Communist activities carried on at Chapel Hill and to take any and all steps that are necessary to eradicate any and all activity, in fluence and/or other doctrine of its members or any other anti-American group that may be found to be operating in or around the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N. C."

## Youth Held For McGirt Murder

George Arthur Locklear, 20, was ordered held for trial for first degree murder by a coroner's jury meeting in Lumberton Tuesday night. Locklear is charged with the fatal stabbing of Ben McGirt, 18, Sunday afternoon.

The killing occurred on the old Red Springs Road when McGirt was stabbed some 25 times following an altercation. Two other youths, Bill Jones and James Oxendine, were arrested as material witnesses but were released by the

## Fairmont School Man Gets County Post



B. E. LITTLEFIELD

## J. T. McRainey Taken By Death; Funeral Tuesday

LUMBERTON—James Thomas McRainey, 60, former Lumberton police chief, died at his home here Sunday night following a two-year illness. He had been confined to his bed since December.

Funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home with Rev. R. L. Alexander, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. Burial followed in Meadowbrook cemetery.

Surviving are the wife, the former Miss Nellie Driver of Hope Mills; four children, J. T. Jr., a graduate student at Columbia University; Donald Duncan, a student at the University of South Carolina; Ann Florence, a member of the faculty of the city schools; and Mary Louise, a high school junior; two sisters, Mrs. J. L. Hall of Hope Mills and Mrs. Clayton Ross of Parkton; three brothers, M. Nirman McRainey of Red Springs and D. F. and E. P. McRainey of Parkton.

Before coming to Lumberton, Mr. McRainey had served as a member of the St. Pauls police force and had been connected with the Robeson County Sheriff's office under the late Sheriff R. E. Lewis.

An overseas veteran of World War I and a Mason, Mr. McRainey had farming interests near Parkton.

Mrs. J. B. McCloskey and J. B. Jr., are at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McNeill.

Mrs. McCloskey has been undergoing treatment at the Scotland Memorial Hospital for the past three weeks.

## Flora Macdonald Diplomas To 68 At Exercises Tuesday Morning

### Present Diplomas Tuesday Evening

RED SPRINGS—Sixty-eight seniors were granted degrees by the Board of Trustees of Flora Macdonald college at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting held on Tuesday May 24, with the degrees to be awarded at the final commencement exercises on Tuesday morning, May 31.

The board, with Acting President Halbert M. Jones presiding, received five newly elected trustees to its membership at the meeting. They are: Dr. J. P. Chester of Southern Pines; Mrs. James L. Stephens of Lumberton; J. A. Love, Jr., of Clarkton; E. R. Mrs. George H. Currie.

### TO AEC

The resignation of Miss Eva Bowden, assistant librarian who has completed the re-cataloging of the library, was accepted so that Miss Bowden could accept a similar position with the Atomic Energy Commission, for the purpose of re-cataloging the AEC library at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

### IMPROVEMENTS

Dr. C. T. Johnson, chairman of the buildings committee, announced that projects for improvements during the coming year included considerable work in the kitchen with installation of much new equipment, and a continuation of the program of re-furnishing dormitory rooms.

### LIVING ENDOWMENT

The regular board meeting was preceded by a special session of the Living Endowment Committee of which Edwin Morgan is chairman. The committee made practical plans for the raising of \$20,000 for this fund. Mrs. D. A. McCormick, retiring trustee, presented a Book of Remembrance for recording the names of donors to this fund.

The list of seniors to whom de-

grees will be awarded is as follows:

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**  
Allred, Marian; Arnette, Nancy Gaynell; Bacon, Frances Rebecca; Cain, Doris Anne; Berryhill, Nina; Coit, Bishop, Nancy Elizabeth; Brewer, Annie Margaret; Caudell, Margaret Jane; Clark, Doris Mc-Natt; Crowell, Helen Beatrice; Davis, Dovie Naomi; Davis, Joline; Fisher, Phyllis Lee; Gaylord, Mary Grace; Graham, Julia Mae; Green, Sarah Elizabeth; Griffin, Blossom; Hall, Mrs. Marian Frances Barrett; Hall, Rachel Darden; Hamilton, Marion Oliver; Hines, Anna Margaret; Hoover, Cleo Florence; Knight, Helen Joy; Knight, Miriam Edwards; Long, Bobbie Marie; Lytle, Donnie Mae; Mauldin, Emily Carleen; Morrison, Iris Faye; Muse, Mrs. Lois Carmichael; McCaskey, Betty Jo; McFayden, Clyde Iris; McLeod, Sarah Cranor; McNeely, Ann Elizabeth; Prevatte, Mary Dell; Price, Betty; Pruitt, Lucy Belle.

Randal, Ada Lee; Riggan, Flora Edward; Rogan, Florence; Rohan-Frances; Knight, Helen Joy; Knight, Anne; Scarborough, Mrs. Audrey Fulcher; Smith, Janet; Spivey, Ruby Nell; Twiggell, Nina Ruth; Watt, Margaret McKay; Williams, Margaret Elizabeth; Wilson, Marie.

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Beam, Eva Mae; Chappel, Narcie Elizabeth; Fields, Dorothy Mae; Huggins, Estelle; Hunsucker, Rebekah Nell; Ledbetter, Nancy Lucille; Maness, Myra Anne; Turnage, Mary Anne; Whitaker, Sallie Mae.

### BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Beasley, Myrtle Winifred; Cox, Nina; Fonville, Anita Louise; Greene, Virginia Carolyn; Hernandez, Minnie Grace; Nassif, Mary Frances; Wilson, Ekle Sue; Woodward, Vernise.

Two students will receive certificates for completing two years' work in the commedial department. They are, Watson, Rosa Lee; Williams, Rosa Lucille.

Mr. Littlefield is a Mason and superintendent of his Sunday school in Fairmont. He is president of the Robeson Educo Club, and ex-president of the Fairmont Rotary Club. In the past the new superintendent has been president of the Rural Education Division of the NC Education Association, president of the NC Principals' Association, member of the state committee on Rural Education for the National Education Association, president of the Jacksonville Kiwanis Club, president of the south eastern district of the NCEA, chairman of the curriculum revision committee for Onslow county, and president of the Onslow Educo Club.

Mr. Littlefield has said that the Robeson superintendent's post is "the biggest job in the state" in education, and he has declared his aims to include better supervision of individual schools and classrooms, the more active recruitment of better teachers, and the organization of the school maintenance department to prevent future deterioration of the properties.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Barham attended the commencement exercises at Brenau Academy in Gainesville, Ga., during the weekend where their daughter Mary, graduated on Sunday with honors. Mary returned home with her parents, where she plans to spend the summer.

Among those attending the wedding of Miss Lillian Nance to Paul James Huyssoer in New York on Monday were Miss Mary Lou Beard, Mrs. Wade Baggett, Miss Hartlee Baxley of Raleigh, and Miss Elinor Barker of Lumberton.

The original Greek Olympic games were held over a period of nearly 1,200 years.