

Bids Are Sought For Addition To Robeson County Courthouse

Bids on construction of the proposed additions to the Robeson County Courthouse were called for Monday by the Board of Commissioners. Construction plans call for two separate buildings to house offices and fireproof storage space for the register of deeds and the clerk of court.

Since construction costs are a matter of doubt, optional bids will be taken on August 16th for each of the buildings with basement and one-story structures. The commissioners will then decide upon which type of buildings to approve, having to fit the additions to the amount of money available for the project.

Approximately \$100,000 is available for the additions to the courthouse, a bond issues for this amount having been approved and sold in 1940.

Work was not scheduled at that time however, due to shortage of materials and labor then and during the following year.

The courthouse was built in 1906 but during the succeeding years the business of the county offices has grown to such an extent that the present building offers inadequate office space.

The commissioners approved an appropriation of \$3,185.28, to cover the cost of reconstruction of the Negro school building at Red Springs which was badly damaged by fire two weeks ago. Insurance coverage on the property was only about 51 per cent of the present replacement costs. Reconstruction of the plant will be started this week by the Southeastern Construction Company and it is expected that the entire building will be ready for use this fall without delaying the regular school opening.

NO RAISES

Applications for salary increases were presented to the commission by employees of the county health, welfare and agricultural agent's office. A motion to approve these raises was not seconded and the board took no action.

TOBACCO TRAIL MEET

Coleman Crabtree of Lumberton is one of the directors of the Tobacco Trail Association, which will hold its fall meeting Aug. 11 at Jessup, Ga. The Tobacco Trail is the official title of U. S. Highway 301, which extends from Bangor, Me., to Tampa, Fla. The route, already one of the "big three," is a leading contender for undisputed "Number 1" north-bound tourist highway.

TO MEET COMMISSIONER

District representatives of the N. C. Department of Revenue will gather in Lumberton Thursday morning to meet their new Commissioner, Ernest Shaw of Greensboro.

Better Guard On Pembroke Bank

William H. Reid Joins FHA Force

LUMBERTON — William H. Reid of Pender County, has joined the local staff of the Farmers Home Administration as farm supervisor.

He, Mrs. Reid and their daughter, Amy, have recently moved into Miss Eva Musselwhite's apartment on East 7th Street.

Mr. Reid was graduated from State College the past June and took graduate work at the University of North Carolina during the summer.

A veteran of four and a half years in the Air Force during World War II, Mr. Reid served 18 months in the European theatre.

The new supervisor fills the vacancy left when H. C. Green of Pembroke resigned and moved to Montgomery County.

Miss Hill Heads RS Elementary School

RED SPRINGS—Miss Beatrice Hill of Spindale, has been named principal of the elementary school for the Red Springs schools, it was announced today by Supt. Walter R. Dudley.

Miss Hill is a graduate of Asheville Normal, and holds a masters degree from Duke University, and is at the present doing special study at Duke.

She succeeds Mrs. Lillian Nance Hayssoon, who resigned this spring, effective at the close of the spring semester.

THIS AND THAT

By FRED BROWN

Due to circumstances over which I have no control, including a death in my family, I haven't been able to produce my column. I regret it very much, but if I am able, I will try to be with our large family of readers again next week. So goodbye, and fare-thee well until then.

New Police Officers Named At Pembroke

PEMBROKE — Positions in the Pembroke police department were declared vacant at a Friday night meeting of the town council and two new officers were elected to the force.

Harvey Bullard was appointed as chief of police by the board but resigned from the position Tuesday. Delbert Ammons, who had been appointed Friday as night watchman, was named acting chief of police.

The officers who had served for the past two years were Bill Thompson, chief, and C. O. Carter, night watchman.

Marks To Meet With RS Rotary Friday Night

RED SPRINGS — H. A. Marks, district governor of Rotary, will meet with the Red Springs Club Friday evening of this week, it was stated yesterday by A. H. Grant, president of the local club.

Mr. Marks, a Wilmington machinery dealer, will meet with the club assembly at 5 P. M. at the college offices for the annual conferences with officers, directors and committee chairman, and at 6:45 will be the speaker at the regular dinner meeting of the club which will be held at Legion Hall.

ONE MAN KILLED ANOTHER HELD IN SHOOTING

Park Bullard, 40, was killed early Wednesday morning near Pembroke and Layton Ransom, about 22, is being held without bond pending an inquest in Bullard's death, Sheriff Willis Britt said.

Both men are Indians. Sheriff Britt was called to the scene at 2 A. M. Wednesday and reported that Bullard was shot twice with a shotgun after he and Ransom had been engaged in an argument.

Ransom was arrested and brought to the Robeson County jail by Deputies D. J. Jones and R. L. Purcell.

An inquest into the death will be held at Maxton Thursday night at 7:30.

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AUTO TROUBLE SHIFTS PITCHER TO FIRST BASE

Twice this year Red Norris of the Red Springs Red Robins has pitched for his team, but Tuesday night it was necessary for him to play first base. This is how the sorry go-as it was told to your reporter.

The Robins had traded off first baseman Bauder to Tarboro of the Coastal Plain League in return for first baseman Wasfield of Tarboro. Business Manager Tom Cope started out Tuesday for Tarboro with first baseman Bauder as his passenger. He was going to deliver Bauder to the Tarboro team and then bring Wasfield back to Red Springs. Cope got as far as Smithfield and then his go-buggy, called an automobile, broke down.

Cope had very little money with him so he wired Red Norris to send someone with his car and to send along some money. Cope in the meantime hired a taxi to take him and Bauder on to Tarboro.

When Cope and the new first baseman arrived at Smithfield Norris' car was not in sight. The taxi driver turned around in his seat and gave Tom Cope a very irritable smile. Finally Norris' car arrived and Cope was off to Red Springs with his first baseman.

Upon arrival at Red Springs, the Robins were playing a double-header with the Sanford Spinners and the first game was in the sixth inning. Manager Red Norris took himself out of the game and put in Wasfield. Incidentally neither player got a hit during the first game. This is what managers turn grey when they are young.

The Rowland High School canners will be open two days each week during the month of August, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, according to C. E. Morrison, teacher of agriculture.

The cannery will be open at 9 o'clock in the morning, and all products should be in the cans by 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It is requested that products be brought early.

Products brought in late must be processed after closing time and increases the expense of operation. Two hundred and twenty-six farm families have used the cannery for conserving food during the months of June and July.

Products canned include tomatoes, tomato juice, soup mixture, corn, butter beans, snap beans, peas, peaches, okra, squash, chicken, and Burnside stew. Persons who have canned goods at the cannery are requested to get them as soon as possible as the cannery needs the storage room.

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HD Club To Charter Bus For Raleigh Trip; Varied Program Is Planned

The Home Demonstration Council of Robeson County is sponsoring a chartered bus to the annual Federation Day held in Raleigh on August 11, according to announcement made by Miss Evelyn Caldwell, H. D. agent. The bus will leave the Agricultural Building at 7:30 in the morning and all club women wishing to go must make registration with Miss Caldwell before 4:30 P. M. on Friday, Aug. 5.

Federation day is the climax of a combined meeting of two groups, the North Carolina Farmers Convention and the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, which is held annually at State College. The meeting will begin on August 8 and continue through August 11. The purpose of the program is educational, with many interesting demonstrations and lectures planned throughout its duration.

The morning program on Federation day will be at Memorial Auditorium. Mrs. Raymond Sayre of Ackworth, Iowa, who is president of Associated Country Women of the World, will be the chief speaker. Following the morning session, there will be tours of interesting points around Raleigh and in the afternoon at 4 o'clock, club women will be entertained at a tea on the State College campus. Assisting at the tea will be Council presidents, among whom is Mrs. George Nye of Renner, president of the Robeson County Council.

Much thought and interest has gone toward the planning of the evening program, which will begin at 6:30 in Riddick Stadium. The first part of the evening will be given over to the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation. Following this, Norman Gordon, former Metropolitan opera star and now director of the N. C. Music Program at Chapel Hill, will sing.

Climaxing the day's festivities at 8 o'clock will be the Grand Finale with Bob Hawk, nationally known quiz-master as master of ceremonies. Many wonderful prizes, donated by business and commercial companies all over the state, will be awarded by Mr. Hawk to the holder of the lucky numbers.

Each person attending and registering is eligible for these prizes, which include electric refrigerators, stoves, mixmasters, irons, waffle irons, a model E tractor, home freezer, heating pads, radios and electric water heater.

Miss Caldwell says the bus leaving Lumberton will reach Raleigh in time for club members to register for these prizes.

W. D. Kiser, L. B. Martin, Sr., A. L. Patterson, and Alex Rascoe spent last Wednesday at Shallotte.

Legion To Help With NSLI Refunds

American Legion Posts of Robeson county will assist all local veterans of World War II in applying for their National Service Life Insurance dividends, it was announced this week by officials of the various Legion Posts in the county.

Also aiding veterans in making application for the dividends will be District Service Officer Martin M. McKinnon and County Service Officer A. E. (Cy) Watson.

Legionaires who will be glad to aid veterans in the various towns of the county include:

Maxton: District Commander Fairley Morris.

St. Pauls: Lacy Carroll.

Pembroke: R. B. Britt and R. H. Littlejohn.

Rowland: E. O. Burns and A. E. Watson.

Fairmont: J. H. McCollum.

Lumberton: Pete Sundry.

The Legion Posts of the county will have the necessary applications which veterans will have to make to the Veterans Administration in order to get their dividends. These applications will be available on or about August 29.

The VA estimates that some 16 million veterans are entitled to the NSLI refunds but today the VA has the home addresses of only 6 million eligible veterans. The other 10 million will have to be located by the Legion. Post officials said.

Contracts Approved For Erection Of Two County School Buildings

Contracts for the erection of two school buildings were approved Monday by the county Board of Education, drawing first funds for this purpose voted recently when a \$3,000,000 bond issue was approved by the voters of the county.

The first contract is for the Proctorville - Barnesville Negro Consolidated School to be located near Barnesville and to serve a large area now being served by a number of small schools. The contract was for \$98,989 and was awarded to O. W. Godwin on Dunn. Plans call for a 14 classroom building, gymnasium, auditorium, luncheon and training shop. The school is being designed to care for approximately 300 children in the elementary grades and about 100 high school students.

The second contract was to the Godwin concern in the amount of \$100,000 for the erection of a long branch elementary school. It calls for eight classrooms, library, auditorium-physical education room, cafeteria, water system, heat, lights and new furniture. Some additional land is also being added to the present school property.

A number of appeals were heard from citizens and school folks. A delegation from Parkton asked that the plans for their new gymnasium include also plans for a lunch room, instead of using the old auditorium for this purpose. The board ordered that the architect, Col. Saunders and associates of Fayetteville, be instructed to prepare plans according to the new request.

The abandoned school property at Midway, which featured one of the county's most sensational trials some years ago, was sought by a delegation from the Midway Presbyterian Church. A. L. Thompson, spokesman for the group, asked the board to put a price upon the four room, cinder block building, and the church would endeavor to raise the money necessary to purchase it and the several acres of land. Mr. Thompson stated that the church would use it for Sunday School classrooms and that it would also be available for other community purposes.

Plans for a number of other buildings to be erected under the improvement program were prepared and the board instructed County Superintendent E. E. Littlefield to assign projects to architects as follows: (White) Parkton; gymnasium and lunchroom, plus sanitary facilities for present plant to Col. Saunders and (Continued on Page Five)

Robeson Citizens Protest ACL Proposal To Discontinue Fairmont - Chadbourne Line

Fairmont citizens that trains would be operated between Elrod and Fairmont daily if the line is discontinued.

Asked why he testified against discontinuance if Fairmont would not be directly affected, Chamber of Commerce Secretary Charles C. Stafford declared: "Because it's a step backward. If we let you get away with this, it won't be long before you'll be back, wanting to take up the rest of the track between Fairmont and Elrod."

R. A. McQueen, president of the Proctorville Trading Co., testified to the growth of Proctorville and the increased freight traffic there.

I. P. Graham, lifelong resident of Proctorville and member of the County Board of Education, told of the forth-

coming school building program at Proctorville and Orum and declared that at least 25 cars of heavy building material were hauled to be hauled to that section within the next 12 months.

Frank S. Love, Evergreen lumberman, told of the growth of business in his section and of a necessity for rail service.

Attorney Wayland Floyd of Fairmont appeared on behalf of himself and other interested citizens.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen also had a representative at the hearing, to protest the line discontinuance on the grounds that it would mean less work for employees.

Mrs. Rose pointed to inequality of gasoline tax distribution to towns as compared to proportion of tax paid by urban residents.

Red Springs Plans For Cotton Festival

Barrack Burns Down At Maxton Air Base

MAXTON — The Maxton Fire Department was called to the Air Base on Wednesday afternoon of last week to extinguish a fire which had completely destroyed a barracks building and had caught another one in the area formerly known as the Sub Depot area across from the hangars.

The second barracks was saved but the first one had practically burned to the ground in the large fire with flames above the tree tops, before the fire was reported and the fire engine arrived. It was thought that some one burning trash or a stray cigarette thrown from a car, was the cause of the fire, which spread rapidly due to the extreme dryness of the surrounding area.

The board approved the election of Galen Harris as chief of the volunteer fire department, and attended to a number of routine matters. Durhan Ratley, clerk, was instructed to investigate the possibility of a rat-killing campaign, and bring a plan for such a community-wide drive before the board at its September meeting.

Study of a new contract with the Carolina Power and Light Company was assigned to the Utilities committee. The contract comes up for renewal on the 15th of December of this year. The present contract has been in force for 10 years since the town disposed of its diesel generating equipment. It was estimated that increased load would bring down the cost per kw-hr some what on renewal of the contract.

Petitions were heard for several extensions of light and water lines.

Routine matters carried the meeting to such a late hour that no action was taken about possible successors of L. E. Baldwin and Ed Bodenheimer as members of the commission.

Mrs. Clyde Stanton will be the office manager for the concern, the offices for which are located at 110 West Fourth Avenue.

RED SPRINGS — John McManus, for the past several years manager of the livestock department of the Red Springs Supply Company, became manager of the Cut-Rate Furniture Company here Monday.

Mr. McManus has had a number of years experience with retail concerns, having been at one time with the old John J. Thrower Company and later operated a retail business for himself for some years.

Angus Currie, who has had charge of the store since its opening about a year ago, is being transferred to the Home Furniture Company, owners of the Cut-Rate concern.

Former Mayor Opens Insurance Agency

RED SPRINGS — E. H. Alexander, cotton buyer and former mayor, announces today that he has been appointed the local agent for a number of old line companies for a general insurance business, and that he is opening the E. H. Alexander Insurance Agency.

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RED SPRINGS — Charles Hall post of the American Legion started its annual membership drive Monday night, when Morrison Peterson, chairman, and R. D. McMillan, Jr., Sam Thomas and A. C. Stephenson, took over the activities of the membership committee.

Mr. Peterson pointed out that the membership dues may be increased from \$3 to \$3.50 at the national convention to be held this month, but that dues paid before the convention would be accepted at the present rate by all those renewing membership immediately.

Members of the trustees of Legion Post to make Legion Hall pay-steps to its operating expenses, as the present method of operation is a heavy drain on the post treasury.

A carnival will be sponsored by the post to be held one week starting September 5th.

N. S. L. I. Veterans requesting refunds on payments for their National Service Life Insurance will be aided in filing out their applications by officers of the post, or at the veterans office next to the post office.

Residents of urban portions of North Carolina are going to have to organize if they expect to obtain their share of say-so in state government. Rose of Fayetteville declared last Wednesday at a meeting of the Robeson County Municipal Association at White Lake.

Members of the group and special guests enjoyed the hospitality of Maxton Mayor T. O. Evans at his White Lake home Wednesday afternoon and night and were entertained at a picnic style supper of fried chicken and fish.

Mrs. Rose pointed to inequality of gasoline tax distribution to towns as compared to proportion of tax paid by urban residents.

Residents of cities and towns pay half the tax and one-tenth of the highway system is in cities and towns while municipalities receive only one-fortieth of the gas tax, Mr. Rose said.

Guests of the association who were recognized included State Senator Henry A. McKinnon of Lumberton, who introduced the speaker. Representatives F. Wayland Floyd of Fairmont and John B. Reason of St. Pauls, Chairman C. A. Hasty of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, and E. H. Alexander, former chairman of the municipal association.

Special guests at the meetings were Mayor John Hemingway and Commissioner Alfred Smith and former Mayor C. R. Jordan, Jr., of Elizabethtown.

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4-H Club boys will probably come in for several of the choice prizes, as the association plans to purchase several blooded beef type calves which will go to the 4-H's who catches them, under rules which govern similar calf-catching contests in the West.

Details of the festival will be announced as soon as dates can be confirmed with the special attractions wanted for the program. Mr. Ashford stated, explaining that the day should be one of great interest to everyone and of special appeal to the farmers and their families of this section.

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