

Fire completely destroyed the store-service station-residence of H. G. Fields, 14 miles from Lumberton near Boardman Monday night.

Among notaries recently appointed by Governor Kerr Scott was Wade H. Kinlaw, Lumberton.

Miss Irene Jones of Maxton, R. I., is one of the members of the junior class at Coker College who are doing practice teaching in the Lenoirville, S. C., schools.

The Agriculture boys at Parkton school have built about 20 bookcases to stimulate interest in home libraries. These cost the boys from \$3 to \$5, while the bookcases would retail for \$35 or \$40.

Private Robert G. Shaw, son of Mrs. J. H. Britt, of Route 2, Lumberton, N. C., has recently been transferred to the Headquarters 20th Air Force Okinawa.

William A. Cowburn of Lumberton, was among the 58 students in the university of North Carolina, who were initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity, at ceremonies recently.

Nathan H. Johnson, USN, of Fairmont, was recently advanced to aviation boatswain's mate, first class, while serving aboard the escort aircraft carrier USS Badong Strait operating with the Pacific Fleet.

RS Students See Christmas Show At Planetarium

RED SPRINGS — The two seventh grades and the eighth grade science class of the Red Springs schools made an interesting trip yesterday to Raleigh, Duke University and the planetarium at Chapel Hill.

The group left about 7:30 a. m., accompanied by Miss Rachel Perkins, seventh grade teacher; Miss Margie Caldwell, school supervisor; Mrs. James McKay, mother of Ann McKay, seventh grade student, and the Rev. Tom Frye, Presbyterian pastor.

A stop-over was made in Raleigh to visit points of interest around the state capitol. From there they visited the chapel at Duke university and other interesting points around the campus. Then they proceeded to the planetarium at Chapel Hill for the Christmas showing of the "Star of Bethlehem."

The planetarium trip was a climactic fall term of study during which time a good background in biblical history and astronomy was given. A picnic lunch was taken.

Tobacco League To Meet In Dunn

RED SPRINGS — The annual winter meeting of the Tobacco State League will be held at the hotel in Dunn Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. Planning to attend from here are T. E. Cope, Jr., Red Norris and R. E. Bullard.

Mrs. Sam Sneed and children, of Dillon, S. C., spent a few days the first of the week visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John McManus had as their guests the early part of last week, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Fields and daughter, Ann, of Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Fields is Mrs. McManus' sister.

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Yam Growers Organize At Red Springs

RED SPRINGS—A charter is being drawn up this week for the Tri-County Yam Growers Corporation by a group of farmer-businessmen of Robeson, Hoke and Scotland counties. Members who met Tuesday at the High school building here to discuss the establishment of a sweet potato market in this area were George Ashford, Hiram Grantham, James A. Graham, Waverly Barham, County Agent, O. P. Owens, of Lumberton; Howard Ellis, agricultural engineer from Raleigh; two representatives each from Maxton, Raeford and Laurinburg.

Negotiations are nearing completion for leasing a building at the Laurinburg-Maxton air base to house the market for the processing and selling of yams.

Each grower will be asked to put up \$25 per acre to finance the capital stock of the corporation. Potatoes will be accepted by the corporation at market price at time of delivery and will be issued stock or a credit memorandum for the potatoes, to be redeemed at the end of the market season based on results of the marketing.

On Tuesday afternoon, December 6, a group of interested Red Springs townspeople and farmers met at Liberty Manufacturing company to make further plans for the development of the sweet potato market. Those present were: J. H. Townsend, Mr. Ashford, J. A. Graham, J. A. Singleton, Jr., Mr. Grantham, Mr. Barham, A. S. McKeithan and Dr. C. T. Johnson.

Appointed at this time on the committee to incorporate an organization were Mr. Ashford, chairman; Mr. S. E. ... and Mr. Grantham.

This organization is an attempt on the part of interested persons in this area to provide an outlet for an additional farm money crop to help offset the cut in cotton quotas. It has been in the organization process for about six weeks during which time the opinions and farmers in this locality has been tested.

Arch Phillips New Policeman

RED SPRINGS—At the meeting of the town council last week a part-time policeman was authorized for night and week-end duty. Archie Phillips was selected to fill the position. Until recently Mr. Phillips has been employed in the seed department at Liberty Manufacturing company.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICE SUNDAY

RED SPRINGS—Services will be held at St. Stephens Episcopal Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. B. F. Huske, of Fayetteville, will deliver the sermon.

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Masons Elect New Officers

RED SPRINGS — The Red Springs Masons Lodge No. 501, A. F. and A. M., elected their 1950 officers at the regular communication held Thursday night, Dec. 8.

They are: H. D. Jenkins, master; James I. Owen, senior warden; Ernest Graham, junior warden; L. E. Baldwin, senior deacon; N. H. Watson, junior deacon; G. C. Lang, secretary; D. M. McMillan, treasurer; L. R. Shook, senior steward; T. B. Wood, junior steward; H. K. McNeill, Tyler; F. B. Dunn, chaplain.

Serving on the orphan asylum and Eastern Star home committee will be H. L. Prevatte, chairman; S. C. Love and N. A. Smith. Trustees are: D. M. McMillan, three years; A. R. Lovin, two years; N. A. Smith, one year.

F. K. Watson is the retiring master. Officers will be installed at the meeting on Thursday, December 22.

Cope, Norris Home From Baltimore

RED SPRINGS — Tom E. Cope and M. C. (Red) Norris returned Friday after a week's stay in Baltimore, Md., where they attended the annual convention of the National Association of Professional Baseball clubs.

The annual draft meeting, a banquet and closed business sessions were held. Those present also enjoyed a professional football game between the Washington Redskins and the Green Bay Packers, also a professional basketball game between the New York Knickerbockers and the Baltimore Bullets.

Mr. Cope and Mr. Norris attended a meeting held by the Philadelphia Athletics, owners of the Red Robins baseball team, for their team managers and business managers.

Mr. T. E. Cope accompanied his son and Mr. Norris as far as Washington where he spent a week with his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Doster.

Candlelight Service Sunday Night At Trinity Methodist

RED SPRINGS — Miss Bessie Covington is in charge of the special Christmas candlelight service to be held at Trinity Methodist Church next Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Others on the committee are Mrs. Louis Watson, Mrs. Smith Overstreet and Mrs. Earl Park.

The choir will be under the direction of Mrs. C. E. Leigh, Jr., with Mrs. Albert Chapman as organist. Special lighting effects will be in charge of Earl Park. Miss Ruth Covington and Miss Johnnie Graham will be in charge of decorating the church.

At the beginning of the service the candles will be lighted by the Misses Patsy Tucker and Peggy Parrish, dressed as angels. The choir will sing as their procession, "Come All Ye Faithful" and "Joy to the World" as the recessional. The children's department dressed as angels will enter as Miss Juanita Nurnberger sings "Away in a Manger."

Miss Mary Stringer will play the part of Mary in the Nativity scene. Readers will be the Rev. Graham Eubank and Carson Maness.

Mrs. G. T. Brooks and Miss Ruth Covington spent Monday afternoon in Hamlet.

The Legionnaires for their part in having the kitchen painted and redecorated. Thanks was also expressed to McNeill Cleaners for cleaning the drapes in the hall.

Blues Entertain Following the business session 45 minutes of fun was enjoyed with the blue team, losers in the attendance contest, entertaining. Captains for the blues were Mrs. J. Q. Adams, Mrs. E. H. Alexander, Mrs. Martin Ammons, Miss Maggie McPhaul and Mrs. Warren McNeill.

PTA Christmas Concert At School Tonight

RED SPRINGS—The Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor their seventh annual Christmas concert tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium. Miss Lois Lambie is director.

The first half of the program will consist of the singing of Christmas carols and hymns by students from all grades—first through high school.

The second half of the program will be a pageant—the Christmas story told in shadows. Students of the eighth grade will make the shadows and Tommy Ashford, of the twelfth grade, will be the reader.

Those taking part will be: Billy McPhaul, as Isaiah; Peggy Parish and Johnny Cates, Israelites; Juanita Nurnberger, as Mary; Manly Eubank, Joseph; Dawn Simpson, the angel; Harold Edwards, Max Garner, shepherds; Jack Ammons, William Cribb, Vernon Vest, the three wise men.

Music will be furnished by the senior choir. Lighting will be in charge of Miss May Boone and the curtains will be managed by Bill Matthews and Sammie Thomas.

Pageant Time Is Changed

RED SPRINGS — It has been announced that the Christmas pageant, "Immanuel-God With Us," originally scheduled for 7:30 p. m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian church will be presented at 5 o'clock that afternoon.

The time of the pageant has been changed so that it will not conflict with other church programs that night.

A. L. Boatwright Suffers Accident

RED SPRINGS — A. L. Boatwright almost completely severed two fingers of his left hand the afternoon of Thursday, December 8, while working on a power lawnmower at his home. He was taken to Scotland County Memorial hospital, Maxton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hall, of Burlington, spent last Sunday and Monday here visiting Mrs. Hall's father, J. D. Odum.

Mrs. D. M. McMillan returned Monday after spending some time with her mother in Culppepper, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Renfrow and Franklin, of Matthews, visited Mrs. E. F. Neighbors last Sunday.

Grow Food At Home, Is Ashford's Plea

RED SPRINGS—"The greatest market our farmers have today is for the commodities that they themselves consume on the farm, that should be produced on the farm," explained George Ashford, who had charge of the program at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club on Friday, Dec. 9, when consideration was again given to methods of improving the farmer's present plight.

Mr. Ashford pointed out that in Robeson County there is a deficit of approximately five million dollars per year in those crops which could be consumed within the county in order to give the population a well-balanced diet. It was emphasized that this deficit is equivalent to about 90 per cent of the value of the entire cotton crop grown in Robeson County in 1947, and about 30 per cent of the value of the tobacco crop.

"This, in effect," said Ashford, "is equivalent to doubling our present cotton quotas and adding about 30 per cent of our tobacco quotas. The fortunate thing about it is that these commodities would not have to be sold on any principal right on the farm where they are produced."

It was further pointed out that in the Piedmont area of North Carolina, where people have been practicing a live-at-home program for many years, they did not find themselves in the financial plight that farmers are facing in Robeson County.

Having discussed this problem with many farmers during the past week, Mr. Ashford stated that he had found without exception, that those farmers who had produced their own food and feed on the farm were out of debt and had some money to carry them through the winter, and to start their new 1950 crop. It is estimated that farmers can produce enough for their own food and feed requirements and save

Landmark Will Have Renewed Face Jan. 1st

RED SPRINGS—In the last few years the growth of Red Springs has been witnessed in the construction of many new business houses and the greatly improved appearance of the business section. One of the most recent improvements can be seen in the commercial block on West Third Avenue between Main and Vance streets where three buildings, being remodeled, are nearing completion.

Since 1934, until the latter part of 1948 when their new plant was completed next door, the buildings have housed the M & S Motor company's garages and Chrysler-Plymouth sales service, owned by W. B. McLean and George Spell.

Originally the buildings housed the L. M. Cook Motor and Machine Company, which was one of the first automobile garages in this part of the country. It was also used by the undertaking establishment next door, now Long's Men's Shop, to house part of their equipment. The buildings were purchased in 1934 from the L. M. Cook estate.

One of the new buildings, which will have tile floors throughout and large plate glass fronts, will be leased to George Hodges, owner of the Little Pop Cafe, at present next door to Bud's Esso Station. Another will be occupied by C. L. Young and Howard McKellar and will deal in radio sales and service, electrical appliances and motor and electrical equipment repairs.

The buildings will be ready for occupancy about January 1, announced Mr. McLean.

Interior remodeling is being done by Thurman Baxley and John Varnum, and the outside work on the front is being handled by the Shell Brothers Construction Company of Red Springs.

Christmas Music At Baptist Church

RED SPRINGS—There will be a program of special Christmas music Sunday night, December 18, at 7:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church.

Music will be given by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. John McManus. Soloists will be Miss May Boone, W. S. Morgan, Robert McMillan and Mrs. Grady Martin.

Mrs. A. C. Stephenson and baby arrived home Monday from Scotland County Memorial Hospital, Maxton.

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It's only \$3.00 a year, and a gift that will be thoroughly enjoyed 52 weeks of the year. We'll send a gift card if you wish.

METHODIST WSCS HAS SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR AND TURKEY DINNER

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Trinity Methodist Church held a bazaar and turkey dinner at the Methodist cabin on Wednesday evening, December 7. A number of Christmas gifts which had been made and contributed by members were sold and the delicious dinner served was also enjoyed by a large number of people.

Mrs. F. K. Watson, general chairman, has expressed her gratitude to the public for their generous response to the dinner and bazaar.

The various committee members assisting in making the affair a success include: Mrs. Graham Eubank, Miss Ruth Covington, decorations; Mrs. Charles Leigh, Mrs. S. B. Laney, bazaar; Mrs. J. T. Odum, Mrs. W. L. McRae, Mrs. Murphy Singleton, Mrs. J. L. Duncan, Mrs. F. K. Watson, Mrs. Alton Odum, Mrs. Herbert Phillips, Miss Betsy Watson, Miss Willie Mae Lyles, serving at the cabin.

The WSCS was also in charge of the Merchants Association dinner given the same night at Legion hall.

Those serving there included: Mrs. Earl Parks, Mrs. B. C. Smith, Jr., Mrs. J. C. Maness, Mrs. J. T. McNeill, Jr., Mrs. Bobbie Graham, Mrs. J. P. McArthur, Mrs. C. A. Gardner, Mrs. Maynard Centry, Mrs. Smith Overstreet, Mrs. E. C. Bodenheimer, Mrs. Graham Eubank and Miss Evelyn Overstreet.

Attend Funeral

RED SPRINGS — Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Grantham and Mr. and Mrs. Reid Grantham attended the funeral of Miss Alice Grantham, held in Smithfield Sunday. Miss Grantham was an aunt of the Messers. Grantham.

Miss Grantham, 80, died last Saturday in Smithfield of a heart ailment, following a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Allen, of Merry Oaks, visited Mr. Allen's sister, Mrs. A. C. Edens, for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hicks and Mrs. George Nurnberger spent weekend before last visiting relatives in Charlotte.

RS HIGH TEAMS OVERPOWER BARNESVILLE, BLADENBORO

RED SPRINGS — The Red Springs high school basketball teams, boys and girls, defeated Barnesville in a Robeson county conference doubleheader in Barnesville last Friday night. The girls scored a close 54-51 win and the boys had a 48-37 victory.

The girls' game, a thriller all the way, was decided in the last three minutes, when with the score tied at 51-51, Joan Stevens, of Red Springs, drove in for a lay-up and sent her team in front. She also sank a foul shot in the closing seconds after Red Springs had frozen the ball for two minutes.

In scoring, Stevens led the Springers with 34 points with McArthur scoring 17 more. High scorer for Barnesville was Lee with 23, followed by Rogers with 12.

Coach Robert L. Van Hoy, of Red Springs, said this was the best offensive game his girls' team had shown since his coming in the fall of 1948.

For three quarters the boys game was also exciting, but in the last quarter, with Doodle Beck sparking the drive, the Springers quint tossed in 17 points with the Barnesville boys only managing eight.

Beck chalked up 28 points before fouling out in the last quarter. Lewis and Williams gave him good backing.

Sweeping Triple Header Red Springs avenged an early season defeat at the hands of Bladenboro by a sweeping triple header victory Monday night at the Red Springs school. Scores were: Junior Varsity 18, Bladenboro 11; Girls 36, Bladenboro 15; Boys 56, Bladenboro 32.

Juniors Coach Allen Warren's junior varsity won their second game in four starts. Led by Bob Hardesty, Evans, Skipper and Bill Coley, the juniors were too sharp for the Bladen boys.



SANTA CLAUS COMING TO RED SPRINGS DECEMBER 21

RED SPRINGS — "Santa Claus is coming to town." Yesiree! All you kids, and grown-ups too, had better be on your behavior now because Santa Claus is due to arrive in Red Springs, from headquarters at the North Pole, on Wednesday afternoon, December 21, at 3 o'clock.

Jolly old Santa, with his flowing white beard and bright red suit, will descend from his airplane at the Red Springs airport to be greeted by Mayor Hiram Grantham and Waverly S. Barham, president of the Merchants association, and other officials. He will be given a seat of honor on the town's fire truck, driven by Galen Harris, chief of the Volunteer Fire department, and will ride

through Main street to his platform in front of the postoffice. All the children in town and the outlying districts are invited to be present to see and talk with Santa Claus and to receive a pre-Christmas present from his large bag of gifts. Loudspeakers will be set up so that everyone will be able to hear him.

Santa is coming as a result of an invitation from the Red Springs Merchants association. The committee in charge includes Charles Grantham and Waverly S. Barham, president of the Merchants association, and other officials. He will be given a seat of honor on the town's fire truck, driven by Galen Harris, chief of the Volunteer Fire department, and will ride

VALUE OF CREDIT BUREAU IS STRESSED AT MERCHANTS MEET

Group Votes On Yule Holiday

RED SPRINGS—The first dinner meeting of the Red Springs Merchants Association, which was organized last January, was held Wednesday evening, December 7, at Legion Hall with Charles C. Dudley, executive director of the Charlotte Merchants Association and Credit Bureau, as guest speaker. He was introduced by Waverly S. Barham, local association president.

Speaking on the value of a credit bureau to its members, Mr. Dudley emphasized the fact that its effectiveness would increase with the full cooperation of all the merchants. He also stressed that profits can be increased by securing the proper credit information before granting credit and suggested that a uniform application blank be used. He cited figures proving that large businesses think well of the credit bureau.

NEW RURAL CARRIER RECENTLY APPOINTED

RED SPRINGS—W. E. (Bus) McConaughy, Jr., was recently appointed and has assumed his duties as a rural mail carrier for Red Springs. He is on Route 1.

Stores Close 25th

A business discussion was held later at which time the merchants decided that the store will take their Christmas holiday on Monday, December 26. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the week preceding Christmas, the stores will remain open until 3 P. M., and until 9 P. M. on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24.

During the dinner program several musical numbers were given by two Flora Macdonald College students, Miss Phyllis Dyer, of Douglassville, and Miss Barbara Hill, of Graham, voice majors. Dean Robert Smith served as accompanist.

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Grady Harrell On Surveyors Board

At a recent meeting of the National Council of State Boards of Engineering Examiners held at Daytona Beach, Fla., G. S. Harrell of Shamondale was one of the members appointed to the committee on land surveying. The purpose of this committee is to make a study on land surveying in various states and make a report at the next meeting of the National Council to be held in Chicago in 1950. Others on the committee with Mr. Harrell were Robert M. Angus, chairman, of Florida; J. S. Dadd of Iowa, and E. C. Dohm of Washington.

Social Calendar

MONDAY 7:30 P. M.—Presbyterian Pioneers at church for Christmas party.

7:30 P. M.—Walter Poole sub-district at Trinity Methodist Church.

Mrs. John D. McNeill plans to leave next week for Sanford, Fla., where she will spend Christmas with her daughters and their families.

Fairmont-Chadbourn ACL Line To Be Cut

The Interstate Commerce commission has approved the abandonment of 20 miles of branch line of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad between Fairmont and Chadbourne, press dispatches from Washington reported this week.

The ICC said the railroad company "has experienced substantial losses in handling the traffic on the segment."

"It is foreseeable that some inconvenience will result to shippers at Proctorville and Evergreen, but because the volume of traffic involved is wholly inadequate to support profitable operations on the segment, its abandonment should be permitted."

