

Robeson Convict In Prison Break Attempt

A civil service examination covering executive assistant, physical medicine rehabilitation positions, salaries \$4103.40 to \$5232 per year, is now open.

Willie Brook Webster of Fairmont was the guest speaker at the annual Christmas dinner meeting of the Pioneer Study club at Tabor City last Friday evening.

Four Robeson County persons lost their drivers licenses during the week ending Dec. 10, according to the Highway Safety Division.

Miss Beth Farrior of Fairmont, Rt. 1, was selected Cutie Queen in a Christmas contest at Coker college, Hartsville, S. C.

Certificates of incorporation filed this week with Secretary of State Thad Eure included: McLean Holding Corporation of Lumberton, to engage in general real estate business.

Mayor F. R. Keith of St. Pauls and Fire Chief Ed Glover of Lumberton represented Robeson County last week at the N. C. Chiefs Association meeting in Raleigh.

Currently assigned to duty at Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts, is Corporal George Graham, son of Mr. G. Graham of Lumberton.

Pfc. Robert C. Page, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Page, of Route 1, Fairmont, North Carolina, has recently reported to the 2nd Armored Division, Camp Hood, Texas.

A. P. Allen of Lumberton was one of North Carolina's six voting delegates to the American Farm Bureau Federation's annual convention in Chicago recently.

McRae McLaughlin RED SPRINGS — McRae McLaughlin, 68, of the Duffie community, died at Johnson County Sanatorium, Smithfield last Friday night, December 16, after an illness of about two weeks.

He was the son of the late Winfield Scott McLaughlin and Susanna McNeill McLaughlin, both of Robeson county. Survivors include one sister, Miss Rosella McLaughlin, of the home and one brother, Martin L. McLaughlin, of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Douglas Morgan Is 4-H President FAIRMONT — Douglas Morgan has been elected president of the South Robeson 4-H club for 1950.

Other officers elected recently include: James A. Bass, vice president; Norma Dale Bass, secretary and music leader; Ennis Oliver, reporter.

Mrs. McCormac Club Hostess MAXTON — The Board of Directors of the Maxton Community Club recently announced that Mrs. J. E. McCormac had been appointed to the position as club hostess.

At the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. E. L. Stoffel, will present a special Christmas message to his congregation with music by the church choir.

Most dishes made with egg should be cooked slowly at a low temperature so that they will be tender when they are done.

Merry Christmas 1949. We who visit you all year around through these columns may pass this season partially unnoticed in favor of kin and friends seen or heard from only at Christmas. It is not fitting that loved ones gather with you upon the day of Jesus' birth and that those far away who cannot come receive special remembrance.

Maxton Churches Plan Christmas Services

MAXTON — Maxton churches are planning their usual Christmas services and activities for Sunday, December 25th.

Methodist Church Rev. H. G. Cuthrell, pastor of the St. Pauls Methodist Church, will conduct the morning Christmas service on Sunday at 11 o'clock with a special message appropriate to the season.

The Methodist Church had its annual candlelighting service on last Sunday evening at 7:30, following a Christmas supper given for the Methodist Youth Fellowship and prepared by the ladies of the church.

Baptist Church Rev. Forrest Young, pastor of the Maxton Baptist Church, has announced that usual Christmas services will be held Sunday with a special sermon at 11 o'clock.

Presbyterian Church At the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. E. L. Stoffel, will present a special Christmas message to his congregation with music by the church choir.

This film gives a dignified and superb presentation of certain selected incidents from the stories of the birth of Jesus and his boyhood as recorded in the Gospel of St. Luke and St. Matthew.

Westside Class In Supper Meeting The Men's Sunday school class of the Westside Baptist church enjoyed a chicken supper meeting on Friday night, December 16, at Freddie's, J. W. Russell, Jr., acted as chairman.

Lions Have Annual Christmas Party RED SPRINGS — The Red Springs Lions club had their annual Christmas party Tuesday night in Legion hall.

Falls Injure Two Miss Neale McLean broke her left arm in a fall last week in Pittman's hospital, Fayetteville, where she was visiting her sister, Miss Eva McLean, who is a patient there.

Bill McConnaughey Now Citadel Grad CHARLESTON, S. C. — Veteran Student William Joseph McConnaughey, of Red Springs, received his diploma at the Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, December 17.

BAPTISTS HAVE PROGRAM OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC RED SPRINGS — An inspiring program of Christmas music was given by the choir of the First Baptist church at the church service last Sunday night.

Robeson County persons lost their drivers licenses during the week ending Dec. 10, according to the Highway Safety Division.

Each farmer-stockholder is asked to put up \$25 per acre to finance the capital stock of the corporation.

The class presented their pastor, the Rev. Otho Hilliard, with a surprise package of several Christmas presents and a suit.

Those present included Leo Brown, Elbert Edwards, Homer Williams, Hubert Williams, Charles Monroe, Mr. Hilliard, Palmer Edwards, Mr. Russell, C. L. Norwood, J. W. Hough, Doyle Davis, Coy Smith, Edd Thomas, Jack Briggman, Otis Sessoms, Almond Sessoms, and Mack Martin.

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Several contests were enjoyed with prizes going to Percy Phillips and W. H. Stewart, Jr. Mrs. Glen Crofton, new president of the American Legion Auxiliary, succeeded Mrs. G. W. Pulliam, conducted the contests and served as program chairman.

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Pageant Given At Westside Church Sunday

RED SPRINGS — A Christmas pageant, "The Twelve Gifts," by Eleanor Early Mitchell, was given last Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at Westside Baptist church.

Those taking part included: Evelyn Hayes, Betty Smith, J. W. Hough, J. H. Goude, Jimmy Edwards, Joann Davis, Jean Saunders, Carol Setzer, Margaret Ann Russell, Elmata Tew, Faye Brock, Ann Stokes, Peggy Cox, Pat Statts, Evelyn Goude, Joyce Cribb, Bonnie Beck, the Rev. Otho Hilliard, J. W. Russell, Jack Briggman, Coy Smith, Mrs. Edd Thomas, Mrs. Sallie Layton and Mrs. Tony Hancock.

The cast was supported by a twenty voice choir. Mrs. Joe Hough, soloist, sang "O Holy Night." The pianist was Mrs. Doyle Davis. Recitations were also given by a group of small children.

After the program the Sunday school children were treated with gifts of fruit and nuts.

Red Springs Reaches Yam Acreage Quota

RED SPRINGS — G. T. Ashford has announced that Red Springs has reached its allotted quota of 250 acres to be planted in sweet potatoes for next year.

A charter has been drawn up for the Tri-County Yam Growers, Inc., and negotiations are nearing completion for leasing a large all-steel butler hanger at the Lumberton-Maxton air base.

In 1950, the new market will be restricted to the handling of sweet potatoes for the farmer-stockholders, but it is hoped that later anyone will be able to profitably sell their potatoes through this market.

Soldiers Get Terms For Assaulting Deputy

LUMBERTON — Two Fort Bragg soldiers who attacked Deputy Sheriff C. E. Cottrell of Red Springs in a roadside brawl several weeks ago drew prison terms after they had pleaded guilty in Robeson Superior court Tuesday.

George Moseley was sentenced to two years for assault with deadly weapon resulting in serious injury while Kenneth Lorey drew three years on the same charge plus a charge of secret assault.

The men originally had been indicted on charges of assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. Court adjourned following the sentencing of the two.

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Refreshments of assorted sandwiches and coffee were served by a committee of ALA members, with Mrs. J. L. Pace as chairman.

Was One Of Three Who Maimed Officer Breeden At Red Springs In 1938

A prisoner sentenced from Robeson county was named yesterday by Warden Joe Crawford as one of the plotters in a conspiracy for a wholesale break at Central Prison in Raleigh.

The prisoner was listed as J. H. Massey, sentenced Sept. 9, 1938, to life plus 30 years for breaking, entering and larceny and armed assault and related offenses on evidence that he and confederates robbed a building and shot a Red Springs police officer.

The officer was Arthur Breeden, who, permanently injured, is still living in Red Springs.

Norman McRainey, chief of police in Red Springs at the time of the burglary and assault told the Hometown Newspapers that Massey, a native of Texas, J. H. Gupton of the Durham area and D. A. Stone, no address, were convicted at the same time and all are serving similar sentences in Central Prison.

The men secreted themselves behind Red Springs stores and ambushed Officer Breeden while he was making his rounds.

They gagged Mr. Breeden and then pushed several bundles of shingles on him, and proceeded to rob the Graham company safe.

They were later caught while attempting a safe robbery in Savannah, Ga., and Mr. Breeden's jail keys and other items were found on them, after which they admitted the Red Springs offense, Mr. McRainey said.

At the time, they were escapees from prison at Huntsville, Texas, the former chief said.

Mr. McRainey recalled that the three almost escaped from the county jail at Lumberton while awaiting trial, but were thwarted in their effort.

Tried the next day, they were sentenced to life plus 30 years by Judge N. A. Sinclair, who told the defendants he wished he could give them the 30 years in another place but that his "jurisdiction does not extend beyond the borders of North Carolina."

Warden Crawford said the conspiracy involved at least two prison employes, a Kansas City mob and seven long-term prisoners.

Prisoners familiar with the plan stated that the employes, a guard and a truck driver, hoped to sell out the prison for two \$10,000 payments.

Crawford said these men, committed several months ago following an armed robbery in an eastern North Carolina city, were mentioned in letters intercepted in Kansas City.

The letters were signed with the name of the wife of one of the prison employes involved, Crawford said. They were found when Missouri officers arrested a robbery suspect.

In one letter, the woman wrote that two of the men could be freed at a cost of \$10,000 each. She directed that the money be sent to her husband's Raleigh home.

The conspirators will be sentenced to solitary confinement. The terms will be arranged when the evidence is submitted to the chief prison disciplinarian.

Crawford said the escape was scheduled for an hour when prison personnel would be occupied with routine duties.

Rotary Anns Entertained At Dinner Meeting

RED SPRINGS — Ladies Night was held at the dinner meeting of the Rotary club last Friday night in the high school cafeteria.

The entertainer, Julian Metz, of Fayetteville, was introduced by Walter R. Dudley, chairman of the program committee. Mr. Metz has a unique method of playing tunes on water glasses filled to varying depths.

Each Rotary-Ann was presented with a gift and an orchid.

Guests of the club included Miss Cornelia McMillan and Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Johnson.

Mrs. Ben Stanton and her home economics girls were in charge of serving and the decorations, which carried out the Christmas theme.

Mrs. D. B. McDonald was in charge of the dinner.

During the dinner Murray McManus spoke on "What My Sons Have Meant To Me," and Max McManus spoke on "What My Dad Has Meant To Me."

Rev. Paul D. Early was in charge of the program.

Mrs. Early was in charge of the roast beef dinner. Assisting her were Mrs. David Moss, Mrs. Ernest McKellar, Mrs. Pete Cottrell, Mrs. D. L. Moody, Mrs. Paul McQueen, Mrs. Boyd Collins, Mrs. Harold Dew and Mrs. A. McGoogan.

Mrs. Pete Stanton and Mrs. John McManus were on the decorating committee.

There were approximately 47 present.

Baptist Boys Have Banquet

RED SPRINGS — A Father-Son banquet for the Junior-Intermediate boys of the First Baptist Church was given Monday night at the church in honor of the Royal Ambassadors.

Mr. C. L. Norwood is sponsor for the Ambassadors.

Members of the Legion expressed appreciation to the many persons who made contributions to the playground project, both in money, equipment and labor in its construction.

Maxton Legion Holds Its Christmas Party

MAXTON — Maxton Legionnaires and Auxiliary members staged a joint Christmas party Friday night at the Maxton Community Club, which was attractively decorated throughout in the holiday motif.

Several contests were enjoyed with prizes going to Percy Phillips and W. H. Stewart, Jr.

Mrs. Glen Crofton, new president of the American Legion Auxiliary, succeeded Mrs. G. W. Pulliam, conducted the contests and served as program chairman.

A musical program was presented consisting of group singing of Christmas carols and several solo selections by W. H. Stewart, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. Crofton, at the piano.

Refreshments of assorted sandwiches and coffee were served by a committee of ALA members, with Mrs. J. L. Pace as chairman.

Members of the Legion expressed appreciation to the many persons who made contributions to the playground project, both in money, equipment and labor in its construction.

The playground committee will receive any further contributions for necessary equipment, from anyone wishing to increase the playground equipment fund.

James Drennan is chairman of this committee.

