

Maxton Considered As Site For Air Academy

MAXTON—Maxton is one of seven North Carolina sites being considered as location for the proposed Air Force Academy, reports from Washington said this week. Other North Carolina sites under consideration are: Charlotte, Goldsboro, Asheville, the vicinity of Durham and Raleigh, Camp Mackall, and the Greensboro-Winston-Salem, High Point triangle.

Courthouse Work Begins

Tuesday to General Spaatz in Washington, that the Maxton Air Base site be surveyed by the Army Engineers. His communication was followed up by several others from interested persons and civic organizations.

Work on the additions for the Robeson county courthouse began Tuesday morning, when County Commissioner J. D. Herring turned the first shovel of earth. Immediately after the brief ceremony, a power shovel began excavating at the point which will contain the vault for the clerk of court's office.

Yam Meeting

RED SPRINGS — All persons interested in growing sweet potatoes in this area are invited to attend a meeting this (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock in the library of the Red Springs High School building.

Lohr Named District Oratorical Chairman

Alexander Announces For Representative

RED SPRINGS—E. H. Alexander, former mayor of Red Springs, has announced his candidacy for one of two seats from Robeson County in the House of Representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly. The primary is slated for the first of May.



E. H. ALEXANDER
Photo by Alton McNeill, Jr.

David Britt Is County Leader Of Legion Event

MAXTON—B. E. Loehr, superintendent of Lumberton City schools and active Legionnaire, had been named Thirteenth District chairman for the annual American Legion Oratorical contest in the high schools of North Carolina.

Two sailors, retired from the navy, pooled their money and bought a saloon in a small town. They immediately closed it and began to paint and fix it up inside and out. A few days after repairs had been completed and there was no sign of its opening, a thrifty crowd began to gather outside. One of the crowd knocked on the door and, when a head appeared at the window, inquired, "Say, when you guys gonna open up?" "Open up, hell!" growled the sailor. "We bought this place for ourselves."

THE WEATHER
(This information is furnished Robeson County's Hometown Newspapers through the courtesy of Mrs. O. O. Dukes, of Lumberton, local weather observer.)

24-Hour Period, Ending 8 P. M.	High	Low	Rain
Dec. 28	62	43	.00
Dec. 29	63	31	.00
Dec. 30	56	34	.00
Dec. 31	51	23	.08
Jan. 1	64	49	.00
Jan. 2	72	58	.00
Jan. 3	73	65	Trace

Betrayed By A Snore

RED SPRINGS—It was Christmas Eve and the quiet of near closing time prevailed through the store after a busy day. The proprietor was making final preparations for closing over the holidays to come. Suddenly the quiet was interrupted by a sound mighty like a snore.

FEED STORE MOVED

RED SPRINGS — The Red Springs Supply company has moved its feed store on Cross street to a location on East Fourth avenue in the building supply warehouse behind the Scottish Bank.

SCOTTY AND JEUNE CAGERS MEET AT COLLEGE FRIDAY NIT

MAXTON — The Scotties of Presbyterian Junior College will meet the Camp Lejeune basketball squad of marines on tomorrow (Friday) night at the college gym at eight o'clock. Coach Peanut Doak's cagers have won one game and lost one so far this season.

Maxton Auto Tags

MAXTON — Automobile tags for the Town of Maxton are now on sale at the Town Office. The price of these tags is one dollar and tags will be attached to license plates and displayed on all Maxton vehicles.

Around The World

THURSDAY, DEC. 29
U. S. announces dispatching of aircraft carrier Boxer and two destroyers to strengthen Seventh task fleet, American fleet which operates nearest Communist China. . . Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General calls upon East and West to resume negotiations toward settlement of the great power conflict "that has delayed peace and hampered the United Nations. . . Earthquake shakes Philippine island of Luzon, with only few casualties reported. . . Chairman Douglas (D-NC) of the House Ways and Means committee declares: "If the government collected every dollar owed it under present law, it is my hope and opinion that we could just about balance the budget. . ."
FRIDAY, DEC. 30
Tobacco Associates report that exports of flue-cured tobacco were about 10 per cent higher in 1949 over 1948 and about 20 per cent higher than pre-war average. . . India recognizes China's Communist government.
SATURDAY, DEC. 31
Russia accuses Finland of violating peace treaty, and harboring war criminals of Soviet citizenship. . . Senator Maybank (D-SC) demands crackdown on

come tax evaders in a move to avert increase in tax rates. . . Czech government abolishes gasoline rationing for private cars.
SUNDAY, JAN. 1
General Douglas MacArthur reported as favoring definite steps on the part of the United States to keep Formosa from falling to the Chinese Communists. . . Social security tax jumps from 1 to 1 1/2 per cent. . . Seven Tar Heels die in traffic accidents over New Year's weekend. . .
MONDAY, JAN. 2
Former President Herbert Hoover and Senator Robert Taft (R-O) urge that United States Navy be sent to prevent Formosa from falling to Chinese Communists. . . British newspapers criticize U. S. Policy in China and say they fear it will strain Anglo-American partnership. . .
TUESDAY, JAN. 3
Demand raised for curb on arms and spending as 81st Congress begins new session. . . Sen. Burdick (R-ND) proposes investigation to learn extent of alary kickbacks and payroll padding of Congressmen. . . Senator Frank Graham declares he is opposed to use of compulsory powers to bring about fair employment practices. . .

Junior Women To Meet Monday Night

MAXTON — The songs of Steven Collins Foster will be the program topic at the monthly meeting of the Maxton Junior Women's Club on Monday evening, January 9th, at eight o'clock at the Community Club. Mrs. C. L. Darling, Jr., and Mrs. Lee Stoffel will have charge of the program.

Bring Clothing

Club members are asked to bring used clothing for the Clothing Closet project of the public welfare department of the club. One closet has already been filled and club members are now starting on filling their second closet of good used clothes to be used in case of need in this community.

Fire Department Answers Calls

REDSRINGS—The local fire department was called last Thursday afternoon to extinguish a grass fire in the Robbins Cloth Mill area. No property damage was reported.

Attend Funeral

RED SPRINGS — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rogers, and son, Thomas, Jr., attended the funeral services Sunday afternoon in Warsaw for Stacy H. Britt, Jr., fire chief of Warsaw, who was killed instantly last Saturday morning while enroute to a fire.

Redwing Infant

RED SPRINGS — Drew Redwing, infant daughter of Lonel and Gladys Redwing, of Rennett, died last Thursday night in a Lumberton Hospital after a brief illness. Funeral services were held last Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at New Prospect Church near Pembroke. Interment was in the church cemetery.

BASKETBALL HI-LIGHTS

By DAN MISENHEIMER
MAXTON — Tuesday night, Maxton ventured to McCall, S. C., and lost both games in a double-header.

The boys' game started off with a bang, Maxton making five points to McCall's one in the first quarter. McCall then took the lead with the score 16-12 in their favor at the half. Final game score, McCall 34, Maxton 31. High scorer for Maxton was John McCall with 10 points.

Girls' Game
Maxton girls lost to the girls of McCall in a close game, with the verdict 20 to 17.

Maxton goes to Orrum Friday night and next Tuesday Laurel Hill will play here.

Tax Listing Gets Underway In Maxton

MAXTON—Listing of property taxes on both county and town books began in Maxton on Tuesday of this week.

County taxes will be listed by Mrs. W. H. Hasty, at the Maribel Shop, next door to the Gilbert Patterson Memorial library. Mrs. Hasty states that the books will be open daily through January, from 9 to 5 o'clock. Early listing of taxes will insure prompt attention and no standing in line to file. Farm reports will be made again this year and farmers are asked to come fully prepared. Town taxes will be filed by C. H. Whitlock at the Maxton Town Office during the month of January. The town books will be open from nine to five each day for the purpose of listing property.

St. Pauls Infant Dies From Gas Poisoning

ST. PAULS—Mary Lou Furlough, 20-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Furlough of St. Pauls, died Saturday afternoon after being overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning.

The small girl had been left alone for about 15 minutes in her parents' car while parked on a St. Pauls street, police said. Upon her return to the car, the mother found her daughter dying. The infant died before medical aid could be reached. The body was taken to Albemarle for burial.

7,500 At Funerals

An estimated 7,500 persons attended funeral services in Robeson county Sunday for Leander Jacobs and Hector Chavis, who were executed Friday in Raleigh for the murder of an elderly Lumberton storekeeper. The McNeill Funeral Home of Maxton, in charge of the Chavis funeral, reported that 5,900 persons attended the services at Mt. Hebron church. Stephens-Prevatte Funeral Home of Fairmont was in charge of the Jacobs funeral at Little Zion church, where 2,500 persons were reported in attendance. Loud speakers were set up at both services to carry the funeral services to the large crowds outside the churches. It took officers some three hours to clear the traffic jam at the Chavis funeral and the McNeill hearse required a police escort to make its way to the church. The Chavis rites were conducted by Rev. C. E. Locklear. Officiating at the Jacobs funeral were Rev. Roy Maynard and Rev. Mr. Carter.

Services Held In Raeford For J. H. Currie

RED SPRINGS—Interment services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Raeford cemetery for John Hector Currie, 62, who died last Saturday morning in a hospital in Waycross, Ga., after an illness of two weeks. Conducting the services in Raeford were Dr. Louis LaMotte, president of Presbyterian Junior college, Maxton, and Mr. Currie's former pastor, the Rev. T. A. Fry, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Red Springs, and the Rev. William Heyward, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church.

Funeral services for Mr. Currie were held Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the Waycross Presbyterian church where he was a deacon. Mr. Currie, son of the late Dr. Angus R. Currie and Ida McPhaul Currie, of Antioch, was a conductor with the Atlantic Coast Line for forty years. He was also a Shriner and secretary-treasurer of the ACL Conductor's division, in Waycross.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Torrey Leach of Raeford; two sisters, Miss Flobele Currie, of Red Springs, and Mrs. R. T. Moore, of Madison, N. C. Those attending the services from Waycross, Ga., included Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Chambliss, W. G. Conoly and son, Jimmy, and Miss Maud Little.

Bruised In Fall

Mrs. A. G. Sinclair is much improved after suffering bruises and cuts in a fall down a stairway at the home of Mrs. John L. Conoly one night last week.

Visiting Mrs. Sinclair on Sunday were Mrs. D. M. Watson and family, of Rowland.

Fire Destroys McInnis Home

RED SPRINGS—The home of Mrs. Neill McInnis on West Third Avenue was almost completely destroyed by fire late last Sunday afternoon. The flames which swept through most of the house originated from an oil cook stove in the kitchen.

Part of the household furnishings were saved, others completely destroyed or damaged by fire and water. The work of the local fire department prevented heavier loss.

Lions' Informal Dinner Party

The Lions club enjoyed an informal dinner party meeting Tuesday night at Freddie's. A turkey chicken dinner was served to approximately 20 members present.

Organizational Meet For Cub Scouts Today

RED SPRINGS — Mrs. R. D. McMillan, Jr., president of the American Legion auxiliary 15 Charlie Hall Post No. 35, has extended an invitation to all parents in the community with boys of the ages 8, 9 and 10, to attend a meeting this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Legion Hall for the purpose of organizing a Cub Scout troop in this vicinity.

All parents with boys of this age who wish to show their interest in their son and in the community are urgently requested to be present. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, at 8 p. m., in the Legion Hall to further the Cub Scout organization.

J. M. Alfords Move To Red Springs

RED SPRINGS — J. M. Alford, who was graduated from the John A. Gupton School of Mortuary Science in Nashville, Tenn., on December 17, arrived here last Saturday to assume a position with W. S. Barham, director of the Red Springs Funeral Home. Mr. Alford, originally from Warrenton, was associated for two years with the former Ballentine's Funeral Home in Fuquay Springs. Prior to that he served with the navy for three and a half years. Mr. and Mrs. Alford, who is a registered nurse, came here from Zebulon. Mrs. Alford's home, and have taken an apartment with Mrs. J. L. McMillan.

C. A. WOODRUM, EX-CONGRESSMAN ADDRESSES RS ROTARIANS

RED SPRINGS — Clifton A. Woodrum, president of the American Plant Food Council, of Washington, and former congressman for 23 years from Roanoke, Va., was guest speaker at the meeting of the Rotary Club last Friday night in Legion Hall. He was introduced by George T. Ashford.

An interesting talk was given by Mr. Woodrum, who also spoke earlier in the day to the members of the Lumberton Rotary Club. Mr. Woodrum resigned his post as congressman five years ago to become president of the Food Council which is a trade organization composed of members of the fertilizer industry. It was organized for educational purposes. Louis Wilson, public relations director of the American Plant Food Council, was also a guest of Mr. Ashford and the club.

Plan Farmers' Nights

Neill P. Clinton, general program chairman, announced that plans are underway for two Farmers' Nights to be given the latter part of January and first of February to promote the Live-At-Home program in this area. Final plans will be announced later.

Bob Cathey was installed as the baby member of the club with an associate membership under the classification of textile manufacturing.

Driver's licenses revoked during the week ending Dec. 22, included those of Hugh Johnson Barnes of Fairmont and Miller W. Glisson of Lumberton.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY HOMICIDE"

A factual account of the M. L. Blackburn robbery-murder last spring on the outskirts of Lumberton and the subsequent conviction of Leander Jacobs and Hector Chavis in the case is printed in the February issue of Real Detective magazine, which went on sale on newstands in the county yesterday. Entitled "The 'Happy Birthday' Homicide," the article is written by Thomas Cullins.

NUMBER OF MEN ARE SOUGHT BY ROBESON DRAFT BOARD

Robeson County Draft Board 79, Rowland building, Lumberton, is trying to locate the following men to fill out their Selective Service questionnaires. If they will report to the draft board office, the clerk will be glad to fill out their questionnaires. Varnie Barnes, Fairmont, Rt. 1, J. D. Harold Faulk, Fairmont, Hervey McGirt, Box 65, Shandon. James H. Lathen, Lumber Bridge, Rt. 1. James Horace Thompson, Box 60, Lumberton. Willie French Lowery, Pembroke, Rt. 1. William David Locklear, Pembroke, Rt. 1. E. G. Smith, Rowland, Rt. 2. William Clifton Blanks, St. Pauls, Rt. 1. Floyd Ashley Hardin, Curran, Rt. 1. Winford Locklear, general delivery, Buie. Bobby Wicker, Glitchrist, Fairmont, Rt. 1. H. L. Brewer, Lumberton, Rt. 1. John Archie Cummings, Rowland, Rt. 1. All young men who have attained their 18th birthday without registering are asked to come to the draft board office at the earliest possible date, as the law requires registration within five days after reaching 18th birthday.

GINNERS CONVENE

Members of the South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia ginning industries will convene in Shelby Jan. 9 at the armory for the 11th annual meeting of the Carolinas Ginner's association. Registration will begin at 9 a. m. and the program will begin at 10 a. m. The public is invited to attend.

Local chairman will be Legionnaire James Drennan. Seven schools, Maxton, Red Springs, Philadelphia, Lumberton, Fairmont, Rowland, and Alenton, participated in last year's oratorical contest for this county. Winner was Miss Gloria McCallum of Fairmont.

The schedule of contest is as follows: Each school participating will select a representative to enter the county contest on or before February 20th. The Robeson County contest will be held between February 20-25. District contests will take place February 27 to March 4 and Division contests, March 6-10. The State finals will be held at the Legion Club in Lexington, March 17th. These contests are a National Americanism activity of the American Legion. The subject used must be on some phase of the Constitution of the United States, which will give emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen of our government.

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Photographs printed with the article show the murder victim, the convicted slayers, Sheriff Willis C. Britt and Deputies Elmer Rice, Ralph Freeman and W. L. Price. The article traces the step by step investigation which resulted in arrests within 24 hours after the murder was discovered.