

IN UNIFORM

S.-Sgt. Bartram Robeson, Jr., who has served with the air forces in Burma, India-China and the Pacific islands, arrived home Tuesday after being discharged at Fort Bragg. He expects to spend a month in Red Springs with his parents.

Cpl. J. E. McKellar, USMC, is at home in Red Springs after two years service in the Pacific. He will spend a 30-day furlough at home before reporting to Camp Lejeune.

Sgt. David Bray returned this week from the ETO and is with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parsons. They expect to leave this week for Marion where they will visit his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Bray.

Sgt. Dan McArthur, Jr., arrived at Fort Bragg last Thursday after serving in the Philippines and Pvt. Joe Pat McArthur received his discharge at Bragg last week. Both are now with their parents at Wakulla.

Capt. J. Carlton Evans, son of Mrs. J. J. Evans of Maxton, has received his discharge from the separation center of the Santa Ana Army Air base, of Santa Ana, Calif., after having served 3 1/2 years as a sergeant and balance officer. He was recently awarded the American Theatre Ribbon. He is now enroute to Maxton but will spend some time visiting places of interest on the trip.

T-5 Wm. McLaughlin of Maxton is one of the 5,000 high-point Army veterans whom the navy is returning to the states aboard the USS Admiral Hugh Rodman. The ship left Nagoya, Japan, December 22 and was scheduled to arrive in Seattle this month.

Gilbert Lytch, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lytch of Maxton, who was recently discharged from the Marines after 23 months service in the South Pacific theater, has entered the University of North Carolina after spending a while with his parents.

Pfc. Thomas Denson has returned to Welch's Convalescent hospital in Daytona, Fla., after spending some time with Mrs. Denson in Maxton.

Yeoman Russell Hellekson of Camp Peary, Va., spent the week end in Maxton with his family.

Pfc. Ben Taylor, a veteran of 22 months service with the Infantry in Italy, has just returned home and has received his discharge. He was awarded the Infantry Combat badge.

Maxton friends will be interested to hear that Commander DeWitt McIver has just been detached from the USS Atlanta and commissioned captain. He will serve on a transport ship out of San Francisco for the next six months.

Pfc. Louis H. McLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McLean of Maxton, has returned from a year's overseas service where he participated in some of the major battles, and was wounded in Luxembourg. He has been re-enlisted and will report for duty after a 60-day furlough.

Pfc. Napoleon Mercer, T-5 Harry Young and T-5 James McNeill, all of Red Springs are all aboard the Hugh Rodman, which left Nagoya Japan in December and is scheduled to arrive in Seattle this week.

Trinity Methodist Church Activities

The installation service for all newly elected officers of the Womens Society of Christian Service was held at the Hut on the afternoon of January 8. Circles 1 and 2 met after the special service.

Circle 3 met on Wednesday evening with Mrs. Knox Lewis.

Methodist Student Recognition day was observed last Sunday morning. The feature phase of the service was a talk by Miss Hazel Cousins. Miss Cousins was our chosen delegate from our Methodist college—to the National Methodist Student Conference, recently held at the University of Illinois at Urbana.

The Workers Council of the church school met on Tuesday evening in the regular monthly session at the hut under the leadership of Superintendent J. C. Barlow.

The Rev. A. C. Lee, pastor, will conduct a school of missions for the entire church, beginning Sunday, January 20. The school will be held on successive Sunday evenings—closing on the evening of February 2. The course to be taught will be "Christ and Our Country." The hour of each lecture will be 7:30.

The short egg market is expected to be relieved as soon as late pullets begin to lay.

Commission Named To Install Fry On February 3rd

Fayetteville Presbytery Hears Report On Radio Program To Begin In March.

Fayetteville Presbytery, in session Tuesday at Eureka church near Carthage, named a commission to install the Rev. Thomas A. Fry, Jr., as pastor of the Red Springs Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, February 3rd.

The commission includes the Rev. James B. Black, D. D., of Goldsboro, who was pastor of the church until last July, the Rev. R. L. Alexander of Lumberton, the Rev. R. R. Gammon of Dunn, the Rev. J. W. Mann of Antioch, and the following ministers of Red Springs: Dr. Tucker Graham, who was named to preach the sermon, Dr. Henry G. Bedinger, Dr. J. E. Purcell, Dr. C. G. Vardell, and Dr. H. C. Hammond. Elders named to the commission are Willie D. McKay of Philadelphia and Angus Conoly of Antioch.

The services will be held at the evening worship hour, it was stated.

The Presbytery also heard a report of the Synod's committee of the Presbyterian Hour, a radio program to be inaugurated with the opening of the new church year in March, when a series of religious programs are to be presented each Sunday morning at 8:30.

The Rev. T. E. Davis of Southern Pines was moderator. Attending from here were Mr. Fry, Dr. Bedinger, Arthur McRae and Mr. Mann.

Fairmont Wins Two From Maxton Hi

Maxton girls basketball team was defeated by the Fairmont girls 34 to 8 Tuesday evening at the Maxton gym. Sara Ivel, Maxton forward, scored 5 of the 6 points and Floyd, Fairmont's forward, scored 20 points for the winners.

Maxton boys' team lost a heart-breaker to Fairmont. After leading up until 3 minutes before the close of the game, Fairmont tied the score, and with one minute to go, scored 3 points to win by 24 to 21.

Schedule for the remainder of this month is as follows: January 18th, Parkton at Maxton, January 23rd, Philadelphia at Red Springs, January 25th, Parkton at Parkton, and January 29th, Red Springs at Maxton.

Final Rites For Mrs Susan Davis

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon for Mrs. Susan Ann Davis, 79 year old woman who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Currie, on Route one, Red Springs, Tuesday night. Mrs. Davis had been ill for a month. The last rites will be conducted at three o'clock this afternoon at Tabernacle Methodist church by Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Raeford Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member, and interment will follow in the churchyard cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Davis are one son, T. F. Davis of Raeford; five daughters, Mrs. Charlie Campbell of Hamlet, Mrs. M. B. Fletcher of Ashboro, Mrs. B. J. Livingston, Laurinburg, Mrs. A. R. Currie and Mrs. H. R. Livingston of Red Springs, Route One; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Smith of Hamlet and Mrs. H. D. Skipper of Laurel Hill.

Social Security Pays 1095 In This Area

In the area served by the Fayetteville office of the Social Security Board there were 1095 monthly old-age and survivors insurance benefits in force at the end of 1945 according to Cecil G. Rollins, manager of the Fayetteville office. This figure represents the number of men, women and children in the counties of Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Sampson, now eligible for monthly payments of old-age and survivors insurance.

"Our estimates indicate an increase of 34.2 per cent over the number of benefits in force at the close of the year 1944," said Mr. Rollins. Recipients of old-age and survivors insurance in these five counties include 185 widows, 569 children, 270 retired wage-earners, 64 wives of retired wage-earners and 7 aged dependent parents.

104 lump-sum death payments, amounting in all \$12,397.95 were made in the Fayetteville service area during 1945.

"It Pays To Advertise"

PJC Leads Conference Basketball Teams

PJC basketball season got off to a good start Thursday by defeating their old rival, Edwards Military Institute by 41-31 and on Friday night won a hotly contested game with Oak Ridge, which is considered the outstanding team in the Eastern Junior conference, with a score of 44 to 33. Coach Chester Eisold believes he has a well rounded team and some good substitutes. Wylie Steed, one of the veterans who is taking a refresher course, is one of his main stays and other outstanding players are Ralph Tennant, Tommie Guiton, Dorsey Poole and Robert Knox, boarding students.

Officers Of State Bank Reelected

The State Bank of Laurinburg and Maxton held its annual meeting last week and re-elected officers and directors, as follows:

James L. McNair, president; John F. McNair, Jr., executive vice president; Edwin Pate, vice president; J. T. Myers, cashier; T. W. Williams and Clyde E. Harrill, cashier Maxton office. The directors are, James L. McNair, John F. McNair, Jr., D. M. McLaurin, H. McN. Jones, John Blue, Jr., Jas. L. McNair, Jr., and Edwin Pate.

At the close of business December 31, 1945, the State Bank reported total resources of \$7,817,573.02, and total deposits of \$7,185,834.16. Its capital stock is \$100,000.00 and surplus \$400,000.00 with undivided profits of \$104,064.98.

File This Month For Tobacco Allotments

All eligible producers interested in applying for a "new grower" tobacco allotment should file an application at the Robeson County AAA office prior to January 1, 1946, according to W. A. Thompson, AAA chairman.

He pointed out that in order to be eligible for a new tobacco allotment, the following conditions must be met: (1) The farm operator shall have had experience in growing the kind of tobacco for which an allotment is requested either as a sharecropper, tenant, or as a farm operator during the past five years, or if the farm operator has been in the armed services of the United States, within five years prior to this entry into the armed services; (2) the farm operator shall be living on the farm and largely dependent on this farm for his livelihood; (3) the farm covered by the application shall be the only farm owned or operated by the farm operator on which any tobacco is produced; and (4) no kind of tobacco other than the kind for which application for an allotment will be grown on such farm in 1946.

He emphasized that the only exception that would be made in the date for filing applications should be in the case of a farm operator being in the armed forces on that date. Under this condition, application will be filed not later than the time tobacco is substantially all planted in the county, or within 30 days following his discharge from the armed forces whichever is earlier.

Springers Hit Stride And Win Four On Local Court

Red Springs high school continued their winning streak by sweeping a double-header from Massey Hill here last night. The girls winning 50 to 18, with McGougan dropping in 16 and Collins 15 to lead the scoring. Roney with 10 lead Massey Hill. The Red Devils won the boys game 43 to 18. Wood rang up 20 points to lead the winner's scoring. Baker with 6 was best for Massey Hill.

Red Springs also defeated Maxton here Friday night in a double header with the girls winning 39 to 40 and the boys winning 39 to 21.

Wood and Warren led the boys, with Morgan the leading lady in the girls win.

James M. Gibson

James M. Gibson, 54, died at his home in Maxton Wednesday morning after a long period of ill health. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon from the home, conducted by the Rev. C. J. Andrews, pastor of St. Pauls Methodist church of which the deceased was a member.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, Kinnon, Sabert and Vernon Gibson and two daughters, Mrs. Nina McKenzie and Miss Dorothy Gibson.

Opposes Plan For Rebuilding Bomb-Destroyed Cities

Dr. D. S. Currie Says U. S. And Churches Have No Apologies For Japanese.

Dr. D. S. Currie, prominent Parkton physician and an outstanding layman of Fayetteville Presbytery, was the speaker at the January meeting of the men of the Presbyterian church of Red Springs held last night.

Dr. Currie discussed foreign mission activities principally as the layman is concerned, pointing out the great work before the Christian church by comparing the accomplishments of the past and its effectiveness, principally in the Orient, during the past four years.

Calling attention to proposed plan of the Rev. John Allen McLean of Ginter Park church in Richmond, for the Christian churches of America to rebuild the atom bomb stricken cities of Japan, Dr. Currie stated he was opposed to such a plan, as the United States and its Christian peoples had no apologies to make to the Japanese for the destruction of those two cities.

Maxton Methodist Church To Have Revival Services

The Rev. C. J. Andrews, pastor of St. Pauls Methodist church in Maxton, announces that in accordance with the Crusade for Christ program of the church, special revival services will begin on April 14th.

The pastor will lead the services and the music will be directed by J. J. Pence, superintendent of Scotland county schools. Mr. Andrews stated that there are five phases of the church's crusade program to be emphasized over a five year period, and this is the year of Evangelism. Every effort will be made to make this revival season for the church and community.

News and Views

By Mrs. Ruth R. Croom

On account of having been crowded for space recently we haven't been able to tell you the story Chief Fisher told us some few weeks ago about another of Maxton's ladies, who went possum hunting in her own back yard. Bet you'd never guess. The Chief says one night he was called up to Miss Maggie McKinnon's and there stood Miss Maggie, all by herself, holding a possum at bay with—now you'll never guess—a lightwood torch! She had heard, and she was right, that a possum won't move as long as a light shines in his eyes, so, as her flash light was not available, she was resourceful enough to use the best she had. She had caught him red handed, so to speak, after her chickens, but don't think he'll be up on North Patterson street any more, for Chief Fisher carried him off and presented him to a colored man whose favorite dish is possum and taters.

Sue Randall says she just heard that it's nice to be among friends, even if they aren't yours. We have been thinking this one over and over and it seems to us it would be sort of lonesome. What do you think?

The first of the year always brings us letters, with renewals and nice little notes from many of our good subscribers. Among this week were Miss Anna Graham of Laurinburg, Mrs. E. L. McGirt of Greenville, S. C., T. R. Jenkins of Plymouth and Elva Rascoe, who is spending her second winter in Curudu, Canal Zone. They all send greetings to their Maxton friends. Elva writes that she hopes to be back in the states in April, but it is so warm there she has almost forgotten what a fire looks like or how it feels to be cold, and she would not like to come until Spring. However, she also says it has rained so long that they almost need a boat to get around. She is wondering if the famed ship Ancon, which was built by the Panama R. R. Co. and turned over to the government during the war, now due back, will be put on its regular passenger run to take vacationers to the states again.

The Andersons and Mr. Boyd, who have just returned from a trip to New Orleans, were so delightfully surprised to meet up with Sarah Lacy, who was there to embark for Brazil and her missionary work. Know she was happy to see someone from home at the last, and we are all thinking of her as she begins this fine work and wishing her great success and happiness in it.



Dr. McClelland In Critical Condition

Dr. J. O. McClelland of Maxton is in a critical condition as a result of injuries sustained at his home Monday night. He sustained a slight concussion and facial fracture and is receiving treatment at Baker's Sanatorium. His physicians hold out little hope of his recovery.

John A. Byrne, 83, Claimed By Death Funeral Friday

Funeral services for John Alexander Byrne, aged 83, who died at his home here early this morning, will be held from the Red Springs Presbyterian church Friday afternoon at 2:30. The Rev. Thomas A. Fry, pastor, will conduct the services.

Active pallbearers will be: P. Roberts of Lumberton, R. D. McMillan, Jr. of Pembroke, W. L. McRae, Duncan McGougan, Purdie Dorman, and Reid Grantham of Red Springs. Members of the board of deacons and elders of the church will serve as honorary pallbearers. Interment will be in Alloway cemetery.

Mr. Byrne was the son of the late Matthew and Almira T. Love Byrne of Bladen county, and for many years has resided here where for most of his life he was office manager and bookkeeper for lumber and manufacturing interests. He was throughout his residence here an active member of the Presbyterian church, which he served many years as a deacon, and as treasurer of the church.

Mr. Byrne's wife, who was the former Miss Janie McQueen of Cumberland county, died some years ago. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Duncan McNeill and Miss Lila Byrne, both of Red Springs, and by six sons: Jesse D. and L. L. of Red Springs, Walter R. of Grays Creek, James of Rockingham, Angue D. of Hamlet, and Archie of Raeford.

Fishing Licenses On Sale Now In Robeson

The State department of conservation and development has issued for the first time a county fishing license, and all county residents fishing with artificial lures or baits will be required to purchase a license, states protector for the 14th district comprising Robeson, Scotland, Hoke and Cumberland counties.

Artificial lures or baits are defined as lures or baits which are made by hand or are manufactured and which are not available as natural fish foods.

It shall be unlawful to take fish by any means whatsoever in inland fishing waters of North Carolina from April 6 through May 10, of each year, both dates inclusive.

The new 1946 fishing licenses are now on sale in Robeson county.

PJC Being Filled With Vet Students

So many veterans have registered for the second semester, beginning January 23rd, at Presbyterian Junior college that the college is making arrangements for additional dormitory facilities and for housing married students. A large number of the students are taking the special refresher course before beginning college work. Others are taking regular college classes or commercial work. A large class in aeronautics ground school and flying is anticipated. Regular mid-term examinations begin January 17, and continue through January 22nd.

Legion Post Will Buy Service Club Building Soon

Committee Named To Raise Fund For Purchase As Center Of Community Activities.

Charlie Hall Post of the American Legion of Red Springs has approved a plan for the purchase of the McLean Building on East Third Ave. so it may continue to be used as a community center, it was stated today by Dan Klapp, commander of the post.

A committee composed of Dr. C. T. Johnson, E. H. Alexander, Morrison Peterson and James A. Graham was named to make the necessary arrangements for its purchase from the James D. McLean estate and to raise funds for this purpose. W. B. McLean, acting for the heirs of the estate, told members of the committee that \$6,000 had recently been offered for the building by a commercial concern, and that the estate would sell the building to the post for that sum, and that a contribution of \$1,000 would be made to raise but \$5,000.

The building has been used as a community center since 1941 as a project sponsored by the Legion, and during the early training period of the war hundreds of soldiers were entertained there each month. Committees and other groups which have been aiding the war efforts also used the rooms many times, and it was from here that nearly every drive for the sale of War Bonds, the solicitation of funds for the Red Cross, the United War Fund and the Infantile Paralysis campaign, and other patriotic campaigns were launched. Square dances are a regular feature of the club for benefits for the Lions Blind Fund, for the high school athletic association, and the club in recent months has been devoted largely as a meeting place for the teen-agers in the Legion's work to provide this age group with a supervised activity program.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Mary Williams Held In Maxton

Father Sullivan, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church of Laurinburg, and Father Leo, pastor of the church in Dunn, conducted the impressive funeral services for Mrs. Mary Williams, which were held from her home in Maxton, Friday, January 11th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The choir of St. Marys church, of which Miss Frances Nassif is director, rendered the music and Mrs. Joe Thomas of Laurinburg, was in charge of the arrangement of the lovely floral designs.

Pallbearers were S. B. Murad of Wilson, Ramon Farris and Emil Rabil of Goldsboro, A. B. Shadon of Raleigh, Kelly Joseph of Benson and Fred Solomon of Maxton.

Mrs. Williams was one of the most consecrated members of St. Mary's church, and was loved and esteemed by a host of friends in this section where she has made her home for about 20 years.

New Sugar Books Not For Everyone

Recent announcements that sugar ration books will henceforth be issued for all of North Carolina by the OPA district office in Raleigh does not mean that present holders of books will get a new one, Theodore S. Johnson, director of the Office of Price Administration, said today.

Johnson said the announcements simply indicated that returning service people, who have never had ration books, or families having new babies, may apply for sugar ration books by obtaining an application blank at the local board and sending it to the Raleigh office properly filled out. The same procedure should be followed to replace lost or mutilated books, Johnson said.

A lot of people, he added, thought that new books were being issued to all persons. This is not true.

Schools Closed 'Til Monday—Bad Roads

Bad roads, resulting from the heavy fall of snow-sleet and rain, caused the closing of all schools in Robeson county which are served by buses. Supt. W. R. Dudley states the schools of Red Springs will open Monday, if no further fall of snow takes place.