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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Agriculture department cuts use of grain for feeding livestock and poultry in effort to make more available for starving nations.

Senate votes to attach amendment authorizing higher farm prices to a bill calling for industrial minimum wage.

UNO council adjourns until Wednesday after asking Iran and Russia to clearly state the status of their dispute.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Nearly 1,000 suspects seized after gun battles between Nazi fanatics and American and British troops in Western Germany when Allied soldiers crack down on a Nazi attempt to gain power and re-establish Nazism in Germany.

Premier Ahmed Qavam of Iran reported "satisfied with Russian evacuation program but is anxious for Iran to be free of foreign troops as possible."

Governor Ransome J. Williams calls South Carolina legislature into extraordinary session to transact "unfinished business."

Agreement to arbitrate avoids threat of strike by production workers of Virginia Electric and Power company. Governor William M. Tuck rescinds order drafting workers into State militia.

General Douglas MacArthur wins in Far Eastern commission, over the opposition of New Zealand and Russia, in his insistence of holding Japanese national elections April 10.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Soviet expresses confidence in United Nations by paying in full its \$1,723,000 contribution to UNO's \$25,000,000 working capital fund.

Berlin Socialists in the German capital's three western occupation zones overwhelmingly reject a proposal to merge with the Communist party.

Bulgarian government forms new cabinet, including representatives of the Fatherland Front, Communist, Agrarian, Radical and Socialist parties.

### MONDAY, APRIL 1

Death toll in the Eastern Pacific's worst tidal wave disaster reported at 93 while a naval officer estimated the loss of life in Hilo, Hawaii—chief victim of the boiling seas—might total 300.

Nation's soft coal miners invoke their "no contract, no work" principle and apparently settle down to wait until industry and AFL-United Mine Workers can agree on collective bargaining terms.

Traffic tied up in Detroit as 5,200 AFL bus and trolley operators go on strike.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Thousands of Soviet troops concentrate at Caspian port apparently making preparations to leave Iran.

Three boys and a girl born at Kelso, Wash., to a 36-year-old mother, widowed only a month.

Japanese General Masaharu Homma, who ordered Bataan death march executed by U. S. army firing squad at Manila.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

President Truman disapproves of the Russell amendment to the minimum wage bill raising farm prices by including all labor costs in the parity formula.

Measure requiring larger down payments on cotton for future delivery signed by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson after an order by Stabilization Director Chester Bowles. Act is immediately protested by cotton state legislators, at whose request Anderson had with held his signature for three weeks.

Speakers for 18 rail unions say 16-cent an hour wage increase granted by two arbitration boards is insufficient.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Attorney General Harry McMillan rules that residents of dry counties who leave their homes enroute to other points in the same county with taxpaid liquor in their autos are guilty of illegal possession and transporting. Also rules that liquor may not be served in planes flying over state.

General Douglas MacArthur declares that unless all nations de-

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## Robeson County Club Hears Frank Jeter; Directors Are Chosen In Reorganization

### 75 ATTEND

#### Farming Basis Of State Development, Says Jeter

The Robeson County Club was re-activated Thursday night as it met at the armory in Lumberton, and elected sixteen directors to serve for the current year.

Frank H. Jeter, agriculture editor of N. C. State College, addressed the club, delivering a very entertaining and enlightening discourse on the prime importance of farming to the development and welfare of North Carolina.

Following the serving of an enjoyable supper by ladies of the Raft Swamp Home Demonstration club, the meeting was called to order by President Adrian B. McRae of Elrod. The invocation was given by W. M. Bethune.

Jasper C. Hutto, secretary of the Lumberton Chamber of Commerce, gave the address of welcome. C. S. Stafford, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Fairmont, responded with several humorous remarks.

George T. Ashford of Red Springs, president of the N. C. Ginners Association, spoke briefly on the progress of the campaign urging farmers to plant cotton as a sound part of a well balanced farming program, and noted the importance of cotton in well rounded farming progress in Robeson county.

C. E. Morrison of Rowland reported on the corn contest which is being sponsored by the Robeson county club. Mr. Morrison explained that prize money for the contest had already been secured, and asked contributions of Robeson County Club members to finance the cost of measuring land and other incidental expense to the end that the contest be conducted on a very high and impartial plane.

J. A. Sharpe, very active in the formation and development of the Robeson county club, presented the speaker, Mr. Jeter.

In Mr. Jeter's address, he pointed out that there was no place under the sun where food was as plentiful as in these United States, specifically referring to the amount of food left on the tables after the meal Thursday night as an illustration. He reminded the audience that before the next crop is harvested, thousands of people will die the most agonizing of all deaths, slow starvation, because there is simply not enough food in the world today to feed the population. This condition, Mr. Jeter emphasized, was brought about by the failure of man to properly appreciate and work with the forces of nature.

He spoke briefly on the important contribution scientists make to the growing of bigger and better crops, and mentioned that their work resulted in new and better ways to plant crops, spray, treat land, breed animals, and grafting.

Mr. Jeter said that what has "made" North Carolina, and Robeson county, is what has been " dug out of the land." Unwisely, in some instances, said Mr. Jeter, but never the less coming from the land. Soil, he said, is the basis of wealth.

Following Mr. Jeter's address, Jasper C. Hutto, spokesman for the nominating committee, presented the names of sixteen club members who were recommended to serve as directors. These nominees were David Britt, Fairmont; F. K. Biggs, Lumberton; H. B. Ashley, Philadelphia.

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## Trade School Planned For L - M Air Base

Plans for a comprehensive trade school at the Laurinburg-Maxton air base have been announced by E. W. Honeycutt, field representative of the U. S. office of education.

Enrollment of 1,000 veterans is expected in the school.

Honeycutt said veterans sent to the proposed school would be given vocational training for such courses as flying, airport operation, aviation mechanics, auto mechanics, sheet metal work, plumbing, blacksmithing, welding, electrical wiring, radio, carpentry, laundry and dry cleaning, machinist, heating, masonry, printing and shoe repairing.

### Dr. Bender Has Resumed Practice

Dr. John J. Bender has reopened his office in Red Springs following his recent discharge from the army with the rank of major.

While in the service, Dr. Bender served as chief of neuro-psychiatric section at regional hospitals, Fort Jackson, S. C., and Daytona Beach, Fla., and as chief medical examiner at the Camp Shelby, Miss., preparation center.

### McMillan Has Alumni Tickets

UNC alumni in the Red Springs section who are planning to attend the alumni meeting at the Lorraine hotel, Lumberton, Monday night may obtain tickets from R. D. McMillan, Jr.

Coach Carl Snavelly will be the principal speaker at the meeting, and will show movies of several football games.

### Pre-School Clinics

Two pre-school clinics will be conducted in Robeson county schools next week. They will be at Pom-broke (Indian) Wednesday and Barnsville (white) Thursday.

## College Gets Mention In Radio Program

Of interest in connection with the coming celebration at Flora Macdonald is a recent letter to a friend at the college from the secretary of the International Clan Donald Society, in Edinburgh.

She says, "Do you ever listen in to a radio program call "Transatlantic Quiz"? It is broadcast here on Sundays at 1:45, and a repeat given on Wednesdays at 5 p. m.

Can you work out your times from these hours?

"On your side, the team is composed of Christopher Morley and a guest, and here (Edinburgh) we are represented by Prof. D. W. Brogan and a guest. The idea is to find out what each side knows of the history, customs, etc. of the other's country. Last week it was announced that questions on Scotland were to be given, so I wrote, suggesting that the New York side should be asked what American College was celebrating its 50th birthday this year, and incorporating in the celebrations a well-known episode in Scots history. This was one of the questions chosen, and it was gratifying to hear that Prof. Brogan had either visited your college, or knew of it, but not so pleasant to learn that Christopher Morley and his guest, John Mason Brown, were not able to answer!"

Not so pleasant for us, either, but material from Flora Macdonald has been sent to Mr. Morley with a view to furthering his education, and we hope that the next time the college is mentioned on the Transatlantic Quiz, the American team may be able to hold its own with the Old Country.

## May Day at Flora Macdonald

Julia Brown queen

Nell Lancaster - maid-of-honor

Mary Gee Wilcox Sarah Currie

Sue Ador Sara Jane McIntire

Frances McPhaul Betty Idol

Iris Swearingen Mary A. Richardson

Vivian McQueen Evelyn Lutton

The Flora Macdonald Semi-Centennial May Court, above, will play a most important part in the lovely old world pageant, "Flora Macdonald in Scotland," which will be presented in the outdoor theatre of the college on the evening of May the 7th, as one of the leading features of the semi-centennial celebration.

The May Queen, Julia Brown, is from Myrtle Beach, S. C., and Nell Lancaster maid of honor, is from Shelbar, Virginia. The maids of the court are Mary Gee Wilcox and Frances McPhaul of Red Springs, Betty Idol of Clinton, S. C., Vivian McQueen of Mullins, S. C., Evelyn Lutton of Gastonia, Sue Ador of Addor, Sara Jane McIntire of Dillon, S. C., Iris Swearingen of Orlando, Fla., and Mary Alice Richardson of Florence, S. C.

## Baptists Entertain Returning Veterans

The First Baptist church of Red Springs gave a banquet Thursday evening, March 28, for the returning servicemen of the church. Thirty were in attendance. The Rev. Troy Jones, pastor, W. S. Morgan, Sunday school superintendent, John McManus, training union director and Baptist Brotherhood president, and D. J. Reece, teacher of the young men's class of the Sunday school, brought brief messages of greeting and welcome. Afterwards, each serviceman shared a little experience from his years of service. Then the men enjoyed a half hour of informal fellowship. The ladies of the church served a delicious fried chicken plate.

## Augustus McCallum Dies in New York

Augustus McCallum (Gus) McCallum, 58, son of the late Gaston and Sallie McCallum of Maxton, died March 27 in a New York hospital, where he had been ill for two weeks. His body was brought to Maxton for burial and a brief committal service was conducted by the Rev. T. Layton Fraser, pastor of the Maxton Presbyterian church, at the grave side in the family plot at Oakgrove cemetery here on Saturday afternoon, March 30. Pallbearers were L. B. Martin, L. W. McKinnon, B. F. Taylor, E. P. Smith, M. F. McGirt and J. B. McCallum.

Mr. McCallum, who was born and reared in Robeson county, near Maxton, had lived in New York and New Jersey for about 25 years where he was in the real estate business. Surviving relatives are a brother, Byron McCallum of Detroit, Mich., who accompanied the body to Maxton; two sisters, Mrs. J. B. McDaniel of Maxton and Mrs. Sadie Wylie of Wilmington. His niece, Mrs. E. B. Jackson and Mr. Jackson of Wilmington, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McRimmon of Fayetteville, attended the service.

## Conrallo At FMC April 8

Winifred Heidt, popular young contralto from the Metropolitan Opera, who will appear at Flora Macdonald college on Monday evening, April 8 at 8:30, as the last number of the season's series, has attained wide fame as a concert artist.

Miss Heidt is a leader in the new generation of singers composed of the American born, American trained. She was born and brought up in Detroit, and since her professional debut with the Metropolitan, has appeared with such outstanding musical organizations as the NBC Symphony Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic Symphony Society, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and the Toronto Promenade Symphony Orchestra. Along the way, she found time to continue her operatic career, developing an extensive repertory, in which the role she sang most often was Carmen.

She has just returned from a nationally successful opera season in Mexico City in a success in which she feels a special satisfaction, because, she says, "I've sung Carmen

## Raeform Pastor Speaks To Maxton Presbyterian Men

Rev. H. K. Holland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Raeform, was guest speaker at the quarterly meeting of the Presbyterian Men's club, which met Thursday in the Maxton Presbyterian church with Marshall James, president, presiding. The topic was "The Sunday School, Its Value to You, and To the Church."

Among the special guests presented at the meeting were Col. Marshall Barnum, manager of Daystrom Lammatees (Inc.), and George F. Cuthrell, Jr., manager of the Maxton Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants association.

The program and other arrangements were prepared by a committee composed of E. A. Davis, James L. McNair and John McKinnon. The delightful turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, was served by the special activities committee of the Women's auxiliary. About 60 men attended.

many times, but never before in a Latin country. The fact that it proved to be the greatest success of my career means that my conception of Carmen has been correct because it pleased a public which feels the opera intimately and has also seen the best Carmens." She hopes to find time again to answer the insistent pleas coming from below the border, "Please, wonderful Winifred Heidt, come back."

Conceded by the most exacting music critics to possess one of the most exquisite contralto voices on the concert stage today, Miss Heidt is the contralto soloist of the distinguished Nation Operatic Quartet. She also had the honor of being the first opera singer to be selected by USO camp shows to entertain soldiers and sailors overseas.

## Cut Rate Carries Numerous Lines

Burroughs Cut Rate store, opened in Red Springs last week by Julie C. Burroughs, has a complete stock of various lines, including an attractive display of magazines, candies and cosmetics.

Also included in the stock of the new store are: stationary, film and camera supplies, proprietary medicines, sickroom supplies and vacation supplies.

The store is located in the building formerly occupied by the ration board and was recently redecorated and painted blue-green and ivory.

Mr. Burroughs, who is a native of Hamlet, formerly was occupied with Reeves drug store of Raeform and more recently with the Red Springs drug store.

## Hasty Announces For Commissioner

C. A. Hasty of Maxton, chairman of the board of county commissioners, has announced his candidacy for reelection subject to the May 23 primary.

Mr. Hasty, who is one of Maxton's leading business men, has served several terms on the board of commissioners.

## G. F. Cuthrell, Jr., Is Secretary Of Maxton Chamber Of Commerce

### Maxton USO Closes With Formal Dance

The Maxton USO club was closed officially with appropriate ceremony and a formal dance Friday evening March 29. The program, which opened with an invocation by Rev. C. J. Andrews, consisted of an address, "Service to the War Effort," by Col. B. L. Neal, commanding officer of the L-M AAB, who spoke of what a privilege it had been for Maxton citizens to have a part in contributing to the largest glider installation in the world, in having in their midst such interesting and romantic figures and reviewed briefly the glorious achievements of the 82nd airborne and the 101st carrier command, and thanked the people for cooperating so wholeheartedly in this cause.

Recognition of volunteers was made by John Andrew, director, who presented certificates to C. H. Whitlock for the Town of Maxton, to Mrs. J. E. McCormac for the senior justices and to Miss Adeline Stued for the U. S. O. club. "It's History Now," was the subject of the talk made by J. C. Daniel, on behalf of the operating committee. Mr. Daniel told of the humble beginning of the club, before the building was erected here, then of the opening of the club on November 6, 1943, and how the boys at the base found there a "Home Away from Home" until the close of the war.

"Farewell from USO" was voiced by L. B. Avison, associate regional supervisor, YMCA-USO, of Richmond, Va., who said that farewells were sad, but in this case there was a happy note, for it meant that the war was won. This does not however end our responsibility, he emphasized, for the need of clean, wholesome recreation for the young people here still exists. "The Maxton team," said Mr. Avison, "was one of the finest we've ever played on, and I especially wish to present a big bouquet to Miss Minnie Lou McRae, who always knew the right thing to do to make the boys feel at home." He also read a letter from Michael Frolich, the first director, who said that Maxton would always share a place in his and Mrs. Frolich's hearts, and they regretted so much that they could not be present.

A total of 197,000 servicemen were entertained at the club during the war, according to official record. The program, which was interspersed with lovely musical selections by Mrs. W. A. Webb, accompanied by Mrs. J. P. Stansel, was closed with a prayer by Rev. T. Layton Fraser.

A large number of young people attended the formal dance after the exercises. The Jumpmasters' 505th parachute infantry band furnished the music.

### Texas Native Has Already Assumed Duties

George F. Cuthrell, Jr., of Tyler, Texas, who accepted the position of manager of the Maxton Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association last week, has assumed his duties here. Mr. Cuthrell came to Maxton from Duna, where he has been with his father, since his discharge from the army in December. Although a native of Texas, he has lived in North Carolina for six years and his father and many of his relatives are Tar Heels.

He is a B. A. graduate of Texas Christian University of Ft. Worth, and later studied at the College of Bible in Lexington, Ky., and received his training in business administration at the Federal Institute, Tyler, Texas. Before entering the army he held positions with Dun and Bradstreet in Dallas, Texas, The



G. F. CUTHRELL, JR.

Great Southern Life Insurance company, of Tyler, Texas, and with the Texas State Health Department.

He served two months, two years of which he was in charge of malaria control work in New Guinea, the Netherlands and the East Indies.

Since returning from the service he has devoted his time to the study of Chamber of Commerce organizations and to visiting the chambers of Commerce throughout the state. Maxton businessmen feel very fortunate in securing the services of a young man who is so well-informed and interested in this work.

He and his wife and small daughter have an apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Hall on McCaskill Avenue.

The Chamber of Commerce office is located temporarily next door to McGirt's Plumbing and Electric company.

## IN UNIFORM

### RALPH McRAE

Ralph McRae, son of Mrs. M. B. McRae of Maxton, has received his discharge from the army and has enrolled in radio school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Robert Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Knight, of Maxton who has served in the navy as seaman, returned home last week from China, and has received his discharge.

Mrs. Marcus Allen of Maxton has received word that her husband, Sgt. Marcus Allen, who has been stationed in Manila, is enroute to the states.

Lt. Christ Speros, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Speros of Maxton, who has been at home on leave, expects to receive his discharge this week.

Word has been received that David L. Maynard, Jr., and Earl McEachin of Maxton, who have been serving overseas in the navy, have reached California, and will be here soon.

Cpl. Lindsay MacLaughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. MacLaughlin of Red Springs, is base sergeant major at Albrook Field, Canal Zone.

Cpl. MacLaughlin's office handles correspondence routed through that headquarters and sees that it is dispatched to the proper authority.