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Red Springs, N. C. and Maxton, N. C. THURSDAY, APRIL 18th, 1946

Plans Complete For Celebration Of College's Fiftieth Birthday

Plans have been completed, under the chairmanship of Dr. D. S. Currie of Parkton, for the celebration of the fiftieth year of service for Flora Macdonald college, whose graduates may be found in many fields of usefulness in every state in the union, and in many foreign countries. By a fortunate coincidence, 1946, also marks the 200th anniversary of the deed that made the Scottish maiden, Flora Macdonald, the idol of her country, when she saved the life of the "Bonnie Prince," Charles Edward Stuart, in 1746.

It is most fitting that this college which has had throughout the years and is having with increasing power, so great an influence on the womanhood of the state, should be named for the famous Scotswoman situated as it is in the heart of the Cape Fear section of the Old North State, where she made her home while in America.

The formal afternoon program will feature as principal speaker, the Honorable Angus L. Macdonald, premier of Nova Scotia, war-time Minister of the Canadian Navy, and now being prominently mentioned as the next Prime Minister of Canada. Most appropriately, the Premier will be introduced by the Honorable Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy during the first World War, and recently ambassador to Mexico. The afternoon program will open at 3:30, with an academic procession in which presidents of the colleges and universities in the Carolinas and representatives of the Scottish Societies throughout the United States and Canada, will participate.

Another highlight of the occasion will be the presence of the nationally famous "Kittie Band of Yorks," Pa., consisting of sixteen bagpipers and drummers, who will bring with the a solo dancer—a Scottish girl who will dance a number of Scottish folk dances in costume, to the music of the pipers. The Highland Fling, under the direction of Miss Ethel Bateman, will be danced by a group of students.

In the evening of the same day, a lovely old world pageant, "Flora Macdonald in Scotland," will be presented in the out door theatre of the college, under the direction of its author, Mrs. Clara Marley of Chapel Hill and Cary. Interpretative dances, under the direction of Miss Bateman, will intersperse the acts of the pageant, the spectacular sword dance will be given by the solo dancer, special music under the direction of Dean Reuter will feature the program, and again the bagpipers will be a part of the pageant. All costuming will be authentic. The principal parts will be played by professionals, and Mrs. Marley is busy with rehearsals, day and night, with the entire cast, which will include a number of Flora Macdonald students.

PJC Acquires P-51 For Aviation Class

A complete P-51 Mustang airplane has been delivered to Presbyterian Junior college to be used in instructing students in the college's aviation program. The plane was purchased by the college from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and was flown from Marsh Field, Calif., by 1st Lt. Fremont Stillman, who reported an average of 270 m.p.h. cruising speed from California. The plane is stationed at the Laurinburg-Maxton army airfield, and will be used for radio instruction, instrument instruction, and aircraft engine demonstration. Flight instruction at Presbyterian Junior college is conducted in light planes to lessen the danger factor.

Maxton Stores To Observe Half-Holiday

All the stores in Maxton have decided to close each Wednesday at 1 o'clock in order that their clerks may have a half holiday once a week during the summer months. This went into effect this week.

Rev. R. L. McLeod, D. D. Accepts Pastorship Of St. Joseph Church

Rev. R. L. McLeod, Jr., D. D., who served as chaplain in the navy, and was discharged this fall with the rank of Lieut-Comdr., will arrive Saturday to spend two weeks with his mother, Mrs. R. A. McLeod, in Maxton. He has just completed a post graduate course at Princeton university, and has accepted the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of St. Joseph, Mo. He will assume his new position after his visit here. Prior to his service in the navy, he was president of Centre College, Danville, Ky.

Mrs. Clark's Brother Passes In Florence

Funeral services for H. Hubbard, prominent retired farmer, merchant and churchman, were held April 5 at 11 o'clock at the residence in Florence, S. C. The rites were conducted by Dr. James E. Cousar, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The interment followed in Mount Hope cemetery.

His parents were the late Samuel Hubbard of Marlboro county and Flora Burn Hubbard of Society Hill, He was born June 19, 1870, in Marlboro county. He was married to the former Miss Annie Jane Nason of Gibson, by whom he is survived. Besides his widow, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. B. J. Gandy of Florence, Mrs. G. R. Mills of Columbia, Miss Edith Hubbard of Florence four sons, Mason H. Hubbard of Conway, Eddie E. Hubbard, S. Grady Hubbard, Harvey J. Hubbard, all of Florence, and an adopted son, E. J. Gibson at Attapulgus, Ga.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. J. N. Clark of Red Springs, Mrs. J. C. Harrellson of Sellers; a brother, Julian Hubbard of Fayetteville; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Elbert McPhaul and son, Elbert, Jr., have returned from a visit to relatives in South Boston, Va.

COUNTY AGENT OWENS Tells How Lumber Bridge Farmer Balances Farm With One Legume

One of the best named farmers in North Carolina is E. G. Ballance of Lumber Bridge.

County Agent O. P. Owens of Lumberton tells this story of how a single winter legume has been used by Ballance to balance his farming program:

"Ballance, who now has 90 acres seeded to vetch on his farm near Lumber Bridge, has found in recent years that the legume affords an excellent winter hay and cover crop, a real balance for his farm plan. He harvests his own seed. "Forty acres of the present crop will be harvested for hay and seed, the remainder to be turned under for soil improvement.

"The Robeson farmer says that vetch has proved better than Austrian winter peas as a soil builder. The vetch, when disced into the soil will decompose more readily than winter peas. Ballance is avoiding the common practice of some farmers in this section of the state who turn under a cover crop too early, not getting full benefit from it.

"On a part of the land now in vetch, corn will be planted. Rows will be run off but vetch will be allowed to continue growth in the middles until after the second corn cultivation. The legume will choke grass and weeds and serve as a mulch to hold moisture. At least, this is Ballance's theory and it will be given a good try this season.

"The best corn cultivation practices will be a bit complicated by this practice but it is expected to work to good advantage in the long run."

Chavis Negro Dies In Prison Hospital

Man Who Ran Amuck March 10 Thought To Be Insane

Dave Chavis, Maxton Negro, died in State prison hospital at Raleigh Thursday night, reports reaching Maxton reveal.

Chavis was hospitalized in Lumberton following injuries received when he was struck by an automobile on Sunday night, March 10, after having run amuck in Maxton and assaulted his wife, killed his father-in-law, shot into the home of another Negro, Leslie Fowler, and received wounds inflicted by Fowler.

Chavis was later removed to the State prison hospital. Trial date had not been set, pending the outcome of Chavis' injuries.

Reports in Maxton were that Chavis had become mentally deranged shortly before going on the rampage in Maxton, but official reports from prison hospital authorities confirming this belief had not been received.

Many Attend Pres. Fellowship Meeting

A splendid representation from the Maxton Presbyterian church attended the spring rally of the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship which was held in the First Presbyterian church of Laurinburg Sunday, April 14th. The theme of the meeting was "For Me to Live is Christ." Those from Maxton who were present were the Rev. T. Layton Fraser, Misses Lillian Austin, Audrey Brunkhurst, Mildred Smith, Betty Jean Sinclair, Dorothy Winters, Ada Austin, Marjorie McEachin, Marie Fraser, and Ann McLeod, Brunice Cole, A. W. Higgins, Sammy Thomas, Tommy Gupton, Perry Carson, Harry Wade, Sam Thomas, Wade Taylor.

ON OLD JOB

James McKellar has been back at his old job, doing body and fender work for M and S motors, for several weeks following his discharge from the army.

Easter Services At Maxton Churches

There will be special Easter sermons and special Easter music at all the Maxton churches next Sunday morning. The Baptist minister, Rev. Forrest L. Young, will on the subject: "All Hail" at the morning service and that evening there will be an Easter Pantomime, directed by Mrs. Young, with Mrs. J. C. Daniel as reader.

At St. Paul's Methodist church the pastor, Rev. C. J. Andrews, who will have as his theme for the morning message, "What Difference Does Easter Make?" and his theme for the evening service will be, "Did Not Our Hearts Burn Within Us?"

The Rev. T. Layton Fraser, pastor of the First Presbyterian church will speak to the juniors on "Easter Lilies" and his morning message. There will be a memorial service on the subject, "Rab service that evening for the three young men from this church who made the supreme sacrifice during the war, James Eugene Morrison, Jr., John Currie McLeod and Rufus Knight. "The Resurrection of Life" will be the theme of the minister's message.

Maxton Bank To Observe Holiday

The State Bank of Maxton will be closed next Monday in observance of Easter Monday as a holiday.

Chaplain A. C. Edens Jr., has returned home from Germany where he spent a year and a half.

Democratic Precinct Meetings To Be Held April 20 In Robeson

Democratic precinct meetings throughout the state have been set for Saturday, April 20, and W. H. Humphrey, chairman of the Robeson county executive committee, has set the time of the county meeting at 2 o'clock. At this meeting five precinct committeemen are to be appointed and delegates to the county convention which will be held at the court house in Lumberton at 11 o'clock on April 27th, will be elected. Members of the precinct committee will elect one of their members as chairman and once as vice-chairman. Members of the precinct committee from Maxton are McKay McKinnon, R. B. Bullard, Mrs. J. M. Patterson, A. H. White and J. A. Shaw.

IN UNIFORM

FRED GIBSON

Pvt. Fred Gibson arrived in Red Springs Friday from Europe where he has been stationed for the past 19 months. He served with a railroad battalion in France, Belgium, Germany and England. He expects to receive his discharge from the army at Fort Bragg in the near future.

E. C. BODENHEIMER

Edward Charles Bodenheimer, Lt. (jg), will receive his discharge from the Navy Sunday, April 14, at Charleston, S. C. Son of Mrs. C. A. Bodenheimer of Parkton, he entered the Navy in August, 1944. Lt. Bodenheimer was stationed on Iwo Jima eight months and is holder of the American Theatre Asiatic Pacific and Victory medals.

RAY L. SMITH

T-Sgt. Ray L. Smith has called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Smith in Red Springs, that he expects to arrive home from Germany next month.

OLIVER R. SMITH

Pfc. Oliver R. Smith telephones his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Smith from Switzerland Thursday night. Stationed in Italy, he expects to come home in June or July.

COXSAIN VICTOR BURRELL

Miss Marguerie Townsend has received word that her nephew, Victor Burrell, who served as coxswain in the navy, and has been in the Philippines for more than a year, has reached his home in Florence, S. C.

CPL. HOWARD HASTY, JR.

Howard Hasty, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hasty, of Maxton, has arrived in California, after overseas service, and is expected to reach home this week.

SGT. SAM SOLOMON

Sgt. Sammy Solomon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Solomon, who has served in Germany for a year, has returned home.

AMIS DANIEL

Amis Daniel of the U. S. Navy, stationed at Norfolk, spent the week end at his home in Maxton.

SGT MARUS ALLEN

A cablegram was received this week by Mrs. Marcus Allen, stating that her husband, Sgt. Marus Allen, was enroute home from Manila.

Robins Open Season Sunday

The Red Springs Red Robins will open their season Sunday here in Robbins Park when they meet the Fayetteville Cubs of the Coastal Plain league. The Red Robins will have a number of former stars now back from the armed services will field a strong team.

Albert Parnell is Manager Red Norris' pitching choice with Dan Brant behind the plate. Jack Barnes, former Atlanta outfielder, will be in the lineup for the Robins.

Mrs. Phil Bragg spent the week-end in Shelby with her mother, Mrs. Blanton.

Hundreds See Hansel-Gretel Entertainment

Operetta Given By Students Of Grammar School

Almost 700 patrons of the Red Springs schools enjoyed the operetta "Hansel and Gretel" given at the school Thursday night by students of the grammar grades.

Attendance as the best the school has had at such an event for several years and members of the audience commented on the excellence of the program.

The cast of characters included: Peter, a broom maker, Pete Hamilton; Gertrude, his wife, Joan Hill; Hansel, their son, Tommie Ashford; Gretel, their daughter, Myrtle Boone Johnson; witch, who eats little children, Gayle Simpson; sandman, who puts little children to sleep, Gene McCracken; dawn fairies, who wake little children up, Betsy Watson, Virginia Hales, Gene Barnes, Jessie Blue Hardesty, Dawn Simpson, Edith Jane Byrne.

Chorus of gingerbread children, fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

Tableau of angels, Nan Dorman, Betty Ann Smith, Elmira Hickman, Billie Jean Campbell, Sally McArthur, Joan Hardesty Joan Stevens, Eloise Johnson, Elizabeth Beck, Fay Landon, Kathleen Yarborough, Audrey Sheppard, Jane Ballance, Rosalind Davis, Elsie Ray Britt, Shirlene Mayberry and Jean Simpson.

Dancers, Joyce Mize, Joyce Cribb, Betty Brown, Betty McGoogan, Margaret McPhaul, Peggy Parrish, Billie Baker, J. H. Goude, J. W. Hough, Glenn Gibson, Charles McIntyre, Jack Ammons.

Gingerbread fence, Evans Skipper, Bobby Hardesty, Garnet Brooks, D. T. Clifton, Alex Byrne, Davis Nance Reece, Alan Gibson, Charles Lewis, Zeb McMillan.

Prologue was given by John T. McNeill and Elbert McPhaul.

Advertising was in charge of the seventh grade and the stage setting was made by the eighth grade. Henry Hodgkin served as accompanist.

Serving as ushers were Billy Lewis, Tommy Ammons, Bobby Barnes and Gaitha Smith.

400 Attend Grange Meet

120 RECEIVE FIFTH DEGREE

Pomona Grange met Friday at Barker Ten Mile high school auditorium with 120 members receiving the fifth degree given by a Pembroke team under the leadership of Lambert Lewis. Nearly 400 members were present for the afternoon session at which the grange approved the proposal of a county-wide library and adopted a resolution favoring rural industries.

The group also enjoyed a chicken and brunswick stew supper given by the Barker Ten Mile subordinate.

Barker Ten Mile took first prize for having the largest number of candidates for fifth degree, and Allenton won prize for having the largest attendance. Mrs. W. Pope Humphrey of Saddletree was named winner of a quilt square contest sponsored by the Pomona home committee.

Mrs. B. H. Stansel of Allenton was appointed secretary to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Oliver F. Nance, resigned.

Pomona Master Paul S. Oliver reported that almost half a hundred telephones have been installed recently in the Marietta-Oakdale community and electricity is becoming available to increasing numbers of consumers.

Lambert Lewis, master of the Pembroke grange, declared that contracts have been let by REA for 40 miles of electric line in Fairmont section.

In its resolution favoring the county library, the group urged that the county commissioners appropriate \$9,000 requested by sponsors of the movement. The grange

INTENSIVE CLEAN-UP DRIVE BEGINS MONDAY

Cooperation of every citizen in Maxton is asked in a campaign to make Maxton a cleaner and more beautiful place in which to live.

Mr. Frostick, mayor pro-tem, has asked the civic committee of the Chamber of Commerce to meet with the Town board Monday night to discuss recommendations submitted to them previously by that committee.

The city has asked for the volunteer of trucks, drivers and helpers for any period of time during the next week to aid in this work, and is offering pay for their service. The city has been unable to secure equipment and labor the past few years and all cooperation in this matter will be necessary. Please contact Mr. Whitlock at the Town Hall.

A house and store drive is on. Vacant lots are one of the main objectives in this campaign, so property owners, let's get busy. Let's all do our part and a little more if necessary.

Dr. Rutledge Is Speaker At Red Springs

Dr. Archibald Rutledge, South Carolina's poet laureate and famous author, was a most interesting chapel speaker at Flora Macdonald Friday, using as his subject, "What I have learned while attempting to restore an Ancient Plantation."

The plantation to which he referred was a Crown grant of 12,000 acres, to his own family in 1686. The present house, built in 1722, is an example, he said, of America at its best and a monument to the skill of that day. It contains 16 rooms of English brick, heart pine, cedar and mahogany.

Dr. Rutledge said he was transplanted to the North for 23 years as a teacher, but never took root, so came back to restore his ancestral home off the Santee, built by one of his forebears, Edward Rutledge, who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and was lived in by his son, Governor John Rutledge. This home, forty miles from Charleston, had a wide reputation for the hospitality for which the South is famed. This hospitality was enjoyed by many notables, including George Washington, who was entertained there after the Revolution, and during the same period, it was the scene of a ball given in honor of Lafayette. Frances Marion had headquarters in this home, and his chair is still there.

In the ball room, he said, the floor boards are 42 feet long without a break. He told of finding an old map of the grounds, showing buried treasure, which he found to be gold pieces, dating from 1795 to 1860, which he supposed his grandfather had buried three feet beneath the soil while the guns at Fort Sumter roared in his ears.

Dr. Rutledge told many stories, many humorous, in his descriptions of life on the old plantation and the one hundred negroes who had been waiting for "Master" to return.

He mentioned many famous people who have visited him on the plantation, Henry Ford, Booth Tarkington, Barbara Hutton, Lady Ashley-Cooper and Lady Duff-Cooper. He closed his delightful talk by reciting a number of his own poems. Before leaving, he presented a copy of his latest book, "The Heart's Quest," to the college library.

Dr. Rutledge went from Red Springs to Chapel Hill to attend the sesqui-centennial celebration on Saturday where he received the degree of Doctor of Letters.

Hodgin, Singleton Coaching Baseball

Billy Hodgin and Roy Singleton have recently taken over the duties as coaches of the Red Springs high school baseball team.

Miss Mary John Culbreth of Fort Bragg visited friends in Red Springs Saturday.

Miss Jane Gibbs of New Bern and Capt. Jake Ward spent the weekend with Mrs. J. L. McMillan.

IMPROVEMENTS SOUGHT Red Springs District Votes On School Levy April 27

Maxton Host To Locked-Up Jury

For the first time, so far as we can learn, in the history of Maxton, our town played host to a "locked-up" jury serving in a capital case.

"Twelve good and lawful men," who compose the jury, now sitting on a capital case in Lumberton, together with a 13th alternate juror and a sheriff's deputy, spent Tuesday night in the Maxton hotel because no accommodations were available in Lumberton for the jury.

The group left on an early bus for Lumberton to resume hearing of the case, where four negro men are on trial for their lives for rape of a white woman, alleged to have taken place the 17th of March.

Tobacco Report

A few early fields of tobacco are known to have been planted in Robeson county April 4, 5 and 6, and there are reports of transplanting in Bladen, Columbus, Robeson and Horry (S.C.) counties; during the past week, but the amount of tobacco put in the field has been limited by the recent spell of cool, windy weather, according to R. C. (Bob) Rankin, supervisor of sales on the Lumberton tobacco market.

The cool, windy weather has slowed up transplanting, Mr. Rankin said, and caused blue mold to spread, however blue mold, except for individuals, is not threatening the plant supply.

It is expected, the supervisor declared, that general transplanting will get underway this week in all the counties of the border belt with the exception of Cumberland, Hoke and parts of Scotland and Sampson. In those areas, transplanting is expected to get underway next week.

Insects and worms have given only a normal amount of trouble, Mr. Rankin pointed out, and the land is in splendid condition for planting.

SPRING HOLIDAYS

Spring holidays at Presbyterian Junior college will begin April 20th and continue until 8:00 A. M., April 30th. A new class of refreshers will begin Monday, April 29th.

RED SPRINGS VETERANS Meet Monday To Form VFW Post

To Furnish Music For Vets Dance



Sully Mason and his orchestra will furnish music for the scrip dance at the armory, Wednesday night, April 24, which will top off an eventful day sponsored by the Lumberton VFW for returning white veterans of the county.

Sully is called the "Sultan of Swing" and has over 200 recordings to his credit. He has recently finished production of a movie in Hollywood. A former member of Kay Kyser's outfit, Sully is bringing a 15-piece band and featured vocalist to Lumberton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Prevatte of Southport spent the weekend with Mrs. Prevatte's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Clark.

Four hundred and fourteen voters in the Red Springs school district are registered for the special election to be held Saturday, April 27, on the question of a special levy to finance improvements in the Red Springs school system.

The citizens committee backing the vote has pointed out that state and county funds are not sufficient to provide all the needs of a well rounded school program.

Recognized by the school board as pressing requirements for the Red Springs school are a vocational department, science laboratory, special educational equipment, including the library materials and visual educational equipment, physical education program, special teachers where needed, and a commercial course.

The above items can only be financed through local money raised through a special levy as the state and county funds can not be stretched that far.

The vote April 27 is on the question of levying a special tax in the school district not to exceed 25 cents on the \$100 valuation.

Those backing the program have urged that all persons registered to cast their vote as the election is "against the books" and a vote not cast is a vote against the proposal.

Patrons of the school attending the operetta Thursday night heard a short talk by Superintendent B. E. Lohr of the Lumberton schools, who outlined the advantages that have come to his schools through a special levy, which was voted in 1937.

Declaring that he wanted to do all he could to encourage more money for education, Mr. Lohr pointed out numerous improvements the Lumberton schools had made with money obtained from the special levy.

The improvements included:
1. Maintenance above minimum standards available on state funds.
2. Extra teachers, lightening the load and making the new subjects available.
3. Addition of a commercial department.
4. Physical education training.
5. Visual education training.
6. Provision for a band practice room.

7. Teacher of public school music.
8. Establishment of a home economics course.
9. Equipping of a science laboratory.

Overseas veterans of Red Springs and vicinity will meet at the service club Monday night at 7:30 to form a Red Springs unit of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Announcement of the meeting was made by James McKellar and Buddy Singleton, who are spearheading the establishment of the post.

Around 25 have been signed up already and all who sign up at Monday night's meeting will be charter members.

All veterans with overseas duty are invited to attend the organization meeting and members of other posts who live in or near Red Springs are invited to transfer their memberships.

One of the highlights of the meeting Monday will be election of officers for the new unit.

PJC Wins Over Edwards Inst., 17-3

Presbyterian Junior college defeated Edwards Military Institute yesterday at Salemburg, 17-3, for the fourth conference victory. PJC scored eight runs in the second inning. Hodges cracked a homer in the seventh with two men on. For the winners, McGee, Cribbs, Knox, Hedges, Steed and Jennart got five hits each.

Presbyterian plays Red Springs High Friday. Tennant, Charlotte hoc, is expected to pitch.

This will be the last game before spring holidays which begin Saturday, 19th, through Tuesday, 30.