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Hundred Lockers Already Rented In Proposed Red Springs Plant

Advantages Of Freezer Unit Told At Meet

Nearly 100 food storage lockers were rented in the new freezer locker plant at a meeting of farmers and business men held at the high school in Red Springs Thursday night.

Dr. J. E. Coade, refrigeration specialist, and Dr. B. E. Brady of State college, were the main speakers of the evening and explained the advantages a freezer locker plant would give the community.

Former Governor J. M. Broughton, who had been scheduled to speak, was unable to appear, having been called to Washington on business.

Walter Dudley served as chairman of the meeting and introduced the speakers.

It was pointed out at the meeting the 250 of the 500 lockers must be rented in advance before a building permit can be obtained.

The advance rental is \$15 yearly and lockers may be rented at the following places:

Red Springs Supply Co.
Lierty Manufacturing Co.
Mrs. J. P. Ray at Red Springs Drug Co.
Grantham Insurance and Realty Co.

A number of large farmers rented lockers at Thursday night meeting for themselves and for tenants on their farms.

Women's Clubs Plan Joint Meet May 13

The Junior Women's club will hold its May meeting Monday night, May 13, at 8 o'clock at the USO with the members of the Senior Women's club as special guests.

The program, the topic of which is Music, will consist of numbers rendered by the Robeson county Training school glee club.

All members are urged to come and be on time.

Mrs. Slaunwhite To Address Auxiliary

Mrs. O. S. Slaunwhite of Raleigh, state president of the American Legion auxiliary, will be guest speaker at the May meeting of the Maxton American Legion Auxiliary meeting, which will be held in the USO Monday afternoon, May 13, at 3:30. Mrs. R. A. McLeod, president, urges all wives, mothers and sisters of returned service men to attend.

Vets District Service Office Is Opened By Turner At Red Springs

New Agency Will Be Headquarters For 6 Counties

The North Carolina Veterans Commission has moved its 13th district office from Fayetteville to Red Springs, due to the fact that this is the center of the six counties (Robeson, Hoke, Cumberland, Scotland, Richmond and Montgomery) of which the district is composed.

The assistant state service officer in charge of this district is H. Clay Turner, recently of the U. S. Marine Corps, and a resident of Red Springs. The office is located at 10 1-2 Third avenue, on the second floor, just back of the Grantham Insurance agency in the building owned by George Spell.

Serving with Mr. Turner are: Martin McKinnon, Robeson county service officer; Lumberton, I. L. McGill, Scotland county service officer; Laurinburg; J. J. Gray, Richmond county service officer; Rockingham, E. O. Iykin, Montgomery county service officer; Troy and Marion Maxwell, Hoke county service officer; Raeford. No county officer has yet

John G. Purcell Taken By Death

John Gilchrist Purcell, well known farmer and businessman, passed away Saturday evening, May 4, at Highsmith hospital after a few days illness.

A host of friends came to pay their last tribute of love and affection to "Mr. Jack," as he was known, at the funeral services, which were held from the home Monday.

The impressive service was jointly conducted by the Rev. G. F. Kirkpatrick, pastor of Centre Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Purcell was an officer, and Rev. S. H. Fulton, D. D., pastor of the Laurinburg Presbyterian church. The music, which was in charge of Mrs. R. M. Williams, consisted of the hymns "Abide With Me" and "Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go," sung by Mrs. W. A. Webb, Mrs. Oliver McKinnon, Mrs. R. A. McLeod and Miss Audrey Brunkhurst.

Active pallbearers were his nephews, Douglas McPhaul, Malcolm McPhaul, James Bostick, Rod MacNair, J. R. Dahymple Jr., Gardner Bostick and Murphy McNeill. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. J. E. Purcell and Dr. R. D. McMillan of Red Springs. A. H. White, G. H. McKa, D. V. Walker, J. B. McCallum, L. B. Martin, McKay McKinnon, W. K. Cromartie, C. L. Green, John H. Coyle of Laurinburg, Z. V. McMillan of Red Springs and Paisley Watson. Mrs. John H. Coyle and Mrs. Dan Stewart, assisted by his nieces and a group of friends, carried and arranged the many beautiful floral designs on the grave in the family plot in Oakgrove cemetery, Maxton.

Mr. Purcell, who was a member of one of the oldest and most widely connected families in this section, was born in Robeson county April 8, 1876, the son of the late Thomas J. and Margaret McCallum Purcell. He was married in 1903 to Miss Dora Glenn of Boone, who died Jan. 1, 1919. He is survived by two sons and two daughters, Glenn Purcell of Petersburg, Va., Misses Margaret and Martha Purcell of Maxton and Gilchrist Purcell of Laurinburg, four sisters, Mrs. M. H. McPhaul of Antioch, Mrs. Edna Sellers of Red Springs, Mrs. Rory MacNair of Maxton and Mrs. J. A. Bostick of Laurinburg, three brothers, Ralph L. Purcell and Smith Purcell of Maxton and Hector Purcell of Petersburg, Va.

PRINCIPALS IN CELEBRATION AT RED SPRINGS



Notables attending Tuesday's celebration at Red Springs in observance of the 50th anniversary of Flora Macdonald college are shown above on the front steps of the college. Left to right, they are: Dr. Henry G. Bedinger, president of the college; Angus L. Macdonald, premier of Nova Scotia and chief speaker; Dr. C. G. Varren, founder and president-emeritus of the college; Mrs. John Locke of the British embassy at Washington; Hon. Josephus Daniels of Raleigh, who introduced premier Macdonald; and Mrs. Margaret Morgan McGuire of Laurinburg, first graduate, class of 1899. Photo by Jake Houston furnished through courtesy of Charlotte Observer.

IN UNIFORM

SGT. MARCUS ALLEN

Sgt. Marcus Allen arrived in California Tuesday on the Admiral Sims and is expected to reach his home in Maxton next Monday or Tuesday. He has been in the Philippines for almost a year.

SGT. RANDOLL McLEOD

Mrs. R. A. McLeod of Maxton has received word that her son, Sgt. Randall McLeod, has landed in California after a year's service in China, and will receive his discharge soon. He came over on the General Blatchford.

T.S.G. ROY L. SMITH

T-Sgt. Roy L. Smith arrived in Red Springs Saturday from Fort Bragg where he received a discharge from the army after a year and a half years service. For the past 14 months he has been stationed with a tank destroyer division in Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Smith.

COL. GILBERT HAMILTON

Col. Gilbert F. Hamilton arrived in Red Springs Thursday night following his discharge from the Army Air Forces at Ft. Dix, N. J., this week. He will spend his terminal leave here with his family. Col. Hamilton was post exchange officer at the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base for 15 months. Following this he was made supervisor of services. Shortly after this assignment he was transferred to the Material Command in the New York district serving as liaison officer in the Southern New England district. After serving in this capacity for several months he was transferred to the Buffalo plant of the Curtiss Wright Co. as contracting and property disposal officer where he has been located for the past several months.

This district office will give information and service on problems such as insurance, G. I. loans, subsistence for education or job training, claims of all kinds (disability, etc.), medical care and hospital treatment, employment, dependents and allotments, legal advice, financial assistance, housing, and any other type of assistance the veterans may need.



William K. (Bill) Macdonald (left), member of the famous Kiltie band of York, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Meikle of Roanoke Rapids, get together during the celebration at Red Springs. Mr. Meikle, a mill executive at Roanoke Rapids, is a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and he and his wife, from Wishaw, Lanarkshire, Scotland, made the trip especially to enjoy the tunes and dances and talk old times. Photo by Jake Houston furnished through courtesy of the Charlotte Observer.

NEXT WEEK

To those folks who had a part in the various activities of the 50th anniversary celebration, the Citizen has received a generous expression of thanks from the committee and the college, which cannot be included in this issue but will be published next week.

Red Springs post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at the service club Monday night at seven-thirty.

At that time, the second meeting to be held by the local post, officers will be elected and a name for the post will be selected.

Mrs. Hyndman Still In Grave Condition

Friends of Mrs. F. L. Hyndman will regret to know that her condition remains very serious. She was stricken Thursday afternoon soon after attending a meeting of the executive board of the Women's auxiliary of the Presbyterian church, and had been critically ill since then.

First noted 100 years ago as a "harmless weed" in this country, lespedeza now is recognized as one of the nation's greatest soil building legumes.

Red Robins Defeat Team From Bragg

The Red Springs Red Robins handed the 325 Glider Men from Fort Bragg a 10 to 5 defeat Sunday with Sheppard and Cathey with 3 hits each leading the 12-hit assault on two Glider pitchers. Wood and Parnell scattered 11 Glider hits and were given sensational support in the field by the Robins.

Summary: Robins—10 runs, 12 hits, 1 error. 325 Glider: 5 runs, 11 hits, 4 errors.

Batteries: Robins—Wood, Parnell and Brank, Beck. 325 Glider—Sylvia, Clary and Bird.

Thousands Throng To Attend Semicentennial Celebration At Flora Macdonald College

Historic Pageant In Woodland Theatre Climaxes Program

Festivity reigned in Red Springs Tuesday as a multitude of graduates and friends gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Flora Macdonald college.

Speeches and an academic procession in the auditorium of the college opened the festive program and after an intermission at dusk, during which the thousands attending enjoyed picnic suppers on the campus, the day's program was climaxed with the dramatic presentation, "Flora Macdonald in Scotland," in the woodland theatre.

A highlight of the day was the presentation preceding the pageant by the killed members of the renowned Kiltie Band of York Pa., of bagpipe and drum music which drew rounds of applause.

Premier Angus Macdonald of Nova Scotia was the main speaker of the afternoon, devoting most of his address to the story of the rescue by the Scottish heroine, Flora Macdonald, of Bonnie Prince Charlie (Prince Charles Edward Stuart).

Of the same clan and descent as Flora Macdonald, the premier declared: "The world may be thankful that she and those who thought as she did failed and that out of those times was born this land of hope and glory, this great and free America. We who are still of the British Commonwealth know how much we owe, how much the world owes to this land."

The speaker was presented by Josephus Daniels, publisher of the News and Observer, and formerly secretary of the navy and ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Daniels pointed out the closeness of America and Canada and the spirit of friendship that has existed through the years.

PAGEANT WELL RECEIVED

Rounds of applause greeted the night's two-hour pageant, written and directed by Mrs. Clare Johnson Marley of Chapel Hill. The pageant included a cast of 50 speaking parts, the college's choir of 75 voices and 50 students in dance and folk games portraying life in Flora Macdonald's time.

The colorful drama, which opened with the scene of the Court ball in Edinburgh where news was received of the coming of Prince Charles to recall the clans and regain the throne usurped by the British, closed with the London Tower scene, one year later. Flora Macdonald imprisoned for her brave but unsuccessful deed.

Throughout the pageant were presented authentic speeches of Prince Charles and Flora Macdonald. Also authentic were the folk games, dances, jigs, ballads and Gaelic lays.

It is significant that this pageant was the thesis drama of Clare Johnson Marley in obtaining her Master of Arts degree in dramatic art at the University of North Carolina last summer—and it was one of the last works passed upon by the late Dr. Frederick "Proff" Kochs whose untimely death occurred last year in Florida.

DISGUISED PRINCE

Vividly, the pageant reveals how Bonnie Prince Charles and the clans missed their opportunity, then were surrounded by the British, with Prince Charles being shielded by Flora Macdonald, who finally effected his escape by disguising himself as an Irish spinning maid.

The role of Flora Macdonald was played by Miss Jane Grey Zanderlin of Chapel Hill and that of Prince Charles by Tom Fry of Red Springs.

Another featured performer of the evening was Miss Martha Jean Crawford of Washington, dancer of the Kiltie band, whose sword dance war warmly greeted during the pageant. She is the daughter of one of the founders of the first class.

Alexander Is Named Head Of Legon Post

E. H. Alexander was unanimously elected commander of the Charlie Hall post of the American Legion at a meeting of the post Monday night.

Other officers elected included: C. E. Leigh, first vice commander; Sam Sneed, second vice commander; Dr. H. G. Bedinger, chaplain; R. D. McMillan, Jr., finance officer and adjutant; Sandy Livingston, sergeant at arms; Jim Graham, service officer; Morrison Peterson, athletic officer; Morrison Peterson, E. H. Alexander and Jim Graham, committee of trustees.

Dr. Roscoe McMillan Renamed To Office

Dr. D. Roscoe McMillan of Red Springs was reelected secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Medical society at its meeting in Pinehurst this week. He also was named one of the two state delegates to the American Medical association.

The society voiced high praise for the work of Dr. McMillan, who has served five terms as secretary-treasurer of the organization.

Robeson Girls In Pageant At Coker

A dance pageant reviewing the history and character of America was staged at Coker college by about 130 college girls as a highlight feature of the annual May Day festival last Saturday afternoon. Among those taking part were:

Kathleen Barker, Lumberton, route 5; Mary McLean, Maxton, route 2; Virginia Ward, Maxton, route 1.

A. McPhaul Dies After Long Illness

Neil Arch McPhaul, 70, prominent merchant and farmer of Midway, died Thursday, May 2, in Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, after several weeks serious illness. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at Midway church of which he was an officer with his pastor, the Rev. L. A. McLaurin of Mullins, S. C., officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Tom McKinnon, W. M. Tucker, James Smith, Bruce McRae, N. A. Baker and Walter McRae. Honorary pallbearers were: A. E. Ward, R. E. Lytle, Frank Bullock, J. G. McRae, J. H. Taylor, J. F. McDobald and N. A. Andrews.

Mr. McPhaul was born and reared in this section, the son of the late Malloy McPhaul and Mary Ann McPhaul. He was a man of Christian character, active, as long as his health permitted in all phases of community and church work, who will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, who is the former Miss Ada McLean, a son, Malloy McPhaul of Midway, a daughter, Mrs. Clyde Gentry of Wilmington, four grandchildren, a brother, James J. McPhaul of Midway and two sisters, Mrs. R. E. Traywick of Rowland.

of the famous band and thrilled the audience with her poise in the intricate performance.

It was estimated that more than 6,000 persons attended the day's program.

Flora Macdonald college graduates were here in droves but the happiest and most feted of them all was Mrs. Margaret Morgan McGuire of Laurinburg, the first graduate of the college — then known as Red Springs Seminary — back in 1899, being the only daughter of one of the founders of the first class.