

THIS MAY BE HIS LAST BIRTHDAY



BLOWING OUT THE CANDLES on one of the five cakes sent him on his fourth birthday is Gary Halstead, 4, Granby Center, Mo., victim of a malignant brain tumor which doctors have pronounced incurable. The boy was host to 32 children at the party, which may be his last. Gary's mother is holding him. His father is shown at the right. (International)

Over 2500 Guests Are Visitors At Scotland County Memorial Hospital

Hospital Opened For Medical Cases On Monday

More than 2500 guests filed down the long passageways, peered curiously into the wards and laboratories and gazed fascinated at the gleaming surgical instruments and myriad lights of the operating rooms at the Scotland County Memorial hospital as the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air base held open house Sunday afternoon between four o'clock and six o'clock.

M. I. Pickens, assistant to Dr. W. S. Rankin of the Duke Foundation stated "I have never, in my many open-house visits to hospitals in North Carolina, seen such a crowd as I have this afternoon. During the last two hours I have seen all of 2500 people pass through the buildings. I am greatly impressed by the interest and enthusiasm shown in the opening and so is Dr. Rankin."

Many other physicians and members of the medical board corroborated the estimate given by Mr. Pickens.

Dr. F. M. Simmons Patterson, chief medical director and surgeon, declared, "The opening was certainly a great success. This area needs a hospital and the base facilities presented a golden opportunity. Our equipment is complete and modern and our space is adequate."

Robert W. Pegram is administrator of the hospital and it was largely through his efforts that the buildings were ready for the open house Sunday.

"Since I was here in July," Dr. Patterson stated, "there has been a great change. Mr. Pegram has worked hard to put the hospital in shape."

Dr. Patterson is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and of the University of Pennsylvania medical school. Since 1941 he has been resident in surgery and a member of the Pfeiffer Surgical Clinic at Abingdon Memorial hospital in Abingdon, Penn. He was made a diplomat in the American Board of Surgery in January of this year. He is the son of Dr. J. F. Patterson of New Bern and a brother of Dr. J. F. Patterson Jr., who is a resident in neurosurgery at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. Dr. F. M. Simmons Patterson is a grandson of the late U. S. Senator Furnifold M. Simmons.

Dr. Patterson left for Philadelphia on Monday. Only obstetrical and medical cases will be handled at the new hospital until the first of October when Dr. Patterson will return. He plans to bring back with him an operating room supervisor, Miss McIlhatten who is now as-

sistant operating room supervisor at Abingdon Memorial hospital; an anesthetist, Miss Schmidt, who is now associated with the Hospital of Joint Diseases in New York; and two operating room nurses.

It is likely that the Scotland County Memorial hospital, located two miles from Maxton, will be in operation for a full year. Sufficient funds have already been raised to build a new hospital in Laurinburg but is impossible at this time to erect such a structure. However, when this building is completed in Laurinburg, the temporary hospital now in operation will probably be closed.

Officers of the hospital medical staff include: Dr. J. G. Pate, chairman; Dr. R. D. McMillan, vice chairman and Dr. H. H. Summerlin, secretary. Other members of the medical staff, in addition to Dr. F. M. Simmons Patterson, are Dr. F. P. James, Dr. E. A. Erwin, Dr. M. B. Wilkes, Dr. L. T. Buchanan, D. George O. Creed, Dr. N. E. Jackson (colored), Dr. C. T. Johnson, Dr. R. D. Croom, Jr. and Dr. B. F. Ford. Dr. Margaret Buckner, woman physician of McColl, is a member of the staff on a courtesy basis. Membership on this basis relieves her of any special duty at the hospital other than that of her own patients.

Among the many prominent physicians attending the open house Sunday were: Dr. Berryhill, Dean of the University of North Carolina Medical school; Dr. Miller, orthopedic surgeon of Charlotte; Dr. McCain, head of the Tuberculosis sanatorium; Dr. Sidbury of Wilmington, Dr. W. D. James, Jr., of Hamlet, Drs. Shaw and Rainey of Fayetteville; Dr. McAllister of Lumberton and Dr. Rankin, head of the Duke Foundation.

The members of the hospital medical staff and members of the medical board were present to greet the many visitors. The Scotland County Memorial hospital was opened for general medical cases on Monday morning, September 2. It is requested that all visitors to the hospital use route No. 2 which is north of U. S. Highway 74.

Miss Edna McLaughlin left Sunday for Rocky Mount where she is a member of the high school faculty.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Abrams of Charlotte spent the weekend with F. B. Thrower.

Arch McNeill, Jr. left Tuesday for Decatur, Ga., where he will visit his grandmother, Mrs. M. L. Mack.

Mrs. David A. Ratley and infant daughter, Judith Irene, returned home from Thompson hospital on Monday.

Maxton Schools Set For Opening On Thursday Morning At Nine O'Clock

Regular Classes Will Commence Monday Morning

W. K. Cromartie has announced that plans have been completed for the opening of Maxton schools on Thursday, September 5 at 9 o'clock in the morning. Thursday will be devoted to registration and class assignments.

On Friday text books will be issued and all fees will be collected. There will be no classes held on either day and students will be through with preliminary work by noon on both days.

The school cafeteria will not be open until Monday. Mrs. A. L. McEachin will again be in charge of the cafeteria. Cafeteria lunches will sell for 15c this year due to the higher prices of food supplies.

Regular classes will be commenced on Monday. The school day this year will be from 8:40 a. m. until 3:30 p. m. In the high school there will be four morning classes and two afternoon classes. The home economics classes will last one hour each and the science classes will also be hour classes. All other periods will be of 50 minutes duration.

A staggered lunch period will run from 12:05 p. m. until 1:05 p. m. for the elementary school pupils. These students will not be allowed to go home for lunch unless they have written permission from their parents. The high school lunch period will start at 1:05 p. m. and last 40 minutes.

The total enrollment for the school year 1945-46 was 447 students. Mr. Cromartie is expecting approximately the same number to enroll again for the coming school season.

Miss Alice Crump Martin of Polkton has recently resigned but it is expected that the teacher complement will be complete on opening day. Miss Marguerite Townsend will teach the first grade, Mrs. Edith Williams, 2nd; Miss Esther Cobb, 3rd; Miss Lillis Cousar, 4th; Miss Margaret Purcell, 5th; Miss Ann Baker, 6th; Miss Lillian Lee, social science; Mrs. Lois McLeod, English and Latin; Mrs. Lois McLeod, English and Latin; Mrs. J. H. MacKinnon, English and math; Fant Kellv, math and general science; Mrs. Ed Ervin, home economics; Mrs. Archibald Campbell, Bible; and Mrs. J. P. Stancel, music. Mr. Cromartie will also teach if it is necessary.

Four school busses will be operated this year. Liberty school will not be open. Daystrom and Skyway Terrace will both be served by school busses. Bus drivers will be McKay Morgan, Bobby Lytch, Thomas Johnson and Talmadge McQueen.

Drennan's Garage Is Incorporated

Among the eight certificates of incorporation filed August 28 in the office of the secretary of state was one from Maxton: Drennan's Garage, Inc., as a garage and mechanic's business; authorized capital stock \$100,000, subscribed stock \$4,000 by James Drennan, J. C. Daniel and Wilhelmina Daniel, all of Maxton.

Drennan's Garage, Inc., is located directly behind Maxton Service Company (the bus station) in Maxton and was formerly called Maxton Motor Company. The new corporation has a competent staff of auto mechanics and specializes in auto repairs of all kinds.

Mrs. Emil Bardelli is in Winston-Salem visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Knight. Mrs. Knight is in City Memorial hospital and has recently undergone an operation.

Cuthrell Quits As Secretary

George F. Cuthrell, secretary of the Maxton Chamber of Commerce, has submitted his resignation to become effective on the 15th of September.

Mr. Cuthrell will be associated with Chamber of Commerce work in Texas. He and Mrs. Cuthrell will leave Maxton on September 15 for Shreveport, La. From there they will go to Tyler, Texas.

Officers of the Maxton Chamber of Commerce are now striving to find a replacement to take over Mr. Cuthrell's duties in Maxton.

Cemetery Clean-Up

There will be a cleanup day held at the Maxton cemetery Friday, September 6. The cemetery is in very bad shape at the present and it is necessary that much work be done immediately to restore it to presentable appearance.

It is requested that all persons able to do so come to the cemetery Friday and bring any helpers, hoes, hakes, mowers, and other useful implements that might help to restore the cemetery to its once clean, neat appearance.

New Motor Company Building Garage

A new building which will house the showrooms and repair department of General Motor Sales, Inc., is under construction on East Fourth Avenue next to the Red Springs Builders Supply office.

The new concern has the local agency for Oldsmobile cars and other General Motors products, and is owned by W. B. McLean and others, who had the agency for this make of cars before the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pate and son of Dillon, S. C., visited relatives in Philadelphia Sunday.

WEDS HER LATE HUSBAND'S BROTHER



MOTHER OF EIGHTEEN CHILDREN, Mrs. Josephine Vandenhuevel, 74, of Seymour, Wis., shows her new husband, John Vandenhuevel, 77, brother of her deceased husband, that she still can wield a mean rolling pin. She has 62 grandchildren and her husband has four children, 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. (International Soundphoto)

New Reduced Air Mail Rate Effective On First Of October

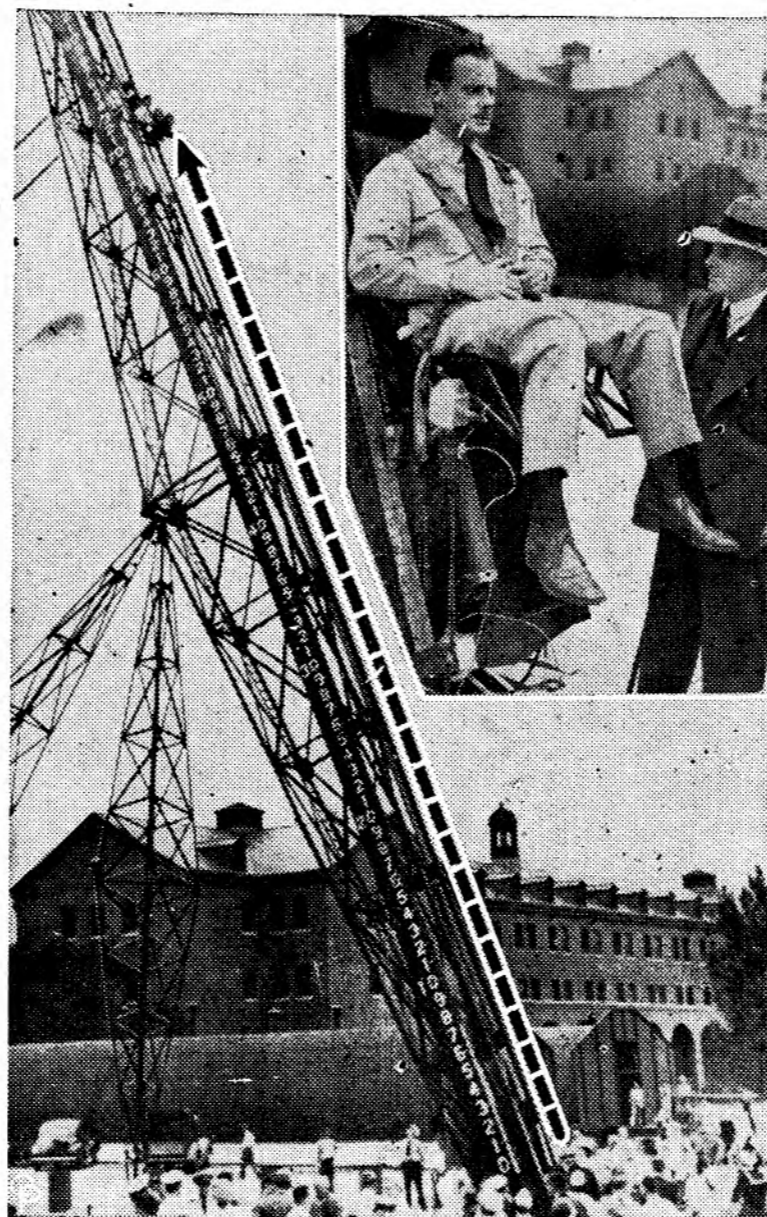
51st Session At Flora Macdonald Begins Monday

The fifty-first session at Flora Macdonald college will open on Monday, September 9, when the freshmen will report for registration. Upperclassmen will arrive on Tuesday and classes will begin Wednesday.

The formal opening exercises will be held Thursday, September 12, at 10:15 a. m. when the Rev. E. D. Witherston, D.D., pastor of St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian church of Wilmington, will be guest speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Knox of Huntersville announce the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Dianne, on August 20, 1946, at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte. Mrs. Knox is the former Miss Kathryn Campbell, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Campbell.

TESTS EFFECTS OF PLANE EJECTION



DURING A TEST of the new Navy-developed explosive ejection seat, Comdr. D. W. Gressley, U. S. Medical Corps, is tossed 73 feet into the air along the rails of a 100-foot tower. In inset, James Martin, inventor of the device, watches Gressley adjust himself just before experiencing the same sensations as he does when ejected from a plane flying at super-sonic speed. (International)

No Special Rate For Armed Forces

The reduced air mail rate of 5c an ounce and fraction thereof becomes effective October 1 and the Postal Service will attempt to bring use of air mail to unprecedented heights. There will be no special rate to the armed forces. However, the new air mail rate will be cheaper than the old 6c charge for letters going to service personnel.

In order to meet the decrease in the air mail postage rate to 5 cents an ounce in all territory of the United States and to members of the armed forces abroad, effective October 1, 1946, a new 5-cent air mail postage stamp, and an embossed air mail stamped envelope in 5 cent denomination, standard quality, No. 13 size (3 1/2 by 6 1/2 inches) are now in process of preparation. This new stamp and stamped envelope will be placed on exclusive first day sale at the Washington, D. C., post office on September 2, 1946.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of the stamp may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of 10, to the Postmaster, Washington 13, D. C., with cash, money order or postal note remittance to cover cost of the stamps to be affixed, attention being directed to the requirement for at least 2 of the new 5-cent air mail stamps to meet the air mail rate which will be in effect on the date of sale.

Collectors desiring first-day cancellations of the air mail stamped envelope may submit order to the Postmaster, Washington 13, D. C., for not more than 5 stamped envelopes plainly indicating full name and address for each envelope. Further information about obtaining first day covers may be obtained from the local post office.

The new air mail stamp and the new air mail stamped envelopes will go on sale September 26. The advance sale is authorized to afford patrons an opportunity of obtaining the new 5 cent air mail stamps and stamped envelopes for use beginning October 1, 1946.

For a period not to exceed 60 days, local postmasters will be authorized to exchange 8 cent air mail stamps offered by patrons for an equal value of air mail stamps of the 5 cent denomination.

Sgt. Frank Campbell of Fort Bragg spent the weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stancel, Jr., and family of Fayetteville were visitors in Maxton on Monday.

Midstate Field Day And Barbecue Features Greased Pig And Pole

High School Ups Enrollment On Opening Day

Enrollment in the high school of Red Springs jumped 17 on opening day over that recorded last year, according to Supt. Walter R. Dudley, with a total of 94 on hand for the high school, and the elementary grades registered four less than last year with 324 present for the beginning of the term Monday.

A number of additional students are expected to register within the next few days, it was stated, and it is hoped that the total enrollment for the year will break the 400 mark. Many new houses being completed in this section now are expected to be occupied before Christmas, especially the 60 new homes being built at Midstate Cloth Mills, a large part of which will be occupied by employees to be brought into Red Springs from other sections.

The Rev. Troy E. Jones spoke briefly to students and parents at exercises held at 10 o'clock, and the usual first-day routine was completed before noon. Tuesday morning school was in regular session and teachers reported that classroom work was quickly slipping into well-ordered routines.

Teachers and officials of the school were highly pleased with the large number of patrons who were present for the opening day, stating that the keen interest being taken in the school by the parents of the children was greater than at any time in a number of years.

Watson Warehouse Is Bought By Huggins

The warehouse of Jim Watson, located on Cross street, a tin and frame structure, has been bought by Hob Huggins, who plans to open a garage and blacksmith shop in the building.

The front end of the building will be used for the garage and work will be started immediately in removing the wood flooring and the pouring of a concrete floor.

First Bale Brings 40c Per Pound

Mrs. F. K. Watson sold the first bale of cotton to be offered on the Red Springs market this year on last Friday. Ben Campen was the successful bidder, paying 40c per pound for the cotton which graded middling and was of inch and a sixteenth staple.

The cotton was ginned at Watson's Gin, operated by Mrs. Watson's son, J. E. Watson.

This is believed to have been the first bale offered in North Carolina during the 1946 season.

New Jewelry Store Opens Soon

Rector E. Hutchinson, operator of the Jewel Shops of Lumberton, will open a new store in Red Springs within a short time, it was stated here today. Mr. Hutchinson has leased a part of the McNeill building formerly used for the office of McNeill's cleaners. Remodeling of the building, in progress for several weeks, is nearly complete, and installation of fixtures is expected to be made next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cummings have returned to their home in Atlanta, Ga., after a visit with Mrs. Cummings' parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Walker.

Maybe it was the big barbecue dinner that attracted the nearly one thousand people to Robbins Park Saturday but it was the various interesting contests which kept them amused for three hours after they got there. The occasion was the which inaugurated a Labor Day celebration which every Midstate Cloth Mills field day one vote in favor of being made into an annual event.

The Mills gave the party and arranged a program of entertaining events which kept all ages entertained throughout the four hours the event lasted. Beginning with a barbecue dinner served at noon to its employees, their families and a number of friends while Slim Mills and his string band provided music, the program included foot races by children, boxing and other events. Shirley Williams won the 50 yard dash for boys and girls aged 6 to 9, and Ray Campbell won the dash for boys aged 9 to 12. Campbell also came into additional prize money when he topped a group of four which claimed a five dollar bill from the ton of a 16 foot greased pole. This event attracted a number of contestants who soaked up some pretty slick cosmolene from the juniper pole before Campbell, June Hammonds, Buster Hudson and Doodle Beck teamed up to get the prize.

Mack Ridge walked off with the top prize in a baby dressing contest. Mothers were a bit too skeptical of the abilities of the contestants to permit use of their babies, so six large dolls were used by Ridge, Johnny Brank (Robins baseballer), Fred Mercer, E. J. Dean, Geo. Hafnes and Bathy Landon. Some very amusing cross-ups in clothing was convincing evidence that several of the entrants would need further training before being admitted the use of live babies.

The nursing contest, with nipped bottles of Pepsi-Cola, was another laugh-provoking affair which left the entrants rather full but completely out of breath. Mrs. Georgianna Callahan was the winner. The well greased pig which threaded its way through the legs, arms and embraces of nearly a hundred fellows who had visions of chops and fresh ham was finally securely caught by James McVicker, who nearly lost the slick little fellow as he was returning him to the box.

The celebration was under the general chairmanship of Carson Maness, who was assisted by Ed Thomas, Floyd Maxwell and Fred Mercer. The dinner was prepared by Fred Chason with the assistance of the women of the missionary society of the Westside Baptist church. Contests were planned and supervised by the general committee and the following women: Mrs. Era Mae Maness, Mrs. Georgianna Callahan, Miss Mattie Shook, Mrs. Catherine Donahue, Mrs. Edna May and Mrs. Mary Norris.

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Baxley-Johnson Building Nears Completion

Work is progressing rapidly on the new home of the Baxley-Johnson Chevrolet company, which has been under construction for some weeks. Of modern design, the concrete and steel frame work and built-up roof are now complete and work on the interior finish of the building has been started. Delivery date of the glass brick to be used, and the plate glass for the show rooms has been postponed, however, and it was stated today that the building may be occupied by the Chevrolet dealers before the glass arrives.

Miss Helen Frostick has left for Wilmington, where she will teach music.