

Robeson Co. Bar Holds Annual Dinner Meet

Judge Harris, Rep. Clark Speak To County Association

The latest in a year long series of Christmas dinners was enjoyed by the Robeson County Bar Association on Tuesday evening of last week at the Lorraine Hotel. Quail was served, as is the custom of the group. Judge W. C. "Buck" Harris, dean of the state Superior Court, was guest of honor.

Speeches by Judge Harris and Representative J. Bayard Clark told some of the highlights in the careers of both present members of the Robeson Bar and of well remembered Robeson attorneys; Representative Clark touched on the lives of such as Stephen McNeve, A. W. McLean, T. A. McNeill, and R. C. Lawrence; Judge Harris's most entertaining remarks were concerned with the doings of present members of the association who he "kidded" unmercifully.

Frank McNeil, as Santa Claus, acted as toastmaster in the temporary absence of association president Dickson McLean who came in later in the evening.

Among the out-of-county guests were Malcolm McQueen of Fayetteville, Charlie Ross of Lillington, George Clark of Elizabethtown, M. C. McLeod of Rockingham, J. Abner Barker of Roseboro, James McRae of Fayetteville and Fred Bynum of Rockingham.

MorMax Club Stages Gala Ladies Night

Community Club Scene of 24th Ladies Night By Maxton Club

MAXTON — The twenty-fourth celebration of Ladies' Nite was held by the MorMax Club of Maxton on December 17 at the Community Club.

The rooms were beautifully decorated with Christmas greenery, red candles and red berries. A Christmas tree resplendent with lights and decorations was placed in the reading room and the holiday motif was carried out in the foyer.

F. C. Frostick, president of the MorMax club, introduced Mrs. R. D. Croom, who led the singing of Christmas Carols accompanied at the piano by Mrs. J. P. Stansel. Rev. L. C. LaBette gave the invocation after which the ladies of the Woman's club served a delicious turkey dinner.

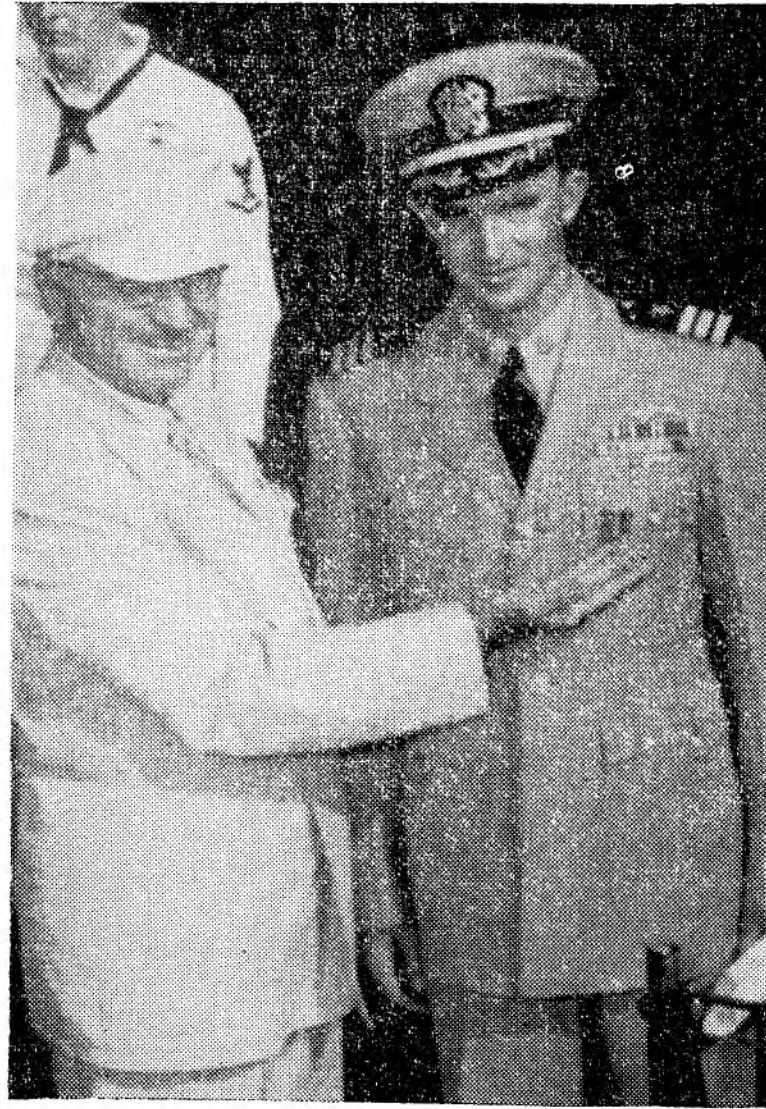
The president welcomed the ladies most cordially and Mrs. Joe Henderson graciously responded on behalf of the ladies. The chairman of the program committee, C. A. Hasty, introduced Reverend C. J. Andrews, who in turn presented the speaker of the evening, Reverend Kenneth Goodson of Wadesboro, N. C.

Mrs. Goodson's speech sparkled with wit and humor, yet held a serious and worthwhile note throughout.

Santa Claus was a welcome visitor, leaving with each lady a nice Christmas present.

Among the out-of-town guests were Reverend and Mrs. Kenneth Goodson and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Huntley of Wadesboro, Senator and Mrs. H. A. McKinnon of Lumberton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunter of Blenheim, S. C., and Mr. Thomas Carroway and son, Tommy of Philadelphia, Pa.

Submarine C. O. Given Another Medal For World War II Feats



Commander George H. Whiting With President Truman

President Truman Presents Lumberton Man Award

Commander George H. Whiting was presented the Bronze Star Medal by President Harry S. Truman on December 5, on board the U. S. S. EX-U-2513 (a captured German submarine), for meritorious service in action as torpedo data computer of the U.S.S. Triton, during that vessel's third war patrol in Japanese controlled waters. Commander Whiting is now commanding officer of the U.S.S. Madregal, a submarine.

Commander Whiting, of Lumberton and Key West, is a son of Mrs. D. L. Whiting and the late Mr. Whiting of Lumberton. In May of this year he was decorated with the Silver Star for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action as executive officer of the USS Grenadier and as a prisoner of war in Japanese military camps." He is a graduate of Annapolis. His wife is the former Miss Janice Heffernan of New London, Conn. He returned to the United States in September, 1945, after having been a prisoner of the Japanese for 29 months. On several occasions he was tortured and beaten by the Japanese because he would not divulge military information.

Dixie And Rose Bows On WPTF

Station WPTF will bring its listeners two bowl games this New Year's Day. First on the schedule is the new Dixie Bowl game at Birmingham, Ala., where William them Conference, meets Arkansas, and Mary, champions of the South. The broadcast will start at 2:45 p. m. Following the Dixie Bowl, WPTF will pick up the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, Cal., where Michigan plays Southern California.

30 Bus Riders Monoxide Victims Near Red Springs Saturday

Thirty passengers on a Queen City bus were overcome by carbon monoxide poison Saturday morning and the last two of 16 admitted for treatment at Scotland County Memorial Hospital were released Monday morning.

Escaping gas on the bus was detected near Red Springs while the bus was en route from Charlotte to Fayetteville.

All passengers on the bus were rushed to Scotland County Memorial Hospital for first aid and treatment.

Forteen were released after receiving first aid and the others were retained.

Condition of only three was described as serious by attaches of the hospital.

All victims of the poisoning today were reported as having recovered satisfactorily.

Passengers on the bus consisted of those who had been visiting relatives at various points during the Christmas holidays.

Name McQueen To County Police

RED SPRINGS—Paul McQueen, chief of police of Red Springs, was appointed a member of the county police force this week by Sheriff Willis C. Britt to succeed W. Lacy Prevatte, whose resignation becomes effective as soon as McQueen's successor is elected.

Mr. Prevatte has served on the county police forces of Seariffs Clyde Wade and Britt for seven years and 11 months. He will serve as tax lister for Red Springs township during January and states that he has no definite plans after that time.

Mr. McQueen, a native of the Rennie section, has been on the police force of Red Springs for the past five years and chief of the department for about six months. He expects to continue to make his home here and serve in this area.

Maxton Minister Writes Article

MAXTON—Among the seven Methodist pastors who are featured writers in the January issue of The Pastor, a specialized magazine for ministers of every faith, is William T. Brown, Maxton and Piney Grove charge, Maxton, N. C.

In the symposium entitled "Do You Want Another Four Year Plan?" these pastors answer emphatically "Yes—but with qualifications as to what needs special attention: Evangelism, missions, ecumenical action, the church school, and the world order. Other conclusions and readers are invited may have reached different to express their opinions in the forum "Your Right to Say It."

New Year Talk By Gov. Cherry

Governor R. Gregg Cherry will broadcast a special New Year's Eve message to the people of North Carolina over Station WPTF at 7:30 Wednesday evening, December 31.

NEW MORTICIAN WITH STEPHENS & PREVATTE

FAIRMONT—A. B. Stubbs, who was graduated on December 20 from the Gupton-Jones college of Mortuary in Nashville, Tenn., has been notified by the State Board of Embalming that he has successfully passed his state board examination which he stood in Raleigh on October 27.

Mr. Stubbs, now a licensed mortician, will be connected with Stephens and Prevatte Funeral home in Fairmont where he was associated before entering Gupton-Jones.



THE difference between 1947 and 1948 can be measured in the imperceptible tick of a clock, in the clasp of a hand or in a chorus of Auld Lang Syne. It is the sum of the past, gathered in a moment, and perhaps a swift vision of the future.

When the New Year pauses on that pinnacle of time to draw its first breath, the distance which separates our dreams from their fulfillment appears to be but a short step. Yet, in the same instant, we glance back at the past lying across a gulf too wide for crossing. We find ourselves on a pivot of eternity.

The real significance of the New Year lies in the fact that it marks a rebirth of the will to achieve, and of ambition and hope over the world and among the world's peoples.

We dedicate that renewal of strength to all of you, as we, the publishers, wish you a most sincere

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We have said that "We the publishers wish you a most sincere Happy New Year"; that isn't exactly the way we should have phrased it. "We the publishers" sounds very impersonal; it describes some vague group of people. But your Hometown Newspaper is put together by people who many of you know; more than that it is put together by people who want to know you, for in a sense you make the paper and "We the publishers" just put it together. So these people:

- Dougald Coxe, Publisher, of Red Springs;
 - Penn Gray, Managing Editor, of Lumberton;
 - Rae Townsend, Fairmont Editor, of Fairmont;
 - Mary Edna George, Maxton Editor, of Maxton;
 - Lew Barton, Pembroke Editor, of Pembroke;
 - Katherine Ross, Bookkeeper, of Parkton;
 - J. C. Adams, Shop Foreman, of Fairmont.
 - Bob Holmes, Linotypist, of West Lumberton;
 - Clarence Phillips, Composer, of Lumberton, Rt. 2;
 - Mitch Pridgen, Pressman, of Lumberton;
 - Buddy Mishue, Pressman, of East Lumberton;
- these people wish you personally
a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Stocking Fund Cheers 25 Families

PEMBROKE — The Christmas Stocking Fund, sponsored by the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, brought Christmas cheer to twenty-five needy families last Thursday, Charles R. Paris, chairman of the Stocking Fund committee, reported Monday. Total contributions received brought the fund to \$381.85 plus one pair of shoes and a load of wool.

Mr. Paris expressed the C. of C.'s thanks for contributions received to this newspaper for its support, and to Miss Mary Livermore and Mrs. Ernest Goins, who distributed the Christmas packages.

Last minute contributors were: Welts Lowry, \$10.00; J. W. Dial, \$5.00; J. D. Oxendine, \$2.00; a friend \$2.15; Quality Dry Cleaners, \$5.00; John Locklear, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert G. Oxendine, \$15.00; Theodore Lowry, \$1.00; A friend, \$2.00; Sunray school class of the Methodist church, (white), \$25.00; Baptist church, (white) care for one family.

PJC TO Re-Open On January 2nd

Presbyterian Junior college closed for the Christmas holidays on December 16, and will reopen on January 2.

A number of new students are expected to begin the Refresher Course and the Aircraft and Engine Mechanics Course on January 26, the beginning of the second semester.

Orthopaedic Clinic Friday

An orthopaedic clinic will be held Friday, January 2, 1948, in the building of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Dr. Lenox D. Baker of Duke hospital will be the surgeon in charge. Please register at the desk between 9 and 11 o'clock.

1947 Most Important Pembroke Year "Progress" Town's Keynote Word

PEMBROKE—1947 was a year of unprecedented "firsts" in Pembroke; a year in which a brilliant page of history was written for the town. In the years ahead, many people will be able to identify the year, after the date has been forgotten, by some of the events which took place. Some may say, "It happened the year the paper started," or "It happened the year of the first Robeson County Indian Fair," or "the year the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture celebrated its first birthday" and people will immediately be able to identify the year, even though they may not be able to remember the number—1947.

Let's take a quick look at the "firsts" which took place during the year: PSC was granted \$387,000 by the legislature for additions. This is the first time a figure anywhere nearly so great has been appropriated. '47 was the first year during which an Indian mayor served. Pembroke's first cannery, open to the entire community, began operation during the year.

Pembroke grade school completed and paid all debts off a cafeteria with a capacity to serve 350 students hot lunches daily.

Pembroke's first parsonage was begun. Student government was introduced at PSC for the first time. Two roads, making direct connections with Pembroke, and leading from the hearts of two prosperous communities were paved. This was the first year Pembroke existed beer-and-wine-free since the two beverages became legal.

Pembroke's second theatre was constructed and put into operation. The community at large had a chance to choose between two different entertainment programs for the first time. 24-hour fire protection was introduced for the first time.

Robert Littleton Attends Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

PEMBROKE — One Robeson County resident, Robert Littleton, Pembroke, has returned from the American Farm Bureau's 29th annual meeting in Chicago where a resolution was passed calling for continuation of government price supports on farm commodities.

The local Farm Bureau member was among 157 who made the trip to Chicago by special train. During the four day meeting, they took part in commodity conferences and discussions on various phases of agriculture, with emphasis on the nation's farm program for the future.

Among the speakers at the convention were Congressman Harold D. Cooley, Nashville, N. C., and J. B. Hutson, president of Tobacco Associates, Inc.

MRS JACKSON A VISITOR

Mrs. W. A. Jackson of Dunn spent the Christmas holidays in Lumberton with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jackson.

The first farm implements store opened. The first beauty salon opened. These and many other events make 1947 an outstanding year in the town's history. Some of the happenings may appear insignificant at first thought, but will seem miraculous when the fact is considered that only fifty years ago, what is now Pembroke was only a pond, filled with water, mud and frogs.

Second Fairmont Fire Of Christmas Week Destroys Stock Yard Building

Charges Dismissed In Armistice Day Highway Accident

Coroner's Jury Terms Accident "Unavoidable"

FAIRMONT—A six-man coroner's jury on Monday night reached a decision that "R. C. Scott came to his death by being thrown from a jeep in an unavoidable accident in which no one should be held responsible," and Hilbreth Britt who had been brought to Fairmont from the state prison to attend the inquest was freed of all charges in connection with Scott's death.

Scott was killed instantly on Armistice Day when a jeep in which he, Britt and Christine Hunt and Hatie Mae Chavis were riding left the highway between Fairmont and Rowland and crashed into a tree. Both women were taken to a Lumberton hospital seriously injured and Hatie Mae Chavis died on Thanksgiving Day of injuries sustained. Britt was not injured in the accident.

At the time of the wreck Britt was on parole from his 4 to 5 year sentence which he was serving for manslaughter as a result of the death of his father-in-law, J. T. Connor in 1944. After the Armistice Day accident his parole was revoked and he was returned to prison.

Members of the jury at the inquest conducted by Coroner D. W. Biggs were: Wilber Jones, Harry Weinstein, C. C. Purvis, Willie Jenkins, Herbert McCollum and Clyde Williams.

Geo. T. Ashford On Cotton Committee

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(Special)—Appointment of a nine member committee to plan the National Cotton Council's 1948 sales promotion program, was announced today by Oscar Johnston, Sec'y, Miss. Council president.

The committee, headed by Sen. J. B. Robertson, leading cotton producer of Lake Providence, La., will convene in Atlanta, Ga., on January 20, immediately preceding the Cotton Council's annual meeting.

They will discuss results of the 1947 sales promotion program affecting fashion, cotton bags, cotton insulation, cottonseed oil products, and general cotton merchandise, and will outline the new program to be presented to the full delegate-membership of the council, January 21-23.

"The sales promotion committee performs one of the most important functions of the Council," Mr. Johnston declared. "The intelligent advertising and merchandising of cotton and cottonseed products is essential to the industrywide program for increasing lint and seed consumption."

Members of the committee other than Sen. Williamson include: E. H. Agnew, Anderson, S. C.; George T. Ashford, Red Springs, N. C.; Harry S. Baker, Fresno, Calif.; W. N. Banks, Grantville, Ga.; Ed B. Henley, El Paso, Tex.; Joseph L. Lanier, West Point, Ga.; I. A. Roberts, Memphis, Tenn.; and Charles W. Shepard, Jr., Gadsden, Ala.

\$3,500 Loss Is Estimated By Yard Owner Huston

FAIRMONT—The cattle stables at Fairmont Stock Yards, housed in a frame building valued at an estimated \$3500, were totally destroyed by fire late Saturday evening while two cows already in the stables awaiting the weekly sale on Tuesday perished in Fairmont's second major fire of Christmas week.

According to M. S. Huston, owner of the Stock Yards, the building was only partially covered by insurance.

How the fire originated is not known. The blaze was well underway when first spotted at approximately 10 o'clock Saturday night. The volunteer fire department was unable to combat the rapidly burning fire but did succeed in saving the office and other pens at the stock yard as well as the venerable old Huston property located in the same block.

The only two animals losing their lives in the fire belonged to a customer who had brought them to the stables on Saturday afternoon to be sold at the regular sale this week.

Mr. Huston stated that weekly sales will continue each Tuesday at the Stock Yard and also stated his intentions to rebuild the cattle shed as soon as possible.

The building which was destroyed was erected 14 years ago and used as a lumber shed until 1937 at which time the Stock Yards opened and the shed was converted into cattle stables.

Fairmont's other fire last week resulted in complete loss of the town's only theatre when the \$30,000 building on Main street was totally demolished by a sweeping blaze on Monday night. At that time members of the Lumberton fire department assisted the local volunteer firefighters in halting the fire and saving the adjoining buildings.

F. H. Boatwright Dies Monday

RICHMOND, Va.—Furman H. Boatwright, 73, of 1908 Fourth Avenue, prominent here in business and fraternal interests, died Monday, December 22, at a local hospital after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Wednesday at North Side Baptist church with burial in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Mr. Boatwright was born on March 9, 1892, in Buckingham county, and was the son of the late Delbert L. and Ida T. Boatwright.

He had been a general contractor here for 23 years until his retirement six years ago. He was also operator of "Boatwright's Orchards," in Buckingham county.

HEADED CITIZENS' GROUP

He was a member of the Richmond Builders' Exchange, Richmond First club, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce and a past president of the Highland Park Citizen's Association. He was also a member and deacon of the North Side Baptist church, and a member of North Side Lodge No. 292, AF&AM, of which he was a past master. He was a member of the Royal Arch and of the Knights Templar and of Acca Temple Shrine.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John M. Oliver, and Mrs. Charles E. Harnden, Jr., also by a sister, Mrs. Nat W. Perkins, four brothers, Acree L. Boatwright of Red Springs; Junius J. Boatwright of Weahtia; Andrew R. Boatwright of Troy; and Ray R. Boatwright of Richmond, and three grandchildren.

Cobbs Recovering From Smoke Effects

C. L. Cobb, president of the People's National bank, Rock Hill, S. C., was reported today to be improving in the York county hospital, following treatment for smoke suffocation. Mrs. Cobb's condition was reported as unchanged. They were taken unconscious Thursday night from their burning home after a fire, believed to have started in a sofa in the den, was discovered.

Mr. Cobb is a brother of M. F. Cobb, president of the National Bank of Lumberton.

Increased by using more fertilizer and thicker planting. Experiments in cotton have shown that winter cover crops increase cotton yields. Several insecticides, mainly DDT and benzene hexachloride, have been found effective when used against thwtazocshrdhu emfwyn against the two main cotton pests, the boll weevil and the boll worm. Research into small fruits production problems have centered around the effect of various minerals on plant health. Strawberries have been found to need manganese and zinc. Manganese may be the answer to muscadine grape troubles, the horticulture specialists say.

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JANUARY

- 1—New Year's Day, 1788.
- 2—Georgia enters Union, 1788.
- 3—Postal banks established, 1911.
- 4—Isaac Newton born, 1642.
- 5—Capt John Smith captured, 1608.
- 6—New Mexico admitted to Union, 1912.
- 7—Atlantic telephone opened, 1927, was restored.