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Wellons Heads Robeson Relief Drive For NC Council Of Churches, Jan. 25-31

Local Chairmen Named; Collection Points For Lumberton Set

Ninety-two countries throughout North Carolina are this week making final preparation for participation in the statewide overseas relief collection to be held January 25-February 1, the Rev. Julian A. Lindsey, state director of the campaign, has announced from the state office at Durham. With their goal Fill a Ship With Friendship communities across North Carolina will gather up clothing, shoes, bedding and other needed relief supplies for the needy abroad. Participation of the Negro population of the state is being emphasized with the help of co-director, R. E. Jones, state extension agent for Negro work. Every where churches, schools, civic and service groups and other organizations are uniting to realize the goal of the drive in their communities.

Dr. E. D. Wellons, Pembroke State college, is director of the drive for Robeson county. He announces that community chairmen have been appointed throughout the county and that these chairmen will organize collections of clothing in their areas. On February 5 each community will send their collection to Lumberton by truck where, at four o'clock in the afternoon a freight car will be loaded for shipment to the collection point at New Windsor, Md. Goal for the county is a carload, 80,000 pounds of relief materials.

To emphasize the needs of the unfortunate of the world a movie, "This Road We Walk," is being shown throughout the county; it has already been seen in Pembroke, Maxton and Fairmont.

Dr. Wellons announced the appointment of the various community chairmen as follows: Lumberton, W. M. Best; St. Pauls, Rev. Earl Robinson; Red Springs, Dr. Henry Redinger; Maxton, Rev. C. J. Andrews; Rowland, W. L. Loy; Fairmont, Rev. Dan Lane; Pembroke, Rev. Hawley L. Bravington; Parkton, Rev. W. A. Brown. Publicity chairman for the county is Rev. John Bonner of Lumberton.

Lumberton's chairman, W. M. Best, has secured the cooperation of a number of merchants who are collecting contributions at their stores for the convenience of contributors; gifts will be accepted at Snow's Appliance House, Dixie Trading Co., Williams Laundry, Western Furniture Store, and Western Auto Association in Lumberton, and at H. O. Barnes Grocery in East Lumberton, Maywood Grocery in North Lumberton, and Star Union Mfg. Co. in West Lumberton.

Need overseas, Mr. Lindsey points out, far from being over, has mounted since the war's end. It is difficult to imagine the suffering winter has brought, especially in cities where, with practically no coal available, burn. Where cities were bombed and burned, almost nothing was left for fuel. Clothing is needed to replace the garments people have worn almost constantly through months of hardship. Shoes must be had to enable men and women to continue

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Rotary Club Hears Rev. Mauney

RED SPRINGS—The Rev. Lloyd F. Mauney clasped the coming of Christ, the power of the early Christians to stand and progress before this thankless world, and the arrival of the atomic era as the three greatest events of the world's history, in a talk before the Red Springs Rotary club Friday.

Mr. Mauney pointed out that Christianity in the face of the anti-Christian forces of today would be up against one of the most critical opponents as the power of the communistic world was spread, and that the next ten or fifteen years would be one of the most difficult in the life of the world church. Even as in the early times, he said, it could possibly mean facing death to proclaim Christ and His love for man. This fact is now true in a large part of the world and unless the Christian peoples fight the growing menace to freedom could be true throughout the world.

The club welcomed Charles Leigh, Jr., and Dick Bullock as new members.

C. E. Arrington gave the weekly report from the Rotarian concerning the arguments against universal military training. The arguments from the Rotarian in favor of compulsory training were presented last week by E. H. Alexander.

FRIDAY'S MEETING

Osmer L. Henry, Lumberton attorney and past district governor, will be the guest speaker at the club's meeting Friday evening of this week.

FURNITURE DRIVE

A report from H. D. Baxley showed a fair response in gifts of furniture for three families which had recently lost their homes. A number of additional items are needed, however, and the drive will be continued. Those having furniture items to contribute are asked to phone Home Furniture company and a truck will collect them.

work and to allow children to attend school.

House to house collections of materials throughout the state will make possible the shipment of aid to many thousands of suffering human beings. All goods are being shipped directly from North Carolina to the Church World Service Center at New Windsor, Md. Communities are arranging their own shipment, often directly by truck or railroad box car. All materials are sent prepaid.

The center at New Windsor, largest of nine maintained throughout the United States by Church World Service, interdenominational relief agency of the Protestant churches, can pack for shipment 50,000 pounds of goods a day. Help is sent to more than 40 countries overseas where it is distributed through churches and church institutions to those in most need.

Materials being collected to fill a Ship With Friendship include: clothing of all kinds, blankets, sheets, towels, shoes, galoshes, rubbers, (all footwear tied in pairs), tools, feed and flour sacks, soap, candles, silverware, felt hats, farm tools, and harness and kitchen utensils.

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March Of Dimes Goal Is \$7600 For Robeson

Each Community To Make Own Plans For Fund Raising

The quota for the March of Dimes drive to raise funds for combating polio in Robeson has been set at \$7600. Lumberton's share of this quota has been fixed at \$2500. These quotas represent a considerable increase over previous amounts set; some \$7000 was contributed last year.

The Kiwanis club assumed sponsorship of the Lumberton drive after the Rotary club took over all supervision for the county. W. D. (Peavine) Reynolds, county chairman appointed by Lumberton Rotary, says that fund raising projects in each town and community are to be left to the discretion of the local chairmen who will plan such entertainments and publicity programs as they see fit.

Lumberton's Chairmen E. A. Sundry and Jimmy Payne have distributed the new plastic collection boxes and are making personal solicitation; no dance is planned for Lumberton's campaign.

A complete list of the organization working under the direction of Mr. Reynolds follows: Publicity committee, Fann Gray and Jack Sharpe; motion picture director, M. L. Purnell; Township Directors: Lumberton, Jimmy Payne and Pete Sundry; Fairmont, David Britt; Rowland, Reid McNeill; Maxton, Mrs. W. H. Stewart; Red Springs, W. R. Dudley; Pembroke, Jack Morrison; St. Pauls, Mrs. D. C. McEachern; Parkton, Mrs. D. S. Currie; Lumber Bridge, Mrs. Frank Tolar; Proctorville, Mrs. H. H. Atkinson; Orrum, Mrs. Carl Nye.

Barnesville, Mrs. W. C. Walters; Marietta, Mrs. E. L. Tomlin; McConall, Mrs. W. Z. Pate; Parris, Delmus C. Prevatt; Buie, John; Pat Buie; Wakulla, Mrs. Dan McArthur; Alenton, Mrs. E. H. Stansel; Rennett, Mrs. Charles Meekles; Shannon, J. H. Humphrey; Burnt Swamp, John L. Carter; Britts, Mrs. G. W. Baldwin; Gaddy, J. W. Burns; Raft Swamp, Joe Townsend; Back Swamp, Mrs. Bertha Slaughter; Saddle Tree, Mrs. Roy Lewis; Tolansville, Mrs. Grady Townsend; Smiths School Community, Sandy Kinlaw; Alfordsville, C. A. Alford; Smyrna, Neill Freeman.

Warner Smith Dies Early Wednesday

Mr. Warner Smith, 64, died on Wednesday morning at 4:30 in the Scotland Memorial Hospital. Mr. Smith had been ill for some time. He had been in Maxton for the last four years but had previously made his home in Louellen, Ky. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Burdshaw of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Miss Tim Smith of Maxton.

Funeral services were held this morning at nine o'clock, and from here they went to Virginia, Virginia for burial.

Nelson Manager At Daysrom

The appointment of Howard S. Nelson as general manager of Daystrom Laminates, Inc., Daystrom, N. C., has been announced by Thomas Roy Jones, president of ATF Incorporated, Elizabeth, N. J., the parent company. Daystrom Laminates is an ATF associate in the hardwood plywood field.

Mr. Nelson is a native of Helena, Ark. where he attended the local schools. He was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1925 with a B. S. degree in administrative engineering. Before going to the Daystrom company he operated his own business, the Rockwood Manufacturing Co., at Birmingham, which he established in 1945.

He brings to his new post 24 years' experience in all phases of lumber and veneer manufacturing. In 1925 Mr. Nelson entered the lumber business as an industrial engineer with the Pinpoint Lumber Manufacturing Company, a division of the Sieger Manufacturing Company, at Truman, Ark. Three years later he was made manager of a subsidiary plant in Vicksburg of the Hardwood Products Corporation, Neenah, Wis. In 1930 he became a member of the engineering staff of the Penrod, Jurgen & Clark Company, Kansas City, and in 1931 he joined the Howe Lumber Company of Helena. He later accepted the manager ship partnership with that firm and remained there until 1945.

Mr. Nelson is married to the former Mary Seaton of Helena. They have four children, Edward S. William, Thomas Howard and Charles Morse Nelson.

ROBESON AND HER SCHOOLS (An Editorial)

To paraphrase an old saying — Robeson County can thank her stars for Johnston — in the matter of schools and money for their support. For if it were not for Johnston County, the State of Robeson would rank last in the latest report of total monies spent by counties per pupil for education in North Carolina. Money does not mean everything to schools, but it means a very great deal, and for a county as wealthy as Robeson to be 99th out of 100 in per capita expenditures does not bespeak too great a concern for the education and training of our youth.

The state average per pupil expenditure for 1945-46 was \$79.24, and only in Red Springs special charter district did any school unit of the county approach that figure. In Red Springs donations by citizens and Parent-Teacher groups amounting to nearly \$5,000, which were added to the tax monies provided by the state and county governments, brought the average per capita expenditure to \$79.12. The special charter units of Lumberton and Fairmont were way below the state average though both units beat the county average some. Lumberton, ranking 64th out of 71 special charter units, spent \$67.99 per pupil. Red Springs ranked 37th. The average for each pupil in the special charter units is \$82.91.

Currituck county led the state with \$116.25 spent per pupil, according to State School Facts, and Dare, Camden, Durham and Pasquotank were others spending over \$100 per pupil.

In the charter units Southern Pines topped the list with \$109.72, and Durham City, Tryon and Pinehurst also topped the \$100 per pupil average.

North Carolina as a whole now ranks 43rd among the states of the nation. New York leads with \$208.39 and Mississippi ranks at the bottom with but \$46.95, but North Carolina ranks 14th in the percentage of total state income that is devoted to public education.

The quality of a county's schools is largely what its people, the children and the parents, make it. Too little interest has been taken in Robeson's schools to keep pace with our sister counties. They are now scraping the bottom in efficiency and effectiveness because of this lack of interest.

While the county commissioners and the school board have approved some projects which will improve some of the worst classroom conditions of the county, a complete and general study of the county and special charter systems for white, Negro and Indian schools of the county should be made by competent and disinterested authorities so that recommendations for improvements to buildings and classroom equipment for each school in the county could be presented these boards. The amount of money that would be required will represent a sum, probably of \$5,000,000 or more, and will be one that cannot be raised and spent in any one or even two years. Yet, if these boards had such a survey made, they could use the report as a guide for the improvement and upbuilding of one of the poorest school systems of the state.

RS Dimes Quota Set At \$1,000

The March of Dimes quota for Red Springs town and township is \$1,000. Walter R. Dudley has been selected as chairman of the campaign for Red Springs township and Mr. Dudley is asking the people who assisted last year to continue their services this year. Among these are Mrs. C. L. Norwood, chairman of Rob. bins Cloth Mill and Westside;

W. P. Dorman, chairman businessmen and business contributions; Malcolm Watson, chairman of coin containers; Carl McIlwain, chairman of theatre contributions; J. W. Caruth, chairman of white school children; and J. T. Peterson, chairman of colored division.

The March of Dimes campaign will get off to a late start in Red Springs but we are asking the people of Red Springs to allow it to continue after the national drive is over.

PJC Library Gets 1000 Volumes

MAXTON—A thousand volumes for the new library building have been received by Presbyterian Junior College from the Library of Congress. The books were used in the Army College training program during the war and were secured from surplus property through the Federal Works Agency. The new library building is being prepared for use and will be available during the second semester which begins January 26th. New students are enrolling for the freshman class, veterans refresher course, and flying this week.

Deed To Airbase

MAXTON—The deed to what was formerly the Laurinburg-Maxton airbase has been turned over to Maxton and Laurinburg jointly. In making the announcement Mayor C. M. Castevens said that a joint committee had been appointed by the two towns to administer the property.

WEWO Will Present Worship Program

An entirely different kind of worship program will begin over Radio Station WEWO, Laurinburg Sunday at 1:30 p. m. The series will be entitled "LIKE A MIGHTY ARMY".

Protestant leaders from eight nations of the world will bring their personal testimony as to the way the Christian people from various lands are facing the tremendous problems of our times.

From Germany we shall hear Pastor Martin Niemoller, the man who defied Hitler and spent eight years in concentration camps. From Switzerland, Dr. James Hutchison Cockburn will tell how the churches are cooperating in Church World Service. Then we shall hear from Scotland the Rev. Sir George F. MacLeod, the head of that unique movement of the Isle of Iona; from England, Dr. E. C. Urwin to London; from Holland, Prof. S. F. H. J. Berkebach of Utrecht; from China, Dr. T. Z. Koo; and from India Dr. Rajah B. Manikam.

Along with these the following famous American church leaders will speak: Moderator John Reed Cunningham of Davidson; Hon. John Foster Dulles of New York; Dr. C. Darby Fulton of Nashville; Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota; and Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson of Richmond.

"Like A Mighty Army" has been produced by the Presbyterian Radio Committee. The music will be furnished by the Presbyterian Choir and by other leading choral groups in the South.

These programs will be followed in turn by other series produced by several denominations which have constituencies in the South and more of are affiliated with one or more of the councils which have recently set up the Southeastern Inter-Council office in Atlanta. The local radio station WEWO is one of over ninety stations in the South which will carry these programs. This number of stations will be greatly increased during the course of the year.

VISIT MR. WOODLEY

Mrs. L. F. Kennedy and niece, Miss Lyda Woodley, who is making her home in Red Springs, visited Miss Woodley's father, who is a patient at the Dunn hospital. Mr. Woodley was injured in an accident last Monday.

E. F. Neighbors Passes Monday

Eugene Franklin Neighbors died at Pittman hospital in Fayetteville Monday morning at 9:45 after an illness of two weeks. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 at the Red Springs Presbyterian church conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Thomas A. Fry, assisted by the Rev. J. Edwin Purcell, D.D. Interment followed in Alloway cemetery.

He was the son of Charles F. Neighbors and the late Mrs. Rosa Dixon Neighbors of Benson. Surviving are his wife, the former Genevieve McMillan of Red Springs; his father; four brothers, Elton V. of Kenly, Charles Fred of Reidsville, Lawrence P. of Easton, Fla.; and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas W. St. George of Southport and Mrs. Glenn S. Morris of Leesburg, Fla.

For 14 years Mr. Neighbors made his home in Fayetteville where he was manager of the shoe department at the Capitol Department store. He moved to Red Springs in 1935, where he was manager of the shoe department for Graham's Department store. In 1940 he opened Neighbors' Shoe store of which he was owner and manager. He later married Genevieve McMillan of Red Springs, who survives. He was a deacon in the Presbyterian church, a member of the Rotary club, and of Masonic Lodge No. 501, in Red Springs.

Active pallbearers were: Reid Grantham, Hiram Grantham, Ben Campen, Dick Bullock, Al Grant, R. D. McMillan, Jr., E. H. Alexander, all of Red Springs, and Tom Thornton of Fayetteville.

Honorary pallbearers were the deacons and elders of the Red Springs Presbyterian church, and Gordon Gibson, W. M. Snoddy, C. E. Leish, Sr., Jack Odum, Bill Renner, and Bobby Graham.

Mrs. E. H. Alexander and Miss Ruth Covington were in charge of the flowers.

War Service List For Maxton

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary are trying to make a complete list of all the men and women who were in the service during World War II, from Maxton and the community. It is hoped that all families will cooperate in this by writing the names and branch of service on a postal card and mailing it to Mrs. E. A. Hellekson, Secretary, American Legion Auxiliary, Maxton, N. C.

Exams At PJC End Semester

MAXTON—Final examinations for the second semester, which begins January 26th, are in progress at Presbyterian Junior College. A new Refresher Course for veterans will begin with the second semester and an opening Freshman Class will permit new students to start college.

NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTMENTS

1st Sgt. J. Dan Klapp reports enlistment of three new members of the local national guard company, Hq Battery 67th aa s w Bn. They are Homer F. Williams, Reid E. Bowles, and Woodrow McDougal.

The battery now has 52 men.

Miss Robertson Taken By Death

Miss Agnes Robertson, who for 22 years taught in the Union, S. C. city schools and who last fall was given a year's leave of absence, died early Monday morning in a hospital at Lumberton, where she was taken Friday.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Union. Burial was in the adjoining cemetery beside her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Robertson, who died years ago.

Miss Robertson took a special course in home economics at Peabody college in Nashville and was reputed to be the first teacher in South Carolina to instruct grammar school girls in the art of homemaking and cooking. This was at Monarch. When taken seriously ill last fall, she was a patient at a hospital in Charlotte and when she needed blood transfusions, four of her former boy students volunteered and gave their blood, hoping to save her life.

Miss Robertson is survived by a sister, Miss Carol Robertson, member of the faculty of Flora Macdonald college, Red Springs. She is the last survivor of the immediate family.

Several students and members of the Flora Macdonald college faculty attended the service.

Rev. Lee Stoffel Accepts Call Of Maxton Presbyterian Church

Lions Minstrel Show Is Planned

The Maxton Lions Club met at the Community Club on Tuesday evening at 7:30. The main topic of discussion at this meeting was the proposed minstrel show slated for the spring, that the Lions plan to sponsor and put on. They formed a committee to work out the details for this minstrel.

The Lions also discussed the proposition of having a nationally known musician, Gilles Guilbert, to come to Maxton and perform. He would be sponsored by the Lions. They have not yet come to a decision as to the date of his personal appearance.

There was a Board of Directors meeting held after the regular meeting.

The ladies of the Youth Fellowship Class of the Methodist Church served the men a tasty fish supper. Considering the miserable weather, the meeting had a good attendance.

Maxton Man Names Fairmont Laundry

FAIRMONT—Jack Castevens, of Maxton, submitted the name selected by "Red" Ashley for use at his recently opened laundry in Fairmont. Mr. Castevens' entry was "Red's Wash House."

The launderette, opened last week, is equipped with automatic Bendix washing machines and a Bendix dryer. Located in the Collins building at the intersection of Main street and the Lumberton highway, the laundry is the first ever opened in Fairmont. Mr. Ashley reported that business for the first week and one-half has been "good."

Two weeks ago Mr. Ashley announced that a contest would be held to select a name for the new laundry, the winner getting four free washings. Numerous names were submitted and Mr. Castevens' entry was chosen.

Concert By St. Louis Sinfoniella To Be Heard In Lumberton Tomorrow

First Concert In Community Concert Ass'n. At Hi School

LUMBERTON—The first of three concerts sponsored by the Lumberton Community Concert Association will be heard at the high school auditorium tomorrow night at 8:15 when Paul Schreiber will direct the twenty-piece St. Louis Sinfoniella in a program which is designed to please all musical tastes.

The Saint Louis Sinfoniella, a "little symphony" consisting of twenty artist-musicians whose members of the association have received their membership cards and the following letter from the association's committee:

"Dear Member: The first concert on the 1947-48 series of the Lumberton Community Concert Association will be presented Friday evening, January 23, at 8:15 p. m. in the Lumberton high school auditorium by the St. Louis Sinfoniella. The program will be published in the papers.

The concerts to follow will be: Hilde Smer, pianist, in February. Time and place will be the same for Miss Somer, Igor Gorin, baritone, on Wednesday, April 14. Mr. Gorin's concert will not begin until 8:30 p. m. in order not to interfere with prayer meeting.

You are asked to be in your seat at the auditorium before the specified time as, in deference to the artists, we cannot seat people during the individual numbers.

Guest tickets for out of town guests not eligible for membership in the association may be purchased at the door for \$2.00.

"If there is a concert which you cannot attend, please lend your membership card to some non-member. If you know of no one who would like to attend, please let Mrs. Alton Price place your card for you.

"Thank you for your interest and cooperation. We shall look forward to sharing with you our first concert venture in the hope that your enthusiastic reception will make good music available in Lumberton for many years to come."

MARSHALS

Beta Sigma Phi, a non-scholastic national sorority made up of young women, will seat the audience. The sorority is sponsored by Mrs. D. N. McGill and Mrs. H. A. Oliver as its advisor. Marshals will be chosen from the sorority to act as ushers. Lumberton's Alpha Omicron chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has as its membership Misses Louise Sanderson, president; Margaret Wilkerson, recording secretary; Virginia Suggs, corresponding secretary; Helen, Stocks, treasurer; Vista Collins, Mary Elizabeth Everleigh, Doris Goodyear, Rometta Hester, Anne McGill, Mrs. Fay Rowles, Betty Spivey, Doris Theodore, Ruby Lois Wallace, Dorothy Watts.