

EASTERN AIR LINES REFUSES SCHEDULED SERVICE TO LUMBERTON

Letter To Mayor Seawell Quotes CAB Decision

AIRPORT BUILDING OPPOSED BY MAYOR

Construction Without Commercial Service Would Be No Benefit

LUMBERTON.—A letter received by Mayor Malcolm B. Seawell from M. M. Frost, vice president of Eastern Air Lines, says that "In its final decision in this proceeding on October 4, 1947, the (Civil Aeronautics) Board failed to specify a need for scheduled commercial airline service to Lumberton." This letter was in answer to a letter written by Mr. Seawell to EAL which requested a "frank statement," for the information of the Airport Commission which is investigating the feasibility of building an administration building at the municipal airport. The expense of the building would be furnished half by the federal government and half by the City of Lumberton, and would require a bond issue by the city.

E. M. Johnson, chairman of the airport commission elected by the Airport Commissioners, had asked for an appointment with EAL officials by telegram; he received a reply by telephone saying that an appointment would gladly be made, but that Eastern would not make Lumberton a scheduled stop without CAB order to do so.

Mr. Seawell's letter from EAL was dated January 28. Under date of January 30 the Lumberton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture wrote Mr. Seawell saying that "These people (EAL) have made us a definite promise to give service to Lumberton . . . and recommending that the commissioners "take immediate action on the construction of the administration building at the airport." The letter went on to say that construction of the building might be used as a lever to persuade EAL to inaugurate schedule here.

The exchange of letters in the matter follows:

Received while this paper was on the press was the following information. (Ed.)

A letter dated June 24, 1943, from EAL 1st vice president Paul Brattain to the Lumberton Chamber of Commerce reads: "May we file your application until we feel the time is opportune. We are anxious to do all willing and given equipment, are able to take care of all the needs of our territory, and that includes you." The chamber of commerce secretary mentions correspondence and conversations since then with Mr. Brattain and the examiner for CAB. He says that CAB has never been asked to consider Lumberton and has therefore never eliminated Lumberton from scheduled commercial service. The secretary quotes a CAB examiner as saying "Lumberton is in line if EAL will file."

Eastern Air Lines, Inc., New York 10, N. Y. Gentlemen:

Recently the Federal Government made available to this City a grant in the amount of sixty-two-thousand and (\$62,000.00) Dollars for improvement of the local airport and for the erection of an administration building. Before accepting this grant it is important for us to know whether or not Eastern Air Lines now, or in the near future, intends to make Lumberton a regular stop.

It is my understanding that this matter was presented to Eastern Air Lines sometime ago. I would appreciate your advising me of any negotiations or decisions which have been made with respect to service for Lumberton.

You will understand, I am sure, that air service for the people of Lumberton will be a most important consideration in our decision as to any improvement for the airport.

I would appreciate a frank statement from you as to the possibility of Lumberton's receiving air service from Eastern Air Lines.

Yours very truly,
Malcolm B. Seawell
Jan. 21, 1948

Hon. Malcolm B. Seawell Mayor Lumberton, N. C. Dear Mayor Seawell:

Thanks very much for your friendly letter of January 21 and for your interest in bringing Eastern Air Lines' service to Lumberton.

The Civil Aeronautics Board, as you may know, is charged with the task of determining the need

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AIRPORT COMMISSION

The Lumberton Airport Commission is composed of the Mayor, the Board of Commissioners, E. M. Johnson, John P. Stedman, and Scott Shepherd. Mr. Johnson, chairman of the commission, and Mr. Stedman were recently appointed to fill the expired terms of J. C. Hutto, and F. K. Biggs, Sr. The chairman, Scott Shepherd, vice chairman, and H. P. Allen, secretary, compose the executive committee of the commission and carry on its business.

Presbytery Men Elect Officers

RED SPRINGS.—Approximately 300 members of Men of the Fayetteville Presbytery meeting at Flora Macdonald College here Wednesday night of last week heard a speech by Col. Leroy McCraw, director of the Presbyterian Program of Progress, and elected two Lumberton men as officers. John Luther McLean was named president of the organization and Alton Price was elected secretary-treasurer.

The meeting was the presbyterial gathering of the Men of Fayetteville presbytery, and they heard Col. Le Craw warn that unless the church spreads the gospel, which is the true basis of democracy, we may expect the spread of Communism and its atheism in the countries of Europe and Asia.

SYNOD'S QUOTA

The quota of the synod of North Carolina for the whole program is \$1,412,390. Fayetteville presbytery's quota is \$167,087, which makes the quota for foreign missions to be raised at once \$34,000. The 300 men gathered here determined the full amount would be raised, and the following churches actually pledged their quotas as follows: Lillingtree, Dunn, Erwin, St. Pauls, Vaughan Memorial (Fayetteville), Fairmont, Lumberton, Parkton and Red Springs.

Mr. Le Craw came here from Sanford, where he met the Men of District Four of Orange presbytery at noon. The night before he had met the laymen of the Presbyterian churches of Guilford county at supper in the Masonic Temple in Greensboro. At both places he presented the program.

S. E. Memory Dies, H. H. Memory Cousin

LUMBERTON.—Simms E. Memory, 92, venerable resident of Whiteville, was buried there Saturday. Funeral services were held at the McKenzie Chapel, Whiteville, and were conducted by Rev. S. N. Lamb, pastor of the Whiteville Baptist Church, assisted by Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church of Lumberton.

Mr. Memory died late Thursday night after having suffered a stroke last Tuesday which paralyzed his left side.

A native of Whiteville, Mr. Memory was the son of the late Col. T. S. Memory and Mrs. Rachel Baldwin Memory. The only survivor in his immediate family is J. L. Memory of Whiteville, his brother.

Attending the funeral from Lumberton were H. H. Memory, first cousin, Mrs. H. H. Memory and Mrs. C. H. Durham.

Farm Bureau Delegates Back

Robeson County's Farm Bureau sent four delegates to the state convention in Asheville last week and in spite of the fact that travel was difficult.

Max Andrews, J. T. Graham, O. P. Owens and W. D. Reynolds report a most satisfactory meeting. They report that travel wasn't too difficult and that the weather in Asheville was much more pleasant than here.

California spends more than any other state on a per capita basis for education.

South Africa may use surplus aircraft hangars for corn storage.

Police Pinch Prowling Porker, City Swilling Sentenced Swine

RED SPRINGS.—A porker which has been "projecking" around the eastern section of town landed in the clink this week. Charges: destruction of private property and disturbing the peace.

The red hog, weighing about 150 pounds, was captured by a crew of town workers after a number of depredations to flower and vegetable gardens were reported by residents. Police investigating the matter have found no claimants for this well-

MARGARET TRUMAN APPEALS FOR POLIO FUNDS



Miss Margaret Truman heads a group of distinguished women in a nation-wide March of Dimes broadcast from the White House arranged by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Front row, left to right: Lady Inverchapel, wife of the British Ambassador; Miss Margaret Truman, and Mrs. Fred Vinsen, wife of the Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

Back row: Lady Balfour, wife of the First Minister of the British Embassy; Mrs. John Baker of Charlotte, N. C., physical therapist, Presbyterian Hospital, and Mrs. Ralph Edwards, wife of Ralph Edwards of The Truth or Consequence radio program.

Fairmont Civic Clubs To Hear Gubernatorial Candidate Johnson

Hotel Fairmont Scene Of Speech Tuesday Evening

FAIRMONT.—Plans are nearing completion for the visit of Chas. M. Johnson to Fairmont on Feb. 6. David M. Britt, secretary of the Fairmont Rotary club which is sponsoring Mr. Johnson, announced this week.

Invitations issued to members of the Civitan club and members of the George Galloway Post of the American Legion sometime ago have been accepted, Mr. Britt stated.

It is expected that approximately one hundred Fairmont residents will be on hand at the Hotel Fairmont next Tuesday evening to hear Mr. Johnson. Now serving as State Treasurer, the speaker is one of the gubernatorial candidates in North Carolina's coming election and much interest will be centered around his visit here. The candidate is speaking at the regular weekly meeting of Fairmont Rotary club which for this occasion will be held at 7:00 p. m.

Howard C. Lewis, secretary of the Fairmont Civitan club, revealed this week that because the club as a body will attend the Tuesday night program their regular Thursday dinner meeting will be cancelled.

Waccamaw Bank Paying Dividend

FAIRMONT.— A dividend of \$1.00 per share, totaling \$20,000.00, is now being distributed to stockholders of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, W. B. Lennon, vice-president of the bank, announced here this week.

The dividend, declared at a recent meeting of the directors of the bank, is payable to approximately 200 stockholders on record as of December 31, 1947. At the same meeting, \$100,000.00 was transferred from undivided profits to the surplus account, bringing it up to \$600,000.00.

Total capital of the Waccamaw Bank is slightly more than one million dollars. With home offices in Whiteville, the bank has branches in Fairmont, Chadbourne, Tabor City, Kenansville, Fair Bluff, Shalotte, Rose Hill, Clarkton and Southport.

Whiteville Forms Concert Assoc.

Whiteville has just completed its membership drive for a Community Concert Series and has secured 600 members. This is of interest to members of the Lumberton association inasmuch as their membership cards will be honored for the Whiteville performances, provided the auditorium there has sufficient capacity for visiting members.

There will be three concerts in the series: the first, this month, will be by the Philharmonic Piano Quartet composed of two men and two women. Elwood Gary, tenor, will appear late in March, and the third artist will be Miss Helen Olheim, Metropolitan opera soprano, who will probably be the outstanding artist of the Whiteville series.

Board Orders Final Survey For RS Sewer Lines

Parking Meters Turned Down; Water - Light Deposit Upped

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The new line will serve an area along the following streets: North Church, North Vance, North Main, and 2nd Avenue. It will be a ten-inch line and will connect with a 230-foot extension just completed which extends from the main lines on Second avenue to the old Fayetteville road.

NO PARKING METERS

Zone parking was approved for the business section of the town with No Parking and 2-Hour Parking spaces to be set up on Main street as soon as the necessary signs can be secured. Agitation for parking meters failed to impress the town fathers, and in discussion of the zoning of business areas for limited parking times, the subject of meters was not even mentioned Tuesday night. Apparently there will be no parking meters on Red Springs streets for sometime to come.

METER DEPOSITS

Meter deposits for new customers of the water and light department were upped by the board, when it was shown that deposits being charged did not cover many accounts. Residential deposits were bounced to a \$5 to \$15 range, depending on use to be made, and commercial deposits were given a new range of \$10 and \$50 depending on current demands of the new businesses.

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Officials of the college have been notified that the photographer will return to the United States later in February, and will probably be heard in Red Springs during the first week in March, on a date yet to be decided, in one of her first appearances after returning.

Funeral Service For James Rozier

Funeral services were held for James Franklin Rozier at the First Baptist church in Lumberton Friday afternoon; the rites were conducted by Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor emeritus, assisted by Rev. R. L. Alexander, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Lumberton.

The death occurred Wednesday, January 28, and was a result of asphyxiation. Mr. Rozier was overcome by smoke in a fire at his home in Lumberton and died shortly after being taken to a hospital.

Active pallbearers were Wilton Stone, Jimmy Maples, Robert Carr, D. B. Todd, Farris Branch, Fred Clifton, and L. E. Fountain.

Mrs. Butler New Voice Society Editor

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Mrs. Trueblood has been forced to resign because personal business demands all of her time and because of the fact that it is probable that she will move from Lumberton in the near future.

Mrs. Butler has had supervision over the LHS Echo page which has been a feature of the Hometown Newspapers since last fall, and so takes on her new duties with reportorial experience behind her. Mrs. Butler can be reached on the telephone at her home, number 487, after school hours; if she cannot be reached, a message to the Hometown Newspapers office, number 624, will be relayed to her.

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PSC Weekly Calendar

PEMBROKE.—The PSC Calendar, for the week of February 6 through February 13, was announced today as follows:

Friday February 6. The Faculty Club will meet in the home ec building at 7:30 p. m.

At 11 a. m. Ross Shumaker, the architect in charge of building plans at PSC, will speak to the student body, on the subject "Architectural Engineering as a Life Work."

Students of Wesley Foundation will go to Winston Salem for a State WF conference, which will be held Feb. 6, 7, and 8.

Saturday, February 7. The PSC cagers will play the Presbyterian Junior College of Maxton, here.

Thursday, February 12. An Interfaith Forum. Protestants will be represented by the Rev. Thomas Fry, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Red Springs; Catholics will be represented by Father Michael of Lumberton and Judaism will be represented by Dr. Allan Tarshish of Alenton, Pa.

Will Resume Fayetteville Law Practice After Present Session

The Hon. J. Bayard Clark, member of Congress for the past 18 years from the 7th N. C. District, today notified Robeson County's Hometown Newspapers that he would not be a candidate for renomination in the primaries this year.

Congressman Clark, whose home is in Fayetteville, states that he plans to re-enter the practice of law there after the present session of Congress.

His announcement reads as follows: "I shall not be a candidate for renomination this year. After the present session of Congress I plan to resume the practice of law at Fayetteville. It has been a privilege to serve the people of the Seventh District and it would not be easy to express how much I appreciate their generous support through the years."

As Representative for the 7th District, Mr. Clark has served the people of Robeson, Cumberland, Bladen, Columbus, New Hanover, Brunswick and Harnett counties for almost the term, being reelected most times without opposition, by substantial majorities whenever other candidates entered the field against him. He succeeded Homer Lyon of Columbus county.

Orthopaedic Clinic Friday

An orthopaedic clinic will be held Friday, February 6, in the basement of the Agriculture Building in Lumberton. Dr. O. L. Miller of Charlotte will be the surgeon in charge. Please register at the desk between 9 and 11 o'clock.

It is estimated that about one in 15 persons bitten by poisonous snakes has been handling the reptiles intentionally.

Armory Site For Red Springs Secured Deed Delivered To General Melts

Building To Be Done In Spring; Finished In June

Mayor E. H. Alexander and Captain George A. Forloines, commanding the Headquarters Battery, 677th AAA AW Battalion, delivered the deed in Raleigh last week to property on which the Red Springs Armory will be built. The deed was turned over to State Adjutant General J. Van B. Melts, commander, and Col. John E. Forney, state maintenance officer for the North Carolina National Guard. Delivery had to be made at this time so that the congressional appropriation could be made for the building; the site had to be provided by the local guard unit.

The land is a three-acre tract lying on the west side of the Wagram road and within the town limits of Red Springs; it is a part of the subdivision of the estate of the late John T. McNeill, Jr. Funds for its purchase were made available by donation from Red Springs citizens and business concerns and by the town of Red Springs.

Construction is to begin early in the spring on the building, which is described as a vehicle storage building, and is expected to be ready for use by June 1.

Scouting Executive Board Meets

A meeting of the executive board of the Cape Fear Area Council Boy Scouts of America was held at Crawford's Tea Room last night at 7:00 p. m. Lumberton men attending were J. R. Poole Jr., Henry Hutaff and C. D. Brothens.

Dr. W. T. Rainey, council president, presided, and Frank Dix, county regional scout executive of Atlanta, spoke on council progress.

The meeting was attended by members of the board from Whiteville, Tabor City, Fayetteville, Elizabethtown, Clarkton, Laurinburg and Lumberton, who heard committee reports on camping and activities, organization and extension, training, finance, advancement and senior scouting.

Primary consideration was given on the report of the camping and activities report of the chairman, Mr. Sandy Marks of Wilmington, who reported plans and progress towards securing a camp site for the council.

Rare stamps brought \$24,400 at a recent four-day sale in London.

Lumbee River Co-Op Construction Proceeds; To Have 1000 Miles Of Line

According to D. J. Dalton, local manager of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, the construction program for the cooperative will proceed at a more rapid pace; the conductor and transformer manufacturers have agreed to step up shipment beginning the first quarter of 1948. Some 230 miles of line in the central part of Robeson county are expected to be completed and energized within the next 30 days. Approximately 100 more miles of line in the eastern part of Robeson county, including all sections of line from Red Springs-Lumberton Highway 211 to the Robeson county line have just been added to the present contract.

The cooperative is more than glad to get this section of Robeson county included on the contract, as it has less power line in comparison to the density of population than any section within the area. The co-op serves the area. The co-op will have three phase service available for approximately 15 miles and two phase serv-