

## Commissioners Allocate Funds For Survey Of Robeson's School Needs

Survey Asked By Red Springs, Fairmont, Lumberton, County Board

COMMISSIONERS TO RECEIVE REPORT

Lack Of \$5 Million In Plants Expected To Be Revealed

At their last regular meeting on February 2 the Robeson County Board of Commissioners authorized the expenditure of \$200 for the purpose of making a survey of the school facilities in Robeson. This action was taken at the request of Adrian B. McRae and Dr. L. R. Hedgpeth who presented the matter for the school boards of Fairmont, Lumberton and Red Springs and the county board of education. The three school boards of the special charter districts in the county and the county board represent the entire educational facilities of the county.

The State Department of Public Instruction will be asked to recommend some one or some group to make the survey which will deal, at this time, largely with the plant facilities of the schools in the county, and will make recommendations as to the additions necessary to equalize facilities in the county. This means that suggested improvements will be made with a view toward bringing all schools to the level of the best. A knowledgeable source of information estimates that such improvements will cost in excess of \$5 million.

The needs of the school system as they are understood by school men, making education a career, include additional plant, additional equipment, additional teachers, proper location and consolidation of some small schools (the latter need being largely peculiar to Negro and Indian schools). The presently contemplated survey will be principally concerned with school plants, but a consideration of plants will inevitably bring up the question of consolidation. The buildings which some schools lack are nearly all gymnasiums and vocational training buildings.

The suggested need of \$5 million will not, of course, be met at once; the survey is intended by school men to give direction to educational expenditures in the future.

Latest official figures place Robeson's expenditure per child for education next to last among the states 100 counties; only Johnston county spends less. The exact amount spent in the school year 1945-46 in Robeson per child per year was \$65.36.

County educators say that the school of the Red Springs special charter district is the best equipped in the county but Red Springs lacks both gymnasium and vocational training building and is lacking in laboratory space and equipment. Red Springs in 1945-46 spent \$79.12 per student and was 37th among the 71 special charter districts of North Carolina in this respect. Lumberton was 64th on the list spending \$67.99; Fairmont was 66th on the list and spent \$66.05 per student. In reverse this puts Red Springs just below the average for the state (among special charter districts), Lumberton 8th from the bottom, and Fairmont 6th from the bottom.

The survey will presumably make recommendations for bringing even the city schools to a higher point of educational efficiency.

In allocating the funds for the survey the board of commissioners specified that the report would be returned to it before it was submitted to any other group.

## Emphasis Week At PJC Feb. 23-29

MAXTON.—Religious Emphasis Week is to be observed February 23-29 at Presbyterian Junior College with the Rev. Sam H. Zealy leading the services.

Mr. Zealy is a native of Augusta, Ga., where he attended junior college. He graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1940 and has served a pastorate at Greensboro, N. C. He is now at Washington, N. C. He will speak twice daily at the college.

The Religious Emphasis Week is annually sponsored by the Student Christian Association and the college.

J. D. McLean, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gibson, Red Springs, spent the week in Knoxville, Tenn. Mrs. McLean and son, Dickie, returned with them to Red Springs after a visit of several weeks with her family.

Mrs. Warren McNeill and Mrs. W. N. Gibson, Red Springs, spent Sunday in Greensboro, visiting Mrs. Gibson's sisters.

## H. A. McKinnon Is Candidate For NC Senate Again

Denies Present Ambition To Seek Congressional Post

LUMBERTON.—Senator Henry A. McKinnon announced to members of the Robeson County Bar Association at a dinner meeting at the Hotel Lorraine Monday that he will seek re-election to the state senate. Senator McKinnon has been mentioned as a possible successor to J. Bayard Clark in congress.

Prior to the meeting at which the announcement was made Wesley C. Watts, who has considered offering for nomination to the state senate, stated that he would not offer if Senator McKinnon cared to seek re-election. Mr. Watts re-affirmed this decision after Senator McKinnon read the following statement:

"Some have honored me by suggesting that I become a candidate for Congress. It seems to me that if the people of this county get behind some Robesonian he would have a good chance of being the next Congressman.

"However, having recently served a term in the State Senate, I feel that my experience there can mean something to me and the county, and I have had no experience in running for or serving in Congress.

"It is my plan to be a candidate for the State Senate this spring. My platform will be the same as two years ago to serve as a people of the county as a whole and the State to the best of my ability.

"Small talk at the dinner was chiefly concerned with politics, but when Mr. McKinnon, presiding in the absence of President Dickson McLean, called on others who have been mentioned as prospective candidates all were noncommittal.

## Music Festival Rehearsals Begin

RED SPRINGS.—French music is to be featured on the program of the Spring Festival to be held April 13 and 14th by the Civic Choral Society of Red Springs. It was decided at the rehearsal Sunday.

The society's choral group will be heard in the famous Requiem of Faure in the first half of the opening program and will be accompanied by the North Carolina Symphony orchestra. The second half of the evening's program will also include the Fourth Piano Concerto by Saint-Saens in which Maurice Dumesnil pianist will be the soloist.

On the next evening, Mr. Dumesnil will again be heard in a concert presenting the piano works of Debussy, Ravel and Fauré.

Robert Reuter, director of the choral group, states that arrangements are being completed for the festival and that both events will be held in the auditorium of Flora Macdonald College. A special addition to the stage will be constructed to accommodate both the 65 piece symphony group and the approximately 100 singers expected to compose the choir which will sing the Faure Requiem.

Rehearsals for the choir will commence in earnest on Sunday, February 15, and will be held each Sunday afternoon, with a special rehearsal with the orchestra and soloists on April 11.

This will be the fourth concert program to be presented by the society since its organization in the fall of 1946.

## Funeral Services For Mrs. McPhaul

RED SPRINGS.—Funeral services for Mrs. Louina Watson McPhaul, 76, were conducted yesterday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. T. A. Fry, pastor, assisted by Dr. H. G. Bedinger and Dr. J. E. Purcell, conducted the services. Burial was in the McNeill cemetery here.

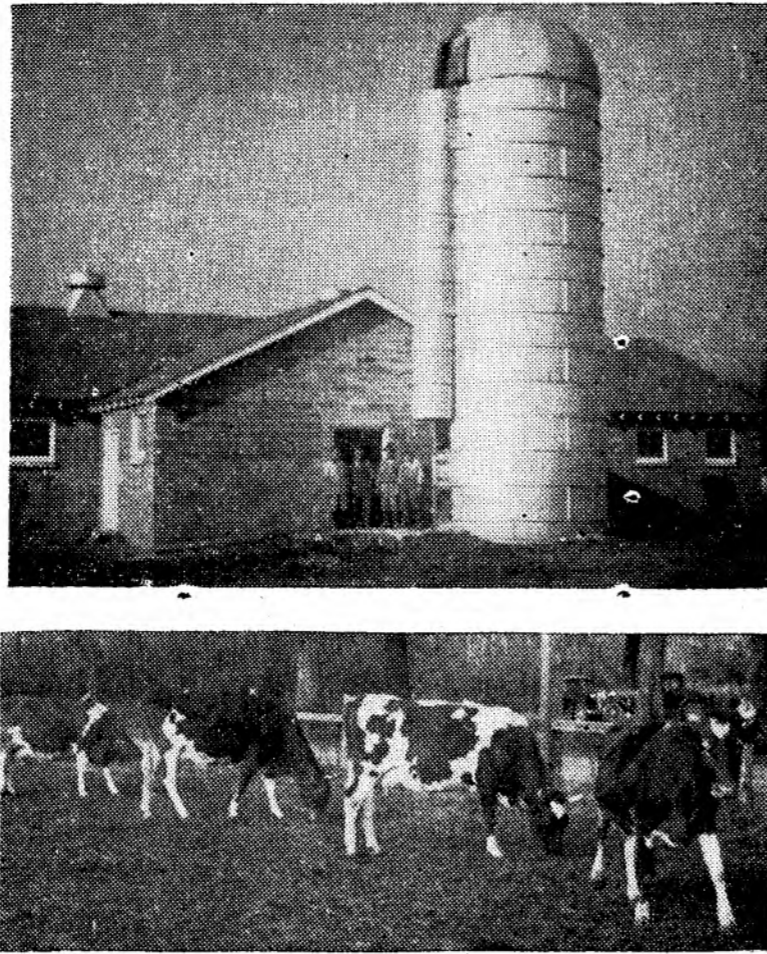
Funeral bearers were: M. M. McManus, J. G. Conley, W. L. McRae, Neil H. Watson, Douglas Cox, Gilbert Hodgkin, N. P. Watson, Jr., and E. C. Bodenheimer.

Mrs. McPhaul was the widow of the late Daniel Archie McPhaul. The daughter of the late Charles and Mary Jane McNeill. She was a descendant of pioneer Scottish settlers of this section. A lifelong resident of Red Springs until 18 months ago when she moved to Morrisson, Virginia, to make her home. Mr. McPhaul died at the home of her daughter there.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. M. B. Brooks; a son, Elbert McPhaul of Red Springs, and one grandson, Elbert McPhaul, Jr. Also surviving is one sister, Miss Nannie Watson of Red Springs.

## DUART FARM HAS NO CASH CROP

—See Story on Front Page Second Section—



Pictured above is the dairy barn of Duart Farm, owned by Scott Shepherd, operated by Myron Duncan, and located on the Fayetteville road about four miles from Lumberton. Below is a part of the pure-bred Duart Guernsey herd grazing on permanent pasture on February 6. Standing in the barn doorway are the dairymen; from left to right, Bert Ivey, James McGirt, Johnson Jacobs, and Silvea Bolin; the first and last named spend all their time with the dairy herd, the others are part time employees.

On the front page of the second section of this paper is a story of the operation and aims of Duart Farm.—Photos by Penn Gray.

## Dimes March On At Red Springs

RED SPRINGS.—The March of Dimes was continued through this week in the Red Springs area due to the weather and the fact that schools were closed, it was stated today by Walter Dudley, chairman for Red Springs.

With a goal of \$1,000, Mr. Dudley stated that \$901 had been reported by various committees on Monday. \$305 was solicited by the business district group composed of Purdie Dorman, Warren McNeill, E. H. Alexander and Bart Lewis. Mrs. C. L. Norwood, chairman for Robbins Cloth Mills district, reported \$260 or \$60 more than was contributed last year.

The school contribution for only a part of the rooms was \$100 and \$136 was taken in collections at the Red Springs Theatre, according to Carl McIlwain, manager. Collection cups have not been taken up, nor has Prof. Peterson, chairman of the negro campaign, reported.

**THEATRE SPECIAL**  
A special show for the school will be held Friday afternoon and all admission fees will be contributed to the campaign. Mr. McIlwain has secured a number of short subjects and cartoons for this show which will be tomorrow if weather permits reopening of schools by that time.

From The Lumberton Argus, July 28, 1905

## McLean - Rozier Company Lumberton The Place

If there be any one pharmacy in Robeson County, that place is the McLean-Rozier Company, Lumberton.

It is just the place where you can get an advanced, careful and well-learned physician, careful and a prescription that will be filled by a skilled, experienced and painstaking registered pharmacist from a fresh stock of goods which have been purchased by the recently organized stock company, everything of the "old school" and every new article which the result of an up-to-date pharmacy demands.

Then too, there is every requisite for the ladies—and they need so many things for their practical uses as well as their adornment.

Now, if she needs any toilet article she can get anything she needs in endless variety and of the best quality.

Everything for the boudoir and bed chamber, including those many necessities of our women—particularly our mothers of today—are displayed to the purchaser of the very latest patterns and the very best quality.

Combs, tooth brushes, hair brushes, whisk brooms, powders, sprays, tooth and talcum powders very choice soaps of all aromas and of all qualities and prices—of the purest that can be made or purchased.

As fine a line of jewelry, silverware and cut glass as can be purchased anywhere, of the latest designs, in solid gold and sterling silver; real cut glass is displayed by them representing a purchase price of several thousand dollars.

and all new Ladies, you will lose the chance of your life if you do not get your sweetheart, brother or your son-in-law to take a trip there! Father, too, but mothers-in-law, take a timely warning and get that fellow to keep his promise that he made before you gave him the hand of your daughter, and land him in your net before he goes broke on the first set of furniture. The writer doubts if there is any better selection of jewelry and ladies' hand-bags in the State than those displayed by the McLean-Rozier Company, Lumberton. All kinds of soft drinks are also dispensed.

There is a soda fountain where all out of press they will have installed a new fountain which they have purchased which has cost the firm over \$1,000.

As fine a line of cigar, pipes, smoking tobacco, etc., as are to be found in any first-class cigar store are offered for sale here—and are sold, too, because the prices are of the best and the quality advances most of the cigar stores of any note in Robeson County.

Sale of Sherwin-Williams paint is a big feature of their business, as are also the sale of pure extracts and of the best makes of proprietary medicines at factory prices.

Mr. Alex T. McLean was born in Robeson County, near Maxton, November 3, 1880.

He attended the local schools in Maxton and also at Prof. W. G. Quackenbush's High School, Laurinburg. He is a Presbyterian, and is a solid business man.

Sketch of Dr. Rozier appears elsewhere, but we desire to state that he is indispensable to the success of the institution as a physician of some note.

J. S. Norman, the registered pharmacist of the company, is a scholarly, whole-souled Kentucky gentleman. He has attended several schools of note, in Kentucky, New York and Chicago, and graduated with high honor after receiving several special marks of honor and distinction in his classes.



Alex T. McLean

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## Charles Hunter Is Made Trustee Of Junior College

Appointed To Fill Unexpired Term Of Late J. P. Wiggins

MAXTON.—The election of Mr. Charles R. Hunter of Blenheim, S. C., to membership on the Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of the late J. P. Wiggins of Bennettsville, S. C., was announced by Presbyterian Junior College today. Mr. Wiggins was one of the founders of the college and a lifelong trustee.

Mr. Hunter has been associated with the college over a period of years. Mr. Hunter graduated from Davidson College in 1925, was principal at Minturn High School, S. C., Chio High School, S. C., and superintendent at Elizabethtown for two years; he took graduate work at the University of North Carolina during the summer and became professor of history and economics at Presbyterian Junior College in 1929. In 1932 he was made Dean of Instruction and served until he resigned in 1934 to assume the position of superintendent of schools in his hometown, Blenheim, S. C.

Later Mr. Hunter was connected with the State Board of Education of South Carolina in the State Schoolbook Commission. In October of the past fall Mr. Hunter became Director of the campaign for endowment being carried on by Presbyterian Junior College and under his leadership the goal of \$150,000 was reached on January 1st of the present year. He has been appointed chairman of the trustee's committee on Alumni Relations.

## Red Robins Will Train At Home

RED SPRINGS.—Arthur Ehlers, director of the Philadelphia Athletics farm system, spent Friday in Red Springs conferring with Business Manager Tom Cope and Manager Red Norris regarding the plans for the 1948 Tobacco State League season.

Red Springs will train at home this year with about 25 boys scheduled to report April 5 to start working out. Manager Red Norris will hold workouts both in the morning and afternoon in getting the club in shape for the league opening April 23 with Lumberton here in Red Springs. Fourteen men will be back with the club from last year and several men with professional experience have been added to the Robins' roster; 12 of the rookies that have been signed by the Athletic scouts have been assigned to Red Springs.

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Welch, West Virginia, of the Appalachian League, will come to Red Springs for their training April 20 for a three weeks stay. Welch is managed this year by Woody Wheaton, former Winston-Salem roommate of Red Norris of Red Springs.

Mr. Ehlers also announced that the Philadelphia Athletics would play in Red Springs April 14 provided train schedules would permit them to come into Fayetteville over to Red Springs, play and return in time to catch a train to Martinsville, Va., to be in there the next day for a game. Definite confirmation of this game is expected within a few days.

## Club Entertained By Miss Robertson

Miss Carol Robertson, faculty sponsor for the Flora Macdonald student International Relations club entertained the club members at a delightful birthday party in the college recreation room on Friday evening in celebration of the third anniversary of the organization of the club.

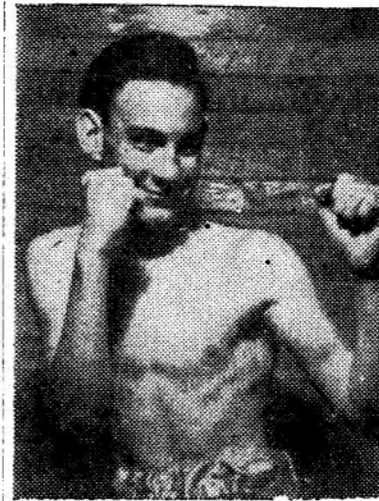
The Valentine motif was stressed in the decorations of red hearts and red candles. The two-tiered cake, topped with three red candles, was cut by Evelyn Waddell, club president, and the candles were blown out by Lillian Snead, vice president. Janet Smith, secretary-treasurer, and Flora Riggan, custodian of the scrapbook.

Helen Turner was chairman of the decoration committee, Claire Williams of invitations, Irene Barden of entertainment, and Dorothy Fields of refreshments.

Ice cream cherry tarts, nuts and mints were served with the birthday cake.

## Judge Nimocks Issues Order To Stop Beer - Wine Election

### Lumberton Team Out For GG Glory



ROY HERRING

By Billy Doug Norment  
LUMBERTON.—Boxing Coach Charles Barnes says that Lumberton's Captain Roy Herring, flyweight champion of the Fayetteville Bi-State Golden Gloves held January 5-7, will lead his fighting team of boxers, the Lumberton Trojans, into the Charlotte Carolinas Golden Gloves boxing tournament to be held Feb. 18, 20, 21, 22 at the Charlotte armory.

Herring will be a logical contender for the novice flyweight championship. He is as fine a flyweight boxer as you will find in this section and has fought among the best.

The Trojans have other fine boxers also on their team. The team is composed of Captain Roy Herring, flyweight; Carl Stoker, bantamweight; Haywood Davis, lightweight; Charles Palas, welterweight; and two brothers from Whiteville fighting for Lumberton, Crowell Williamson, featherweight, and Eldred Williamson, lightweight. Crowell Williamson is one of the top contenders for the featherweight crown.

The Trojans have had a championship every year in some outstanding golden gloves tourney. They have won three team championships in the six years that they have been organized. In 1944 the Trojans won the Charlotte novice team championship trophy. That was the year they had such outstanding boxers as J. B. Walters, flyweight champion and winner of the knockout trophy, and Fred Barnes. In 1946 the Lumberton Trojans won the Piedmont Golden Gloves novice team championship at Greensboro. On January 7, 1948, the outstanding Trojans won the

### Restraining Order Served On Elections Board Last Night

Weed Allotments Out Tomorrow

Will this be a lucky or unlucky day for Robeson farmers? Only time will tell. Local committeemen will distribute allotments to farmers at thirty-six different points in Robeson County on Friday. Many farmers will realize more fully the importance of the acreage reduction on their 1948 income. "Some people are still thinking and hoping the acreage cut will be reduced. Most of the agitation for a lower cut is of a political nature, politicians bidding for the farmer's vote," says County Farm Agent O. P. Owens, "my prediction is the cut will remain at 27.52 percent as announced."

### Presbyterian Church Notes

RED SPRINGS.—The Rev. R. Murphy Williams, of Greensboro, presented the cause of the Presbyterian home for the aged at services at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday. He explained that a goal of half million dollars had been set for this purpose and that a site at Greensboro had been secured.

Neill P. Clinton will be installed and James W. Carruth will be ordained and installed at the morning service next Sunday, it was stated today by the Rev. Thomas Fry, pastor.

The Day of Prayer service has been postponed from Friday until Monday afternoon at 3:30. It will be a union service in which all the churches will participate. Place of the service will be announced at services Sunday.

The Boy Scout collection of clothing for European relief will be conducted on Tuesday, February 17.

Rebecca McKinnon, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Robert McKinnon, received the sacrament of baptism at the morning service last Sunday.

Fayetteville novice team crown.

Besides the team championship they emerged with two champions, Roy Herring, flyweight, and Howard Martin, Jr., welterweight. Not only did they come back with two champions, but they also had 5 runnersup. The Lumberton team is a good bet to come back with the Carolinas novice team championship again this year.—Photo courtesy Billy Doug Norment.

## Pianist Hilde Somer Concert Feb. 23 Second In Lumberton Assoc. Series

A native of Vienna, Hilde Somer, young pianist will appear at the Lumberton high school auditorium on Monday evening of February 23. This is the second of three concerts which will be heard by the association this season. Last artist in the series is Igor Gorin, baritone, who will appear on April 14.

Even in Vienna, where musical prodigies used to be as thick as the whipped cream on the coffee, Hilde Somer was a special little girl. Born on February 11, 1922, she was the child of musical parents. Her mother, a graduate of the Vienna Music Academy, was a piano teacher; her father, a lawyer by profession, was a singer by avocation.

Her first teacher, Anka Bernstein-Landau, guided her so well that at eleven she played Mozart's Concerto in A major in public and at twelve gave her first piano recital in Vienna at thirteen she was assisting artist in concerts of the opera singers Elisabeth Schumann and Erna Sack and made her Italian debut in Milan.

All this time Hilde continued her studies, working two years intensively under Hedwig Rosenthal-Kanner, the wife of Moritz Rosenthal. She then gave a concert — November 18, 1936 — at which, with the Vienna Symphony Orchestra, she played four piano concerti, of Bach, Mendelssohn, Mozart and Liszt. It was, wrote the papers, a spectacular performance for so young a girl. Concerts in Zagreb, Prague, Geneva and Rome followed, as well as appearances with major orchestras such as the Czech philharmonic under George Szell. By 1938 her reputation had spread. An intensive tour was booked, covering all of Central Europe and Italy, with the Vienna May Festival as its climax. But only the concert in Budapest was destined to take place. On March 11, 1938, the Germans occupied Austria. Hilde and her parents left for America.

To Rudolf Serkin, the famous



MISS SOMER

pianist who years before had written to my dear young colleague with best wishes for a bright future," she now turned for advice. On his suggestion she enrolled at the Curtis Institute on Music where she won a scholarship, took general musical courses as well as special work under Serkin, and was graduated after only two years study in May 1941.

Another summer was spent in preparation for a New York recital. On October 20, at Town Hall, Hilde Somer proved herself on the road to fame. The pretty little Viennese prodigy had grown into a fine artist with big things ahead.

Since that time Miss Somer has worked under Jose Iturbi, and has appeared with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Indianapolis Symphony, the Cleveland orchestra, the Scranton Philharmonic, and the Chicago Symphony. This year, 1947-48, is the young artist's fifth concert tour of the country.

### Plaintiffs Charge Unqualified Voters Signed Petition

A temporary restraining order signed by Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Judge Superior Court, was served on "George Lewis Pate, chairman, Mrs. Daisy Meehan, secretary, and J. W. Sellers composing the County Board of Elections of Robeson County" last night; the order enjoined the board from holding the scheduled beer-wine election on Saturday, February 14.

Plaintiffs in the action were "A. C. Penny, Kenneth M. Boyd, James A. Smith, W. G. Smith, L. T. Late Bulletin

**HEARING TOMORROW**  
In a telephone conversation from the federal court building in Fayetteville late this afternoon, Judge Leo Carr revealed that Judge Q. K. Nimocks has agreed, at the insistence of parties concerned, to modify his restraining order issued yesterday, to the extent of moving the hearing originally scheduled for February 23 to tomorrow afternoon.

Judge Carr said that although he has received no written order Judge Nimocks has told him that such an order is being issued today and that the hearing will be tomorrow, February 13, at 2 o'clock p. m. in the court house in Fayetteville.

Judge Nimocks has illness in his family and the Hometown papers were unable to contact him.

Since no county paper will be printed after the hearing in Fayetteville tomorrow, results of the hearing will be broadcast by radio, and, according to information received, by a corps of volunteers on the telephone.

Broadwell, W. A. Newberry, C. L. Dees, citizens, tax payers, and eligible voters of Robeson County, North Carolina. Bond was set by Judge Nimocks at \$200 and was made by A. C. Penny, as principal, and A. L. Wilson as surety.

The plaintiffs base their plea on what they claim to be a faulty petition for the election. It is necessary that 15 per cent of the qualified voters petition for a special election and it is claimed that, besides other technical flaws in the document, the necessary 15 per cent of qualified voters was not on the petition.

### THE JUDGMENT

Judge Nimocks in his order said: "It appearing from said complaint and the court finding, for the purpose of this order, only that the said petition is insufficient to justify the holding of said election, and that the holding of the said election would be illegal, and that an election would be an unnecessary expense to the qualified voters and taxpayers . . . it is ordered: The defendants . . . are hereby restrained and enjoined from continuing or holding said special election . . . It is further ordered that said defendants appear before His Honor, Leo Carr, Judge Superior Court, at the courthouse in Lumberton on the 23rd day of February, 1948, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. . . and show cause . . . why this restraining order should not be continued to the final hearing."

**THE COMPLAINT**  
The complaint asks that the board be enjoined from holding the election and says that "the petition for the election" "does not disclose that the signers of the said petition were registered voters in the last election for Governor of the State of North Carolina nor . . . that the signers of the petition were registered voters in Robeson County and that they voted in the last general election . . ." The complaint also says that the petition for the election does not meet the requirements of sub-section C, section 1, of chapter 1084 Public Law of N. C. for 1947. The plaintiffs believe that a "great number of names appearing are under 21 years . . ." and that the petitioners do not constitute 15 per cent of the qualified voters.

### FAIRMONT TO SOON HAVE SAW MILL

FAIRMONT.—Announcement was made this week by Wilton Lewis and Carl DeVane that the DeVane Planning Mill is to install a saw mill as soon as weather permits. The planning company, located directly behind the Lewis-Brady Builders Supply buildings, will be equipped to do custom sawing and lumber dressing for the general public.

Mr. DeVane will serve as manager of the new mill.

Hiram Grantham of Red Springs, returned today from a trip of several days to Alabama and Georgia.