

5,000 Witness Ceremony Held At Florence Air Line Terminal

Mayor Jones Guest At EAL Reception

FAIRMONT—Some 5,000 people from eastern North and South Carolina gathered at the new air line terminal in Florence Monday to witness the ceremony for the resumption of Eastern Air Line Service there.

Mayor Ernest G. Jones was invited to participate in this gala occasion and to represent Fairmont. Senators Burnet R. Maybank and Olin D. Johnston were in the group along with Governor and Mrs. J. Strom Thurmond. Upon arrival of the southbound silverliner, State Senator P. M. McEachin introduced the visitors. In addition to Eastern Air Line officials arriving on the plane were Mayor Haskell Thomas and other Florence officials. A 40-piece Marine band played while Army Air Force personnel put on an aerial show that thrilled the crowd.

The invited guests were honored at a luncheon at the VFW club house near the air base. Mayor Jones was introduced at the luncheon and expressed his pleasure at being present and his congratulations to Florence for being a new terminal on the Eastern Air Lines. Florence will now be served twice daily by air transportation, southbound at 12:15 P. M., and northbound at 1:15 P. M.

Hope For Legion Baseball Team

RED SPRINGS.—To have or not to have Legion baseball is the question confronting the members of Charlie Hall post this week. Baseball was discussed Monday night at the regular post meeting, after which Commander E. H. Alexander appointed a committee headed by E. H. Grant to survey the situation this year and report in April.

The committee met later that evening and plans for sounding out the possibilities of a team for the year were formed, with another meeting set for Monday evening, March 8, at Legion Hall. Problems facing the group include the selection of an athletic officer who will have the time to devote to the management of the team throughout the training and playing season, and selection of a coach for training and playing direction.

Red Springs has always drawn on the high school playing groups from a number of neighboring towns and has had several successful seasons of Junior Legion play. Last season's team was broken up almost before it started due to an arbitrary ruling which was abrogated later in the winter by national athletic officers. However, this situation has not been clarified in the Legion rules and state lines cannot be crossed in securing players.

It has been proposed that Charlie Hall post seek the joint support of Posts in nearby towns to seek out and secure high school players who are eligible and to jointly sponsor the team here this year. Little additional equipment will be required for fielding the team this season and the committee agreed that every effort should be made to continue this citizenship activity of the post.

Members of the committee are: Mr. Grant, R. D. McMillan, Jr., A. C. Stephenson, Chuck Arrington, Jim Carruth, and Donald Cox. Those interested in continuing this absorbing junior sport are asked to express their assurance of cooperation to members of this committee prior to the committee meeting set for next Monday evening.

Rev. Dickens At Centre Church

MAXTON.—The Reverend J. Roy Dickens of Concord, N. C., will be the guest minister at Centre Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, March 14th. Members and friends of Centre church are invited and urged to attend the service.

Rev. Appleby Guest Minister Sunday

MAXTON.—Reverend James A. Appleby, Director of Fairmont at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., will be the guest minister for both services on Sunday, March 7th, at the First Presbyterian Church. Reverend Appleby is a former pastor of the Maxton church.

TWO FAIRMONT SAILORS SERVING TOGETHER

James Johnson, pharmacist's mate second class, U.S.N., son of J. B. Johnson, of Red Springs, and James Richard Baufie, chief machinist's mate U.S.N., husband of Mrs. Agnes Baufie of Route 2, Fairmont, are serving aboard the naval auxiliary repair ship USS Amphion now at the New York Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, N. Y., for repair and overhaul.

Mrs. Lily O. Sinclair Funeral Yesterday

MAXTON.—Mrs. Lily O'Brian Sinclair, daughter of the late William Leslie O'Brian and Martha Ann Hargrove of South Carolina, died at her home in Maxton, Route 3, Monday afternoon after an illness of two years.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 a. m. at the home, conducted by Dr. H. G. Bedinger, president of Flora Macdonald college, assisted by the Rev. Lloyd T. Mauney, pastor of Red Springs Baptist church. Interment followed in the McEachin cemetery. Surviving are four sons, W. T. of Staunton, Va., S. H. of the home, D. P. of Red Springs, N. C., of Wallace, two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Dodd of Waco and Mrs. Hoyle Smith of the home; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Week's Sports At Red Springs Hi

By BILL COLEMAN
Last week was "one of those weeks" for the members of the basketball teams of Red Springs Schools.

Tuesday night we were hosts to Philadelphia and greeted them with a "B" team win for the Red Devils boys. The score, a close 20 to 19, shows plenty well how tight and interesting the game was. Ammons topped the Bees in scoring with 12 points.

The Red Springs girls took an early lead in their game and held it throughout. McArthur added 20 points to her season's scoring record, while Bruce was high with 10 points for the lassies from Philadelphia.

The boys' game was another scrappy one and the Springs just couldn't quite stay in the lead. When the final whistle sounded the score added the visitors were in the lead 21 to 20. Smith for Philadelphia and Beck for the Devils each had 3 points to lead the scoring.

Friday night St. Pauls came to Red Springs. In a special contest the visitors 8th grade team won over the Springs A-Ters 20 to 11. The girls' varsity game was another of those "edge of the seats" affairs for the fans with a final score of 18 to 17 in favor of the Springs. McPhaul for the Springs and McGoogan for St. Pauls were tied at 9-all for scoring honors.

The boys' game was the last of the regularly scheduled games of the season and the Springs turned loose a flock of bedlam in the opening minutes of the encounter and at the end of the first period in the lead 20 to 5. The final score was 15 to 17, with the second team playing most of the last quarter. Coleman was high scorer with 20 points.

This week the Robeson county tournament opened Monday and the Springs boys' team took their first game with Smith. Monday afternoon 35 to 18. The girls played B. T. Wednesday afternoon at 6:30. With the St. Pauls games we ended our regular season and to all our faithful followers throughout the season our teams wish to express our sincere appreciation for your support. Your support has enabled us to secure equipment for our athletic program, and your encouragement has given additional spirit to our teams in interschool competition. Too, in many other ways have you contributed to our school system and now it has to scholastic rating for this district through this aid you have given—a fact of which the student body is highly appreciative.

Mormax Club To Meet March 11

MAXTON.—The monthly meeting of the Maxton Mormax Club will be held at 7 p. m. Thursday, March 11th at the Maxton Community Club. Following a dinner served by the Woman's Club, a representative of the State Department of Conservation and Development will show a motion picture film on wild life in North Carolina which promises to be a most interesting program.

Members of the club are urged to make plans to attend.

New Sales Manager For Daystrom

The appointment of William E. Brackett as sales manager of Daystrom Laminates, Incorporated, Daystrom, N. C., has been announced by ATF Incorporated, Elizabeth, N. J., the parent company.

Mr. Brackett will make his headquarters in Harrisburg, Pa., where the Daystrom company maintains its sales office and warehousing facilities.

Lumberton J-C Sponsors Corn Contest In '48

Takes Project From Inactive Robeson County Club

LUMBERTON.—A corn contest in Robeson will be held this year under the sponsorship of the Lumberton Junior Chamber of Commerce which will offer about \$300 in prizes to contestants. \$270 was won last year by 15 prize winners.

Purpose of the contest is to promote the production of corn in the county through increased yield per acre by the use of improved fertilization, cultivation, management, and seed, which will decrease the unit cost. Besides its value as human food corn is the basis of all mixed feeds for livestock and poultry; a decreased unit cost through increased yield would promote the raising of livestock and poultry.

The average yield of corn in Robeson is slightly over 20 bushels per acre; the average yield in North Carolina was increased from 21 bushels in 1936-1945 to 30.5 bushels per acre in 1947. The contest is designed to decrease this gap between Robeson production and the state average.

CONTEST RULES

The contest will be conducted under the following rules:

1. Eligibility. Any person in Robeson county may participate by planting at least 2 acres of corn.

2. Records. Contestant must furnish information as to preparation of land, seed variety, kind and amount of fertilizer, how cultivated.

3. Entrance. To enter an application must be mailed to County Agent's office in Lumberton on or before April 15, 1948.

4. Determining Yield. Standard method of calculating yield employed by NC Extension Service will be used. Cards for this will be furnished by County Agent.

5. Awards 1st prize \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25, next 12 \$10 each. Persons winning previous contests must exceed previous record to be eligible for prize.

Bourke-White Tells Of Her Days In India

By Hometown Staff
Margaret Bourke-White's perfectly charming personality made her lecture at Flora Macdonald college last night most entertaining. Her recounting of events in India since it attained dominion status, and more particularly immediately before and since the assassination of Gandhi, were entirely familiar to anyone who makes an attempt to keep abreast of current events. The rather high pitched droning quality her voice attained while recounting these common-knowledge facts was difficult to follow and almost seemed to indicate a degree of boredom with the account on her part.

But when Miss Bourke-White changed the pace of her lecture to recount some personal experience side-light on the Indian situation both her voice and her manner changed completely. Her descriptions of personal interviews with Gandhi, Jinnah and Nehru, and her accounts of Moslem and Hindu customs turned her into a brilliant conversationalist rather than a lecturer; she strained, then, toward her audience, and laughed with delight at her listeners' appreciation of her jokes.

Miss Bourke-White's complete understanding of Indian events became apparent in the answers she gave to questions which she invited at the end of her lecture. She quoted Pandit Nehru as saying that it was time for Indians to decide "what we should be," and she quoted Jinnah, who made and controls Pakistan, as saying that Pakistan means more to America than America means to Pakistan because Pakistan borders on Russia.

Finally Miss Bourke-White obliged Robert Reuter's request that she sing a typical Indian chant, her knowledge of which seems typical of the thoroughness with which this most distinguished of photographers has investigated India—and for that matter, the world.

Begin Wednesday Afternoon Holidays

A group of business houses of Red Springs began their Wednesday afternoon holiday yesterday, closing at 1 p. m. They were Amos, Saramac and Home Furniture stores; and Blackwoods auto accessory store.

It is expected that others will begin their summer half-holiday in April.

Thrower Opens General Store

RED SPRINGS.—Fairley E. Thrower today announced the opening of his new store which was completed this week. It is located on the Rowland highway at the Philadelphia road intersection.

A stock of fancy and heavy groceries, poultry and stock feeds, farm hardware and garden and field crop seed is being carried. Harold Thrower will be associated with his father in the business, Mr. Thrower states. Mr. Thrower has been in business in Red Springs for 23 years and until last November operated a feed and seed concern in the Singleton building. Upon its sale he surrendered his lease and began construction of the new building near the farm home of Lathrop Bule.

Mr. Thrower states that he will continue to handle baby chicks each season and will also buy and sell farm produce every day as has been his custom for many years.

New Manager Maxton Theatre

MAXTON.—The Maxton Theatre underwent a change in management this week, with D. L. Stone, Jr., of Maxton taking over as the new manager. H. S. Jackson, retiring manager, who has been with the Theatre approximately two years, left this week for Chadburn, where he has purchased a farm.

Mr. Stone is a veteran of World War II, having served two and a half years with the U. S. Navy in the Pacific Theater of war. He is the son of Mrs. D. L. Stone of Maxton. He has recently been associated with the Southern Dixie Insurance Company.

Red Springs R-C Drive Mar. 8-9-10

The drive in the Red Springs area, which includes Philadelphia, Reidsville, Wakefield and Shannon, will be conducted Monday and Tuesday, it was stated today by James E. Watson, area chairman. Supplies are being delivered to workers today and Mr. Watson expects that these workers will make their reports by Wednesday afternoon.

Neill P. Clinton is serving as treasurer of the drive and Leslie Baldwin is secretary. The goal for this drive has been set at \$800 by the county committee. Last year the area contributed nearly \$1300.

Dr. McCall Baptist Hour Speaker

The Things That Are Caesar's is the subject of the Baptist Hour for March 7, with Dr. Duke K. McCall of Nashville, Tenn., as speaker. It was announced today by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist convention, Atlanta, S. F. Lowe, director. Heard over stations WPTF and WSOC (6:30 a. m. EST), the Baptist Hour series, Divinity Light for Daily Living, considers the broader areas of Christian citizenship during March.

WF Frats Pledge Robeson Men

Among the 161 pledges to Wake Forest fraternities announced this week by the College Pan Hellenic council were the following: to Alpha Sigma Phi, Charles Parrell, Lumberton, and Emmett White, Maxton; to Pi Kappa Alpha, Samuel Britt, Everett Henry and Charles Kinlaw, all of Lumberton.

State Auditor Speaks At Pembroke, Red Springs; NC In Sound Shape

Henry L. Bridges Says Schools Get Large Appropriation

"In the event of a sudden recession in business resulting in declining revenue for the state, our cash position is such that the public service would continue for several years without interruption or diminished efforts," said Henry L. Bridges, auditor of the State of North Carolina, while addressing an audience at Pembroke State College Friday afternoon and the Red Springs Rotary Club Friday night.

Mr. Bridges was introduced to the Pembroke audience by R. D. Wellons, PSC president, and to the Rotary audience at the Red Springs Legion Hall by program chairman W. S. Morgan. "The excellent financial condition of the state has not been achieved at the expense of our institutions and agencies," the appropriations for these services has grown rapidly, said Mr. Bridges. "The general fund appropriation has been increased from less than \$100 million for the biennium just prior to the war to \$190 million for the present biennium. Our largest general fund appropriation is for

Greene Maxton Red Cross Chm.

MAXTON.—Alton C. Greene was appointed this week to serve as Maxton Chairman for the local American Red Cross Drive which will get underway on Monday, March 8th. The Maxton branch notes this year is \$700.00. In 1947, Maxton raised \$892.30 and in 1946, \$1243.50, toward the Red Cross campaign. Mr. Greene announced that residential chairmen would be appointed to aid in the house to house canvass.

Basic O'Conner, president of the American National Red Cross, in a prepared statement stated "that the Red Cross story is one of tremendous teamwork—of sharing and giving. It is a graphic demonstration of neighbor helping neighbor. It is the story of men, women, and children who know that a stronger America emerges as the cares of the needy and distressed are relieved. When you support the Red Cross, you are one of the many, many neighbors united in a common cause, united by the one banner under which all men may serve—the Red Cross."

"Red" Lucas To Leave Lum'ion

Charles R. "Red" Lucas will manage the Decatur club in the Three I league this year. Announcement of the promotion of Lucas from the managerial post at Lumberton to Decatur was made today by Jack Sheehan, director of the Chicago Cubs' minor league clubs.

Lucas led the Lumberton Cubs into second place last year in the Tobacco State league after spending much of the first half of the season in the second division.

The 1948 manager of the Lumberton Cubs was not named.

Mrs. Sara Tene Gillis Funeral Sunday

RED SPRINGS.—Funeral services for Mrs. Sara Tene Gillis, 77, were conducted from the chapel of the Red Springs Funeral Home Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Lloyd Mauney, pastor of the Red Springs Baptist Church. Burial services were conducted at the graveside at Candor Cemetery later in the afternoon.

Mrs. Gillis, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chet C. Smith on Cross Street, was the widow of the late Malcolm Gillis of Montgomery county. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Smith, another daughter, Mrs. S. O. Ring, of Vista, Calif., and a son, B. C. Gillis of Daytona Beach, Fla.

Coleman Training At Sarasota

RED SPRINGS.—Hamp Coleman, former Red Springs Legion star, who had a total of 17 wins in 22 starts last season with Roanoke, Va., in Class "A" baseball, has reported to the Boston Red Sox training center at Sarasota, Fla.

Hamp had expected to be assigned to the Louisville club this season in AAA ball, and does not know yet whether he is being given a chance to jump from Class A to the Majors or whether he has been called down to pitch for Ted Williams batting practice. When he left last week, however, he stated that he felt like he had a good chance ahead of him where ever he played. He had added some weight during the winter and appeared to be in excellent physical condition.

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Robeson Granges Hold Parley In Lum-ion Monday

LUMBERTON.—County Granges gathered for a dinner meeting Monday night at the call of Deputy Grange Master W. K. Bethune to hear N. C. State Grange Master H. B. Caldwell of Greensboro address them. The dinner-convention held at the Lorraine Hotel, was attended by approximately 100 persons representing ten granges and various public and civic organizations of the county.

H. B. Caldwell made the principal address of the evening in which he said that the big problem of farmer income stabilization lay in the movement of farm products from locations of abundance to places of scarcity; he said that the Grange and similar organizations are agencies for solving this problem.

Nelson Sabin Sings At Schools

Red Springs And Lumberton To Hear Baritone

The Carnegie Hall Concert Association has arranged with T. L. White and W. R. Dudley, principals of Lumberton and Red Springs high schools respectively, for concerts at both schools by Nelson Sabin, a great baritone, on March 12.

Mr. Sabin will sing at Lumberton high school at 1:00 p. m. and at Red Springs high school at 2:15 next Friday. His program will be a popular one and will include music from "The Vagabond King" and music by Gerhart Hauptmann and Romberg. The admission price will be nominal.

Few artists have enjoyed such universal acclaim as this American baritone. He has studied under the tutelage of Enrico Rosati, the well known teacher of Gigli, James Melton and Anna Kaskas. Mr. Sabin is this great master's outstanding exponent of lyrical singing today. Mr. Sabin made his operatic debut in Chicago, where the press and public received him with great acclaim. He has since toured the United States, South America, Central America and Canada several times. NBC and CBS, coast to coast radio networks, engaged him to sing as soloist; he has appeared for many seasons on the Celgate Hour, Maxwell House Coffee program with Mark Warshaw, and the Gulf Show. A New York critic exclaimed: "Nelson Sabin is truly an authority of the American folk songs of today."

D. P. Wilkinson Dies Sunday

MAXTON.—D. P. Wilkinson died Sunday morning at the Scotland County Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Forrest Young and Rev. C. J. Andrews of Maxton at eleven o'clock Monday morning at the home. Pallbearers were J. L. Pace, Alec Wilkinson, J. B. McCallum, Dr. J. D. Croom, T. F. Morrison and L. B. Martin, Sr. Miss Edna Seals was in charge of the flowers.

Burial was in the Oakgrove Cemetery in Maxton. He was the son of the late Archibald and Christina Wilkinson and is survived by one brother, Arch Wilkinson of Maxton.

McNeill National Cleaners Director

RED SPRINGS.—Warren McNeill, of McNeill Cleaners and Tailors, will attend the convention of the National Institute of Cleaning and Dyeing in San Francisco, Calif., March 7-11. Mr. McNeill is one of 12 regional directors in the nation.

Newest methods of cleaning and dyeing will be discussed and displays of the latest in plant machinery will be shown and demonstrated during the meeting.

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Mother Of Editor Of Messenger Dies Yesterday

FAIRMONT.—Mrs. John Rogers Townsend, 59, mother of Miss Ree Townsend who has been editor of the Fairmont Times-Messenger, died at the Marlboro General hospital in Bennettsville, S. C., yesterday morning. Mrs. Townsend, of the Brownsville section, near Blenheim, had been a patient at the hospital since Sunday.

She was the former Miss Mary Terrell Rogers, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rogers of the Brownsville section. She was a graduate of Lander college and for some years taught in the schools of North Carolina and South Carolina.

When she was stricken about 10 days ago, she was teaching in the Blenheim school.

She is survived by her husband and the following children, John Rogers Townsend, of the home; Carlos Rogers Townsend of Spartanburg, Miss Carlotta Patti Townsend of Augusta, Ga., and Miss Ida Marie Townsend of Fairmont, N. C.; a sister, Miss Carlotta Rogers, and two brothers, Algeron E. Rogers and W. Elber Rogers, all of Marlboro county, and an aunt, Miss Eva Elber, of Latta. Funeral services were conducted at the home this afternoon at 4.

Interment was in the Drake cemetery at Blenheim.

Kick-Off Meet For Red Cross Drive March 8-13 Held Tuesday

L'ton Law Student Retiring Officer Of Carolina Fraternity

LUMBERTON.—Joe H. Barrington, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Barrington of Lumberton, participated in a luncheon program at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill recently when officers of Phi Delta Phi relinquished their posts to the newly elected officers.

At the installation meeting Col. William T. Joyner of the Raleigh bar association, discussed practical problems facing the lawyer in removal of suits from the state courts to federal courts.

Joe is retiring clerk of the international legal fraternity's Vance Inn chapter. He has been succeeded by Livingston Vernon of Morganton.

Dennis Cox On Civitan Program

FAIRMONT.—The Civitans, Civitanettes, Sea Scouts and their "sweeties" appeared to have a gala evening last Thursday at their ladies night program. All in spite of the fact that part of the program was cancelled at the last minute.

Miss Dot Granam and Franklin Mercer both were absent because of illness and the program committee were sent into quite a whirl as a result. However, they rallied to the cause, and the comments by those present were in favor of a very entertaining evening.

Each table in the dining room was centered with an arrangement of red and white camellias and each lady was presented with one of these as a souvenir of the evening.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. D. L. Jones, Charlie Stafford, representing the Rotary club, gave the invocation. M. S. Huston, Civitan president, introduced Lt. Gov. F. Wayland Floyd, who spoke briefly on the meaning of citizenship and sold of some of the things that the club is sponsoring. After the usual welcomes and responses, George Atherton, chairman of the program committee, introduced the speaker of the evening, Dennis Cox, of Mullins, S. C.

Mr. Cox gave a most unusual talk on "Progress in Business" and in his inimitable manner managed to pull a gag on practically every member of the club. According to several listeners, he ran a close second to Gus Travis in his mode of exaggeration. This was evidenced in the close attention of his audience.

Following Mr. Cox, Miss Catherine Oliver of Marietta sang "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and asked the club to join in the second chorus.

The climax of the program was reached when Mr. Cox announced that hard times might be just around the corner and that he wanted to try out two members of the club for the new profession of window dressing. He called Vance Hinesworth and Dr. Phil Fagan to the front. These two were presented with dummies furnished by Floyd's Specialty and Weinstein's. Each was then given a box of clothes and the race was on to see which could dress the dummy in the shortest period of time. Dr. Fagan was declared the winner, although the race was a close one and afforded many laughs.

Approximately one hundred guests were present and all reports were of a pleasant evening with requests for another in the near future.

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