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Reid Commends Schoolmen

Paul Reid Speaks At Fairmont To Schoolmen And Commissioners On State-County Cooperation In Schools

FAIRMONT—Robeson county has taken an important step toward bettering its educational facilities by seeking and providing for a detailed survey of its educational plants and recommendations for extension of these plants to meet present and future needs, schoolmen and county commissioners were told last night in an address by Paul Reid, comptroller of the North Carolina Board of Education.

Mr. Reid was speaking at the March meeting of the United Board of Trustees of the special charter districts of the county, at which special guests were: County Manager W. D. Reynolds, County Supt. of Education C. L. Green, Adrian McRae, chairman of the county board of education, and the following members of the Board of County Commissioners: Chairman C. A. Hasty, Rufus McQueen, J. Dunk Herring, Talmadge Graham and V. J. Griffin.

Mr. McRae told the men that his group and the United Boards had sought the survey to get a true picture of the school system and its needs and that the county commissioners had been vitally interested and did not hesitate in providing funds for the survey.

Mr. Hasty, speaking on behalf of the commissioners, stated it was felt that this survey would reveal the needs of the county's school system and provide an approximate cost for meeting them.

SURVEY SOON

Mr. Green assured the group that three men, widely experienced in school building requirements, would be in the county within a few days to commence the study of the system. Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, director of Instructional Service for the N. C. Department of Education, will direct the study. Mr. Green then introduced Mr. Reid as a former superintendent of the Elizabeth City schools who knew school problems and who as a compiler was known throughout the state as an able executive who did not play favorites. After commending the group for the fine movement under way here, he expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to meet with them and discuss the various obligations of local schoolmen and local tax-levying officials to their schools and how

Maxton Hi Glee Club In Concert

MAXTON.—The High School Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Douglas Wooten will present a concert at the high school on Friday, March 26th, at eight o'clock in the evening.

Program selections will include the following accompanied by Miss Anne Elizabeth McKinnon at the piano: "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte, "Invocation" by Borntian-sky, "Thy Way, Not Mine" by Weber, "God So Loved the World" by Stainer, "My Heart at Thy Dear Voice" by Saint Saens with solo part by Miss Marie Essey, "Liebestraum" by Liszt, "Knowest Thou That Year Land" by Bourdon with solo part by Miss Ann McLeod, "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" by Kern, "Summer Time" by Gershwin, "In the Still of the Night" by Cole Porter, "Without a Song" by Youmans, "Desert Song" by Komberg, and "Star Spangled Banner" by Smith. The public is most cordially invited and no admission will be charged.

Comic Ball Game At RS Next Week

RED SPRINGS—Trick costumes will vie with tricky hook shots for the paying customers' interest in the "Bloomer Girls" basketball game between the Red Springs Rotary club and the Raeford Kiwanis club which has been scheduled for Friday evening, March 26.

For those not interested in good, fast and accurate basketball, this promises to be an evening especially designed to give the utmost in fun . . . and it's all for the benefit of the Boy Scout funds.

A. C. Stephenson is chairman of the committee on arrangements which includes Duncan McGoogan, G. T. Ashford, J. A. Graham, Hiram Grantham, Jim Carruth and W. R. Dudley. Costuming will be one of the main features and the "girls" from Red Springs will be out to outdo those from Raeford who have already won two inter-city meets with their clever "not-straight-from-Paris designs", winning with ease from Laurinburg and Aberdeen through some very clever con-vice with the referees. Of course, Mr. Stephenson adds that the audience will be the judge to select the evening's beauty "queen" . . . and he also promises more information concerning this wacky game for next week's issue of your favorite Hometown Newspaper.

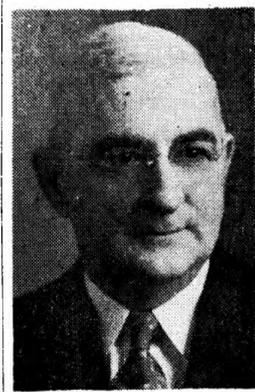
Maxton Is Tournay Champ Over Fairmont

On Friday night, March 5 Maxton took the basketball championship from Fairmont in the hardest fought game of the tournament by defeating Fairmont 29-24.

The game will be remembered for sometime as one of the best seen at the Armory for years. Maxton boys made many splendid plays in the game, and they displayed all their usual marks of the all-successful team that they are. Their team work which has always been one of their outstanding features played its usual part in taking the game from Fairmont. Both teams were unusually good and at times Fairmont gave Maxton an uneasy feeling about the outcome of the game.

Of the Maxton boys, Wall was perhaps the most outstanding. He showed up in his usual manner, playing the swift, sure game always characteristic of him. The other players, all first year men, displayed much ability. Several had opponents that overtopped them by some inches, but they held them down with great success.

Johnson Speaks In Fairmont To Club Group



CHARLES M. JOHNSON

Better Roads First Necessity To State

FAIRMONT.—Charles M. Johnson, gubernatorial candidate in the coming election, in his address to a group of Rotarians, Civilians, and Legionnaires at the Hotel Fairmont Tuesday evening, expressed himself as being in favor of two very definite improvements in the state of North Carolina; all weather roads over all school bus and mail routes, and a substantial increase in teachers salaries.

He briefly gave a summary of the financial condition of the state, which is the only state in the union that is in a condition of bankruptcy but because of the existing tax laws this condition has been changed completely.

North Carolina, according to Mr. Johnson, is the only state in the union that maintains and constructs all roads. During the recent period of bad weather some counties in the state had no school for three and one-half weeks because of the impassable condition of the roads. There is a sixty million dollar surplus in the highway fund, so since the State Highway Department is in a financial condition to do so, he favors the improving of all country roads so that such a catastrophe shall not happen again.

With regard to the general fund of the state, he says there is no indebtedness whatsoever. North Carolina is the only state in the union with the exception of Delaware that supports a nine months school term with twelve complete grades, without a local property tax. The schools in the state are supported from the general fund. In 1933, continued Mr. Johnson, the teachers in the state taught for practically nothing, sacrificing their ambitions for the need of the school system and the state. Now that the state is in a position to do so, he thinks it is the only state in the union that repays the profession now in the existing crisis by raising salaries even though a reduction may be necessary several years from now.

Johnson concluded his address by making statements, the hope of North Carolina is in a great agricultural and industrial state, for both of which good roads and schools are a prime necessity; and, North Carolina needs no outside interference but to keep her feet on the ground.

Junior College Deans List Released

MAXTON.—The Dean's List for the first six weeks of the second semester has been released by Presbyterian Junior College and contains the names of a number of Robeson county students. The list is made up of those students having exemplary grades during the period covered. Robeson's (and Scotland's) contributions to the list are: Allie Eristow, Laurinburg; Archie Evans, Laurinburg; Sidney Garner, Red Springs; Arch James McNeill, Red Springs; Sara Margaret McRae, Maxton; Maynard Royster,

Robins Boosters To Organize

RED SPRINGS—There will be a meeting Monday night, March 22, in the American Legion hall of all baseball fans interested in forming a Red Robins Booster Club whose objective is to promote and support the local Tobacco State League entry. Committees have been appointed by the town board, Rotary club, Lions club and the National Guard unit to represent their respective clubs at this meeting and to assist in every way possible.

Professional baseball is an asset and in order to keep Red Springs on a permanent footing, every effort must be made to raise the attendance considerably. All indications are that Red Springs will field a good team this year, with a number of the best players from last year back and a horde of outstanding newcomers to pick from.

All the players from last year have signed their 1948 contracts with the exception of Tom Jackson of Rowland who has indicated he will bring his in April 5 when he reports. Al Papa, Joe Mangini, Al Burch, Al Parnell, Gus Rogers, Harold Wood, Guyte Corten, Gene Armbruster, Robert Wolfe and Tony Popelsky who have had a year's experience, have signed and will be on hand April 5. Outstanding new men are Robert Doak, the PJC coach who is a veteran outfielder with five years experience, Norman Raboun of Pithburg Mass., with a strikeout average of over 15 per game in high school and American Legion baseball, Oree Beck, local boy, who was chosen as the outstanding young ball player in North and South Carolina last year and represented these states in the international games in Baltimore, Md., Wallace Ammons of Laurel Hill, who was with the Laurinburg Juniors in 1945 and 1946 and went into service where he developed into a star pitcher.

Only 15 Per Cent Autos Inspected

LUMBERTON.—Business is slowing down at the motor vehicle inspection lane near the Fair Grounds in Lumberton, according to Jurney S. Edgerton, supervisor. During the first two weeks the lane was in operation here the crew was busy doing as much as the capacity of the unit, 150 cars per day, would allow. But says Mr. Edgerton—business has slowed down this week and we have requested permission to move to another section of the county, if it doesn't pick up quickly.

The unit will remain in Robeson county through March 25, it was stated, and then go to Columbus county for several weeks. It will be transferred to Brunswick county then, before returning to Robeson.

There are 24,000 cars listed in these three counties, according to Mr. Edgerton, and 12,000 are in Robeson county. So far, but 1,800 vehicles have been checked since the unit came to Lumberton. The operation requires about 8 minutes, and with present number of cars being brought for inspection there is practically no waiting.

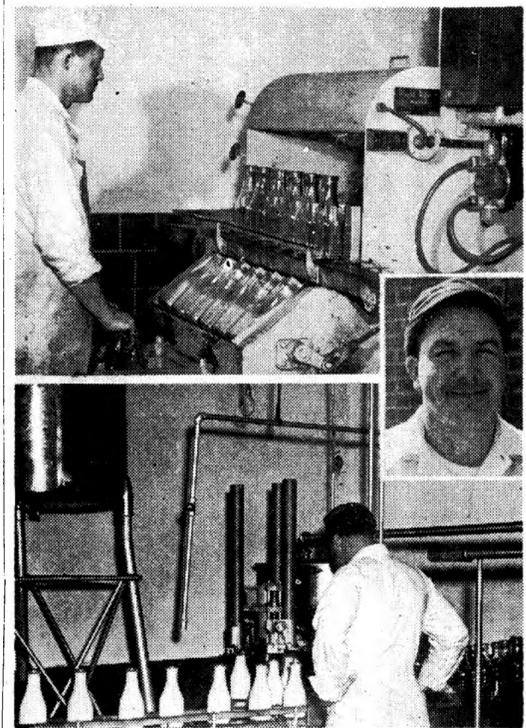
Maxton PTA Sponsors Supper Friday Night

MAXTON.—The local Parents-Teachers Association is sponsoring a Barbecue and Chicken Saled Supper on Friday night, March 19, at the High School in order to raise funds for the Latin teacher's salary. Plates will be served from six p. m. to eight p. m. and prices will be \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children.

McCallum Will Run For Recordership

MAXTON.—W. D. McCallum, better known as "Dunc", announced this week informally that he will have his announcement in a few days that he will run for Judge of Recorder's Court in the Maxton District, in the state and county primaries to be held in May.

THE FARMERS MILK GOES TO MARKET



The pictures above were made in the processing plant of the Lumberton Dairies, Inc., and, combined with a story on the front page of the second section of this paper, tell of the remarkable cleanliness required by the state health department in the handling of milk. The upper picture shows Earl Bryant (normally in charge of ice cream making) feeding dirty bottles into a washing machine; note the difference in the appearance of the dirty bottles at the bottom and the sparkling clean ones at top. The bottom picture shows the plant manager watching the filling and capping machine; the clean empties come by conveyor from the right and go to the cold room by conveyor to the left; they are not touched by hand. Inset is a front view of manager LeOrr Peterson who was too busy to turn around when the other picture was made. Tony Valenti is pasteurizer for the plant; Tom Barker is bookkeeper; and W. S. Ward is manager of the milk bar where the products are sold at retail.

Air Show Slated For Lbg.-Maxton

MAXTON.—The Lions Club announced this week that there will be an Air Show at the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport (formerly the Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base) on Sunday, April 4th, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. There will be nine thrilling acts and a plenty of excitement for two hours, featuring Carl Dunn, former Maxton resident, the famous stunt pilot in his Piper Cub, who picks up Wiley Barham from a moving automobile and flies while he walks on the struts outside the airplane.

Another of the thrilling acts includes a delayed parachute jump by Barham; which will be one of the highlights of the show. Capt. C. O. Boone, the flying Ace in his A. T. 6 doing precision acrobatics at tree top level.

Approximately 5,000 persons are expected to attend the second air event staged at the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport. The Air Show of July 4th last year was acclaimed as one of the outstanding air shows in the state, and the coming Air Show promises to be just as outstanding, states E. N. Henderson, Airport manager.

Jr. College AC Changes Name

MAXTON.—The North Carolina Junior College Athletic Conference voted to change its name to Carolina Junior College Athletic Conference at its annual meeting held in Thomasville, March 6. The change in name will conform to the organization of the conferences since it was decided several years ago to admit junior colleges from South Carolina to membership.

Fred Misenheimer Opens New Grocery

MAXTON.—A new grocery store, Misenheimer's Grocery was opened in Maxton on Saturday of last week on West Sanders Street on Highway 74. Fred Misenheimer, recent proprietor of the Puroil Station in Maxton, is the owner of the new store which handles staple groceries and fresh produce. Store hours of operation will be from seven a. m. to seven p. m.

Bill's Comment

Activity broke out among the high school boys Monday afternoon. Coach Carruth assembled his baseball prospects for their first practice of the season. The weather was perfect and the boys received a good workout. A lot of work has been done on the high school field and it is now in good condition.

A number of the boys from the '47 team are back and Coach Carruth expects great things from these boys. The veterans returning are: Edwards, Watson, Coleman, pitchers; Norris, Hutson, infielders; Stutts, as catcher. A number of eager prospects reported from the freshman and sophomore classes and they looked mighty good.

It is hoped that most of our home games will be played at the Robbins park. Plans are underway to make this possible. A winning team is within all probability, with lots of hard work ahead. But for the fans he hopes to produce one of the best high school teams in many a season past.

FMC Jrs. Intra-Mural Tournament Champs

RED SPRINGS.—The sophomores and juniors opened the annual basketball tournament on the Flora Macdonald courts Tuesday, March 9, with Nancy Ledbetter of Norman, junior, ringing up 19 points and leading her team to an overwhelming victory. In the second game of opening day, the freshmen topped the seniors with a score of 27-15.

County Schoolmasters Plan Athletics Supervision For Scholastic Contests

Red Springs And Pembroke Top Red Cross Quotas

LUMBERTON.—Red Springs and Pembroke have officially passed their quota in collections for the American Red Cross, Miss Ann Coucoules, executive secretary for Robeson county, announced yesterday. Miss Coucoules said that the membership drives in all communities was continuing and that others were without a doubt over their quotas, but that these two were the only ones which had actually reported collections amounting to more than their goal.

Red Springs with a quota of \$800 has reported contributions of \$1000; Pembroke with a quota of \$350 has reported contributions of exactly that amount. Neither these two communities nor others have closed the campaign. As of March 15 Maxton reports \$601.02 contributed toward a quota of \$700; Fairmont \$500 toward \$1000.

J. E. Watson heads the drive in Red Springs assisted by L. W. Baldwin and Neil Clinton. Hollen Lowry is Pembroke chairman with Mrs. J. H. Hood and Luther Locklear assisting.

Dist. Gov. Speaks To Maxton Lions

MAXTON.—Mr. Francis E. Walker, State District Governor of the Lions' Club, of Durham, was the guest speaker at the Tuesday night supper meeting of the local Lions organization which met at the Maxton Community Club, with Marvin Tew, president, presiding over the business meeting. Mr. Walker outlined "Lionism" in the state and discussed various projects and aims of this outstanding men's organization.

Business transacted included the vote to give 25 per cent of the proceeds from the Lions Minstrel which is planned for Friday, April 2nd, to go to the Athletic Fund of the Maxton high school. Plans were also made to cooperate with the Air Base in sponsoring an Air Show to be held here on Sunday, April 4th. The Young Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class of the Methodist church served a steak supper to the twenty members present.

Twin State Loop Headed By Pastor In Laurinburg

Laurinburg.—The newly formed Twin State Textile amateur baseball league completed its organization at a meeting in Laurinburg, naming Dr. J. B. Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Laurinburg, as president and C. E. Duggan of McColl, secretary and treasurer.

Eight towns were represented at the meeting and the league directors decided to open the Twin-State season May 15. A 30-game schedule will be played with contests every Wednesday and Saturday.

The four top teams at the end of the regular season will meet best two out of three game series with two winners meeting in a best three out of five set for the title.

Guard Inspection Set April Sixth

RED SPRINGS.—Capt. George Furloines was notified today that an inspection board of officers would be in Red Springs on April 6, for the purpose of giving the local National Guard unit its first overall inspection.

Records are to be inspected during the afternoon and the battery will get its first personnel check that evening.

Tourney Profits To Be Used To Further Sports

LUMBERTON.—Plans for closer supervision of inter-school athletics were made at the Robeson County Schoolmasters club meeting held here last week. A training school for coaches and officials prior to opening of the basketball season next fall was the first step in the program to be approved.

The Schoolmasters appropriated \$200 of the profit of the recent county basketball tournament for expenses of a two or three day clinic scheduled for next November at which all persons expected to serve as officials in the county-wide elimination series of regular season basketball play will be given instructions in the proper procedure in conducting games. All coaches of teams entered in the series will also be present and receive instruction in regards to rules of competitive play.

The action of the Schoolmasters was taken as the result of several unsportsmanlike incidents which took place during the past season due to improperly trained officials and arguments resulting from illegal decisions.

A booking office will also be maintained by the club for assigning officials to series games, so that the Club can supervise the selection of officials and set a uniform official fee plus mileage throughout the season. Each official will be approved and assigned through the Club.

An outstanding college referee is to be secured to conduct the clinic and possibly several college basketball coaches will attend the clinic.

HELMS COMPETITION

Each principal stated that a student from his school would be entered in the annual competition for the Helms Scholarship which is awarded each year following an examination given by an examining group from the University of North Carolina.

TOURNAMENT FUNDS

It was reported by Chairman M. R. Rich that nearly \$1400 was grossed during this county tournament, and that there would be approximately \$400 profit from this activity, a large part of which will be used in developing an athletic program in the county to conform with the recently approved state-wide athletic program to provide better supervision in all inter-school athletic competitions.

Smith Announces For Commissioner

RED SPRINGS.—Neill Archie Smith, county commissioner from this district, stated today that he definitely would file as a candidate for re-election to the office.

Mr. Smith has served on the board for the past three years, filling out the term of Will Graham of Lumber Bridge, who died shortly after being re-elected to the office in 1944.

Mr. Smith is now a farmer, but for many years was the rural mail carrier for Red Springs Rural Route One, from which job he retired in 1935. An active member of Red Springs Masonic Lodge, he is now serving as deputy grand master for this district.

College Speaker

MAXTON.—Guest speaker at Presbyterian Junior College on Wednesday was William Henry Crane (better known as "Hank"), student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and member of the Joint Committee on Student Work. Born at Lusambo in the Belgian Congo, Mr. Crane plans to study in Europe following his graduation from the Seminary, before returning to the Belgian Congo, where he and his wife plan to enter education work under the American Presbyterian Congo Mission.

A graduate of Davidson College, he served as a veteran in World War II in the European Theater of war. Mr. Crane was also guest speaker at the Midweek Prayer Service on Wednesday evening at the First Presbyterian church. He is at present visiting schools and colleges throughout the South under the auspices of the committee on Student Work.

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Scouter Speaks To Presbyterians

RED SPRINGS.—Ray Swazey, recently named executive of the Cape Fear Council of the Boy Scouts, was the principal speaker at the Men of the Church meeting held last evening at the hut of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Swazey told of recent progress of the work of the extension of Scouting in the area. He presented also, Carl Knott, who has just taken up his duties in the Western district of the area as district field executive to serve in the Scotland, Hoke and Red Springs-Maxton section.

Promises of greater interest in the extension of Scouting in this Western District were enthusiastically received by the group, among which were members of the one local troop which is sponsored by the church.

John Graham was introduced as the new scoutmaster of the cub troop, the supervision of which he assumed this week.

Ashford To Seek School Board Seat

George T. Ashford announced today that he would be a candidate for a place on the Robeson County Board of Education.

Mr. Ashford, manager of the Liberty Manufacturing Company, is president of the Carolinas-Virginia Cotton Ginners Association and recently resigned from membership of the National Cotton Council. A member of the board of deacons of the First Presbyterian Church of Red Springs, past president of Rotary, past chairman of Robeson Red Cross Chapter, member of the trustees of Baker-Thompson hospital and a trustee of A & T College, Mr. Ashford is one of Upper Robeson county's most active and public-minded citizens.

The present five-man board is composed of Adrian McRae, chairman, Dr. L. J. Moore, St. Pauls, Harrell Humphrey of Lumberton, L. E. Hughes of Parkton and Isham Pittman of Fairmont. Cutlar Ballance of St. Pauls has announced his candidacy for this board earlier this year.

MUSIC CLUB MEETS

The Lumberton Music Club meets tonight at the home of Mrs. R. A. McIntyre.