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Move To Establish Tri-County Bank In Parkton Gathers Momentum

Will Try To Secure Branch Of Established Bank

Meeting Tuesday night at the Parkton High School a group of approximately 50 interested citizens of the Parkton area discussed plan for the establishment of a bank in the town. The movement to establish a bank in Parkton has been under way for more than a year and a tentative stock issue of \$50,000 in an institution to be known as the Tri-County Bank and Trust Company has been subscribed. Final moves in the establishment of a new banking institution have been postponed temporarily until it can be ascertained whether an established bank is interested in opening a branch in Parkton.

A committee of six was appointed to visit neighboring banks and prevail on the one of its selection to open a branch in a building which the Town of Parkton will provide rent free for a year. The building is the town hall. The committee, appointed by Dr. Currie, who acted as chairman of the Citizens Committee which called the meeting, is composed of John G. Hughes, Jr., James Q. Parnell, Jr., Fred N. Bodeheimer, L. L. McDonald, G. W. Leeper, and Dan Barlow.

The Citizens Committee will begin the formation of a chamber of commerce at its next meeting when it will hear the report of the committee.

Discussion of the organization of a bank was begun more than a year ago and this meeting was the third which has been held on the matter. The last previous meeting was on February 2, 1947, and work on the project has been suspended until now because of the illness of L. L. McDonald who has been the leader of the proposed organization.

Attending the Tuesday meeting were farmers and business and professional men a radius of six or seven miles. The nearest bank to the thriving agricultural and growing industrial center of Parkton is at St. Pauls, a distance of eight miles, and since the community is inconvenienced by the distance and since it has previously supported a bank community leaders feel that a bank is a necessity to its prosperity and further growth.

The area the proposed institution would serve would include Edenton, Sandy Grove, Home Mills, Rockfish Lumber Bridge, McMillans, Roslin, Green Springs, and Rex.

W. Scott Shepherd Announces For Co. Board Of Education

LUMBERTON—W. Scott Shepherd, dairyman-lumberman, of Lumberton, has announced his candidacy for a place on the Robeson County Board of Education. This is the first time that Mr. Shepherd has offered for political election.

Mr. Shepherd is a native of Charlotte who has made his home in Lumberton for some years. Mrs. Shepherd is the former Miss Margaret French McLean. Mr. Shepherd is owner of Duart Farms and of the Lumber River Manufacturing Company.

Presbyterial Woman's Auxiliary Meet To Be Held In Maxton On April 9th

59th Annual Meeting In PJC Auditorium

MAXTON.—The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church will be hostess to the spring meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Fayetteville Presbyterian on Friday, April 9th, in the auditorium of Presbyterian Junior College.

The business women of the Presbyterian will have a special supper meeting on the preceding evening, Thursday, April 8th. Registration of the business women will be at Presbyterian Junior College at 6:30 to 7:00 o'clock in the evening and supper will be served in the college cafeteria at seven o'clock. The business meeting will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in the auditorium at eight o'clock.

Registration for the Friday meeting will be from 9:30 to 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the college. Opening the meeting at ten o'clock, will be Miss Lucy Steele, well known Bible teacher of Peace College, who will conduct the Bible hour. Reverend George H. Hurst III deliver the missionary address. Mrs. W. A. Dixon, Belmont, N. C., synodical president, will be an honored guest. Approximately five hundred women are expected to attend the meeting. Luncheon will be served at the college cafeteria at one o'clock.

General Chairman for the meeting is Miss Lillian Austin and committee chairman are as follows: credentials, Mrs. Claude McIntyre; registration, Mrs. J. D. Medlin, Jr.; hostess, Mrs. L. C. LaMotte; luncheon, Mrs. John McKinnon; pages, Mrs. Luthre McNeill, Jr.; flowers,

Gallup Editor Speaks At FMC Monday Night



WILLIAM A. LYDGATE

RED SPRINGS — William A. Lydgate, editor of Gallup Poll, who will appear at Flora Macleod college on Monday evening, April 5, at 8:15, has the answers to scores of questions which trouble the man on the street. Few men in America have a better understanding of the public mind and how it works. Mr. Lydgate is the man who decides what to ask the people. These questions are put to a vote in various nationwide Gallup surveys, and the findings are interpreted for over one hundred leading newspapers throughout the country.

Lydgate, who is in his thirties, stands six feet four in his stocking feet. For years this colossus has conducted a one-man crusade to get the "Big Man" Company to contract sleeping berths in their coaches longer. He looks as though he might have been a football player in college, but claims he is "physically lazy." At Yale, where he graduated in 1931, he avoided sports and ran the Yale Daily News instead. He was born in Hawaii, was educated at private schools on the islands, and attended the University of Hawaii before enrolling at Yale.

Before joining the Gallup Poll, Lydgate was a writer on Time and Fortune, and has written many feature articles for other leading magazines. His book, "What America Thinks," analyzes and interprets the main currents of public opinion as revealed in more than 2000 polls taken in recent years.

To maintain his sure knowledge of the appropriate inquiries to frame in his capacity as questioner, Lydgate, analyst, and editor of the famed Gallup Poll, he takes at least once every two years to review scores of Americans on the leading problems of the day.

RS Hi Diamond Games Slated

Baseball Schedule For Red Springs High

RED SPRINGS.—The baseball schedule for Red Springs high was announced today by Coach James Carruth, with a prediction that, from the looks of this year's squad, a team should be fielded that would give a good account of itself in the fifteen games booked.

The season opened yesterday with a game at St. Pauls. The rest of the schedule is as follows:

APRIL
2 RS at Laurinburg
7 RS at Wagram*
9 RS at Rowland*
14 Laurel Hill at RS
16 Raeford at RS
21 RS at Raeford
25 Rowland at RS*
28 RS at Laurel Hill
30 Wagram at RS*

MAY
4 Fairmont at RS (nite)
7 St. Pauls at RS (nite)
12 RS at Philadelphus
13 RS at Fairmont
18 Philadelphus at RS
*The place of the four Rowland and Wagram games are subject to change due to possibility of conflict with Red Robins schedule which is yet tentative insofar as the Robins exhibition games are concerned. All home games are to be played at Robins Park.

Mrs. Cap McQueen; reception, Mrs. L. B. Martin, Sr.; transportation, Mrs. W. H. Stewart, Jr., and music, Mrs. R. M. Williams.

Lions Minstrel At Maxton Hi Tomorrow Night

MAXTON.—The "Old Kentucky" black-face Minstrel will be presented tomorrow night (Friday) at the High School Auditorium at eight o'clock. Sponsored by the local Lions' organization with part of the proceeds designated for the high school athletic association, the minstrel promises to provide a hilarious evening with strictly local talent.

The minstrel will feature three acts with approximately twenty black face comedians and several specialty acts. Dr. Fred Ford will present a humorous monologue and perform on the harmonica. Vocal artists will be Ted Prevatte of PJC and Bill Stewart. Several comic solos will also be performed by Malcolm Gillis, Percy Phillips, Kenneth Welsh and Joe Gulick. Another entertainer will be Glenn Crofton, Jr. in several soft shoe dance routines.

Fairmont Team In Triangle Debate

FAIRMONT.—A debate is being held Friday in the school auditorium at one o'clock with the query: "Resolved That the Federal Government Should Require Arbitration in All Basic American Industries." The public is invited to attend and Mrs. Herman Campbell, coach for the teams, urges the public to support the debaters in this their first public appearance of the year. The debate will be between the Fairmont and Whiteville teams.

Work Begun To Enlarge Present Water Supply

FAIRMONT.—Fairmonters can be very proud of the improvements in the water system now being made. A water tank was purchased last week as a result of an inspection trip made by Ernest Jones and Wilbur Jones. Pipes are being laid as a beginning of the new project.

A six-inch water main is being laid on Walnut street, starting at the Carolina Inn, and continuing to the branch beyond Twin State Warehouse No. 2. Previously this area was served from a three-quarter inch pipe.

An eight-inch main will be laid starting at the Hotel Fairmont, up Church street to the corner of Davis street, out that street to Iona, up Iona to Ivy, and across Ivy to the Rosenwald school where the new tank will be located. The main will continue from there by way of Linden avenue, Oakwood street, Jackson avenue and Pine street to North Main where it will join the old main already in use.

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The members of the city council ask that the citizens bear with them in enduring torn-up streets in order that the town may profit by the improvement resulting from these eruptions.

J. H. Barrentine Rites Wednesday

FAIRMONT.—Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Lake View Pentecostal church for Joseph H. Barrentine aged 59, of Lake View, S. C. The services were conducted by Rev. Williams, pastor of the church, and were directed by Stephens and Prevatte Funeral Home. Interment was in the Lake View cemetery.

Mr. Barrentine suffered a heart attack Sunday evening while attending church services and died at Saint Eugene's hospital in Dillon Monday morning at 5:00 a. m.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. S. C. Glass of Farmville, Va.; Mrs. J. B. Thigpen, Herbert, Joseph and Luther, all of Georgetown, S. C.; Mrs. Melvin Jackson, of Lynchburg, Va.; and William Ralph of the U. S. Army Air Force, Scott Field, Illinois. He is also survived by two brothers and four sisters.

Graham Candidate For School Board

FAIRMONT.—I. P. Graham, who for long periods of years has been a member of the House of Representatives, announced yesterday that he will be a candidate from south Robeson for the County Board of Education in the Democratic primary to be held May 29. Mr. Graham had already announced that he would not run again as a representative.

At the same time, Isham Pittman, for ten years a member of the Board of Education, announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection.

Mr. Graham has served four terms with the General Assembly, is engaged in farming, and is serving as commander of the George Galloway Post of the American Legion. He is also one of the leaders in the Baptist church of Proctorville.

Report Given On Health Survey Sponsored In Lower Grades

Rotary Sponsors Dental, Ocular And Medical Exam

FAIRMONT.—The Rotary club, as one of its projects for the year sponsored a Health Survey of the lower grades in the grammar school, the survey being made by Dr. F. D. Gibson, Dr. P. C. Purvis, and Dr. Harold Herring. Plans for the project were started in November under the guidance of the Community Service Committee of the club.

The three doctors concerned made a careful examination of 361 children in the first four grades in school. Results of this examination were given by B. E. Littlefield, superintendent of schools, in his office yesterday. These results are proof evident of an alarming condition among the students and should be carefully studied by interested persons, particularly parents, in the community. As stated by Dr. Hal S. Floyd in his talk at the Parent Teachers Association at its last meeting, the health of the child is of prime importance to his future as a citizen and should be carefully guarded by the parent, particularly in early childhood.



Carl Dunn In Air Stunt Show Sunday Aided By Barham And Bat Man Boyd

Varied Program Scheduled For Laurinburg-Maxton

Stunt pilot Carl Dunn, who will appear in the air show scheduled to play at Maxton-Laurinburg Airport Sunday, claims to have put progress in reverse as far as his particular flying is concerned. Dunn, who was a test pilot during the war has demoted himself from flying fighter airplanes with thousands of horse power to lowly 65 horsepower trainers. He claims it is difficult to decide which is the most fun.

After seeing him fly, it is a questionable point as to whether demotion is the right word.

As a part of the act a handkerchief is picked up with a 6 inch hook attached to the wing tip. In another act, that will be presented by Mr. Dunn, he climbs to an altitude of 2000 feet, completely stops his engine, without power, executes various acrobatic maneuvers and completes the act by landing on one wheel to a precision spot.

Carl is also pilot-member of the Dunn-Barham stunt team. He and Wiley Barham, from Lynchburg, Va., have gotten together in two death defying acts. In one act Barham hangs from the landing gear and with the airplane flying low over the runway. The next act is the human pick up from an auto.

BAT MAN

Tommy Byrd, veteran parachute jumper from Los Angeles, California, has the dubious honor of being the only living bat wing parachute jumper. Boy's equipment includes a bat wing suit with webbing between the legs and extending up to folding wings with a span of 9 feet. Boyd leaves the airplane at 10,000 feet and soars down some 9700 feet before opening his parachute.

Due to the distance of two miles high, it is impossible for the spectators to see Mr. Boyd as he leaves the airplane, so in order that the crowd may follow his rapid descent, a smoke attachment has been rigged to the bat suit. This leaves a beautiful smoke trail and the chutist's flight through the air can be followed until he soars close enough to be discernible by the naked eye.

At an altitude of 300 feet, directly in front of the crowd, Boyd pulls the rip cord and his chute opens just in time to break his tremendous speed and float him gently to the ground.

Improvements In Water System Include New Mains And Tank

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The dental survey revealed 204 need cleaning, 199 cavities, 55 need extractions, 5 gum infections, 25 normal conditions, and 19 need immediate attention. The ocular results are 16 eye infections, 11 muscle imbalance, 45 refractive error, 178 normal conditions, and 21 need immediate attention. The medical report shows 5 with malnutrition, 4 skin or scalp disease, 78 infected throats or tonsils, 12 bad ears, 9 bad hearts, 1 bad lung, 161 normal conditions, and 8 need immediate attention.

The dental and ocular survey was continued through grades 5-8 on 110 pupils selected by teachers as needing examination.

In these grades the dental survey reports 84 need cleaning, 70 have cavities, 36 need extractions, 11 gum infections, 29 normal conditions, and 26 need immediate attention. The ocular exam revealed 4 with eye infection, 7 muscle imbalance, 16 refractive error, 93 normal condition, and 11 need immediate attention.

This survey was made solely for the benefit of the students and parents and Mr. Littlefield urges all parents of children concerned to profit by the result shown in the survey and thus protect the health of the children in the community.

Veterans Asked To Dedication

Fairmont.—The following invitations have been received here:

The Fairmont Woman's Club extends to the members of The Veterans of Foreign Wars a cordial invitation to attend the Dedication Services of the Fairmont Memorial Park, in memory of the veterans of World Wars I and II on Sunday, April 4, 1948, from 5:30 until 6:30 o'clock.

The members of the club also invited the public to attend this impressive service. At the conclusion of the service the park will officially become the property of the town of Fairmont.

Elaborate plans are being made for this service in order that it and the park will be a fitting memorial to these veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country and for the cause of liberty and justice.

Thrasher Buys Cleaning Plant

FAIRMONT.—Announcement was made this week by Bill Thrasher of his purchase of the old A and B Cleaners located on Center Street from Vardell Bradshaw. The name has been changed to Bull Dog Cleaners and Tailors.

Mr. Thrasher says that he is giving pick-up and delivery service for the convenience of his ever growing list of customers. He plans an up-to-date cleaning and tailoring establishment run on progressive methods.

He is a native of Oakland, California, and is a recent graduate of the University of South Carolina. He also served for four years in the United States Navy. He is married to the former Margaret Pittman Floyd, and the couple have one child, a daughter nineteen months of age.

Gregory Builds New Warehouse

FAIRMONT.—The Hometown Newspaper has been authoritatively informed that the Gregory firm, owners of Planters warehouse, will begin building immediately on a new house. The warehouse will be located either behind the house already owned by the partners or adjacent to Lewis-Brady Builders Supply. The latter location probably will be their choice.

This will be the tenth season of operation for Planters, one of the most popular warehouses in this section. This house is owned by W. L. Gregory, G. P. Royster, N. B. Tuck and W. M. Daniel, partners in the business.

The new warehouse will bring the total for the town of Fairmont to fourteen houses ready for operation at the beginning of this tobacco season.

Lumberton Pugs To Meet Monroe

LUMBERTON.—Fourteen members of the Trojan boxing team will go to Monroe Friday night to scrap with the high school team there. The meet will be in the Monroe recreation center.

Besides the team three trainers will accompany the team, says recreation director Bob Hartley.

The bout was scheduled for the Lumberton armory but was changed to Monroe because of a conflict with a baseball exhibition between the Lumberton high school team and the Cubs.

PJC Club Conducts Sunday Service

MAXTON.—The Ministerial Club of Presbyterian Junior College will conduct the evening worship service at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 4th, at 8:00 p. m. The sermon subject will be "The Happiest Person in the World" and will be presented by J. E. Stowe. Other students participating in the service will be C. C. Caldwell, Don Covington, Alfred Thomas, and Otis McNeill. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

POST OFFICE CLOSSES SATURDAYS AT ONE

MAXTON.—Beginning Saturday, April 3rd, the Maxton Post Office will be closed at one o'clock, each Saturday, it was announced last week by Mrs. Lacy Williams, Post Mistress.

JESTON DAVIS FUNERAL FRIDAY

FAIRMONT.—Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home for Jeston Davis who died suddenly Wednesday afternoon. Services will be conducted by the Rev. C. P. Herring with interment in the family cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elrod and family of Whiteville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hellekson.

Dedication And Reception Saturday At Trinity Episcopal Parish House

LUMBERTON.—Plans for the dedication of the new parish house of Trinity Episcopal church which will take place at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, are complete. The dedicatory services will be broadcast over station WTSB and to accommodate the crowd that is expected to attend, a public address system has been installed in the parish house for the benefit of those who cannot find seats in the church.

Rev. John H. Bonner, rector of Trinity Episcopal, says that the public is very cordially invited, and that the parish house is not a denominational building, but was built for the community as a whole and to a great extent by the contributions of the community outside the parish.

An interdenominational community choir of 16 voices will sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" at the service which will begin in the church. The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, retired bishop, will preach the sermon in the church, following which there will be a processional to the parish house for the dedication by the Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, bishop of East Carolina.

Taking part in the processional will be local ministers of other denominations, and Mayor Malcolm Seawell will join in the dedication ceremonies. Rev. B. W. Huske, Fayetteville, and Rev. William Latta, Erwin, will assist in both parts of the service.

There will be a reception in the new building following the ceremonies.

The parish house was built as a social and recreational center by the Episcopal congregation. Funds were raised by public subscription. The total cost of the center, which is located just behind the church on North Chestnut Street, is \$22,000. It is of brick veneer construction and has an auditorium seating 200. A kitchen equipped to feed 175 persons is a part of the building, as are six class rooms and a stage.

College Plans HS Senior Day

PEMBROKE.—The annual Senior High School Day, sponsored by Pembroke State college, and held on the college campus is scheduled for Friday, April 30.

The high school seniors will assemble on the campus at 9 a. m. for a day's activity and entertainment. Pembroke State college, as heretofore, will declare open house on that date in order to give all prospective college students an opportunity to visit all the departments of the college. All high school seniors and all prospective college freshmen are invited to attend this event and enjoy a day of activity especially planned for you.

Dinner Given Retiring Police Chief; Randall Stephens Honored By Friends

LUMBERTON.—As a gesture of appreciation for his more than 20 years of service to the city of Lumberton, 150 citizens tendered retiring Chief of Police Randall Stephens a testimonial dinner at the Lumberton armory last night. The Chief was presented the gold badge that he has worn as chief as a permanent memento of the occasion; it was suitably engraved on the back. In lieu of a gift the group presented Chief Stephens with a considerable cash gift which he is to use for the purchase of whatever he would most like to have.

Mayor Malcolm Seawell made the presentations and commended the now Mr. Stephens for his extreme devotion to duty; he pointed out the fact that for 11 years Randall Stephens saw duty as night policeman without having a single day off; and the fact that in the past year the Chief had had every day off duty. He said that the Chief had been on the force as night patrolman, as assistant chief and as chief for almost 21 years and had seen Lumberton become a city during that time.

W. D. "Peavine" Reynolds acted as master of ceremonies and after Mayor Seawell spoke he called on the past mayors, E. M. Johnson and R. A. Hedgpeth, who told of the faithful, conscientious service of Randall Stephens under their administrations. Following the mayors past and present the city commissioners tendered their thanks and good wishes to Chief Stephens.

Speaking briefly the following citizens and officials of the town praised the services of the retiring officer: W. E. Allen, H. P. Allen, L. W. Wickes, ex-police chief Marvin Barker, A. P. Page, Fier Chief E. J. Glover, Coroner D. W. Biggs, Solicitor F. E. Carley, T. L. Johnson, Judge W. B. Ivey, Sheriff Willis C. Britt, J. Q. Beckwith, Clyde Wade, R. G. "Jim Farley" Cashwell, and Henry A. McKinnon. A telegram was read from Jim Nance expressing his regrets at not being present.

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Maxton Is In Triangle Debates

MAXTON.—Participating in the annual triangular debates of the North Carolina High School debating union, will be several high school students, discussing pros and cons of the query: "Resolved, That the Federal government should require compulsory arbitration of labor disputes in all basic American industries." This query is the national high school debate subject in this 36th annual debate.

Defending the affirmative at 2 p. m. on Friday, April 2nd, at the local high school, will be Miss Ann McLeod and John Hunter LaMotte. Defending the negative of the issue in Whiteville on Friday a. m. at eleven o'clock, will be A. L. Patterson, Jr. and Woody Fricker. This is the first year local students have participated in the debating union.

FERMIE MITCHELL TO BE BURIED FRIDAY

FAIRMONT.—Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the New Bethel church for Fermie Mitchell who died at St. Eugene's hospital in Dillon Wednesday afternoon at 12:35 as a result of injuries received when his automobile overturned on the Rowland-Fairmont road early Wednesday morning.