

Mormax Club To Present "Fun For You" Two Nights

Local Talent Show For Benefit Boy Scouts Monday, Tuesday

MAXTON—Rehearsals are under way for "Fun For You" the local talent show being sponsored by the Mormax Club to be presented Monday and Tuesday nights, May 10 and 11 at the high school for the benefit of the boy scouts.

The play is under the personal direction of Miss Ethel Spradling who has had much experience in this type of work. Miss Spradling states that she is greatly pleased with the cast and anticipates one of the finest shows that she has ever directed.

The cast included about 100 people who are to impersonate famous radio, stage and screen stars. One of the most laugh-provoking scenes will be an impersonation of the Breakfast in Hollywood broadcast with Malcolm Gillis as Tom "Try On Your Hat" Brennaman. In this scene will be Kenneth Welsh as Betty Grable; Jo Gulick as Lana Turner; Doc Henderson as Mae West; Bill Stewart as Marlene Dietrich; C. L. Darling, Jr., as Gravel Gertie; and Irvin McCon egny as Gypsy Rose Lee.

A prize will be awarded for the goofiest hat in the audience and ladies are urged to wear their silliest millinery creation to the performances. A corsage will be presented to the oldest lady present and a gift to the person chosen as the Good Good Neighbor of Maxton. This should be some man or woman who has done outstanding civic or charitable work in the community and letters nominating the Good Good Neighbor should be addressed by Monday, May 10, to Mr. L. W. Anderson. The winning person will be presented the second night of the show.

Dutch Holland will impersonate Harry Von Zell, the radio announcer. The high spot of the comedy in the show is an impersonation of the Barn Dance program. Mr. S. D. Phelps will portray Uncle Ezra; Irvin McConegny will be Joe Kelly; Kenneth Welsh will be Duke of Paduca and Mrs. H. S. Nelson will be Minnie Pearl the gal from Grinder Switch. The caller for the square dance will be D. L. Stone and there will be eight local "Hay Loft Hoofers." Music will be furnished by Elmore Stanton and his string band.

Russell Helkesson will impersonate Dr. I. Q. and for the first time in Maxton history, a banker will give away silver dollars for the correct answer!

Twenty-seven people will appear in the tripartite finale which will portray the history of the nation in a stirring scene with special costumes to form tableau pictures. Another interesting feature will be high school girls impersonating the Roxey Rockettes doing a special routine in costumes.

Ormsbys Opening Seafood Market In RS Friday

RED SPRINGS.—George and Tom Ormsby announce the opening tomorrow morning of their new business, State Seafoods, in the building they purchased last fall from Singleton Commercial company.

The concern will operate a modern seafoods, market and grocery and will feature seafoods which they bring from the coastal areas in their own fleet of refrigerated trucks. The grocery will feature factory packaged groceries and the market will handle highest quality fresh and cured meats.

McKinnon Attends Statutes Comm. Meet Tomorrow



SENATOR MCKINNON

LUMBERTON.—Henry McKinnon leaves tomorrow for Raleigh where he will attend a meeting of the General Statutes Commission of which he is a member. Senator McKinnon, who is a candidate for re-election from Robeson County, was appointed to the commission during the last term of the legislature.

This General Statutes commission was established by the general assembly of 1945 for the purpose of advising and co-operating with the division of legislative drafting and codification of statutes of the Department of Justice; its duties are to correct ambiguities, conflicts and duplications in the General Statutes of North Carolina, and to generally recommend the revision of the form of laws where it is found necessary. The work of Senator McKinnon's commission will, over a period of time, greatly simplify legal procedure and remove many conflicting statutes from the books, combining them to make the law of the land more intelligible and common-sense.

The outstanding work of the commission prior to the 1947 session of the Legislature was the revision of the laws applying to attachment and garnishment. The Legislative Summary published by the University of North Carolina Institute of Government says that "The result of the effort of the General Statutes Commission to clarify and simplify the procedure on attachments and garnishments represents one of the most comprehensive and understandable pieces of major legislation now on the statute books."

"It is apparent," continues the Institute of Government summary, "that the authors of the act studied carefully the provisions of the existing statutory law, gave due consideration to the sometimes conflicting court decisions, and gave a great deal of time to the payoff job of draftsmanship."

8 Robeson Students On PJC Deans List

MAXTON.—Of the 66 students at Presbyterian Junior College who are on the Dean's list for the second six weeks of the second semester, eight are from Robeson—five from Maxton and three from Red Springs. Robeson students on the list are Louise Duncan, I. L. McConeghy, Maynard Royner, Dorothy Winters, and Mary Lynn Smith of Maxton; R. L. Smith, A. J. McNeill and C. P. Garner of Red Springs.

Major and Mrs. John McKinnon of Fort Dix, N. J., are spending this week with his mother, Mrs. Nell McKinnon.

Maxton Power Off Sunday Afternoon

MAXTON—Electricity will be off in Maxton on Sunday, May 9, for one hour from two to three p. m., according to an announcement by J. V. Henderson, manager for the Carolina Power and Light Company in Maxton.

Mr. Henderson said that the interruption of service is necessary because of maintenance work being done on the system and sub-station.

Plans Set For Beauty Pageant At Maxton May 14

MAXTON—Final plans are announced this week for the beauty pageant to be held on Friday night, May 14, at eight o'clock at the high school auditorium, and sponsored by the Maxton Junior Woman's club.

Competing for the title of "Miss Maxton of 1948" will be the following girls and their sponsors: Flora Lou Morgan, Drennan's Florage; Patsy Hamer, Puroil Gulf Station; Mildred Patterson, Goodyear Co.; Ann Beck, Progressive Stores; Jackie Bracey, Pace's; Ruby Ramey, City Market; Brownie Patterson, Rice's Gift Shop; Sara Lee Duncan, Service Trading Company; Dorothy McNeill, Maxton Supply Co.; Margaret Ann Pickett, Maxton Theatre.

Ann McLeod, Dunn's Auto Sales; Mary Lynn Smith, Chisholm's Dry Cleaners; Mary McLean, Liberty Cafe; Sara McIntyre, Maxton Hardware Co.; Eleanor Britt, Carowoods; Sue Hedrick, Red's Barber Shop; Marie Essey, Solomon's Dept. Store; Isabel Jackson, Margie's Beauty Shop; Elizabeth English, Castevan's Jewelry Shop; Dot Winters, Maxton Drug Store; Lena Carter, Maxton Cafe.

Louanne Pulliam, Essey Bros. Wholesale; Betty Jean Watson, Essey's Dept. Store; Betty Jean Sinclair, McGirt's Plumbing and Electric Co.; Marjorie McEachern, Firestone; Nancy McKinnon, Jefferson Hotel; Dorothy Thomson, L. B. Martin; Sally James, Flower Shop; Ann Nash Maynard, Burns' Garage; Sara Margaret McRae, Carolina Power and Light Co.; Catherine Carter, Maxton Supply Company; Jackie Wall, Haasty Insurance Company; Sara Neal Hamer, State Bank; Ann McRae, Maxton Oil and Fertilizer Company.

There will be a Baby Contest first on the program with tots participating from one to three. Mothers are urged to contact Mrs. E. N. Henderson if interested.

"Junior Miss Maxton" will also be crowned with approximately fifteen contestants entering who will be announced next week. Master of ceremonies will be Irvin McConegny and escorts for the beauty pageant will be Wylie Steed and Bill Coppedge.

The PJC Swing Band will furnish entertainment between acts and Mrs. H. H. Williams will be pianist for the pageant. Another interesting feature will be a cake auction and home-made candy will be sold.

Users for the show will be Ann and Mary McKinnon, Tim Smith and Eleanor McCaskill. Admission will be forty cents for adults and twenty cents for children and everyone is urged to make plans to attend.

Following the show, there will be an open dance at the Community club honoring the girls in the beauty pageant and their escorts. Teen-agers are cordially invited to attend the dance.

Assn. Approval Seen, RS School

RED SPRINGS.—The high school here will probably be the smallest from North Carolina on the approved list of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools, but they have a mighty fine chance of being approved, according to A. B. Combs, association representative, who inspected the school last week.

Commiss'ners Make Statement County Funds Property Used

Spanish Prof.



Senor Arriba y Doreste

MAXTON.—Senor Antonio Arriba y Doreste, principal of Presbyterian College at Eucrujudada, Cuba, will be guest instructor in Spanish at Presbyterian Junior College here this summer.

Senor Arriba, about whom a story recently appeared in The Hometown Papers, will present an intensified course in his language which is designed to cover the first two years of Spanish in twelve weeks of concentrated study. The course begins June 7.

"Miss Bessie's" Class Play Set For May 14th

RED SPRINGS.—This town "goes to the play," on Friday evening, May 14, to see the high school senior class production, "Life of the Party."

Produced by the class under the direction of "Miss Bessie", whose last name is Covington to those who haven't lived here long. This is the occasion when the town really indulges in dramatics in a big way. Since becoming teacher of English literature of the high school, "Miss Bessie" has been producing plays each year, and each has been progressively more satisfying to a larger audience.

(A secret of her success has been in casting. Teaching the students over the several years of their high school careers, each become well-known to her and her plays are selected to suit her classes. Then the student can largely play himself, rather than try to create a fictitious character.)

The play selected for this year's production deals with some youngsters, and some of the hilarious situations that high school and college-age youths lead their parents (social climbers) into while filling four dates at a time and otherwise playing at the game of life at its carefree.

Miss Bessie states that she has a wonderful cast this year to work with, and rehearsals show that this year's play will be a lot of fun. If you are not already a confirmed attendant when "Red Springs goes to the play," be sure to reserve Friday evening, May 14, and join the crowd which will be present for this annual event. (do.)

Statement Said Issued To Offset Rumors Current In County

The board of commissioners of Robeson county have today issued a statement having to do with the use of county funds. The statement says that budgets of schools all school have been met and that all funds expended have been properly expended. The statement is signed by the individual members of the board and by one member of the board whose term expired in December 1946. One other member of the board before the present one was the late Will Graham.

An additional statement from the county auditor has been released below. Both statements are printed below. The statement is issued, say board members because of mistaken impressions which seem to have gained some circulation in the county.

Statement of Members of the County Board of Commissioners to the Taxpayers of Robeson County:

When articles appeared in a Robeson County newspaper about the use of County Funds, some taxpayers suggested to us that an answer to these articles should be made. So long as there were no accusations of dishonesty or misappropriations, we did not think it worthwhile; however a candidate for the State Senate, in a recent political advertisement implied through the use of the words "SCHOOL GRAE" and "COUP" that something wrong has been done.

We make a positive statement that all money coming into the County has been properly accounted for and has been used for County purposes or is now in the bank to the credit of the County. The audit reports and records do not indicate otherwise. The budgets for the State Senate, in a recent political advertisement implied through the use of the words "SCHOOL GRAE" and "COUP" that something wrong has been done.

C. A. Hastly, Chairman
R. A. McQueen
J. D. Herring
V. J. Griffin
R. B. Tolar

Dems. To Elect Committees Sat.

Precincts To Name Officers Saturday County Convention May 15

E. M. Johnson, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Robeson County, has issued notice that the voters of each precinct in Robeson County will meet on Saturday, May 8, 1948, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing the Precinct Committee, the meeting to be held at the voting place in each precinct.

Expect Completion of County School Survey By May 20

Plans For Fairmont Farmers Day Include Fat Stock Show And Sale

Death At 104 Leaves 137 Great-Gr'Child'n 66 Gr'Children Bereft

PEMBROKE.—Mrs. Rachel Locklear died April 28 at her home near Prospect at the wonderful age of 104. Last rites for the remarkably aged great grandmother were held at White Hill church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

Ten Students Compete For Helms Fund

Ten candidates for the Helms Scholarship stood examinations today in the annual competition for the \$500 offered annually by Ralph Helms, Lumberton Jeweler, to the Robeson county high school student who scores highest on the three standard tests given during the examination.

The scholarship was awarded last year for the first time and was won by Dixie Lee Fisher, daughter of Mrs. A. A. Fisher of Fairmont.

Competing today were: Betty Lou Rhodes of Orrum, daughter of John Rhodes; William Donnie Poeter of St. Pauls, son of W. A. Poeter; Charles Thaggard of Parkton, son of Carl T. Thaggard; Alfrod Sinclair of Rowland, son of A. C. Sinclair; Millicent Diane Simon of Fairmont, daughter of David Simon; Carole Kinlaw of Barker-Ten Mile, daughter of R. D. Kinlaw, of Lumberton R1; Sarah Neal Hamer of Maxton, daughter of John W. Hamer; Henry Neil Lee of Lumberton, son of H. N. Lee; John Edward Townsend of Philadelphia, son of J. A. Townsend of Buies; and Charles McMillan of Red Springs, son of Mrs. Ruby McMillan.

Maxton Staging Baby Contest

MAXTON.—A Baby Contest is being held in conjunction with the production "Fun For You" which is being produced under the auspices of the Mormax club and will be presented on Monday and Tuesday nights at the high school for the benefit of the boy scouts.

It's "ONE CENT A VOTE," and wholl be the winner in this newest of contests that has the whole town talking?

Civitan Minstrel, Rawls Open House, Entertainment

FAIRMONT.—Final arrangements are being made in elaborate detail in order that Farmer's Day, May 14, be one of the biggest and most successful events ever held in Fairmont, according to Charlie Stafford, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and M. S. Huston, who is in charge of the Fat Stock Show and Sale.

A tour of inspection was made several days ago by these two along with the county agent in order to determine the condition of the animals to be entered in the show, and glowing reports were brought back. A number of members of 4-H clubs have had charge of these animals and have done a most successful job of getting them in condition.

The animals, both steers and swine, will be on display for the show which is to be held on Friday morning at 11:00 at which time ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded the grand champions and reserve champions. After lunch an auction sale will be held and with the current price of meat taken into consideration and after seeing the exhibition, bidding should be fast and furious by people interested in filling lockers for future use.

Arrangements have been made to have all animals butchered and prepared for storage for a very nominal fee.

Frank Jeter of State College, Raleigh, will address all participants of Farmer's Day at the Big Brick Warehouse at 1:00 o'clock on that big day. Mr. Jeter is well known here by his interesting and informative radio program over WPTX for farmers.

Miss Nelia Garrett Dies At Hamlet

RED SPRINGS.—Funeral services for Miss Cornelia Garrett, 78, were conducted from the home here Tuesday afternoon at 3:00. The Rev. Allen C. Lee and the Rev. Thomas A. Fry conducted the services. Burial was in Alloway cemetery.

Survivors are: one sister, Mrs. G. B. Burroughs of Sycamore, Ga., and a number of nieces and nephews.

Many Consolidations Expected To Be Urged

Winding up a series of trips to Robeson County during which they visited each school building in the county, studied each area's conditions and estimated the immediate future demands of each area in the way of buildings and classroom equipment, a report of the special school survey committee is to be expected about May 20, according to Dr. Henry J. Highsmith, chairman of the committee.

Engagement of the group to make an unbiased study of the school building situation of the county was authorized by the county commissioners a number of months ago, following a series of articles published in the Hometown Newspapers of Robeson County on the condition of the county schools and upon request of school officials and patrons, especially those of the special charter schools of Red Springs, Lumberton and Fairmont.

The committee selected is composed of Dr. Highsmith, chairman, of Raleigh, who is director of instructional services for the N. C. Department of Public Instruction; A. B. Combs, assistant to Dr. Highsmith; John L. Cameron, advisor in physical and health education of the State Department; Dr. W. E. Rosenstengel, of the school of education of UNC at Chapel Hill, and a former superintendent of the public schools of Columbia, Mo.; and F. D. Byrd, county superintendent of education of Cumberland county.

In making their surveys of each school a work sheet was kept. The type of structure, its condition, the size of the grounds, its location, and the needs of the present plant, plus the use of the building and whether the site was suitable for expansion were all considered. Each one and two-teacher school was visited as well as all the major grammar and high schools serving the children of all towns.

In completing their visits here last week a member of the committee stated that while they found many inexcusably poor building situations in the white schools, they also found conditions in many of the Negro and Indian schools really deplorable.

Robeson Town Officials To Organize

RED SPRINGS.—A Robeson County League of municipalities will be formed here next Wednesday evening for the purpose of closer cooperation between the incorporated towns of the county. It was stated here today by Mayor E. H. Alexander.

Mayors and commissioners of the several towns of the county have been invited to attend the organizational meeting which will be held at Legion Hall at 5 p. m. Officials of the North Carolina League of Raleigh are expected to attend and conduct a forum on municipal affairs following the opening of the meeting.