

Army Leases Airbase For Spring Maneuvers

Members of the Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base commission and army engineers, acting for Exercise Swarmer, came to terms Tuesday afternoon on an agreement whereby the commission would lease the base to the army from March 12 to May 15 for the purpose of carrying on a maneuver.

All air base property, excepting approximately 500 acres, will be put into use by the army in the coming exercise. Some 10,000 men, including 5,000 Air Force personnel augmented by ground forces, will be at the base for a month or six weeks.

Since target areas, Camp MacCall and Fort Bragg, will be unapproachable by ground, paratroopers will be dropped on these areas just as if the areas were surrounded by water and there was no other means of getting to them.

That is why such emphasis is being placed on the Air Corps in this maneuver. The air base will be the main staging and loading point for Swarmer and in the height of the maneuver, it is expected that planes will be loading and taking off very rapidly.

And all of this must be timed exactly right so there will be no jamming and milling around. Truck loads of troops must reach the "apron" at just the same time as the planes so they may be loaded and get out of the way in a hurry.

The main details of transferring the base to the army have been worked out and it was decided that the commission would pay for utilities used at the base and in turn, they would be repaid by the army.

In addition, the contract signed Tuesday said the army would leave the property in just as good, if not better condition than when they took it over. So far, they have run into a few problems which will have to be rectified before the maneuver starts.

For instance, it was found that gasoline tanks at the base were not in proper condition and since over a million gallons of aviation gasoline will be needed for the operation, those tanks will have to be put in perfect condition by the army. The engineers said, however, that nothing seriously is wrong with the tanks and that they will be repaired shortly.

It is expected that a great deal of activity will precede the actual arrival of troops in order that everything be in readiness. From the logistical standpoint alone, the base will be a veritable hive of activity. When you think of the amount of food, clothing, bedding, bathing and toilet facilities alone for that number of men, then you may get some idea of the size of the job.

Ernest McGirt, possession of non tax paid whiskey, 60 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Bill Kalu, trespassing, 60 days suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Bill Kalu, drunk, 30 days suspended on payment of \$10 and costs.

Henry Locklear, possession of non tax paid whiskey, 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Mrs. Henry Locklear, possession of non tax paid whiskey, 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Nicholas Locklear, possession of non tax paid whiskey, 30 days suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Alton Locklear, possession of non tax paid whiskey, 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

William D. Brooks, assault with deadly weapon, prosecuting witness wishing to withdraw the warrant was taxed with court costs.

MINT MUSEUM OF ART HEAD TALKS TO JUNIOR WOMEN

Joseph Shields Hutchison, director of the Mint Museum of Art in Charlotte was guest speaker at the March meeting of the Maxton Junior Woman's club Monday evening of this week at the Community club. Mr. Hutchison was introduced by Mrs. E. L. Stoffel, and spoke to the group on "Let's Think About Art," in a most interesting discussion of art and the language of design.

Mr. Hutchison illustrated his talk with slides from famous masters including Monet, Rembrandt, Van Gogh, Manet, Titian, De Vinci, Gainsborough, El Greco and Et. Saens.

A business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Joe B. Hord, with routine reports heard. Mrs. Etta Cashwell was elected delegate to the state convention of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in Raleigh in April, with Mrs. R. R. Dook, as alternate.

Mrs. Maizelle Williams, chairman of the public welfare department, reported that a total of \$832.00 had been collected in the recent March of Dimes.

The club approved recommendations of the executive board which included change of the club year, making the annual meeting to be held in May with installation of officers at that time, and the club dues set at \$2.20.

The club membership drive will be conducted next month. Mrs. R. R. Dook read a proposed point system for club members, which was recently adopted.

Following the business meeting, the hostesses served refreshments of cake, coffee and mints to the approximately 25 club members present.

Basketball at Presbyterian Junior College ended abruptly at the hands of a very much improved Louisville five, Thursday night, March 9th, at Davidson College in the NJCAA Section 10 Tourney.

The teams had the same number of field goals, 20, but Louisville hit 25 free throws to PJC's 12, totaling the difference at 65-52.

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Jerry Parish closed out a brilliant career at PJC getting 20 points and boosted his total for two years of play to 674 points, believed to be a record for the local college.

John Johnson also wound up his career with 10 points, followed by Tom Field, another senior, with 8 points. Also rounding out their eligibility were two Maxton lads, Pete Hasty and Chick Seals.

Coach Peanut Doak praised Hasty and Seals for their loyal work with the Scotties and stated that "a team is no better than its reserves and certainly these two boys have played a big part in helping PJC to two good seasons in basketball."

The high score for PJC this year were Jerry Parrish with 342 points in 19 games for an average of 18 points a game and Tom Field's great rebound man, tallied 228 points. Johnson rounded out the big three with 192 points. The teams season record was 11 wins against 9 defeats.

Howard Hasty, student at State College, spent the weekend at home.

Survey Airbase For Academy Possibility

Mr. Byrd, a member of the surveying engineering office of Savannah, Ga., was a one man survey team at the Laurinburg-Maxton airbase, which is under consideration for the proposed Force academy.

The site is to be selected by the Sites Selection Board of Washington, D. C., in the near future.

Mr. Byrd and a committee from Laurinburg and Maxton made a complete initial survey of the local field. Complete information in regards to facilities is in the hands of the printer and will be sent to the engineer corp within a week.

C. A. Hasty of Maxton stated that nothing definite was announced by Mr. Byrd and that decision of the site will be announced at a later date.

He hope that Maxton has a favorable chance in this matter.

School Signs To Be Placed

At the monthly meeting of the Town Board Monday evening of this week, it was decided to place five "School, Drive Slowly" signs at approaches to the white and colored schools in Maxton. The signs will be placed this week and will be recognized as the "Little Corporal" used in many North Carolina towns.

The "Little Corporal" will be a very prominent reminder to motorists to use precaution in proceeding through school zones with proper regard for school children pedestrians.

At the meeting, it was also passed to erect a fence around the trash pile at the outskirts of the town on the highway to Red Springs. This will keep papers and other refuse from blowing and causing an unsightly spot.

Dr. I. G. Greer Is Heard By Merchants

Free enterprise offers as many benefits to the working people as it does to management. Dr. I. G. Greer declared Monday night in an address before merchants of Robeson County at the Pine Crest Country Club.

Dr. Greer, executive vice president of the North Carolina Business Foundation, appeared here in behalf of the proposed chair of Retailing at the University of North Carolina.

Declaring that our ideals, if defended strongly enough, will protect us from Communism, Dr. Greer told his listeners everyone must learn the importance of respecting the value of individuals, and the fact that individual personality is all important.

Dr. Greer told his audience that normally people fall because they don't use what they have. We should stick to the job that we are made for once we have found what we are best suited for, he declared.

The speaker declared that no one has the right to secure their desires at the expense of the other man. We should succeed by helping our fellow man rather than by getting even, he said.

Approve County Home As Health Center Site

Mack Matthews Speech Winner

Mack Matthews of Laurinburg, was judged 13th district winner in the American Legion Oratorical contest held on Friday evening of last week at the chapel of Presbyterian Junior College.

Mack participated in the division contest in Kinston on Tuesday night in the semi-final phase of the contest. State winner will be determined in a final competition for five division winners in Lexington on March 17th.

Gloria McCollum of Fairmont, Robeson County winner, was his opponent in the district contest Friday night, and the following two orations, the judges found the contestants to be tied. After much debate, it was decided that the two would be asked to make brief extemporaneous speeches, where upon Mack Matthews was selected as the winner.

Miss McCollum was the 13th district winner in last year's contest. Mack received a \$50 savings bond on Tuesday for winning district honors and Gloria was presented with a \$25 bond.

The awards were contributed by McLaurin-McArthur Chevrolet of Laurinburg, Z. V. Pate, Inc., of Laurel Hill, and Singleton-McMillan Studebaker Co., of Red Springs.

Mr. White, principal of the Lumberton schools, presided at the district contest in the absence of B. E. Lohr of Lumberton, district chairman. The subject of the orations "Our American Constitution," with emphasis on attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government.

The fund chairman in the different branches are as follows: Red Springs, Miss Corolla McMillan; Maxton, Rev. H. G. Cuthrell; Pembroke, Prof. Elmer T. Lowry; Fairmont, Dr. P. C. Purvis; Parkton, Mrs. D. C. Currie; Lumber Bridge, Mrs. Frank Toland; Rowland, Mr. Lavern Adams.

Robeson Teachers To Have Science Workshop Series

On Wednesday afternoon, March 22, at 2 o'clock, the elementary teachers of the city and county white schools and the high school teachers of science will meet in the auditorium of the Joe P. Moore Building in Lumberton to hear Dr. Donald G. Decker, professor of science at Colorado State College of Education at Greeley, Colo.

Dr. Decker is the co-author of the "How and Why" science series which is North Carolina's adopted science text. He received his doctorate in science at Columbia University and during the war he was engaged in scientific research at Oak Ridge, Tenn. He will conduct a workshop in science for the teachers of Robeson and neighboring counties.

Henry A. Shannon, advisor in science and mathematics in the department of public instruction and Robert V. Augustinus, representative of the Singer Publishing Company, will accompany and assist Dr. Decker. This meeting, one of eleven held in the state, was arranged by Dr. Henry J. Highsmith, director of the department of public instruction, and B. E. Lohr, superintendent of Lumberton City schools.

Twenty Out For Baseball

Coach Raymond Peele of the Maxton High School, announced this week that approximately 20 boys had turned out for the baseball team at the first meeting on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Schedule of games to be played by the local eleven will be announced as soon as it is completed. Meanwhile, the boys are busy with practice each afternoon following the close of school.

The monthly meeting of the American Legion will be held on Friday evening, March 17, at 7:30 o'clock at the Community Club. Commander B. E. Hellekson urges all Legionnaires to be present at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Stone and sons, Arnold and Bob, and daughter, Magenta, and Jim Donnell visited relatives and friends in Fairmont on Sunday.

Robeson Has \$7,300 Quota For '50 Drive

A quota of \$7300 has been set by the Robeson County Chapter of the American Red Cross to meet community needs during the coming year. Howard Coyle, chairman of the 1950 Red Cross Fund campaign, announced today. The chapter will conduct its campaign for the fund March 20 to 25.

"March is the traditional month set aside by Red Cross chapters throughout the country to present to the public the needs of the organization for the coming year and solicit financial support," Mr. Coyle added. "The Robeson County Chapter, joining with the more than 3,500 chapters in this country, will offer everyone in Robeson county an opportunity to contribute to the Red Cross and to become a member of the organization."

Mr. Coyle added that maintaining high quality service in the community by the Red Cross is dependent upon full public support in meeting the Robeson County quota, which is based on minimum needs of Red Cross services.

Basic services expected to require the major expenditures for next year are disaster relief, services to members of the armed forces and to veterans through the Home Service department in the chapter, and the National Blood Program. Other chapter services to be maintained include health, education and safety programs.

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'PEANUT' DOAK TO COACH PLYMOUTH ROCKS THIS YEAR

Coach R. R. "Peanut" Doak of Presbyterian Junior College, has accepted an offer to manage the 1950 season of the McColl, S. C. Plymouth Rocks of the fast semi-pro Twin-States Textile league. This announcement followed a statement by Tom Cope, business manager of the Red Springs Red Robins of the Tobacco State league, that Doak had asked for a release from the club of manager the McColl team. Cope stated that the Robins had regretfully granted him the release.

"Red Springs hates to lose Peanut," Cope said. "He has been a valuable addition to our club for two years. He helped the Red Robins greatly, especially with the young players, in both playing and team work. He gave the whole team the will to win. The Red Robins extend best wishes to Peanut with his new job. He was highly regarded throughout the Tobacco State league."

Doak is now in the process of talking to several top ranking pro and college players in an effort to complete his team. Bill Bullard, former Wake Forest student, was one of the first players signed by Peanut.

Serving as coach of all sports at Presbyterian Junior College for the past three years, Doak is a graduate of N. C. State College, where he was named to several All-Southern football teams in 1942. He received a trophy in 1941 as the "most-improved player." He played four years of baseball and football at State College. His father, "Chick" Doak, has been a prominent figure in baseball circles for years and has been a coach at State College for many years.

Doak signed with the Boston Red Sox following his graduation, and in 1944 played with the Sox farm club at Scranton, Pa. Later he joined the staff at P. J. C. For two summers, he has played with the Red Springs Robins. He paced the hitting season last year with a .316 average and was one of the top hitters in the Tobacco State league.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Doak of Raleigh. He and his wife, Betty, have made their home in Maxton where they have many friends.

Fat Stock Show, Sale At Red Springs May 4

Robeson County Fat Stock Show and Sale will be held Thursday, May 4.

Date and place were set Tuesday night at a meeting of the show committee headed by M. S. Huston of Fairmont. The event, started two years ago as the Fairmont Stock Show and Sale, has been converted to a county-wide affair, and will be held each year at a different town of the county.

County Agent O. P. Owens estimated today that farm boys and girls will enter approximately 22 steers and 75 or 80 hogs in this year's show.

Maxton Scouts Enjoy Camping Trip On River

Nineteen members of Scout Troop No. 39 enjoyed a weekend camping trip on the river near Wilmington. Accompanying the group, which traveled to Wilmington by truck on Saturday morning, were Bob Brooks and Jim Mock.

The Scouts had a fine weekend of activities which included a softball game, an Irish stew supper Saturday night, hiking, outdoor meals and nature study. The group returned on Sunday evening.

Several members of the troop are making plans to attend the World Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., in the near future.

Mormax Club Fetes Seniors

The March meeting of the Mormax club was held last Thursday evening at the Maxton Community club with supper served by members of the Senior class at Maxton high school.

The business session was led by president, L. W. Anderson. Main topic was the boy scout project which was approved for club sponsorship for the coming year. This organization has been sponsors of the local scout work for several years. Committee in charge is F. C. Frostick, G. P. Henderson, J. D. Medlin and several other members.

Many Acclaim 'Our Gal Sal'

An appreciative audience of friends, parents and interested persons were present Friday evening at the high school auditorium to see the three-act comedy, "Our Gal Sal" as presented by members of the Junior Class of Maxton High.

The play was acclaimed a huge success both from a standpoint of finance and production. Miss Retha Watts, class sponsor, directed the play and was assisted by members of the class.

Participating in the cast were Peggy Jean Thomas, Betty McLean, Kathryn Currie, Betty McLean, Sara Fairley McIntyre, Patsy Hamer, Jimmy Patterson, Bob Bullard and Reginald McVicker.

The old County Home property was approved this week as a site for a proposed modern \$50,000 health center for Robeson County.

The decision was given Tuesday after the site had been visited by the county commissioners, county Board of Health, and representatives of the State Board of Health and the Medical Care Commission.

Approximately \$38,000 for the health center has been offered by the county by the Medical Care Commission for use in building the health center. Approximately \$12,000 for the center would come from general county funds.

The commissioners appointed County Manager W. D. Reynolds as a liaison man to work with all groups in furthering the health center plan.

At the same time, the board authorized Mr. Reynolds to investigate plans to convert another portion of the county home property into new and roomier quarters for the county Welfare Department.

Mr. Reynolds estimated that it would be several months before details can be arranged to the point of asking contracts on the remodeling work.

The county home property was abandoned as such about two years ago.

Baseball Work Begins At The College

Some twenty candidates for the baseball team at Presbyterian Junior College reported to Coach Peanut Doak on Monday of this week for their initial practice session.

Returning lettermen are Beverly McIntyre, John Johnson, Howell Sharpe, Butter Snipes, Jim Donnell, Tom Stewart, Jerry Parrish and Jimmy Moss. Promising newcomers are Paul Boan, Harley Pendergraft, Bob Caddell, Will Parker, Cozy Coles, Haynes Stratford, Walter White, Tom Northington and Duke Peele.

Three returning men from last year's team are Sid Carraway, Tom Fields and Howard Salmons. The loss of Ankie Rowe from last year's pitching staff leaves a big hole, but it is hoped that Big John Johnson and Beverly McIntyre can fill it. Salmons has shown promise of becoming a starting hurler as well as Hugh Thomas, a new lefthander. Little Jimmy Moss may come in for some relief work since he has shown himself to have pretty good control.

The schedule for the current baseball season opens March 30 on Patterson Field at the college with Louisville. The entire schedule will be carried in that issue of the Scottish Chief, since it is not complete at this printing.

Rev. H. G. Cuthrell Will Head Drive

Rev. H. G. Cuthrell has been named chairman of the Maxton drive of the American Red Cross which will be conducted next week, beginning on Monday, March 20, and continuing through March 25.

Mr. Cuthrell announced that plans were being completed this week for the campaign and that the community had been zoned for a house to house canvass. Committees were being appointed this week to assist in this canvass. Business firms in the downtown district will also be visited for contributions.

Quota for Maxton in the Red Cross drive for 1950, is \$600.00 and it is sincerely hoped that this amount will be quickly reached. Robeson County's quota is set for \$7,300.00.

J. B. McCallum, Jr., of Maxton, is the chairman of the Robeson County chapter of the American Red Cross.

Beta Members To Convention

Eight members of the Beta club of Maxton high, with their sponsor, Miss Retha Watts and Mrs. C. W. Hensley, will leave Friday for the annual state convention of the Beta Club to be held during the weekend in Raleigh.

Carlyle Goes To Bat For Veteran Office

Representative F. Ertel Carlyle has informed friends in Robeson County that he is conferring with officials of the Veterans Administration to see if it will be possible to retain the VA office in Lumberton.

A VA news release Tuesday announced that the Lumberton office would be discontinued April 10 as a part of a nation-wide economy move in the Veterans Administration.

The reduction would mean a cut by 135 of VA personnel in North Carolina.

Manager and only employee of the Lumberton office is Marcus D. (Don) Armfield. Congressman Carlyle in a telephone conversation with Robeson County contacts said that he would not seek to oppose an economy move but that he would take every step to see that Lumberton does not suffer discrimination in the move.

The Veterans Administration said in its press release Tuesday: "The Lumberton office was shown to be the lowest ranking in point of activity. Also considered was the fact that the VA contact service is available at Fayetteville, only 35 miles away, and at Wilmington, which means that essential service to veterans of Robeson and Bladen counties will not be curtailed."