

YOUR SCRIBE

By FREDRICK L. BURNS



FAYETTEVILLE — We have just returned from a call meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Old Howard School property. This meeting was called by the chairman of the board for the purpose of hearing from the public as to what disposition should be made of the property.

After four days of advertising only a few persons seem to have had enough interest in their children to sacrifice a few hours to let the Board know how they are thinking.

There is a group that has circulated a petition allegedly signed by hundreds of persons in the city asking that the city council permit the library board to build a public library on a portion of the site.

However in order to safeguard the city, it must have a deed to the property.

Another group seems to think that if the property (worth approximately \$50,000 — fifty thousand dollars, is deeded to the city, the Board will have betrayed the trust placed in their hands.

The piece of property is rich in history. It is situated three blocks south of the old Market house on Gillespie street. History tells us that it was purchased by a group of Negroes in Fayetteville and deeded to the school children of Cross Creek Township, to be used for educational purposes. Perpetually. We know of no other city that the school age children own a piece of property.

After the war between the states General Howard of the Freedmen entered in an agreement with the Board of Trustees and the Old Howard School was built and the only school for Negroes was held there for a long time. However, after the year of the agreement had expired the property and building was turned back to the Board of Trustees.

Because of no finance the board appealed to the then Governor Vance of North Carolina for funds to operate. The governor was so interested he made a trip to Fayetteville and conferred with the Board.

He agreed that if certain conditions were met, by placing classes of higher learning upstairs and elementary classes down stairs, he would recommend to the state legislature that funds be made available for the school. This was done and the names of some of North Carolina's greatest Negroes were listed on the school roll. This school was the forerunner of the State Normal School which in turn

became Fayetteville State Teachers College.

Over thirty years ago a group tried to sell this property for fifteen hundred dollars. The citizens headed by the late Prof. Edward Evans became so enraged a suit was instituted to prevent its sale. The suit was heard at Lumberton, N. C. The judge then ruled that the deed of trust could not be broken.

A few months ago a few citizens started a suit in the local court asking that the board be forced to deed the property to the city for the purpose of building a library. The whole issue has caused one of the greatest upheavals the city has ever known.

Tempers have risen to the boiling point. Neighbors have become suspicious of one another. Common reasoning has been thrown to the four winds. Still there is no selected site for the new library. Two very good proposals have been offered. But no consideration has been given to the four winds. Still there is no selected site for the new library. Two very good proposals have been offered. But consideration has been given at present.

One was that the Bishop Hood Property on Ramsey street be purchased and the library be built there. This would be in keeping with the present one since it was named after the late Bishop James Walker Hood, and a library on that site would be a memorial to him.

The other proposal was that the Board lease the property to some firm or individual, the money for the rent be held in trust, each summer all children attending Sunday School be given a ten day stay at some work camp. This camp will be run on the same basis as the daily vacation bible school, crafts, and religious training received will be in keeping with the legal aspects of the deed. Their has been no formal request for the property from the library board or any one else.

In the meantime we hope that the heads come up with some solution that is agreeable to the majority of the citizens at least one that will benefit the school children of the city.

Farm output per man-hour reached an all-time high in 1950. It is now about twice what it was 40 years ago.



'MISS' LUTCHER, TO YOU—Recording favorite, Nellie Lutcher, poses prettily for the cameraman as she came in aboard the Queen Mary last week after a heartwarming personal success in Europe. The nightclub and theatre favorite was the toast of London's musical halls, and has already been committed for a tour of the continent in the fall.

Fort Bragg Pistol Team Closes Successful Year

FORT BRAGG — The Fort Bragg Pistol Team closed out one of the best years in the history of Pistol Team Competition last week end by competing in the North Carolina State Pistol Championships at Asheville.

The Braggmen took team honors in the .38 calibre championship event and came in second in the .22 calibre championships which was won by the Protest Marshals General School Team from Camp Gordon, Georgia.

Master Sergeant Leo G. Vause, Headquarters Battery, 82nd Division Artillery captured the individual state base pistol artist took second place in the individual matches and Captain Ben G. Curtis, of Fort Bragg, placed third.

The Bragg team captured 37 medals in the Asheville event.

The North Carolina championships marked the close of a successful season for the local team. Participating in 14 mat-

ches, the Bragg team captured 10 matches in the Master Class competition, 2 matches in the Expert Class, and lost 2 matches. They won a total of 168 medals in their 1951 competition.

The team holds state championships titles in both the .22 calibre and .38 calibre class for Georgia and Florida and the .38 calibre championships for the State of North Carolina.

Master Sergeant Vause holds the individual state championship titles for the States of Georgia and North Carolina. Another team member, Captain Curtis is the Florida State Champion.

Both Captain Curtis and Sergeant Vause have been selected as members of a team which will represent the Department of the Army in the National Matches to be fired in San Francisco, California, September 28-October 5.

The National championships are sponsored by the National Rifle Association and the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle

Helping Hand Club In Regular Monthly Meet

FAYETTEVILLE — Members of the Helping Hand Club of the First Baptist Church met Tuesday night July 17 in the home of Mrs. Bobbie Boons for their regular monthly meeting.

The meeting was opened by singing led by Mrs. Ella Bertha followed by prayer by Mrs. Ella Taylor.

The Scripture lesson was read in parts led by Mrs. Fannie Wood. The lesson was a round table discussion. Mrs. Boons and Mrs. Bell Bethune led the discussion. The president, Mrs. Ella Bertha presided over the business session. Member heard reports of various committees. Mrs. Bell Bethune, Mrs. Bessie Pitts, Miss Dorothy McClawlin, Miss Bertha and Lillian Towend were welcomed as visitors. 11 members were present.

At the close of the meeting the Hostess served delicious refreshments of cookies, Jello with ice cream and ice tea.

Pfc. and Mrs. Joseph Davis, Jr., 309 Hillsboro St. announced the birth of a son, Joseph Edward, Friday July 13 at Fort Bragg Hospital No. 2 Mrs. Davis is the former Miss Ella Mae Autin of this city.

PERSONAL
Dr. and Mrs. Robbin Bennett and Son of Mt. Vernon, N. J. were recent week end guests of Mrs. Hattie L. Dixon. While visiting in New York, Mrs. Dixon makes her home with the Bennetts.

The continued excellent condition of the Mess may be attributed to an efficient and well-trained staff. In addition, the men of the unit take special pride and interest in the maintenance and upkeep of the Mess.

Key personnel credited with the excellent condition of the Mess Hall include, CWO Percy Brackens mess officer; Sfc. James Carter, Jr., mess steward; Sfc. Alexander Anderson, assistant; Sgts. Jesse Odum and Richard Mapp, and Col. Eugene McClelland first cooks; Cpl. Jesse Conner, George Coover and Pvt. Sandy Hooks, cooks; Cpl. Charlie Grant, storage and Pfc. Virgil Lewis and Robert Smith, dining room orderlies.

Captain Floyd C. Hiller whose soldierly bearing, peerless leadership ability and gentleman-like qualities have won him the utmost confidence and respect of the men in the unit, is Detachment commander.

Long regarded as one of the best Mess Halls on the reservation the excellent rating was nothing new to personnel of the Detachment. It marked the second such rating the Mess has received in recent months.

Fayetteville Personals

By Miss Maude E. Hood
FAYETTEVILLE — The Beulah Murchinson is attending summer school at the New York University.

Mrs. Ruth Nicholson Oliver and Mrs. Frances Nicholson Borrower Practice.

Members of the 1950-51 Bragg team includes Captain Ben C. Curtis and Sergeant First Class Johnny Hunter, both of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment No. 1, 242d ASL; Master Sergeants Leo G. Vause and Herbert Roberts, Jr., both of Headquarters, 82nd Airborne Division Artillery; and Master Sergeant Lee Sprouse, Joint Airborne Troop Board.

of Philadelphia, Pa. are visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Nita Jones is spending sometime in New York City with her daughter Mrs. Pearl Downs.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Strickland of East Orange, N. J. were recent guest of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Hill.

The friends of Mrs. Lucy Lewis are glad to see her home.

Mrs. Alice Josey of Washington, D. C. is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Armstrong.

Lt. and Mrs. Charles Easley left for Fort Sam Marcos Texas, where he is to report to the Army Aviation Tactical Course at the Artillery School there.

DRIVE SAFELY

Post Swimming Meet Set

FORT BRAGG—Post Special Services announced last week that the 1951 Fort Bragg Championship Swimming Meet will be conducted on August 6, 7, and 8 at the Lee Field House (swimming pool). Competition will get underway at 7 o'clock each night.

According to the announcement, entries will be based on a regimental level, or a consolidation of smaller units not to exceed a total of 3000 men.

Competition in the Meet is open to all male officers and enlisted personnel stationed at Fort Bragg. A team may enter not more than four contestants in any one event, while an individual contestant is limited to three events, including relays. Each team may also enter one relay team in any relay event. Individuals entered in the Meet are requested to bring their own bathing suits and towels.

Appropriate awards will be presented to individuals placing first and second in each event and to the championship and runner-up teams.

In order to secure maximum participation in the three-day aquatic event units of regimental size unable to enter a complete team are encouraged to enter a partial team.

Events listed to be conducted the Meet are as follows: 300 yard medley relay, 220 yard free style, 50 yard free style, 3 meter diving, 100 yard free style, 100 yard backstroke, 100 yard breast stroke, 440 yard free style, 150 yard individual medley and the 400 yard free style relay.

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