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Town Of Maxton Is Saddened By Death Of Oliver Gaston Drennan

Presbyterian Church Scene Of Last Rites

A death which touched a wide range of people with great sadness occurred in Maxton when Oliver Gaston Drennan, 43, popular and esteemed businessman, died suddenly early Tuesday morning in the garage which he operated. The First Presbyterian church, of which he was an officer, was filled to capacity for the service, held Wednesday afternoon with his pastor, Rev. T. Layton Fraser, and his former pastor, Rev. John H. McKinnon of Concord, officiating. Of the great morning in the garage which he profusion of floral tributes, only a white cross and design of red roses were used in the church. A choir, composed of members from all the churches in town, sang "Crossing the Bar" and "No Night There" and Mrs. R. M. Williams, pianist, played "Sweet Peace" and "Immortal Love." Scriptural passages were read by Mr. Fraser, who paid tribute to the faithful and diligent service of the deceased as a son, husband, brother, friend and Christian. Rev. John H. McKinnon closed the service with a prayer of thanksgiving for the life which had just closed, and Masonic rites were conducted at the grave by members of Lodge No. 417, A. F. and A. M., led by C. H. Whitlock, serving as master and Rory MacNair serving as chaplain of the lodge. Mr. Fraser made the closing prayer.

Active pallbearers were C. A. Hasty, J. D. Medlin, G. P. Henderson, Jack Peacock, Murphy McGirt and J. C. Daniel. Honorary pallbearers were the officers of the Presbyterian church and the following: F. C. Frostick, R. P. Edwards, J. L. Pace, P. M. Essey, J. R. Dalrymple Jr., C. M. Casteven, T. O. Evans, E. P. Smith, E. L. Taylor, T. K. Speros, E. T. Carowan, E. A. Davis, Jap Gainey, D. E. Dunn Jr., K. J. Chisholm, M. A. Biles, C. L. Green, Elmer Whitlock, Dr. R. D. Croom Jr., John Deaver, R. E. Burns Jr., Rufus Smith, L. W. Anderson, McBryde Austin, M. P. James, Bob McCallum, Claude Harrill, A. C. Greene, Capt. Andrew Arena, Ernest Campbell of Raeford, Hugh McOrn, Dan McDuffie, Morrison McLaurin, Dr. Harry Summerlin, Hugh Campbell and Floyd McLean of Laurinburg, H. A. McKinnon and John L. McLean of Lumberton, D. M. McMillan, John K. McGirt of Red Springs. Oliver Mc

Memorial Rites Held In Honor Of Maxton Servicemen

A memorial service was held Sunday evening at the Maxton Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. T. Layton Fraser, honoring the three soldiers from this church, who had made the supreme sacrifice. They were:

James Eugene Morrison, Jr., born in Maxton, August 8th, 1921, and died February 28th, 1943, when his fighter plane crashed into the Mississippi river near Hayti, Mo.

John Currie McLeod, who was born December 5th, 1924, lost his life on June 3rd, 1944, when the dive-bomber in which he was radio-man and gunner, crashed in Delaware Bay while making a routine

Rufus Merritt Knight, Jr., born December 23, 1918, lost his life while serving as coxswain on the USS Palmer, which was sweeping for mines in Lingayen Gulf and was sunk by the enemy on January 7, 1945.

The impressive service closed with the hymn "Nearer My God To Thee." flight.

Tribute Of Honor Paid Lt. Monroe

Lieut. John Duncan Monroe, a native of Maxton, who had lived in Lumberton for a number of years and who was killed in action in France on June 23rd, 1944, while piloting a B-24 Liberator with the Eighth Air Force in England, was paid a tribute of honor at a memorial service held in the First Presbyterian church of Lumberton Easter Sunday. It was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. R. L. Alexander, D. D. Lieut. Monroe was the son of Mrs. Bess Monroe of Lumberton, formerly of Maxton, and had a large number of friends and relatives here.

Easter Services At Maxton Churches

A pantomime, written by Mrs. Forrest L. Young, in seven scenes, picturing the story of Easter was presented to an overflowing congregation at the Baptist church last Sunday evening. Mrs. J. C. Daniel read the scriptural accounts and a choir of fifty voices assisted in telling the story of Christ's resurrection.

A beautiful musical program featured the service at St. Paul's Methodist church, directed by Mrs. W. A. Webb.

Clean-Up Drive Gains Impetus

City Requests Ashes Be Put In Containers

Splendid impetus was given the clean-up campaign, which got underway in Maxton this week, at a meeting of the civic committee and the town board. In order to stimulate and assist in this movement, the town board has arranged to make every possible effort to haul off the ashes, as well as the trash and garbage, which will be a great help to the property owners in cleaning off their premises.

The city requests that the ashes be placed in containers and in accessible to the trucks. Otherwise, they cannot be expected to remove them. The city is giving favorable consideration to the removal of ashes as a permanent service, provided the public will put the ashes in cans and provided the city is able to secure new equipment.

The city asks cooperation in lightening the work by burning papers, leaves, etc. using care in doing so with safety.

Lumberman Fined On OPA Ceiling Charges

J. T. Williams, Lumberton abattoir operator, was fined \$45,000 in Federal court at Wilmington Monday and given a suspended 12-month reformatory sentence on charges of 168 OPA ceiling price violations.

Court attaches said it was the heaviest penalty ever given in a North Carolina court for price violations.

Williams had entered a plea of nolo contendere.

The government's specifications charged Williams sold meats, including pork and beef, in Lumberton, Whiteville, St. Pauls, Wilmington, and other towns at OPA ceiling prices but that he received side payments far in excess of ceiling quotations.

OPA Attorney Albert Corbett said in court that Williams on 168 occasions collected \$9,372.59 on such sales above the OPA ceiling prices, and that Williams' records showed the sales at ceiling prices.

Corbett said the sales list included transactions amounting to \$22,289.47 in tankage, and in no case was the OPA able to find that any tankage actually was sold.

Williams was represented by Robert H. Dye and James R. Nance, Fayetteville attorneys. Nance said Williams was a hamstrung operator who would have had to go out of business if he stayed within OPA ceilings. He also said Williams' record reflected every cent he had received or paid out for meats.

The OPA complaint charged that Williams sold meats on 60 occasions to a Lumberton retailer and collected \$2,552.92 over and above ceiling prices, on 56 occasions sold meat to a St. Pauls retailer at \$3,156.01 in excess of OPA ceiling, and sold meat on 36 occasions to another Lumberton firm for prices \$2,211.85 above ceiling.

Baptismal Service To Be Held Sunday

A baptismal service will be held at the Maxton Baptist church Sunday evening, following the evening worship. The subject of the pastor's message will be "A Strange Thing." His subject at the morning service will be "A Divine Plan."

Surprise Supper

Mrs. Thomas A. Fry, Jr., entertained at a surprise buffet supper on Monday evening, in honor of Mr. Fry's birthday anniversary. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Campen, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McKeithan, Mrs. James Watson, Mr. and Mrs. George Ashford and James Hart.

FEATURED SPEAKER AT HISTORIC EVENT



PREMIER ANGUS MacDONALD of Nova Scotia will be the principal speaker at the 50th anniversary celebration of Flora Macdonald college, to be held in Red Springs May 7. He will speak in the college auditorium at the conclusion of the academic procession.

Celebration To Be Climaxed By Portrayal Of Flora Macdonald's Rescue Of Bonnie Prince Charlie

ROMANTIC EPISODE IN HIGHLANDS OF SCOTLAND TO BE DRAMATIZED IN OUTDOOR THEATRE AT COLLEGE

The beautiful symphonic drama, "Flora Macdonald in Scotland," to be presented in the outdoor theatre of the college, will climax the historic double celebrations at Flora Macdonald college on the 7th of May, at 7:30 p. m.

Clare Johnson Marley, who wrote and will direct the pageant, received the Roland Holt award from the University of North Carolina for this production and was twice the winner of the Sidney Lanier Cup for play writing—once for the drama which will be presented at Flora Macdonald, and once for "The Old Dram Tree," her first play of the Crusoe Island folk. This drama also received flattering recognition on Broadway from Barrett Clark, dramatic critic.

The following quotation is from the late beloved "Proff," Dr. Frederick H. Koch of Chapel Hill: "Clare Johnson Marley's play presents the romantic episode of the Scottish heroine, Flora Macdonald, in contriving the escape of "Bonnie Prince Charlie" from the pursuing British army. You will recall that Prince Charles escaped from his exile in France to

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the highlands of Scotland. The clans rallied to his cause, but were utterly defeated at Culloden. With a few of his faithful followers, the Prince again escaped and took refuge in a cave by the sea on a small island near Rossnish. This is the scene of our drama." In the charming setting of the

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VOTE FOR EDUCATION

Citizens of the Red Springs special school district who have the welfare of young people at heart will make it a point to get to the polls Saturday and cast their ballot in favor of a special levy to finance school improvements.

Students who have gone to college and into business life from the Red Springs schools, their parents and friends, know how they are handicapped when they come up against those who have attended schools with higher standards.

They know that the bare minimum of education that can be financed with state and county funds is not enough. The Red Springs area can no longer be content with just getting by.

No one should rest until adequate education has been assured for the citizens of tomorrow.

Adequate education cannot be accomplished by sitting at home Saturday and hoping the special levy is approved, for a registered voter who sits at home is counted as a vote against the levy.

The only way you can assure adequate education is to go to the polls and vote for the levy.

Red Springs Clean-Up Week

Property Owners Urged To Assist In Campaign

The mayor and board of commissioners of the Town of Red Springs in meeting Tuesday evening, April 23, proclaimed the week of April 29 through May 4th as clean up week in Red Springs.

A new street department trick is now operating and with two trucks it is expected that considerable work can be done on the streets and sidewalks during the week if additional labor can be secured.

The town officials have requested that all property owners do their share in the campaign by cleaning their yards and property and placing the trash on the curbs in order to facilitate the collection of the trash by the town trucks. Special attention is called to the vacant lots some of which are in very bad condition and should be cleaned up by the owners.

A large crowd of visitors are expected in Red Springs on May 7, for the May Day program at the college and the town officials are anxious to prepare for this occasion in every way possible.

Are You A Veteran? Do You Want To Vote?

Attention has been called to the fact that veterans are not eligible to vote in the forthcoming election under the absentee registration they made while in the service.

It has been noted that many veterans of World War II are not properly registered and those who desire to vote are urged to see that they are registered.

The registration books will be open in Robeson county beginning Saturday, April 27, and continuing through Saturday, May 11.

Rotary Host To Farmers Tomorrow Night

Red Springs Rotary club will observe farmers night Friday, 7 p. m., at the high school cafeteria. A hundred or more are expected to attend.

Main speaker will be James E. Coad, refrigeration engineer, who will speak on freezer lockers.

IN UNIFORM

SGT. ALBERT BOWDEN

Sgt. Albert Bowden, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bowden of Maxton, who has just returned from 14 months service in Germany, has received his discharge.

LIEUT. MAC REID

Lieut. Mac Reid, who has recently returned from overseas and has received his discharge, has accepted a position with Daystrom Laminates, Inc.

EVELYN PATE

The promotion of Technician 4th Grade Evelyn Pate to the rank of Technician 3rd grade was announced today at the Army's Deshon General hospital by Col. C. J. Gentskow, commanding officer.

T-3 Pate is attached to the 13th WAC Hospital company at Deshon. She is the daughter of Mrs. R. J. Edwards of Butter, N. C. and the wife of Norman Pate of Red Springs.

J. B. McCALLUM, JR.

A letter received this week from John B. McCallum, Jr., by his parents in Maxton states that he is still on the move, having recently been appointed Regional Executive officer of the American Red Cross, and moved to Regensburg, on the Danube river. His address, which has been requested by his friends, is APO No. 1, American Red Cross, U. S. Army, Care P. M., New York. He expects to return to the States in June.

Vote On School Improvements In Red Springs District Saturday

HUB COVINGTON GOES TO FINALS AT NORTH-SOUTH

Hub Covington of Red Springs was scheduled to meet Frank Stranahan of Toledo, Ohio, at Pinehurst Friday for the championship of the North-South golf tournament.

Hub won his way to the finals Thursday by defeating George T. Dunlap Jr., of Pinehurst, former national amateur champion and seven times winner of the North-South.

In Thursday's play, Hub scored four birdies in the first nine holes, but a downpour ruined the last half of the game. All was even at the 13th hole, Hub won the 14th and split the remaining through the 18th.

Friday's play was to be 36 holes.

3 Meet Violent Death In County

Auto Accidents Take 2 Lives

Three persons met violent death in Robeson county during the past four days, two of them being killed in automobile accidents and the third victim of a shooting in Sterlings township.

Joseph Gochenour Jr., 35-year old Californian who was visiting his native home at St. Pauls, was killed and Charlie Herndon of St. Pauls injured Tuesday afternoon when their car collided near St. Pauls with a McLean Wholesale Grocery truck of Lumberton driven by Joseph Steve Townsend. Gochenour died in Baker sanatorium shortly after the accident and Herndon is still a patient there.

No inquest has been set pending the outcome of Herndon's injuries. Townsend is being held under a \$1,000 bond.

The accident occurred a short distance from where Dannie Bell, Jr., 5-year-old Indian boy of Lumberton route one was killed Sunday after having been struck by an automobile driven by a Mr. Newman of Fayetteville. Driver of the car was placed under a \$500 bond but released after an inquest revealed the accident to be unavoidable.

James McKnight, Negro, died in Weinstein clinic, Fairmont, on Monday from shotgun wounds in the shoulder received Sunday in Sterlings township.

A coroner's jury ordered Ed

Special Levy Would Raise Local Standards

Citizens of the Red Springs school district will vote Saturday on the question of passing a special levy to provide improvements in the school system.

A special registration was called for the election and persons who favor the improvements must cast their vote, as a person who registers and does not vote is counted as a vote against the proposal.

The vote is on the levying of a special tax not to exceed 25 cents on the \$100 valuation.

Persons backing the special levy have pointed out that state and county funds are sufficient to operate the schools only on minimum standards and that if the schools are to be brought up to high standards, extra funds must come from local sources.

Improvements which have been listed as necessary in the Red Springs schools include: vocational department, science laboratory, special educational equipment including library materials and visual education equipment, physical education program, special teachers where needed and a commercial course.

Man Burns To Death In Oil Tanker Wreck

Ben Edgar Navey, 44, of Shelby, was burned to death Saturday night when the loaded oil tanker he was driving collided near Shoeheel Creek bridge between Maxton and Laurinburg with an empty tanker driven by Howard Primose Loke of Wilmington.

Officers report that the tankers sideswiped each other after which the loaded truck caught fire, burning the driver.

Navey is survived by his wife and six children.

BASEBALL

The Red Springs Red Robins will play the strong 442 Artillery team from Fort Bragg Sunday here in Robbins Park. Either O. Albert Parnell or Charlie Tanner will be on the mound for the Robins, who will be strengthened by the addition of Bob Cathey and Herb Hendrix, veteran infielders.

ward Thomas, Negro, head as the person who shot McKnight. Thomas had failed to make \$1,000 bond Wednesday.

BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE



THOMAS A. FRY, pastor of the Red Springs Presbyterian church will take the part of Prince Charles Edward Stuart in the symphonic drama. His escape from the pursuing British Army is a high spot in the production.

FLORA MACDONALD



JANE GRAY SANDERLIN will portray the role of the heroine Flora Macdonald in the presentation, "Flora Macdonald in Scotland." A talented young actress, she is now taking graduate work in dramatics at the University of North Carolina.