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Maxton Community Clubs To Open Former USO Building As Civic Center For Town

Formal Opening Set For Monday

Born during the hectic years of war and nurtured through its critical infancy by the United Service Organization, the recreation building located on highway 74 in Maxton will reach its adolescent stage as it reopens Monday night, June 24, under the auspicious title of Community Clubs, Inc. This bawling and lusty war baby has been placed into the competent hands of a board of seven directors, one representative from each of seven outstanding civic organizations, and Mrs. Glennie McCormac and it will be their job to direct it through a successful manhood.

Formerly known as the USO building, the recreation center was constructed in 1943 at a cost of approximately \$22,000 and opened in November of that year under the guidance of the Army and Navy Committee and directly under the Young Men's Christian Association, under whose leadership this club operated until March 1946. The club was staffed during the war years by able directors sent especially to Maxton to supervise this type of work. They were materially aided by the volunteer workers of the town of Maxton, eager to do their part in making more comfortable the off-duty hours of the men stationed at the Laurinburg-Maxton army air base. A certificate of recognition was later presented to Maxton in gratitude for this work by the two directing organizations mentioned above.

The building was recently purchased from the federal government by the town of Maxton and at their regular May meeting seven leading city clubs nominated a member to serve on a guiding board of directors.

These seven directors and the clubs they represent are as follows: C. A. Hasty, chairman of the board, the Mormax club; Mrs. J. H. McKinnon, secretary, Junior Woman's club; C. M. Castevens, treasurer, the American Legion; Mrs. C. H. Phillips, board member, Home Demonstration club; Mrs. R. A. McLeod, board member, the American Legion auxiliary; Mrs. G. P. MacKinnon, board member, Woman's club; and Marshall James, board member, Maxton Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Glennie McCormac has been selected to be in charge of the building and its general operation.

The building has been leased from the Town of Maxton. It will be operated and kept up by the corporation. The Maxton Community Clubs, Inc., has agreed to assume all operating repairs and keep up the insurance on the building.

The seven directors, after many meetings, have drawn up the by-laws of the corporation, which are still subject to change. A charter was applied for in Raleigh by J. A. Shaw this past week.

Membership cards have been designed and will be issued to all club members and their families. Outside interests are entitled to purchase cards as follows: Boy Scouts of America and the teen-age group of Maxton will pay \$1.00 per year for membership at their own request. Students of Presbyterian Junior college will pay 50¢ per semester for the privilege of using the building. A plan will be considered to take care of the general public not included in any of these organizations.

Membership cards are not transferable and entitle the holder to use the club room subject to the rules and regulations on reverse side of the card, which read: "In accepting this card you agree to abide by the by-laws governing the use of the building. Should you fail to do this, you will be asked to surrender this card and be denied the privilege of using the building."

Enrollments High At Maxton Bible Schools

During the closing week of the annual Daily Vacation Bible Schools, enrollment increased considerably at each of the three Maxton churches and much interest has been shown in the schools.

METHODIST
The commencement exercises of the Bible school will be held Sunday night at the Methodist church at 8 o'clock. All the departments of the school will participate in the final exercises. Enrollment has shown a considerable increase this second week. The Bible school will close at noon Friday.

BAPTIST
A picnic Friday afternoon will celebrate the close of a very successful Bible school. Enrollment this past week has jumped from an original 67 to a very high 105. The commencement exercises will be held Sunday night at the church at 8 o'clock. It will consist of demonstrations of the week's work by each group: beginners, primaries, juniors and intermediates.

PRESBYTERIAN
Certificates and awards will be given to those attending the Daily Vacation Bible school at the Presbyterian church when the commencement exercises are held Sunday night at eight o'clock at the church. Enrollment has increased to 75 this second week of the school. The closing program Sunday night will include illustrations of the work done the past two weeks.

Maxton Library To Take Half Holiday

The Gilbert Patterson Memorial library in Maxton will be closed on Wednesday afternoons during the summer months, Mrs. Luther McNeill, librarian, has announced. This will be in keeping in policy with Maxton merchants, who have been observing a Wednesday half-holiday for the past few weeks.

Mrs. McNeill has only recently returned to her library post after being out for an injury to her knee suffered in a fall.

Mrs. R. M. Williams, chairman of the library division of the Woman's club, reports that a new shipment of books, including all popular best-sellers, will soon be ordered for the library.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Black were the guests this week of Mrs. E. L. Cox. Dr. Black came to assist in the funeral services of D. E. Smith Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Thomas A. Fry, Sr., of Decatur, Ga., is visiting her son, Rev. Thomas A. Fry, Jr., and his family.

Cards will include the signature of the holder and the signature of the president of the board of directors.

Each club will have the privilege of using the building for its regular monthly meeting without cost.

All members of the seven club sand their families are invited to attend the opening night program at the club, which has been arranged by the Woman's club and will commence at eight o'clock on Monday night. This invitation also includes the Cotillion club, Presbyterian Junior college faculty and students, Boy Scouts of the Maxton troop and teen-agers.

The building includes in addition to an excellent dance floor and banquet hall, a snack bar, reading room and library, lounge, public telephone service and a cloak room.



NEW MAXTON CIVIC CENTER

COMMUNITY CLUBS, INC.

Surplus Sale At Maxton Air Base

Captain John E. Havas, Salvage Officer of the Laurinburg-Maxton army air base, has announced another small lot sale of surplus property at the base in Maxton.

Property to be sold includes: office furniture, circular and jig-saws, drill presses, hand trucks, scales, jacks, lubrication pumps, hardware supplies, typewriters, power units, Singer sewing machine, communication equipment, plumbing supplies, electric heaters, automotive supplies, garden hose, electrical equipment and supplies, air compressors, nails, skeet traps and buildings, blankets and barracks.

These items will be open to public inspection at the base from 8:30 to 12:00 a. m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. Monday through Friday, June 24 to June 28. No public inspection will be held on Saturday or Sunday.

The bids will be opened on Monday, July 1. Military personnel and civilian personnel employed by the war department are not eligible to submit bids on these items.

Captain Havas reported that at the last surplus property sale which was held June 10 to 14 with bidding on June 17, over 100 bids were received. Bidding is secret and highest bidder takes the property up for disposal.

All surplus property sold at the base in Maxton will be sales of small lots as this disposal unit does not handle items with an original cost over \$300. The War Assets Administration handles sales concerning higher value surplus property.

Smitty And Bob In New Location

Smitty and Bob's Cleaners, well known Maxton firm, has moved to a new location between Burns and Drennan's Garage in a new building recently completed on highway 74. Their establishment has been closed during the past week while moving to the new building.

The grand opening of the new building will take place Monday, June 24, at 9 o'clock and souvenirs will be given to the first 25 customers. They will be open at that time for inspection and for business.

Smitty and Bob first opened their dry cleaning and pressing firm on December 12, 1941. Smitty was in service for two years and 8 months and when he returned in December of 1945 the partnership was renewed. Bob, who has had over 14 years experience in this type of business, carried on alone during the war years. The building is built of cement blocks and is modern and well equipped for business. Bob reports that new equipment has been added and that the firm has very competent help.

Mrs. Ben Jones is spending this week at Holden's Beach with Mr. and Mrs. Warren McNeill.

S. S. STRICKLAND HAS FIRST BLOOM

S. S. Strickland, Maxton farmer who lives on Route 1, brought the first cotton bloom of the new season to the Scottish Citizen office at 9:30 o'clock on Monday, June 17.

Following established custom with the Scottish Citizen, Mr. Strickland has now been placed on the mailing list and will receive a year's subscription to the paper.

Mr. Strickland, who lives about five miles from Maxton, has approximately 40 acres of cotton and admits that they were planted on the 28th day of March.

The first bloom in this area was brought to the Citizen office last year during the week of June 9-14, which means that the cotton season is just about a week behind time in Maxton.

Ben K. MacKinnon Now Maxton Editor

Editorship of the Maxton office of the Scottish Citizen has been taken over by Ben K. MacKinnon, now on terminal leave from the navy. Mrs. J. D. Croory, for many years associated with the Scottish Chief and later with the Scottish Citizen, has retired from the newspaper business. Her farewell column appears in this issue.

Mr. MacKinnon received an A. B. in Journalism at the University of North Carolina in 1943 and while in school there worked for the University News Bureau and wrote feature articles for state newspapers. Since graduation he has been serving with the navy and was discharged from that branch of the service at Camp Shelton, Va., early in June.

ARMY RECRUITER TO BE IN MAXTON

Sgt. H. L. Koon, of the United States Army Recruiting Service, will be in Maxton every Monday for an indefinite period to interview army volunteers.

Working out of the United States Army recruiting station for Rockingham district, Sgt. Koon has announced that he will be in the vacant store next to Austin Drug Company between the hours of eight in the morning and four in the afternoon.

He has full information concerning a special plan for featuring the educational opportunities in connection with enlistment in the regular army.

Ben Campbell At Lions Convention

Ben Campbell, president elect of the Red Springs Lions club attended the Lions State convention in Raleigh June 14, 15, 16. Notables present included Dr. Ramiro Callazo, president Lions International of Havana, Cuba, and former Gov. J. M. Broughton.

Services Sunday At Philadelphia

Rev. Eugene Alexander of Manchester will preach at Philadelphia Sunday, June 23, at 11 a. m. and at Mount Tabor on Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m.

Rev. T. E. Davis Director Of Conference

Rev. Thomas E. Davis of Southern Pines is director of the Young People's Conference this week, the second of a series of three consecutive conferences of Fayetteville Presbytery being held at Flora Macdonald college during this month.

One hundred and fifty-eight delegates, representing 47 churches of the Presbytery, are registered for this conference, which opened Monday, June 17, and will close Saturday, June 22.

Summer Session Comes To Close

The summer session in the Conservatory of Flora Macdonald college, under the direction of Dean Robert Reuter, drew to a close Thursday with two piano recitals by students in the school. Betty Blue McCallum of Rowland played a junior recital at 2 o'clock. Another recital at 3 o'clock included the following pianists: Barbara Ogilvie, Frances Pendley, Winifred Powers, Mrs. R. C. Melton, Sue Wilson. Judith Autry played a group of organ numbers.

On Thursday afternoon, June 20, Margaret Goodman of Chadburn, student in the summer session, was presented in a piano recital. Tillie Ruth Ward of Bladenboro and Winifred Beasley of Lumberton played a joint piano recital on the same afternoon.

There were in all 16 students in the summer session: Judith Autry, Charlotte; Winifred Beasley, Lumberton; Joan Bell, Fayetteville; Ann Jones Bell, Fayetteville; Margaret Goodman, Chadburn; Betty Blue McCallum, Rowland; Frances McPhaul, Fayetteville; Mrs. R. C. Melton, Rockingham; Barbara Ogilvie, North Wilkesboro; Kathleen Rizk, Laurinburg; Frances Pendley, Fort Bragg; Winifred Powers, Fayetteville; Mrs. Rehm, Fayetteville; Sue Wilson, Fayetteville; Tillie Ruth Ward, Bladenboro.

Daniel Smith Of Red Springs Taken By Death

Daniel E. Smith, prominent Red Springs merchant and citizen, died Sunday afternoon in a Lumberton hospital following an operation. He was 57 years old.

A native of Red Springs, Mr. Smith was the son of the late Catherine McRaney Smith and D. MacArthur Smith. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church, a member of the Masonic lodge and a member of the Red Springs town board for 20 years.

Mr. Smith had been in the mercantile business for 30 years and had done a large amount of unheralded charity work, which had caused him to be respected and loved by people in all walks of life.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home with the Rev. Thomas A. Fry, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating, assisted by Dr. J. B. Black and Dr. H. G. Bedinger. Burial was in the Alloway cemetery with Masonic rites at the grave.

Surviving are the wife, the former Miss Lena McNeill; one daughter, Miss Mabel Smith; four brothers, Neill Arch Smith of Red Springs; John D. and Murphy Smith of Atlanta, Ga.; Sam S. Smith of Columbia, S. C.; one sister, Mrs. A. D. Evans, Sr., of St. Pauls.

Charlie Hall Post

Monthly meeting of the Charlie Hall post of the American Legion will be held Monday night at which time new officers will take over.

STRIKES TWICE

Lighting, as the old saying goes, never strikes twice in the same place but appendicitis does, a stwo Maxton boys are ready to declare.

Johnny Medlin was stricken with appendicitis on May 31 and was operated on in the Hamlet hospital. On Thursday, June 13, he called Maxton to report that the doctor was ready to release him from the hospital.

Before a car could be procured to send after "Johnny," his brother, "Sonny," was taken ill and a local doctor diagnosed another case of appendicitis in the family.

Sonny Medlin rode to Hamlet, to be operated on, in the same car which brought his brother back home from a similar operation. Johnny stood by to see his brother come out of the operating room and personally escorted him to the same room he had just vacated.

Johnny is now home and Sonny is recovering satisfactorily.

Baptist Bible School Begins Next Monday

The Vacation Bible school at the First Baptist church of Red Springs will begin Monday, June 24 and will continue one week.

Registration will be made at the Sunda yschool hour on Monday, June 23. Everyone planning to attend the Bible school is urged to be present for the registration.

Hours for the school will be 9 to 11 a. m. Monday through Friday.

Workers for the departments are as follows:

General affairs, Mrs. Troy Jones, supt.; Mrs. John M. McManus, Mrs. F. M. Ammons.

Beginners department, Mrs. G. A. Furlow, supt., Eunice Durear, Doris Young.

Primary department, Mrs. E. N. Barden, supt., Dorothy Shook, Meta McManus, Jackie Morgan, Jerry Shook, Peggy McDavid.

Junior department, Miss Edna McLaughlin, supt., Miss Blanche Fisher, Rev. Troy Jones, John Lee Davis, Jean McGugan.

Board Takes Control Of Army Hospital

The Scotland County Memorial Hospital association has taken over control of the Laurinburg-Maxton army air base hospital property. The war department transferred the property last week to the towns of Maxton and Laurinburg and they turned it over to the hospital board.

It is hoped that the new hospital will soon be in operating order. The equipment in the buildings is adequate and modern and has all the requirements of an excellent hospital.

The hospital's executive committee has announced that only members of the American Board of Surgery will perform surgical operations in Memorial hospital and that all standards of the new hospital will be high.

This transaction means that the people of Maxton and Laurinburg will soon have at their disposal a hospital service comparable to the best in the country.

Gus Speros Stricken With Appendicitis

Gus Speros was stricken by an attack of appendicitis on Thursday morning and was carried to Baker sanatorium in Lumberton for an operation. This is the third recent case of appendicitis in Maxton.

Bishop To Speak On Radio Hour



Bishop Charles C. Selecman, former president of Southern Methodist university and resident bishop of the Dallas area of the Methodist church, will be heard on the Methodist Hour on Sunday, June 23. He will speak on "The Supremacy of Personality," and the program will originate from WSB in Atlanta at 8:30 a. m. EST.

Bishop Selecman is a former president of the Council of Bishops and is the founder of the Golden Cross society. As president of the General Board of Evangelism he is the leader in the "Year of Evangelism," which is the current emphasis in the Crusade for Christ—the present four year program of the Methodist church. His two most recent books are "The Methodist Primer" and "The Primer of Evangelism."

This program will be heard over WPTF at 8:30 a. m.

APPEARS WEDNESDAY

The publication date of the Scottish Citizen has been changed from Friday to Wednesday. This will necessitate all copy for the Citizen reaching either the Red Springs or Maxton office by Monday night at the very latest.

Service Club To Serve As Center Of Recreation

The Red Springs service club will be continued as a recreation center under the supervision of the Charlie Hall auxiliary of the American Legion it was decided by the group this week.

It was voted to have the service club open from 7 til 10:30 p. m. on weekdays and 4 to 7 p. m. on Sundays.

Several persons will serve as chaperones and a list of those to serve will be posted soon at the club.

Red Robins Win 10th Straight

Red Springs Red Robins won their 10th game in a row Wednesday by defeating the St. Pauls Twin-State league club 11 to 2.

St. Pauls entered the loop as a replacement for the Fayetteville Clippers, who relinquished their franchise.

Cathy pitched for the Robins, allowed four hits and struck out six.

Clinics Planned

The Robeson county health department will hold vaccination clinics at Mt. Airy church at 10 a. m. June 27, July 5, 11 and 18.

Vaccinations will be given for Rocky Mountain spotted fever for children 1 to 15 years; typhoid 3 years and up; diphtheria and whooping cough from 6 months to 7 years; smallpox 3 years and up.

It was pointed out that all children should take the whooping cough and diphtheria vaccinations first and those who have had all other shots should take the shots for spotted fever.