

Editorial

Magazine Racket

Comes word another racket which has just been exposed in Louisiana in which both the public and ex-servicemen seeking legitimate work are the victims.

Here is the way the racket works: An ad is placed in a newspaper asking for "overseas veterans, 19 to 24; must be free to travel U. S. A. and assist manager in circulation work; no experience necessary, \$40 per week to start."

Those who answer the ad are lectured on playing on the sympathies of prospects; walking canes are furnished and each agent is told to practice walking with a limp. And to prospects they are told to say: "We are disabled veterans. This is rehabilitation program put on by national magazines and the Army Medical Corps to get us disabled veterans used to talking to people again etc."

The \$40 a week catch is only for the first week; thereafter the agent is on a commission and bonus basis entirely.

REBUKES SOCIALISM

In Oklahoma where a lot of pressure has been put on the residents of local towns to take on electric service from publicly owned or public subsidized electric systems, some astonishing results have been reported in local elections where the question of renewing that franchise of a private power company came up. Evidently residents of Oklahoma realize the advantage of highly-taxed private enterprise to a local community, as contrasted with tax-exempt public business which depletes the local tax rolls and public treasuries.

Three towns have just recorded their vote in no uncertain terms for 25-year franchises for the local power company. Gore voted 135 to nothing, and Webbers Fall 175 to nothing. Arkoma voted 307 for, to 3 against a franchise.

That kind of a vote is a rebuke to socialism in the power field, and encourages private enterprise and private investors to go ahead with a feeling of security in building up tax-paying industries and assets in local communities. Other states can well take a lesson from these Oklahoma communities in encouraging local private enterprise.

Salvation Army Campaign Fails

Maxton fell short in the local drive to collect funds for the Salvation Army campaign. The quota asked from Maxton was \$200 and on October 23, 1946 the report of funds raised was announced by D. McBryde Austin, local chairman of the drive, as \$198.00. Most of this sum was donated by the businessmen of Maxton. This amount was forwarded to the county chairman at Lumberton.

An answer to the failure of this drive is that more than five campaigns to collect money have been going on in Maxton during the past three months: Library Drive, Bible teachers Salary Campaign, Boy Scout Campaign, Campaign to raise funds for the Presbyterian Church, PJC endorsement drive and the current campaign to raise funds for veteran's lots for building.

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Homecomers At Asbury Church Hear Townsend

The Rev. Paul Townsend, pastor of the First Methodist church of Waynesville, preached the annual homecoming service sermon at that historic Methodist meeting house on Sunday, when the 20th homecoming service was held.

One of the largest crowds to attend this service, which was started 25 years ago, was present to renew old acquaintance with friends and former members, and to participate in Holy Communion and worship together at this yearly service.

Memorials were presented to the late John S. Thompson of Dillon, S. C., whose great-grandfather, Charles Thompson, was one of the leaders in the establishment of the church by Bishop Francis Asbury in 1812; to Lou P. Townsend, late prominent churchman of Lumberton, who was a leader in the movement to establish the homecoming service. The Thompson memorial was prepared and read by David Townsend, and the Townsend memorial was prepared and read by Mrs. W. A. McCormick.

A. E. Watson of Rowland was elected president of the Asbury association for a two-year term, to succeed George Lewis Pate. Mrs. Lindsay Norment of Rowland was named chairman of the program committee. Mrs. W. A. McCormick is secretary; Lindsay Norment, treasurer; David Townsend, cemetery chairman, and N. L. Cox, care taker.

The program this year was arranged by the following committee: Mrs. Gerald Pittman, chairman; Mrs. David Townsend, Mrs. E. W. Stone, Mrs. Fletcher Pate and Mrs. Norment.

CP&L Will Erect Sub-Station Near Daystrom

O. H. Broadway, manager of the local office of the Carolina Power and Light Company, has announced that the increased load from the Daystrom Laminates plant has necessitated the setting up of a 22,000 volt sub-station which will be a ground type station and will be placed near the plant.

The Daystrom plant is now demanding approximately 1000 KW operating at full capacity and when present expansion is completed, the plant will have double its power load.

At present power is coming to the Daystrom plant through two electrical banks and this system will be used until new transformers can be installed and the new sub-station can carry the load alone.

The line is being installed now and work on the sub-station will be commenced within the next week. However it may be a year before the new transformers can be received as they have to be built to order.

"We will continue to supply them with power through a makeshift process of two electrical banks until the new transformers arrive," says Mr. Broadway.

The main Maxton power station is located next to the lot where Boyles Veneer Co. formerly was housed. The Maxton station has a potential of 22,000 volts on the line and it transforms this to 2300 for town use.

Boy Scout Drive

The drive to collect funds for the Boy Scout Troop in Maxton sponsored by the Moxmax Club went over the top with a total collection of \$250.00. Original goal for this drive had been set at \$225.00.

Twelve committees were appointed by O. H. Broadway, president for the Moxmax Club, to assist in canvassing the business section of the town and surrounding communities.

Response to this drive very favorable and considerable interest has been shown in the Boy Scout troop since it was reorganized. Luther McNeill, Jr., is Scoutmaster and C. M. Cavey, Jr. is Assistant-Scoutmaster.

Hospitals To Be Operated Jointly Beginning Friday

Plans For Modern Plant Discussed

The Baker-Thompson Memorial hospital will begin operation as a single unit November 1st. It was decided at a meeting of the corporation held last Thursday. K. M. Barns, prominent Lumberton businessman and churchman, was elected president.

Other officers named included: E. M. Johnson and J. E. Johnson, vice presidents, and R. L. Britt, secretary-treasurer. Members of the executive committee are R. H. Livermore, chairman, E. T. Williams, R. C. Adams, John P. Stedman, W. W. Davis, and R. D. Gladwell. E. T. Britt and Dickson McLean were chosen as attorneys for the combined hospital.

Future plans of the organization were announced in a statement issued this week, in which the committee states that a new and modern hospital building will be planned by capable architects and built as soon as possible, and that an application will be filed immediately after the plans are completed with the North Carolina Medical Care commission for both Federal and State Funds.

Until these plans can be executed it was decided to operate both the present hospitals, and that they will be designated the Baker Unit and the Thompson Unit. Mr. R. L. Britt was named division administrator of the Baker unit, and Miss Lucille Hall is to be administrator of the Thompson unit.

The statement adds that there will be no change in the present set up of the two institutions and that the present staffs will continue as in the immediate past.

The necessary legal papers for transfer of the properties of the two hospitals to the new corporation are expected to be in order today so that the new corporation may assume control and operation of the Baker-Thompson Memorial Hospital, incorporated on Friday. The new president, Mr. Barns, was one of the original promoters of the founding of Thompson Memorial hospital as member to the late Dr. N. A. Thompson, and has been chairman of its board of trustees since its establishment.

Prowlers Break In Back Window Maxton Supply Co.

Unknown prowlers broke into Maxton Supply Co. last Wednesday, attempted to break open the safe unsuccessfully and then stole a rifle.

The burglars entered by breaking out a window in the back of the store. Although it has not been proved definitely, Dutch Holland, manager of Maxton Supply Co., believes that the job was done by two men.

Quite a bit of change had been left in the drawers of two cash registers and this, along with a rifle, seems to be the only thing that is missing, although the prowlers could have made off with various minor items too small to be noticed without inventory.

It is evident that a concerted effort was made to break open the safe and the combination dial was battered with some heavy blunt instrument. The extent of damage to the safe has not been determined but a complete new combination system will probably have to be installed.

The electric clock in the office stopped at 3 a. m. thus setting the time that a violent jar occurred in the office. This was probably when the marauders were working with the safe combination and trying to batter the door open.

Through August the CCC had purchased 33 million pounds of canned horse meat and another 5 million pounds of curd horse meat for the UNRRA program.

STAKES ALL ON PRICE CHOP



CAUGHT WITH A HUGE SUPPLY of meat, purchased at top prices, Sidney Alexander, owner of two Chicago butcher shops, decides to unload at cost. Above, housewives who have refused to pay the high prices wait in line to buy at costs indicated on window white (below) a butcher holds up a choice cut to show them what's what. (International)

Raeftord To Red Springs Star Route Kayoed

The Hometown Newspapers were notified today by Congressman J. Bayard Clark that the Post Office Department had failed to approve a star route application for direct mail service between Red Springs and Raeftord.

There has been considerable dissatisfaction about the mail service between the two towns for several years, principally because there is a large part of Hoke county's rural population which is served by routes from post offices in Robeson county, and rural deliveries from Raeftord to these rural routes have been delayed, many times unreasonably, without justification or reason.

Postmaster J. C. McPhail of the Red Springs office states that mails to all rural route patrons are handled with as great speed as possible by the Red Springs office employees and that the unreasonable delays have come at dispatching points and transfer points and not in the Red Springs post office.

Following a rigid investigation by post office inspectors and field officials the post office department has reported as follows to Mr. Clark:

"The matter of improving the postal service in Hoke county between Raeftord and Red Springs has been made the subject of careful investigation by a post office inspector. The matter has also been considered by one of our field officials who concurs in the opinion of the inspector that the limited amount of mail that would be expedited by a star route between Raeftord and Red Springs would not justify the cost of operation.

The report continues: "Therefore, in view of the facilities afforded the two offices for the receipt and dispatch of mail, and the fact that the families residing between Raeftord and Red Springs are provided service by rural carrier, it does not appear that the Department would be justified in taking further action in the matter at this time." This statement was signed by Gael Sullivan, second assistant Postmaster General. Mr. Clark states that effort for improving the service at the present time apparently have been blocked by the findings of the postal investigators but that he would continue to do all possible for the improvement of the mail service for the people affected.

Ingathering At Mt. Tabor Set For November 2

The ingathering of Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, near Buies, will be held on Sunday, November 2. The Rev. Dr. Tucker Graham will preach the sermon at noon, and the dinner will be served at one o'clock.

Bank And Library Discussed Before Parkton Rurifans

L. L. McDonald, retired railway labor leader, told members of the Parkton Rurifans club Thursday he had been studying the possibilities of a bank at Parkton.

Mr. McDonald has devoted much time to the consideration of a banking house there and in his talk advised members of the club just what he had learned and made some pertinent and worthwhile suggestions in proceeding in the organization of a bank to serve this large section of Robeson and adjoining counties which is now without immediate banking facilities.

A bookmobile library to serve Parkton and other rural sections of the county was discussed by Mrs. Anne Gaitley Chandler, county home agent. Mrs. Chandler gave a rather depressing picture of the situation in Robeson in reference to library service. She stated that while a library service will cost something to establish, operate and maintain, after all a citizenship is entitled to an opportunity, especially young people, to read something better than the smutty trash that is available to them from the newsstands. "It assuredly is," she concluded, "something that merits the attention and consideration of our thoughtful citizens."

The bountiful turkey dinner was served by the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Parkton Presbyterian church.

Mr. McDonald is a native of Parkton, and has recently returned to his home here after a number of years in Chicago.

\$10,000 Damage Suit Filed In Superior Court

LATE DR. H. M. BAKER CHARGED WITH FAILURE TO SET ARM PROPERLY

A suit asking \$10,000 for permanent injury due to negligence on the part of the late Dr. H. M. Baker of Lumberton has been filed against the estate of Dr. Baker in the Robeson County Superior court by Willie Pate of Robeson county. The plaintiff in his suit, charges that due to the negligence of Dr. Baker in failing to set a broken arm properly following an accident on October 23, 1943, he, the plaintiff, has been unable to earn a livelihood and is permanently disabled through the loss of use of his arm.

The plaintiff charges also that Dr. Baker knowingly let him suffer from the effects of the broken arm and did not inform him that the fractured bone was not healing properly.

Amendments To Constitution To Be Voted On

Two amendments to the State Constitution are to be voted on in the election on next Tuesday.

One would change the wording of article 1, sections 1-7-13-19 and article 6 section 26 to make both men and women of the state "created equal" and endow them with certain inalienable rights.

These changes would permit both men and women to serve on juries, a duty of citizenship from which women are now barred. Sections would be changed to conform with the change in section one and make the criminal laws equally applicable to men and women, and also make laws regarding property equally applicable; and would bring section 1, of article up to date to allow women to vote as in allowed under other sections of the constitution.

The second amendment is to change the rate of pay of members of the General Assembly for each term. It now provides that each member be paid \$600, and the presiding officers of each house to \$700 per term, with additional pay of \$10 per day for each day of special sessions for the presiding officers and the members to receive \$8 per day for each day of an extra session. The amendment would add that members be paid the sum of \$10 per day for each day not to exceed sixty days for any one session, in addition to salaries now provided, for expenses incurred for travel to and from homes to the seat of government, for subsistence and other necessary expenses.

Additional Shortages Discovered Former Cashier's Accounts; Trial Set For Robeson Superior Court

Audit Discloses \$8,139.01 More Money Missing

Trial of Claude Harrill, former cashier of The State Bank in Maxton has been set for the first term of Superior Court of Robeson County for the trial of criminal cases on November 6, according to information received today from the office of the Clerk of Superior Court for Robeson County.

Mr. Harrill's bond has been set at \$10,000 and the bond was justified by Paul H. Harrill. Other signers of the bond were C. B. Harrill and Charles D. Harrill. The defendant was released under this bond on October 26.

An additional shortage of \$8,139.01 has been discovered in accounts at the Maxton office of the State Bank, Vice-president John F. McNair, Jr. announced on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Previously, shortages of \$24,000 had been reported in his accounts and Claude E. Harrill, former cashier of the Maxton office, signed a statement in which he said he withdrew these funds from the bank for his own use. This shortage of \$24,000 had been withdrawn from two accounts.

The extra shortage of \$8,139.01 was discovered in four accounts and a complete audit of the books of the bank is now being made by G. C. Lunding, certified public accountant, to determine if there are any other shortages or incorrect entries in the books of the bank. It is likely that this audit will be completed within the next ten days.

The bank carries ample insurance and neither the bank or any of its depositors will suffer any loss. The bonding company has already completed their preliminary investigation and the matter was reported (Continued on page 5)

New Daystrom Plant Will Produce Minimum 30,000 Board Ft. Per Day; Should Begin Production In Nov.

Chamber Comm. Plugs Maxton For 1000 Bed Hospital

Discussion of the decision of the Veterans Administration at Washington to locate in Eastern North Carolina the new 1000 bed neuro-psychiatric hospital for veterans featured the meeting of the Maxton Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association held on Monday evening at the Community Club. Those present were R. P. Edwards, chairman; O. H. Broadway, D. McBryde Austin, Marshall Barnum and Secretary Carrington.

Facts and figures stressing the advantages of the Maxton area for the location of this institution already have been sent to Washington by the secretary, including the exceptionally fine climatic conditions, intelligent labor and excellent railroad facilities.

Discussion of the possibility of securing specific industries emphasized the section's unusual attractions for the production of all articles made of wood, especially the manufacture of chairs, tables, cabinets and other articles of furniture. The need in Maxton for a steam laundry also was declared by those present to be most evident and urgent.

Among other distinct attractions existing here, Mr. Barnum emphasized the very reasonable power rates made by the Carolina Power & Light Company for industrial use, also the strongly cooperative attitude of that company toward new enterprises.

Stafford Gives Final Figures For Weed Sales

Final figures for the 1946 season at the Fairmont tobacco market have been released by C. B. Stafford, Sales Supervisor, and show that nearly fifty-two million pounds were sold throughout the season at an average of fifty-one dollars and twenty-nine cents per hundred, an increase of nearly seven dollars per hundred over last year's average of forty-four dollars and thirty-four cents.

The figures as released by Stafford show that a total of 51,957,870 pounds of tobacco was sold on the Fairmont market, slightly less than 2 million more pounds higher than the goal of fifty million set at the beginning of the season. This high poundage compares with 42,252,874 pounds sold here during the 1945 season.

Much of the tobacco sold at the local market came early in the season, as full sales were experienced by all warehouses. Farmers from all parts of the state, as well as from South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia placed their product on the market in order to take advantage of the high prices. The feeling was prevalent among farmers that the prices were good and might drop at anytime. Thus the rush of weed at the beginning of the season.

High prices prevailed, however, and sales were satisfactory up until the market closed last week.

Thus the local market closed the most successful season in history, leading all markets on the border belt in poundage sold as well as prices paid.

Constructed Of Cypress Cut At Mill In Currie

Construction of a \$75,000 bandmill at Daystrom commenced early in the summer is nearing completion and Marshall Barnum, general manager of Daystrom Laminates, Inc., believes that the new mill will be operating before the end of November.

The new addition to the main plant at Daystrom has been designed by Robert Anderson of Maxton, who was formerly stationed at the army air base there, and has been associated with Daystrom Laminates in an engineering capacity since his discharge from service. Mr. Anderson has been assisted by Clarence Julian, Jr., also an ex-serviceman.

The primary purpose of the mill will be to provide additional lumber for the main plant operations at Daystrom and it is planned also to make building lumber available for veterans that hold priority building permits.

Mr. Anderson studied a similar mill at Wilson, N. C., and then drew up plans for the Daystrom bandmill. The saw and all related machinery were purchased in Wilson and moved to Daystrom from there.

The bandmill is 36 x 126 plus an 81 x 28 addition for lumber segregation, a 54 x 8 platform for conveying scrap to a grinder and a filing room of 28 x 29 feet. The building has been constructed of cypress cut at the mill, operated for Daystrom, at Currie, N. C., and will be covered by aluminum sheeting.

An additional 200 feet of railroad siding has been added to the Daystrom yard and when the bandmill is operating approximately nine carloads of logs from Oceda, S. C., Currie and Charleston will be rolling in daily, which will make Daystrom one of the largest lumber shippers on the Eastern seaboard. All logs will come in by rail.

A huge crane will lift logs from the cars and the logs will then be segregated into veneer logs (which will go to the vats) and sawmill logs which will come by a conveyor to the second floor of this modern building. The logs will be rolled on a carriage and put through the bandmill and trimmer and will then go to a grading platform.

After grading, the lumber will be allowed to air dry in the yard for 90 days and will then be sent to the kiln. It is believed that this bandmill will be able to produce a minimum of 30,000 board feet of lumber per day and operation of such a plant will probably require an additional 25 employees at the plant.

All lumber scrap will be ground and a 400 foot long conveyor will carry all waste to a central boiler house. One central steam generating plant will supply power to the main plant and to the bandmill department.

The bandmill department will be modern in all respects and will utilize not only the heart of the tree but also slabs and bark as scrap not worthy of building lumber will be ground and used in the boilers of the main plant.

Practically the entire work of the new bandmill department will be done on the second floor of the building leaving the ground floor free for the necessary conveyor racks. The filing room will also be located on the second floor.

Midway To Have Ingathering On Thursday, Nov. 7

The annual ingathering will be held at Midway church on Thursday, November 7, 1946. Farm produce, fancy work and various items will be offered for sale.

A barbecue dinner will be served between 12:00 and 1:00 p. m. There will be plenty of barbecue and all friends of this church are invited to attend the ingathering.

Rev. L. J. Jones, pastor of Midway church, will conduct a morning worship service at the annual ingathering. The ingathering at Midway was held on October 23 last year and was attended by many people.

In S. In 1940 there were 14 1-2 million as compared with 11 1-2 million today. This is the end result of high farm wages and high feed costs.