

Editorial

Hoss Cavalry Passes

The past week has marked the passing of one of the Army's oldest branches, and marked the coming of age of one of this generation's creations. The horse cavalry once the fastest moving and keenest army fighting group, has now proved too slow and far too vulnerable to enemy weapons to be continued as a strategic weapon of attack. True, there'll be some war, animals, mostly jack mules, for transporting weapons, supplies and ammunition over very rough terrain, but the sleek and glamorous fighting stallion has received his discharge and is now on terminal leave from Uncle Sam's fighting forces.

In his stead comes the jeep the half-truck, the tank, the motorcycle and other gas-powered monsters of greater speed greater firepower and more instantaneous death-dealing. That made up the armored forces which are, out of courtesy to old "Dobbin" called the "armored cavalry."

Relegated to such civilian pursuits as farming, draught-team work, racing and that of the showing, at least for the horses of the United States peaceful pursuits mark its future.

Now, if a man could progress in peacebuilding as far as and as fast as he has in the building of instruments of destruction, perhaps the sacrifice of the world's youth during its periodic wars could be eliminated. Even though we've just finished history's most destructive war, we appear to be working harder to get ready for the next conflict than we are working to prevent it.

The old gray mare may not be what she used to be, but man learns too slowly to have changed much in the past 100 years which marked the inception and the relegation of the horse as a wartime instrument.

FMC Campus Seeks \$12,000 In Drive Nov. 13

Miss Irene Baldwin, chairman of the Campus Division of the \$300,000 Flora Macdonald College Improvement Program, today announced that preparations have been completed for the opening of the Campus Campaign on Friday, November 15, when members of the faculty, employees, and students of the college will be collected for gifts to the fund.

Serving with Miss Baldwin are: vice-chairman, Miss Peggy Harris; faculty chairman, Miss Mary Conolly; employees chairman, Mrs. Mary Helton; Miss Anne Youngblood, chairman of the senior class and Miss Goldie Knowles, co-chairman; Miss Harriet Wilson, chairman of the junior class and Miss Gurline Pace, co-chairman; Miss Shirley Parker, chairman of the sophomore class and Miss Iris Inez Swearingen, co-chairman; Miss Lajana Williamson, chairman of the freshman class and Miss Bety Andrews, co-chairman. These chairmen are now organizing sufficient teams to quickly conduct the solicitation in one day. The campus goal is \$12,000.

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Maxton Merchants and Businessmen Will Donate 31 Lots To Aid Those Veterans Wishing to Build Homes

Land Lies Between Maxton High School And Pres. College

The merchants and businessmen of Maxton have pledged an amount of money sufficient to purchase a large tract of land located near the Maxton high school for the purpose of supplying veterans with building lots. Realizing the need for new homes in Maxton and especially the acute shortage of available homes for returned veterans, the merchants and business men have donated enough money to purchase land, which will be subdivided into 31 building lots. Although complete details have not been worked out, these lots will probably be given veterans signifying their intention of building homes, valued at not less than \$5,000, within a specified length of time.

A corporation is now being formed to handle this veterans housing project. A charter will be drawn up and a board of directors appointed.

Land sufficient to build approximately 31 homes has been contracted for between the Maxton high school and Austin street, which runs past Presbyterian Junior college. There is at present one home, that of Mrs. Lottie Kincaid, located in this area.

Two lots fronting on Carolina street, which runs from PJC to the Rowland highway, are the property of the college and are not included in the tract of land to be used for veterans' building lots.

Plans are now being made where by a new street will be cut through

the center of the proposed building area and the Town of Maxton will be responsible for this work and for providing water to the area. Power lines are close by and this part of the new program presents no problem. The proposed street, to be known as Scotland street, will connect with Florence street near the gymnasium and with Austin street in the vicinity of the college athletic field.

This will put the new building lots adjacent to the two college lots, to the ditch bank which used to mark the bounds of the old PJC athletic field and to the property that now houses the Maxton high school and gymnasium.

Scotland street will run parallel with Carolina street and E. M. street will be extended to the ditch bank running behind the gymnasium. Another cross street will be made if necessary.

All of the above plans are tentative due to the fact that blueprints of the project have not been drawn up. However, the land has been contracted for and the necessary amount of money to purchase this land has been pledged. It is believed that 31 lots will be available with each lot having frontage of at least 75 feet. Plans have not been completed concerning distribution of this land to veterans, in case more than 31 make application. Inquiries have been received from veterans currently holding building priorities and indications are that many veterans will be eager to take advantage of this building opportunity offered to them by the far-seeing merchants and business men of Maxton.

County Superintendent In Accord With Charlotte Observer Pay Raise Suggested For All State Teachers

Says Salary Schedule Behind Cost Of Living

"Three months ago I thought that a 25 per cent pay increase for teachers would have been adequate but today I seriously doubt if the 40 per cent increase suggested by the Charlotte Observer will be adequate," County Superintendent C. L. Green stated this morning, in commenting on the recent action to adopt the Observer motion taken by the Robeson county unit of the North Carolina Education Association.

At the time the motion was passed in the O. J. P. O. building on Friday, November 1, there was some doubt as to whether Mr. Green was entirely in accord with the discussion and adoption of the teacher salary schedule favored by the Charlotte Observer.

"In proportion," Mr. Green stated, "the salary schedules have lagged far behind the rising cost of living. I'm not even sure that this proposed increase of 40 per cent will be adequate to cover sharply

rising costs but I am definitely in favor of action taken and firm in my belief that a salary increase for teachers of this amount is a necessity."

The Observer increase was suggested in an editorial in the October 11 issue and was adopted by the South Piedmont district of the NCEA in Charlotte recently.

At the first meeting of the school year of the Robeson county unit of the NCEA last Thursday the twenty-five per cent increase proposed by the NCEA legislative committee, together with co-operating educational forces, in mid-September was explained by Supt. Claud Grigg of Albemarle city schools, vice chairman of the NCEA legislative committee.

After this topic had been discussed freely, Archie Calhoun, principal of St. Pauls school and chairman of the county legislative committee, moved that a vote be taken on the Observer salary increase for teachers and this motion was carried.

The county unit also approved a sick-leave plan and a retirement plan, which is already in effect in many states.

World War II Memorial Plane For Town Of Fairmont Arrives Safely At Lumberton Field After Flight

May Be Parked On School Grounds

The arrival in Lumberton of the surplus Army B-51 Mustang fighter, which was purchased from the War Assets Administration for the use as a World War II Memorial by the Town of Fairmont, marks another step in the movement of town officials to provide a permanent tribute to those from this area who served during the war.

The plane, which was purchased for one hundred dollars, will be parked at some point in town, not yet disclosed, of which it is yet undisclosed. Mayor P. R. Floyd, who handled the arrangements for the project, said today that final action will soon be taken on the location of the spot where the plane will be parked. The Fairmont high school was mentioned as one possible location.

Present plans are, said Mayor Floyd, to strip the plane of its war coating of grey paint and leave the final color bright aluminum. Machine guns and all radio equipment

have already been removed, although the ship is in fair condition. It was flown from an air base in Augusta, Ga., to the Lumberton field.

The next problem facing town officials is how to safely move the plane from Lumberton to Fairmont. It has been suggested that the best way would be to tow the plane along the highway but the height of the bridge abutments along the way make it necessary to load the ship on a truck-trailer for movement.

Fairmont is one of the few towns in this area purchasing obsolete planes for erection as war memorials. Special efforts are made by the War Assets Administration to place these ships in the hands of those who might make them available to schools and civic groups for educational purposes. The cost of the entire project to the town of Fairmont was the one hundred dollars purchase price plus a similar amount to the pilot who flew the plane from the Augusta field to the Lumberton airport.



Standing before the plane used to carry the mail bag of souvenir covers from Maxton to Raleigh are: (Left to right) Mrs. Irving McConnelly, E. C. Carrington of Maxton Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. H. C. McNair, Mrs. J. M. Patterson, Miss Elise Tucker, Mrs. C. B. Williams, Maxton Postmaster; Steve Collier, C. T. Modlin, Mayor F. C. Frostick, E. A. Helleckson, Bob Bullard and E. N. Henderson.

Mrs. C. B. Williams, postmaster of the Maxton Post Office, hands the mail bag containing 400 souvenir covers to C. T. Modlin, manager of Scotland Flying Service. As a special feature of National Air Mail week, a flight was made from the Maxton Field to Raleigh carrying uncancelled souvenir covers bearing a cachet sponsored by Presbyterian Junior College. Steve Collier, PJC student, looks over the mail bag.

Organ Installed By Auxiliary Of Antioch Church

A Hammond organ was installed last week in the Antioch Presbyterian church near Red Springs as a gift of the Woman's Auxiliary of the church. Plans for the presentation and dedication of the organ are expected to be completed this week.

Miss Willa McLaughlin is president of the auxiliary and members of the committee who have served for the past two years for the selection of and the raising of money for the purchase of the organ are: Mrs. Archie Howard, chairman, Arch McEachern, David Hodgkin, Mrs. W. C. Hodgkin, and Mrs. Sherwood Currie.

INGATHERING REPORT

Reports of the various committees which arranged for the 1946 ingathering of the church show that well over \$8,500 was raised for the church this year, and that the annual affair was the largest ever held at Antioch. Annual dinner, prepared under the direction of W. C. Hodgkin, was served this year to more than 1,300 people, or some 300 more than had ever attended the ingathering any previous year.

Twenty-four bales of cotton were sold, one lot of which brought the year's top prices of 40c while all of it was sold for an average of better than 38c. The bazaar, cake sale and other ingathering day sales, brought in larger sums this year than ever, to bring the total annual receipts from these sources and from pledges to about \$2,000 more than during any previous year.

REV. ANDREWS

The Rev. C. J. Andrews is attending the annual conference at Henderson. Consequently there will be no morning or evening worship services held at St. Pauls Methodist Church in Maxton on Sunday, November 10. Sunday School services will be held, as usual.

C. M. Leggett At Patuxent

C. M. Leggett, 18, ship's cook 3rd class, son of Mrs. Mae Leggett of Fairmont, is now serving with the Naval Air Transport service Atlantic Wing, at Patuxent River, Md. Leggett entered the naval service April 6, 1945.

Special Flight Souvenir Air Mail Covers Made From Maxton Flying Field To Raleigh Thursday Morning

A special flight of souvenir air mail covers was made from the Maxton Post Office to Raleigh on October 31 by C. T. Modlin, manager of Scotland Flying Service. The flight was a special feature of National Air Mail Service week, which was celebrated from October 27 - November 2 and approximately 400 letters were in the mail bag sent to Raleigh Post Office from the Maxton Post Office.

Authority for this special flight was obtained from Robert S. Burgess, deputy second assistant postmaster general and the covers were not postmarked until after the flight when they were placed in the mails. The covers bore an unofficial cachet sponsored by Presbyterian Junior College.

Mr. Modlin took off from the operations area of the Maxton field at 11:30 A. M. and arrived at the airport in Raleigh at 12:30 P. M. Riding with him in the plane was Steve Collier, a PJC student, whose home is in Raleigh. After depositing the sack of mail at the Raleigh Post Office, Mr. Modlin and Mr. Collier flew back to Maxton later in the afternoon.

A special letter box for these covers was placed in the lobby of the Maxton Post Office on Monday, October 28.

According to reports received from the Maxton Post Office, the quantity of air mail handled during the special "air-mail" week was considerably greater than the usual quantity. Seventy nine letters flew by air from this office on October 29, there were 60 air-mail letters on the 30th and 40 on the 31 of October. The daily average air mail content is approximately 30 letters.

Present at the air field when the plane took off with the mail bag of souvenir covers were: Mrs. C. B. Williams, Postmaster of the Maxton office, Mayor Fred Frostick, E. A. Helleckson, H. C. Carrington, Bob Bullard, Mrs. McBryde Austin, Mrs. H. C. McNair, Mrs. J. B. Crook, Mrs. J. M. Patterson, Miss Elise Tucker and Mrs. Irving McConnelly.

Fairmont And South Robeson School To Get Expanded Facilities; Work On Projects To Start Immediately

The construction of a shower and dressing room for athletics at Fairmont high school at an estimated cost of \$2,500 will start immediately, according to an announcement today by E. E. Littlefield, superintendent of Fairmont city schools.

In addition to the expansion of the athletic facilities at the Fairmont school, the erection of the principal's home at the South Robeson school is contemplated within the near future and materials for the construction of this home are already being placed on the grounds.

The plans for the first of these project follow close on the heels of endorsements of better facilities for athletics at Fairmont by civic groups. The need for the betterment of equipment has been cited

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Miss Lillian Nurnberger spent Wednesday in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh Shook and daughter, Jerry spent Tuesday in Durham.

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Former Bank Cashier Sentenced To Serve From Seven To Ten Years In Robeson Superior Court Wednesday

Pleads Guilty On Four Counts Bank Violations

Claude Eric Harrill, 36, former cashier of the State Bank of Maxton pleaded guilty to four counts of violations of the state banking laws in Robeson County Superior Court on Wednesday, November 6. He was sentenced to serve from 7 to 10 years by Judge J. K. Nimocks.

The four violations of the banking laws were as follows: 1. Embezzlement of funds amounting to \$32,139.01. 2. Abstraction of the same amount. 3. Misapplication of these funds. 4. Making false entries in accounts Mr. Harrill, represented by Henry A. McKinnon as counsel, tendered a plea of guilty to all four counts.

The bill of indictment was presented to the grand jury and the trial held on the same day. Mr. Harrill was arrested on October 22 on a warrant sworn out by Wyatt W. Barnes, state bank examiner, charging him with intent to defraud and injure the State Bank by embezzling and misapplying funds totaling \$24,000 owned or held in trust by the bank. Since that time an additional shortage of \$8,139.01 was discovered to make a total shortage of \$32,139.01.

Mr. Harrill was brought to Robeson county jail on October 23 and was released under \$10,000 bond Oct. 26; the bond was posted by Paul H. Harrill with G. E. and Charles E. Harrill signers also.

Solicitor F. Ertel Carlyle called C. A. Hasty of Maxton to the stand as the first witness. Mr. Hasty testified that he was present when Mr. Harrill signed a confession concerning the misappropriation of \$17,000 and also stated that Mr. Harrill admitted the misuse of additional funds of \$7,000 shortly thereafter. The confession was shown to the witness and he was asked to read the document to the court.

According to the confession, the first misappropriation of funds was made in 1941 from several accounts and debit sheets were in-

serted to cover the missing money. The confession also stated that the defendant, in 1945, began to concentrate on two of the larger accounts carried by the bank.

Mr. Hasty testified that until the time of the discovery of the shortage Mr. Harrill's reputation in Maxton was "good" and John F. McNair, Jr., vice president of the State Bank, also testified that Mr. Harrill had a good reputation until he was sentenced to serve from 7 to 10 years by Judge J. K. Nimocks.

Robert E. Richardson, member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was called to the stand and stated that he was present when the original confession was signed.

E. R. Suggs was the fourth witness called by Solicitor Carlyle. Mr. Suggs is a claim adjuster for the United States Casualty company. The State Bank was a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation The United States Casualty company, a bonding company, was the organization bearing the brunt of the loss of funds.

G. C. Lundin, C.P.A., was also called to the stand and testified that Mr. Harrill told him, after the shortage was discovered, that several times he had wanted to confess but was unable to do so.

State Bank Examiner Wyatt W. Barnes, who swore out the warrant, was also called to the stand but was not cross examined.

The following character witnesses for Mr. Harrill were called to the stand and each testified that prior to the discovery of shortage of funds, Mr. Harrill's reputation in Maxton was good; Mayor F. C. Frostick, E. P. Edwards, L. E. Martin, J. Deaver and D. C. Duffie.

In making his plea for the defendant, Lawyer McKinnon stressed the fact that Mr. Harrill had freely admitted his guilt and had aided bank officials in checking accounts. The final shortage of \$32,139.01 was admitted by Mr. Harrill while he was in Robeson county jail and this matter was brought to the attention of Judge Nimocks. Mr. McKinnon stressed the fact that Mr. Harrill was willing to pay for his weakness and anxious to pay his debt to society.

Passengers Escape Injury As Train Leaves Tracks Near Rowland Early Wednesday; Nine Cars Are Derailed

Several Hundred Feet Of Track Torn Up In Crash

The Atlantic Coast Line's crack streamlined Champion, southbound with tourist passengers to Florida, jumped the track near Rowland in the early hours of Wednesday morning and ploughed through the roadbed before finally coming to rest astride the tracks with nine cars derailed.

Miraculously, all of the passengers escaped serious injury in the crash, according to officials of the railroad. The passengers were transferred to another train soon after the accident and continued their trip south.

Several hundred feet of track was twisted and torn as the wheels of the train left the rails and swayed back and forth over the cross ties of the roadbed before being brought to a stop. Several of the cars were buried up over the wheels in the soft earth around the roadbed, and repair crews worked swiftly in an effort to clear the way on the main line. In the meantime, all trains are being detoured through Fairmont. It was estimated that several days would be required to replace the track and roadbed torn up by the wheels of the cars.

Crowds which gathered at the scene of the accident as word spread of the crash marveled that no one was seriously injured.

A. D. Martin of New York, attending on the train, said that he had been in seven wrecks in his service with the railroads, but considered this the luckiest he had ever seen.

"It is beyond me how all those people came through this thing without serious injury," he commented. He described the wreck in this way.

"It was around three o'clock and I was in a compartment counting money. Suddenly the car in which I was standing started jumping up and down and swaying from side

to side. Then there was a kind of explosion and I thought it was one of the water tank toward the rear of the train. Then there was an awful noise as the wheels started cutting into the cross ties under the rails."

Another attendant, who was awake at the time the first cars left the track, said the noise was awful as the car in which he was riding derailed.

"The passengers started jumping up as the noise got louder and the whole train started swaying from side to side and bucking like a horse. People started moaning a bit but they were pretty calm and when the train finally stopped you could hear sighs all over the place," he said.

The cause of the wreck has not been finally determined by officials of the railroad, who arrived at the spot soon after the accident. The opinion was expressed by one member of the wrecking crew, however, that a broken rail caused one of the leading cars to leave the track and then dragged the rest along.

Maxton Over Top In Salvation Army Campaign For Funds

The Maxton drive to collect funds for The Salvation Army went over the top this week when an additional gift of \$1,000 brought the Maxton contribution to \$208.00. D. McBryde Austin, Maxton Chairman for this nation-wide drive, has forwarded this amount to the county chairman at Lumberton. The Maxton goal was set at \$200.00. The first count of donations totaled \$198.00 and the additional gift was sufficient to put Maxton safely over the goal assigned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Knox Harrington of Olivia announce the birth of a daughter, Peggy Jean, on November 5 at High Point hospital.