

Editorial

Have You Given?

Another of the worthwhile activities of the Charlie Hall Post of the American Legion is the post's efforts to purchase the McLean Building on East Third Avenue for use as a Legion Hall and a community center. This project is moving rapidly towards success, and the building committee is hopeful that the entire sum of \$5,000 necessary for the purchase of the building will be on hand by November 17th, when papers for the transfer of the property to the Legion will be ready.

Over 90 per cent of the funds are on hand, and only about \$400 more is needed to make the project a reality on the date set for completion of the drive. Already citizens, young and old, have made gifts to the Legion in the interest of the community enterprise, that will supply the town with a long-needed building available for community gatherings, club meetings, and a center for all civic activities.

Have you given? If you have not, drop a check in the mails today for the — Legion Hall Purchase Fund, care M. Peterson, Red Springs, N. C., or hand your gift to Mr. Peterson, E. H. Alexander or James A. Graham.

Air Mail Week Contest Winners

Mrs. C. B. Williams, Maxton Postmaster, has announced that the three winners in the recent Airmail Week contest were Miss Lena Carter, Miss Dorothy Winters and Fred Fay Randall.

Three five dollar prizes were awarded the winners by the Maxton Chamber of Commerce. The contest was a feature of National Air Mail week which was from October 27 to Nov. 2.

Miss Carter submitted the winning essay on "Advantages of Air Mail" in Maxton High School and Miss Winters was winner in the same contest held for students of Presbyterian Junior College.

Fred Randall submitted the best poster on the same theme.

County Commissioners and Lumberton School Board Hear Pleas For Better School Facilities For Lumberton

Two Factions Give Views On Solution Present Problem

Tuesday night pleas of two groups of Negroes were heard at a joint meeting of the school board of the Town of Lumberton and the Board of Commissioners of Robeson county, in which the arguments for one, and for two school buildings for the two larger and widely separated Negro residential sections to be built to eliminate the present use of privately owned and poorly equipped buildings were presented.

C. A. Hasty of Maxton, chairman of the commissioners, presided and opened the meeting with a statement of the purpose of the meeting, explaining that the commission had made an effort to remedy the present condition of the Negro schools of Lumberton, but that scarcity of building materials had halted plans temporarily. He stated that the commission had borrowed \$167,000 for this purpose last July and that the funds were now on hand for new buildings in the Lumberton district.

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PIANIST—Rosalyn Tureck, brilliant American pianist, who will open the FMC concert series with a recital in the college auditorium in Red Springs, on next Monday evening.

Rosalyn Tureck Will Present Concert At FMC

Rosalyn Tureck, brilliant young American pianist, who will appear at Flora Macdonald college Monday evening, November 18, at 8:15 as the first number of the 1946-47 concert and lecture series, has risen, at the age of 31, to the very peak of piano achievement, and is listed as "one of the greatest living interpreters of Bach." The fact that Miss Tureck knows and plays every composition of Bach with impeccable technique, would be a remarkable achievement at any age, but for one of Tureck's youth, it is phenomenal.

However, let it be noted quickly that Tureck is a versatile and gifted interpreter of the romantics such as Schumann, Brahms, Chopin, and Liszt; such classicists as Mozart and Beethoven; and the modernists, as Stravinsky, de Falla, and Ernest Bloch. Her very diversified and brilliant program at Flora Macdonald will include only one group of her beloved Bach. While Bach holds the highest niche in Tureck's temple of music, Beethoven is not far removed, and some of the finest works of this master composer will appear on the carefully chosen program to be presented at Flora Macdonald next Monday.

Following the program, an informal reception will be held in the college parlors, when the guests from in and out of town will have an opportunity to meet the artist.

Two Factions Among Negroes Presented Arguments For Construction Of One Large School Plant, Including Gymnasium, Cafeteria, Auditorium, Playgrounds and Other Facilities, Equal To That of the White Schools of Lumberton, Centrally Located in Town.

The second faction wants two elementary school plants, at least, and would settle for a centrally located high school.

E. M. Johnson, attorney for the county school board, concluded the discussions with a recommendation that the two factions study a plan for two elementary and grammar grade schools and one high school plant.

Speaking for the Negroes were: the Rev. R. D. Sharpe, Dr. C. I. Smith, Edna McLaren, Lawrence Stephens and Gus Bullock, leader of the strikers which took some 400 students out of the schools here for nearly two weeks recently, all arguing for the single plant; and Felix Brown, Atlanta Lewis, John D. Lewis and W. M. McNeill, who asked for two plants. Brown was acting as a property owner and former resident of Lumberton and as representative of Dr. J. H. Haywood, elderly principal of Redstone Academy, who is at Duke hospital undergoing treatment.

Atlanta Lewis pointed out the traffic hazards that would be involved if one plant was built. McNeill, acting principal of Redstone declared that many of the group opposing the two-school plan did not represent the northeast section, some had no children to go to the schools built anywhere, and that many of them did not attend Lumberton churches either. He claimed that two plants would best serve the two large Negro sections, now and in the future, and give the tax payers the most for their money.

Special Tax Funds Not Available This Year For Red Springs Schools

In a statement issued Monday night following a meeting of the School Board of Red Springs, the board announced that money from the special tax levy voted by citizens of the special charter district was not made available for use this year, and could not be obtained for the needed improvements until the 1947-48 school term. The statement explains that the county manager, E. K. Butler, has stated that it would be impossible for his office to arrange the tax books so that the money could be available for the 1946-47 school year, even though the special election was held on April 25, 1946, some nine weeks before the county budget was to be approved.

Members of the board said that this explanation was being made because of the many inquiries from citizens and patrons of the school who desired to know what the special tax money was being used for, and what progress was being made by the school in securing the necessary materials and equipment for the expansion of the teaching facilities.

COMMERCIAL DEPT.

The board announced the receipt of a gift of 10 typewriters to the school by the Army Air Forces. These machines have been re-hauled and are now being overhauled and reconditioned. Supt. Walter Dudley states that the typewriters are expected to be delivered to the school about the 20th of this month and that classes in typing will be started at that time. Desks and chairs for the commercial department have been received, and several additional new typewriters on order are expected in January.

Typing classes will be open to seniors and juniors this year and next year, when the special tax funds are available and a full-time commercial teacher can be hired. English, bookkeeping, shorthand and other commercial subjects will be offered, it was stated.

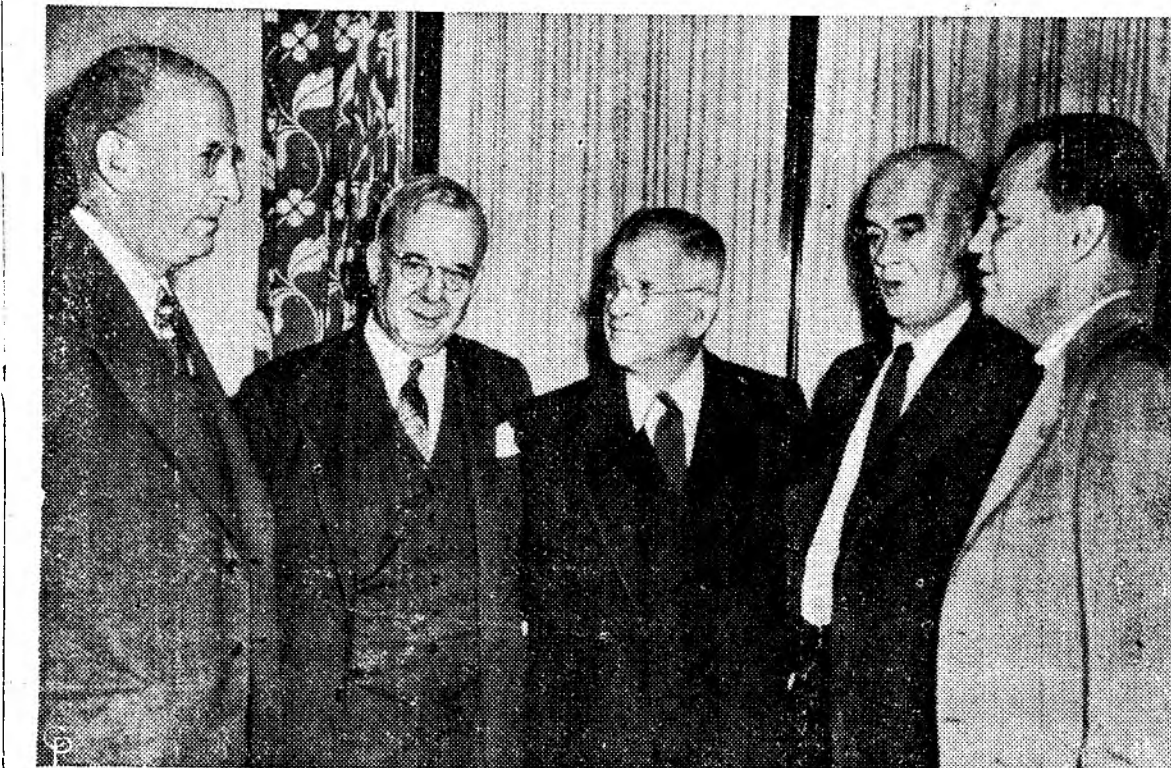
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Despite the lack of money from the special tax levy, plans for the physical education department have been put into action, and many new features of this branch of the high school's activities are being carried on under the direction of J. W. Carruth. Some additional science instructional materials have been received, according to Mr. Dudley, and instruction in standard high school science courses are being offered this year for the first time in some years, but complete courses cannot be given until the funds from the special tax levy are made available, it was explained.

DELINQUENCY

Members of the board and school officials are greatly perturbed over an investigation of reported delinquency among a small group of students of the school, and a number of students, including at least two girls, are being required to have thorough physical examinations and blood tests made this week, as result of the investigation. Parents of those involved are being notified of the condition. It was stated that while a number of youth of the town are involved, most of them are not students.

CONFERENCE OF PROGRESSIVES MEETS IN CAPITAL



IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL to weigh election results and map a legislative program are leaders of organizations who are attending the Conference of Progressives. The meeting is jointly sponsored by the National Citizens PAC, the Independent Committee of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, and the CIO-PAC. Prominent among those at the confab are (l. to r.): Former Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr.; Jack Kroll, director of the CIO-PAC; Former Interior Secretary Harold Ickes; CIO President Philip Murray; and C. B. Baldwin, of the National PAC. The Conference will delve into every phase of the election. (International Soundphoto)

Choral Society Gives "Messiah" December 13

The Civic Choral Society of Red Springs will present a number of selections from Handel's "Messiah" in a Christmas season concert on the evening of Friday, Dec. 13, it was stated this week by R. D. McMillan, Jr., president of the society.

The choral group, under the direction of Robert Reuter, dean of music at Flora Macdonald College, has been rehearsing weekly for the past month and over a hundred voices are to compose the choir for their first public concert. Arrangements for soloists for the Christmas concert are now being made by the executive committee, and it is expected that an announcement will be made next week listing these.

Mr. McMillan has appointed James A. Graham chairman of the patrons' committee with Mrs. W. C. McNeill as co-chairman; G. T. Ashford is chairman of the publicity committee and Al H. Grant is chairman of the committee on arrangements. The executive committee has approved an annual contributing membership fee of \$5; a sustaining membership of \$10; supporting membership of \$25; and a life membership of \$100. These memberships are open to everyone, whether they participate in the work of the chorus, as singers or as members of the executive committee, or contribute as supporters of the organization and entitles member to admittance to all concerts presented by the society.

Use of the auditorium of the high school has been granted for the Christmas concert, and rehearsals are now being held in the Presbyterian Church. For accompaniment both a piano and a Hammond organ will be used for the presentation of the "Messiah," according to Mr. McMillan.

FMC Girls Expected At PJC Homecoming

It is expected that many Flora Macdonald girls will attend the annual homecoming football game at Maxton Saturday afternoon when PJC plays Gardner-Webb. A special program has been arranged for the day which includes an alumni luncheon, football game, barbecue and homecoming dance. In the past there have always been a large crowd of visitors from PJC Homecoming festivities and it is understood that a blanket invitation has been issued to the girls to be present this year.

ONE CAUGHT ... ONE SOUGHT

County police took James Franklin Howell, 18, into custody Tuesday for the shooting of his brother, Quincey Howell, 16, in an argument over the use of a boat. Quincey is reported to be in serious condition at Thompson Memorial hospital, suffering from effects of gunshot wounds in the back and shoulder. The shooting is supposed to have taken place on Raft Swamp near Raft Swamp church. Police are seeking for Henry Council, who is wanted for questioning in the shooting of his wife Anna Council of Centenary near Rowland, who died Tuesday morning from pistol wounds said to have been inflicted by her husband two weeks ago.

Truck Rips Up Gas Tanks In Dodging Bus

A McLeod and Sinclair lumber truck ploughed into the gas tanks in front of W. McLaughlin's service station on Highway 74 near Maxton late Monday afternoon, damaging the main tank, two oil drums and two back stanchions. J. W. Quick, the truck driver, was not hurt.

According to Mr. Quick, he was driving at moderate speed behind a bus on the way from Lumberton to Maxton. He says that on the long curve about two miles from Maxton, the bus stopped suddenly, giving no signal. He was forced to clamp down on his brakes with great force to avoid hitting the bus.

Proceeding into Maxton, the bus stopped suddenly again in front of the service station, which is approximately 1000 yards distance from the curve. Mr. Quick says he could not pass the bus as a car was approaching and he stamped his brake pedal but the brake failed to hold. There was a car in the yard of the service station and one also in the drive, leaving the truck driver one of two alternatives: either hit the bus or smack into the gas tank.

Mr. Quick says he chose the latter and ripped into the tanks, completely uprooting two brick stanchions, knocking over two large oil drums and damaging the main tank to an unknown extent.

It is his belief that the driver of the bus made no hand signal at either stopping time. The bus driver could not be reached for a statement.

Hatcheries of the N. C. Division of Game and Inland Fisheries in 1946 released 163,900 advanced fry and fingerling bass and 68,575 two for four inch fingerling bass. \$31,875 in fish and game law cases brought by protectors of the N. C. Division of Game and Inland Fisheries in the first nine months of 1946.



BANK MANAGER — James McRimmon, Berry McQueen's brother, who was shot in the leg Saturday night.

Maxton Negro Shot In Leg Saturday Night

James McRimmon, Berry McQueen and one of Oscar Locklear's boys went to see Tom McQueen in Maxton Saturday night to discuss the salary that they were being paid. A quarrel ensued and Berry McRimmon was shot in the leg just above his knee. He was carried to Scotland County Memorial Hospital for treatment and a hospital report Wednesday morning stated that the boy was recovering satisfactorily.

The disturbance was investigated by County Policeman Ralph Purcell. According to McQueen, the other three come to his house near Maxton about six o'clock Saturday night. When he went to the door they immediately started an argument concerning the money that McQueen, their employer, was paying them.

Tom says that he went back in the house and came out four people began scuffling around and the shotgun went off, hitting Berry McRimmon in the leg.

\$773 Realized From Hallowe'en Carnival

The executive committee of the Red Springs Parent Teachers' association in a meeting last night completed their report on the Hallowe'en carnival and with all bills paid it was found that \$773.18 had been netted by the entertainment.

Funds will be used to purchase a new curtain for the stage in the main auditorium. Members also voted to take the cloth from the present curtain and make draperies for the auditorium. The present curtain, it was said would yield sufficient material to make drapes for all windows which would serve as blackout curtains whenever day time movies were to be shown in the school.

Thomas Berry Charged With Reckless Driving After Wreck Injures Three People Near Maxton Stop-Light Fri.

Berry Released After \$500 Bond Posted

Thomas Berry, it is charged with reckless driving, and inflicting property and personal loss, as a result of an automobile accident in Maxton on Friday night, November 8, Berry is at present out on \$500 bond.

Thomas Berry, it is charged was driving a 1942 Ford with Lister Locklear and Annie Bell Turner as passengers in the City limits of Maxton at excessive speed that night. According to Chief of Police Thompson who investigated the wreck, Berry and another driver were racing. The other driver passed a 1935 Chevrolet about three blocks from the Stop Light in Maxton on the Lumberton Highway. Berry was unable to pass and crashed into the Chevrolet driven by Henry "Bluejay" Adams.

Maxton Burglars Elope With Western Union Safe Saturday Night; Use Hand Express Truck For Honeymoon Trip

Maxton Men Are Guests At Hydro-Electric Plant

Mayor F. C. Frostick and members of the executive committee of the Mormax Club were guests of O. H. Broadway and the Carolina Power and Light Company staff last Tuesday on a conducted tour through the Tillery Hydro-Electric plant near Mt. Gilead.

The following men left Maxton in three cars early Tuesday afternoon: F. C. Frostick, C. A. Hasty, L. W. Anderson, L. C. LaMotte, R. F. Morris, McKay McKinnon, G. P. Henderson, C. M. Castevens, T. O. Evans, Jr., C. H. Whitlock, O. H. Broadway, Ed Ervin and Pat Patterson. Glenn Green of Laurinburg was also in the party.

The group was conducted through the Tillery Hydro-Electric plant which is located about 20 miles above the Blewitt Falls Dam by plant superintendent McNeill. The Tillery plant is a \$14,000,000 installation and the dam which crosses the upper Pee Dee river is 2,000 feet long and between 70 and 100 feet high. This plant is the second largest controlled by the C. P. and L. in North Carolina and the largest is in the Pigeon river near the Tennessee line. It is possible to generate 93,300 HP at the Tillery plant.

After the two hour inspection of the dam, turbines, control boards and associated machinery, the group adjourned to the clubhouse for a chicken dinner.

Unemployment On Upgrade Since Tobacco Season

Claims for unemployment compensation in Fairmont have risen rapidly since the close of the tobacco season, according to Mrs. Sadie H. Jones, representative of the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission. Included among the claims which are handled in this area are approximately one thousand from farmers who have filed self-employed claims, she said.

Mrs. Jones, who is in Fairmont every Tuesday from 9:30 till 11:30, also handles the claims of veterans for unemployment compensation from the Veterans Administration. The Commission representative called attention to the fact that should those who draw compensation for unemployment refuse to accept jobs, they are then disallowed from any claims.

It is believed that the door to the building had not been locked Saturday night and that certain windows in the Seaboard station can not be locked. There are marks on the station floor where the safe was moved out the door by means of the hand truck.

F. K. Biggs Named New President Merchants Ass'n

New officers of the Lumberton Merchants Association chosen for 1947 at the association's meeting Tuesday night include: F. K. Biggs Sr., president, C. E. Sullivan, vice president, and H. Franklin Biggs, secretary-treasurer. Directors include: J. LeRoy Townsend, retiring president, Bowen G. Ross, Fred Lennox, and Walter Lemmond. I. P. Hedgepeth was elected attorney.

The program for the session included an illustrated talk on salesmanship presented by A. E. Breckthal, district sales manager of the Allied Feeds corporation, who presented movies on the subject as prepared by his firm for dealership training.

No Peace For Western Union On Armistice Day

By BEN MCKINNON

Although the Maxton branch of Western Union undoubtedly spent a safe and sane Fourth of July and Labor Day, it is a definite fact that this same pleasant state of affairs did not exist for them on Armistice Day, November 11. The reason that the Western Union Maxton office did not spend a safe and sane Armistice Day was that they had no "safe" to spend as the aforementioned piece of property was escorted out of the office and out of town by mean old burglars, who had adopted for their slogan, "Safety First," especially Western Union safes.

The safe was discovered approximately two miles out of Maxton Sunday morning, November 10. It had been broken open with an axe and currency amounting to \$132.31 had been gently removed. Numerous money order drafts, payroll vouchers, a bank book, a code sheet and some stamps had been burned. It would have been possible to have cashed some of these vouchers with forged signatures, this reporter has been informed. However, the vouchers were not completely destroyed by the fire and the remains have been stowed away in a box in the Western Union safe—er, the Western Union office!

It seems that the burglar or burglars, premeditated little rascal or rascals that they were, snatched an express truck from the cotton platform in Maxton Friday night. Then this same unknown party wheeled the express truck up to the Seaboard Freight Station sometime in the small hours of Sunday morning with the "express" purpose of making a "safe" getaway with one article of property belonging to Western Union; to wit, one safe.

It is possible that they confronted the frightened little safe and demanded, "Open up, Sesame." And perhaps this brave little safe deliberately spit in their eyes. The burglars, assuming that there were more than one, quite probably rushed at the safe but found out that they were unable to make a good "combination." Things were probably at a definite standstill until suddenly the nocturnal prowlers whisked in their pilfered express truck and went "trucking off" down the road with the helpless little safe. Probably not even bothering to hitchhike as it must have been pretty late and passing cars at a minimum, the safe-snatchers pushed the express truck a considerable distance out of town, and went to work on the combination with an axe. At any rate, Maxton police believe that the safe was forced open by using an instrument of this type.

Miss Mary Shaw, Maxton operative of the Western Union, closed up her accounts Saturday night and went home for the weekend. When she returned Sunday night, she was informed that a certain item from the office was missing and sure enough it was.

It is hoped that Western Union in Maxton will have a "safe" Thanksgiving and Christmas, Armistice day, notwithstanding.

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