

Editorial

A Christmas Gift Idea

In the open forum today, there is a letter which is directed to the folk of Red Springs who are interested in a better library for their elementary school pupils. This letter is equally applicable in its appeal to each community of Robeson County. Your Hometown paper believes, and we urge you to read it. It offers a suggestion for a community gift at this Christmastime well within the reach of everyone, a gift that can be as small or as large as your means will allow, and a gift that will be of lasting value and pleasure in your community, a gift of money to provide additional books for the school library of your community.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor of the Hometown Newspapers:

Will you please give us room for a Christmas letter to the people of Red Springs?

Dear Friends:
Have you finished your Christmas shopping? Are you sure?—Do you have a youngster in the elementary school of Red Springs? If so, have you thought of the Christmas cheer you could spread and the happy, happy new year you could assure by putting just one new book into the library to be made available to the 270 young patrons who find profit and pleasure there each week?

Don't give just any book—no, but a carefully selected book from an approved list. If you are interested, decide the amount of money you would like to spend for this important gift, and let your child take it to the school library where it would be spent for a book that would add to the usefulness of the library by securing a book needed to make the library service to your child and the 270 others more

(Signed)
Folk of the Elementary School

Former Officers

Again Eligible

For Commissions

Captain L. R. Robinson, Commanding Officer of the Rockingham Sub-Station of the Army Recruiting Service, announced today that many wartime officers of the Army of the United States have taken advantage of the opportunity to apply for a Regular Army Commission. The Captain states that an additional 25,000 Regular Army officers have been authorized, and that all wartime officers of the Army of the United States, ed to civilian life, are eligible to whether on active duty or return-apply for one of these appointments.

Captain Robinson urges all former officers, who are interested in applying for a Regular Army Commission to contact the local substation in Rockingham, where application forms are available. All applications must be mailed to Headquarters, Seventh Army, Atlanta 3, Georgia, before December 31, 1946.

Christmas Lights For Fairmont Streets

E. G. and Wilbur Jones, chairman and member of the street lighting committee, have assured a Robeson County Hometown Press reporter that the city of Fairmont will be adequately lighted during the Christmas season.

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TURNING ON THE NATURAL GAS



DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT Tom Evans (left), of the Tennessee Gas and Transmission Company, and R. W. Hawkins, divisional superintendent, are shown opening the valve on the company's main transmission line at Natchitoches, La., which carries natural gas at a rate of 50 million cubic feet daily into the "Little Big Inch" pipe line. The gas is being pumped to the middle west, where it will help alleviate the fuel shortage brought on by the current soft coal walkout. (International)

Maxton VHP Receives Unexpected Aid From Surveyor Who Donates Services To Aid Building Project

T. B. Caraway Says VHP Is Great Gesture

Declaring that the Veterans Housing Project in Maxton was the most constructive program that he had yet heard of to help the veteran, T. B. Caraway, civil engineer of Laurinburg, volunteered his services free of charge to the Maxton Chamber of Commerce and Merchant's Association. Mr. Caraway, who has been staking out permanent corners for the Town of Maxton, devoted the early days of this week to laying out the future building lots for Maxton high school and Presbyterian Junior College and staked out more than 30 of these lots which will be donated to veterans signifying their intention to build homes in Maxton.

"This Veterans Housing Project reaffirms my faith in humanity," he stated. "It is indeed a beautiful gesture and I have told all of my associates in Laurinburg about the program. If every city in the United States could follow Maxton's example the veterans could not be complaining of 'going in' instead of beneficial aid in their building problems."

Mr. Caraway was a warrant officer in the C. E. C. during the war and has had some 20 years experience in the work of surveying and laying out lots.

Streets have been laid out thru the property but it is not known yet when the Town of Maxton will begin work on them or when water lines can be installed.

The original housing project was fostered at Daystrom when Colonel Barnum found out that approximately 15 veterans were interested in building. He approached the members of the Chamber of Commerce with the idea of bringing these future homes to Maxton since most of the veterans preferred to build there. The idea was then evolved to donate a plot of land to those veterans who would and could build within a certain length of time. Members of the Merchants Association donated the funds to purchase a tract of land, large enough to be subdivided into many building lots.

Since the veterans now working at Daystrom are responsible for the birth of the VHP and since it is believed they will be able to build sooner, since Colonel Barnum has announced that the plant material these men will have first choice of lots. Members of the Merchants Association think this is the only fair way of distributing the land.

The remaining lots will be distributed from the Chamber of Commerce office. A registration date will be announced and veterans will be given applications in the "first come, first served" manner.

There are two stipulations to the procuring of a lot: (1) the veteran assumes the taxes when he chooses his lot and (2) the house must be started within 12 months and finished within two years. Deeds will be given after work is started on the individual houses.

C. A. Hasty is in charge of surveying arrangements and also the distribution of veterans applications while Marshall James has been made trustee and will issue the deeds to the lots.

Block Island, lying off Rhode Island, was named for the Dutch navigator, Adriaen Block, who explored the coast in 1614.

Appeal Of Four Robeson Negroes Fails To Save Lives; Execution Date December 27th For Rapists

Supreme Court Finds No Error In Trial

Four Negroes from Robeson county were doomed to death in the gas chamber yesterday when the State Supreme Court found there was no error in the trial before the Hon. Clawson Williams in the Robeson Superior Court.

The court's judgment automatically sets the date of their execution for the rape of Mrs. Dorothy Fry, wife of a CIO labor organizer, for December 27, unless an intervention in the processes of law is made by Gov. R. Gregg Cherry.

Two of the Negroes, Granger Thompson, Calvin Covington, and Stacy Powell, admitted in court that they had intercourse with the woman, and the fourth, Cliff Inman, denied having any part in the crime. The three based their defense on the claim that the affair grew out of a case of "commercialized vice" and that the only complaint the prosecutor had made when being taken to the house or during the acts was that she was not paid "the stipulated price."

The woman testified that she had gone to Lovett Road in the Negro section with a man other than her husband to get some liquor, that the car had broken down, and while her companion, Frank Straughn, had gone with Inman to get help, Thompson, Covington and Powell forced her to leave the car and enter an unfinished house where each, including Inman, who had returned without Straughn, assaulted her.

Three Airlines Investigating Maxton Field

Three large airlines have applied to the Civil Aeronautics Board at Washington for certificates permitting them to use the Laurinburg Maxton Airport, two miles from Maxton, according to a letter received yesterday by the Maxton Chamber of Commerce from the Chief Examiner of this Board, Francis W. Brown. As stated in the letter, an examiner's report regarding this application, and oral arguments also, have been heard by the Board and the case is submitted for final decision.

The applications of these three airlines to use this airport is partly the result of letters sent to a number of large airlines several months ago by the Maxton Chamber of Commerce setting forth the unusual advantages of this field, emphasizing the abundant hangar space, unexcelled concrete runways, and modern aircraft machine shop.

This particular application has been included by the Board in the proceeding which includes plans for the greatly increased air transportation for the entire southeastern section of the country. The demand for this additional service in this section has been growing in volume and persistence for some months.

Names of the airlines applying for certificates for use of the Maxton Airport are the Southeast Airlines, Atlantic and Carolina Airways Co., and Piedmont Aviation Inc.

Messiah Friday Nigt At FMC

Handel's "Messiah" will be presented Friday night by the Civic Choral Society of Red Springs in the auditorium of Flora Macdonald college.

Soloists for the performance include Robert Topping, tenor, Frances Lehners, contralto, Maury Pearson, bass, and Clara Bailey Robeson, soprano. Accompaniment will be by Mrs. Topping, organist, and Mrs. James D. McLean, pianist. There will be seventy-five voices in the chorus under the direction of Robert Reuter.

This is the first concert of the society which was organized this fall, and indications are that there will be a capacity audience for the presentation of this famed oratorio.

COMMANDER AUSTEN ON NORFOLK STATION

Lt. Cdr. James Austin, Jr., husband of Mrs. Crystal Henderson Austin of 201 West 17th St., Lumberton, N. C., is stationed at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Va., as an instructor in electronics.

Lt. Cdr. Austin entered Naval service in October, 1939, and received his basic training at Pensacola. He graduated from the Naval University of North Carolina.

Presbyterian Junior College Glee Club Gives Christmas Vesper Pgm. At College Auditorium On Tuesday

Solos Given By Leckie, Bryson And G. E. Dixon

A Christmas Vesper Service was held in the college chapel at Presbyterian Junior College on Tuesday evening, December 10, at eight o'clock.

Using the biblical scriptures of Matthew and Luke as a reference the following program was rendered: "Joy to the World," Handel and "O Come All Ye Faithful" by the male chorus; "The First Noel" and "O Holy Night," Aden, by the male chorus with a tenor solo by A. B. Leckie; male chorus with a tenor solo by Herman Bryson; "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Redner, and "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen," English, by the male quartette.

G. E. Dixon then sang the beloved anthem, "The Holy City." Adams. The two carols, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" were then heard with the congregation standing during the singing of the latter.

Dr. Louis C. LaMotte, President of PJC, closed the Christmas program with a prayer.

May Kareis Daring is director of the college glee club and their work on Tuesday evening showed a great deal of preparation and able direction. R. E. Lunney was the student accompanist, Ellis Joyner was narrator and Rex All-

Guest Speaker At Baptist Church

The Rev. John Barbee will be the guest speaker at the Maxton Baptist church on Sunday evening, December 15, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Barbee spoke in Maxton two years ago in a revival meeting and made a great impression on the many church members and friends of the church that heard him. Well known in this area, he has a host of friends in Maxton and the surrounding communities.

Mr. Barbee is a graduate of Bob Jones college and of Duke university. A cordial invitation is extended by the church to all friends to worship together and hear this outstanding speaker on Sunday night.

"Bits" Snoddy

The many friends of W. M. (Bits) Snoddy will be glad to know he is making a satisfactory recovery following a length illness at Veterans hospital, Richmond, Va. "Bits" will leave the hospital within the next few days and will spend the Christmas holidays with his sister, Mrs. W. D. Weaver, and her family in Clay Bank, Virginia.

Union Meeting Of Robeson Baptists December 19th

The union meeting of the Robeson Baptist Association is to be held on Thursday, December 19, at the Antioch Baptist church. The following program has been arranged for the meeting.

10:00 A. M. Song and praise service.

10:15 Devotional Exercises, conducted by Rev. E. A. Paul of East Lumberton.

10:30 Church Discipline. Discussed by Rev. E. N. Johnson of Lakeview, S. C.

11:15 Sermon by Rev. C. R. Hester of St. Pauls.

12:00 noon. Dinner.

1:30 p. m. Song and praise service.

1:45 Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. C. J. Ellis of Pembroke.

2:00 Miscellaneous matters affecting the Union.

2:15 Our Training Union challenge for 1947. Discussed by Rev. O. A. Anderson of Rowland.

2:35 Our Sunday School Goals for 1947. Discussed by Rev. T. Paul Deaton of Parkton.

Huston B. Cox To Be Awarded Three Medals

Ceremony Tuesday At Pembroke For Lumberton Man

Huston B. Cox, Indian ex-GI of Lumberton, will be awarded four medals at a public ceremony to be held Tuesday, December 17, at 7:30 p. m. at the Indian State College at Pembroke, it was stated today by Capt. L. R. Robinson, of the Army Recruiting service office at Rockingham.

Awards to be made to the former member of the 103rd Infantry who served as a T-5 in the medical detachment of the 439th regiment are: the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and an oak-leaf cluster in lieu of another Purple Heart.

Commander J. A. Sampson of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post of Pembroke will be program chairman, and Judge L. R. Varner Lumberton attorney, will make the principal address of the occasion. Awards will be presented by Capt. Robinson. Officials of the several veterans organizations of the county will have places on the program.

SILVER STAR MEDAL

"For gallantry in action. On 16 November 1944, in the vicinity of France, Private Cox crawled 25 yards under heavy machine gun fire to administer aid to a wounded comrade. The fire was so low that he had to remain in a prone position to administer aid, but he completed the task and then assisted the wounded man to safety. Again he went through the same intense fire to give aid to another man who was seriously wounded.

A short time later, upon learning that a comrade had been wounded and was trapped in a building, area, drawing heavy machine gun mortar and sniper fire, and administered aid. Private Cox's gallant and completely unselfish actions were an inspiration to the entire unit."

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

"For heroism in action. On 20 March 1945, near a man was wounded by hostile sniper fire as Company "K" occupied the lower slope of an enemy-held hill. Technician Cox, although attached to another platoon, dashed to the wounded man and, disregarding sniper fire directed at him, administered aid. Technician Cox then carried the casualty down the slope where the wounded man was station. His actions reflected the highest traditions of the military service."

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

"For wounds received in action in the European Theatre of Operations on 15 December 1944."

1ST OAK LEAF CLUSTER

"For wounds received in action in the European Theatre of Operations on 20 March 1945."

In addition to the above decorations he is entitled to the following awards:

Good Conduct Medal; American Theatre Ribbon; European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with two Bronze Service Stars for Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns; World War II Victory Ribbon, and Combat Medical Badge.

House Sale

C. A. Hasty, trustee for the State Bank, has announced that Dr. E. Fred Ford has purchased the Harrell home on the Maxton-Red Springs highway. Dr. Ford will take possession of the property after the first of the year. Purchase price was undisclosed.

Rites Are Held For McKay McKinnon, Maxton Judge And Leader In Church Work And Civic Affairs In Robeson



McKAY McKINNON

Negro Escapee Is Arrested On First Degree Charge

Order Investigation In Six-Man Escape

John Henry Harris, who escaped from the Bladen county prison camp Tuesday night, was taken into custody in Lumberton early this morning by city police and booked on a first degree burglary charge. He was captured while in the building of the Sanitary Cleaners.

Harris, when cornered by police made no attempt to escape, while another man near the building when the police patrol car stopped, quickly disappeared. The burglars were discovered by Roy Shooter, who was sleeping in an adjoining room, heard sounds of men moving about in the plant. Shooter went out the building and stopped the patrol car and the officers made the arrest. Harris is now in the Lumberton jail, and is expected to be given a preliminary hearing Friday on the burglary charge. He readily admitted his name and told them he was one of six who escaped from the prison camp Tuesday night.

An investigation was ordered today into the brazen six-man escape from the state's prison camp in Bladen county when the six Negroes sawed their confining bars from a cage-type barracks without interference from the guards.

The probe was ordered by Clyde O. Robinson, prison director, who stated that two guards should have been on duty, and that the noise of sawing the bars should have easily been heard by them. Reports from the camp, located a few miles from Elizabethtown, state that the escape of the men was not discovered until morning. This camp is on of six cage camps now used by the state, and is considered unsightly, unsanitary and susceptible to escapes.

Glee Club Will Present Program Sunday Evening

On Sunday evening, December 15, the Fairmont high school glee club, under the direction of Miss Julia Burton, will present a Christmas program at the First Baptist church at 7:30 o'clock.

The glee club is made up of 42 students and features three solos: Zella Grantham, Betty Hedgpeth and Ima Joyce Huggins.

Miss Ruth Alford will be organist for the special program which will include the following numbers: O Come All Ye Faithful, The Birthday of a King, White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks, Jesu Bambino, We Three Kings, O Holy Night, Virgin Slumber Song, Sleep Holy Child, Joy to the World, Holy and Ivy, and Hark the Herald Angels Sing.

Tobacco Workers End Strike At Lumberton Plant

Workers of the Wallehead-Anderson tobacco redrying plant returned to their jobs Tuesday afternoon with the second shift, to end a week's walkout due to failure to reach an agreement on a contract between workers and management.

It was stated that work was proceeding as usual today, though no contract agreement had been reached and the 150 employees had returned to their jobs after notifying the management of their desire to return to work.

Large Crowd Attends Services Held At Presbyterian Church

Hundreds of friends and admirers gathered at the First Presbyterian Church in Maxton Thursday morning to pay tribute to McKay McKinnon, 66, judge of Maxton district recorder's court and for over a score of years outstanding leader in community and county affairs, who died at his home Wednesday morning at 3 A. M. of a heart attack.

Services were held at eleven o'clock and were conducted by his pastor, Rev. T. Layton Fraser, assisted by his former pastor, Rev. John H. McKinnon of Concord.

Active pall bearers were: G. P. Henderson, C. A. Hasty, A. G. Greene, H. A. McKinnon, M. A. Biles and Laughlin McKinnon, Jr. Honorary pall bearers included attending physicians, Dr. B. Fred Ford and Dr. R. D. Croon, Jr. and officers of the First Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. McKinnon was a ruling elder. Interment was in the Oak Grove cemetery of Maxton. Mrs. Mayme McKinnon, assisted by many friends of the family, was in charge of floral arrangements.

Mr. McKinnon son of the late McKay McKinnon and Grace Havley McKinnon, was born on January 6, 1880 near Maxton and spent his entire life in this section of the state. On April 27, 1904 he married Miss Annie James of Sampson County.

His business career was chiefly concerned with three firms although Mr. McKinnon had extensive farming interests. He was a partner in McKinnon, Currie & Co., specializing in general livestock sales. He purchased Mr. Currie's interest and renamed the firm McKay McKinnon. Later he became associated with Acme Manufacturing Co. and served as district representative in this area for many years, a position he held at the time of his death.

Mr. McKinnon's record of service to the town of Maxton, to Robeson County and to the Presbyterian Church is one of long service and many lasting achievements. He has served as chairman of the Robeson county democratic committee, chairman of the county board of elections, mayor of Maxton, trustee of Flora Macdonald College, chairman of the Maxton School Board, served three different terms as superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School in Maxton is a past master of the Masonic Lodge and a former president of the McMax Club.

He was recognized as a leader in civic affairs and commanded the respect and admiration of all who came in contact with him. On the last Sunday in November he was presented a gold wrist watch by members of the Presbyterian Sunday School and Church in appreciation for his fine record of continuous service to the church.

Mr. McKinnon was recognized as one of Maxton's most able citizens and his opinion concerning matters pertaining to the community was always highly regarded. His friends in Robeson and Scotland counties and in North Carolina are legion as witnessed by the large crowd that gathered at the church on Thursday morning for the rites and by the tremendous bank of beautiful floral arrangements.

Mr. McKinnon was taken critically ill on Sunday night. He died early Wednesday morning, the last male member of a family of six brothers and two sisters. His death came as a blow to Maxton and Robeson County that will be hard to overcome and thoughts of his ideals, of his daily acts of kindness and the inspiring life he led will be long in the memory of the people of Maxton.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Annie James of Sampson County two sons McKay McKinnon Jr. of New York and Oliver P. McKinnon of Portsmouth, Va., one daughter, Miss Ann Elizabeth McKinnon of the home; two sisters Mrs. F. L. Ball of Hamlet and Mrs. J. H. Claulsurer of Swansea, S. C., two foster sons, Lt. Col. S. H. McKinnon of Alamogordo, New Mexico and Dr. W. J. McKinnon of Wadesboro, a daughter-in-law of the home, Mrs. J. H. McKinnon and four grandchildren, J. H. McKinnon, Jr., Linda, Frances and Katherine Ann McKinnon.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl H. King and children, Carl, Jr., and Billy, of Salisbury, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Prevatte.