

## Editorial

### The Parking Problem

In spite of the fact that you have to wait six to twelve months to buy a new automobile, there is still enough of the prewar gas buggies around to clutter up the streets in the business sections of every town in the county.

Parking for a few minutes shopping, often takes longer than it does for the shopper to get his or her car out of the garage, drive to town and back again. Then, when you buy something of some weight which you wish to take with you, it is necessary to walk back to where the car has been parked, drive up alleys or back the streets until clerks bring the heavy package out to the car.

Red Springs is trying to do something about its parking problems by opening up vacant lots for the cars of the storeowners and employees. This takes their cars off the principal business streets and these parking spaces are left open for shoppers. Recently, the lots next to the Legion Hall and at the rear of the Red Springs Supply have been cleaned up and improved for this purpose, and housewives state that the cooperation of the storekeepers and their staffs has helped them greatly—and parking spaces are not nearly so hard to find.

In Lumberton, parking space of this sort is fast being taken up by buildings, taxi lots and tobacco warehouses, and Mayor Rom Hedgepeth and his councilmen have approved the installation of parking meters for the town's business section. This will help considerably, for the police-checked hour-parking has not proved to be satisfactory, made people angry and still not given any relief to the parking problem.

There will still be the side streets and the back lots to take care of spaces for the businessmen's cars. For those who expect to spend more than an hour or two downtown, and for the thirty who have more shoe-leather, more thriftiness and plenty of time to park out of the metered districts. But the person in a hurry should find that meters though costing a nickel for each parking spot, are far more convenient and actually less costly than the continuous driving around the block looking for a vacant parking space.

With new cars still as scarce as all get-out, there'll come a time when parking meters and a few lots will not take care of the problems—and then the town fathers will have to really rack their brains for solutions of local parking conditions.

## J. O. Leggett Dies Monday In Winston-Salem

Funeral services for J. Oswald Leggett, 58, prominent farmer of Proctorville who died at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem on Monday after a weeks illness were conducted from Proctorville Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock with the pastor the Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth officiating assisted by Rev. Troy Jones of Red Springs. Burial was made in the Byrd cemetery near the home. Pall bearers were: H. L. Floyd, J. S. Floyd, I. P. Graham, E. T. Nye, Sam Stone, J. A. Nye. He was the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Jurvis Leggett and the late W. A. Leggett and is survived by his wife Mrs. Sarah Covington Leggett; two daughters Miss Doris Leggett of Flora Macdonald college and Mrs. M. C. Stone of Proctorville; six sons Henry William of the home Vinson, Bruce, J. O. Jr., and James L. of Proctorville; seven brothers Purvis, Grady, and Theodore of Proctorville, Henry and Wilmet of Georgia, C. C. of Troy, and J. P. of Washington, D. C. Five sisters Mrs. W. F. Owsley of Parkersville, Ky., Mrs. Herby Hobbs of Thomasville, Mrs. Leon Hughes of Troy, and Mrs. Sam Ashley of Fairmont.

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## Maxton Churches Will Hold Special Christmas Vesper Services On Sunday Featuring Musical Programs

### Services Include Scripture Readings And Carol Singing

Special Christmas services will be held on Sunday, December 22, at three Maxton churches: Baptist church, St. Pauls Methodist church, and the First Presbyterian church.

A musical program will be presented at the Baptist church Sunday evening at seven thirty o'clock with the combined church choirs furnishing the music. There will be special anthems and the congregation will join with the choir in singing the Christmas hymns.

Rev. John Barbee was guest speaker at the Baptist church last Sunday night, choosing for his topic the story of Sampson. A large crowd attended the service and the speaker made a great impression on the many church members and friends of the church that heard him.

A cantata ceremony will be held at St. Paul's Methodist church on Sunday evening at seven thirty o'clock. Mrs. W. A. Webb is in charge of the musical program. The service will consist of readings, Christmas hymns and special music.

The annual White Gift service will be held at the First Presbyterian church of Maxton on Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. This Christmas vesper service will take the place of the usual evening worship period at seven thirty o'clock. Special music will be rendered by the three church choirs; the woman's choir, the young people's choir, and the children's choir.

In addition to the special musical program, the service will consist of scripture readings and the singing of carols.

## Holidays Begin At Maxton Schools And The College

Maxton Public Schools will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 20 at the end of the school day, according to an announcement from W. K. Cromatic Superintendent.

Classes will commence again on Wednesday, January 1, 1947. These holiday dates are in accordance with Robeson County School system.

Presbyterian Junior College closed for Christmas holidays on Saturday, December 14, at 1:15 P. M. Classes will be resumed January 3 at 8:00 A. M. Many of the PJC students are planning to work during the holidays and that is the reason why the Christmas vacation will be so long.

The second semester at PJC will begin on January 25, 1947.

## New Evidence For Trial Of Four Negroes

Four Lumberton Negroes, Calvin Covington, Cliff Inman, Granger Thompson and Stacy Powell, who were sentenced to death for the raping of a white woman, Mrs. Dorothy Fry, last March, were granted a reprieve on Monday, December 16, by Governor R. Gregg Cherry.

In Robeson County Superior Court Wednesday, motions for a new trial for the men were offered on grounds of newly discovered evidence. The case has been continued until the next term of criminal court scheduled for January.

Governor Cherry stated on Monday that he believed more time was needed to investigate the case and granted a reprieve, which will expire on January 25, thus setting the new death date of the four men for February 14.

Early in December the case was conviction in Robeson County Superior Court was upheld.

**Words of the Wise**  
The best rules to form a young man, are, to talk little, to hear much, to reflect alone upon what has passed in company, to distrust one's own opinions, and value others that deserve it.  
—(Sir William Temple)

## Ben Taylor Now Judge Of Maxton Court

Ben Taylor has been appointed by the Robeson county board of commissioners to the position of judge of Maxton district recorder's court. Mr. Taylor will fill the unexpired term of McKay McKinnon, deceased.

The unexpired term has nearly two years to run as Mr. McKinnon had just started a new tenure shortly before his death. Mr. Taylor was sworn in as judge of Maxton District Recorder's Court on Monday, December 16, before Miss Theresa Patterson, assistant clerk of Robeson County Superior Court.

Mr. Taylor has been a resident of Maxton for many years. For some time he was in the grocery business and is at present dealing in obacco curing supplies.

## Jail Sentence 10 To 12 Years Given Harris

John Henry Harris, Negro convict who led two sensational jail breaks in this area in the past two weeks, was sentenced to 10 to 12 years in prison by Judge R. Hunt Parker in Robeson Superior Court Tuesday. Harris had been charged with first degree burglary but when he tendered a plea of burglary in the second degree, it was accepted by the solicitor.

Harris, with five other men, saved his way out of a Bladen county jail last week and was captured in Lumberton after he had broken into a dry cleaning establishment. Carried to Robeson County jail, he led a break last Thursday afternoon in which five other Negroes participated.

Harris and three other escapees, Preston Monroe, Bill Wilcox and James Swindell were captured Thursday night near Powellsville cross roads.

James F. Howell returned to the county jail on Saturday night and gave himself up, leaving only one of the six participants in the jail break, James F. Thompson, still at large.

The original sentence under which Harris was serving was 11 to 14 years imposed in Durham county for larceny in 1944.

## Services Held For A. E. Douglas Of Lumberton

Funeral services were held today at Stephens Funeral Home for A. Eugene Douglas, 45, prominent Lumberton businessman and Deacon in the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Douglas, who died at his home in Lumberton Tuesday night, after an illness of eight months, is a past president of the Kiwanis club and active in civic affairs.

He was connected with the Lumberton Music Company for four years and opened the Douglas Music Shop in Lumberton last March. Prior to his Lumberton business activities, Mr. Douglas had been associated with Richardson Realty in Greensboro and has served as vice president of the Greensboro Real Estate Board. At one time he was president of the Southern Conference of Building Owners and Managers.

His pastor, Rev. R. L. Alexander, conducted the rites Thursday morning at a interment was in Meadowbrook cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Mary McCollum, Greensboro; two sons, Gene, Jr., and Don; and two sisters, Mrs. C. A. Steele of Statesville and Mrs. E. T. Martin of Detroit, Michigan.

## Deacons Installed

Luther McNeill, Jr. and L. W. Anderson were installed as Deacons in the First Presbyterian Church of Maxton on Sunday morning. Rev. T. Leyton Fraser, pastor, devoted the morning worship service to the installation of the new officers and a description of their duties as set forth in the New Testament.

## FIREMEN CARRY VICTIM FROM N. Y. TENEMENT RUINS



RESCUE WORKERS REMOVE MRS. CONDITA RAMIREZ, 29, from the ruins of the six-story tenement in upper Manhattan, New York, where more than a score perished when a collapsing icehouse wall sheared away an entire side of the building. Hope was given up for those still trapped in the rubble. Police say that two boys were arrested after they admitted playing with candles in the adjoining ice plant. (International)

## Huston B. Cox Awarded Three Medals For Gallantry And Heroism In Military Ceremony

### Judge Varser Also Speaks On Program

In an impressive military ceremony in the Pembroke College Auditorium Tuesday night Huston B. Cox of Lumberton was awarded the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action, the Bronze Star for heroism in action and the Purple Heart with one Oakleaf cluster for wounds received in battle.

Awards were made to the former member of the 103rd infantry who served as T-5 in the medical detachment of the 409th regiment by Captain L. R. Robinson representing the commanding general of the Seventh Army.

Judge L. R. Varser, principle speaker on the program, declared, "I speak for all the people of the county in expressing pride in one who achieved the pinnacle tonight, rewards for gallantry, heroism and for patriotism."

"Love leads in the effort to make a better world. Those who do not love their country are not gallant or heroic. Unselfish service leads a soldier to aid the suffering and to make easier the passing of a comrade."

"It is a pleasure to do honor to a fine soldier, Huston B. Cox. We are all proud and honored to express our joy and share in his triumph tonight."

"We may be able to prevent a future war. But our satisfaction will be, if war does come again, that we will strive to serve as Huston B. Cox has already done."

A large crowd gathered in the Indian State College auditorium for the service. James Albert Sampson, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post of Pembroke acted as chairman. Rev. James R. Lowry led the invocation and after Captain Robinson had presented the awards, Judge L. R. Varser made a short speech. The Chairman then spoke briefly and Rev. L. W. Jacobs pronounced the benediction.

## Carolina Power And Light Company Increases Electric Service Through Maxton-Red Springs Territories

### Lbg.-Fayetteville Transmission Line Used For Feeder

Extensive installation work necessary to take care of the increasing load for Mid-State Cloth Mills of Red Springs and to increase electric service throughout the Maxton-Red Springs area is now being done by the Carolina Power and Light Co., according to word received from O. H. Broadway, manager of the Maxton office of this firm.

In the past the power for Maxton has been received from a feeder line off the Laurinburg-Marion transmission line. Red Springs, the REA in this section and Mid-State Cloth Mills has been served from a 22,000 volt line extended from Maxton, which terminated in Red Springs.

The additional load demanded by the mill makes additional facilities necessary to maintain the proper voltage. Consequently, a sub-station has been erected approximately five miles west of Red Springs and a feeder line run into the town by tapping the Laurinburg-Fayetteville 110,000 volt transmission line. This new branch line is a step-down to 22,000 volts.

Addition of this new feeder line provides Red Springs with a power loop; one line from Maxton and one line from the Lbg.-Fayetteville circuit. Thus both lines are serving the town and can be isolated as a tie in with power coming from each or either line may be used independently.

This reduces the load on the Maxton-Red Springs line and is an asset to both towns. In case of trouble to the power line now serving Maxton, the Lbg.-Fayetteville circuit, power can be obtained off the Lbg.-Fayetteville line through way of the Red Springs loop as there are connecting points on the new line.

Mr. Broadway believes that this new loop through Red Springs will be very beneficial as it will

## New Parking Lots Relieve Crowded Main Street

Improvement of parking lots downtown in Red Springs, and their use by storeowners and employees is beginning to make street parking space available to shoppers on the Main Street, according to housewives who do most of the parking and the shopping.

Recently the McMillan lot next to the Legion Hall was cleared and graded and made available for parking by Mrs. J. E. McMillan. Another lot between the R. S. Supply company and D. M. McMillan's garage has long been available for parking, but improvements are being made too, so that employees of the stores and their bosses are now parking on the lots, and leaving the space along the paved streets available for parking by the customers, who have formerly been forced to leave their cars on the side streets and walk up to Main Street and the stores.

## Two Robeson Folk Have Pictures On Raleigh Exhibit

Among the forty-five paintings, accepted for exhibit in the winter showing of the State Art Society are two submitted by young artists of Robeson county. A tempera work by Miss Smith of Red Springs, and an oil painting by Ben Williams, Jr., of Lumberton, have been hung there and both are receiving very favorable comments, according to reports. First prize in the competition went to Kenneth Evert of Winston-Salem for his oil, "The Carpenter."

## Flossie Macs Begin Two Week Holiday

Students of Flora Macdonald College will start today for their homes for a vacation of two weeks, it was announced by college officials.

## Pageant "The Holy Nativity" Will Be Presented At Presbyterian Church

### Christmas Play In Red Springs Sunday Evening

"The Holy Nativity", a Christmas pageant, will be presented Sunday evening, December 22, at 7 o'clock, at the First Presbyterian Church of Red Springs with Miss Helen Buie as director.

This pageant will probably be the outstanding Christmas activity of the churches of the town for the season and everyone is extended a cordial invitation to attend. The story in three episodes depicts the life and time at Christ's birth, through a prologue and a prophecy from the Scriptures. Then there are scenes of the Nativity, and the procession of worshippers. The cast is comprised of about one hundred.

Reader for the presentation is to be George Ashford, The Rev. T. A. Fry will be the minister. Travelers to Bethlehem: W. J. Dorman, Loren Epton, L. B. Byrne, R. B. McRacken, Carl Campbell, Tommy Ashford, Garnett Brooks, Mrs. C. T. Johnson as Mary; Arthur McRae as Joseph.

Shepherds—R. D. McMillan, Jr., Neil E. Clinton and A. S. McKelhan; Three Wise men—E. H. Alexander, L. E. Baldwin, and Reid Grantham.

## Choral Society Presents Handel's "Messiah" Before Capacity House

### Concert Of High School Chorus Set For Tonight

The fourth annual Christmas concert by the choral groups of the Red Springs school will be given tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 in the auditorium of the high school. The groups will be under the direction of Miss Lois Lambie, teacher of public school music.

Carols from England, France, Wales, Germany, and America will be sung by the students of the first through the seventh grades. The high school choir will sing a group of Christmas songs including the well-loved, "Jesus Bambino" by Yon, and Whitousky's arrangement of "Carol of the Bells." It was the singing of the latter song which won last year's high school choir a rating of "excellent" at the district contest. Following the numbers by the high school, there will be an opportunity for informal carol singing by the audience.

Highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Christmas story in pageant form by the 8th grade and the high school chorus. Members of the eighth grade making up the Bible pictures will be Louise Yarborough as Mary, Lamar Williams as Joseph; Hollis Batchelor as the angel Gabriel; Nan Dorman and Betty Lou Smith as angels; Charles Faircloth as Isaiah; Mary Helen Bounds, Dorothy Edwards, Bootsie Chavis, and Dorothy Huggins as the prayers; Thomas Britt, Charles Burns, Jimmy Davis, and Zeb McMillan as the shepherds; and Ike Collins, R. D. Evers, and Dan Smith as the three wise men. During the pageant, selected scripture passages will be read by Lillian Bedinger of the twelfth grade.

Other members of the eighth grade will assist with the costuming, staging, and advertising. Students from the seventh grade will act as ushers and decorate the auditorium.

This program is being sponsored by the Red Springs Parent-Teacher Association as their December meeting. There will be an open house after the meeting. All parents and friends are urged to attend.

## Walters In Army

Elmer L. Walters 25, of Maxton, has reenlisted in the new Regular Army for three years and is serving with the Army Ordnance Dept. Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Walters and a veteran of nearly five years was given credit for rating he held prior to his discharge and was enlisted as a Private First Class.

With nearly three years foreign service in the ETO, Eric Walters received for gallantry in action and for wounds in battle the Silver Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

## Christmas Play In Red Springs Sunday Evening

G. T. Ashford, Arthur McEachin Louise McFadden, and Misses Mabel Smith, Nan Dorman, Mignon McMillan, Betty Anne Smith Catherine Johnson, Cynthia McRaney, Charlotte McGoogan, and Myrtis Boone Johnson.

The children's chorus, directed by Mrs. J. Q. Adams, is composed of: Catherine McDonald, Alex Byrne, Jack Graham, Gene McRacken, Betty Jane Huggins, Edith Jane Byrne, Bill Matthews, David Reuter, Jimmy Singleton, Ann McKay, Ann Huggins, Margaret Matthews, Billy McRacken, Bill Johnson, Jimmy Watson, Albert Baldwin, Willie Dorman, Murphy Smith, Bobby McGirt, Hugh McNeill, Roscoe McMillan, Janet McRacken, Barbara McGoogan, Betty Ann Buie, Jimmy McRacken, Bobby Reuter, Billy Singleton, Jimmy McBrvde, Frank McMillan, John Buie, Kay Epton, Herndon Alexander, Jr. and Jackie Grant-ham.

The senior choir will be under the direction of Henry Hodgkin and Rollin Covington will be baritone soloist.

## First Concert Well Received

The first concert of the Civic Choral Society of Red Springs, in which the great oratorio of Handel, "The Messiah", was presented, drew an audience from Fayetteville, Lumberton, Maxton, Raeford and nearby communities to Red Springs to overflow the auditorium of Flora Macdonald College on last Friday evening.

The group, composed of 82 voices sang five of the principal choruses of the oratorio, and solos recitatives and airs were sung by Clara Bailey Robeson, soprano, of Rockingham, Frances Lehnerts contralto of New York, Robert Topping, organist, of Pittsburg, and Martha McLean, pianist, of Red Springs, was accompanist, and Robert Reuter of Red Springs, was director.

Red Springs and the auditorium of Flora Macdonald college have been known for years for the excellent concerts by faculty members of the school of music, and by artists on the school's concert new has been added to the fine local contribution of the choral group is but to stress the fact that the people of the community itself have now a means in which they can participate in a presentation of great music in a most highly finished and thoroughly pleasing way that will add greatly to the fine musical contributions for which the old auditorium is noted. Last Friday night's concert was outstanding, in both the choral numbers, and soloists' performances, through one could have wished for several more of the fine choruses of the work. It is expected that when the work is presented again next year others will be included. Yet, the superb rendition of the inspiring "Hallelujah" filled the old hall with as fine a hymn; of praise as its fifth years have known, and a completely satisfied audience filed out glad for an experience that to most was new and to all was grand.

The society was formed on October 13, just two months before the first concert. Such widespread interest and enthusiasm as to save a capacity house, and have people standing in the vestibule and sitting on the stairway, within hearing of out unable to see the performance was enough to amaze and highly please Mr. Reuter and members of the society. The beautiful and excellent performance was a credit to both the members and their director.

Officers of the Society are, R. D. McMillan, Jr., president; Mrs. Preston Covington and Mrs. Cecil Parsons, vice presidents; Miss Virginia Montgomery, recording secretary; Charles E. Leigh, attendance secretary; James A. Graham, chairman patron committee; George T. Ashford, chairman publicity committee; Al Grant, chairman arrangement committee.

Active members are: Mrs. C. C. Adams, Clarence Ammons, Harriet Amis, Ada Austin, Judith Autry, H. D. Baxley, Winifred Beasley, Lillian Bedinger, May Boone, Elsie Britt, Wilton Brock, Audrey Brunkhurst, H. J. Bryson Jr., Helen Buie.

Mrs. L. L. Clarke, Faith Cantrell, Bonnie Clark, Dorothy Clark, Mrs. Madge Cope, Mrs. P. M. Covington, Rollin Covington, Dougald Cox, Rosalind Davis, Eunice Duncan, Mrs. J. L. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Lorak Epton.

Phyllis Fisher, Mrs. Tom Fry Jr., Maynard Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Graham, Johnnie Graham, Rachel Hassell, Jane Hobbs, Henry Hodgkin, Reid Howard, Robert Jackson, Mrs. Isabelle Jones, Agnes Mae Johnson.

Dorothy Kanoy, Miriam Knight, Hilda Lee, Linda Lewis, Myra Maness, Mrs. J. P. McArthur, Mrs. J. Borden McCloskey, Carolyn McDowell, Mrs. Arthur McEachin.

John McGirt, Bonnie McIntosh, Mary McInnis, Ann McKinnon, Mary McKinnon, Mrs. James McKay, Allan McLaughlin, David McMillan, Robert McMillan, Mrs. Gertrude McMillan, Arch McNeill, Jr., Margaret McPhaul.

Mrs. R. B. McRacken, William S. Morgan, Virginia Montgomery, Frances Nassif, Mrs. C. L. Norwood, C. L. Norwood, Mrs. C. R. Parson, Rachel Perkins, James A. Regan, Mrs. Robert Reuter, Katherine Ross.

Patricia Smith, A. C. Stephenson, Margaret Spring, Wade Taylor, Harold Thrower, Mary Sue Tillinghast, Alice Walker, David Watson, Earle Watson, Gray Watson and Frances Wimmer.

Patron memberships were subscribed by the following persons and firms: Graham's Department Store Inc. The Scottish Bank, Singleton and McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Waverly Harham, Red Springs Supply Co., Inc., M & S Motor Co., D. A. McQueen, Fayetteville, B. C. Moore & Sons, Moore's Department Store, James A. Graham, William (Continued on Page 5)