

Editorial

Editor Robeson's Hometown Newspapers—

I've heard it talked around our county—by grapevine mostly—that some people in Robeson would be interested in fostering a county-wide bookmobile service, and that there are other citizens who are very much opposed to such a service.

When I ask why the opposition, about the only answer I can get is that it costs too much. Somehow or other we find people always measuring the value of things in money, when the greatest things in life—and I might say the most valuable ones—cannot be measured that way, but rather, down through the ages, in the progress of man. I might say that civilization (such as it is) has advanced, not on money alone but on the improvement of man's mind; not just one man, but the masses of men.

When I hear someone say that making books available to the masses of our county is too expensive an undertaking, I think he is just the kind of man who would not want his old plow mule to have corn and hay as long as he could gaze on ditch-bank bushes and shrubs.

Yes, our citizens can live without books but they should not have to. The fact that they are farmers or country lassies should never mean that as a consequence they shall never have the broadening experiences found only in reading books—books about people, books about government, books about geography, travel, and other countries. We forget sometimes, when we look down our noses at the people wearing overalls and with hay wisps in their hair, that our very existence is dependent upon the men nearest the soil—the country people. By giving them books for long winter evenings, for information on farming, home-making, child care, health, books for leisure reading, books for the children to pursue during the months of vacation interests which have been aroused during the winter, and which can provide a carry over from one school year to the next of studies and procedures taught and instilled by teachers at school, we may be able to keep an enlightened, happy and satisfied people on the farm and in the country to give back to us seven times the amount of the cost of books, librarians, and bookmobiles to serve ours, the largest of the North Carolina counties.

MAY S. BOONE, Librarian
Red Springs Elementary Schools

Resort Airlines Will Stop At Maxton Field

Negotiations have been completed between Dr. Louis C. LaMotte, representing Presbyterian Junior College, and Resort Airlines of Southern Pines to enable the latter to use the shop facilities of the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport.

Colonel Burwell, who at one time was commanding officer of the airfield, is president of Resort Airlines. The Airlines specializes in pleasure cruises during the summer months and at present is maintaining a regular schedule of passenger flights between New York and Miami.

Resort Airlines is now using DC-3 and DC-4 type planes and are planning to have their planes serviced at the Laurinburg-Maxton airport including mechanical check-ups and refueling.

Resort is planning to bring an Army transport C-54 to the field to be converted from an Army type plane to a civilian passenger plane.

Permission to use the field by this company as obtained from Dr. L. C. LaMotte, representing PJC, who has the field leased from the towns of Laurinburg and Maxton.

Facilities of the field were approved last Thursday by a representative of the Civil Aeronautics Board in Charlotte.

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Subscriptions For Veterans Housing Project Now Being Collected From Businessmen

\$1900 Already Collected From Maxton Merchants

The Veterans Housing Project is well on its way to completion, M. P. James, trustee, announced this week. At present the subscriptions which were pledged by the Maxton merchants and businessmen are being collected and the deed to the property is being changed from the original owners to Mr. James representing the Merchants Association.

So far \$1900 of the original amount subscribed has been received into the treasury and it is thought that other backers of the project will contribute to the fund as soon as they can be contacted.

Several weeks ago, a list of all Scottish Citizens, a list of all Castevens Jewelry Store Daystrom Laminates, Inc. and Maxton Theatre have subscribed to the project.

T. B. Caraway of Laurinburg, civil engineer, has finished staking off the tract of land which is located between the Maxton High School and Presbyterian Junior College. Mr. Caraway was so impressed by the VHP that he donated his services free of charge.

The plan is to donate these building lots to veterans wishing to build homes in Maxton. Original housing project was fostered at Daystrom and vote rans from that office will receive first claim at the building lots. The remaining lots will be distributed from the C. of C. office. A registration date will be announced shortly after the holidays and veterans will receive applications in the "first come, first served" manner.

There are two stipulations to procuring 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 individual homes.

Football Game Scheduled For Christmas Night

All star teams from Laurinburg and Lumberton will meet on the Armory field Christmas night in an exhibition football game, sponsored by Robeson County Post No. 2679. Veterans of Foreign Wars Proceeds from the game will go into a fund to purchase playground equipment for McMillan's Beach, which is operated by the VFW.

Stars on the Lumberton team will probably include Bullard, who used to play for Wake Forest; Stephens, who competed at UNC, and McNeill, who played football in the Navy. These men arranged for the game between the two teams.

Laurinburg stars will include Gus Purcell, Jack Forde, Herman Benton, Horace Prevatte, Leo Williamson, J. C. Baker and Archie Evans. Joe Cox, a former Carolina player, may also allow.

Lumberton practice has been scheduled for Monday night and Tuesday night with the game planned for Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Maxton Churches Hold Special Christmas Pgm.

Special Christmas services were held at Maxton churches on Sunday, December 22.

The annual White Gift service was held at the First Presbyterian church at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Special music was brought by the hree church choirs; women's choir, young people's choir and children's choir. The congregation also joined in singing Christmas carols and the young people of the church went caroling Sunday night.

A candlelight ceremony was held at St. Paul's Methodist church on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. W. A. Webb was in charge of the musical program and the service consisted of readings, Christmas hymns and special music.

A musical program was presented at the Baptist church on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock with the combined church choirs furnishing the music. Christmas readings were heard and the congregation joined in singing the Christmas anthems.

Tom Fry Chairman Western District Scout Council

The annual meeting of the Western District of the Cape Fear Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, comprising the counties of Hoke and Scotland, together with Red Springs and Maxton, was held at the Community Building in Laurinburg on Monday evening, December 16, at 7:30 p. m.

The opening exercises were in charge of East Laurinburg Scouts, Charles Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith of Laurel Hill, was made an Eagle Scout in a colorful ceremony conducted by Field Executive Lee of Fayetteville, with his parents taking part in the proceedings. This was followed by a business session with W. G. Butler, chairman of the Western District in charge. Most of the time of this session was devoted to discussing the possibilities of providing a full time Field Executive for the Western District. It is hoped that this can be done at an early date.

The following officers were elected for the year 1947:

Chairman, Rev. Thomas A. Fry, Red Springs; Vice Chairman, Hinton McPhaul, Raeford; Commissioner, L. B. Singleton, Laurinburg.

Mayor Believes Clean-Up Drive Already Success

Mayor F. C. Frostick of Maxton thinks that the current clean-up campaign is already a success and believes that the appearance of the town has been considerably improved through the cooperation of the citizens in this project.

"According to the number of calls we have had for the town truck," says Mr. Frostick. "The clean-up campaign is getting momentum daily. In comparison to other campaigns of this type held in the past, I believe the current one is going to prove the most successful ever."

It is likely that calls for the town truck will decrease this week due to the holiday season but the Town Board plans to keep the campaign in effect as long as necessary to give Maxton a thorough "face-lifting."

There are several areas now that could be considerably improved but the owners are out of town for the Christmas season. The campaign which got under way the first week in December will continue into January so that all property owners will have plenty of time to inspect and clean up their premises.

Burial Services For Mrs. Prevatte Held Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Jane Prevatte, aged 80 who died at her home in the Back Swamp community last Thursday, were conducted from the Stephens funeral home in Lumberton Saturday morning by the Rev. S. A. Rhyme pastor of the Back Swamp Baptist church. Burial was in the prevatte cemetery near her home.

Mrs. Prevatte was the daughter of the late James and Fannie Mitchell Prevatte of the Back Swamp community.

Surviving are one son, A. C. Prevatte of the home; three daughters, Mrs. D. L. Lowe of Abbottsburg, Mrs. George Tomeo of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. C. A. Ballenger of New Bern; one brother, Oscar Prevatte of Rocky Mount; one sister, Mrs. Jet Britt of Elrod; a granddaughter whom she reared, Mrs. D. L. Byrd of Washington D. C., and 12 other grandchildren. A son, R. G. Prevatte died two years ago.

No Christmas Window Service

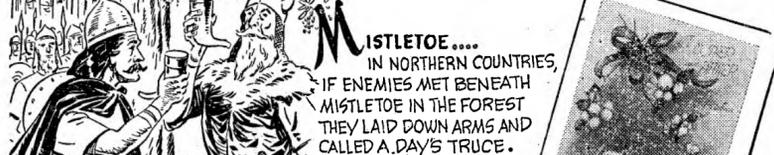
There will be no window service at Robeson County Post offices on Christmas Day. All first class mail will be put up, however, and mail will be dispatched as usual. Special Delivery service will also be worked. Post Office windows for parcel post, stamps and general delivery handling will be open on the day after Christmas.

The Meaning of Christmas

Although the Christmas card custom is only a little over one hundred years old, the symbols we find on the cards each year are rich in traditions as old as Christmas itself.....



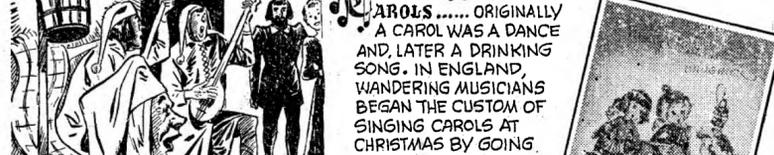
ON CHRISTMAS EVE, ENGLISH MAIDENS ADORNED THEIR BEDS WITH HOLLY TO KEEP GOBLINS AWAY. AND SINCE BEES WERE SAID TO HUM CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS TIME, CHILDREN PLACED HOLLY ON THE HIVES TO WISH THE BEES A "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"



MISTLETOE.... IN NORTHERN COUNTRIES, IF ENEMIES MET BENEATH MISTLETOE IN THE FOREST THEY LAID DOWN ARMS AND CALLED A DAY'S TRUCE. LATER, MISTLETOE WAS HUNG OVER DOORWAYS AT CHRISTMAS, PLEDGING THOSE WHO ENTERED TO KEEP FRIENDSHIP AND PEACE



CANDLES.... AT CHRISTMAS, ENGLISH FARMERS USED TO LIGHT CANDLES AND PRAY GOD TO BLESS THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR FIELDS AND THEIR LIVESTOCK. AND CANDLE-MAKERS PRESENTED THEIR CUSTOMERS WITH FREE CANDLES, BY WAY OF WISHING THEM A "MERRY CHRISTMAS"



CAROLS..... ORIGINALLY A CAROL WAS A DANCE AND LATER A DRINKING SONG. IN ENGLAND, WANDERING MUSICIANS BEGAN THE CUSTOM OF SINGING CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS BY GOING FROM DOOR TO DOOR AND, IN SONG, WISHING FOLKS HOLIDAY CHEER, GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.



BELLS..... IN EUROPE IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE DEVIL DIED WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN, SO FOR AN HOUR BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE BELLS WOULD TOLL THE DEVIL'S DEATH KNELL. AT MIDNIGHT IT CHANGED TO A JOYOUS PEAL, THE BELLS RINGING OUT A "JOYFUL, MERRY CHRISTMAS"

AND SO THE CHRISTMAS CARDS WE SEND ARE MORE THAN GREETINGS -- THEY ARE AN EXPRESSION OF FRIENDSHIP, A BLESSING, A WISH THAT OTHERS MAY SHARE WITH US THE HAPPINESS OF THE YULETIDE.... THEY ARE OUR WAY OF PERPETUATING THE SPIRIT WHICH CHRISTMAS REPRESENTS.

Lost Hogs Are Found And Have Been Slaughtered

On Wednesday Roscoe Barnes was the proud owner of five fat hogs that were primed for butchering. On Thursday Mr. Barnes was a sad hog-hunter as his five specimens had somehow disappeared. Frankly he searched in vain and ran an advertisement in the paper for the missing porkers.

Shortly there after members of the Fairmont Town Board were informed by telephone that five strayed hogs are "rotting up my front yard." The hogs were successfully captured and escorted to the stock yard.

Mr. Barnes, who works at Levinson's Department Store, was informed that his hogs had been found. The five prodigal pigs were slaughtered at the stock yards to provide a fitting climax to the story.

Fairmont Citizens Asked To Protect Shrubbery In Park

The Fairmont Woman's club is shrubs and flower beds in the town and community to cooperate in protecting the recently planted of the club that some of the younger children have been very careless and walked on the flower beds and in other ways mutilated the park.

The Woman's club has spent considerable money, time, and work in getting azaleas, camellias, and other shrubs and flowers planted and are very anxious that they be given a chance to live without being trampled on or being broken for any reason.

Every one is asked to keep on the walks and refrain from breaking in any other way mutilating in any of the shrubs for cuttings this respect and thank you.

Robeson County Jail Welcomes Back Their Cook

Rebecca Pope, Negro cook at the Robeson County jail, who went out on bond last week is back again. Originally sentenced for drunkenness, Rebecca drew a similar sentence Friday and will resume her old position in the kitchen.

Rebecca agreed to stay on at the jail, even though her term was up, until they could get somebody to take her place. She served as a trusty in the kitchen during her entire term.

Mrs. R. C. Cox, whose husband is jailed, stated Saturday, "We are glad to get our cook back." Rebecca has 30 days to serve this time and jail inmates are looking forward to her good cooking for her first term had been served.

A Year In Review At Maxton Reveals Many Changes In Civic And Industrial Affairs Of Town

Ashford Named To Committee For Cotton Promotion

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(Special)—A nine man committee to develop plans for the cotton industry's sales promotion program for 1947 was appointed today by Oscar Johnston, president of the National Cotton Council.

Sen. N. C. Williamson of Lake Providence, La., prominent cotton producer, was named to head the committee which will submit its recommendations to the Council's 250 officers and delegates at the organization's ninth annual meeting at Galveston, Texas, January 28-30.

The committee will be responsible for planning a complete program of cotton advertising and sales promotion to be executed by the Council during the coming year.

Members of Sen. Williamson's committee include: E. H. Agnew, producer member, Anderson S. C.; George T. Ashford, ginner member, Red Springs, N. C.; Harry S. Baker, ginner member, Fresno, Cal.; W. N. Banks, spinner member, of Grantville, Ga.; Ed B. Henley crusher member, El Paso, Texas; Joseph L. Lanier, spinner member, West Point, Ga.; J. A. Roberts, warehouse member, Atlanta; and Charles W. Shepard, Jr., merchant Gadsden, Ala.

Disposal Air Base Property Major Event

During 1946 there were many changes in the town of Maxton. New industries came into the town, empty store fronts on main street were filled, merchants enjoyed a prosperous year, the college went through a large expansion program, many business organizations in Maxton changed hands and the year in general proved to be one of change and progressiveness. There were deaths of many of Maxton's prominent citizens to provide a note of sadness to the fading year.

Let us review a year in retrospect, hitting only the highlights from our past files of The Scottish Citizen.

January, 1946—Chief topic of speculation as the new year came in was the future of the air base and the valuable property that had previously been handled under government supervision. There was rumor that Maxton and Lbg. would receive joint possession of the land.

February 1946—Maxton organizes Chamber of Commerce. Henry A. McKinnon, former Maxton citizen, announces for state senate. Delegations from Maxton and Laurinburg conferring with war department representatives.

March 1946—Dr. E. Fred Ford opens offices in Maxton. Colonel Marshall Barnum appointed general manager at Daystrom. Maxton exceeds Red Cross goal. Bid submitted for USO building.

April 1946—Cuthrell named secretary of Chamber of Commerce. Clean-up campaign discussed. Special Easter services held at all churches. Memorial service for Maxton servicemen held.

May 1946—\$197,000 insurance in bonds to provide for erection of several white schools and a new Negro school in Maxton approved. (Question—Why was this issue dropped?) Traffic check program endorsed by Maxton police. School activities announced.

June 1946—PJC expands courses in aviation using air base property. Bible schools held. Maxton community clubs opened as civic center. Scottish Citizen in Maxton changes hands. New American Legion officers take office.

July 1946—Inspection held at Maxton post office. District engineers become custodians of base property. PJC expansion plans, utilizing air base facilities, is announced. Library drives get under way. Maxton firms painting and remodeling.

August 1946—Maxton industries short 200 workers. President of ATF honored by Chamber of Commerce. Daystrom promotions made —Faculty complete for Maxton schools.

September 1946—Scotland County Memorial hospital opened. Mayor dies and F. C. Frostick appointed to serve unexpired term. PJC opens fall session with record breaking enrollment. Acorn Furniture, Co. commences operations. Schools open. T. C. Carrington named secretary of Chamber of Commerce.

October 1946—Air base theatre opened to general public. Clean-up campaign discussed. PJC endowment drive started. Bank shortages discovered. Retail Credit Bureau formed. Special flight air mail covers made Air Mail week. J. A. Thompson becomes Chief of Police.

November 1946—Merchants and businessmen plan to donate 31 lots to servicemen wishing to build homes. Air Lines investigating air field. Chamber of Commerce boosting city for industry. Clean-up campaign committee completes initial plans.

December 1946—Clean-up campaign under way. Christmas lights up. Labor resolution revived by Legion. Rites held for Maxton Judge of Recorder's Court. Surveyor gives services to aid VHP. Ben Taylor named new Judge. Holidays commence at Maxton Schools and College.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Bonner and daughter, Shannon, motored to Washington Friday where Mr. Bonner performed a wedding ceremony that night. They returned to Lumberton Saturday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Bowen Ross and Bowen, Jr., who remained with her parents for the Christmas season. Mr. Ross will join his family Christmas Eve.

Robeson Jr. Red Cross Drive Nets More Than \$344.37

The report on the membership drive for the Junior Red Cross of Robeson county white schools, as released by the chairman, Mrs. A. Byron Holmes, is as follows:

Lumberton, city schools again lead all the schools in the county with a 100 per cent membership of 1319 pupils to the sum of \$344.37.

Fairmont city schools rank second with the sum of \$160.19. Allensum of \$112.64. Orrum fourth with \$91.73. A more detailed report will be given later telling some of the highlights of the drive.

The school, sponsors, and the amount follows:

Lumberton—Miss Dorothy Overton, \$344.37.

Fairmont—Miss Sarah Floyd—\$160.19.

Allenton—Mrs. Ben Floyd—\$112.64.

Orrum—Miss Gay Arnold \$91.73.

St. Pauls—Miss Alma Pierce—\$55.35.

Red Springs—Miss Helen Buile—\$47.69.

Long Branch—Mrs. Harrett Steed \$37.15.

Parkton—Mrs. Rosalie Cooper—\$32.00.

Rowland—Mrs. T. McRimmon—\$31.77.

Smiths—Miss Betty Carter—\$31.58.

Eas Lumberton—Mrs. Carl Pridgen—\$25.00.

South Robeson — Mrs. Carson Bullock—\$17.30.

Philadelphus—Henry Rogers —\$13.25.

Barker Ten Mile—Mrs. W. T. O'Neal—\$10.27.

Pembroke—Mrs. R. L. Littleton—\$8.47.

Barnesville—Mrs. Ernestine Parrell—\$8.25.

Maxton schools have not sent in a report.

APPOINTED CORPORAL

Waynesboro, Va., Dec. 23.—James G. McMillan, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McMillan Red Springs, School Corporal in a general order published today by Col. R. G. Sherman Inf., head of the school's ROTC unit, relating to the organization of the cadet corps into a battalion of three rifle companies and a headquarters company. Cadet appointments designated in today's order were effective at once and will remain in effect until further notice.

When her term is up, Rebecca may leave and she may not as she "kinds" likes it around at the jail and was in no hurry to leave after her first term had been served.