

Lee Houston Joins McPherson Staff, Will Live In Troy

Lee H. Houston, accountant, a native of Wilmington, will be added to the staff of Garland McPherson, Certified Public Accountant, as of April 15, it was announced by Mr. McPherson this week.

Mr. Houston graduated in 1947, cum laude, from the University of Miami at Miami, Fla., and has recently been attached to the U. S. General Accounting office, assigned as chief accountant to the Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

He is a veteran of Army service, both during World War 2 and since his college graduation, when he was recalled as a reservist for a tour of duty.

Mr. Houston will move to Troy, in order to handle Montgomery County business of the McPherson firm, but will also do considerable work with Mr. McPherson at his offices in the Graves Building here. The new staff member is married, and has three children.

The McPherson firm was established here in 1945. For the past five years Mr. McPherson has also been connected as a partner with the accounting firm of Regua, Burkhardt and Scheel, of New York City.

R. W. Carrington Passes Suddenly At Pinebluff

Robert W. Carrington, 43, of Pinebluff, died just past midnight Thursday morning at Pinebluff Sanatorium, where he had been rushed following a heart attack at his home. He lived only a short

time after the attack. He was born March 14, 1910, in Granville county, and was for some years in the tobacco business. His wife and several children survive.

Funeral plans were incomplete when The Pilot went to press.

HOLLISTER

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joint drive chairmen.

A review of the past year's accomplishment opened with the report from the ticket sales chairman, Mrs. Barnum, stating that 386 season tickets had been sold. Box office sales included 265 for the Shaw Chorale concert, 192 for "The Desert Song", 36 and 20 for the remaining two concerts.

Mr. Gilmore outlined plans to start sale of 1953-'54 season tickets at the concert of the North Carolina symphony scheduled for Monday, April 27. The program for next season's series will be completed by that time and will be announced, it was stated, at that time.

Mr. Premo, retiring treasurer, reported on the balance on hand, in excess of that available at this time the year before. He said he felt the society was in good financial shape to handle the remaining expenses called for in the schedule. At Dr. Hollister's request, he agreed to take on the membership drive planned for the coming month.

Mrs. Chandler, chairman of arrangements for the Children's Symphony concert, said that her committee had decided to restrict the main attendance at this free concert to school children from Southern Pines, Aberdeen, and Pinehurst, the latter to be brought in school busses. Students from other schools in the county will be welcome but must take care of their own transportation if they come. The advance study material, has been sent to the three principal schools, who were the only ones to carry out, in the past, the full program of advance

preparation as given out by the Symphony Society. This material includes descriptions of the orchestral instruments and the compositions to be played, as well as accounts of the lives of the composers. Several songs will be studied which the young people will sing with the orchestra, always a delightful feature of these children's concerts.

Mrs. Norris Hodgkins reported on her plans for the Young Musicians concert to be given May 9 at the Pinehurst Country club. The county music teachers met with her, she said, and planned that each teacher would enter one pupil, only. Also performing that night will be seven college students.

Announcement was made by Charlie Picquet, as the meeting closed, of the Glee clubs contest for the Picquet Cup in which nine school clubs will participate. It will be held at Weaver auditorium next Wednesday evening at 7:30.

"PLAN D"

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Other Methods
Other ways of adopting the plan are: (1) by charter amendment; and (2) by adoption of a new charter. Both of these call for a vote of the people, or a special act.

The charter may be amended by petition (25 per cent of registered voters) and vote of the people at any time.

The council-manager form of government, dating back to 1908 (1912 in its present form) is the fastest-growing form in the country today. Since 1940 the number has more than doubled.

Council-Manager Towns
Towns in North Carolina which have adopted the council-manager form, and their populations, are: Asheboro (7,701); Asheville (53,000); Black Mountain (1,174); Burlington (24,560); Carolina Beach (1,080); Chapel Hill (9,177); Charlotte (134,042); Dunn (6,316); Durham (71,311); Fayetteville (34,715); Fuquay Springs

(1,992); Gastonia (23,069).

Goldsboro (21,454); Greensboro (74,389); Hickory (14,755); High Point (39,973); Kinston (18,336); Laurinburg (7,134); Lexington (13,751); Lumberton (9,186); Marion (2,740); Monroe (10,140); Mooresville (7,121).

Morganton (8,311); New Bern (15,812); Newton (6,039); Oxford (6,685); Raleigh (65,679); Reidsville (11,708); Rocky Mount (27,697); Roxboro (4,321); Salisbury (20,102); Sanford (10,013); Statesville (16,901); Thomasville (11,154); Tryon (1,985) Valdese (2,730); Washington (9,698); Whiteville (4,238); Wilmington (45,043); Wilson (23,010); Winston-Salem (87,811); Greenville (16,724).

TOWN BOARD

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event that it can and will be bought, it was felt that the sale of other town property as advised by the planning board should more than cover the total. The new property would be used as a site for a municipal center, to comprise city offices, police station, firehouse and jail. Property to be sold would be the present police station and firehouse, and the old jail, now abandoned.

Last Meeting

Trees Will Remain
The trees will not be cut on the parkway in front of the Parkway Cleaners, to provide a drive-in entrance for this business. Commissioner Patch, of the streets and public works committee to which Proprietor Elliott Shearon's request had been referred, said an opinion had been secured from the Municipal Planning Board, following a suggestion made by Mr. Shearon. This board had replied that, until and unless the problem became general, calling for an overall plan or change, an isolated case should not get a preferential treatment. Mr. Shearon, he said, was cooperative with this view, and has dropped his plan.

Mr. Burns read a letter from the Southern Pines Garden club protesting against the proposed tree

destruction, and asking that the board require a detailed plan of the drive-in feature before giving it their consideration.

A request of the Southern Pines Bird club that the board legalize the town as a bird sanctuary was referred to the town attorneys for the drawing up of an ordinance. A resolution declaring the town a bird sanctuary has been recorded at some time in the past, but not in the form of an ordinance, with enforcement procedures specified for protection of bird life. The Bird club asked that the ordinance be made retroactive to May 16, 1939, which is on or about the date of the original resolution.

Reappointed

On reminder from the Mayor that the terms of N. L. Hodgkins and L. F. Garvin on the school board were expiring, the commissioners reappointed them for three-year terms starting May 1.

A request from the Sandhill Tennis association for some type of bleachers, preferably permanent seats, for spectators at the tennis matches on the courts in the town park, received favorable consideration. Action was postponed for Mr. Burns to secure information on cement forms such as are being used for this purpose in the town of Rockingham.

This, though, will be a matter to be followed up by a new governing body, to be elected Tuesday, May 5. Wednesday night's meeting was the last regular meeting of the present board. Mayor Page, concluding his third term in this office, his fourth on the board, and reiterating his desire not to be a candidate again, thanked the commissioners for their cooperation during the time they have worked together.

LETTERS

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General Assembly for a special act changing it to Plan D.

Kings Mountain, which has had the council-manager plan without an election, found it was operating illegally and on May 12 will

vote on the adoption of Plan D.

Kinston and Lexington editors say the charter amendment method was used; Durham adopted an entirely new charter and Marion has a "budget by ordinance" (whatever that is).

Many of the 27 letters mention special adaptations of the council-manager plan to particular situations in the towns. Weaknesses as well as strengths of the plan, or its working-out in their towns, are spotlighted, and some good advice is given.

While most of the editors are fully sold on it, some aren't and one or two don't hand it a thing. And that was what was wanted—frank reactions.

The flexibility of the Plan D is well illustrated, and the great truth made evident—that the most important thing about any form of government is the men the people put in office.

BRADFORD

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ing no details of his life, but expressing simply and directly his love for his family, and his longing to be home—have made their difficult and irregular way halfway around the world, from time to time, since then. There have been about 16 altogether, all written to his wife except one to her mother, who makes her home with them.

Children Grow Up

Since Corporal Bradford left in June almost three years ago his daughter Gail has grown to be almost a young lady, while "Tinkie"—Idalou—has grown from a butterball baby to a little girl, chubby and mischievous.

She doesn't remember her daddy, and there are few pictures—just some snapshots—to show her how he looks. But she talks about him all the time, and is ready to run into his arms as soon as the happy day comes.

The letters are on cheap pad paper, folded envelope style, the ends all cut for censorship, then scotch-taped back together. Some of the sheets are decorated in

Chinese fashion, with colored scrolls, birds and other fancy designs.

By The Yolu

One letter said, "There are some North Carolina boys here with me," but their names were not mentioned." One letter described a swimming meet the prisoners held in the river, indicating that the camp is on the Yalu.

Some letters refer to others he has sent, but which have never been received by his wife. Some indicate that he gets one of her letters—once in a long while. In each one she writes, she says, she tries to recapitulate all the news of the preceding months, so if he misses most of them, and gets one, he'll still know what's happening at home.

Corporal Bradford, a veteran of World War 2, in which he fought in the African and European campaigns, was a member of the police department here for a time, then drove a taxi. He reenlisted in the Army in 1949.

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