

Farmville's Belk-Tyler Co. Completes Improvements

Early in the summer, Belk-Tyler Company's Farmville store launched an improvement program designed to make the local store one of the most attractive in Eastern North Carolina. The renovation has been completed; that it attained its objective is vouched for by the complimentary remarks and comments made by those who have inspected, noticed and appreciate the improvements.

The old front was taken out and a new one installed. Show windows were deepened and made more attractive. Terrazzo tile was laid and an island window placed in the doorway. Interior improvements included a new floor, a modern heating plant, better lighting facilities, and as handsome a set of display counters and fixtures as one is likely to find in any North Carolina store.

Ernest N. Pettaway, the company's capable manager who has directed the Farmville store continuously since 1940 with the exception of four years spent in the service of his country, cordially invites persons throughout the community and trading area to visit the store and inspect the improvements which have been added to make their shopping tours more pleasant. New fall goods have been received and are on display.

Mr. Pettaway has been in the employ of the firm for 17 years, 10 of which were spent in the Kinston branch, where he served as assistant manager.

Cecil Johnston is assistant manager. The managers and the remainder of the efficient, courteous Belk-

Items of Interest from Ballard's Crossroads

(By Mrs. Gilmer S. Nichols)

At the Young People's League last week, the following were elected as officers for the new year: President, Betty Pearl Joyner; vice president, Noah Lee Edwards; secretary, Letha Tyson; treasurer, Virginia Crawford; program leader, Henry Flake.

The program was given by Betty Pearl Joyner as a quiz on questions from the Bible.

There were around 18 young people present.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Rev. Edwin S. Coates.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Tyson entertained around 60 of their friends at a barbecue dinner on Sunday, Sept. 21, in honor of Mr. Tyson's birthday.

The dinner was served picnic style and consisted of barbecue, slaw, fried chicken, salad, sandwiches, pickles, cakes and pepsi colas.

Mr. Tyson received many nice and useful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCoy and daughter, Betty Jean, attended a reunion of the Wiggins family at the home of Mr. Vance Corey near Winterville Sunday.

Mrs. Mamie Ruth Holloway and Mrs. Charles McArthur attended

Home Coming Day at Red Oak Christian Church near Greenville Sunday

They reported a large crowd of people present for this occasion and a fine sermon by the pastor, Rev. Howard S. James.

At the close of the service everybody was invited into the Red Oak Community Building where a dinner was served, picnic style, and consisted of nearly all the good things to eat that one could think of. On Sunday night a revival was begun in the church, the preaching is being done by the Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, pastor of the Christian Church in Farmville.

Mrs. Velma Crawford of Bell Arthur was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crawford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Elks, and Rev. Edwin S. Coates made a business trip to High Point Saturday relative to the new church now under construction at Ballard's.

Mr. and Mrs. David M. Willford of Greenville and Washington, D. C., visited relatives at Ballard's Sunday.

John Flanagan has returned from a visit to friends in Memphis, Tenn.

P. J. Elks attended a laymen's meeting of the Presbyterian Church in Greenville Sunday afternoon.

Friends of Mrs. L. E. Jones will be sorry to learn that she had a major operation in a Greenville hospital this week.

Miss Nellie Ruth Crawford has gone to Philadelphia, Pa., where she will teach in a junior college there.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Joyner of near Winterville and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis

United Nations

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ing upon all UN members to sever diplomatic relations with Franco Spain. In the intervening year most members, with a few exceptions like Argentina, have heeded the Assembly's injunction.

But there is considerable agitation for more drastic action, and the Assembly may take it this year.

The quarrel between the Netherlands and the Indonesian Republic, which has consumed so much of the Security Council's time recently, will pass in review before the Assembly, but no definite action is expected as the Security Council, for the time being at least, appears to have the situation well in hand.

The Anglo-Egyptian dispute, another recent Security Council chestnut, is likely to discuss forensic sparks in the General Assembly, with little definite result other than to clarify some of the more complicated aspects of the problem.

Another agenda item that is likely to have a dubious result is the advice the Assembly gave last year to the South African Government to accord more egalitarian treatment to Indian nationals residing in the South Africa Union. India has renewed its complaints, asserting that the Smuts Government has given no heed to the Assembly's advice.

One of the longest and perhaps bitterest debates of all can be expected to come when the subject of the so-called Marshall Plan comes up.

Strictly speaking, the Marshall Plan is outside the UN's purview, although the United States has kept UN officials informed regarding it. It is due to come up in the Assembly, however, in connection with the report on the Economic Commission for Europe, which was designed to contribute to a program of self-help such as is being worked out in anticipation of American aid.

Russia is again raising its charge that the UN is being by-passed in the Marshall Plan, and the United States can be expected to report, as it has done before, that any chance of effectively aiding Europe's recovery within the framework of the UN was destroyed by Moscow's intransigent attitude.

Whether the Americas will show the solidarity as displayed at the recent Rio conference is another question. No strict obedience to United States' bidding, such as that to which observers have become accustomed from the Slavic bloc, is expected. Some Pan-American states, such as Argentina and Cuba, may go out of their way to show their independence.

India, with its new-found freedom, may be expected to show a similar attitude in respect to the British group.

Three new members are to be picked for the Security Council, at least two for the Trusteeship Council, and six for the Economic and Social Council.

As part of its process of self-examination, the Assembly will go into the working of the Secretariat and determine whether its activities justify the funds that are being expended. Some cuts in the \$59,408,702 budget for 1947 can be anticipated.

Behind all of the Assembly's debates this year—behind all of its backstage negotiations—will be the realization that the United Nations is at the cross roads.

Is it to follow in the path of the defunct League of Nations, or will it gradually become the virile world organization, the guardian of international peace and security, which the framers of the San Francisco envisaged for it?

As delegates from all parts of the earth converge on the New York metropolitan area, a grave sense of crisis prevails. But there is also an encouraging tendency to believe that the Charter written at San Francisco is broad and flexible enough to make possible the expansion of the UN to meet the great tests of the present and future.

For example, there is a growing realization that greater virility perhaps can be achieved through a gradual shift in the importance of the UN's various organs.

It is here that the 1947 General Assembly is in an exceptionally strategic position.

Because of the manifest inability of the Security Council to resolve major political issues, delegates to the Assembly are determined to bolster the prestige and power of the Assembly. The decision of the United States to refer the Greek case to the Assembly and Britain's request that the Assembly decide the future of Palestine are cases in point.

Even though, under the Charter as it is presently written, the Assembly's decisions can have only the force of recommendations, it is undeniable that the Assembly, representing nearly all of the nations of the world and where the rule of the majority prevails, can be a great forum in which an all-powerful public opinion can be mobilized and focused.

Through the repeated exercise of its powers of recommendation, the Assembly's decisions gradually may take on more and more the character

of edicts which must be obeyed. How often, for instance, would the Security Council dare to ignore "recommendations" within its purview if they have been endorsed by an overwhelming majority of the Assembly's membership?

As Warren Austin, a member of the United States delegation, ob-

served recently: "If an confident that the United Nations is capable of resolving critical world problems without change of the Charter, or of membership. The Charter, the basic law of the United Nations, is not a static instrument, but a dynamic organism. As time goes on, it will grow and

change to meet the changing needs of humanity. It was not intended that the progress of the nations, in their relations with each other, should be confined to the rigid limits of an unchanging law." "The current session of the General Assembly must prove this is no idle dream."

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