

138-Year-Old Church Will Burn Mortgage

The 600 members of Flushing's historic Macedonian African Methodist Episcopal Church will burn their mortgage tomorrow as a climax to a week-long celebration of the congregation's 138th anniversary. At 3 P.M. in the church hall the Rev. Brad-dock Galloway will light a match to the bank document, symbolizing the retirement of the \$23,000 debt on the building at 136-87 38th avenue.

The mortgage was contracted in 1932 for renovation of the red brick structure. But A. M. E. members have been worshipping on the same site since 1810, when 35 assorted slaves, free men, Indians and a few white persons composed the congregation.

They called themselves only the Methodist Episcopal Church then and they had a white pastor. But in 1821 they broke away from the mother church because it refused to induct a Negro, according to Mrs. Ann Harding Murdock, historian.

Since then the Flushing parish has grown steadily, bringing with it its fold men and women of all

BURKE URGES WIDE SUPPORT FOR FUND DRIVE

Queens Leaders Hear Plea at Reception in L. I. City

Borough President Burke is spearheading a drive by the Queens Committee of the Greater New York Fund to obtain civic, business and industrial leader's support of the welfare fund.

His plea was accompanied by those of District Attorney Charles P. Sullivan of Flushing, James A. Lull of Douglaston, president of the Queens Chamber of Commerce, and Harold Dean of Douglaston, Queens member of the Board of Education.

The reception, held in the Sky-line room of the Pan-American Airways Building, 28-19 Bridge Plaza north, Long Island City, was in honor of Henry C. Alexander, a vice-president of J. P. Morgan and Company, and city-wide chairman of the drive.

"I couldn't stress too strongly the need to support this worthy fund," Burke told 80 Queens business leaders.

"The city has appropriated \$100,000, \$24 for every man, woman and child in the city—for this year's welfare budget.

"That money is paid by the taxpayers. Strong support of the fund is the only way to keep the budget from soaring higher."

Reviewing the drive's results in the past 10 years, Alexander said "it got into a four and one-half million dollar rut and must get out of it." He said the fund was aiming at \$2,000,000 for the entire city this year.

Edward J. Bligh of Rockville Center, chairman of the Queens Committee, said that the borough's drive will open with a luncheon at the Boulevard Restaurant, Elmhurst, on April 29. He said the quota will be announced then.

Lundy, an honorary chairman, urged the businessmen to get new subscribers. "For every dollar raised in Queens," he said, "four dollars' worth of service comes back."

"We people in Queens must realize our responsibility to this supplementary budget of our 33 welfare agencies," he added.

Other speakers were Arthur A. Johnson of the Johnson Engineering Company in Long Island City, and E. S. MacDonald of Jamaica, treasurer of the Queens Chamber of Commerce.

Rotarians Enjoy Laugh With Magistrate



Enjoying a good laugh before the weekly luncheon of the Queens Rotary Club gets under way in the Chamber of Commerce building are, from the left, Peter J. Connelly of Jackson Heights, president; Magistrate Edward Thompson of Hollis, guest speaker, and Thomas A. Duffy of Astoria, program chairman.

DEAN APPROVES ADULT AIDES ON SCHOOL BUSES

Queens Board Member to Press Proposal of Mothers Clubs

Harold C. Dean of Douglaston, Queens member of the Board of Education, agrees with Queens mothers that an adult should be permitted to go along on every school bus trip.

Dean said today the suggestion made to him by the Queens Federation of Mothers Clubs strikes him as "a very good idea" and he is going to see if it can be put into effect.

He said he would take it up with School Superintendent William Jansen next week, and will also bring it up at the next meeting of the Board of Education, April 29. The proposal was made to Dean by Mrs. Charles Smith of East Elmhurst, president of the federation.

It had been advocated editorially by The Star-Journal.

Mrs. Smith pointed out to Dean that school buses frequently break down, and the drivers go away to find a telephone and seek help, leaving the children alone.

About half the riders are only 5, 6 and 7 years old, and they often wander out, bewildered, and try to get home by themselves.

It is only "the good luck" of the

Board of Education that no child has yet been seriously harmed, Mrs. Smith told Dean, adding that a serious mishap would bring "untold criticism upon the Board of Education and the city administration for failing to provide protection."

Mothers will gladly ride the buses, if only the Board will let them, Mrs. Smith said.

PEDDLER FINED \$1
Pleading guilty to peddling ice cream in a restricted area at Northern boulevard and Union street, Flushing, Bernard Smith, 43, of 33-18 Farrington street, Flushing, was fined \$2 by Magistrate John Sawyer yesterday in Flushing.

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Astoria Man Recovers From Gunshot Wound

William Rettig of 20-41 27th street, Astoria, was recovering today from a gunshot wound of the left wrist, incurred when the pistol of a special policeman was accidentally discharged at the Airlines Terminal, 80 East 42nd street, Manhattan.

The gun, carried in a holster by George Lieberman of the Bronx, a detective agency guard stationed at the terminal, was fired accidentally while Lieberman was talking to a group of persons at the terminal, police said.

Rettig, who was standing nearby, was struck by the bullet.

Combat Flying to Mark Opening of Idlewild

The greatest combat flying demonstrations ever shown to the public will mark the International Air Exposition at New York International Airport at Idlewild July 21 to Aug. 8, it was disclosed today.

Grover A. Whalen, chairman of the city's Golden Anniversary Committee, made the disclosure yesterday in a progress report to 500 committee heads and city officials in Manhattan.

Plans call for 200,000 spectators a day at the air show which will coincide with the opening of the airport. Idlewild has an area of seven square miles and is 13.6 miles from the center of Manhattan.

Spectators will occupy stands on a 6,000-foot runway where they can see landings and take-offs of 600-mile-per-hour jet planes, as well as formation flights of heavy bombers. Air attack and defense will be demonstrated.

Thomas K. Finletter, chairman of the President's Air Policy Commission, heads the planning group for the air demonstration, and Tom Compere is director of the exposition.

Visitors may reach Idlewild either via the Long Island Railroad to Jamaica or Aqueduct, taking a bus at either point, or by subway to Jamaica and thence to the field. General admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Youth Denies Peeping Into Neighbor's Window

A 19-year-old Jackson Heights dental technician yesterday pleaded not guilty to a charge of peeping into a neighbor's room, and was paroled in the custody of his father for a trial Monday by Magistrate John Dwyer in Flushing.

Iwan Zaal of 35-57 91st street was haled into court on the complaint of George Weidersheim of 34-19 90th street, Jackson Heights, who said Zaal was found loitering in front of the windows of his ground floor apartment early Friday morning.

Zaal denied the charge, stating he was taking a short cut through the Weidersheim courtyard on his way home from the movies when he was arrested by the police.

Magistrate Dwyer paroled the youth on the plea of his father, Adolph, former secretary for the legislative council of Surinam, Dutch Guiana.

AMERINDS OPEN NEW CLUBHOUSE

The house which Diamond Jim Brady gave to Lillian Russell many years ago in what was then the theatrical colony in the Whitney Avenue Section of Elmhurst was formally opened as the headquarters of the Amerind Democratic Club of 15th district.

Among those who attended the gala "open house" were Borough President Burke, Democratic leader James A. Roe of Flushing, Borough Secretary Herbert A. Koehler of Jackson Heights, and Commissioner of Investigation John M. Murtagh.

Joseph S. Hart of Elmhurst, county auditor and president of the Amerinds club, said that the opening of the building culminated a year's hard work since the organization obtained title to the building.

The old home, at 91-02 Whitney avenue, was a rooming-house at the time, and in order to meet the city's requirements, the walls were ripped out and the premises fire-proofed and remodeled.

On the first floor now are a large meeting-room, a kitchen, and a large entrance foyer.

On the second floor is the recreation room, pool table, card tables and lounge, and a grand balcony enclosed with glass windows. Offices and custodian's quarters are on the third floor.

Frank D. O'Connor of Jackson Heights was chairman for the evening.

Borough President Burke said the clubhouse was "one of the finest in this or any other borough."

Others who attended were Councilman L. Gary Clemente of Ozone Park; Joseph V. Loscalzo of Elmhurst, assistant district attorney; G. Joseph Minetti of Brooklyn, commissioner of marine and aviation, and Albert H. Buschmann of Elmhurst, commander of the Elmhurst Jackson Heights American Legion Post.

Among the women present were Mrs. Mabel White of Elmhurst, women's leader of the 5th Assembly District, and Mrs. Carl Agnew of Queens Village, leader of that area.

SPEEDER REBUKED FOR PROXY FINE

A Flushing man, who is the co-owner of three gasoline stations, was rebuked yesterday by Magistrate Edward Thompson in Kew Gardens Traffic Court for paying his fine by proxy for speeding.

John Wagner, 35, of 144-03 Barclay avenue, pleaded guilty to a second charge of speeding last Saturday and was fined \$50. His first fine on May 24, 1947 was paid by an employee, Edward Donnelly, 32, of the Bronx.

Donnelly told his boss that the fine had cost \$15, but in court yesterday it was revealed that he had paid only \$5. Magistrate Thompson ordered the employee held on a charge of petit larceny.

The magistrate told Wagner: "You send a man to this court who was apparently irresponsible. When a defendant fails to send a trustworthy agent to pay his fine, he is equally guilty of undermining the integrity of the courts."

5 COMPANIES BID ON 400 CITY BUSES

Bids have been received from five companies for the manufacture of 400 buses for the city's lines, including 175 for Queens, the Board of Transportation announced today.

The award of the contract will be announced next week, the board said. City-operated bus systems in Brooklyn and Staten Island will get the buses not assigned to Queens.

The buses will seat 50 passengers each.

A bid of \$16,612 for each gasoline engine bus and \$16,892 for each diesel-powered bus was offered by the Mack International Truck Corporation. The firm said it would make delivery in 245 days.

The White Motor Company bid \$18,065 for a gasoline bus and offered a smaller vehicle for \$17,465, with delivery to be completed in 296 days.

A diesel bus bid of \$18,345 was submitted by the General Motors Corporation, with delivery to be completed by the end of this year.

The A. C. F. Brill Motors Company offered to make the gasoline buses for \$15,950 each, and complete the job in 290 days.

The bid submitted by the Twin Coach Company set \$16,992 as the price for each gasoline bus. Delivery would be made in 257 days.

The city plans to build additional garage facilities in Flushing and Jamaica to handle the new buses on its 28 Queens lines.

ATTORNEY SCORES ATOMIC FILM JOB

Members of the Blum Jewish War Veterans Post of Flushing were told that Hollywood has bungled the job of representing the true story of the atomic bomb.

Murray Medvin of Flushing, attorney with the Atomic Energy Commission's New York offices, was the speaker at the post headquarters at 38-10 Parsons boulevard.

"The movies have fumbled in bringing the story of the atomic bomb to the public," said Medvin. "Popular films show too many Pentagon flirtations and not enough realism."

Films from the commission's files showed the actual pictures of the Nagasaki and Hiroshima bombings and the Bikini experiment.

"At the commission's Brookhaven plant, where Fort Ticonderoga was formerly located, civilian physicists are working under our supervision perfecting processes for medical and industrial uses," Medvin said. "The time will come when coal and oil power will be replaced by a radioactive jump small enough to hold in your hand."

Present was Jesse Kuperberg, post adjutant, who spent one year at Los Alamos, N. M., as an electronic technician with the Manhattan Engineering District, the contingent which worked on the A-bomb secret. Later he went overseas with the scientific group that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Abraham Tannenbaum, vice-commander presided in the absence of Sidney Levis, post commander.

The post will hold a dance May 1 to speed up the fund drive for the proposed new brick headquarters to replace the present frame structure on Parsons boulevard.

Ex-Airplane Mechanic Jailed in CAA Fraud

Donald T. Hendricks of Hempstead, who was sentenced to 10 months in jail for forging Civil Aeronautics Administration airplane mechanics' credentials, will learn on Monday in what federal prison he must serve the term.

In the meantime, he is marking time in the Manhattan Federal House of Detention.

Hendricks was accused of selling the certificates for as much as \$150 each.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents picked up 11 mechanics of LaGuardia Airport, who had Hendricks' signed certificates but the Brooklyn Federal Grand Jury cleared them of any wrong doing after considering the evidence.

Hendricks pleaded guilty before Federal Judge Mortimer J. Byers and Federal Assistant Attorney Hyman Goldstein in Brooklyn. However, he said he sold the certificates only to mechanics who were qualified to have them.

Hendricks, a 33-year-old automobile mechanic, first became involved in the issuing of CAA certificates while he was a private at Mitchell Field.

At that time, he was assigned to conducting examinations among army personnel who sought the airplane mechanics jobs on discharge from service.

CAA authorities later noted that many of Hendricks' students passed with exceptionally high flying colors, although on previous examinations they had failed to qualify. In August of that year, the CAA withdrew the authority it had granted the Army to conduct the tests.

Hendricks, after being honorably discharged from the Army, opened an air mechanics school in Manhattan. Shortly after the forged certificates held by mechanics were shown at various air fields in the metropolitan area.

FBI agents then questioned Hendricks and alleged he admitted he had obtained the forms from various sources and then forged the names of CAA inspectors he knew to each of them.

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