

P&N Railway Plans Banquet

The annual banquet of the North Carolina division of the Piedmont and Northern Railway will be held at the Hotel Charlotte at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The occasion will be highlighted by the presentation of service awards ranging from 15 to 45 years to 29 employees of the general offices and the N.C. division. Heading the list with 45-year awards is the P & N's general manager, W. L. Hogan, and R. W. Melton Sr., a mechanic at the Pinoc shops.

President W. I. Rankin will speak briefly to the approximately 325 employees and guests who are expected to attend. An audience-participation type program with a wide assortment of door prizes has been arranged under the direction of John F. Manley, assistant general freight agent. Floyd E. Williams, general freight agent, will be toastmaster.

In addition to the 45-year awards, G. T. Terrell of Gastonia will receive a 40-year pin. Sixty 35-year awards are L. A. Gantt, H. B. Gardner, L. B. Lawson vice president and traffic manager, A. C. Moore Jr., Andy Crosby, and Walter Housley. L. M. Smith, claim agent, will be honored for 30 years of service, and W. C. Bridges of Chicago for 25 years.

Twenty-year awards will go to E. J. Funderburk, W. L. Helton, Cornelius Mays, J. T. Miller, C. M. Sherrard Jr., R. L. Stakeleather, C. H. Whitfield, and R. D. Whiteley. Earning 15-year awards will be N. S. Fisher, Mrs. Blanche H. File, S. S. Harrison, C. R. Johnson, Lavada G. Lander, W. S. McDonald, R. W. Melton Jr., W. P. Pike, Max H. Sherrard, and B. H. Trull, Jr.

The Charlotte banquet is one of two held each year by the P & N. The second banquet is scheduled for the South Carolina Division in Greenville on Jan. 11.

Out Of-State Drivers Need 3 Tag Items

Out-of-state motor vehicle owners applying for North Carolina license plates have been asked by the Carolina Motor Club to check three things:

1. Inspection of their vehicles at N. C. Highway Patrol stations in their area or by approved inspecting garages designated by the Patrol.

2. Certificate of insurance — the FS-1 Form.

3. Proof of ownership. Out-of-state owners must be insured by a company authorized to insure in North Carolina. If the company does not, the owner must transfer his insurance to a company that does.

If any of the three items is missing or incomplete, a 1958 license plate cannot be issued.

MISSION LISTS '57 SERVICES

Nearly 100,000 meals were served at the Charlotte Rescue Mission during 1957. 30,187 persons were given sleeping quarters.

The year-end report from the mission also reveals attendance at services during last year totaled 42,268 persons. The mission conducted 197 services at jails, and made 390 hospital calls.

On the material side 3,505 pieces of clothing were given, and 149 pairs of shoes. In addition, 200 Christmas treats were given.

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(News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Don Martin)

Ready For Textile Exhibit

The gingham loom of Highland Park Mills is set up in the window at Efrid's as the store prepares for a series of textile exhibits. With displays on all six floors,

Efrid's will feature these textile exhibits from Jan. 6-18. The store will be decorated with fabrics and panels of cloth. A dinner at 7 p.m. Jan. 6 will launch the exhibit.

Scroll Digger Set As Seminar Speaker

The tenth annual Duke Divinity School seminars are scheduled for Jan. 13 and 14 at First Methodist Church here, and Jan. 16 and 17 at St. Paul Methodist Church in Goldsboro.

This year the seminars will feature "The Bible in the Light of Archaeology," a subject especially relevant because of the continuing discoveries being made from the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Dr. G. Ernest Wright, professor of Old Testament history and interpretation at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, will be the outside guest leader. He will be assisted by Dr. William F. Stinespring, professor of Old Testament, and Dr. William H. Brownlee, associate professor of Old Testament, both from the Divinity School of Duke University.

OTHER ASSISTANTS

Others assisting will be Dr. Walter J. Miller, Charlotte District superintendent, and the Revs. Robert W. Bradshaw, Hulen L.

Creesh Jr., and A. J. Hobbs. Dr. School seminars are scheduled for Jan. 13 and 14 at First Methodist Church here, and Jan. 16 and 17 at St. Paul Methodist Church in Goldsboro.

Dr. Wright is also archaeological director of current excavations of ancient Shechem (modern Balata) near Samaria in Palestine. He will report on this work in a film, with commentary, telling about recovery of a palace and temple of 3,500 years ago.

The seminar, which runs from 10:30 a.m. Jan. 13 until 2 p.m. the following day, will also include two lectures on discoveries made in the Dead Sea Scroll search, to be given by Dr. Brownlee, who was a resident as a fellow at the American School of Oriental Research when the initial scrolls were discovered in 1948.

STUDY A-NEER

BRUSSELS — At the seaside resort of Knokke, Belgium, 500 businessmen from 21 European countries recently completed a two-week course on peace and what it means to business.

Banquet Seats Filling Fast

Over 500 persons have made reservations for the annual banquet meeting of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce in Park Center Friday, Jan. 17.

Thomas A. Lynch, chairman of the banquet committee, said reservations will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis with attendance expected to be approximately 1,000.

Undersecretary of State Christian A. Herter will deliver the principal address at the banquet and will be introduced by former Ambassador James P. Richards of South Carolina.

The 22nd Airborne Division band of Fort Bragg will play and the 90-voice Charlotte Choral Society will sing.

Mr. Richards, a Democrat, will come here from his home in Lancaster. He returned to his home and farm there after serving as President Eisenhower's assistant on a Middle East tour where he explained the Eisenhower doctrine.

Mr. Richards is also a former South Carolina congressman serving from 1952 until January last year when he resigned. He was a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee from 1953 until 1957, serving as chairman, or acting chairman of the group for the last six years.

Ohio Route Session Set

The argument for having the proposed Charlotte-Canton, Ohio, highway follow a direct route through North Carolina will be laid before the State Highway Commission in Winston-Salem Monday.

The commission will hear arguments from several groups, each trying to bring the road as near its area as possible.

Charlotte will be represented by four Chamber of Commerce representatives including President Paul R. Younts, Executive Secretary William Ficklen and John R. Knott and Ben E. Douglas, chairman and member of the traffic & transportation committee.

Some 75 men from 15 counties which are supporting the Charlotte chamber, will also be present. Resolutions will be read from the Charlotte City Council and Mecklenburg Board of Commissioners.

The meeting will be held in the Forsythe County Courthouse.



(AP Photos) Tony Perkins (left), as Eugene Gant, and Hugh Griffith, as his stonecutter father, discuss their dreams. The stone angel standing between them is the cherished possession of the father's life, symbolizing to him unrealized aspiration.

Two-Way Success Comes For 'Look Homeward, Angel'

By WILLIAM GLOVER

NEW YORK — Broadway's new theatrical success, "Look Homeward, Angel," is a special kind of two-way hit.

Onstage it is a cracking click with press and public. Offstage it is a triumph for persistence. The play is generally regarded as the likely winner of the annual assortment of awards for theatrical achievement which are awarded during the spring.

It came into being largely because of the enterprising of a producer who dares on difficulty, and a woman writer who gambled a year of work on creative hunch. "Look Homeward, Angel" also finally brings to the Great White Way the work of Thomas Wolfe, late literary giant from Asheville, N.C., who became a novelist only after failing to win recognition as a playwright.

BIG TASH

Whipping Wolfe's vast, turbulent autobiographical work into dramatic form was the self-imposed task of Mrs. Ketti Frings, who for years has been writing movie scripts for Hollywood.

"There comes a time for creation," she explains. Mrs. Frings was first fascinated with Wolfe's spirit of wanderlust (she had spent



THOMAS WOLFE

her childhood roving the land with her own family), later found her self entranced by the dramatic prospects in his narrative, together with the realism of Wolfe dialogue.

One of her friends, Mildred Dunnock, took the completed play to Producer Kermit Bloomgarden a man who has provided Broad-

way with such notable artistic and boxoffice items as "Death of a Salesman," "The Diary of Anne Frank," and "The Most Happy Fella."

Miss Dunnock, a character actress, felt there might be a role in the new play for her. Bloomgarden, quickly interested in the drama, felt however it had no part suitable to Miss Dunnock's talents. Instead he pledged her two and one-half per cent of the producer's share in the enterprise.

BIG COST

He then set out to finance the production, which he felt could be fittingly staged at a cost of \$125,000.

A lot of prospective backers shied away. Bloomgarden obtained the final \$143,000 by agreeing to take in a group known as Theatre 200 as co-producer. Theatre 200 is a band of investors, mostly from the Pittsburgh, Pa., area, who have raised \$500,000 to put into theatrical ventures.

Once under way, the sun shone steadily on "Look Homeward, Angel." With Anthony Perkins, Jo Van Fleet and Hugh Griffith as the stars, the play was greeted with a steady chorus of critical approval on its tryout tour. When it reached the Barrymore Theater here the cheers of the reviewers were long, loud and unrestrained.

BIG PRAISE

Typical was the comment of Walter Kerr of the New York Herald-Tribune: "Mrs. Frings has found x x x a practical principle of tension, a taut and electrified line that holds all of these figures in buzzing, abrasive contact."

The play centers on the portion of the novel which concerns 17-year-old Eugene Gant, the fictional teenage prototype of Wolfe himself. One episode, the death of his father, Ben, was transposed by Mrs. Frings from a later period in order to provide one of the drama's most poignant moments of tremendous anguish.

Most of the play's dialogue was found in the novel by Mrs. Frings, who found it chiefly necessary to transmute young Gant's inner impressions and emotions into spoken words.

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Shell Oil Plans Set For Student Grants

Shell Companies Foundation, Inc. announced today it will begin a program in 1958 leading to 100 college scholarships a year for young people planning careers as high school science and mathematics teachers.

E. A. Cunningham, Shell's division manager of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, said the program is "an attack on the science famine at the place where the cure must begin — the secondary schools."

"Preparation for a career in science should begin in high school, and high school students are most likely to become interested in science if they have interesting teachers," Cunningham said.

"Developing good teachers is partly a matter of providing them with training. But it is also a matter of generating wider public interest in the profession, give teachers more prestige, and making teaching attractive to more young people. We hope our program will help increase the interest," he added.

The foundation will also introduce a new program of Shell assistants in 1958 to further the professional development of college teachers, he said.

BUDGET HIGHER

The Shell executive said the new aids to education are part of the \$1,550,000 budgets of contributions to be made in 1958 by Shell Companies Foundation, Inc. and Shell operating companies to educa-

tions, charitable, public service and religious organizations. These budgets are \$200,000 higher than last year's. This is the fourth year in succession that these budgets have exceeded a million dollars.

Education's share of the total sum is \$657,000.

The high school teacher program, called Shell Merit Scholarships, is among the first major scholarship efforts to strike at the core of the Scientist shortage, according to Cunningham.

For 1958, the foundation will provide 25 four-year college scholarships to high school seniors planning teaching careers in high school chemistry, physics, general science and mathematics.

It is a series of nationally held college aptitude tests. Approximately 300,000 high school seniors took the first test in October. More than 7,500 students will take the second test on Jan. 11.

The Shell assists, costing \$75,000 a year, will consist of \$1,500 grants to each of 50 colleges and universities not now receiving Shell Foundation Research grant support. This money will be used by the schools to help with "little things" in professional development of college faculty teachers that are seldom covered by major grants, such as funds for attending professional meetings or visiting other institutions for research.

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HICKORY GROVE

The Hickory Grove Elementary School PTA will have a clothing drive from Jan. 6 through Jan. 10. For pick-up of clothing call FR 3-4778 or ED 3-2776. A major faculty will also be held Monday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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