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Tech. Sgt. Buist Bethune of the army, spent part of a ten-day furlough in Raeford this week.

Lt. (jg) George Bethune of Washington, D. C., is with his family here.

Cpl. John Lee Stephens arrived in Raeford last Sunday. He has been on duty in the Philippine Islands and was discharged from the army last week.

SKT 1-c Tommy Teal arrived at Camp Shelton, Va., December 17 from Guam and expects to be home for Christmas.

Lt. (jg) Walter Barrington, Jr., is expected this week from the west coast to spend Christmas here with his family.

Lt. Sam Morris has arrived in California from the Pacific and is expected home tomorrow. His wife came yesterday from Louisville to meet him here.

Lt. and Mrs. Larry Haywood, who have been in Mrs. Paul Dickson's downstairs apartment all fall, left for their home in Brooklyn, N. Y., Sunday, as Lt. Haywood was separated from the service last Sunday.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Bergman, of the Regular Army, who have been occupying the William Lamont, Jr., house are moving to quarters at Fort Bragg this week.

Lt. Col. Bob Conk returned from the CBI theatre last week and has been assigned to the First Army at Fort Bragg, so the Conks will continue to live in Raeford. They will leave December 26 to visit their home in Florida.

Mrs. Raymond Maness and little daughter, Carol, of Georgetown, S. C., came to Raeford and Fort Bragg last week to meet Major Maness, who had returned on the same boat from the Pacific area as Col. Conk.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Scarborough, who occupy one of the Tom Cameron apartments, are leaving this week for Portsmouth, Va., for the holidays.

Major and Mrs. Bill Welch are leaving Saturday for Knoxville, Tenn., for the holidays.

Bill Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Smith of Shannon, has been discharged from the army and is at home. He was in the ETO for over two years.

Sgt. Berder Niven landed last week in Fort Lewis, Wash., from the Burma area after having been out of the U. S. for twenty-one months. He expects to be at home for Christmas.

Sgt. Woody Hendrix arrived here Monday night from the Pacific. He has been discharged from the army.

Pfc. Frank Newbater landed this week in Norfolk from the ETO. He is the husband of the former Miss Clara Potter.

Cpl. Graham Monroe arrived home December 5, after spending thirty months in New Guinea and the Philippines.

Mrs. Allie Holt Dies At Sanford

Mrs. Allie Holt, sister of Mrs. Hattie Pendergrass of Hoke county, passed away last Saturday morning at 4:20 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ellie Mann, at Route 5, Sanford. She was seventy-three years of age.

Funeral was conducted at two P. M. Sunday at the Flat Springs Baptist church and interment followed in the churchyard cemetery.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Ellie Mann, Mrs. Lucy Kelley, and Mrs. Hattie Pendergrass.

Attending the funeral from here were Mrs. John Pendergrass, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pendergrass, Mrs. Reuben Webb, John Allen Webb, Mrs. D. N. Leslie, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Leslie.

Business Houses To Observe Holidays

The merchants of Raeford will be closed for business on Wednesday, the day following Christmas, as well as Christmas Day. The Bank of Raeford will be closed the same two days as Wednesday has been declared a bank holiday by the governor.

The courthouse will be closed all next week, reopening on Monday, December 31.

Hoke Auto company will close at noon on Saturday and will reopen for business on Wednesday morning, December 26.

POOLE'S MEDLEY

(By D. Scott Poole)

We have not had much snow for the past 15 or 20 years. The last big one we had was in March, 1927, which was two feet deep. There were seven snows between the 1st of February and the 1st of April in 1912. We had something like that number of snows in 1896.

Ten years ago we had below zero weather, but not much snow. Snow and cold weather kill insects and helps follow the soil, therefore bet-crops follow cold, snowy winters.

Just after the Civil War, when lawlessness prevailed, some judge said, "The Judiciary is Exhausted." I do hope we have not reached another such era, but organized labor is not acting to my notion.

There is always one doctor in each generation of Dicksons of this town. Dr. A. P. Dickson, Dr. James Dickson and now Dr. Alvis Dickson.

There was one captain and two second lieutenants from this town in World War I. Just the number and rank of commissioned officers in World War II has not yet been revealed, but we have an idea no other 15,000 population has furnished a larger percent of its population in the armed forces, nor were a larger per cent of their men in service commissioned officers. That is a guess.

It was said that 100,000 men in their 40's died of influenza in the winter following World War I. Troubles never come singly.

I made a paragraph of the Directory of the Town of Raeford in the last paragraph of last week's medley. Did you see it?

I use to eat a lot of snow. If it did me any harm I never did know it. Snow with cream and sugar on it is better than ice cream. I never enjoyed snowballing, nor any other kind of fighting.

We use to set deadfalls for snowbirds in the barn, and then broil them on the coals in the fireplace. They were a sweet mouthful.

The liquor folks say prohibit. For that reason they want legal sales to raise revenue. The tax raised by the sale of liquor does not atone for the wrong chargeable to the liquor traffic.

When the Eighteenth Amendment was passed there were hundreds of Keely Institutes for the treatment of the liquor habit, but when the Amendment was repealed there was not one Keely Institute open. Now they have all reopened. Make your own deductions.

The Eighteenth Amendment was repealed and only three fourths of a full vote was cast. If there had been a full vote, it is probable it would not have been repealed. President Roosevelt wanted Prohibition repealed so that the government could derive needed revenue. He did not think of the harm liquor does.

During Prohibition days there was a Fourth of July celebration in Fayetteville. The crowd stayed for the fireworks display until 10 o'clock that night and if there was an arrest for drunk and disorderly conduct by the police that day, it was not reported. Not a day passes now without arrests for drunkenness, and disorderly conduct.

There were ten barrooms in Richmond county in the years preceding the adoption of a law prohibiting the sale of liquor, and ten government liquor stills in that county; they all paid twenty dollars toward the expenses of the schools. The liquor folks said, "I would like to know how you are going to get the money to pay for your schools if you have no liquor tax." From that date the schools have grown and the people find no trouble paying for the education of their children.

The Presbyterian church was a framed building 50 by 70 feet when we first attended services there in 1905. There were 150 members. Rev. I. A. McLaurin was pastor. Several Sunday school class rooms were added a few years later, and now there are 370 members. Rev. Harry K. Holland is pastor. A fire from the electric wiring, it was thought, damaged the building something more than two years ago, but the World War II prevented the repairing and remodeling of the church.

Now it has been repaired, reconstructed and the congregation will assemble next Sabbath for worship in the main auditorium at 11 o'clock.



THERE are a thousand and one ways of extending the season's greetings to you, but no words we can put into writing, no words we can frame with our lips, ring with more sincerity than the old-fashioned greeting—

MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO YOU

Recorder Tries Light Docket

In the case in which Roosevelt McNeill, colored, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, Judge McDiarmid sent the case for preliminary hearing to W. R. Barrington, Justice of the Peace. He did this because McNeill was accused of using a knife on John McNeill, white, a nephew of the recorder. Mr. Barrington found in his hearing that there was probable cause for indictment and sent the case to the next term of Superior court, setting bond at \$500.

Dan Leach, colored man of Little River township, paid the costs for driving with no license plates, no driver's license and no brakes.

Ruth H. Monroe, colored of Aberdeen, paid the costs for speeding. Dan Bryant, colored man of South Carolina, pleaded guilty of driving a car while under the influence of liquor. He paid a fine of \$50 and the court costs. Frank Little and Ethel Grady, who were with him, each paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

James W. Jenkins, white transient, charged with careless and reckless driving, pleaded guilty, settled the damages with a man whose car he hit, and paid the costs.

Frank Clarey, white tourist, forfeited a bond of \$20 by failing to appear for trial.

Sam McRae, colored, paid the costs for violating the prohibition laws by having store liquor open off his premises.

Grady, Viola and Lehta Torrance, all colored, were found guilty on possessing a quantity of non-tax-paid liquor. Grady paid the costs. Viola paid \$50 and the costs, and Lehta paid \$25 and the costs.

Dr. D. H. Reed Dies At Wagram

Dr. Doctrine H. Reed, respected practicing physician of Wagram, passed away in a Fayetteville hospital last Friday night at ten-thirty o'clock. He was seventy-five years of age and had only been sick since Tuesday of last week, prior to which time he had been in good health.

Dr. Reed had been practicing in Wagram for about nine years, having come there from Maxton in 1936. He was a native of Pasquotank County near Elizabeth City and received his degree in medicine at the George Washington Medical college. Funeral service was conducted at two-thirty Sunday afternoon at the Montpelier Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a ruling elder. Burial followed in the churchyard cemetery at the Spring Hill Baptist church.

Surviving are his widow, three daughters, Mrs. George Pate and Mrs. Dan Pleasant of Rowland and Miss Mildred Reed of Wagram; one son, Elwood Reed, of Bladen.

Mrs. Cameron Fractures Hip

Mrs. Nell Cameron fell from the rear doorway of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Graham on Tuesday of last week and fractured her hip. It was not determined that she had fractured the bone until Wednesday when she was carried to Moore County hospital and x-rayed. The bone was set in a cast there and she is doing fine at present.

School News

(By K. A. MacDonald)

PTA Meeting Postponed

The P. T. A. meeting will not be held on Thursday evening, as it was earlier announced, because of the bad weather and sickness.

County-Wide Teachers Meeting

Monday evening at the Hoke county high school building a county-wide teachers meeting was held. Rev. H. K. Holland held the devotional and talked to the teachers on the duty and opportunity. After a vocational, a resume of the progress study done in the workshops of various schools this fall was given. Miss Lillian Johnson, of the Ford graded schools faculty, outlined the study made by the primary teachers; R. A. Smoak, principal of the Ashmont schools, gave the grammar grade outline, and C. H. McGregor, principal of Hoke high school, outlined the high school.

The bases for study were "The Twelve Year Course of Study" and "The Social Science Bulletin," both publications of the State Department of Education. Some of the findings on which these various groups of teachers agreed were:

1. That there was a definite need for the teaching of "phonics" and that in the past there had been serious neglect of this integral part of the teaching of reading and spelling.
2. That while children learned "Script" writing with more ease in the first grade, and that it helped them in their reading, the transition to "cursive" should be made beginning at the middle of the second year.
3. That the subject in which the pupils of Hoke County are farthest behind in is spelling. That an effort should be made to bring them up to standard.
4. That reading was the next in line after spelling for intensive remedial measures. It was recommended that all the teachers spend ample time and serious thought in outlining the reading program of their individual students, and that an honest effort be made to furnish suitable and interesting reading materials for each student on his own level.

5. That each teacher be familiar, not only with the achievement requirements for her grade, but for those of the grades immediately above and below the one she happens to be teaching in. Also that each have a good general knowledge of the general outline for the twelve grade program.
6. That special attention be given to reading assignments, and to assignments, for special study in all subjects. That the library be made a more integral part of the school program.
7. That the child is the center of the school. That he should be studied as an individual and work planned for him on a basis of his own potentialities. That he should be taught, tested and promoted on himself as an individual.
8. That oral expression should be stressed. A pupil should be encouraged to express himself rather than the teacher doing too much talking.

Early reports on the Christmas Seal Sale indicate a lag in returns, in spite of the fact that during the immediate postwar years the American public should be strengthening its guard against tuberculosis. Determined efforts will be continued to reach the state's Christmas Seal Sale goal of \$285,000. It was announced by Frank W. Webster, executive secretary of the state association.

Webster pointed out that past wars have been followed consistently by increases in tuberculosis, although it is too early to predict in the United States the effect of World War II, in this respect. There has been a sharp increase in tuberculosis, however, in Europe and Asia, where this long-term disease has had a number of years to make its destructive known.

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Narrow Escape For Three In Wreck Last Thursday

In an automobile accident last Thursday afternoon on the Dundar-rach road about two miles south-east of Raeford, three white men of Arabia narrowly escaped death when the auto driven by James McKenzie skidded and overturned several times.

The wreck happened at approximately six in the afternoon. Sleet was falling and there was a sheet of ice on the road which greatly facilitated skidding at the time. They were going in the direction of Dundar-rach and were just approaching the place when the car began to skid.

The car with McKenzie was driven by McKenzie, also of the Arabia section of the county. All three were recently discharged from the armed forces.

Of the three McKenzie was the least injured. June Bristow suffered a fractured vertebrae in the neck and Franklin Bristow suffered a broken collarbone. Both are at present patients at the veteran's hospital near Fayetteville. The car, a 1940 Chevrolet coach, was almost completely demolished.

Tom Cameron Is Named President Feed Manufacturers

Tom Cameron, secretary-treasurer and manager of the Upchurch Milling and Storage company here, was elected president of the North Carolina Feed Manufacturers association at the concluding session of a two-day convention of that organization in Raleigh last Thursday. He succeeds C. W. Tilson of Durham.

Other officers named were Oscar Chandler of Burlington, vice-president, and Roy McLaurin of Laurinburg, who was reelected secretary and treasurer. Cameron, Tilson, McLaurin, Chandler, J. W. Maxwell of Charlotte, John Earle of Asheville and W. G. Crawford were elected directors of the association.

A critical livestock feed situation may result in a government order curtailing the use of protein meals and limiting the manufacture of all poultry feeds, the organization was told by Walter C. Berger, of Washington, chief of the feed division of the Production and Marketing Administration. Berger described North Carolina as a State in which feed deficit exists, and said the State would profit by the government restriction on the use of protein. The fact that some feed mills are jockeying for advantageous positions in the postwar trade has contributed to the shortage by hindering the proper distribution of ingredients.

D. S. Coltrane, assistant State Agriculture commissioner, discussed the North Carolina feed regulations and complimented the manufacturers on their general compliance with them.

service was concluded with a short talk by Mary Raye Freeman on the principles of the club.

Class Presents Pageant
The member of Miss Mayme McKeithan's home room presented a Christmas pageant in the auditorium on Tuesday, December 18. The Christmas story was enacted in realistic manner, with all members of the class participating. The true meaning of Christmas was shown, both in the scenes portrayed and the accompanying music.

Musical Program Presented
A delightful program of Christmas music was presented for the high school by the Chariade music club on Wednesday, December 19. Many of the favorite carols were sung as well as other beautiful numbers. The program was greatly enjoyed by the students.

Honor Roll
To be placed on the honor roll, a student must make an average of 90 and have a good conduct record. The following students have made the honor roll for the second grading period: Eighth grade—Myrna Almond, Clara Ann Blue, Melva Dean Brown, Daisy Dean Morris, Elizabeth Suddreth, Jimmy Seals, Eleese Moss, and Frieda Moss; Ninth grade—Milton Mann, Alice Sutton Matheson, and Patricia McNeill; Tenth grade—Sara Agnes Guin, Miralyn Johnson, Zeb Moss, Nancy Lee Cole, Bobby Murray, Carlene Freeman and Lana Terrell; Eleventh grade—Eleanor Leach; Twelfth grade—Ted Clark, Glenn Maxwell, Franklin McNeill, Kathleen Cothran, Mary Raye Freeman, Doris Keith, Helen King, Juanita Long, Betty McLean, Edith Monroe, Florence Sides, Mildred Sinclair, Lucille Townsend, and Bessie Wright.

HOKE HIGH NEWS

Beta Club Installs Members

The installation service for new members of the Beta club was held at assembly on December 12. The president, Betty McLean, was in charge of the service. The scripture was read by Mildred Sinclair and an explanation of the Beta club was given by Bessie Wright. The president administered the pledge to the new members, after which they received their certificates and pins. The