

AGREE ON WAR-DEBT PROPOSAL MONDAY

France Agrees to "Spirit" Of Hoover Plan; Detail to be Worked Out by Experts; Will Have Wide Effect.

After a period of anxiety and negotiations which extended over two weeks, the consent of France to the one year's suspension of payments on war debts and reparations suggested by President Hoover, has been secured and President Hoover has announced that the moratorium is in effect as of July first, 1931. For sixteen days the entire time of the president has been occupied with the work of presenting the plan to the nations involved. A week ago Secretary of the Treasury Mellon journeyed to France to head the negotiations in Paris where the success of the entire venture seemed to hinge on the reaction of the French government. In Paris a series of conferences took place with representatives of the French government with the result that Monday a note was dispatched from the French government to Hoover, saying that they accepted his plan in principle. Details of the plan will be worked out by experts.

The holiday, morally, is now in effect. Last minute discussions between American and French officials hinged around the method of repaying the money which will not be paid during the years holiday. French officials contended for repayment, first immediately, then in five years. Hoover wanted to make repayment in twenty-five years. The final decision was that the money shall be paid back in a ten year funding plan effective July first, 1933.

Following the successful completion of the negotiations, President Hoover made the following statement: "The acceptance of this proposal has meant sacrifices by the American people and the former allied governments who are with all others fighting a world wide economic depression and deficits in governmental budgets. The economic loads most seriously oppressing the people of Germany and central Europe will be immensely lightened."

The attention of the world has been riveted on France since all the other important nations involved acceded readily to Hoover's proposal. The plan has yet to be officially ratified by congress in the United States and similar representative bodies in the other nations taking part. A poll has been taken of the American congress by telegraph and has indicated a large majority in favor of the moratorium. No trouble in getting the ratification is expected in this or other nations. The American congress will be called upon to ratify the plan when they meet December 7th.

REPORT MADE ON YEAR'S FIGHT AGAINST PELLAGRA

At the meeting of the County Commissioners the County Board of Welfare made a report of the work done in the cure and prevention of Pellagra in Hoke County in the year from July 1930 to July 1931. The report showed that six clinics had been held under the direction of the county physician and other doctors and that they had treated 113 cases, sixty-three of whom appeared at the first clinic. At the last clinic, only active cases were summoned. One hundred and five cards were sent out but only fifteen cases reported. Of these ten were better and five were no worse. The welfare board this year gave out 550 pounds of yeast, 417 cans of salmon, 440 pounds of rice and 500 cans of soup mixture. The county appropriated two hundred and twenty-five dollars for the work. There was a balance of seventeen dollars and eighty cents as the year's work closed.

CHARLES ENGLISH DIES

Charles F. English, prominent farmer of the Stonewall section, died at his home on July fifth. He was twenty-four years of age. For three years he had been in failing health and grew steadily weaker until the time of his death. He was buried at Lumber Bridge on Monday, July sixth.



PRIV. CYRUS PEARSON ADCOX
Private Cyrus Pearson Adcox, Cumberland County's first soldier to make the supreme sacrifice in the World War. The 1931 Citizens Military Training Camp at Fort Bragg has been named Camp Adcox in memory of this hero.

NAME BRAGG CAMP FOR CYRUS ADCOX

Citizens Training Camp Is Named For First Cumberland County Man To Fall In World War.

Fort Bragg, July 5.—The 1931 Citizens Military Training Camp at Fort Bragg was this morning officially named Camp Adcox by Major General Frank R. McCoy, commanding general of the Fourth Corps Area, in memory of Cyrus Pearson Adcox, of Fayetteville, the first Cumberland County man to make the supreme sacrifice in the world war. The CMT Camp is located in Cumberland county.

Immediately following the regular weekly church services of the camp, in which Rev. H. W. Koelling, pastor of the Highland Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, delivered a sermon, Captain John S. Mallory, Adjutant of the CMT, read General Orders No. 7, issued by Major Harvey D. Higley, 17th Field Artillery, CMT Commandant, declaring the camp to be known as Camp Adcox. Brigadier General Manus McCloskey, Commanding General of Fort Bragg, then introduced Major General Frank R. McCoy.

As guests of honor at the dedicatory ceremonies were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Adcox, of Fayetteville, parents of Private Cyrus Pearson Adcox, and private and sisters and other near relatives.

Cyrus Pearson Adcox enlisted in the regular army early in the war and went to France with the First Division, being a private in Company (Continued on back page)

EDUCATION BOARD WAITS ON RALEIGH

Local Board Awaits Deliverances Of State Equalization Board Which Controls Education.

The Hoke County Board of Education met Tuesday, June 7th in regular session with all members present. The activities of the board were necessarily handicapped due to the fact that they were awaiting necessary information from the State Equalization Board, in session at Raleigh on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the deliberations of this session being of utmost importance to the work of the County boards at this time.

The board petitioned the County commissioners to allow them to take care of the required ten per cent cut of salaries in the case of principals in the county schools. This petition was refused by the commissioners.

Publicity was also given to an action taken by the Board of Education in its meeting of March 2nd, 1931. The board at that meeting passed a ruling that in the case of any teacher of the county schools who married during the school year, her contract should be considered null and void. This ruling became effective on July 2nd, 1931. Under this rule, any teacher contracting marriage during the school year from July 2nd, 1931, shall render her contract void immediately upon such marriage.

Definite action on school matters is expected from the board immediately upon messages telling of the deliberations of the State Board of Equalization this week.

COMMISSIONERS FIX MILITARY UNITS GO HOKE SCHOOL TERM TO FORT MOULTRIE

School Term Next Year Not To Exceed Eight Months; Office Of Demonstrator Is Upheld.

The county Board of Commissioners meeting in their regular session at ten o'clock Tuesday, decreed eight months school sessions for all county schools. During the next session no school in the county will be allowed a term of more than eight months. Many schools are already running shorter terms than this but eight months has officially become the maximum according to the action of the commissioners. At the same time the Board of Education presented a supplementary budget for salaries of principals but the state budget for principals was held to by the commissioners.

Considering the fact that there was some sentiment in the county for the abolition of the office of County Farm Agent on the score of economy the commissioners voted to retain the office, provided that the county pay a maximum of sixty dollars per month on the salary of the agent. This is a reduction of twenty dollars per month on the county's part of the agent's salary. The salary has heretofore been paid in equal parts by the county, state and Federal governments.

The board went on record as favoring ten cents per bale as the fee to be paid the cotton weigher for weighing cotton. They ordered also that the State Highway Commission be allowed to use the county stockade for one year from July first of this year free of charge, this order being made in confirmation of a lease made.

Mrs. H. A. Cameron made a report to the board on the work being done in the fight against pellagra, her report being received with approval. Several men and women were put on the pauper role and one was taken off.

WRECK AT SANATORIUM

D. C. Fields, 25, of Greensboro and Lumberton, driving an old model Ford, crashed into the rear of another similar Ford driven by negroes on the highway just east of the Sanatorium Friday night, causing slight damage to the car he struck and greater damage to his own car. No one was hurt in the collision. Fields was found to be under the influence of liquor and was brought to Raeford where he was lodged in the county jail. He was released on bond Saturday afternoon, submitting to the judgment of the Recorder's court, from which he received a sentence of \$50 and cost and was forbidden to drive a car for three months.

MRS. AUTRY DIES

Mrs. Fanny Autry, beloved and respected woman of the Blue Springs section died Sunday afternoon, July 5th, after a long and useful life. She was seventy-two years old. Her husband preceded her to the grave several years ago. Funeral services were conducted at Wagram and she was buried in Spring Hill cemetery. She is survived by two sons, one daughter and several grandchildren.

HOKE COUNTY'S WATERMELONS MUST BE WELL PACKED TO SELL WITH BEST

The packing of watermelons for shipment will be more important this year than ever before according to a statement made by a Raeford business man upon his return from a trip to New York and conferences with important figures in the wholesale truck business in that city. The quality of the packing in the cars which have been shipped from Hoke county in the last several seasons has not been of the best. Growers have yet to realize that a car which is loosely or carelessly packed will be loosened even more on the trip to Northern markets and will arrive in a condition, which if it does not prevent its being sold, will at least make it bring a much lower price than the quality of the melons may warrant.

"The necessity of having a good tight pack in a watermelon car was emphasized by every wholesaler to whom I talked," he said. "When the watermelon growers in

Two Weeks of Intensive Training In Store For Raeford Soldiers; All Units of 252nd Regiment Train Together.

Battery F of the third Battalion and Battalion Headquarters and Combat Train of the First Battalion, 252nd Regiment of Coast Artillery (Tractor Drawn), of the North Carolina National Guard will entrain at Raeford, Sunday morning at six o'clock for Fort Moultrie, S. C., for the annual encampment. With them go Lt. Col. R. B. Lewis, Capt. J. H. Blue and Capt. R. A. Matheson, staff officers of the 252nd regiment. The two units will reach Charleston at one p. m. Sunday and men and baggage will proceed to Fort Moultrie by the Cooper River Bridge or by government boats. They will make camp Sunday afternoon and regular work will begin Monday morning at five thirty.

The morning part of the day is used by the units as work period and beginning with calisthenics and breakfast, a strenuous period occupies the time until lunch. The soldiers will take part in infantry drill, artillery drill, gas instruction, both use of gas and combatting gas, and other military activities. Artillery drill includes telephone communication, gun drill and firing and target course plotting. The afternoon is given over to recreation. An organized program of recreation will be carried out. The athletic program will contain rivalry between the various units in baseball, and track and the beaches of the island and Charleston will be available for the men. Prizes are awarded at the end of camp both to individuals and units making high scores under the point system which enhances competition.

All batteries of the 252nd regiment will be at Fort Moultrie simultaneously. The commanding officer of the regiment is Col. Royce S. McClelland of Wilmington. The units making up the regiment, all of which will be at camp at the same time as the Raeford units are: Service battery, Whiteville; Headquarters battery, Wilmington; Band section, Wilmington; Medical detachment, Greensboro; First battalion, Headquarters battery and Combat Train, Raeford; Battery A, Wilmington; Battery B, Lumberton; Second Battalion, Headquarters battery and Combat Train, Battery C, and Battery D, Greensboro; Third battalion, Headquarters battery and Combat Train, High Point; Battery E, High Point; and Battery F, Raeford.

MEETING AT GALATIA

Dr. W. M. Fairley inaugurated a series of meetings at the Galatia Presbyterian church on Monday night of this week. Services are being held morning and evening. Mr. John Alderman, who is remembered in Raeford as the musical director of the series of services held in the Raeford Presbyterian church in May, is directing the music at the Galatia meeting. Dr. Fairley will close the meeting on Sunday morning and his pulpit in Raeford will be filled by Rev. G. R. Bain, pastor of the Galatia church.

KING COTTON'S COMPLAINT

King Cotton spoke with a mournful air, while seated on his fleecy throne; "My subjects drive me to despair. I wish they'd learn to stand alone. They lean on me for everything; and all their burdens I must tote. Although I am a kindly king, I vow their methods get my goat. Each autumn, from my whitening fields, I bring to them a goodly rent; but little joy to them it yields because the coin's already spent. They buy on credit at the stores; most everything from pork to pills; to my account they charge the score, and I'm compelled to foot the bills. Eggs, bacon, beans, or onion sets, they buy them from the merchant's shelves; and keep me loaded down with debts for things they should produce themselves. They spread my credit out so thin it hurts my prestige and my fame. They play a game that I cannot win, and when they lose, I get the blame. If they would raise a garden patch, and keep some pigs, say three or four, the wolf would not so often scratch the vanguard from their kitchen door. If they would keep a cow or two, some hens of goodly ancestry, 'twould change their pessimistic view, and greatly ease the strain on me. I'm sure if they would do their part to live at home and board there, too, that I could help them get a start and own the comforts that are due. But when they ask me to supply each want, from soup to shingle, bob, I really must confess that I feel hardly equal to the job. If I were not compelled to dig for things their gardens should produce, for products of the cow or pig, the hen, the turkey or the goose, then I could help them hoard some dough, and slow but surely get ahead, and all my bounty would not go to pay for horses that are dead." W. P. Morrison in Farm & Ranch

STATE TOBACCO IS HARMED BY WORMS

Tobacco Expert Says Worms Are Doing Much Evil And Will Do More If Not Inteligently Fought by Farmer.

Horn and bud worms ravaging tobacco fields in North Carolina this season are causing more damage than at any period in the last ten years yet they may be controlled by simple poisoning methods. "There is probably more damage to tobacco by worms this year than (Continued on back page)

MORE HONORS FOR RAEFORD SCOUTS

Local Boys Make Scouting Progress At Waccamaw Camp; Thomas Cameron Wins Honors.

Four members of the Raeford Scout troop have returned from Camp Chickagami, the camp of the Cape Fear Area Council at Lake Waccamaw and report a fine week of work and recreation. These four boys did some splendid work during their stay and reflect honor on their troop and town. Thomas Cameron received the highest honor in camp, being selected by the camp directors as "Honor Scout" for the week in which he attended camp. This honor was based on work done and general character. Thomas won six merit badges including Junior Life Saving and now lacks only a little work before becoming an Eagle Scout. William Lentz won five merit badges including Senior Life Saving. Clyde Upchurch and Hubert Cameron became First Class scouts. The four Raeford boys were in a tent together and along with their tent mates won tent honors last week. Thomas Cameron's honor is particularly distinguished in that it marks him the best scout of seventy-eight boys at the encampment last week. Raeford's troop has made progress its watchword.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends for their kindness and many expressions of sympathy at the death of my grand-daughter.—P. C. Howell.

RAEFORD BOY SHOT SATURDAY MORNING

Watson Bethune Recovering From Pistol Shot in Chest; Think Shot Intended For Another Man.

Watson Bethune, is recovering from the effects of a pistol shot wound received Saturday morning about two o'clock at the hands of Jennings Maulsby. Both are prominent young Raeford men. Stories of the affray point to the belief that the shots were intended for another man and that Bethune's wounding was accidental.

The shooting was the result of an alleged enmity between Maulsby and I. E. McNulty, of Montrose, developing out of a disagreement when the young men, along with others were at McNulty's house near the Sanatorium. Maulsby left the house and went to a filling station at Montrose. Some time later John Pethel, driving his car and accompanied by Watson Bethune and McNulty, went to Montrose to take Bethune home. As they drove up to the filling station at Montrose Maulsby emerged and opened fire with a 32 calibre revolver, firing five times. The first bullet struck young Bethune, entering the right side of his chest, skimming completely across it and being embedded in the muscle of the left breast. The second bullet struck the running board of the car and the other three went wild. Pethel, as he took the situation in, continued to drive the car and turned south on the road which enters the highway at that point. Proceeding south he took a by-road that led him back into the highway and brought the wounded man into Raeford for medical attention.

Maulsby was arrested Saturday afternoon on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and was released on three hundred dollars bond. The case was set for this week's session of Recorder's court, but was continued until Tuesday, July 21st, awaiting the recovery of Bethune who will be a main witness.

RECORDERS COURT

In Recorder's Court Tuesday George Cromartie, colored, was tried on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and was found not guilty. He had hit one Henry Hunt with a car spring but the court found that he acted in self defense. Two cases growing out of the same altercation were tried against Henry Hunt. One for carrying a concealed weapon and one for assault with a deadly weapon. He was fined fifty dollars and the costs for carrying a pistol and sentenced to eight months on the roads for shooting it at Cromartie. Judgment to be suspended upon payment of the cost and his good behavior for two years. Hunt proved an excellent character in court. Frank Locklear, Indian, charged with bastardy some time ago, had judgment continued upon payment of costs, the prosecuting witness having asked that the case be dropped.

Ed McPharland and Neill Moore, colored, were found guilty of the larceny of a pig from one Floyd Graham and were found guilty. They went to Graham's place on the night of July 2nd and killed his pig in the pen and carried it home. Deputy Barrington was summoned Friday morning and worked up the case which resulted in Moore's confession and telling on McPharland. Moore was sentenced to six months on the roads and McPharland to one year.

D. C. Fields, white, plead guilty to operating a car while under the influence of whiskey and was fined fifty dollars and the cost and ordered not to drive a car for three months.

A case charging Martin McKeith, an with the illegal removal of timber was dismissed.

Two cases against Jennings Maulsby were continued for two weeks on account of the illness of the leading witness, Watson Bethune. He was charged with a secret assault and of an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Dan Bradshaw, charged with the illegal possession of whiskey, had prayer for judgment continued up on payment of the costs.