

## Firms Sign Peace Pact With Russia

Moscow, March 13.—Soviet Russia early today announced officially the signing of a peace treaty with Finland which wrests as the spoils of three and a half months of invasion Finland's defense bastions on Baltic and Arctic seas and makes part of the vast territory of the U. S. S. R. the whole fortified Karelian isthmus, where uncounted Russian and Finnish dead lie beneath the trampled snows.

The treaty must be ratified within three days, but hostilities will cease, under its terms, at noon today—4 a. m., eastern standard time.

Finland gets peace—a single payment of 5,000,000 Finnish marks (\$750,000) in return for a 30-year lease on her Hanko "Gibraltar" at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland and evacuation of the Petsamo Arctic district by Soviet troops.

She gives up:

1. The entire Karelian isthmus and its Soviet-penetrated Mannerheim line.

2. The shell wrecked city of Viipuri, once Finland's third metropolis, and the islands in its bay.

3. All the shores of Lake Ladoga, largest in Europe, and three towns. Both on the lake's western isthmus shore and on its northern coasts thousands of Russian troops have been slain.

4. Hanko, naval base on the southwest, and the surrounding peninsula on a 30-year lease. This area will form Soviet naval-military bases.

5. Part of the Sredni and Rybachii peninsulas in the far north, on the Arctic ocean.

7. Certain islands in the Gulf of Finland.

8. A great slice of northeastern Finland, including Kuolajarvi.

9. A railroad to be built during 1940, which will link the White sea within northern Russia to the Gulf of Bothnia, west of Finland, the railway bisecting Finland above her narrow waistline.

10. Free transit for Russian goods across the Petsamo Arctic area from Russia to Norway, duty free.

11. The right to maintain any Finnish warships, submarines or warplanes in its Arctic waters, with the exception of small coast guard vessels.

An exchange of papers of ratification of the treaty is scheduled to take place in Moscow.

(In Helsinki tonight, shocked Finns said the fate of the war still was up to the Finnish Diet—there was no indication it had ratified the treaty).

However, under the pact at 10 a. m. on March 15 (2 a. m. E. S. T.), Finnish and Soviet troops are to begin to withdraw to their new frontiers, a map of which was appended to the treaty.

The treaty was described in the official Moscow communique as one which will "create mutually stable and mutually peaceful relations," based on precise conditions of "enduring mutual security"—especially for Soviet cities of Leningrad, at one end of the Karelian Isthmus; Murmansk, in the Arctic, and the railroad which connects them.

(Actually, its terms gave Russia an uncontested clutch on the northern Baltic. Before she had invaded Finland on November 30, Russia had peaceably got strategic concessions from Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, but these are nothing as compared to the conditions for Finnish peace. The terms, likewise, are far harsher than the ones which Russia laid down before the Finnish invasion.

(Germany profits by the treaty because she can now hope for real economic help from a Russia no longer engaged in war, and can, perhaps, extend her own influence in Scandinavia. Russia is also military free to look to her fences on her Balkan border.

The western allies knew this—and made urgent, last-minute offers of an expeditionary force of 50,000 men to defend Finland.

The treaty was signed at 2:30 a. m. (6:30 p. m., E. S. T.)

## Hoke High Will Open Baseball Season Tues.

Coach Cap Clark's Hoke county high school baseball team will take the diamond next Tuesday afternoon in their first game of the season when they meet the crack team from Hamlet high.

If the game is up to the usual Raeford-Hamlet game it will be a thriller in three close games played last year Hamlet won two. The year before the local boys won two of three from Hamlet.

The diamond here promises to be in top shape for the encounter as it has just been reworked and conditioned for the high school and professional ball to be played here this spring.

## Grays Prepare For Trip To Raeford

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Williamsport, Pa., March 13.—In ten more days the Williamsport Grays will be showing off for Raeford. In the meantime there will be much activity at Bowman Field, getting uniforms and equipment ready and preparing to round up the players for the trip. Some, living in the south, will go direct from their homes to Raeford, but most of them will come here prior to the 23rd and leave in the big bus, which will also pick up a number at Harrisburg.

All over the Eastern League circuit similar activities are in progress. Thomas H. Richardson, of this city, president of the league, believes the 1940 season will be the best in the history of the circuit.

"We had a big year in 1939," he said today. "We played to more than a million fans, but I honestly think we are going to do even better this year."

Passing the million mark was the goal set by "Tommy" last season. He aimed for it in 1938, his first year as loop executive, but missed, although the 1938 total attendance of 718,400 then represented an all-time mark and an increase of 177,750 over the previous year.

But his ambition was achieved in the 1939 season, when the official paid attendance, excluding the playoffs, were 61,860, making the grand total for the season 1,074,796.

In addition to the record season's attendance, three other attendance marks were hung up. Scranton, winner of the 1939 championship and the Governors' Cup, drew 289,550 for its home games during the regular season, thus breaking the old all-time record of 176,653, which was established by Albany in 1938; and Scranton also surpassed the previous record attendance for one day, playing to 12,630, while Albany, with an attendance of 7,323 on opening day, established a new first day mark.

Four states are represented in the league—Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania, the eight clubs being: Springfield, Mass.; Hartford, Conn.; Albany, Binghamton and Elmira, N. Y.; and Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport, in Pennsylvania.

President Richardson played the leading role in establishing the league's grand attendance record. Besides being instrumental in bringing Scranton back into the circuit and finding a home for the Trenton (N. J.) club in Springfield, he was on the go constantly, making frequent visits to each city and helping to arrange attractive promotional programs.

Transfer of the Hazleton franchise to Scranton, the third largest city in Pennsylvania, which was without representation in 1938, with the installation of lights and the fact that the owners gave Scranton, a good baseball city, a club that was in the fight for the championship most of the season, gave such a boost that the owners are now building a new stadium at great expense and expect to have it in readiness for the opening of the 1940 season.

All of the clubs play night ball at home except Hartford, and there is a likelihood that lights will be installed there. Hartford, by the way, was managed last season by Fresco Thompson, the Grays' new skipper, who inspired a mediocre team to make a great record in the last six weeks of the season, giving the first division clubs plenty of trouble by winning ninety per cent of their games in that six-week period.

Next week we hope to give you more information concerning the clubs in the league, where they will train in the south, by whom they will be managed, etc. Two of them, the Scranton champions, and Elmira, will be seen in action at Raeford—Scranton on Wednesday, April 10, and Saturday, April 20, and Elmira on Tuesday, April 16th.

## To Give Free Show Tomorrow Night

Younger Sneed, manager of the Hoke Auto company, announces today that a movie will be shown to the public tomorrow night at the Hoke county high school with no admission being charged.

The entertainment will begin at seven-thirty and last about one hour. It will consist of four of the short features released by General Motors. Everyone is invited.

## TO MAKE RADIO ADDRESS

Giles Yeomans Newton, of Gibson, candidate for Congress in the Eighth District, stated this week that he would issue his statement as a candidate for congress next Tuesday, March 19th.

Mr. Newton, who ran for the office unsuccessfully two years ago, will deliver this statement over radio station WBT in Charlotte next Tuesday afternoon from one o'clock until one-thirty.

## Young Democrats Postpone Rally

J. L. McNeill, president of the Hoke County Young Democratic Club, announced yesterday that the spring rally of the organization which had been scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, had been postponed for one week in order that this county might cooperate with the Young Democratic clubs of North Carolina in the promotion of "Jeffersonian Rally Month."

The rallies are expected to be held in the month of April but local officers felt that another rally in April after having one on March 20th would be a little too often. Therefore, the Hoke county rally will be held at Clyde's Pond on the night of Wednesday, March 27, and there will be no other Jeffersonian Rally in this county.

All Democratic candidates for Governor of North Carolina, Lieutenant-Governor, and Eighth District Congressman are being invited to attend the affair, which should be one of the largest political gatherings ever held in Hoke county.

April has been set aside as Jeffersonian Rally month in the state and plans are now being made to have a rally in every district in the state during that month. Carl Doby of Albemarle has been appointed chairman of the Rallies Committee and Dick Telfair of Raleigh and William Lennon of Marion, vice-chairmen. The full membership of this committee will be announced shortly. This committee met on March 2nd at which time the spring program was fully discussed.

## Pay Schedule Is Announced

Raleigh, March 12.—E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at N. C. State college, announced today the schedule of pay for farmers participating in the 1940 agricultural conservation program.

The payments, he explained, will be made to farmers who plant within their acreage allotments and carry out approved soil-building practices.

The schedule (based on normal yields of acreage allotments) follows:

Tobacco, either flue-cured or burley, one cent a pound; peanuts, 12.5 cents a 100 pounds; potatoes (in commercial areas), three cents a bushel; and commercial vegetables \$1.50 an acre.

Farmers who plant within their acreage allotments for cotton and wheat can earn combined conservation and parity payments of 3.15 cents a pound on the normal yield of the wheat acreage allotments.

Payments also may be earned for carrying out approved soil-building practices, Floyd stated.

## C.M.T.C. Campaign Is Now Open

Supt. K. A. MacDonald of Raeford, Chairman of the Military Training Camps Association for Hoke county, announces that the procurement campaign for the 1940 Citizens Military Training Camp, which is to be held at Fort Bragg, has officially opened.

The camp will be held from June 12, 1940, to July 11, 1940.

The mission of these training camps is to bring together under healthful surroundings, on a common basis of equality, young men from all walks of life; and, by supervised athletics, military drill, and instruction in citizenship to develop them mentally, morally, and physically; promote wholesome respect for American ideals, teach the value of teamwork, fit them for leadership, and impress upon them the obligations and responsibilities of true American Citizenship.

Young men attending these camps are no more likely to be called to the colors in time of war than other men. Through the training received at these camps they become more able to defend their country in a national emergency, if they should volunteer or be selected for service.

Prospective applicants may write direct to the C. M. T. C. Officer at Fort Bragg, for any information they desire, or apply to the County Chairman of the Military Training Camps Association. The County Chairman will furnish application blanks and the names of doctors who will give the medical examination without charge.

There are two vacancies for enrollment in the Citizens Military Camp for Hoke county.

## Ready

John McGoogan reports that the ball park has been given a thorough going over by the NYA boys lately and that it is in fine shape for the arrival of the Williamsport Grays, March 24th.

## House Passes Naval Bill

Washington, March 12.—A \$655,000,000 expansion of the United States navy won House approval today in record-breaking time and by the over-whelming vote of 303 to 37.

The bill, which was sent to the Senate after about four hours debate, authorizes the navy to build 21 new combat ships, 22 auxiliary vessels, and 1,011 airplanes in the next two years. Funds for the work, however, would have to be voted later.

Final passage came after the House had shouted down an amendment by Representative Schafer, Republican of Wisconsin, to halt the sale of naval planes or plane secrets to all foreign governments and another by Representative Fish, Republican of New York, which would have eliminated three proposed aircraft carriers from the bill.

In addition to the carriers, which Fish contended were unnecessary, the measure would authorize construction of an unspecified number of cruisers and submarines. The exact number of each category to be built was withheld in an effort to keep the ships' size a secret.

Informed members conceded, however, that the cruisers would be substantially larger than the 10,000-ton "treaty cruisers," now the navy's largest.

Urging approval of the program which he said was all the navy could handle with existing construction facilities in the next two years, Chairman Vinson, Democrat of Georgia, of the House naval committee declared the increase was necessary because the imminence of a general European war, coupled with conditions in the Far East, "presents a threat of world conflagration."

"Our voice in world affairs will be heard in almost direct proportion to our relative strength on the sea," the Georgian asserted.

Vinson pointed out that the program which the bill would authorize was less than half that sought by the navy. He said the program originally recommended would have cost \$1,596,000,000 and would have taken six years to complete.

## Fifth Candidate In Race For Congress

D. C. Phillips, of Southern Pines, last week became the fifth person to announce that he would seek the seat in Congress from the eighth North Carolina district. The four who had already announced themselves are W. O. Bugrin, the incumbent, C. B. Deane, Rockingham lawyer, and Burgin's opponent in the election dispute of two years ago, Giles Yeomans Newton, Gibson man who also ran two years ago, and Robert L. Steele, also a lawyer of Rockingham.

Phillips, who seriously considered running for the office two years ago, is, to quote from his statement, "just a plain, blunt man, who is not a lawyer, but a salesman and former newspaper man." He sells laundry supplies and is a resident of Southern Pines.

## Courthouse Grounds Being Improved

The grounds of the Hoke county courthouse are being further improved this week by the trimming and rearranging of the shrubbery. The shrubs have been rather haphazardly arranged with little or no symmetry of position and with little regard for uniformity of size. These things are being attractively corrected this week and should improve the appearance of the building very much.

## ATTEND BANQUET

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lewis and family went to Winston-Salem last Saturday where Mr. and Mrs. Lewis attended a banquet of the American Institute of Bankers at the Robert E. Lee hotel. Five hundred bankers from North and South Carolina and Virginia were there. The Lewises remained in Winston-Salem until Sunday.

## JULIAN JOHNSON CRITICAL

Julian Johnson suffered a relapse last Friday after having been well enough to leave the house the day before and his condition was immediately such that his life was feared for.

At last reports yesterday his condition was slightly improved, although still critical.

## ATTEND EDUCO MEETING

Last Friday night 6 of the men teachers of the county attended the district meeting of Affiliated Educo clubs that met in Fayetteville.

## COUNTY EDUCO CLUB MEETS

Monday afternoon there was a (Continued on page eight)

## Dairy Inspection Service Started

At the request of T. B. Lester, owner of Lester's Dairy here, the Cumberland County board of health in cooperation with the United States Public Health ordinance has started making regular inspections of the dairy here.

The first inspection was made at Lester's Dairy in February by Mr. R. Wiggs, dairy inspector of the Cumberland county board of health. Mr. Wiggs' inspection placed Lester's Dairy on the honor roll of dairies of North Carolina. This means that the local dairy's milk has a grade of ninety per cent or better, something only seventy-five towns in the state can boast of.

In grading the milk, that furnished by the local dairy was found to be Grade A and to have a very low bacteria count and to have more than the required amount of butter fat.

In compliance with the United States Public Health ordinance the dairy will be inspected at intervals and public announcement of the grade of the milk made every six months.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

By K. A. MacDONALD

### RAEFORD P.-T. A. ELECTS PRESIDENT

The Raeford P.-T. A. held its regular monthly meeting on the afternoon of the fifth. Miss Plonk had charge of the program. Under her direction the high school glee club rendered several numbers. Several of the members of her expression class gave readings. Mrs. A. D. Gore was re-elected president for her second term. Miss Xymena Smith presided in the absence of the president and vice-president.

### ASHEMONT P.-T. A. HOLDS MEETING

On Tuesday evening at 7:30 the Ashemont P.-T. A. held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Jones, president, presiding. Reports were made by standing committees. Mrs. McLeod, chairman of the library committee, invited all present to visit and inspect the library. The members were also invited to inspect the lunch-room. It was announced that \$88.00 worth of new books had been purchased. After several short talks by different persons, the program was turned over to Miss Plonk, the music teacher, whose pupils rendered a very fine program of instrumental music and readings.

### HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY VISITS ROCKFISH

Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock the Rockfish P.-T. A. met and had as its guests the members of the high school faculty. We think this is a very fine idea, as it gives the parents of high school pupils from the county a chance to know the teachers of their children and vice versa, it gives the high school teachers a chance to know the parents of their pupils.

### ANTIOCH MEETING WELL ATTENDED

The Antioch P.-T. A. held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening at the school building. The meeting was very well attended. It was decided at this meeting to secure the "Blue Sky Boys" for an entertainment at an early date. The school has done a great deal lately with its beautification program.

### FUTURE FARMERS TO BE REPRESENTED

The Future Farmers Club is sending representatives to another district meet next week. We hope the boys will keep up the good work and win some more first places.

### SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM STARTED

The schools are starting this week on the most comprehensive programs of health that has been attempted for several years. The first thing being done is to give every child in the county an eye test. This will be followed by an effort on the part of the teachers and the N. C. Blind Commission to see that all children who need it are fitted with glasses. Following the eye tests, an effort is going to be made to give every pupil a thorough physical examination and at the same time offer each one the chance to have the typhoid and small-pox vaccinations at a very nominal cost.

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## Niven Fined \$10 For Assaulting Bridge Flagman

J. A. Niven, white man of Raeford who assaulted one of the flagmen at the McNeill bridge some time ago, plead guilty of simple assault in recorder's court Tuesday morning and was sentenced to serve thirty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$10 and the court costs and good behavior for 12 months.

Joseph Lloyd, colored boy of Quewhiffle township, who was charged with being drunk and disorderly and trespass, was freed and a nol pro taken in his case because the court found that he was under 18 years of age.

Sam Marshall, white man of Quewhiffle township charged with removing stable manure after the first of the year, had his case dismissed after the court stated that this was no crime.

On a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, L. C. Allen, white man of Little River township, was found guilty of simple assault and given a thirty day sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs. In another case Allen was sentenced to three months on the roads for assault. This sentence was to have been suspended on payment of a fine of \$25 and the costs but the defendant went to the roads.

Ed Hollingsworth, local colored man, was found not guilty of larceny.

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Lacost Murdock, white man, was given a sentence of thirty days to be suspended on payment of the costs for violating the road laws.

Bryand C. Addye and Daniel W. Crawford, white men of Fort Bragg, were given sentences of thirty days to be suspended on payment of the costs by each for speeding.

Joseph Handy, colored man of McLauchlin township, was called and failed to appear and his bond was forfeited in the case charging him with violating the road laws.

Evander Smith, white man of Fayetteville and former member of Battery "F" was charged by Captain W. L. Poole with larceny. On return of the stolen property the court continued the defendant's prayer for judgement on payment of the costs.

Pete Pate, white was given thirty days in each of two cases, sentences to be suspended on payment of the costs. In the first Pate was charged with being drunk and disorderly and in the second with that offense and assault with a deadly weapon also. He went to the roads.

Solon Martin, white, and Ed Norris, colored, were each given thirty-day sentences for being drunk and disorderly. Norris paid the costs in his case and had sentence suspended.

Rosa Monroe, colored oman of Raeford was found guilty of assault and sentenced to thirty days in jail, sentence to be suspended on payment of the court costs and on condition of good behavior for 12 months.

R. D. Cunningham, local colored man, was ordered held for Superior court under a bond of \$200 when the court found probable cause in the case in which Cunningham was charged with breaking and entering.

Jessie Bethea, local colored man, got thirty days to be suspended on payment of the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

## Farmers Should Sign 1939 Applications Now

All applications for 1939 soil conservation payments must be signed and in the state office before March 31, 1940 announced A. S. Knowles, county agent, yesterday. Applications for four townships will be in their respective township as follows: Quewhiffle township, at Ashemont school Thursday from 9 to 12 o'clock; Blue Springs township at Community house, Thursday from 3 to 5 o'clock; Stonewall township at Deafrom 9 to 12 o'clock; and Antioch township at community house from 2 to 5 o'clock. Those who have not signed should do so at once.

## Funeral Services For Mrs. McLean's Aunt

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McLean and Miss Mable McLean attended the funeral in Godwin yesterday afternoon of Mrs. McLean's aunt, Mrs. Rebecca Culbreth, who passed away at her home here last Monday night.

The funeral was conducted at Black's Chapel Methodist Church at Godwin and interment followed in the McCoy family cemetery near Lenoir.