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## STATE COTTON ALLOTMENT RELEASED

### Percentage Of Crop Land to Cotton Announced for Hoke and Adjoining Counties.

It has been brought to the attention of the Hoke County Soil Conservation committee that a misunderstanding exists among some farmers as to the state cotton allotment for 1940, and the percentage of crop land on which cotton allotments are established. Some farmers have been led to believe that North Carolina received an increase of 232,000 acres for 1940. The state committee has released figures as follows: The state cotton allotment for 1938 was 902,507 acres; in 1939 it was 931,031 acres; and for 1940 the allotment is 930,507 acres.

The state committee has released comparative figures showing the cotton factors for Hoke and adjoining counties so that farmers of Hoke county will know that no county receives as high as 34% to 38%. The cotton factor for Hoke county was 29.3% for 1940; Robeson county cotton factor was 24.8% in 1938, 24.7% in 1939, and 24.2% for 1940; and the Scotland county factor was 33.5% in 1938, 32.7% in 1939, and 32.2% for 1940. The Cumberland county factor was 23.8% in 1938, 23.1% in 1939, and 22.8% for 1940; the Richmond county factor was 16.6% in 1938, 20.3% in 1939, and 20.4% for 1940; and the Harnett county factor was 27.9% in 1938, 24% in 1939, and 23.8% for 1940. The Moore county cotton factor was 5.2% in 1938, 12.3% in 1939, and 12.5% for 1940; and the Lee county factor was 9.9% in 1938, 9.8% in 1939, and 15.3% for 1940.

The method of setting up cotton allotments on individual farms was written in the "Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act of 1938," and was passed by Congress. According to the act, allotments are based on past plantings of cotton, taking into account the number of acres of crop land available for the production of cotton.

## Burgin Returns To Capitol Post

Washington, May 6.—Representative W. O. Burgin returned to Capitol Hill today, marking the end to a long siege of pneumonia.

The Eighth District Congressman said he planned to "get back into harness in a hurry."

Although he looked slightly pale after his illness of several months' duration, Burgin said that he was feeling fine and eager to be at work. He was in high spirits as he received the greetings of his colleagues in the North Carolina delegation and other members of the House.

Mr. Burgin said that he planned to return to the Naval Hospital for a short routine physical check-up on Thursday afternoon, but that, for all practical purposes, "my hospital days are over."

The sulfanilamide treatment he received for pneumonia, he admitted, will leave him weak for some time. Sulfanilamide renders a sizable shock to the entire system and it takes some time for one who has taken it to fully recover from the effects.

Mr. Burgin said he planned to be at his office regularly from now on. He added that he planned also to return home as soon as he had caught up on the backlog of work that had accumulated during his illness.

Mr. Burgin's physicians have warned him against trying to play too vigorous a role in the fourth-coming campaign. While they assure him that he is recovering rapidly, it would be unwise to place too great a strain on his system and thus retard complete recovery.

The Congressman was greeted enthusiastically in the House and he expressed deep appreciation for the many messages he has received from his friends in Washington as well as from his district while he was in the hospital.

## Soft Ball Meeting Next Tuesday Night

All persons interested in organizing a softball league in Raeford for the coming (got here Tuesday) summer are invited and urged to be present at a meeting which will be held at the Kiwanis hall next Tuesday night, May 14, at seven-thirty.

Merchants or firms who are interested in sponsoring a team for the season are asked by the organizers to attend the meeting or be represented.

## Town Board Asks State For Help On City Streets

At their meeting in the town hall Tuesday night the town commissioners of Raeford passed a resolution asking for state help in the upkeep of the city streets in North Carolina from the money received from gasoline taxes. The commissioners expressed themselves as thinking this should be done because when the state assumed maintenance of all state and county roads it did not include keeping up the streets or roads lying in the corporate limits of towns. The resolution passed by the board follows:

WHEREAS, when the state of North Carolina in 1931 assumed responsibility for maintenance and construction of all state and county roads from gasoline and motor vehicle license taxes, it did not include state aid for roads, better known as streets, which happen to lie within the corporate limits of its towns and cities and

WHEREAS, the annual state appropriation from highway funds of \$500,000 finally begun in 1935 to be used only for maintenance on only those municipal streets used to connect numbered state highways is not sufficient to provide properly for adequate maintenance, widening or reconstruction of the nearly 6,000 miles of town and city streets in North Carolina, for construction of which municipalities paid more than \$109,000,000 from property taxes or bond issues to be repaid from property taxes, and

WHEREAS, surveys show that approximately 39 per cent of all motor (Continued on page four)

## Funeral Rites For Mrs. Maxwell's Father

Funeral services for John J. Beard, prominent farmer of the Rex community of Robeson county and father of Mrs. Walter Maxwell of Raeford, were conducted last Friday afternoon at the Rex Presbyterian church by Rev. F. M. Bain, pastor.

Mr. Beard had died suddenly at his home on the Wednesday night preceding at about ten-thirty o'clock. His health had been failing for some time but death was unexpected.

He was a native of Cumberland county, moving to Robeson in early manhood. He was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Butler, of Sampson county, and to this union were born four children who survive. They are Miss Mary Lou Beard of Red Springs, Mrs. John Jones of Rex, Mrs. Walter Maxwell of Raeford, and Mrs. Ben Shaw of Lumber Bridge.

His second wife, who was Miss Dicie Covington of Richmond county, and their three children survive: Mrs. Fred Inman of Fairmont, Miss Margaret Beard and John J. Beard, Jr., of Rex.

Also surviving is one brother.

## REGISTER!

We take this final opportunity to remind all persons in Hoke county who are eligible to vote that Saturday, May 11, is the last chance they will have to register. It is the duty of every person to exercise his voting privilege and to do so you must REGISTER. Get your name on the book in your precinct before six o'clock Saturday afternoon.—Editor.

## WITH THE SICK

**MRS. McLEAN CAMPBELL**  
Mrs. McLean Campbell, who has been confined to her bed for some time, took a turn for the worse last week and was described by a member of her family yesterday as being "mighty sick."

**ODOM IMPROVES**  
W. C. Odom, who has been seriously ill at his home here for several weeks was said to be some better yesterday.

**MRS. GATLIN BETTER**  
Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr., is still seriously ill at a Moore county hospital where she has been for several weeks but her condition was described yesterday as continuing to improve.

## Soil Conservation Payments

Hoke farmers who cooperated with the 1939 soil conservation program have received twelve hundred and twenty-four individual checks to date for a total of \$82,890.89, reports A. S. Knowles, county agent. Checks amounting to \$32,368.22 have been received in the past week at the county farm office.

## To Complete REA Survey By May 15

The Board of Directors for the Lumber River Electric Membership cooperative has set May 15th as the date on which the engineers will complete their survey work for the first project, reports County Agent A. S. Knowles.

There remains only a few sections in which the engineers are to survey at this time. Those farmers who have paid their membership fee are now being placed on the maps by the engineers.

The membership survey workers for Hoke county met in Raeford Tuesday and showed the engineer the paid in members. It will be impossible for electric service from the REA line by those who are not members before May 15th.

According to reports from the board of directors and the engineers it is probable that 450 miles of electric lines will be built by the REA in Hoke, Cumberland, Robeson, and Scotland counties and will serve fifteen hundred farm families.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

By K. A. MacDONALD

### GRADUATION EXERCISES AT HOKE HIGH TOMORROW NIGHT

Tomorrow night at 8 o'clock the graduation exercises will be held in the high school auditorium. At this time Dr. Frazier, retired president of Queen's college, Charlotte, will make the literary address. Diplomas will be presented to 54 graduates. Music will be furnished by the high school glee club. Every one is invited especially to attend this, the culminating exercise of the commencement season.

### MILDOUNSON SERMON POSTPONED

On Sunday afternoon at 3:30 Rev. David F. Blue will preach the commencement sermon at Mildouson. This service was to have been held last Sunday but was postponed on account of a death in the community. Everyone is cordially invited.

### CRAWFORD PREACHES TO HOKE HIGH SENIORS

Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock Rev. E. C. Crawford of the local Methodist church preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the high school. The 54 seniors heard Mr. Crawford's message with a great deal of profit and pleasure. The theme was "Success Through Failure."

This sermon was one of the highlights of the commencement season. A great many of the audience that filled the auditorium said that it was the best commencement sermon preached here in a long time. Rev. W. C. Brown pronounced the invocation and music was furnished by the glee club.

### EXERCISES HELD

On Wednesday night at 8:00, the 7th grade promotion exercises were held at the Mildouson school. The "Gypsy Camp" was the motif. The theme, "Carrying On."

### SERMON AT ASHEMONT

The Ashemont commencement sermon was preached at the school building Sunday night at 8:00 by Rev. E. C. Crawford of the Raeford Methodist church. Mr. Crawford preached a very appropriate sermon to the 7th graders.

### CLINIC AT ASHEMONT

The Ashemont pre-school clinic was held last Friday afternoon by Dr. Godwin of the Sanatorium. He gave the diphtheria and typhoid treatments in addition to the regular examinations. The second typhoid treatment will be given today.

### OPERA AT ANTIOCH

Last Thursday evening at 8:00 the Antioch school presented the operetta, "The Jolly Circus," to a large and appreciative audience. Much credit for the success of the operetta is due to Mrs. H. R. Poole who wrote it and composed a greater part of the music. Teachers and pupils also did their parts splendidly.

### ROWELL TO SNEAD'S GROVE

G. H. Rowell, resigned principal of the Antioch school has accepted the principalship of the Snead's Grove school in Scotland county.

## National Cotton Week May 17-25

T. B. Upchurch, Jr., President of the North Carolina unit of the National Cotton Council and a well known cotton grower of this section, today endorsed National Cotton Week to be celebrated May 17-25 and urged North Carolinians to support the campaign to increase the consumption of cotton goods. He said that this annual event has done much in the past to help prices of the South's major cash crop.

Consumers are being asked to make purchases of cotton goods and favor products put up in cotton containers. Chain stores and other retail outlets are actively supporting the campaign. They plan to feature cotton goods in window displays and on bargain counters, as well as using cotton bagging for products purchased in bulk and for products packaged for retail sale.

Upchurch said that 75,000 stores cooperated in the nationwide promotions for National Cotton Week last year. Cotton fabrics, domestics, and apparel were the highlights of the week's business in retail trade.

The Cotton Council leader pointed out that with production of cotton expected to increase substantially in North Carolina this year over the 445,000 bales grown on 746,000 acres in 1939, it is important to farmers that the National Cotton Week campaign be successful. "If the average price could be boosted even slightly over the 9 cents per pound that last year's crop brought it would put many thousands of dollars into the pockets of North Carolina farmers and in turn into the pockets of merchants and other business men," Upchurch declared.

In conclusion, Upchurch called upon the people of the State to support this producer-consumer event at a time when declining tobacco prices leave the future of agriculture and business in a precarious position.

## County Convention Next Saturday; Committees Selected

Democratic precinct meetings were held in the precincts of the county last Saturday and a chairman, a vice-chairman, and three committeemen were elected in each. The County Democratic Convention will be held in the courthouse next Saturday afternoon and delegates will be selected there to attend the State Convention in Raleigh May 17 and represent Hoke county.

Committees for eight precincts follow, the first two named in each precinct being the chairman and vice-chairman, respectively. Names for Puppy Creek and Rockfish were not available.

**Raeford No. 1**  
John Cameron, Mrs. J. A. McGoogan, Laurie McEachern, W. L. Poole, W. P. Baker.

**Raeford No. 2**  
J. B. Thomas, Mrs. A. D. Gore, Ryan McBryde, J. L. McNeill, John McKay Blue.

**Mildouson**  
N. A. McInnis, Mrs. Earl Tolar, J. M. McGoogan, J. L. McFayden, N. H. G. Balfour.

**Blue Springs**  
J. B. Covington, Mrs. J. W. McBryde, Hector McNeill, J. F. McMillan, Rex Currie.

**Allendale**  
Archie Watson, Mrs. Belle Currie, Mrs. J. S. Currie, L. A. McGoogan, N. P. Watson.

**Quewhistle**  
N. F. Sinclair, Mrs. P. P. McCain, J. B. Womble, Turner Pickler, Tom Sinclair.

**Antioch**  
J. A. McPhaul, Mrs. W. C. Hodgkin, J. A. Hodgkin, W. L. Gibson, W. J. Coats.

**Little River**  
Daniel McGill, Mrs. A. D. McLaughlin, J. W. Smith, D. M. Cameron, Whorton Seagraves.

## Survey of Rockfish Road Is Promised

D. B. McCrary, highway commissioner of this division and L. E. Whitfield, division engineer, appeared before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners at their meeting Monday. They promised the commissioners that a survey would be begun immediately of the Raeford-Rockfish road with a view to improving the same as early as possible.

McCrary and Whitfield also assured the board that U. S. highway 15-A was in line to be widened all the way through Hoke county as soon as funds are available.

## Fairleys Return

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Fairley have returned from Montreal and Dr. Fairley will occupy his pulpit both Sunday morning and evening. Alan McSweeney, who assisted Dr. Fairley last summer, will again resume his work here the first Sunday in June.

## All Defendants Get 30 Days Suspended Payment of Costs

With the exception of the cases in which the crime charged was beyond the jurisdiction of the court, all defendants in Hoke county Recorder's court Tuesday were sentenced to serve thirty days on the roads, sentences to be suspended on payment of the costs. Some had the money for the costs and some didn't.

Walter Scott, white man of Blue Springs township, pled guilty of being drunk and disorderly and, not having the costs, he went to the roads.

Bert Scott, father of Walter, is still in jail for the same offense intending to pay the costs.

Lacy Harrington, local colored man, pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws and paid the costs.

Willie McPhaul, colored man of Antioch, pled guilty of careless and reckless driving and paid the costs.

Kinnie Watson and Johnnie Pate, local white men, pled guilty of violating the prohibition laws and paid the costs.

Charlie Hair, white man of Fort Bragg, pled guilty of being drunk and disorderly and went to the roads for 30 days.

Johnny Harris, young white man of Raeford township, was found guilty of violating the prohibition laws and paid the costs.

James McNair, Ernest Stevens, Hubert McNeill, David McNeill, and Troy Maynor, all colored men of McLauchlin township, were charged with breaking and entering and larceny. Probable cause was found as to all defendants, and they were bound over for Superior court, bond for each being set at \$200.

Eddie Roper and Angus McDuffie, local colored men were charged with breaking and entering at night and larceny. Probable cause was found as to each and bond was set at \$250 for their appearance in the next term of Superior court.

## HAVE YOU BEEN COUNTED?

Sam Morris, census enumerator for the Town of Raeford, hereby requests every person in Raeford who does not know that he or she has been enumerated for the 1940 census to see him today or to leave their name at the News-Journal office so that he may get it. "It is certainly to every resident's interest that all of them be counted and Thursday is the last day my enumeration sheets will be open," said Morris.

## Final Rites For Mrs. C. M. Randleman

Funeral services were conducted last Sunday afternoon at the Antioch Presbyterian church for Mrs. C. M. Randleman, 41 year-old woman of Stonevale township who passed away in a Fayetteville hospital early Friday morning after having underwent an operation about a week previously.

Conducting the services were Rev. H. R. Poole, pastor of the Antioch church and Rev. B. T. Hurley, pastor of the Red Springs Methodist church. Interment followed in the churchyard cemetery.

Surviving are the husband and six children.

## Candidates Visit During Past Week

Two candidates for the Democratic nomination for the seat in the House of Representatives from the Eighth Congressional District were in town in the past week. Both of them were from Rockingham.

Bob Steele, III, Rockingham lawyer running for the office for his first time, was in town last Friday afternoon.

C. B. Deane, Rockingham attorney who lost a close and disputed race to Congressman W. O. Burgin two years ago, visited Raeford in the interest of his candidacy yesterday afternoon.

## Census Figures Will Not Be Released

Announcement from the district census office yesterday was to the effect that District Supervisors of the census had been instructed from Washington to give out no further population count until the entire population count is completed. The population of each county will be given to local newspapers first as it is completed.

Murdoch McDuffie of Raeford spent last weekend at home.

## FAYETTEVILLE ROAD WORK COMPLETED

### Thomason Bids To Widen It; To Be Wide Open Next Week.

The bridge construction, paving, and grading which has been taking place on the Raeford-Fayetteville road for the past six months or more has finally been completed and the road is now wide open with the exception of one piece of one-way road where it crosses Rockfish creek. The work is done here but the heavy traffic over the highway cannot be allowed on one side of this stretch for one more week when the concrete will have set. There are also two other short patches on the road which will not be driven on before next week for the same reason.

J. C. McLane, foreman for the C. Y. Thomason Company which has done the paving on the job, said this week before leaving for Cocoa, Fla., where his company is doing the paving necessary for the construction of a large seaplane base there, that this company expected to bid for the job of widening Highway 15-A from Fayetteville to the South Carolina line. This work has been approved and it is expected that the highway commission will award the contract in the very near future.

McLane, a native of Abbeville, S. C., is an engineer with over twenty years experience in the business during which time he has worked on construction and paving jobs in many states of the Union and also in Central and South America. He has been with the Thomason company for a little over two years and thinks that he will probably be in charge of the road-widening work if his company should get the contract.

The Coastal Construction company of Florence, S. C., built the bridges on the road over Pedder's Branch, Rockfish creek, Little Beaver Creek, and Puppy Creek. The superintendent of the bridge construction was T. M. Blackman, of Lancaster, S. C., a veteran bridge-builder of eighteen years experience.

Blackman and entire crew have been highly praised by the highway department and others for the bridges they have constructed. The praise has been particularly for the bridge over Rockfish Creek which highway officials have said is one of the finest in the state. The commission received a letter this week from a prominent bridge builder of New York state saying that he had seen the bridge and that it was one of the finest jobs he had seen in his experience.

Mr. Blackman has been building bridges for the Coastal Construction company for some time and has also been a construction superintendent with the C. Y. Thomason company for five years. He has two sons who are superintendents with that company now.

## Raeford Team Enters Golden Gloves

Coach Earl Smith, Hoke county high school basketball tutor during this school year, has entered the Piedmont Golden Gloves boxing tournament with four other boys who will compete as a team from Raeford.

Entered in the novice class are the following: 112 pound—Lewis Carter; 125 pound—Richard Jones; 147 pound—Robert Jones; 175 pound—Tom Sinclair.

Smith is entered in 160 pound division of the open class. He was novice champion in this weight in the Carolinas Golden Gloves in Charlotte two years ago.

## Raeford Merchants Agree To Summer Closing Hours

At a meeting of the Raeford Merchants association at the courthouse Tuesday night it was decided that all merchants in Raeford would be asked to observe certain closing hours and holidays during the summer. All merchants in town agreed to the following yesterday:

1. Beginning Monday, May 13, all stores will close at six P. M., except on Saturdays.
2. Beginning Wednesday, June 5, all stores will close at 12:30 P. M. through Wednesday, August 21.
3. All stores will close on July 4th.

Flora Alice Peterson, student nurse of Highsmith hospital, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Peterson, who had as her guest, Miss Evelyn Avery, who is a student nurse.