

Roosevelt Drafts Extraordinary Arms Program

Washington, May 14.—An extraordinary arms program boosting next fiscal year's defense spending to more than \$2,500,000,000 was reported in the making tonight after President Roosevelt had asserted with the utmost emphasis, that European events dictated an immediate expansion and modernization of America's armed forces.

Coatless, seated behind a desk piled high with papers as the result of long conferences on the subject, Mr. Roosevelt informed reporters that the program may cost a great deal of money, but must be undertaken in any event. He said that whether the money was raised by borrowing, increasing the \$45,000,000,000 legal limit on the national debt, or by taxation was a minor detail.

The important thing, he said, was the national defense, and the main thing was to get the money to work making America's defenses impregnable against foreign attack. A special message to Congress detailing his recommendations will go to the Capitol tomorrow if he can furnish it by then, he said, and if not will be dispatched by Thursday.

There was no official word as to what sum it would ask, but estimates in high quarters ranged from \$750,000,000 to roughly \$1,000,000,000. Even the lower figure, when added to sums already voted or pending, would raise the total defense outlay for the year starting July 1 above \$2,500,000,000.

England's Coast Opened To Air And Submarine Attack

London, May 15.—The dire threat of German air and submarine assaults on Great Britain from bases in Nazi-occupied Holland weighed heavily on Britons today while expeditionary forces on the continent were declared officially to be maintaining "contact with the enemy."

The Dutch acknowledged the German conquest of all Holland except the southwestern province of Zeeland, but their legation here said the Dutch navy still was battling as a "state of war" persisted.

Lord Gort, commander-in-chief of British field forces, told his men, "The struggle will be long and hard, but we can be confident of final victory."

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Churchill injected new blood into his cabinet, and the War office called on volunteers for defense against a possible Nazi invasion of England by parachute troops.

Chief among the cabinet additions was that of vigorous, 61-year-old Lord Beaverbrook, famed Canadian-born newspaper publisher, to the newly-created post of Minister of Aircraft Production. Long an advocate of "planes, planes, and more planes," his energies will be directed toward bolstering a fighting arm in which Britain admits a deficiency.

Despite these admissions and gloomy news from the Netherlands, British fighting pilots were reported to have inflicted four losses for every one suffered at the hands of the Germans in the low countries.

Military sources describing the smashing German attacks in southern Holland said British troops now were in place with the Belgians in a developing battle expected to tell within the next few days the course that the war would take.

(A broadcast heard in London, identified as coming from the Dutch radio, quoted the Dutch army commander, General Henri Gerard Winkelman, as declaring, "Our resistance has been broken by overwhelming power.")

The appointment of Lord Beaverbrook recalled the World war selection of David Lloyd George for the war-created post of Minister of Munitions when Britain experienced a shell shortage which almost cost her the war.

Bethel Auxiliary To Hold Picnic

The ladies of the Bethel Auxiliary are having a picnic supper at Bethel church on May 23rd at 8 o'clock. After supper everyone will be asked to go in the church where a pageant will be given, "Christ's Challenge for Childhood." The ladies are asking every member of Bethel church to come, men and children. They are also asking that each family bring a picnic basket.

We are asking every member of the American Legion to wear a poppy on Poppy Day, Saturday, May 25, and urge all other citizens to show their patriotic remembrance for the dead in a like manner.

54 Awarded Diplomas at Hoke High Last Friday Night



The fifty-four members of the graduating class of 1940 at Hoke County High School are shown above as they were photographed recently in the auditorium at the school. The mascots in the picture are Little Miss Sue Harper of Sanatorium and Master John Patterson of Raeford. Others are, reading from left to right:

Front row: Gertrude McKenzie, Lucille Teal, Yvonne Baucom, Jane Lindsay, Margaret Baker, Elizabeth Cameron, Thelma Parks, Mamie Pendergrass, Dixie Smith, Imogene Baucom, Mary Nancy Johnson, Kathleen Campbell, Catherine Livingston, Emma Brooks Tapp, Frances Campbell, Doris Prevatte, Gertrude Jones, Curtis Culbreth, Mary Catherine McInnis.

Second row: Miss Lillian Marian, Miss Lois Waller, Lula Mae Dawson, Dorothy Pearson, Frances Reynolds, Mildred Gillis, Sally Alexander, David Ritter, Bill Upchurch, John D. McPhaul, Raymond Maxwell, Albert Smoak, Mary Lewis, Jean Clark, Mamie Livingston, Verna Neal Sinclair, Rena Lentz, Hazel Gentry, Mr. E. D. Johnson.

Second row: Phil Johnson, Howard Baucom, Raymond McBryde, Douglas McPhaul, Lacy Huckabee, Ebb Barrington, Wilson Yarborough, Graham McPhaul, Leslie McNeill, Walter Webb, Lester Seals, Clarence Willis, Tamadge English, Jephtha Peele, Milton Jordan, Warren Calloway, Eldred Helton, William Harris, Joseph McAnulty.

Underpass Planned On Fayetteville Road

Construction on the proposed \$50,000 highway underpass at the Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad crossing on the Fayetteville road will begin sometime in June providing no objections to the project are filed. T. T. Betts, state highway division engineer in Fayetteville, said this week.

Maps for the job were posted Monday morning, Mr. Betts said, and the project will be included in June contract lettings.

It is anticipated the job will require about five months to complete, the engineer said. Relocation of the railroad and a change in the grade will be necessary parts of the underpass construction.

Site of the railroad-highway intersection is about 11 miles from Raeford on U. S. 15-A north.

Red Cross War Relief Campaign

The following telegram has been received from the American Red Cross:

"With the invasion of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg the war has entered a phase which will inevitably and at once bring widespread and appalling suffering to millions of helpless men, women and children. In order to inaugurate widespread relief measures the American Red Cross is at once launching a campaign for a minimum war relief fund of ten million dollars. Your chapter quota is \$400.00. Please at once mobilize the entire leadership of your chapter and community in order that your quota may be raised and exceeded without delay. Chapters may retain fifteen per cent of collections to cover their local war relief expenses."

The purpose of this campaign is to raise a general war relief fund to be expended by the American Red Cross to meet emergency relief needs resulting from conflict wherever they may develop. The Red Cross societies of all the countries at war, except those of Germany, Russia and Japan, have indicated that they will welcome assistance from the American Red Cross.

Please send or bring all donations to H. L. Gattin, treasurer, at the Raeford Furniture company or to the office of Dr. R. L. Murray. R. L. MURRAY, M.D., Chairman, Hoke County Chapter.

To Tour Coker Farms May 24th

It has been announced by A. S. Knowles, county agent, that a number of farmers from Hoke county will make a tour of Coker's farm on May 24th to study the progress being made in the breeding of small grain.

The Coker farm is foremost in the breeding of good crop seeds in the south. Those desiring to make this tour should see the county agent at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Covington and Mary Stewart spent Sunday in Hamlet with Mrs. Covington's mother, Mrs. J. R. Gordon.

County Seventh Grade Exercises

On Thursday the county-wide 7th grade promotion day exercises were held in the high school auditorium at which time 78 seventh graders received promotion certificates.

Rev. Frank L. Goodman, of Laurel Hill, made the address. The certificates were presented by the principals or a local board member. The salutatory was given by Jewel Klouse and the valedictory by Donnie Mae Lyttle, both of the Raeford graded school. Vera King of Rockfish and Harriet Jones of Ashemont made the next highest scores. The program was furnished by the different participating schools. The music was under the direction of Miss Plonk, county music teacher.

John Cameron Chairman Hoke Executive Comm.

John B. Cameron of Raeford was elected chairman of the Hoke county Democratic Executive committee at a meeting of that body at the courthouse last Saturday afternoon following the County Democratic Convention.

Cameron succeeds J. B. Thomas as chairman of the committee. Mr. Thomas has been chairman for a total of ten years and he announced to the convention last Saturday that he would not succeed himself again. The new county chairman is precinct chairman in Raeford precinct number one.

Delegates were selected from each precinct of the county at the convention last Saturday to attend the State convention at Raleigh tomorrow and represent Hoke county. Two of the county's ten precincts were not represented at the convention.

A large Hoke county delegation is expected to attend the convention tomorrow.

Pageant At Antioch Sunday Evening

The Antioch Auxiliary will present an impressive pageant, "Christ's Challenge for Childhood," Sunday, May 19th, 7:45 P. M. The offering will be the annual birthday gift, to go this time for the conducting of Daily Vacation Bible schools in needy areas of the South. Everyone is invited.

The dates for the daily vacation Bible school at Antioch will be announced next week.

Road Widening Begun This Week

Luke Powell, road engineer in Hoke and Robeson counties stated yesterday that the work of widening Highway 15-A from Raeford to Laurinburg had been started this week. The road will be made two feet wider, the shoulders will be widened and rebuilt, and the road will be resurfaced as it is in bad condition due to faulty materials used in the previous resurfacing job.

Dr. Frazer Urges Seniors To Strive For Own Desires and Help Others

SCHOOL BRIEFS

By K. A. MacDONALD

SCHOOLS OF COUNTY FINISH TERM

The white schools of the county all finished their terms on Monday of this week. Two schools, Antioch and Rockfish, finished on Friday. Monday was spent largely in giving out report and promotion cards, certificates for perfect attendance, reading circle and good citizenship. We have closed a good year and more detailed information will be given at a later date after reports, test results, etc., have been checked and compiled. The negro and Indian schools will close next week. Owing to the fact that there has been little cotton to chop thus far the attendance in these schools has been unusually good.

REV BLUE AT MILDOUSON

The last commencement exercise in the county was held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at the Mildouson school. The sermon to the seventh grade was preached by Rev. David F. Blue of Fayetteville. Everyone present was impressed with the sincerity and appropriateness of the sermon. Rev. Henry R. Poole of Antioch assisted in the service.

SENIOR CLASS EXERCISES

Last Thursday night a large crowd attended the Senior class day exercises and enjoyed the program that the class put on. The history was interesting, the prophecy amusing. The class poem was unusually good. The gifts were amusing and illustrated the different traits of character of the individuals. In presenting the gifts, Mr. Johnson was called forward and was handed a check to cover the cost of a flag and flag pole to be erected on the front lawn.

MEDALS AT MILDOUSON

At the 7th grade exercises at the Mildouson school medals that were given by Mrs. Jesse Gibson and Donald Yates were presented to Clellon Chason as best reader, and Wade Hendricks as the best declaimer.

CAFETERIA GARDEN PROJECT

Mrs. Jesse Gibson has donated an acre of land for the high school cafeteria garden. Clint Parrish has agreed to furnish stock to work the garden and NYA will furnish labor. J. W. Dowd will be in charge. Fertilizer and seed have been donated. A list of donors will be given at a later date.

BOXERS DO WELL IN GREENSBORO

Earl Smith, boxing coach, and J. W. Dowd took a team to Greensboro for the Golden Glove Boxing tournament. The team consisted of Richard and Robert Jones, Tom Clark Sinclair, Lewis Carter and Earl

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Former Queens Head Makes Strong Speech; N. B. Blue Presents Diplomas.

Friday night, May 10th, the graduating exercises were held in the auditorium of Hoke County High School. At this time fifty-four seniors were presented their diplomas by N. B. Blue, chairman of the County Board of Education.

The seniors heard a splendid address by Dr. W. H. Frazer, retired president of Queens college at Charlotte. Dr. Frazer was introduced by Dr. Watson M. Fairley, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church.

The speaker's theme was as follows: "Every one should desire things necessary for himself; he should strive to fulfill his desires but in doing so should not forget his fellow-men."

He called the attention of the audience to the fact that desire was a legitimate trait of the human race and cited the case of J. B. Duke who started with nothing but a desire, and in the fulfilling of his desires amassed a fortune and at the same time became a benefactor of all philanthropic work in the Carolinas. He also cited other cases where men in the fulfilling of their desires had been benefactors of the human race.

Dr. Frazer showed the seniors that in the fulfilling of their desires that they would have to work and use every one possible to help them. He cited Henry Ford as a good example of using others, and at the same time helping the ones used.

He then showed them how they, the seniors, could do all this, and in attaining their goal of fulfilled desires be benefactors to those with whom they come in contact and incidentally acquire the praise of men through this unselfish use of themselves and others.

In closing he illustrated this part of his address with the story of the doctor whose desire for service led him to the leper colony in the east and whose unselfish service brought him undying fame.

The salutatory address was delivered by Yvonne Baucom. In a tie with Yvonne for second honors was Kathleen Campbell, who spoke at the class day exercises.

H. C. McLaughlin, secretary of the Raeford Kiwanis club, presented the Kiwanis medals to the best all-around students in the different departments of the school to Marian Lewis of the primary department, Jennie Holland of the grammar grades, and Mary Lewis of the high school.

K. A. MacDonald delivered an award to Joseph McAnulty from the Reader's Digest for excellence in scholarship. He also delivered the certificates awarded by the commercial department which are given for five units of credit in commercial work.

Mrs. A. D. Gore presented the award made by the Educational department of the Woman's club to Joseph McAnulty. Miss Aris Shankle presented the awards made by the Literature department of the Woman's

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2,500 Voters Registered As Books Close

When the registration books in Hoke county's ten precincts closed last Saturday approximately 2,500 voters had placed their names on them. This registration was about 200 less than the number of voters registered on the old registration books as on the old books were 2,697 names.

The registration by precincts is as follows: Allendale 96 Democrats and 2 Republicans; Antioch 262 and 15, Ashemont 250 and 10, Blue Springs 194 and 8, Mildouson 205 and 5, Puppy Creek 120 and 8, Raeford No. 1 (east side) 383 and 4 and 2 Independents are listed some way or other, Raeford No. 2 (west side) 640 and 6. These figures add to a total of 2,347 with the figures from Little River yet to come in. Assuming that there will be at least 150 registered in Little River (189 on old books) the total is brought to about 2,500.

The figures listed for Ashemont above are not official as no such report has been received by William L. Poole, chairman of the county board of elections, but it is thought that they are correct.

The above figures without Little River show that there are 2,274 Democrats registered in the county and 71 Republicans.

REA Directors Will Meet Here Today

The board of directors of the Lumbree River Electric Membership Corporation, which is in the process of being organized, will meet in the Hoke county courthouse this morning shortly after nine o'clock.

The meeting this morning is to be the final preliminary meeting, or in other words, the meeting at which last arrangements before the organization is incorporated will be made. These arrangements consist of the deciding the exact size of the project (miles of line), and the location of all the lines.

Another important decision the board of directors is expected to make today is the selection of a town in the area to be served by the corporation for a central office.

It is expected by informed persons connected with the project that more than 400 miles of line will be included in the first project which, according to the opinion of one of the engineers, will make it the largest initial REA project ever started in the Southeastern United States.

The following are directors of the organization: John McN. Gillis of Cumberland county, Marshall Newton, Mrs. Lucy Smith, and J. A. Roper of Hoke county, Mrs. Thomas McGirt and Dan McGirt of Scotland county, C. A. Alford, J. A. Morrison, and C. R. Cadell of Robeson county.

Mr. Alford is president of the organization, Mr. McGirt is secretary, and Mr. Cadell is treasurer. G. G. Dickson is attorney and D. J. Dalton is coordinator.

A. S. Knowles and Miss Josephine Hall in their capacities as county farm and home demonstration agents, respectively, have done much to bring about the organization of the corporation.

Soft Ball League Organized Tuesday

At a meeting Tuesday night the soft-ball league for this summer was organized, and the following officers were elected: President, R. E. Lewis; vice-president, J. H. Blue; secretary-treasurer, J. D. Tapp. A committee consisting of Clarence Brown, Sam Morris, J. H. Blue, and Make McKeithan was appointed to obtain names of all would be players and report Thursday night at a meeting to be held at eight o'clock in the Kiwanis hall. All interested will please give their names to any of this committee, or any of the officers of the league.

It is proposed to have four teams, representing four business houses in Raeford. These sponsors will be elected Thursday night. Any business house interested is asked to have some one at the meeting. Teams will be picked and it is expected that regular games will be started beginning the week of May 27th.

BURGIN TO ATTEND

It is learned that Congressman W. O. Burgin has practically recovered from his recent illness and expects to attend the State Democratic convention in Raleigh tomorrow.