

Britain May Keep Food From Belgium

London, Aug. 6.—Great Britain, it was indicated tonight, probably will refuse an implicit plea by the United States ambassador to Belgium that the blockading British navy permit shipment of food from America to avert starvation in Belgium and elsewhere in Europe.

An informed British source said it was "unlikely that Britain will allow any food into German-occupied Europe."

The envoy, John Cudahy, had declared that conditions "close to famine" would prevail in Belgium by mid-September unless American shipments get through.

Indirectly he used the phrase, "a howling hell," to picture the possible situation in Belgium and elsewhere in Europe when winter comes.

Within a few hours after Cudahy's prediction, this British comment discounting it was forthcoming:

"It is not at all certain that Europe will be in such a bad way over food as Mr. Cudahy thinks. Belgium and the other occupied countries will have to make up their shortages from Germany. If the Germans are prepared to share fairly there probably won't be any famine in Europe this winter."

This source added that the official British attitude toward relaxation of the European blockade is not likely to be defined until a test case arises—that is, when a food ship encounters the blockade, which extends from Africa to the Arctic.

Cudahy cited the probability that German troops of occupation would live off the food of conquered lands if their communications were cut, using supplies which in themselves would be insufficient to support the native populations.

Ask Increased Cotton Loans

Washington, Aug. 6.—Southern senators appealed to President Roosevelt today to safeguard cotton farmers against a declining market by establishing a government loan rate of 10.25 cents a pound.

In a letter signed by a score of cotton state senators, the President was told this loan rate, representing an increase of about \$10 a bale over last year's was "fully justified and essential in order to protect the income of our cotton farmers until such a time as more normal trade conditions can be restored."

The letter was prepared by Senator Bankhead, Democrat of Alabama, member of a committee which yesterday called on Secretary Wallace to urge the boosted loan rate.

It said cotton farmers were facing a "critical situation" as a result of the dislocation of foreign trade.

"Cotton farmers have already done their part by going the limit in adjusting their acreage of cotton to bring supplies into balance with demand," the senators wrote. "This action has been helpful."

Culbreth Reunion Held Sunday

Last Sunday, August 4th, the dependants of Arch Culbreth, pioneer of the upper Cape Fear in the days of the Revolution, met in annual reunion at the home of his great grandson, Walter Culbreth, at White Oak, in Bladen county. As joint hosts for the day were Mr. Culbreth's brothers and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Culbreth of Raeford, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Culbreth of Gulfport, Miss., Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Culbreth of Jupiter, Fla., Mrs. W. J. Bramble of Atkinson, Mrs. R. L. Dew of Clinton, Mrs. W. A. Seawell of Fayetteville, Mrs. R. H. Edge of Fayetteville, Mrs. Pearl McClure, of White Oak, and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Culbreth of Red Springs.

Rev. Frank Culbreth of Fayetteville and Rev. A. B. Crumpler of Clinton made informal talks on the purpose of the day and family history preceding the bounteous picnic dinner served in the grove of the Walter Culbreth home.

About 350 members of the clan attended the reunion.

Raeford Girl Graduates At Wake Forest

Miss Florence Anita Lester received her bachelor's degree at Wake Forest college Saturday, August 3rd. Miss Lester was one of 48 graduates receiving diplomas at Wake Forest-Meredith summer school commencement exercises.

Dr. T. T. Binkley, head of the college religion department, made the address.

Nine Defendants Face Recorder

First of nine defendants to face Judge W. B. McQueen Tuesday were James Steel and Tom McBryde, negroes of near Raeford. They were charged with breaking, entering and larceny. Probable cause was found by the court and they were bound over to Superior court under bond of \$150 each.

Hailed into court under a charge of breaking, entering and attempted larceny were Marshall Williams and James Brown, negroes of Raeford. Probable cause was found by the court and they were bound over to Superior court under bond of \$200 each.

Willie Smith, white man, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He was bound over to Superior court under \$200 bond after probable cause had been found.

Also charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill was Willie B. McFadyen, white man of Raeford. He attempted to carve Hoover Stubbs, also of Raeford. He pleaded guilty to simple assault and the state accepted. Judgement was thirty days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of the costs and the doctor's bill.

J. D. Morrison, colored boy from Blue Springs, was caught in another man's watermelon patch with intent to take said melons. He pled guilty to the charge of trespassing and attempted larceny and the court sentenced him to thirty days on the roads, to be suspended on payment of the costs.

Lohome Hasty, negro from Blue Springs, was brought to court charged with being drunk and disorderly for the fifth time. He was also charged with trespass and with using profane and vile language. After his plea of guilty Judge McQueen sentenced him to six months on the roads.

British Leaf Buyers May Be On Floor

Danville, Va., Aug. 3.—It was learned in responsible tobacco trade circles today that the Imperial Tobacco company will be represented on the southern bright markets this year. Added color to the report is given by virtue of the fact that Imperial buyers have been assigned to the Georgia markets opening Thursday.

Under what plan the British company will operate has not been made known, but there is reason to believe that the United States government is again undertaking to finance purchases to relieve the company from using foreign exchange for a product which it has a year's supply in storage overseas.

For weeks the report has been current that the Imperial company would be off the southern markets this year owing to the fact that it made normal purchases last season, practically all of this tobacco being now in storage in this country.

Board Postpones Tax Advertising

The Hoke county board of commissioners at their regular meeting at the courthouse last Monday decided to postpone the advertising of land in the county for sale for unpaid taxes until the first week in October. This advertising was originally scheduled to begin this week, so it has been put off two months.

The board also in their meeting Monday decided to allow the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation to use the second floor of the county office building for their offices. This is over the county library and is now being used by Dr. Perry for the negro syphilis clinic. Dr. Perry is expected to vacate in the next few days.

Other business disposed of by the commissioners included the approval of a budget estimate for the county and routine business.

Communities Are Told To Decide Destination

Henderson, Aug. 3.—"Any city must determine its own destination, and then the merchants of that city must lay down the money for a ticket to that destination," L. P. Dickie, manager of the southeastern division of the United States chamber of commerce, told Henderson chamber of commerce members and their guests Friday night at a dinner meeting at Vance hotel.

Communities, he pointed out, are competing among themselves for trade just as separate business establishments within each community are competitors, and each community must necessarily study its possibilities and its attractions and advertise these features to its potential customers.

The Barbée Campaign Closes Sunday

The independent, non-denominational evangelistic campaign conducted in Raeford for the last month by John Barbée closes Sunday night. The services have been well attended, and the people have enjoyed the congregational singing of old hymns under the direction of J. R. Faulkner. The work of Miss Ann Murray with the children and young people has also been helpful. Mr. Barbée, the preacher, is a very young evangelist who is a strong advocate of the old-time religion; he preaches the gospel with sincerity and zeal.

Through the Barbée campaign new converts have been brought to Christ and the luke-warm spirit of many church members has been revived. To the churches of the Raeford community now falls the privilege and the obligation of cultivating the spiritual life of these new converts as the Barbée workers leave Raeford for another town. The good that has been started should be carried on through the years; to all the Christians of Raeford comes the opportunity of working together through the years for the salvation of all the people. These new converts will need to seek the fellowship of the people of God in working out their salvation and the salvation of others. The evangelist sows the seed, but as the evangelist moves on to other fields, the work of cultivating the plant and keeping the grass and thorns from choking its growth falls to the church.

The preachers and the church workers of Raeford welcome these new converts into the fellowship of their ranks as they seek to carry forward the program of Christ and His Church. Being anxious to conserve the best results of the revival, the preachers of Raeford are receiving a list of all persons who have been converted during the tent meeting. These names will be used by the preachers and church workers in town as they seek to bring themselves and others into a more perfect way in Christ.

(This article prepared by the pastors of Raeford).

How I Felt

(By D. SCOTT POOLE)

When a now prominent citizen of Raeford was a small boy, he delighted in gathering eggs from the barnlot, and bring them in the house to his mother. This was his daily job. His father had a large flock of hens on one of his farms, and one day he brought about a half bushel of eggs home when he returned from the farm, and he went around and filled all his little son's nests heaping full of eggs, and at the first nest the boy visited, he got his hat full of eggs, and came running into the house with them. He hurried to the next nest and got another hat full. And he brought in a half bushel or more, and his father said the boy's eyes got bigger and bigger each hat full. It was a long time before the boy found out the trick his father played on him.

Mrs. Poole's birthday came on Friday and mine on Saturday, so our relatives and friends presented us with many appreciated reminders of love and friendship, and I believe we felt like our little boy felt when he found so many eggs.

Thanks to one and all. I am considered old, but one thing certain: I never was this old before.

War Veterans May Take Over Home Defense If Needed

Hyde Park, N. Y., Aug. 6.—President Roosevelt disclosed today that World War veterans might take over home defense duties now assigned to the national guard, if and when the guard is brought into Federal service.

In the broader field of hemispheric co-operation, the Chief Executive told a press conference that a meeting of minds on defense against non-American nations was one of three extraordinary successful achievements of the Pan-American conference at Havana.

He said in response to an inquiry that unity of the Americas is without question more of a fact now than ever before.

The conference was successful also, he said, in taking steps to solve mutual economic problems of the American nations, which loom much larger because of the war in Europe, and in setting up machinery to combat fifth column activities originating outside the Americas.

Army Planning Roads In N. C.

Raleigh, Aug. 6.—The War department is considering the possibility of weaving a 1,255-mile network of military highways and bridges through North Carolina, Frank Dunlap, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works commission, said today.

Consideration of such a national defense step was revealed when the public road administration requested the department to make a survey and estimate the cost of improving 1,255 miles of highway and 250 bridges to meet military requirements.

Engineer W. Vance Baise of the state department stated that three engineers had been assigned to the job and would submit their findings within a week or 10 days. He would hazard no estimate of the cost of the projected defense system.

Highways under consideration as military arteries for troops, heavy artillery guns, supplies, and motorized units form a pattern of five north-south lanes between Virginia and South Carolina and two east-west lanes between Tennessee and the Atlantic.

The survey will embrace study of U. S. highways 1, 70, 15, 15-A, 501, and 301 in the east; U. S. 29 in central North Carolina and U. S. Highway 25, 70, and 176 in the west.

In view of possible heavy movements of motorized units, military highways will require a minimum 18-foot roadway; similar width for bridges and underpasses: 15-ton bridge strength; overhead clearances of 12.5 feet; and eight-foot, solid shoulders, or the alternatives of such shoulders along at least 2,000 feet of each two-mile sector.

Baise said most of the bridges and underpasses involved in the survey would meet the army requirements. He estimated that about 10 per cent of the bridges and roadway would require widening and that practically the entire 1,255 miles would require wider shoulders. Some routes, he said, are spotted with stretches of 16-foot paving.

Britain's Loss In U-Boat War Held Terrific

Berlin, Aug. 6.—The German counterblockade, designed to turn fatally upon Britain her greatest historic weapon, was claimed today to be smashing British shipping at a far higher rate than in the unrestricted submarine campaign of the first World war.

The Nazi high command asserted a total of 4,986,860 tons of British merchant vessels, and those usable by Britain, had been knocked out in 11 months of warfare—3,725,547 by the German navy and 1,261,313 by the air force.

Thus was claimed for Germany a monthly score of about 453,350 tons—against an average British loss of 205,000 tons during the 21 months when submarines were on fierce prowls a generation ago.

The high command communique asserted also that in the last three weeks of July the Germans had sent to the bottom 657,674 tons of "enemy merchant shipping space and space usable by the enemy."

All this, it was said, was aside from 21,650 tons of warships and merchant ships sunk by mines.

The high command declared that its successes against the British had been "proved by repeated closing of enemy ports and other evidence."

Nazi air activity was declared to be going forward without pause, German planes having attacked "several" English ports only today, after sharp air fighting over the English channel yesterday and last night in which eight Britishers were reported to have been shot down.

House Committee Decides To Hear More Witnesses

Washington, Aug. 7.—Suddenly reversing themselves, members of the House Military committee decided today to call five more witnesses, headed by Secretary Knox, to testify on the Burke-Wadsworth compulsory military training bill.

Although Chairman May (D-Ky) announced that hearings had been closed last Friday and the committee voted 11 to 10 in a stormy session yesterday not to hear further testimony, the members decided at what was described as a "love feast" this morning to reverse themselves and proceed with brief public hearings.

In addition to Knox, General John J. Pershing, Harry Woodring, former secretary of war, Louis Johnson, former assistant secretary of war, and Hugh Johnson, newspaper columnist, will be heard next week, probably Tuesday.

REA ALLOTS \$428,000.00 TO LUMBEE RIVER CORPORATION

Italians Apparently Set To Make Or Break Their African Empire

Britain's urgent need of relating her wartime economic problems with the American national defense preparations was stressed in commons Wednesday as she faced the threat of a blitzkrieg invasion from across the channel and destruction of her vital Mediterranean life-line by Italy.

Arthur Greenwood, laborite member of the war cabinet, told commons a new, wartime, economic committee had been formed, and added that since France as an ally was gone it was necessary to "supplement our own production by drawing upon the vast and invulnerable capacity of North America."

Even as he spoke Italy was giving every indication that Premier Benito Mussolini was ready at last to risk the fight which may make or break his African empire.

Reported troop concentrations on the Libyan-Egyptian border close to the eastern Mediterranean shore, jabbing blows at Kenya and British Somaliland, and air raids on Haifa, Palestine, and other British positions in the Near East strengthened the belief that the "hour of destiny" of which Mussolini spoke two months ago upon the declaration of war was at hand.

The opinion was noted in some quarters that the threat of a Nazi blitzkrieg against England was perhaps nothing more than a diversion in the strategy to conquer the African continent, seize the Mediterranean and the Suez canal and thus break the British empire's life-line to the Far East.

The raid on Haifa, important oil center, was the third since the war began. Gasoline tanks and port facilities were reported by the Italian high command to have been badly damaged.

Raeford Theatre Will Be Improved Soon

J. B. McIntyre, manager of the Raeford theatre for the past five years, who has recently leased the house for five more years, stated this week that he is planning to improve the building extensively both inside and out.

Mr. McIntyre said the plans included new flooring and painting as well as an improved heating and ventilating system on the inside. He said that the marquee and the whole front of the building would be improved, adding greatly to the appearance.

These improvements will be made in the next few weeks in order that the theatre may be in the best possible shape by fall, he said.

Mrs. P. P. McCain Will Be State Vice-Chairman

Mrs. P. P. McCain, of Sanatorium, vice chairman of the Hoke county Democratic Executive Committee and widely known in political circles over the state, is expected to be the next vice chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of North Carolina.

This fact was made known last week by J. M. Broughton, Democratic nominee for the governorship of North Carolina. Mr. Broughton also expressed his desire that Mr. Denny, his campaign manager in the recent primary, be named for the position of state chairman, succeeding R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia.

Town Fathers Set Tax Rate

At the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Raeford at the Town Hall Tuesday night a tentative budget for the town for the coming year was approved and the tax rate established.

The tax rate under the tentative budget is to be the same as it is this year, \$1.33. According to one of the board members the budget will be brought before the board at their next regular meeting for final and official approval.

Attends Convention

Floyd A. Keith, local agent of the Imperial Life Insurance company, left Wednesday to attend his company's mid-summer convention being held at the Seftinole Hotel in Jacksonville, Fla., Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Mr. Keith's record was one of the hundred best records of his company qualified him for this annual three-day all-expense paid vacation.

Allotment Made for Initial Project Of 450 Miles; More Expected For Later Projects.

Officials here of the newly formed Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation received word late Tuesday that the National Rural Electrification Administration had allotted the corporation \$428,000 for the construction of 450 miles of power line in the corporation's initial or "A" project.

This 450 miles of line will serve approximately 1,500 members of the corporation in the counties of Hoke, Robeson, Scotland, and Cumberland.

The original \$428,000 is to be supplemented later by additional funds for the construction of a "B" project by the corporation. The board of directors hopes that 300 miles of line will be ready for application to be put in this project within the next thirty days.

The directors met at the courthouse here yesterday afternoon to iron out final details and to proceed with the setting up of the offices here which are to be the headquarters of the organization. Directors are of the opinion that the staking of the lines will begin about September 1, and the construction will follow immediately.

Members of the board of directors are as follows:

Hoke—Marshall Newton, R. F. D., Raeford, N. C.; J. A. Roper, route 2, Maxton, N. C.; Mrs. Lucy Smith, route 1, Raeford, N. C.

Robeson—J. E. Morrison, route 2, Maxton, N. C.; C. A. Alford, Rowland, N. C.; J. R. Cadell, R. F. D., Maxton, N. C.

Scotland—Dan McGirt, Wagram, N. C.; Mrs. T. P. McGirt, Wagram, N. C.

Cumberland—J. McN. Gillis, route 3, Fayetteville, N. C. Mr. Alford is president of the organization, Mr. McGirt secretary, and Mr. Cadell is treasurer. G. G. Dickson, of Raeford, is attorney for the corporation and D. J. Dalton has been coordinator of the "A" project. Mr. Dalton is expected to continue as coordinator on the succeeding project. The J. B. McCrary Engineering corporation has been engineers in the preliminary work of the corporation.

Chapel Hill Will Train 800 Pilots During Next Year

Raleigh, Aug. 7.—The Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina approved plans for training about 800 airplane pilots a year, here today, and directed that compulsory physical education be instituted at the Chapel Hill unit immediately.

Unanimously the board then approved Robert M. Salter of Ohio State University as director of the state experiment station, with Dr. Leonard David Baker of Ohio State to become associate director, both effective October 1.

President Frank P. Graham submitted recommendations providing for purchase and expansion of the present airport at Chapel Hill and expansion of training facilities, including purchase of its own flying field, for N. C. State here. Judge John J. Parker of Charlotte offered the resolution providing for immediate physical training of all undergraduate students at Chapel Hill.

Doctor Graham told the board that one of its members, Richard J. Reynolds of Winston-Salem, had agreed to give \$5,000 a year for ten years for the agricultural research program Salter will head, and that the general education board would make \$52,000 available in six years.

Fierce Air Attacks On London Forseen

London, Aug. 6.—Sprawling London, "with its great docks," was pictured in a German radio broadcast from Bremen tonight as the possible "big target" for the next mass bombings in the luftkrieg—Germany's air war prelude to blitzkrieg.

The announcer, who said that "I cannot tell you when the attack will come or how, but can say that it will not come in the form in which it is anticipated in England," declared that the Naz air force is overhauled, rested and ready.

"Attacks will be directed against docks and industrial centers," he said, pointedly referring to densely-populated London as the "big target."

Margaret Councilman, of Burlington, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boyle of Raeford.