

MANY REGISTER IN RAEFORD UNDER MILITARY TRAINING LAW

Four Hundred Men Had Registered In Two Raeford Precincts At Noon Wednesday.

Hoke county men between the ages of 21-35 as well as others throughout the United States flocked to voting places Wednesday to register for selective service in the United States army as a national defense measure. Approximately 400 had registered in the two Raeford townships at noon Wednesday, with 150 of that number being Raeford No. 1 at the courthouse and the others in Raeford No. 2 at the city hall. The registration places opened at 7 a. m. and remained open until 9 p. m.

All county offices were closed during the day so that employees could assist in the job of registration.

All men who registered will be sent a questionnaire shortly which they will fill out and which will determine the order in which they become eligible for service. Single men in good physical condition and without dependents or jobs vital to national defense will come in class 1—ready for immediate service.

It is expected that the first draft will be held in about two weeks and the first 400,000 draftees will go into camp about the middle of November.

Hoke High Loses To Lumberton

By Lawrence (Ace) Campbell Sports Reporter

The Hoke high school football team suffered a defeat at the hands of the Lumberton Pirates here last Thursday in the first conference game of the season. The final score was 6-0. Except for the brief minute that it took Sammy Solomon to scamper over the last white line for the only score of the game, the Raeford team held the heavier Lumberton team to even play. Lumberton missed a second score in the game when all state contender Sammy Solomon mistook the ten yard marker for paydirt territory. Solomon raced over the stripe, put the ball on the ground, and stood up to take a bow. The local boys dug their toes in and thwarted the visitors' futile efforts to increase the narrow margin of lead.

The final quarter saw the home team put on a sustained drive which netted them five first downs. Deep in enemy territory the Pirates' resistance stiffened and they took over the ball on downs.

For Hoke, Wright and Currie stood out in the line, and Webb and Eubanks spiked the running attack. Lumberton luminaries were Solomon and Barnes.

Marine Band To Appear In Fayetteville

Whenever the Chief Executive and First Lady entertain officially at the White House, tradition as well as preference demands the presence of the United States Marine Band, "the President's own."

Since Jefferson, it has played at every inauguration; since Madison, it has played at practically every inaugural ball. That its position in the life of the Nation's Capital has not changed is indicated by the following report by a Washington columnist on a recent White House reception for the Army and Navy.

"Traditional procedure was followed—the Marine Band playing and specializing in such stirring songs as 'Anchors Aweigh' and 'The Caissons Go Rolling Along.' Cumberland Post, American Legion, deems it an honor to have been successful in securing this famous organization for one appearance at Fayetteville October 20 during its forthcoming public concert tour of a limited number of American cities. Not only will such enlivening tunes as above referred to be on the program at Fayetteville high school bowl, but mighty overtures, symphonic tone poems, gay novelties and brilliant solos will comprise the musical treat Captain F. Santelmann, conductor, has prepared for those who will want to see and hear this band brought so frequently to their attention via press and radio."

Baptist Ingathering

The Lumber Bridge Baptist church will observe its annual ingathering on Wednesday of next week, October 23rd. A barbecue and chicken dinner will be served at 12 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Democrats Seek Campaign Funds

Following is copy of the letter that is being sent to voters through North Carolina, asking for contributions to the Democratic campaign.

Richard J. Reynolds of Winston-Salem is director of finance for North Carolina.

"Let us forget those lean years before Franklin D. Roosevelt took over the reins of this government, I believe that every thoughtful business man would consider it good judgment to continue the services of one who has already proven his leadership and who is equipped through natural ability, training and experience to carry on during this period of international uncertainty.

"When your business is at a peak, would you consider dismissing your experienced staff and hiring one that is unfamiliar with your business?"

"Therefore, for the best interests of our country, I hope that you will do everything in your power to help return our leader to the White House. One of the best ways you can do this is to send to this office at once whatever contribution you can afford to make—whether it is large or small. We do not have much time left in which to do this work, and your promptness will be appreciated."

SCOUT COUNCIL SHOWS GROWTH

The regular monthly reports of the Cape Fear Council to the Regional office in Atlanta, Ga., shows a continued and steady growth in scouting in the Cape Fear Area. The September report of this year show that on the last day of the month there were 1412 boys registered in the council. A recent study of the membership of the local council organization, by Herbert Stuckey, Deputy Regional Executive, shows an eighty-one per cent increase for the four year period just ended. During the same period of time the number of troop units increased from forty to sixty three, which is a growth of approximately 56 per cent.

"I am greatly encouraged by the way the Cape Fear Council is moving ahead," Stuckey said, "and I predict even greater progress in the future. You are to be congratulated upon having attained and surpassed your objectives in membership for the year."

Rev. McMahan At Flat Branch Church

Lillington, Oct. 15.—Rev. Donald McMahan, of Fayetteville, supply pastor of Fayetteville Presbyterian church, near here, during the absence of the pastor, Rev. Eugene Alexander, who is on duty as chaplain with the national guard.

Mr. McMahan, a native of Piedmont, S. C., is a graduate of Presbyterian college, Clinton, S. C., of Columbia Theological seminary, Atlanta, and holds the master of theology degree from Union Theological seminary, Richmond, Va.

Mr. McMahan will conduct morning services at Flat Branch on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of each month and will continue his work with Shiloh Presbyterian church, Sanatorium, on alternate Sundays.

Lumber Bridge Man Claimed By Death

Duncan James Shaw, aged 68, died early last Thursday morning at his home at Lumber Bridge, route three. The deceased was a native of Robeson county.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jane Sandy Shaw; by two sons, Dan Shaw of Lumber Bridge and Lonnie Shaw of Bolivia; by two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Davis of Lumber Bridge and Mrs. Katie Baxley of Raeford; and by one sister, Mrs. Sarah Jane Johnson of Lumber Bridge.

Funeral services were conducted Friday morning at 11 o'clock from the Sandy Grove church by Rev. D. H. Duval of Parkton. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Ada Pate Is Awarded Chair

Mrs. Ada Pate was the winner of the free chair given at the Raeford Variety store last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The chair, a nice, upholstered rocker, was given in a contest being sponsored by the store. Two more chairs will be given away, one each Saturday in October.

P. T. A. Elects Committees

The Raeford P. T. A. held its regular meeting Thursday, October tenth, in the gammar school auditorium. Mrs. Arthur D. Gore presided, and E. C. Crawford conducted the devotional. The following standing committees for the school year 1940-41 were selected:

Program—E. D. Johnson, chairman; November—E. D. Johnson, Mrs. A. K. Currie. December—E. D. Johnson, Miss Marion Cox. January—E. D. Johnson, Mrs. R. L. Murray. February—E. D. Johnson, Miss Lillian Marion. March—E. D. Johnson, Miss Louise Fletcher, Miss Aris Shankle, Miss Lillian Johnson, Miss Leone Currie. April—Election and installation of officers.

Hospitality—Mrs. Marshall Thomas, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. J. H. Blue, Mrs. E. C. Crawford.

Membership—Mrs. Joe Gullege, Mrs. A. A. Graham, Miss Aris Shankle.

Publicity—Miss Virginia Livingston, Mrs. Lacy Smith, Mrs. Ruth Bridges.

Finance—Mrs. Arthur D. Gore, Miss Margaret McKenzie, J. C. Coates.

Child Hygiene and Summer Round-Up—Mrs. Lewis Upchurch, Mrs. W. J. McNeill, Mrs. Charles Spivey.

Safety—Mrs. Bonnie Blue, Mrs. Sallie D. Johnson.

Hallowe'en Carnival Committee—Miss Frances Jean Freeman, chairman; Miss Margaret McKenzie, E. D. Johnson, Mrs. Herbert McKeithan, Tommie Upchurch.

The room representatives were announced for the year. They are: Miss Shankle's room—Mrs. N. B. Sinclair, Mrs. D. H. Hodgins.

Miss Currie's room—Mrs. Ernest Duncan, Mrs. W. T. Everleigh.

Miss Johnson's room—Mrs. Herbert McKeithan, Mrs. Tommie Upchurch.

Miss Fletcher's room—Mrs. Dan Starling, Mrs. William Andrews.

Miss James' room—Mrs. A. D. Gore, Mrs. Israel Mann.

Mrs. Johnson's room—Mrs. B. B. Cole.

Mr. Coates' room—Mrs. J. B. McIntyre.

Miss Livingston's room—Mrs. A. L. King.

Miss McKenzie's room—Mrs. Rena Woodhouse, Mrs. Julian Blue.

Miss Buie's room—Mrs. Joe Gullege.

Miss Louise Fletcher's room won the attendance prize.

After the completion of the business, the program was turned over to E. D. Johnson. W. O. Melvin, the bandmaster of Hoke high school, gave three selections on the piano, one of which was an original composition. After the program the meeting was adjourned.

Damaged British Ship At Gibraltar

La Linea, Spain.—A British destroyer badly damaged during a recent naval engagement near Malta, with a big gap showing in her side above the waterline, arrived at the British base at Gibraltar, it was reported Tuesday night.

Early Tuesday night, five bodies had been removed from the destroyer and 15 to 20 wounded were being cared for in Gibraltar hospitals.

(The vessel might have been the light cruiser Ajax which fought 8 Italian war vessels in the Mediterranean. The British admiralty acknowledged that the Ajax was hit above the waterline and suffered a "few" dead.)

Mistake Made In Court Report

Through error, last week's News-Journal stated that Stephen Williams, negro, had been convicted in recorder's court of violating the prohibition law. Williams was convicted on violating the road law, to wit: driving without windshield wiper and rear view mirror.

The News-Journal regrets the error and is glad to make this correction.

Fisher Reunion

The Fisher reunion was held Sunday at St. Pauls. Relatives from Raeford attending it were: Mrs. S. B. Taylor and children.

Rev. G. A. Wilson At Presbyterian Church

Rev. G. A. Wilson, of Wilmington, will preach at Raeford Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

J. M. Downer who has been very ill with pleurisy for the past week, is very much improved.

Death Of Dr. J. P. Monroe

Prominent Physician and Medical Leader Native of This Community.

The funeral services for Dr. John Peter Monroe, 83, medical leader of Charlotte, were conducted Wednesday afternoon from the First Presbyterian church in Charlotte.

Dr. Monroe, who was unmarried, was the last of seven children in his family. At the time of his death he was making his home with a niece at the old Monroe home in Davidson.

Dr. Monroe was born in that part of Cumberland county which afterwards became Hoke, but is now a part of Fort Bragg. He received his early education at Raeford Institute and was awarded his A. B. degree at Davidson in 1882. He then assisted Dr. Alexander Graham in a private school in Fayetteville for two years. He graduated from the University of Virginia in medicine. He practiced medicine in Durham and was director of the medical school at Davidson college before going to Charlotte in 1914 where he has specialized in nervous diseases and internal medicine.

The Charlotte Observer has this to say of Dr. Monroe: "To this great medical leader of Charlotte and the Carolinas must be accorded generous measure of credit for the leadership, which has since clearly come to this community." As a prominent center of medicine in the southeastern area of the United States. He was among the leading builders of this name and fame for Charlotte."

Mrs. William McFadyen, of Raeford, is one of the surviving nieces of Dr. Monroe.

Cruiser Ajax Sends Two Ships Down

Aboard the Flagship of the British Mediterranean Fleet, Oct. 15.—Britain's warfleet smashed a hole in Italy's seapower, sinking three of Premier Mussolini's swift destroyers in a battle beginning before dawn and ending hours later in a glow of a rainbow stretching over the broad expanse of sea.

It was in last Saturday's grey dawn that the British warships came upon the Italian craft, off the southeast coast of Sicily, and in the ensuing battle the powerful cruiser Ajax, hero ship of the south Atlantic victory over the Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, emerged a hero for a second time.

Single-handedly, the Ajax shelled and sank two Italian destroyers, badly damaged a third, the Artigliere, which was finished off a few hours later with a torpedo rammed into her vitals by the cruiser York.

When it was all over, two Italian squadrons had raced full speed to their home bases, leaving the seas to the British.

The Ajax, one of a squadron of cruisers and destroyers forming a protecting screen for the fleet in another wide sweep of the Mediterranean, was splashing through blue calm waters under starlit skies when suddenly she sighted a trio of Italian greyhounds at 2:30 a. m.

The Ajax, several miles ahead of this flagship, opened fire immediately with her six-inch guns, ripping gaping holes in the sides of the Italian craft's funnels, and sending her masts tumbling down on their decks.

The destroyers answered briefly but after a few salvos their guns went silent.

The Ajax kept up her barrage for several minutes. Then there were terrific blasts as the magazines of two of the Italian ships blew up, and they sank. The other fled into the darkness.

About a half hour later Ajax met two other large Italian destroyers and quickly engaged them. Both turned tail and jammed on full speed. One of them, later identified as the 1,620-ton Artigliere, was hit by the Ajax. A mass of flames swept skyward from her decks.

New Alien Measure Signed By FDR

President Roosevelt has signed into law legislation to impose new restrictions on aliens.

The law would forbid naturalization of aliens connected with any organization, association or society or other body opposed to the United States government and those who write, publish or advocate overthrow of the government by force.

Persons with dual nationality must return to the United States and assert their citizenship or lose it.

Mrs. A. L. Palmer, of Raleigh, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bethune and Mrs. Starr McMillan.

FORT BRAGG RESERVATION MAY BE EXPANDED SOON

Few Cases Heard In County Court

Only six cases were tried Tuesday in a short session of Hoke county recorder's court. They were:

Johnnie Melvin, negro, of Stonewall township, larceny, nol prossed.

Henry Meekins, negro, of Quewhiffle township, assault, 30 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of costs.

Eston McGougan, negro, of Stonewall township, assault, 30 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of costs.

Junior Snow, white, of Stonewall township, drunk and disorderly, trespassing and injury to property, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly and given 30 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of costs and condition that defendant vacate Mr. Quick's property.

John Snow, same charge and disposition at Junior Snow.

June McNair, negro, of Stonewall township, simple assault, 30 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of costs.

Nazis Loose Rain of Death Upon London

London, Oct. 16.—A huge German time-bomb, the biggest ever dropped here, fell early today near a famous building and remained unexploded along with a shower of other delayed-action bombs.

In this heavy assault upon the capital, loosed last night after daylong thrusts at the city which had been turned back six times in a furious chain of engagements here and over England's coast, big German bombers and fighter planes come over for a time at the rate of one a minute.

So clear was the sky that during a part of the night the vapor condensation trails left by Nazi planes could be clearly seen high aloft.

Every sort of bomb—fire bombs, oil bombs, delayed-action and explosives—was loosed upon the city.

The Germans came in last night half an hour later than their accustomed time, and they went to work at once in the fastest action yet seen here.

The earth shuddered again and again with great explosions and it seemed that the Nazis were using bigger bombs than customarily.

Rescue workers set to digging in the wrecked streets for possible survivors. In one instance an automobile was blown clear over a series of houses, its pieces crashing down in surrounding backyards.

Robber Gets \$432 From Peachland Bank

A swaggering young bandit held up the Bank of Peachland Tuesday shortly after noon and fled with \$432 after locking Cashier James T. Britt in the vault.

Passersby were not aware of the holdup until the robber had driven away in a light automobile toward Monroe.

Britt said the loss was covered by insurance.

He gave this version of the incident:

About 1:20 the bandit, a medium sized man appearing to be 25 to 30 years old, neat and wearing a blue sport shirt, walked in. Britt went to the counter to greet the man and found himself looking into the muzzle of a shiny pistol.

"Put up your hands and walk into the vault," the bandit ordered.

"I probably didn't walk as fast as he wanted me to," Britt related, "so he added sharply, 'be quick.'"

The bandit locked Britt in the vault, grabbed up available cash in the counter drawer and went out.

Democrats To Stage County-Wide Rally

The Young Democratic club of Hoke county is sponsoring a barbecue and fish fry at the new armory in Raeford, Friday night, October 18th. The feed will start at six-thirty. Senator John Larkins of Trenton will be the principal speaker. A number of state officials and Ralph Garner, State President of the Young Democrats and Arch T. Allen, secretary State Democratic Executive committee, are expected to be present. All Democrats of voting age are invited to be present.

Survey and Maps Have Been Made; Reports Say Quewhiffle and Little River Townships Will Be Taken By Army.

Rumors that the Fort Bragg reservation will be extended to take in more of Hoke county than it does at present have been flying thick and fast around Raeford following the recent visit in this section of army officers who were said to have been making surveys and maps.

Another report concerning the army post was that plans are underway for the construction of barracks several miles from Raeford to house negro troops.

Although the army has made no announcements concerning these reports, local officials expressed the belief that the artillery range would be extended some although they were of the opinion that the expansion would not be as large as some Hoke citizens think.

Following is a description by D. Scott Poole of the land under consideration:

"It is rumored that the Federal government is planning to add more territory to its reservation or artillery range. All of Little River and more than all of Quewhiffle township is to be taken into Fort Bragg for the training of troops. The government has taken quite a good deal of Sandhills in Richmond county between Hoffman and the Moore county line, which is Drowning Creek. And from Turnpike bridge down the Turnpike road to highway 15-A, joining it on to the former Fort Bragg reservation.

"There are many people who regard this section as worthless. When the Hoke county bill was before the legislature, there were men who said that it would take ten acres of that land to rust a tennypenny nail, and if a crow ever crossed Hoke county he would have to carry his rations with him.

"This section made a valuable contribution in yellow pine. It is the healthiest section on the globe. There may be as profitable farming done on the sandhills as anywhere else. Just as much can be made per acre on this land as on any except oats and hay. If grade of tobacco ever controls prices, the sandhills will be the best farming section of the south. The good health of the section is due to pure air and water. There is less to contaminate both than in any part of the earth.

"If the government needs this added territory for preparedness, and the citizens are justly reimbursed for their property and move the people out, we fear the best tuberculosis sanatorium in the country may be converted into something else.

"Nothing is done yet, but surveys and maps have been made, it is said, and something is under consideration.

New Law Favors Workers Over 65

Before the Social Security Act was amended, wages earned by a worker after he had become 65 did not count toward benefits. Under the amended act, a worker may continue to build up wage credits, regardless of his age, as long as he remains in employment covered by the law.

This change became effective as of January 1, 1939. Beginning with that date, wages, earned in covered employment, count toward insurance benefits, no matter how old the worker may be. If an employee is already 65 years old and does not have sufficient wage credits to qualify for monthly benefits, he may continue working in covered employment and build up sufficient credits. As soon as he has enough wage credits, he may claim retirement benefits at any time after his sixty-fifth birthday, provided he quits working regularly in covered employment.

For further details consult the Fayetteville, N. C. office of the Social Security Board at 419 Hay Street.

Community Singing At Rockfish Church

There will be a community singing at Rockfish church Sunday afternoon, October 20, beginning at 1:30.

Everyone is invited to attend and T. C. Jones, program chairman, announces that many persons have already signified their intention to be present.

Road Closed

The section of the Raeford-Vas road contained in the Fort Bragg reservation will be closed to the public from 9 A. M. to 11 P. M. on Friday, October 18, 1940.