

20,000 More Reserve Officers To Get Call

Washington, Dec. 10.—Amid intensifying efforts to speed up the defense program, the war department ordered 30 regular army units to new stations today and announced that approximately 20,000 additional reserve officers probably would be called to active duty by next June.

Although the army expects to have about 30,000 of its 110,000 eligible reserve officers on active duty by the end of this year, officials said thousands more would be needed to train recruits who will be pouring into the service in ever-increasing numbers when the draft program gets in full swing next month. Thus far, only about 20,000 of the 800,000 draftees to be called by next June have been inducted.

The bulk of the reserve officers to be ordered to duty will be in so called company grades of lieutenant and captain, officials said, although the number of majors and colonels—the field grades—is increasing as the army expands.

Announcing the projected transfer of regular army units to permanent new stations, the department disclosed that more than half of those to be shifted would be concentrated at Fort Devens, Mass. The others will go to a half dozen different posts.

Movement of the units affected will commence, the department said, as soon as the commanders of the destination corps areas report that adequate facilities for their accommodation are ready. Construction estimates, the department said, indicate that this should be early in 1941.

Meanwhile, the department announced it had selected a site just north of Madison, Ind., for a new proving ground for tanks, guns and other army equipment, to supplement the testing now being done at the Aberdeen, Md., proving grounds.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

By K. A. MacDONALD

The P. T. A. of the Mildouson school held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night at the school building. A well arranged program was put on. All those who attended enjoyed the meeting.

On Wednesday evening, December 18, Old Santa will visit the Mildouson school and bring many toys from Toyland. The toys, of course, will be the little boys and girls who will sing and play for you. Don't miss seeing Old Santa in his workshop with all his little helpers. You will adore the pretty dolls, love the little fairies, and cheer they toy soldiers. You may not like the "Crosstatch Fairies" but they turn out all right too. Come and enjoy "The Crosstatch Fairies" Toyland. Only a small admission will be charged so that the costumes may be paid for.

Monday night the Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting. The Board met at the Raeford graded school at 6:30 o'clock in the evening. A splendid supper by the N.Y.A. enrollees and were served. The Board moved to its office in the courthouse. M. L. Lester, E. D. Johnson and J. W. Dowd attended this meeting. Mr. Dowd was made co-ordinator of the county for the governmental educational defense program. Mr. Dowd has already started work organizing classes for this work. There will be courses in mechanics, shop work, and elementary electricity offered. There will be very practical courses and will be taught by local mechanics, carpenters, and electricians. Any young man 17-24, whether employed or not will be eligible for one or all of the courses. If interested please contact Mr. Dowd. These classes are free to all who wish to enroll.

Quite a number of routine matters were disposed of by the board. A full meeting was had.

A splendid new bus has been assigned to N.Y.A. to transport the workers to Fort Bragg for work on the defense program.

Anyone interested in children should go to the Raeford graded school about noon and see the WPA lunch room serve from 250 to 300 children. The plates served would be a credit to any lunch room anywhere. People should appreciate what is being done for their children.

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Cash Renting Farms For 1941

Instructions just received by County Agent A. S. Knowles has changed the method of handling cash rented farms for 1941. Any part of a farm rented for cash shall remain a part of the original farm or be treated as a separate farm. In no case will the combination of the cash rented tract with the farm operated by the renter be permitted.

This Week In Defense

Further financial and material aid to powers friendly to the United States, inauguration of new methods to speed defense production, and the first estimate of total defense costs highlighted the past seven days of defense effort.

President Roosevelt announced aid to China of \$50,000,000 in immediate credits in the form of an Export-Import Bank loan for general purposes and another \$50,000,000 loan to be allocated in the near future by the Treasury Department in currency stabilization credits. The first part of the \$100,000,000 loan is to be retired through deliveries of metals essential to the defense program and previously ordered by the Metals Reserve Company of the RFC. Under a similar arrangement, the Treasury arranged to loan \$50,000,000 to Argentina for currency stabilization.

Acting Secretary of State Welles stated an agreement in principle had been reached between the Greek Government and the United States regarding aid in the form of airplanes and other war materials. Shortly afterward the State Department revealed that during October it had authorized export of more than \$11,000,000 in arms to the East Indies.

While Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau and Federal Loan Administrator Jones began discussions with British financial representatives concerning the financial status of that country the War Department revealed the Army Air Corps had released to Great Britain a "flashlight bomb," which makes possible the taking of aerial photographs at night even from high altitudes. Also formally released were 20 bombers of the flying fortress type.

Preparing for the possibility of mass production of merchant ships and airplanes for Great Britain as well as the United States the NDAC began a study of a nation-wide program to "farm out" portions of defense contracts similar to Great Britain's "bits and pieces" method of subcontracting small parts of defense items.

Under the program, described by Morris L. Cooke, NDAC engineering consultant as "the only way to speed up production," industries of depressed communities are being urged to organize committees to survey the amount of production facilities now idle, the availability of labor and other potentialities for handling farm-out orders.

The cost of the present defense program for the next five years was estimated at \$35,000,000,000 in a report by Department of Agriculture economists, titled, "The Impact of War and the Defense Program on Agriculture." The report placed the cost of defense at an average of \$7,000,000,000 a year; seven and a half billion in 1941; nine billion in 1942; seven and one-half billion in 1943; six billion in 1944; and five billion in 1945.

The effect of defense expenditures on industry and prices will depend upon the financing of the program, the report said, adding, "the financing program seems likely to permit a speedy development in the next two years with the result that in those two years the program will make a large net contribution to the national purchasing power."

The report indicated that defense spending will cut unemployment rolls in half by 1942 and that the indicated increase in purchasing power would be reflected in higher prices for most farm products, particularly meats, some fruits, dairy products, poultry products and truck crops. The report said, however, farmers may find that most of the rise in farm income will be eaten up by probable advances in farm wages and material and equipment costs.

"Despite the increase of prices and incomes received by farmers, the situation as a whole does not promise any greater improvements of living conditions on the farm," the report said. "Taken as a whole it seems quite evident that the prospective situation of agriculture during the next five years... remains rather critical."

The NDAC revealed that of the \$18,000,000,000 appropriated by Congress for defense, about \$12,000,000,000 had been contracted for but because of the comparatively small production facilities only about \$300,000,000 actually had been paid out.

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N. C. Cotton Yield Breaks All Records

The December 1st estimate of North Carolina's 1940 cotton crop places the yield per acre at 425 pounds, which is by far the largest on record for the state. The 1940 yield is 44 per cent higher than last year's and 53 per cent above the ten-year (1929-38) average yield per acre. Total production for 1940 is estimated at 740,000 bales or an increase of 62 per cent over the 1939 harvest and 12 per cent above the ten-year average production. Although the 1940 acreage harvested is the second lowest since 1878, total production is the highest since 1931, with the exception of 1937 when over a million acres were harvested with a high yield of 338 pounds.

Reports from farmers and A. A. A. measurements indicate that 844,000 acres were planted this year, or 12 per cent more than in 1939. Deducting for compliance plow-up, flood damage, and other abandonment, this left 833,000 acres for harvest, or 13 per cent more than last year. This is an increase of about 2 per cent from the pre-harvest acreage estimate of 814,000.

Ginnings continued at a rapid rate during November and the Census Bureau reports 693,000 bales, ginned prior to December 1st, or about 93 per cent of the total crop.

United States Crop
Cotton production for the United States is estimated at 12,686,000 bales compared with 11,817,000 bales in 1939 and 13,547,000 for the ten-year (1929-38) average. The yield per acre for the nation is 252 pounds compared with 238 pounds harvested last year and 198 pounds for the ten-year average crop. The 1940 yield is the largest on record, with the exception of the 1937 crop. The acreage harvested this year, 24,078,000 acres, is 1 per cent less than in 1939 and the smallest since 1896.

Bishop M. Usher Taken By Death

Bishop Marvin Usher, 55, an employee of Raeford Cotton mills, died suddenly at his home here Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Newtonville, S. C.

Surviving Mr. Usher are his wife, Mrs. Ella Usher; one brother, J. C. Usher of Raeford; and two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Bledsoe of Fayetteville and Mrs. W. B. Henley of McColl, S. C.

Christmas Lights To Be Turned On Saturday Night

Workmen have been busy all this week stringing the colored Christmas lights across the main street of Raeford and plans are to turn the lights on Saturday afternoon at 5:30. The switch throwing will be done, without ceremony, by Woody Singleton, Carolina Power and Light company's chief switch-thrower in Raeford.

Rev. B. K. Davenport Preacher Sunday

Rev. B. K. Davenport of Greensboro, will preach at the morning services at the Raeford Presbyterian church Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Davenport is an evangelist for the Synod of North Carolina and recently held a very successful meeting at Antioch.

Guardsman Jailed After "Borrowing" Colonel's Station Wagon For Trip

Robert Woodcox, Hoke county member of the National Guard unit now serving with the army at Charleston, decided Thursday night that he would come home for a little trip. So he "borrowed" Col. R. B. Lewis' station wagon for the jaunt—without going to the trouble of asking the Colonel about it.

When he arrived in Raeford Friday morning, he was welcomed to the city by Sheriff D. H. Hodgin and Highway Patrolman Joe Merrill, who took him to the county jail and left him for federal officers. Claude Glisson, another Hoke county guardsman, who accompanied Woodcox on the trip, also was jailed.

The two were returned to camp in South Carolina Sunday afternoon. Woodcox, it is understood, at one time served as Colonel Lewis' chauffeur but had been removed from that duty before the station wagon incident.

Meat Cutting And Curing Demonstration

A meat cutting and curing demonstration will be held at the home of J. M. Norton at Bowmore on Friday, December 20th, at 9:30 a. m., reports A. S. Knowles, county agent. The purpose of his demonstration is to teach proper cutting and curing. E. V. Vestal, Extension swine specialist, will assist in this demonstration. The sugar cure will be used as this is recommended by the N. C. Extension Service. All interested farmers should attend.

Benefit Party At Sanatorium Huge Success

Sanatorium, Dec. 11. — Proceeds from the benefit party given at the North Carolina Sanatorium last Friday evening will be more than \$200, according to an announcement by Mrs. P. P. McCain, president of the Sunshine club. The club, which sponsored the entertainment, is appreciative of the community's interest and cooperation in making the party a success. The money will be used to provide a happy Christmas for the young patients at the children's building and other patients at the Sanatorium.

The two grand prizes, a card table and a ham, were won by Mrs. A. L. O'Brian and Mrs. Ella Walker, respectively, of Raeford. Other lucky players were Dr. W. H. Roper, of Sanatorium, winner of a card table; Mrs. J. T. Neal, of Southern Pines, winner of an electric iron, and Dr. G. Stutz, of Southern Pines, winner of a fruit cake.

A high score prize was given at each of the fifty tables engaged in play. J. A. McGowan, of Raeford, winning the highest prize for bridge and Dr. A. W. Nance of Bladenboro, the highest prize for rook. Other players with high ranking scores were Mrs. Mack Wallace, of Aberdeen, Clyde Upchurch, of Raeford, and Mrs. A. P. Seaford, of Sanatorium, in bridge, and Miss Evelyn Spiggle, of Sanatorium, Mrs. J. T. Sipple, of Sanatorium, and Dr. R. L. Murray, of Raeford, in rook. Players with high scores in checkers were Miss Arlie Stevens, of Raeford, and Miss Sadie Whitley, of Sanatorium.

Refreshments consisting of sandwiches and coffee were served. The decorations carried out the Christmas theme.

Move To Get New Army Camp Named Fort McSwain

There is a move on foot to have Congress name the new army camp at Spartanburg, S. C., Fort McSwain. This will be to honor the memory of the late Congressman McSwain of the Fourth South Carolina Congressional District. Congressman McSwain was an ex-war veteran and was for years on the Military Affairs Committee.

Congressman McSwain was the father of Mrs. Topps, who with her husband, Lt. Topps, has an apartment at Mrs. Ina Lentz's.

Another List Of Newcomers Printed

The News-Journal today is printing another list of the army personnel and other recent newcomers to Raeford.

The newcomers are urged to do their Christmas shopping with local merchants who will appreciate their business.

Jersey Bull Sale At Lumberton

On Friday, December 13, beginning at 12 o'clock, a pure-bred Jersey bull sale will be held at the Linkham stables in Lumberton, announces A. S. Knowles, county agent.

This is an opportunity to get much needed pure-bred stock on the farms of Hoke county. There will be only six bulls for sale. These bulls are good individuals and are out of production-bred cows. Farmers interested in obtaining one of these animals should attend the sale or contact the county agent.

Hurt In Fall

Mr. Joe Tyson fell on a stump a few days ago and was seriously hurt. Mr. Tyson is a patient at Higham hospital.

FIFTEEN CASES HEARD TUESDAY IN HOKE RECORDER'S COURT

Heavy Fine, Jail Sentence Given Calcutt

Raleigh, Dec. 10.—Joseph Calcutt, a quiet, stout little man whose slot machine business reputedly grossed \$1,800,000 a year and who paid the state \$100,000 annually in license taxes, was sentenced today to 12 months on the roads and fined \$10,000 for possessing illegal slot machines.

In addition, Calcutt, president of the Vending Machine company, of Fayetteville, was given a term of 18 months, suspended upon condition that he pay the fine, scrap his slot machine business and refrain from politics during a three-year period of probation following his release. He had pleaded guilty to the charge.

Sentence was passed in Wake Superior court by Judge R. Hunt Parker, who said:

"I know and everyone else knows that this business has been built up by a corrupt alliance between crime and law—and the law must be vindicated."

A co-defendant, C. C. Bishop, of Raleigh, has until 2:30 p. m. tomorrow to arrange a \$1,000 fine. He also pleaded guilty.

Evidence produced in the form of slot machines seized in Fayetteville Monday night by S. B. I. agents also initiated prosecutions against other distributors.

According to evidence Calcutt represented 5,258 of the 9,395 slot machines licensed in North Carolina and \$101,555 of the \$175,620 license revenue collected last year. The minority are owned by 35 small distributors.

Deputies sheriff smashed five of the 10 "one-armed bandits" seized in last night's raid in Fayetteville.

The machines had a role in the concluding evidence, the bells ringing and cash spilling from payoff slots.

"I don't think I've ever seen the law more flagrantly violated," Judge Parker commented, "or a more contemptuous attitude toward the law."

"I have before my eyes 'one-armed bandits' that this defendant was operating while he swore on that stand he didn't have any. The majesty of the law is supreme in North Carolina. As its humble servant, it is my sworn duty to uphold it."

The judge's comment climaxed a day of swiftly-moving events.

S. B. I. men carried 10 slot machines into the courtroom early in the session and deputies proceeded to play nickels into the devices until nine had paid out cash prizes. Then the deputies slammed crowsbars against the devices to snap locks and dislodge coins.

MAXWELL EXPLAINS HOW OPERATORS GOT LICENSES

Raleigh, Dec. 10.—Before the state revenue department licensed any slot machine, the owner had to certify that it was legal and would be operated legally. Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell explained today.

Maxwell was questioned by newsmen regarding the department's policy after Joseph Calcutt, Fayetteville slot machine man, had been sentenced to 12 months on the roads and fined \$10,000 and costs for possessing illegal slot machines.

W. A. Baker, chief of the department's license division, had reported in Wake Superior court that Calcutt purchased \$101,555 worth of slot machine licenses for 5,285 machines during the 1939-40 fiscal year.

Baker said that 35 companies, including Calcutt's, paid the state \$175,620 for licenses last fiscal year, the 34 besides Calcutt's paying \$74,065. (Continued on page four)

Methodist Class Is Sponsoring Passion Play

The Fidelis class of the Methodist church is sponsoring the famous Passion Play, Golgotha, for the first time in a talking motion picture in the Hoke high school auditorium, Sunday, December 15, at 2:30 in the afternoon and at 7:30 in the evening.

For years you have heard of the famous Passion Play as given in Oberammergau and Freiburg—now for the first time you can see it—showing a cast of thousands.

Passion Play covers the entire story of Passion week, beginning with Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on 1st Palm Sunday; the Last Supper, crucifixion, and the resurrection.

Majority of Defendants Were Charged With Violating Road Laws; Number Tried for Dealing With Liquor

Fifteen cases were tried in recorder's court Tuesday morning before Judge W. B. McQueen. They included:

Pete Pate, white, assault, found not guilty.

Taylor D. Davenport, white, carrying concealed weapon, 60 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Taylor D. Davenport, white, careless and reckless driving and violating prohibition law, 60 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of \$25 fine and costs.

John Thomas McPhatter, colored, carrying concealed weapon, 60 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Tom Davis, colored, violating prohibition law, four months on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of \$25 fine and costs and condition that defendant be of good behavior for 12 months.

David Gilchrist, colored, violating road law, 30 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of costs. James McBryde, colored, violating road law, 30 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of the costs.

Gus Miller, colored, drunk and disorderly, 30 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of the costs.

James Alton Thomas, violating road law, 30 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of costs.

Walter Faircloth, white, drunk and disorderly, 30 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of costs.

D. W. Currie, white, violating road law, 30 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of costs.

James Grover Lett, white, violating road law, 30 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of costs.

William McLean, colored, violating road law, 30 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of the costs.

John H. Terry, colored, carrying concealed weapon, 60 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Anna Davis, colored, violating prohibition law, 60 days in jail, sentence suspended on payment of costs and condition that defendant be of good behavior for 12 months.

Fair Basketball Teams In Sight

With practice going into the hoofs stretch on the Hoke high school basketball teams, it appeared this week that the boys and girls teams will be fair although they won't be the best in the world.

First game will be played here Thursday night, December 19, when both teams play the Massey Hill teams from Fayetteville.

There are only 12 or 13 out for the boys team, with four of these being lettermen—Herman Cole, Bill Davis, North Lilly, Dan Cox. The rest are green material.

There are about 18 or 20 out for the girls team.

Earl Smith and Miss Marie McLaurin are the coaches.

Fiddlers To Fiddle

The high school at Raeford will hold a Fiddler's Convention in the high school auditorium next Friday night, December 13th, at 8 o'clock. Eleven excellent prizes of cash and merchandise will be offered for the winners in the five different contests.

Besides the best and second best fiddlers, banjo pickers, and guitar pickers, string bands, etc., will receive prizes.

Musicians are asked to come prepared to enter. F. W. Singleton of Raeford is managing the program. It will not be necessary to contact him before coming, however.

