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T. B. Upchurch, Jr. Attends Conference In Charlotte

Made Head of Cotton Unit; Manufacturers Are Against Any Processing Tax on Cotton.

The desire of manufacturers, cotton farmers, bankers, and government agencies to get at the solution of the cotton problem, were brought out at a meeting of approximately 300 persons held at the Charlotte hotel last Friday.

The conference was the last of a series held throughout the cotton producing states by the east central division of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. In these meetings the purpose has been thoroughly to discuss every phase of the cotton problem—whether it pertains to the farmer or the manufacturer—and to get as many ideas as possible toward the best way to go about solving the numerous problems of this important southern industry.

A number of ideas on cotton were expressed. Mr. Mann described it as a "very sick patient" and the proposals made toward making the patient well included one that every farmer who reduced his acreage by a certain percentage over a period of years should be given a milk cow. Thomas Cornwall of Shelby, a member of the North Carolina AAA, presided.

In his discussion of the general cotton situation, Mr. Dugan pointed out that until alternative means for cash income are developed, the farmer must be reimbursed for any further reduction from present acreage allotments if he is to maintain his present income. He explained that the increase in domestic consumption will not make up for the loss of export markets and declared that plans must be made to take whatever steps are necessary to regain these markets when the world is more normal. He said that 22 of the 25 foreign countries which normally took from 30 to 40 per cent of the American cotton exports are now in the German orbit or effectively blockaded.

T. B. Upchurch, Jr., of Raeford, was re-elected chairman of the North Carolina-Virginia unit of the National Cotton Council.

R. G. Eubanks was elected as one of the vice chairmen of the council and most of the other officers were re-elected. The other vice chairmen for 1941 are P. D. Herndon of Kings Mountain and Edwin Pate of Laurel Hill. D. N. Gilbert, of Greensboro, was re-elected secretary and F. J. Beatty of Charlotte was re-elected treasurer.

Mr. Upchurch named a public relations committee composed of Fred P. Johnson of Raleigh, A. D. Cashion of Huntersville, R. G. Eubanks of Charlotte and J. L. Morgan of Farmville.

Game Protector Gives Dates For Season Closings

While violations of the game law have been few this season, according to Raymond McLean, county game protector, the following dates will serve as a guide to keep infractions of the law at a minimum.

Attention is called to the fact that the deer season closed on January first and that it is unlawful to permit dogs to chase them during the closed season.

The squirrel season will end on January 15th. Quail, turkey, rabbit, opossum and raccoon season, will close on February 15th. Fox season will remain open until March 2nd.

Violations of the law to shoot birds, and animals, except possum and coon, after sunset.

Farmers can render valuable assistance to the game protector by informing tenants of these laws. Additional information may be secured from the game protector.

Infantile Paralysis Drive To Continue Through January

The raising of funds to fight infantile paralysis will continue through January, closing January 30, with some social event in Raeford to honor the President on his birthday and raise further contributions to treat infantile paralysis throughout the nation. One-half of the money raised in Hoke county will remain in the county for the treatment of needy cases here.

Watch for the little coin boxes that have been placed in business houses and drop a coin there. Call attention of the passing public to these boxes every time possible. This is a worthy cause to which all can contribute something.

Mrs. Virgil Clark and daughter and Mrs. H. McK. McDaniel spent the weekend in Raeford.

"Nanette" Fancies Corduroy



Always up-to-the-minute on fashion dictates, Anna Neagle goes hand-somely costumed in corduroy, a season's "must," of rich gold. The collared jacket, which is in the new longer length, features two big satchel pockets and wrist-length sleeves. Miss Neagle, whose latest RKO Radio picture is "No, No, Nanette," selects suede, in rust.

Engineers Pushing Work On REA; Close 'B' Project

Work on the "A" Project of the Lumber River Electric Membership Cooperative is being rapidly pushed, according to D. J. Dalton, superintendent, and some lines will be ready to energize within the next few days.

Some 400 miles of the 6,900 volt line has been staked out of a total of 1484 miles of the "A" project and it is expected that the engineering and survey work of this project will be completed by the first of February. 150 miles of poles have been set and over 60 miles of wire strung since the beginning of construction late last fall.

Applications for the "B" project of the cooperative were expected to be sufficient for approval of approximately 250 miles of additional construction, it was deemed by the board of directors at a meeting this week. The directors voted to close the project and prepare an application for its approval by the Rural Electrification Authority in Washington. It was voted also to continue to receive applications for service along the present lines and for new lines or taps to present facilities, but it was decided to apply applications from new territory or sections to a "C" project which will be sent in for approval at a later date if there is sufficient demand for service.

Mr. Dalton stated that the work on the present construction being done by Day and Zimmerman, Inc., electrical contractors of Philadelphia, was progressing rapidly.

The three-phase line running out of Red Springs along the Robeson-Hoke county line into Allendale township near the home of George Watson, a line of approximately 15 miles, would be ready to make hot in a few days and urged all members to get their houses wired immediately so that the current could be turned on. He stated that no power would be allowed on the line until at least 75 per cent of the contracting members had wired their homes and were ready for service.

A second line nearing completion is that running out of Red Springs through the Antioch community to a point near Raeford and then into Cumberland county and around Rockfish and Arabia. It will be ready for energizing in about two or three weeks if the weather permits the final work on the line.

It is hoped, according to Supt. Dalton, that the "B" project will have been approved by the Washington office in time for construction work on it to begin immediately upon completion of the first construction job. He stated that President Carl A. Alford and the other directors studied the 1,000 applications on hand for the second project and that about two-thirds of the proposed lines submitted probably had been sufficiently signed up to assure inclusion in the "B" project, which would probably amount to around 250 miles.

Mr. W. B. Gullege is visiting relatives in Raeford.

Dozen Face Judge McQueen In County Court Hearings

Twelve defendants faced Judge W. B. McQueen in county court Tuesday and all pleaded guilty of offenses with which they were charged except one, and received sentences which were suspended on payment of costs and fines. All cases were prosecuted by G. B. Rowland, acting solicitor.

The cases were—Clayton Biggs, white man of Antioch, charged with careless and reckless driving and with leaving wreck without waiting to give aid or information to police, was sentenced to 30 days on roads on each of the two counts with the sentences suspended on payment of costs in each case.

Floyd Jenkins, white man of Moore county, received a 3 months sentence for operating car under influence of liquor, and 30 days for violation of prohibition laws. Sentences were suspended on payment of \$50 and costs in one case and costs in the other.

M. C. Hickman, white man of Raeford, pleaded guilty to charges of violation of prohibition laws, and of being drunk and disorderly, and was sentenced to 30 days, with sentence suspended on payment of costs in both cases.

Brownie Davis, white, was sentenced to 30 days on roads; the sentence was suspended on payment of the costs.

Dock McCuller, colored man of Stonewall township, was given suspended sentence of 6 months on payment of \$50 and costs for violation of prohibition laws.

Bill McRae, colored man of Stonewall township was given 4 months which was suspended on payment of \$25 and costs for violation of prohibition laws.

Tom Brunson, colored, pleaded guilty to charges of drunken and disorderly conduct and was given 30 days, suspended on payment of the costs.

J. T. Odom, Jr., young white man of Red Springs, pleaded guilty to charges of careless and reckless driving and to violation of road laws, and was given 30 day suspended sentences on both charges upon payment of the costs.

George McCoy, colored, was sentenced to 30 days, suspended upon payment of costs, for violating road laws. Joe Raleigh and Fred Daniel Bandy received similar sentences for road law violations.

Tommy Vann, white man of Southern Pines, pleaded guilty to driving car under influence of liquor and was sentenced to 3 months on roads, sentence suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs.

Lawrence McNeill made a business trip to Atlanta this past weekend. He bought some very fine mules while there, which arrived in Raeford Monday and caused much favorable comment as the drove was being driven from the railroad tracks to the McNeill place.

Williams Presides Over Mixed Term Superior Court

Murder and Manslaughter Cases Head Criminal Docket Of Twelve Criminal Cases.

Neill Blue, negro, will be tried for the murder of Ernest Murchison, colored, last week, and Arthur Ray Patterson will stand trial on charges of manslaughter growing out of the death of Charles Milhizer, Atlanta, truck operator, during the term of Superior court convening here Monday morning with Judge Clawson Williams, of Sanford, presiding.

Blue allegedly shot Murchison on the night of January 2nd, following an argument that took place on Pope Hill north of town. Murchison died the following Monday as the result of the gunshot wounds.

Patterson is a soldier attached to 83rd Field Artillery at Fort Jackson. He is reported as admitting to officers that he was the driver of the car which sideswiped a produce truck on the highway just north of town Sunday night.

Other cases on the docket include charges against Lillie Timberlake and Eddie Wall, and Julius Lawrence and Willie Weathers of flim-flamming and trickery, securing \$70 from an aged negro woman, Minnie Smith.

Thomas Fairley, colored, charged with forgery of a check for \$6 on J. E. McLeod.

Joe Perry and Jim Monroe, white, of breaking and entering and larceny of a radio from the home of James Quick.

David Barton, Indian of Robeson county, charged with violating the prohibition laws, manufacturing and distilling illegal whiskey.

Jim Smith, colored, housebreaking and larceny of pistol from house of Henry Parker.

Angus Shipman, colored, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill on the person of Plummer Bandy.

Following the criminal sessions a two-day term of civil hearings will be held if time permits.

Presbyterian Manse Under Construction

Work on the new Presbyterian manse is going on rapidly. Clyde Campbell and his father, Mr. Joe, have the contract, the plans having been drawn up by a Rockingham architect.

It is being built on the lot next to the old manse, now occupied by John Walker's family. It faces Magnolia Street but has an entrance on Campus avenue next to the church. It is to be built of hollow tile and brick as nearly like the brick used in the church as could be had. There will be five rooms on first floor, and three on second, all of it very modern, with heat, baths, etc.

Great care was taken in selecting the exact location on the lot. By building on the end of lot nearest the church, the beautiful trees and shrubbery on the lot were spared. What was the Fairley's flower garden has been left almost intact which makes the manse and Walker lots more attractive.

Examiner Hutchinson Issues 10,448 Permits In District

B. H. Hutchinson, drivers license examiner for the district composed of Cumberland, Robeson, Scotland, Hoke, Lee, Harnett and Johnston counties, in his annual report states that he issued 10,448 drivers licenses during the past year, and refused licenses to 1,363 applicants who failed to pass the tests imposed.

Mr. Hutchinson states that examinations for licenses are held regularly at the following places each week: Raeford, Tuesdays from 2 to 5 o'clock; Laurinburg from 9 to 12 Tuesdays; and Lumberton all day (9-5) Mondays.

Hoke Furniture Co. Remodeling Front

The front of the building now occupied by the Hoke Furniture company is undergoing remodeling which is quite an improvement. The door that was in the center has been moved to the north side. One large plate glass window replaces the two smaller windows and makes a much nicer place for furniture display.

Donations For Greek Relief

Mrs. A. Collis, whose husband is proprietor of the popular Elk Restaurant, recently solicited funds from local people for the people of her native land, the Greeks. She says that the response was most generous and that the funds were sent to headquarters where they were immediately put into action.

ARTHUR PATTERSON, TO STAND TRIAL IN DEATH OF MILHIZER

Influenza Raging In County

There is hardly a home in the community which doesn't have a case of flu. Thelma Hall, News-Journal reporter, went down with it yesterday, so the News-Journal is short on persons and probably does not have all the names of the sick people. Though the epidemic has closed the schools in the county and the teachers have gone to their homes (except Earl Smith who went to Boone) the type is very mild.

J. D. McLeod Buys City Market

One of the interesting business changes of the new year was the purchase of the City Market by Doug McLeod, formerly with the Home Food market. This market was owned by Walter Maxwell who had been in the meat business for many years. Good service, good meats and fair prices built up a strong patronage which the new owner expects to keep and enlarge.

Doug, a Hoke county boy, has been in the grocery business in Raeford since 1927. He knows his line, especially meats. Smith Ormond, colored meat cutter, who is popular with all the customers and who was with Walter Maxwell for years, will continue to work there.

Mr. Maxwell expects to give his full time to his farming interests.

Home Agent Hurt When Car Turns Over Tuesday

Miss Josephine Hall, home demonstration agent of Hoke county, received several cuts and bruises when her car overturned Tuesday afternoon near Little River. The injuries were not severe, though the car was badly damaged.

Miss Hall was traveling toward Little River behind an army truck. The truck stopped suddenly and Miss Hall says "it was either hit the truck or a road bank and I chose the bank." Upon hitting the bank the car turned over on its top and stayed there.

Annual Meeting Of B. & L. Stockholders

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Raeford Building and Loan association was held Tuesday morning. There was a fair attendance. F. B. Sexton was re-elected president, Hallie Gatlin vice president, W. L. Poole secretary and treasurer and Mrs. W. L. Poole assistant secretary and treasurer. Board of directors elected were: H. L. Gatlin, Sr., Tommie Upchurch, M. C. Dew, J. L. McNeill, W. W. Roberts, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., A. A. Graham, Carl Morris, D. H. Hodgins, W. L. Poole, G. C. Dickson, F. B. Sexton.

The annual statement of this organization will appear shortly.

Square Dance Here Wednesday Night

The committee in charge of the President's Birthday Fund have decided to put on a big square dance at the armory next Wednesday night, January 22, from 8:30 until 12 p. m. Music for this will be furnished by Woodie Singleton and his band, featuring an electric guitar. A good figure caller will call figures.

Square dancing has been revived all over the nation, cities and country alike. An evening of genuine old fashioned fun is promised all those who attend this dance. Part of the proceeds will be kept at home.

Another Word To Subscribers

The response to the cards sent out calling attention to overdue subscriptions has been very gratifying. But many, very many have not responded. The News-Journal will continue to give you all county and town news. We invite contributions from rural subscribers and would be glad to have a correspondent in every township. At present the editorial force could be called a one-man (or one-woman is better) affair. But with the cooperation of the county's business firms and the subscribers, we hope for a bright year ahead.

Billy Whitted, who has been working on the News-Journal since Paul Dickson, Jr., was called into active service, entered on his new duties with the Transcript-Messenger, of Columbia, S. C.

Coroner's Jury Finds Patterson Operating Car In Dangerous and Deadly Manner.

Arthur Ray Patterson, soldier attached to Battery E, 83rd Field Artillery of Fort Jackson, was ordered held under \$2,500 bond, in the death of Charles Milhizer, Atlanta truck operator and produce merchant, who was instantly killed near Puppy Creek on the Fayetteville road near here Sunday mid-night when his truck was sideswiped and overturned by a car driven by Patterson.

According to witnesses at the inquest Tuesday afternoon the truck loaded with cabbage was north bound and the car was headed south, the car narrowly missing one truck sideswiped the Milhizer truck which partially left the highway, overturned and jackedknifed, the trailer crushing the sleeping compartment and killing Milhizer instantly. The truck was being driven by relief-driver Harold Raymond Green, of Miami, who was uninjured.

Green came to Raeford for police and when Highway Patrolman J. E. Murrill arrived at the scene the Patterson car had left for Fayetteville.

The car was occupied by Arthur Patterson, who told officers he was the driver, his three brothers, Guy Patterson, 2nd Balloon squadron, Ft. Bragg, Clarence Patterson, Battery F, 83rd FA, Fort Jackson, Horace Patterson, Battery B, 34th FA, Fort Bragg, and A. F. Thomas, of Columbia, S. C., uncle of the boys.

The two stationed at Fort Bragg were taking their brothers and uncle back to Columbia at the time of the accident, it was reported. After the crash they returned to Fayetteville where Thomas was admitted to Pittman hospital, and the others went to the Post Hospital at Fort Bragg where they are being treated.

Patrolman Murrill has requested Fort Bragg authorities to hold Arthur Ray Patterson for Hoke county officers.

Witnesses related to the coroner's jury that there was evidence of drinking among those riding in the car.

Green, who was employed by the dead man, testified at the hearing before Acting-Coroner W. R. Barrington that he saw the car coming at a high speed, barely scraping the truck just ahead of the one he was driving, but that it happened so fast he had no time to awaken his employer who was sleeping in the cab of the truck-trailer. Other testimony admitted revealed that several of the men on the car were so drunk and dazed that they were unable to get out of their car and only one of them came back to see if anyone in the truck was hurt.

Patrolman Murrill stated that they were unable to remove the body of Milhizer from the truck until a wrecker pulled the trailer off the cab, and then only by tearing away one of the badly crushed doors.

Coroner Barrington impelled the jury which viewed the body Monday and heard Dr. G. W. Brown state that Milhizer died from injuries in which the upper portion of his body was badly crushed.

Members of the jury were: J. E. Gullege, John McKay Blue, W. C. Odom, Harvey Cole, Lawrence Stanton and Lacy McFadyen.

The jury requested that the coroner set Patterson's bond at \$2,500 and that Green be required to furnish an appearance bond as a leading state's witness in an amount of \$100. The case has been docketed to be heard before Judge Clawson Williams next week during the January term of superior criminal court.

Dr. A. A. McFadyen Visiting In Raeford

Dr. Archie McFadyen arrived in Raeford last week for a visit to his sister, Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin. He left China in the early fall and had quite an interesting trip over. Dr. and Mrs. McFadyen have been visiting at Mrs. McFadyen's former home in Morganton. Mrs. McFadyen will join Dr. McFadyen in Raeford this week and on Friday afternoon she will be guest of honor at a tea given by Mrs. W. C. Brown and Mrs. William Lamont.

Garbage Notice

The Police Department requests that you do NOT put papers and paper boxes in your garbage cans until the day the truck calls. Burn these papers if possible. If nothing else can be done with them hold them back until truck calls. The truck calls on West side of Main street Mondays and Thursdays, on East side Tuesdays and Fridays. On West side of Main street Wednesdays and Saturdays.