

Prominent Citizen Of Hoke County Dies Saturday

John Duncan McLeod, aged 81 years, 8 months and 26 days old died Saturday morning, June 28th at 1:39 o'clock, after a year of failing health. The deceased was the son of the late William and Mrs. Caroline McMillian McLeod. He was a member of a Scotch clan, long prominent in this part of the state in both Church and state. For many years he was a deacon in Bethel Presbyterian church, and after moving his membership to Antioch, he filled the same office with efficiency and faithfulness.

Mr. McLeod is survived by his wife, who was before marriage Miss Mary Catherine McPhaul, by one son, Douglas A. McLeod, a merchant of Raeford, two daughters, Mrs. Agnes McLeod McAuley of Columbia, S. C., and Miss Lucile McLeod, and by one sister, Mrs. S. G. McKeithan, of Laurel, Fla., and by three brothers: George, of Tampa, Fla., Norman, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Douglas, of Milligan, Fla. There are a number of other relatives in Moore and Robeson counties.

The funeral was conducted from the home Sunday, June 29th at 4 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. Henry R. Poole, with Rev. W. C. Brown of Raeford, assisting, after which his remains were laid to rest in the Antioch cemetery.

The deceased died on the farm on which he was born. Once he went to the city when most young men of his generation wished to follow the turpentine business, but he returned after a stay of one year, determined never to forsake the land of his nativity again. He was a very successful farmer, and was held in the highest esteem by his acquaintances and associates in business.

The doctrine of living at home was not new to him, and he came as near living up to that doctrine as any man in the country. His place was not filled in his home, his church, nor his county, for his exemplary life was a rare manifestation of the life of the righteous whose departure is expressed in the hymn:

"How blest the righteous when he dies,
When sinks a weary soul to rest,
How mildly beams the closing eyes,
How gently heaves the expiring breast."

Private Lacy West Writes Again From Trinidad

Trinidad, B. W. I. June 27, 1941

The boys of Trinidad are planning on celebrating the fourth of July by having the contest as follows: In the morning from 9:00 to 11:30 A. M. First event will be three legged race, second, twenty five yard leg race, third, the burlap bag race, fourth, horse shoe pitching, fifth, ping pong tournament, sixth, volleyball, seventh, checker tournament, eighth, tug of war, ninth, match box relay, tenth, greasy pig contest, which will be the most enjoyable contest.

In the afternoon a soft ball game will be enjoyed between the two leading teams of the camp. There will be fireworks over the gulf in the rear of Dock Site Camp at 9:00 p. m. There will be lots of rewards such as cigarettes, and beer, and also a silver cup to the unit which compiles the largest score.

We are having a fine time but still hoping to be home in September. Tommy Tyson is having a swell time jitter-bugging with the girls of Trinidad.

The camp has improved since we landed here. Now we have our own show and canteen in which we spend most of our off time.

The boys of Raeford are still doing their good work as they did before they left. We are hoping that you all enjoy your fourth as we hope to, and wish we were there to help our many friends to celebrate.

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(Editor's note: this letter came air-mail in 42 hours - it had been copied and typewritten by the army censor in Trinidad)

Union Services For July

1st Sunday, Methodist Church, Rev. H. K. Holland preaching.
2nd Sunday, Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. E. Reamy preaching.
3rd Sunday, Baptist Church, Rev. E. C. Crawford preaching.
4th Sunday, Methodist Church, Rev. J. E. Reamy preaching.

HEALTH CHAMPS OF SOUTHEASTERN N. C.



When it comes to perfect health, these four farm youths do not have to give way to any one. They were adjudged last week as the most healthy of all southeastern 4-H club youngsters in a district composed of twenty counties. Left to right, they are: Ayden Barefoot of Johnson

County; Marjorie Gibson of Hoke county; Marie Bogue of Wayne county, and Archie White of Craven county. In the health competition, Dr. A. H. Elliott, New Hanover public health officer, selected Miss Gibson as the healthiest of the girl competitors with a score of 97 points

—one-half point ahead of Miss Bo-competition by the narrowest of gue. Young White won the boys' margins from Ayden Barefoot. All four will compete at the North Carolina state 4-H health championships in Raleigh this month.

118 Register In Hoke County Last Tuesday

Mr. T. B. Lester, chairman of the Hoke county Selective Service Board, announced yesterday that 118 men, who have reached the age of 21 since the last registration date last October, were registered by the board last Tuesday. This registration adds approximately 750,000 names to the rolls of the Selective Service Administration throughout the nation.

Mr. Lester also stated that the following men have not returned their questionnaires. He stated that it is very important that these questionnaires be returned, and added that relatives or friends of the men should notify them at once.

Questionnaires that are over-due:
775—J. P. McQueen.
841—James Thompson.
1147—Robert Junior Ellerbe.
1168—James Fairley.
1186—George Thompson Ray.
1213—Oscar Nathaniel Huff.
1310—Nash Powell.
1320—Charlie Ray.
1358—James Fountain Jones.
1439—Norman Feldon Hussey.
1475—John David Daniel.
1516—Ralph Singleton.

Boards To Decide On 28-Year-Olds

Washington, June 24—Selective service headquarters has notified all local boards, it was learned today, that they must make their own decisions in the cases of selectees 28 years of age or older who are now in line for induction but who may be deferred a few weeks hence under pending legislation.

The headquarters' statement was issued in response to numerous inquiries by boards as to what course to pursue in view of the senate-approved bill now before the house which would empower the President to give deferment from military training to all men who have reached the age of 28 by July 1.

Negro Killed By Hit-and-Run Driver Sunday Morning

Scott McLeod, middle-aged negro man of Blue Springs township, was killed early Sunday morning by a hit-and-run driver. The tragedy occurred on highway 15-A between Bethel and Bowmore and the negro was found about 4:00 A. M.

Patrolman Joe Murrill stated yesterday that as yet no arrests had been made for the crime, but that the car which hit the negro had been traced and that the driver was being sought.

Jake Austin Joins Army Air Corps

Jake Austin, popular young man of Raeford, was inducted into the United States Army yesterday as a flying cadet. Austin joined the army at the recruiting center at Fort Bragg. From Fort Bragg he will be sent to Tulsa, Oklahoma for two weeks of preliminary flight training before being sent to one of the regular army flying schools in Texas.

Draftees Who Have Reached 28 Are Ordered Deferred

Washington, July 1.—Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, deputy selective director, today formally ordered deferment of all men now subject to induction into the army who have reached the age of 28.

General Hershey telegraphed the order to state selective directors, telling them to advise local draft boards immediately and saying that he acted at the request of congressional leaders.

An estimated 8,000,000 between the ages of 28 and 36 are affected. They are part of the group of 16,500,000 between the ages of 21 and 36 who were signed up last October 16.

Hershey's action came as the 6,500 local boards over the country were completing registration of an estimated 750,000 youths who have reached the age of 21 since the initial registration last October.

Deferred At 28
In his telegram to the state directors, Hershey pointed out that pending legislation before the house military committee would provide for deferment of all men 28 or more years old. The bill has a provision making the deferment retroactive to July 1 and calling also for the discharge of any men of that age inducted into the army on or after that date.

In view of the fact that congressional leaders have predicted enactment of this legislation substantially unchanged, General Hershey said, further inductions in this age group should be postponed for a period of 30 days pending final action on the bill.

The legislation on the basis of which Hershey issued his directive would grant deferments only during peace time. Entrance of the United States into war would mean that the men now deferred would immediately become subject again to induction into the army.

While the rolls of registrants were slightly more than halved by Hershey's action, authorities said the reduction in the number of potentially great. It was recalled that most men inducted so far have been in their early twenties. The older men in the 21 through 35 age group have many reasons for deferments including essential employment in defense industries, economic dependents, and physical disabilities.

Some authorities have speculated, in fact, that the 750,000 young men registered today probably would offer about the same number of persons qualified for induction as were available among the millions now deferred.

Mr. McIver New Manager of Mack's

Mr. Jack McIver, who has been connected with the Mack's store in Conway, South Carolina, is new manager of Mack's in Raeford. Miss Katie Lee Culbreth, who has been the manager for the past five years, resigned in order to accept a position with Bell Hensdale in Fayetteville. She left Tuesday for her new job. Mr. and Mrs. McIver have an apartment with Mrs. A. J. Fuller.

Roosevelt Still Hopeful of Keeping U. S. At Peace

Hyde Park, N. Y., July 1.—With firmness undiminished by the latest phases of Europe's war, President Roosevelt voiced once again today a hope that the United States could keep out of the conflict.

Certainly Americans—and he included himself in his statement—were all against war just as they were all against sin, he asserted.

Yet, with the caution with which he always has appraised publicly America's chances of keeping out of the fighting, the chief executive did not go so far as to say he believed the nation could remain at peace.

In fact, he went to some pains, at a press conference, to make it plain that he was voicing only a hope, as he has done many times before.

Silent On Knox Remarks.
Even so, his words attained a measure of extra significance from the fact that some critics had been contending the administration was nudging the country toward active participation in the war and some administration officials had been urging greater and more effective aid for foes of the axis, including use of the navy.

Mr. Roosevelt was asked whether of Navy Secretary Knox, in a speech at Boston last night, that American war ships be employed to clear the Atlantic for delivery of war aid to Britain.

Tilting back in a chair in the study of his country home, the President rounded his lips into a characteristic "o" and then said merely that he did not think there was any comment.

Comfortably attired in an open-necked blue shirt and gray cotton trousers, Mr. Roosevelt jovially had warned reporters that he would answer most of their questions with a negative or an "I don't know."

Discusses War Polls
He did discuss war polls, being conducted by his own congressman, Rep. Hamilton Fish, Republican, New York, and by the New York Daily News, to determine whether the people thought the United States should go to war.

Obviously, the chief executive said, anybody would vote only one way, he declared.

"Mr. President," a reporter said "back when the war first started it was a popular question to ask you if you thought we could keep out of war. You always then said you thought we could."

No, he didn't, Mr. Roosevelt interrupted. He had said he hoped so.

But he said the same old answer still was good, just as it had been since September, 1939, when Britain and France declared war on Germany.

The President said Representative Fish had not polled him. He said Mrs. Roosevelt had been polled on the question of entering the war and that he thought she also had voted that she was against sin.

In answering any poll of the type of those conducted by Fish and the News, he said, it was just like saying you were against sin. The answer was obvious.

The chief executive was asked for comment on the arrest of 32 persons over the weekend on espionage charges and on a report of the house handling of the defense program.

Eight Defendants Face Recorder Tuesday Morning

Eight defendants were found guilty Tuesday morning in Recorder's court and were sentenced to thirty days in jail or on the roads, sentences to be suspended on payment of the costs. They are:

B. J. Stone, white man from Rocky Mount, pleaded guilty of giving a bad check; John D. McAllister, colored, pleaded guilty of an attempt to defraud; Annie Little, colored, pleaded not guilty of violating the prohibition law; Nathaniel Willis, colored, pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon; Willie Graham, colored, pleaded guilty to possession of non-tax-paid whiskey; Walter Bullard, Indian from Blue Springs, pleaded guilty to violation of the prohibition law; Son Murchison, colored from Blue Springs, who pleaded guilty to the charge of being drunk and disorderly; and Dwight Evans, colored, who pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly and pleaded not guilty of violating the prohibition law, but received the sentence of thirty days on the roads or payment of the costs on both the charges.

Those facing the recorder who did not receive thirty days or the costs were: Quincy Little, colored, who pleaded not guilty to violation of the prohibition law and received a sentence of 60 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of ten dollars and the costs; Zieg McLean, colored, who was found not guilty of violating the prohibition law; Nathaniel Willis, who pleaded guilty to a second charge of damage to personal property and was given the choice of 60 days on the roads or paying a fine of twenty five dollars and costs.

Army Experiments With Gliders Are Closely Studied

Washington, July 1.—Twelve air corps officers have completed the first phase of what may prove to be the army's most extensive experiments with troop and supply transportation by gliders.

The twelve, the War Department said today, have concluded at three-week course in glider flight training on two-place, eight-place and 15-place sailplanes.

They were trained at civilian soaring schools at Elmira, N. Y., and Lockport, Ill. All are attached to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Their work is now being closely studied, the army air corps said. Indications are that the experiments will be continued and enlarged at the army's flying fields since the air corps has ordered a small number of gliders for experimental purposes.

Suggest Rainbow Hues For Traffic Vehicles

Atlantic City, N. J., July 1.—Vividly painted vehicles were suggested today by the American Optometric association as a means of reducing highway accidents.

The motor division committee of the association recommended all motor trucks be painted white and passenger cars should be daubed in aluminum green, yellow, and orange among other hues.

British Claim 1,453 Enemy Planes In East

London, July 1.—British empire air forces in the Middle East shot down or destroyed on the ground 1,453 Axis or Vichy planes during the first six months of 1941, the Air ministry declared today.

The ministry said June operations were particularly successful, empire flyers having destroyed 210 hostile planes, including 55 Vichy craft in Syria, with a loss of 65 British planes.

Miss Deane Matheson, who is attending the school of Nursing at Duke University, is spending a month with her mother, Mrs. R. A. Matheson.

comment on the arrest of 32 persons over the weekend on espionage charges and on a report of the house handling of the defense program.

He said he knew no more about the spy cases than what he had seen in the papers.

Mr. Roosevelt said he had not read the house committee's report issued after several weeks of investigation.

Two Wrecks Over Weekend; None Killed

At almost midnight Saturday a 1930 Ford coach, driven by Carlis Edward Powell, young white man from Valdese, struck a 1941 Plymouth coupe driven by Woodrow Blue, young white man of Route 1, Raeford, about one mile south of Raeford on U. S. 15-A. Powell was accompanied by Earl Maugherly, also of Valdese. All three men were cut and bruised severely and the vehicles were severely damaged. Charges were not preferred by either party.

Sunday afternoon a car driven by R. A. Ikner, 28, of Laurel Hill, collided with one driven by Louis Roman, negro, of Buffalo, New York. The accident occurred on the Raeford-Fayetteville highway near Wayside station. Ikner was critically injured, being severely lacerated around the head, face, shoulders, and arms, and possibly sustaining a fracture of the skull. His companion, Willie M. Little, of Selma, was also badly injured. None of the occupants of the other auto were badly hurt.

The accident occurred when the car driven by Ikner passed a truck and was unable to get back in line before meeting the oncoming car driven by Roman. The truck, driven by Thomas Rowe, of Laurinburg, pulled off the side of the road in an attempt to give Ikner room to avoid collision with the other automobile. Charges will probably be preferred against Ikner when he recovers.

Merchants To Close On July 4th

All Raeford merchants will be closed all day July 4, it was announced Tuesday. This is in accordance with the annual custom of a full holiday on Independence Day.

Big Snake In Raeford Last Thursday

There was a big snake in Raeford last Thursday—one without any legs at all. The snake was a four and one-half foot rattler, with ten rattles and a button. The snake was killed by A. L. Pipkins, colored farmer who lives on the farm of one Will Adkins.

H. A. Cameron Grows New Product

Mr. H. A. Cameron of Raeford is conducting experiments of a horticultural nature. Mr. Cameron has succeeded in crossing corn with rye. His first successful product was harvested Tuesday and consisted of an ear of corn with several grains of rye growing on it. It is rumored that several distilleries are attempting to buy Mr. Cameron's rights to this remarkable discovery.

25 Patrolmen Will Be Added

Raleigh, July 1.—The State highway patrol next week will select 100 men for special training, at the end of which 25 of them will be added to the patrol, Commander John Armstrong said today.

The school, beginning July 14, and lasting four to six weeks, will be conducted by about 10 officers of the patrol, assisted by representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Secret Service, insurance underwriters and the Institute of Government. It will be held at the State fair grounds.

Library Notes

The Public Library will be closed July 4th.

The library board wishes to express grateful thanks to the members of the Literature Department of the Raeford Woman's Club for twenty eight books presented recently.

The following new books have been added to the shelves within the last ten days: On the Long Tide, Dr. and His Patients, Out of the Night, Song after Midnight, And Then there were None, Shepherd of the Hills, Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde, City of the Bells, and Richard Halburton's, Exit Laughing.

Your 1941 magazines would be appreciated. Don't forget to take them the next time you visit the library.

WEEVILS

Cotton farmers of the state are being urged to use a pre-planting mopping method of combating the heavy threat of boll weevil infestation this year, says R. H. Thompson, agricultural writer at State College.