

Lumbee Coop To Get Early Aid For "B" Project

Approval Being Withheld On Account of Defense Priorities On Needed Materials.

The "B" project of the Lumbee Electric Membership Corporation has been found feasible and will be approved as soon as materials necessary for construction can be spared from the Defense Program according to a letter received yesterday by D. J. Dalton superintendent of the cooperative.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Dalton as to the status of the application for a loan to construct the more than 250 miles of additional lines, W. P. Coppinger of the application and loan division of the Rural Electrification Administration states that the application has been examined and found feasible. However, he states, this application is but one of a number on file which ask for more than \$100,000,000 for rural electrification. Mr. Coppinger states that conditions are "considerably different from those a year ago. The National Defense effort has made it necessary for us to coordinate the flow of materials with the release of allotments. . . . For this reason, therefore, an availability of materials will, in the final analysis, govern the rate at which the REA will be able to govern allotments."

The letter continues "In regard to your 'B' application, we recognize that while this application was received sometime in March, it contains many members who were originally signed up in the 'A' application. For this reason, we are attempting to give this application extra consideration in our allotment program. However, we are unable to indicate just when an allotment will be made. You can rest assured that we will do everything possible to expedite action on the project's request for a loan to meet the pressing situation now existing in connection with your cooperative."

Mr. Dalton stated that he hoped this would answer the numerous inquiries which he had in recent weeks concerning the construction dates of the "B" project. He stated that he had been assured by REA officials that as soon as the government was able to allocate materials to construction projects non-related to the National Defense Program, the REA would receive early consideration.

Commentaries issued recently show that the Defense program will not need all of the electrical materials which can be manufactured and as soon as a production survey of the industry could be completed it would be possible to allocate certain materials to non-defense construction.

Many Expected In Charlotte For Synod

More than 250 representatives including ministers and church elders from all over the United States are expected to attend the annual General Synod of the Bible Presbyterian church beginning October 14 at the new Bible Presbyterian church on East Fourth Street, Charlotte, according to the Rev. E. A. Dillard, pastor of the church.

A missionary conference will be held also and the Synod is scheduled to last for three days, ending on October 16.

Many outstanding speakers will come to the synod and they include: Dr. Harold E. Laird, pastor of the First Independent church of Wilmington, Del.; Dr. J. Gordon of Philadelphia, Pa., executive secretary of the Independent Board of Presbyterian Foreign Missions; Rev. Carl McIntyre of Collingswood, N. J., editor of the Christian Beacon; Dr. Allan McCrae of Wilmington, Del., president of the State Theological seminary; and Dr. Furnoy Shepperson of Greenville, S. C., pastor of the Bible Presbyterian church in that city.

WEEVILS

Farmers of Greene County are reporting heavy infestations of boll weevils this year, according to J. W. Grant, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

LESPEDEZA

A seven-acre field which L. H. Ray, unit demonstration farmer of the Burnsville township in Yancey County, sowed to sericea lespedeza four years ago has been a major source of income since.

W. N. Sessoms Dies Saturday

William Neill Sessoms, 68 year old resident of Raeford, died in a Fayetteville hospital Saturday night after a protracted illness. He was a native of Moore county and had lived in Hoke county for the past thirty years. He was well-known and well-respected in the community in which he lived. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Gibson Sessoms, one sister, Mrs. Robert Phillips of Cameron, six sons; W. J. Sessoms of Manly, B. F. Sessoms of Bessemer City, J. E. Sessoms of Asheboro, N. R. Sessoms of Lillington, P. D. Sessoms of Raeford, and M. K. Sessoms of Sanford; three daughters. Mrs. W. D. Black of Hopewell, Va., Mrs. J. M. Davis of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. M. L. Crowley of Raeford.

The funeral services were held from the home at 11 a. m. Monday and interment followed in the Raeford cemetery. The services were conducted by the Reverend W. F. Trawick, who was assisted by Reverend Mullis of Manly, North Carolina. The pallbearers were: Lawrence Stanton, Walter Baker, Gilbert Ray, Willard Leach, Hector Bundy, and Clay Lilly.

Selectees And Guardsmen Will Be Kept 18 Months

Washington, Aug. 19.—Selectees and national guardsmen will be held in service an average of less than 18 months, instead of the 30-month hitch authorized by law, the army announced today.

Military sources said the statement, which also asserted that almost 200,000 selectees, guardsmen and others would be released before Christmas, should give a pronounced "lift" to troop morale.

The scheduled releases are subject to the condition that "this country does not become more involved in the international situation." However, the hope was expressed that it would not be necessary to hold any individual now in training for the full term permissible under the service extension bill signed by President Roosevelt yesterday.

Osborn Morale Chief.
The army statement, coupled with the unusual announcement that a civilian, Frederick H. Osborn, of New York City, would become chief of the army morale branch with the rank of brigadier general, was regarded as evidence of an effort by army leaders to end criticism that morale in many army camps was at low ebb.

Mr. Roosevelt sent to the senate the nomination of General Osborn, a corporation executive and social scientist, as successor to Brig.- Gen. James A. Ulio. General Ulio, it was stated, will undergo an operation shortly which will keep him from active duty for several months.

Almost 200,000 trainees, guardsmen and officers of the reserve and national guard who were brought into federal service before the end of 1940 will be "out of the trenches by Christmas." "Dependency and hardship cases," trainees who were 28 or older on July 1 and men who ask releases will be discharged in that order of priority.

18 Months Average
Other selectees and guardsmen will be released "after an average of about 18 months total active service, some as early as 14 months," the department said.

Some army sources expressed the view that the high command was seeking to allay apprehension in army cantonments that the 30-month limit was an arbitrarily fixed term of service.

"The men now have assurance that they will be kept only as long as defense," one officer said.

Those to be released before Christmas must make applications to their commanding officers. It was also specified that men would not be released while their units were participating in maneuvers or other special training except in case of dependency hardship or other emergency. Enlisted trainees and guardsmen who wish to remain in service longer than 12 months may do so either by enlisting for a three-year "hitch" in the regular army or by voluntarily extending their training to the full 30 months permitted by law.

RAEFORD-VASS ROAD TO BE CLOSED

Beginning Tuesday, August 19th and lasting through Friday, August 22, 1941, all of the Fort Bragg Reservation west of the line RAY ROAD and MAIL ROUTE will be closed to civilian traffic. This includes the RAEFORD-VASS ROAD. This closure is due to a large scale maneuver being held by the 1 Army Corps.

Local Men Prepared For Gasless Sundays As Well As Nights



This photograph shows the preparation made by Dunc McNeill and Dee Austin, local white men, in readiness for gasless Sundays. Austin states that such a return to ancient methods of travel and amusement will be a great help to national defense. McNeill stated that the jug of vinegar (?) in the rear of the vehicle was home-prepared.

N. H. G. Balfour Heads State Group

At the 34th annual convention of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, which ended at Wrightsville Beach last Thursday, N. H. G. Balfour was elected president for the coming year. Balfour has been a Hoke County commissioner



for the past nine years and chairman of the Hoke group for the past seven years. The election of Balfour is considered a signal honor.

Mark Goforth, of Caldwell County, was named vice-president, and J. L. Skinner, of Warren county, was re-elected secretary-treasurer for his 23rd consecutive year.

The association went on record as opposing control of state forests by the federal government, also what it termed "too great control by the state health department over county health departments," and condemned strikes in defense industries and any increase in the present tobacco tax.

The association decided to hold the annual convention in Asheville next year.

Balfour plans to enlist 100 per cent active membership in the association as one of his first actions.

Barrington Resigns As Police Chief; To Be Rural Policeman

W. R. Barrington, who has been chief of the Raeford police force for the past several months, has announced his resignation from the force. He will assume the duties of rural policeman for Hoke County in September. This is a newly created office in this county, although adjoining counties have had rural policemen for some time. It is not yet known who will take the place of Barrington as Chief of Police in Raeford. His effort as police chief have been appreciated and the vacancy created will be a hard one to fill.

Peggy McFadyen Back On Job

Friends will be pleased to know that Miss Peggy McFadyen, formerly secretary of the county accountant, is back on duty in the courthouse after a serious back injury sustained in an automobile accident over three months ago. At the time she was injured Miss McFadyen was secretary for the Hoke County Selective Service board. She is not yet working on a full time basis but hopes to soon be doing so.

Zeb V. Pate, Of Laurinburg, Dies

Laurinburg, Aug. 18.—Zebulon Vance Pate, 75, president of five of the larger business and manufacturing concerns of this section, director in all the banks in the county, and father of State Senator Edwin Pate, died of a heart attack at his West Church street home here about midnight.

Funeral services at the home were held at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, with Rev. S. H. Fulton, of the First Presbyterian church, officiating.

Surviving besides his only son, Senator Pate, are two daughters, Mrs. W. B. Townsend, of Red Springs; Mrs. J. D. Currie of Fayetteville, a sister, Mrs. J. A. McGreagor of near Laurinburg, and the following brothers, Dr. G. M. Pate, C. T. Pate, and J. Frank Pate, all of Rowland, and D. A. Pate of Gibson.

He was a son of the late George T. Pate of southwest Scotland County and the former Mary Adams of Marlboro County, S. C. His wife, formerly Miss Sallie McNair, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John F. McNair of Laurinburg, was fatally injured in an automobile accident in 1934.

When he was 16 years old, Mr. Pate entered the employ of the late John F. McNair, who later became the most powerful businessman of this section. In 1900 Mr. Pate entered business on his own account, opening a farmer's supply store at Laurel Hill. From this beginning his business grew until he of vinegar (?) in the rear of the in this county, president of the Dixie Guano company.

Hunt Club Hears R. Hunt Parker

The annual meeting of the Raeford Hunt Club was held last Monday evening at the National Guard Armory. A steak dinner was served the members of the club. Presiding over the meeting was the president, John McGoogan, who was re-elected as president. The vice-president, Make McKeithan, and the Secretary-treasurer, Robert Gatlin, were also elected to serve for another year in these capacities.

Guests of the club were R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, and F. Ertel Carlyle, of Lumberton, Superior Court judge and solicitor. After the dinner Judge Parker addressed the club on the subject of defense and patriotism. According to Judge Parker every true American should be wholeheartedly behind the defense effort and cease to tolerate the actions of the appeasers and isolationists.

Fayetteville Has Big Fire Sunday

Fayetteville, Aug. 17.—Two buildings of the Southern Cotton Oil company here, including 25,000 bushels of soy beans, were destroyed by fire of undetermined origin this afternoon.

O. L. Stubbs, plant manager, estimated total damages at \$100,000. The blaze apparently started in the back of a warehouse containing the beans and proceeded to sweep through the hull house, which held machinery and meal.

Firemen obtained additional equipment from nearby Fort Bragg and saved two large adjacent buildings and other property.

School Bus Driver's School

On Tuesday beginning at 8:00 D. S. T. a school bus drivers school was held at the Hoke county high school building.

This school was sponsored by the Board of Education, State School Commission, and Safety Division of the State Highway Department.

Mrs. Ricks and Mrs. Tomlinson with the Safety Division were the class room instructors and Patrolman Poe Murrill, Herman Ivey, and J. T. Waston were in charge of the road work.

There were 43 drivers and substitute drivers enrolled. Everyone passed the written examination with flying colors. 94 was the average grade for the 43 enrollees. Several pulled 100's out of the bag and the lowest grade made was 82.

Of the 43 examined 11 failed on their road tests and 4 could not be certified on account of the fact, that as yet they had not secured driving licenses. All of those who failed to get certificates will still have another chance. As Hoke County is going the state one better, and will have a driving school of its own beginning on Wednesday, September 3, and lasting the rest of that week if necessary. At the time of this second school a physical examination will be given all drivers and substitute drivers.

The Board of Education is spurring no fails to make school transportation in Hoke County as safe as possible.

To Launch One Variety Cotton Marketing Program

A marketing program is being launched in Hoke County in connection with the One Variety Cotton Program by farmers and ginners of the county, reports A. S. Knowles, county agent. This program is operated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture Economics and is designed to follow Coker 100 Cotton from the producer through the finished product at the mills to determine its character and qualities.

Mr. Proctor Campbell, assistant marketing specialist from Washington, spent Monday and Tuesday in Hoke County contacting the cotton ginners in regard to ginning and submitting cotton samples so that the cotton can be sold on the grade and staples that is demonstrated. A committee composed of T. D. Potter, chairman, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., W. M. Thomas, and J. W. Hasty, and J. M. McGoogan was appointed to work out the details of the program. This committee was appointed by the N. C. Cotton Growers Association, as the shipper. They also decided that all the Coker 100 cotton going into this program, shall be packed in jute bagging and ginners and producers seem very enthusiastic about this program and feel that it will pay dividends to the cotton farm.

Representative Fish Praises 'Lost Colony'

Washington, Aug. 13.—Representative Hamilton Fish of New York this week told the House here that Paul Green's patriotic drama "The Lost Colony," now its fifth season at Manteo, N. C., "presents one of the most remarkable historical scenes it has ever been my pleasure to witness. "It is intensely interesting and it is magnificently American from beginning to end," he continued. It is the best thing of its kind in America today. It makes you proud to be an American."

Revival To Be Held At Galatia

The revival services at Galatia church will begin Monday evening at eight o'clock day light saving time. There will be morning and evening services each day through the fifth Sunday. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services. Rev. J. P. McNatt of Morven will assist the pastor in these special services.

Rev. John Barbee To Preach Sunday

Rev. John Barbee will preach in the Raeford M. E. Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He is a young evangelist who has preached to thousands of people in the very short period of his ministry. He is widely known as a great forward-stirring preacher of the Old Time Religion.

16 Defendants Before Superior Court This Week

In the August term of Superior court 16 defendants came before Judge R. Hunt Parker. Nine of these defendants were charged with assault with deadly weapons with intent to kill, four were charged with larceny and damage, and three were charged with rape and carnal knowledge.

In the assault cases Buddie Ellis was found guilty on two counts and was sentenced to 8 months on the roads in one case and ordered to pay \$90 damages in the other case. In the affair of the cutting and shooting affray held at the "Puddin' Jint" some time ago, in which five negroes were charged with assault with deadly weapons with intent to kill, three were found guilty. Alex McBryde pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 6 months on the roads, Joe Hadley pleaded not guilty and the jury found him not guilty, Henry Hadley pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months on the roads, Alvester Rozier was found to be under 16 and was remanded to the juvenile court, and Ervin Rozier was sentenced to 6 months on the roads.

John Leach was charged with assault with intent to kill and use of a deadly weapon in so doing and pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon. The state accepted his plea and sentenced him to 12 months on the roads.

Leonard Scriven was found guilty by the jury of assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to 6 months on the roads. Roosevelt McLean pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon, the state accepted and sentenced him to 8 months on the roads.

Ernest Sykes, Fort Bragg soldier, pleaded not guilty to assault with intent to commit rape. The jury found him guilty of assault on a female and the sentence of the court was 18 months on the roads.

Avery McLaughlin, charged with rape and carnal knowledge, pleaded guilty to carnal knowledge and after accepting the plea the state sentenced him to 12 months on the roads.

George Purcell, charged with rape and carnal knowledge, was freed when the grand jury found the bill to not be a true one.

Charged with larceny and damage were Woodrow Jackson, Jesse Jackson, Norman McMillan, and James Fairley. They pleaded not guilty and the court directed a verdict of not guilty.

Only two cases from the civil calendar came before the court, the other being continued. In these Mrs. Hazel Lyons received a divorce from Charlie Lyons, and Lillie Mae Hinnant received a divorce from Herman A. Hinnant.

Hoke County To Have Health Dept. During Maneuvers

At the meeting of the health officers of the state and county following the meeting of the Civilian Defense agencies Tuesday morning it was decided that a temporary health department would be set up in Hoke county during the forthcoming maneuvers this fall. The offices will be in the county office building and the force will consist of a clerk, who will be furnished by the WPA, a state sanitary engineer, and probably a nurse. There will be a state health officer who will serve Hoke and two other counties. The duties of the state sanitary engineer will be to inspect all eating establishments, water supplies, and to test all milk to be sold in the county. This will be an extension of the municipal ordinances to the entire county.

The liaison man between civil and military authorities on health matters will be the former health officer of Forsythe county and his headquarters will be in Rockingham.

At the meeting of the army, civil and military authorities Col. Harrelson, head of the North Carolina Defense Council, spoke briefly on the subject of cooperation in general. Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer then spoke on health problems which would arise, and he was followed by two of his staff, Drs. Knox, Fox and Booker, who spoke on special health problems. A representative of the army then stated that the army would do all in its power to cooperate with the civil authorities and to make the maneuvers run as smoothly as possible in regard to civilian relations.

It was suggested that a trailer camp be set up at the ball park near the national guard armory to accommodate those observing the maneuvers.