

Hoke County Agriculture Defense Board Meets

In every state and every county of the United States Federal Department of Agriculture administrative defense boards have been established by order of Secretary Claude R. Wickard.

The membership of the defense boards comprises a representative from each of the Department agencies whose services will be called on by the Secretary to administer actions necessary to carry out his departmental responsibilities in national defense. The chairman of each state board is the head officer in the state for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The chairman of each county board is the chairman of the County AAA committee. Secretary Wickard pointed out that the major part of the Department's defense job involving field work centers on adjustment of farm production, and that helping farmers make adjustments in production is the major job of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

The agencies of the Department whose representatives serve on the state defense boards include the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the Farm Security Administration, the Soil Conservation Service, the Farm Credit Administration, the Surplus Marketing Administration, the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Forest Service, the Rural Electrification Administration, and the Federal-State cooperative Extension Service.

The USDA Defense Boards are responsible through their chairmen to the USDA State Defense Boards. The USDA State Defense Boards are responsible through their chairmen to the Secretary of Agriculture.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture State Defense Boards shall assign to the U. S. Department of Agriculture responsibility for such assignments as are given the State Boards by the Secretary.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture State Defense Boards of which Mr. G. T. Scott, of Raleigh, N. C., is chairman, has appointed the following to serve on the Hoke County USDA Defense Board.

J. M. McGoogan, Chairman, Representing Agricultural Adjustment.

N. H. G. Balfour, Vice Chairman, Representing Farm Credit Adm.

James F. Jones, Secretary, representing Farm Security Adm.

Marshall Newton, representing Rural Electrification Adm.

A. S. Knowles, representing Extension Service.

G. Walker Blair, Clinton, N. C., representing Crop and Feed Loan, FCA.

At a meeting of the Board held in the County Agent's office, Monday night, August 25, all resident members were present.

At the request of the Secretary of Agriculture, two important subjects were discussed.

1. The urgent need for increasing the plantings of Winter Legumes and Cover crops, in order to build up and maintain the fertility of the land this winter, in view of a possible shortage of nitrates next spring.

2. A survey of Farm machinery sales in the county during 1940-41 and estimated minimum needs for new farm machines in 1942. In this connection, several farm machine dealers in the county and also some from adjoining counties, were contacted, and they cooperated willingly in furnishing desired information, for which the Board wishes to express its appreciation for their splendid cooperation.

This information is desired by the Secretary of Agriculture in order to secure priority on sufficient steel to take care of the 1942 needs for agriculture machinery, reports J. M. McGoogan, Chairman USDA Defense Board.

It is the purpose of the U. S. Department of Agriculture County Defense Board to confer with, advise, and arrange cooperation with other defense agencies, having State or local offices, and to arrange for maximum cooperation of all Department field personnel in defense undertakings.

New Homes Going Up

Cyde Upchurch, Jr., is building an attractive home of Cape Cod design on the lot adjoining his father. This house is about completed and is about ready for occupancy.

Lawrence McNeill is building on the same lot on which he and his father lived. The old home was torn away and the new one of brick construction will stand in the same place. The McNeill family is living in the house on the Aberdeen highway on the lot next to theirs.

J. B. McIntyre has bought a lot



ATTIRE ACCENTS ROLE: The camera of Hurrell catches Bettie Davis in her striking role as the unscrupulous Regina Giddens of "The Little Foxes," which Samuel Goldwyn produced. She is seen in this photo wearing one of the authentic 1900-model costumes created by Orry-Kelly, a black velvet evening gown with a black point d'esprit scarf, suggestive of menace.

Appeals To Be Made To Local Board, Metts Says

Any matter pertaining to the classification of a Selective Service registrant must be taken up directly with the local board with which he is registered, General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, advised registrants, their dependents and employers today.

Communications on this subject addressed to State or National Selective Headquarters are always referred to the proper local board, he said, because only local boards can act upon the cases of individual registrants until they have been classified, and appeal from a classification must be made through the local board of the registrant. He said:

"Any person entitled to appeal the classification of a registrant—the registrant himself, any person who claims to be a dependent of the registrant, or any person who has filed written evidence of the occupation necessity of the registrant—may do so within ten days after the registrant's notice of classification was mailed, unless the local board has extended that time. The appeal may be made in either of two ways:

"1. By filing with the local board a written notice of appeal. Such notice need not be in any set form, but it must state the name of the registrant and the name and identity of the appellant to show he has the right to appeal.

"2. By signing the 'Appeal to Board of Appeal' on the registrant's questionnaire (DSS Form 40)."

Director Metts emphasized the provision of Selective Service Regulations that the person who makes an appeal may attach to his notice of appeal, or to the registrant's questionnaire, a statement specifying wherein he believes the local board has been in error; that he may point out any information in the registrant's file which he believes has been passed over without proper consideration, and restate in full any data which the local board has failed or refused to include in the registrant's file.

"While both State and National Headquarters have sympathetic regard for every registrant, these Headquarters obviously cannot consider the case of each individual registrant," the Director pointed out. "This is the responsibility of the local board. Its members have that intimate knowledge of the registrant, of his personal situation, and of the National Defense needs of his community, that must be given primary consideration in any democratic system. The local board must have classified a registrant for selection or deferment before either State or National Headquarters can act upon his case."

Orthopedic Clinic Next Friday

The Orthopedic Clinic will be held in the Agricultural Building in Lumberton on Friday, September 5, beginning at nine o'clock, and is free to all indigent children under twenty-one years of age.

Dr. Lenox D. Baker of Duke Hospital will be the surgeon in charge.

out on the northern extension of Fulton Street and will build at once. The house in which the McIntyres now live will be occupied by Mr. Wite the new school principal.

Investigation Gas Shortage

Washington, Aug. 26.—The senate commerce committee voted unanimously today to undertake an immediate investigation of "the whole situation" regarding gasoline and oil shortages.

Chairman Bailey (D-NC) named a subcommittee headed by Senator Maloney (D-Conn) to conduct the inquiry. Bailey explained that the committee was empowered to act without senate authorization.

Other members of the subcommittee are Senators Harbour (R-NJ), Burton (R-Ohio), and Radcliffe (D-Md).

Maloney said he would start open hearings Thursday to inquire into oil and petroleum shortages which have developed in the east.

Maloney said the mere offering of the gasoline investigation proposal had "done some good already." He cited as an example the assurance from dealers that an adequate supply would be available for motorists over the Labor Day week-end.

Maloney sponsored another resolution also approved unanimously by the commerce committee, calling for an inquiry into priorities. Maloney said this would cover the entire problem of obtaining prompt delivery of defense materials. The priorities resolution requires senate approval.

The committee acted a day after Senator Walsh (D-Mass) had demanded a thorough investigation of gasoline shortages in the eastern area.

Dr. C. L. Gray Leaves Sanatorium

Sanatorium, Aug. 21.—Dr. Julia Mary Jones, resident physician for the past three years of the Tuberculosis Service of Bellevue Hospital, New York City, will arrive at the North Carolina Sanatorium September 1 to become assistant physician in charge of the Ladies Building. Dr. Jones succeeds Dr. C. L. Gray, who resigned the first of August.

Dr. Jones graduated from the Duke University School and was assistant instructor in anatomy there. Prior to going to Bellevue she was on the staff of the Maybury Sanatorium in Northville, Michigan. She is a native of Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Gray is now resident physician in the radiological department of the Duke University Medical School and will study radiology there for a year. He then expects to enter private practice in High Point.

McInnis Reunion Held August 21st

The clan McInnis had their annual reunion at Page's Lake last Thursday, August 21. A large crowd attended the gathering. Beginning at 11:30 a. m. a short program was given and dinner was served at 1:00 o'clock. At the business meeting following the dinner Maggie Jane McBryde was elected President for the coming year, Mrs. Jim Graham of Fayetteville was elected vice-president; and Mrs. Murphy McLauchlin was elected secretary-treasurer. It was decided that the place of meeting for next year would be Dundarrach church and the time to be the third Sunday in August.

Tobacco Prices New Bright Belt Marts Very Good

Raleigh, Aug. 26.—The world's largest tobacco markets, located in eastern North Carolina's new bright belt, became virtual boom towns today as opening day price at several points were the best in a decade.

All 14 markets in the belt reported opening prices well above last year's belt average of 17.86 cents a pound and at some places above the 28.12 cents average last week on the Carolinas border belt. Blue-cured tobacco from which cigarettes are made, is auctioned on all Carolinas eastern markets.

Sales were heavy and first reports said farmers generally appeared pleased with prices. A number of points reported not a single grower dissatisfied with payments during the early sale.

Sales Supervisor George Arrington at Ahoskie, where the first 75 piles sold averaged 32 cents, said it was the best opening break there in ten years. Excellent cigarette type leaf predominated in the 250,000 pounds offered there and prices ranged from eight to 42 cents.

Despite a large amount of damaged tobacco sold in the first 30 baskets at Goldsboro the average was estimated unofficially at 25 cents. All grades were higher than at the opening last year and the prices ranged from two to 39 cents.

Elated over returns, farmers interviewed at Greenville said the prices on some grades were as high as the all-time record year of 1919.

Most of the tobacco was bringing 30 cents or more but some low grades pulled the general average down to between 26 and 29 1-2 cents, Sales Supervisor R. C. Rankin said. The lowest grades brought as little as 3 cents but top quality was selling as high as 60 cents.

Approximately 2,000,000 pounds of weed were in the warehouse floors. No tags were turned in the first batch of sales.

Hoke Drug Company Robbed Thursday

Last Thursday night after closing a robber stealthily entered the premises of the Hoke Drug Company and stole toward the cash register. After looting the till of the tidy sum of two dollars and ten cents (\$2.10) the marauder crept toward the safe and began work on the door of the safe and ravishing its contents as he had done the cash register. At this point in the game the brave clerk in the said drug dispensary, one Alexander Boswell Bethune, entered the front door. Bethune said that some intuition told him that skulduggery was afoot and drew him to the store. As soon as Bethune entered the front door of the apothecary shop. Raffles fled the rear one, and with Bethune giving chase for several miles (distance according to Bethune) the hue and cry was on. After attempting to catch the thief in vain Bethune returned to the store, happy in the knowledge that he had probably saved the safe from the fate of the cash register.

Ground Broken For New Sanatorium

Sanatorium, Aug. 21.—Former Senator L. L. Gravelly of Rocky Mount, chairman of the Sanatorium Board of Directors, turned the first spadeful of dirt when ground was broken Monday morning for the state's new tuberculosis sanatorium in Wilson. Dr. P. P. McCain, superintendent of the North Carolina Sanatorium, members of the building committee, the architect and the contractors met at the site and decided on the exact location and position of the buildings.

The contractors represented at the meeting were Fowler-Jones Company of Winston-Salem, general contractors, and W. M. Wiggins Company of Wilson, plumbing contractors. Members of the building committee, in addition to Senator Gravelly, are E. A. Raspberry of Snow Hill, Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin of Wake Forest, Laurie McEachern of Raeford, and Dr. Erick Bell of Wilson. W. W. Hook of Charlotte is the architect.

First 1941 Bale Ginned at Oakdale

The first bale of cotton to be ginned in the 1941 season was ginned at Oakdale gin last Monday. It was a five hundred pound bale belonging to J. L. McNeill, of Raeford. Ginners report that it ginned very well for early cotton, and that it graded middling one and one-thirty seconds of an inch. It was sold to the Johnson Co. as soon as it was ginned for the price of 17 cents per pound.

FIVE CONVICTED OF HUNTING DEER AT NIGHT IN HOKE COUNTY; FINED \$500.00 AND COSTS

McLean Warns Hunters Of New Hunting Laws

H. R. McLean, Hoke County game and forest warden, in a statement last Tuesday warned hunters this year to note the new hunting laws, especially in regard to quail and deer hunting. The chief changes in the deer and quail laws lie in the punishment for the infraction, according to McLean. These new laws are:

Minimum Fine for Selling Quail:

Any person convicted of buying or selling or offering to buy or sell quail in violation of the North Carolina Game Laws shall be fined not less than \$50.00 or imprisoned for not more than 60 days or both in the discretion of the court.

Minimum Fine Doe Deer:

Any person taking or having in possession doe deer in violation of the North Carolina laws is subject to a fine of not less than (\$50.00) or imprisonment not less than 30 days or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Night hunting for deer:

Any person who takes or attempts to take deer between sunset and sunrise with the aid of a spotlight or other artificial light on any highway or in any field, woodland, or forest in violation of the North Carolina game laws is subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 or imprisonment not less than 60 days or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Aberdeen To Be Rail Head For Army Maneuvers

Aberdeen, Aug. 22.—United States army officials from Governor's Island have been in Aberdeen and the sandhills during the past week making arrangements for the fall maneuvers. They are headed by Col. Lewis Landis include Lieut. Col. F. R. Brevard, commanding officer of the headquarters, first quartermaster salvage depot, Maj. Don Haven, commanding officer railroad and reserve depot, and Lieut. Col. John Alure and Capt. W. A. Huntberry. They have decided upon Aberdeen as a rail head from where supplies will be shipped daily for the maneuvers.

The site will be the old Obers warehouse and the field to the right just outside the town limits, ninety thousand square feet of the field will be covered with a large tent to store rations, and 30,000 5-gallon cans will be carried to the location and filled with gasoline from a railroad tank. It is expected that later in the fall approximately 5,000 men will be stationed between Aberdeen and Pinebluff, doubling the population of the two towns.

Pay Rolls In State Show Gain

Raleigh, Aug. 26.—July employment in 581 manufacturing establishments in North Carolina last month totaled 174,890, or nine-tenths of per cent above June, and pay rolls were up 2.5 per cent to \$3,139,189, the state department of labor reported today.

Average weekly earnings in July were \$17.94, or 15 per cent better than in June, though the average number of hours worked, 37.8, was 2 per cent less.

Hourly earnings were up 3.7 per cent, to 47.5 cents.

Eight hundred and seven non-manufacturing establishments employed 12,374 persons in July, three-tenths of 1 per cent fewer than in June, and pay rolls were \$203,958, eight-tenths of 1 per cent less than in June. Average weekly earnings were down four-tenths of 1 per cent to \$16.48, average hours worked down two-tenths of 1 per cent to 39.3, and average hourly earnings down 1 per cent to 39 cents.

John Calvin Currie Clan Meeting Today

The annual meeting of the John Calvin Currie clan is being held at Turn Pike today.

Recorder's court Tuesday was featured by the trial and conviction of five deer-hunters for operating at night, using spotlights hunting deer out of season, and hunting without hunting licenses. The five were arrested by game wardens at 2:00 a. m., August 15 while driving in a car equipped for night deer hunting in McLauchlin township. They were two white men, their wives, and a negro driver. They had two spotlights in the car and one was in operation when the arrest was made. They were equipped with a rifle and a shotgun and bloodstains in the car, as well as finding deer hair in the car pointed out the fact that the crime had been committed previously. The five were: Cleo Moore and Mrs. Callie Moore, Roscoe Johnson and Mrs. Margaret Johnson and the negro driver, Lacy Wilbur McCoy. They were charged with violating the game law and violating the hunting law. All pleaded not guilty and the judgement of the court was guilty. Sentences in the first instance were thirty days on the roads for the men and thirty days in jail for the women, sentences to be suspended on payment of the costs. In the second instance, a new law which makes a fine of \$100 or 60 days imprisonment mandatory for hunting deer with a spotlight made it necessary for the recorder to impose those sentences, in jail for the women or on the roads for the men exact those fines and the costs. The sentences were to run consecutively with the thirty day ones. The five appealed to Superior court and bond was set at \$200 each. All made bond and the case will probably be settled in the November term of court. This marks the first time that the new hunting laws have been used in this county.

In other cases coming before the recorder Samuel T. Fields and E. W. McCormick pleaded guilty to violating the road law and each was sentenced to thirty days of hard labor upon the roads of the state, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs. John Henry Brown was convicted with being drunk and disorderly and raising a disturbance. He also received the sentence of thirty days on the roads, suspended on payment of the costs. George Vernon McCoy and Elmer McCall also paid the costs, after being convicted of violating the road law, thus discharging their duty to the state.

Alexander Ingram pleaded guilty to operating a "for hire" vehicle without a chauffeur's license and was sentenced to thirty days, suspended on payment of the costs. James P. Hunt pleaded guilty to the same crime and received the same sentence. Willie Jones pleaded guilty to careless and reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment and received the usual sentence. The state took a nol pros in the case of Noah F. Handon, Jr., charged with violating the road law. Dave McDougald and Roosevelt Evans paid the costs, having pleaded guilty to violating the road law.

Vonnie Locklear pleaded to being drunk and disorderly and was sentenced to thirty days on the roads, to be suspended on the payment of the costs. Glenn Fulk, charged with being drunk and disorderly and violating the prohibition law, pleaded guilty to both charges and paid the costs in both cases.

Lee Brown pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition law and violating the road law, paying the costs in both cases. Tom McNeill pleaded not guilty to being drunk and disorderly and not guilty to being drunk and disorderly, there being two separate cases against him for the same misdemeanor. He was found guilty on both counts and was sentenced to thirty days in one, suspended on payment of the costs, and to sixty days in the other, suspended on payment of the costs and \$15. Clyde Ledbetter pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly and paid the costs.

Woodrow Jackson, Jessie Jackson, Norman McMillan and James Fairley were accused of taking a motor vehicle without the permission of the owner and inflicting damages thereto, as well as driving it through a cotton patch not belonging to them. All pleaded not guilty and only Woodrow and Jessie Jackson were convicted. They received four and three months, respectively, sentences to be suspended on payment of the costs and \$110 damages.

Defense supplies of small-bore powder or big guns anti-aircraft guns and army rifles may be made from staple cotton instead of cotton linters.