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Indian Commits Suicide In Allendale

Monday morning before sunrise, Henry Roller, 19 year old Indian boy, killed himself with a shotgun on the old Kirkpatrick place in Allendale township. The boy committed suicide about 200 yards from his father's house. He had taken a forked twig from a nearby persimmon tree and had fired the gun with this, holding the weapon to his head with the other hand.

Acting Coroner R. L. Murray, after investigating to death, pronounced it a clear case of suicide and said that no inquest was necessary. No reason was apparent for the suicide, according to officers, who said that the boy could neither read nor write, and that he had had no argument with the girl in whom he was interested, or with any of his family. The only fact revealed by officers that may have had any bearing on the motive for suicide was that the boy was intoxicated on the preceding Sunday afternoon and evening.

Drunk Attempts Jail Break Saturday

Herman Harrell, who was arrested Saturday evening for being drunk and disorderly, attempted to break out of the municipal Bastille about midnight of the same day. The attempt was futile, but he did succeed in damaging the jail and cutting himself quite severely. He stuck his hand between the bars and broke out several window panes, and in doing so gashed his hand. At the mayor's court Monday he was fined ten dollars and costs, and was ordered to pay for the damage that he had done.

Oakdale Fire Not Caused By Operator

The fire at Oakdale Gin which was described in last week's paper was not caused by an operator as announced. The cause of the fire was a rock which was hung in some machinery in such a manner that sparks were given off into the cotton. The rock has been removed from the machinery and will give no further trouble, according to Dee Austin, laborer at the gin.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Two hundred and twenty-four Boy Scouts and twenty-three leaders will represent the Cape Fear Council in the forthcoming Carolina Jubilee at Chapel Hill. This event which is sponsored by the University of North Carolina will be held on Emerson Field September 18, 19, 20, 21 and it is expected that three thousand Boy Scouts from the two Carolinas, Georgia and Florida will be present.

While at the Jubilee the Scouts will be the guests of the University at their opening football game with Lenior-Rhyne.

Registration are already being received in from Council Headquarters from boys interested in going, and it is expected that the quota assigned to the Cape Fear Area will be filled before the September 10th deadline.

With the registration of Troop 35, Southport, this week the total number of Troop and ship units registered in the Cape Fear Council, Boy Scouts of America, reached 63, two less than the objective for the year ending December 31. The objectives in Cub Packs has been already with eight units. The total boy membership to date is 1373, just 229 short of the goal of 1602. These are the figures shown on the monthly Regional Report, which indicate that the council is likely to reach and surpass its objectives before the end of the year.

With two fine jobs already behind them and anticipating further calls from the government, the scouts of the council will shortly begin a recruiting campaign to fill up the existing troops, in order that a more effective service may be performed. The scouts in response to the calls issued distributed more than 2,800 National Defense Bond Posters and collected throughout the area more than 9,000 pounds of aluminum.

The two professional leaders of scouting in the Cape Fear Area will appear in prominent roles at the Carolina Jubilee in Chapel Hill, Sept. 18-21, David L. Liles, local Executive will be director of Scout demonstrations to be staged between the halves of the Carolina-Lenior-Rhyne football game, and Rufus E. Pittman, Assistant Executive, will be codirector of registrations for the mammoth event which will attract 3,000 scouts from the two Carolinas.

Hoke County High School Registration

Registration of the Hoke County High School students will get under way, Thursday morning, September 18th at 9 o'clock, Daylight Saving time. All high school students who walk to school are requested to come to the high school building for registration Thursday.

The buses will make their regular routes on Friday, Sept. 19th in order for bus riding students to register. The drivers have been instructed to leave home in time to get to the school by 9:30 Daylight Saving time.

Several teachers will be on hand to assist District Principal White in the classification of students. It is very important for all high school students to register on Thursday or Friday in order to avoid congestion and facilitate the smooth running of classes on Monday.

As previously announced, school will start on September 22nd with the opening program in the auditorium beginning at 9 o'clock Daylight Saving Time. All students are urged to bring their \$2.40 book rental fee on Monday, September 22nd in order for classwork to get started immediately. Additional fees for the library, science, home economics and agriculture will be collected by the respective teachers on the following Monday.

Help Wanted!

J. D. Tapp
Timberland, N. Car.

Am greatly concerned over possibility that North Carolina may fail to organize in time for aircraft warning maneuvers. I consider this a real emergency. Please contact observation Post organizers. Urge them to make every effort to complete all organization not later than September 15.

J. Melville Broughton, Governor.

This country is taxed sixty billion dollars to help lick Hitler's gang of highway robbers.

Fort Bragg has stepped up to 70,000 of the nation's picked young citizens, to do that job.

They have a right to call on us back at home to do anything any time that we can co-operate.

The government has asked for volunteers to join in the war games to be put on in this section very soon. The least that any body can do is to offer his help, once to Civilian Defense Council office, upstairs in Count office Bldg., in Raeford, so that you may receive immediate instructions what your part of this patriotic service is to be.

Let nobody stand back and expect the other fellow to do this. If enemy planes some day do start across this territory in a mad crusade to bomb Fort Bragg then we each will be read for the soundrels.

E. C. Crawford, Post organizer
Aircraft warning Service
for Hoke County.

The above article has come in from the American Legion, which is organizing the observation posts in this county. The chief complaint that the effort in maintaining the posts will be "too much trouble." This spirit is shameful—where do we expect to end if we cannot donate an hour a day watching for planes—probably spending every minute of every watching for more deadly ones—as do other nations who found it "too much trouble" to organize and defend themselves.

Central Press Ass'n To Meet Saturday In Laurinburg

The Central Press Association will hold its monthly meeting in the Chetwynd Hotel in Laurinburg next Saturday night, it was announced yesterday, by H. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen, who is president of the association. The Laurinburg Exchange will be the host for the meeting. Feature of the meeting will be a speech by O. J. Coffin, head of the department of journalism at the University of North Carolina. His speech will follow the banquet and business meeting of the association.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fuller and daughter of Mt. Holly and Paul (Fuller) of Mount Airy spent the week end with Mrs. A. J. Fuller.

Georgia, and Florida. Two hundred and twenty-four scouts is the quota of this council, which is rapidly being filled mainly by camporee scouts.

While at the Jubilee the scouts will sleep in tents, but will be served all meals in the University Cafeteria.

Shiloh And Bethel Churches To Install Pastor

Rev. G. M. Pickard will be installed at the Shiloh and Bethel Churches Sunday, September 14th. The Shiloh church will have their service at 3:00 P. M. (Daylight saving Time). At this service Rev. H. R. Poole will preside and propound the questions. Rev. H. K. Holland will preach the sermon. Rev. E. L. Barber will charge the minister and Elder Edgar Hall will charge the congregation. The alternate Elder will be Mr. K. A. McDonald.

The Bethel Church will have their service at 8:00 P. M. (Daylight Saving Time). At this service Rev. H. R. Poole will preside and propound the questions. Rev. H. K. Holland will preach the sermon. Rev. E. L. Barber will charge the minister and Elder K. A. McDonald will charge the congregation. The alternate will be Mr. Edgar Hall. Mr. Pickard is a native of Charlotte, N. C. He received his training at Appalachian and M. B. I. Graduating from Columbia Seminary in 1939 he entered his first pastorate at Charlotte, N. C. at the North Charlotte Presbyterian Church. During his pastorate in Charlotte he was married to Miss Jane Donaldson, also a native of Charlotte. Mrs. Pickard received her education at the Woman's College, Greensboro, N. C.

After concluding his work in Charlotte Mr. Pickard did some Home Mission work for Mecklenburg Presbytery in Union County, and was located near Waxhaw, N. C. From there he was called to the Shiloh, Bethel Churches. Mr. and Mrs. Pickard will make their home at Sanatorium, N. C.

45 Soldiers To Be Entertained At Shiloh

Forty-five soldiers will be entertained by the Woman's Auxiliary of Shiloh Presbyterian church next Sunday evening. Supper will be served the boys and songs and services and a general get-together.

NOTICE—RED CROSS SEWING

All of those having Red Cross sewing out please return by 15th to High School—very important.
—Mrs. H. A. Cameron
Chairman.

SCHOOL NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

BY K. A. MacDONALD

The following is a list of the Hoke County teaching force by schools with grade placements. It is possible that a few minor adjustments will be made in placements after schools open.

Hoke County High School
V. R. White, District Principal, Science; Walter Rogers, History, Physical Ed.; Mr. Lorena Falls Upchurch, Math.; J. W. Turlington, Science; Miss Myrtle Williamson, Science, Library; Miss Rebecca Webb, History, Math, Physical Ed. Girls Coach; Miss Frances Jean Freeman, English, History; W. O. Melvin, Music; Miss Huldah Hall, Home Economics; Mrs. J. C. McLean, English, French, Latin; Miss Annie Lee Cress, Commercial; J. W. Dowd, Agriculture; Miss Rebecca Doub, English.

Antioch
M. C. Moore, Principal, 6-7 grades; Miss Catherine Murphy, 3-5 grades; Miss Archie McPhaul, 1-2 grades; Ashmont

R. A. Smoak, Principal, 6-7 grades; Mrs. R. A. Smoak, 1-2 grades; Mrs. Margie Townsend, 4-5 grades; Mrs. Thomas N. McLaughlin, 2-3 grades.

Mildouson
W. S. Morgan, Principal, 5-6-7 grades; Mrs. W. S. Morgan, 1-2-3 grades; Mrs. Nora F. McDavid 3-4-5 grades.

Raeford Graded
W. J. Coates, Building Principal, 6 grade; Mrs. Virginia Livingston Muse, 6-7 grades; Miss Margaret McKenzie, 7 grade; Miss Anne Buie, 5 grade; Miss Mary Alice Parnell, 4 grade; Miss Louise Fletcher, 3 grade; Miss Aris Shanke, 1st grade; Miss Leone Currie 1-2 grades; Miss Lillian Johnson, 2 grade; Miss Marion Cox 6 grade Music; Miss Mariana Kimbrough, Bible Mrs. Sallie J. Johnson, 4-5 grades.

Rockfish
Z. G. Ray, Principal 7 grade; Mrs. Z. G. Ray, 1-2 grades; Mrs. Mary Alma Monroe Gillis, 3-4 grades; Miss Walta Townsend, 5-6 grades.

As stated previously, the White schools of Hoke County will open their doors at 9:00 A. M. D. S. T. on Monday, September 22. It is hoped that all parents will make a special

Committees Appointed For Civilian Defense

H. L. Gatlin, Jr., local Civilian Defense Council chairman, yesterday released the names of the committees in charge of solving the problems which will arise in this county during the maneuvers to be held during October and November. These men and their problems are:

1. J. A. McGoogan, necessary comforts such as showers, drinking water, toilets, etc., and community facilities such as places lounge equipped with stationery, tables, magazines, etc.

2. H. K. Holland, inventory of all resources such as recreation facilities in churches, armories, as well as inventory of all commercial recreation facilities.

3. H. C. McLaughlin, home and church hospitality committee.

4. E. C. Crawford, publicity and information, contacting morale officers and chaplains.

5. Neil A. McDonald, Jr., commercial recreation, informing shopkeepers of supplies that will be most needed guarding against profiteering.

6. J. L. McNeill, athletic and games, dancing, concerts, etc.

These committees were set up according to those being set up in other counties, according to Gatlin, who emphasized the fact that these things must be carried out by the community as a united whole. All of these committees will need and welcome all the assistance that is given them.

Aberdeen Has High Average Opening Day

According to a release from the Aberdeen Tobacco Board of Trade the Aberdeen Tobacco Market had a good high average on opening day last Tuesday. This average was \$29.82 for 111,984 pounds, and the total amount of money paid out was \$32,400.21. From all indications this promises to be a banner year for the Aberdeen market.

Opening Day At Carthage Shows Good Average

The average for the entire opening sale at Carthage Tuesday was \$35.11, according to a report from that market. If this sale is an indication of the season's sales Carthage should certainly have a good year.

AIRCRAFT WARNING STATIONS IN HOKE COUNTY READY TO GO

Battery At Screven Celebrates Victory

Fort Screven, Ga., Sept. 10.—A coast artillery battery made up principally of North Carolinians celebrated last week with a chicken dinner its victory in the annual field day held on this post on August 16th. The battery was the Headquarters Battery and Ammunition Train of the First Battalion, 252nd Coast Artillery, now stationed at Fort Screven.

Guests at the dinner included not only officers of the 252nd Regiment but also Colonel C. A. Mitchell, commanding officer of the Fourth Coast Artillery District with headquarters at Atlanta. In response to an invitation from the toastmaster, Staff Sergeant Alfred T. Jones of Raeford, Colonel Mitchell spoke, praising the performance and appearance of the battery.

Other speakers were Colonel Royce S. McClelland of Wilmington, commanding officer of the 252nd and post commander of Fort Screven, Lieutenant Colonel J. De B. Wailbach, for six years senior instructor of the 252nd, who leaves this week to take up new duties in Puerto Rico, Lieutenant Colonel Robert B. Lewis of Raeford, and Major Robert A. Matheson of Raeford.

A plaque for the best-drilled battery in the regiment was presented by Lieutenant Colonel Lewis and accepted on behalf of the battery by First Sergeant Clarence M. Koonce of Raeford. A silver cup for the best drilled platoon in the regiment was presented by the battery commander, Captain Kenneth M. Corbett of Wilmington, and accepted by the non-commissioned officer in charge of the platoon, Sergeant D. E. McFadyen, Jr., of Raeford. Prizes for winners of individual contests were presented by First Lieutenant William F. Burns of Wilmington to Staff Sergeant Harry E. Bethea, Wilmington, Staff Sergeant Dan C. Roach, Lumber Bridge, Private First Class Fred Joseph, Gastonia, and Private Joseph P. Hoyle, Asheville. A medal for being the second nearest soldier in the entire post was presented to Sergeant James T. Holland, Raeford, by First Lieutenant David J. Caldwell, High Point.

The battery also received a special prize of fourteen crates of soft drinks contributed by a Savannah bottling company for having the second nearest platoon in the regiment, and a local dairy contributed to each member a pint of ice cream as an additional award for having the best-drilled battery.

The headquarters battery was organized in Raeford in 1930 and was inducted into the National Army on September 16, 1940. The battery was sent to Fort Screven on September 21, 1940. Since that time it has added to its roster a number of men inducted under the Selective Service Act, the majority of these being from North Carolina.

The Battery is scheduled to leave on September 10th with the 252nd regiment for Jacksonville Beach, Florida, where it will be engaged in maneuvers for the rest of the month.

The commanding officer of the battery is Captain Corbett. Other commissioned officers are First Lieutenant John A. McPhaul of Raeford, Second Lieutenant Kenneth H. Hanner of Atlanta.

Among the enlisted men are First Sergeant Clarence M. Koonce, Raeford; Tech. Sergeant Harris Parker, Raeford; Staff Sergeants Alfred Jones, Rockfish, John H. Lindsay, Raeford, and Dan C. Roach, Lumber Bridge; Sergeants Neil G. Ellis, Raeford, Clyde B. Gillis, Raeford, James T. Holland, Raeford, Carl M. Kennedy, Raeford, David D. Koonce, Raeford, Melvin McDowell, Raeford, Duncan B. McFadyen, Jr., Raeford, Charles A. Pittman, Raeford, and William E. Willis, Raeford; Corporals James C. Brown, Raeford, William E. Kennedy, Raeford, Walter McDowell, Raeford, William H. Quick, Raeford, and Clarence M. Willis, Raeford; Privates First Class Fred W. Butler, Lumberton, Robert H. Dozier, Shannon, James Melton, Raeford, James E. Snipes, Raeford, and Cecil B. Stephens, Raeford; and Private Wesley K. Bowen, Shalotte.

Farmers Advised To Pick Cotton Early

Because of the maneuvers in this section during October and November, cotton farmers are advised to pick cotton as soon after it opens well as possible, says A. S. Knowles, County Agent. All persons picking should make sure that cotton is in a dry condition so when it arrives at the gin a good job can be done.

Late last night it was announced by the chairman of the Civilian Defense Council, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., that all aircraft warning stations in Hoke county were ready for service. Five of these stations are in the Fort Bragg reservation and will be taken care of by the army. The other five and their chief observers and assistant observers are:

Raeford Post: A. K. Stevens—chief observer
Mrs. A. K. Stevens—asst.
Mrs. W. M. McFadyen—asst.
Dundarrach Post: Norman McInnis—chief observer
M. D. Yates—asst.
T. W. Jones—asst.
Antioch: Mrs. W. C. Hodgin—chief observer
W. C. Hodgin—asst.
Walter L. Gibson—asst.
Timberland: N. A. McDonald—chief observer
E. L. Cameron—asst.
J. D. Tapp—asst.
Sanatorium: O. B. Israel—chief observer
F. L. Eubanks—asst.
George Piccard—asst.

Each observer and his assistants will have twenty observers to aid him during the alert periods, it is planned. These observers will so divide their time that someone is constantly on watch during the alert. Mr. Gatlin stated that the American Legion had carried out the establishment of these stations and that he was grateful to them for doing so.

Sugar Thieves Caught and Heard

The sugar thieves who purloined the thirty bags of sugar from the H & S Distributing Company last June were apprehended last week by officers and the hearing was held before Recorder W. B. McQueen Tuesday morning. The gentlemen in question are Daniel Gibson, Pearl Green, and Tom Chappell. Only three of the thirty bags of sugar remain, the other twenty-seven bags having been used in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages by the process of distillation. The still was found just inside the Fort Bragg reservation. At the hearing the defendants were charged with store-breaking and larceny, to which they pleaded guilty by the court and they were bound over to Superior Court under bond of \$250 each.

Lexie Melton and Talmadge Melton, who were charged with violation of the prohibition law by the operation of a still, pleaded not guilty to the charge. Judge McQueen found them guilty and sentenced each to four months on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs and the \$20 due the officers for finding the still.

Moses McNeill, Rockfish negro, on being charged with breaking, entering and larceny, pleaded guilty to trespass, the court accepted his plea, sentenced him to sixty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs and paying for or returning what he stole.

Floyd Jones pleaded guilty to driving a car while under the influence of liquor and was fined fifty dollars and the costs. Charlie Sanders pleaded guilty to a similar charge and received the same sentence.

Fred and Jasper Perkins, of Little River, pleaded not guilty to the charge of breaking into Neill Mcstealing therefrom. The court found no probable cause and bound them over to Superior court under \$250. Clarence Benton, who pleaded not guilty to forgery, was bound over to Superior Court under \$200 bond.

Civilian Defense Meeting Tonight

H. L. Gatlin, Jr., local Civilian Defense Council chairman announced yesterday that the council would meet tonight at 8:00 P. M. (Daylight Saving Time) in the courthouse at Raeford. Gatlin urged that all people interested in the problems which will arise from the forthcoming maneuvers attend this meeting. He especially urged that all committee chairman, law enforcement officers, and the mayor attend—as many problems will be discussed and the parts that each man will play will be decided in detail.

Army officers' wives' Club will have their luncheon Tuesday, September 16. Mrs. House and Mrs. Brown will be hostesses. Phone Mrs. House at 288-1.