

Army Calls On Towns For More Recreation

Towns in the maneuver area and those in counties surrounding the section where the big battle of November will be fought were notified last week that the need make arrangements to entertain hundreds of soldiers each weekend during the coming two months.

USO, Army and Federal Security officials are asking that the Civilian Defense boards of the counties and the separate towns prepare for the coming of the half-million troops and many of their families and friends who may be expected from now until about December 15th.

Amusement, recreational and lounging places are especially requested in each town, where from 300 to several thousand troops can be entertained while on leaves from Saturday noons until Sunday nights. Surveys are being made in each section. Non-profit recreational facilities, commercial entertainment enterprises, lounging facilities shower baths, toilets, athletic fields and gymnasiums are all being listed as things vitally needed in each town to care for the week end crowds.

At a meeting held at the court house in Raeford Thursday representatives of Hoke and Robeson counties, and the towns of Raeford, Red Springs, St. Pauls and Lumberton heard the needs discussed and were asked to cooperate to the fullest during this period.

Army and USO men requested Civilian Defense committees to prepare for those emergencies which might arise during the maneuvers, and to particularly prepare some place which might be used as recreational headquarters. It was asked that this office be used as a clearing house for the renting of rooms in homes of the town, and that all residents cooperate in providing sleeping quarters for the men on their brief leaves. This office would be a general information bureau. Lounging centers which would be adequately staffed, probably by local workers under the direction of a USO trained worker, are also requested.

Hoke County has provided the use of the Army as the recreation center, and an information bureau has been established in an office in the county building. Here the work of the county Civilian Defense Committee under the chairman H. L. Gatlin, Jr., will be centered. Miss Marion Maxwell has already been engaged to act as secretary. Persons who will have rooms available for the use of soldiers over weekends are asked to contact Miss Maxwell or Mr. Gatlin and register them for assignment when the soldiers arrive.

It was pointed out that while the major maneuver was scheduled for November, many troops are already being moved into the area and that the need for all preparations being completed immediately was urgent. The entire First Army Corps of 76,000 men will be in the area by the end of this week, and other units are arriving. Many of these units will remain until December 15th, or later, it has been announced, and the towns will have to make arrangements to care for this added population on weekends or be swamped.

Civilian Defense Committee Sets Up Local Office

The local committee of Civilian Defense has set up its office upstairs in the County Office Building of Raeford. Miss Marion Maxwell is to serve as secretary for the committee. In a few days the office will be open from about ten to twelve in the morning and three to five in the afternoon.

Observation Post have already been set up throughout the County for the purpose of reporting on the maneuver. During the next two weeks the office will be busy gathering and recording the information concerning what the public can do to help make the maneuver a success. People in and near Raeford who have rooms available for rent to friends visiting soldiers during maneuvers will please call Defense office giving price and description of room.

Legion To Have Program

The American Legion and Auxiliary are to have joint program sometime next week. They are arranging an entertainment to be given by a group of selectees from Fort Bragg. They say these boys put on a real show, and the Raeford people will be glad to turn out for their performance.

Watch next week's paper for details of program.



PRIZED POSSESSION of Jane Wyatt, RKO Radio actress, is this exquisite set of pink luster china. The brunette star, best-remembered for her outstanding portrayal in the picturization of "Lost Horizon," will soon be seen playing an important role in RKO's "Week End for Three."

Court Docket Light; Five Cases Tried

Andrew Melvin, colored, drew a six month sentence on the roads on charges of larceny of machinery from N. H. G. Balfour, in county court Tuesday. Melvin's sentence was suspended by Judge W. B. McQueen on payment of costs, and he was put on good behavior for 2 years.

Tom Baxley, pleaded guilty to drunkenness and was given a suspended 30 day sentence upon payment of costs; A. D. Clarke, charged with assault with deadly weapon upon Rosa McPhatter, was found guilty. He was allowed to pay \$15 and costs and the woman's doctor bill in lieu of a 4 months sentence on the roads; Acey Shaw drew 30 days, suspended, for violation of the road laws.

Martin Harrison was found guilty of moving a crop from the lands of James Hendrix. He was sentenced to 60 days on the roads. He appealed to Superior court.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Information just received from the National Council office by the local Headquarters of the Boy Scouts of America indicate that the advancement program of the Cape Fear Area Council is second to none in the United States, with an index rating of 100.

This means that we are as good or better than 100% of the Nations Boy Scout Councils.

Thus for this year the Court of Honor records show the following awards have been made.

Second Class—195. First Class—79; Star Rank—80; Life Rank—64; Eagle Rank—18; Eagle Palms—Bronze 10, Gold 7, Silver 7; Merit Badges—1748.

The ten most popular merit badge subjects in order of popularity are Handicraft, Swimming, First Aid to Animals; Cooking; Personal Health; First Aid; Public Health; Pathfinding; Camping; Firemanship. There are 106 different merit badge subject of which number only thirteen have not been touched on this year.

Two Cars Smashed By Army Truck

The Model A of R. A. Graham, of Bowmore, was a total loss and the new Plymouth of Neill Clark of near Red Springs, was damaged Tuesday by an army truck at Main St. and Raeford Road.

Both the Passenger cars were parked at the time of the crash. The truck was one a large convoy enroute from Fort Jackson to Fort Bragg. The negro truck driver was unable to turn the truck safely at the speed at which he rounded the corner and struck the Ford knocking it into the Plymouth and forcing the latter into a sign post.

To Coker's Farm

A number of Hoke County Farmers are planning to tour Coker's Farm at Hartsville, S. C. on Friday, according to County Agent A. S. Knowles. The breeding work with cotton has been outstanding on the Coker Farm for years. The majority of cotton grown in the county had its origin on this farm.

Williamsport Second In Eastern League

Williamsport, Pa., Sept. 18.—The Williamsport Grays finished in final seven-game series of the Eastern League playoff, losing to Elmira before 7,176 paid customers at Bowman Field Monday night. It will be remembered that they finished a close second to Wilkes-Barre in the regular season, which ended September 1.

Then, in the semi-finals, Elmira eliminated Wilkes-Barre in three consecutive games and the Grays eliminated Scranton in the same way.

In the final series, Williamsport first defeated Elmira, 4 to 0; then lost the next three, 2 to 1; 4 to 3; and 3 to 2. Then the Grays surped back into the competition with a rousing 13 to 2 triumph, and annexed the next game, 2 to 1, to tie the count.

In the final game Monday night, Ray Rouche, a former Gray, pitched Elmira to victory with a neat four-hit pitching stunt, and only an error prevented him from registering a shutout. The score was 3 to 1. Home runs by Right Fielder Eldie Kobesky and Left Fielder Willie Duke spelled defeat for the Grays, Roger Wolf being the losing pitcher.

Immediately after the game, Don Richmond, rookie third baseman of the Grays, left for Philadelphia to join the Athletics, and Wolf joined the A's Tuesday.

Governor To Be Barbecue Guest

Governor J. M. Broughton will be the honor guest of the hunters of Hoke County Monday noon at a barbecue to be held at Upchurch's pond.

John McGoogan, Hoke's official greeter, and Clyde Upchurch are planning a gala occasion for the Huntsman, No. One of the state when he and a large party of state officials and prominent citizens of Scotland county will be entertained.

The Governor and his party will be the guests of a Scotland County hunt club during the morning on a deer drive. The party and their hosts will then come to Raeford for the barbecue dinner scheduled for the noon hour.

Mrs. Ruth Shaw Cameron returned home Monday after a visit to relatives in Augusta, Statesboro and Savannah Beach, Ga.

Tax Bill Approved By House

Washington, Sept. 16.—The house approved a \$3,553,300,000 compromise version of the new, record-breaking defense tax bill today and sent it to the senate where final passage tomorrow appeared certain.

By approving without a roll-call vote the recommendations of a joint senate-house conference committee which worked out an agreement on changes made by the senate the house members avoided going on record regarding the senate's action in lowering personal income tax exemptions from \$2,000 to \$1,500 for married persons and from \$800 to \$750 for single persons.

More Will Pay. The reductions will require 4,930,000 additional persons to file income tax returns but only about 2,275,000 will be taxable. They will contribute about \$47,000,000, the treasury estimated, but the lowering of the exemptions will boost the bills of present taxpayers by about \$256,000,000.

SCHOOL NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

BY K. A. MacDONALD

Registration proceeded nicely in the Hoke County High School today with most of the town students signing up for their year's work. Friday morning the buses will make their rounds for those students who live too far to walk.

Parents and friends of the school are urged to attend the opening program of the high school which will take place in the school auditorium at 9 o'clock Monday morning. The devotion will be conducted by Mr. Reamy, pastor of the local Baptist Church. Several school officials and friends of the school will take part in the program which marks the opening of school. The high school band has already started practice with Mr. Melvin continuing his good work as Director. The band will play several numbers, the new teachers will be introduced and Principal White will outline the aims of the year as other features of the morning's program.

Mr. Walter Rogers, the boys coach arrived Monday and has been going over the equipment, arranging the football schedule as well as rounding up his 1941 squad. There are several vacancies in both the line and backfield. All boys who are interested in football are urged to report to Mr. Rogers, Friday at 9:30 o'clock. Coach Rogers comes to Hoke High School from East Carolina Teacher's College where he majored in Physical Education and took a leading part in all of the major sports. He has several new plays to teach the boys and he is anxious to start drilling and getting the boys in shape.

A well rounded physical education program has been planned for the year with emphasis on exercises for every student in high school instead of only those who make the teams. Safety, First Aid and healthy living will be stressed in the physical education classes conducted by Mr. Rogers and the girl's coach, Miss Rebecca Webb.

Principal White hopes to get girls basket ball practice started next week. Miss Rebecca Webb who will have charge of girls athletics has a splendid record as a coach so we

are expecting great things from her and her girls this year. Miss Webb will want all girls interested in basket ball to be prepared to start practice as soon as possible as school opens.

The last day of the bus drivers school for the white drivers is being held today. The last day for colored drivers will be held on October 9. School officials are taking every possible precaution to insure the safety of the pupils as we face the most unusual conditions in our school history.

Last minute preparations of the opening of all the schools are being made. Principal and Mrs. Ray have moved to Rockfish and are busy getting the building in shape. Prin. and Mrs. Morgan have moved back to Milldusson after spending the summer at Red Springs. They will have the building ready for a good opening Monday. Principal and Mrs. Moore are back from a visit to Wilmington and will have the Antioch building and grounds in nice shape for the opening. Principal Coates of the Raeford Graded has been on the job all this week and is ready or the doors to open Monday.

Principal and Mrs. Smoak have spent the summer at their home at Ashley Heights and will have Ashmont ready as usual.

All of these principals request your presence at the opening exercises Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock D. S. T.

Tomorrow night at 8:00 D. S. T., the pre-school teachers meeting will be held in the high school building. Rev. Harry Holland will hold the devotional and make a short inspiration talk. The rest of the meeting will be devoted business incident to the opening of school.

Saturday all of the local faculty meeting will be held at the various schools.

The three new school buses, two replacements furnished by the State School Commission and one bought by the County have not been delivered as yet. This is on account of the defense activities keeping the body-builders from getting materials.

Six Men Sent To Bragg; 22 To Go October

Six men were inducted into the Army Friday by the Hoke selective service board, and the quota for October was announced by Chairman T. B. Lester.

The men inducted Friday complete the September quota for Hoke, it was stated. They were William D. Stanton, James Edwin McInnis, John Howard Sanders, Marshall Golden Mays, Willie Maxwell Jones, and Robert Brown Ellis.

The board has been notified that the October quota for Hoke will be 11 white men, to be inducted October 10th, and 11 negroes to be inducted October 29th. Names of the men to be sent at this time will not be determined until an additional group of registrants have been examined by the board's medical officer.

Old Belt Tobacco Brings About \$29 At Opening Sales

The jabberwacky yodeling of the tobacco auctioneers returned to the markets of the old flue-cured belt yesterday and with it came the highest bids for the golden weed in nearly a decade. Growers with pockets moneyjammed were jubilant over the sales in the state's eight old belt towns and those in Virginia were equally happy.

Sales supervisors, busy with near capacity sales at every warehouse, were unable to give official figures in most cases last night, but the did give their usual optimistic estimates, most of which ranged around \$32 per hundred pounds.

However, W. P. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist of the state department of agriculture, reported official government figures showed the average would be approximately \$29 per hundred, nearly \$12 above last year's level for the season.

Hedrick said the quality of leaf sold on the old belt markets was generally good with first primings and lugs predominating. Better grades were bringing as high as \$42 per 100 pounds, but some tags were turned on lower-grade leaf and tips, he continued.

Law Officials Of Maneuver Area To Meet

Rockingham, N. C., Sept. 17.—Law enforcement officials representing the eight North Carolina counties in the fall army maneuvers area will meet in Rockingham Monday, September 22, to hear an address by Professor Albert Coates, of Chapel Hill, Director of the Institute of Government. Officials from adjacent counties are also invited to be present.

The meeting, to be held in the Richmond County courthouse, beginning at 9:45 a. m., will be under the sponsorship of the North Carolina State Board of Health. Public health laws in relation to the maneuvers area will be the dominant theme.

Law enforcement officials from the eight counties affected all have been invited to attend, as well as any others who are interested in the problems to be presented and who wish to lend moral support to the efforts that are being made to make the area safe from a health standpoint when it will be occupied by a heavy portion of the 400,000 men of the First Army who will participate in the maneuvers in October and November.

The counties to be represented are Richmond, Anson, Union, Stanly, Moore, Randolph, Montgomery, Hoke and Scotland. Already these counties have adopted uniform regulations affecting public health during the maneuvers period, these regulations having been agreed upon by officials conferring with public health authorities.

Strict enforcement of these regulations and a tightening up, if necessary, will be discussed at the Rockingham conference, which is regarded as being highly important by its sponsors.

Car Stolen

The car of City Clerk Carl Freeman was stolen Sunday night while Mr. Freeman and his family were attending church.

PRIORITY

As a stimulus to better inter-American relations, some South American countries will have higher steel and chemical priority ratings than some U. S. civilian industries.

Town-County Law Officers To Meet At Rockingham

Members of the police department and the sheriff's departments of the counties within the Army maneuvers and recreational areas will hear Albert Coates, director of the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, give an address on the health laws to apply during the war games.

The meeting will be held at Rockingham Monday September 22 at 9:45 a. m., it has been announced, and representatives of every law enforcement unit in the areas are expected to attend.

In calling the meeting, the announcement states that there will be a number of health law requirements which will be rigidly enforced during the time the maneuvers are in progress and that every enforcement official should be thoroughly familiar with them. Especial attention will be given those regulating the serving of foods, soft drinks, and ice cream. Taxi operation will be only under the most explicit of regulations, and persons engaged in the selling of foods and drinks or those in the taxi business are urged to study the new regulations and comply with them.

Writers Say Morale In Army Is Good

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 17.—Two newspapermen who spent weeks with Uncle Sam's troops to find out how the soldiers feel about things reported today that "America has no reason to be fearful about the morale of the new army it is building for national defense."

The Evening Sun said it assigned men to investigate morale in the Third Corps area because it felt that the "chorus of allegations that all is not well with the United States army" is a matter of "serious public concern."

The newspapermen, Rodney Crowther, 45, business editor and former sergeant-major in the A. E. F., and Ben H. Miller, 34, Washington correspondent and behind-the-scenes editor, found out about army morale by living with troops in camp and on maneuvers.

They reported: "The American army of 1941, as developed in this area, is a better army, at this stage of its training, than the World War army of 1917-1918 was at the comparable stage of its training 24 years ago."

"The morale of the soldiers in this area is just as good as, and in some respects better than, the morale of the army their fathers built 24 years ago."

"The soldiers of today do suffer some sense of grievance over the apparent confusion over this country's ultimate objectives, but resentment over the extension of service is not deep enough to interfere with morale."

Ernest Lee Sistare Dies At Clio

Ernest Lee Sistare, 56, died at his home in Clio Monday, September 15th, after an illness of several months.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the home and interment was in the McLucas Cemetery.

Mr. Sistare had many friends in Raeford and Hoke County and a number of them attended the final rites. He was the son of Hiram and Rachael Thompson Sistare of Lancaster, S. C.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ethel Channess Sistare, a son, Lee Channess Sistare, of West Chester, Pa., and a daughter, Miss Rachael Sistare of Chesnee, S. C.

Army Highway Guide Hurt

An army highway guide, directing a convoy enroute to Fort Bragg, was painfully hurt Tuesday, when he was struck by a car driven by Elbert Sanders.

It was stated that the guide, directing traffic on Main Street, signaled to the car to stop while a convoy was passing the intersection. Sanders apparently became excited and drove over the soldier. He was jailed pending investigation. The soldier, whose name could not be learned, was taken to the Bragg hospital following first aid treatment.

BETTER

Rains and cooler weather have improved this country's middle western corn to such a degree that an increased yield of 50,000,000 bushels is expected this year over the 1939 crop.