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## Rowland Comes Out For Place In House

### Local Attorney Announces Candidacy as Representative Of County.

G. B. Rowland, Raeford attorney and civic and church leader, announced yesterday his candidacy for the state House of Representatives from Hoke county. Mr. Rowland, in making his announcement, said that he had no personal axes to grind in seeking the office, and that he intended, if elected, to serve the best interests of county, state and nation. "I do not believe that our present representative, Mr. Laurie McEachern, will again be a candidate," he said, "and many of my friends have come to me and asked that I offer for the office. I have never considered running for the legislature before, because I have always been particularly busy heretofore during January and February when the body meets with matters of the Federal Land Bank. However, I am no longer a member of the directors of the bank now, and will have ample time to devote to the office."

Mr. Rowland came to Hoke county in 1915, to stay for a few days, he said, and then he expected to go to the western part of the state to make his home. He just never did find the time nor the inclination to go west. He is a native of Columbus county and was reared in Warren county. He attended the Warren high school which was operated by the famous Graham family of educators, and was graduated from the law school of Wake Forest college in 1914. He opened his law office here the following year. In 1919 he married Miss Sallie Thomas of Durham, who was a teacher in the county schools.

A charter member of the Hoke county club he has been active in it since 1920 with the exception of about three years. He was secretary of the Masonic lodge here for six years and for several years was chairman of the Hoke Chapter of the Red Cross. He has been closely identified with the religious life of the county and is a member of the board of deacons of the Raeford Baptist church.

Mr. Rowland served as mayor of Raeford for 12 years and for eight years was solicitor of the county Recorder's Court. For six years he was a member of the board of directors of the Federal Land Bank, having relinquished the post in 1940.

## Fire Destroys One Of Hoke's Oldest Homes

The Sinclair home, one of Hoke county's oldest structures and a model of an early colonial style of architecture popular in this section for several generations, was destroyed by fire last week.

Located in the Turnpike neighborhood on the Wagram-Montrose road the house was built about 200 years ago by one Mr. Graham. A generation or so later it was sold to Daniel Patterson, whose son Archibald Patterson occupied it. Archibald Patterson's daughter, Eliza, who married Neill Sinclair, inherited the property. Title was then passed down to her son, John T. Sinclair who in turn passed it to the present owners, Neill Sinclair, II, and his sisters.

The house was built with four rooms on the first floor and two on the second of the main section. The kitchen and dining room were in a separate structure connected to the other by a covered porch, with an opening which was colloquially known as a "dogtrot." Built high from the ground, the wide rich pine boards were hand sawed and the sills and other framing timbers were hand hewn. Dowel pins and nails made in the blacksmiths' shops were used.

The fire had advanced too far when discovered for it to be saved, but about work of the neighbors saved a large feed barn and its contents.

## Barrington Is Kiwanis Speaker

W. R. Barrington, Jr., of the U. S. Navy and an eyewitness to much of the Pearl Harbor incident, was the speaker at the Kiwanis club last Thursday. Young Barrington gave a most interesting account of the action of December 7th and answered some of the questions which were asked by members of the club. He showed, also, a number of photographs which he had taken on cruises during his nearly four years in the service.



This column will be devoted to the activities of the Red Cross chapter of Hoke county. Rev. E. C. Crawford is director of the publicity for the chapter and will prepare the copy each week. To get news of your community Red Cross work in this column send your material to Rev. Mr. Crawford.

Miss Clara Mae Gibson of Dundarrach community will start a first aid class at Mildouson school house March 20th, beginning at 3:09 p. m. It is hoped that a large number of people will enroll for this class.

The first aid class taught by Mrs. O'Brian at Blue Springs made a good beginning on Monday night. People may enroll in this class until Friday night of this week.

Mr. White, principal of Hoke high school, has arranged to give the first aid course to every high school pupil in the county. The course will be taught during school hours by about twelve teachers, beginning March 18.

Mrs. Ernest Campbell in her class in home nursing has twenty-five ladies enrolled. This is proving to be a most interesting class.

Mrs. Marcus Smith and Mrs. Lawrence McNeill will start another first aid class at Hoke county high school on Tuesday, March 17, 3:00 p. m. All ladies wishing to take this course will enroll at once. This will likely be the last first aid course taught this year.

Red Cross sewing room is being opened in the home of Mrs. Jordan for the Pine Forest Demonstration club, and the ladies of the Antioch Presbyterian church are planning to open their sewing room at the church soon.

Mr. White's first aid course for men closed out Monday night with about thirty-five men passing the course.

## Presbyterian Air School Gets Second Quota

Maxton, March 9. — Presbyterian Junior college has been granted another quota in Secondary C. P. T. P. Aviation. The spring program of the C. P. T. has already begun in Primary and in the first quota of Secondary. Several openings remain to be filled in the second Secondary quota. Under the new government regulations, all costs of the C. P. T. aviation are paid except an insurance fee. Interested young men should contact Presbyterian Junior college at once.

## Truck Kills Fine Mule of John K. McNeill Tuesday

A fine mule, said to be the property of John K. McNeill was struck and killed by a large motor van on route 15A south of Raeford Tuesday morning. No damage was done to the vehicle, according to reports.

The mule had got loose from his pasture and was wandering along the roadside, according to witnesses, and started to cross the highway suddenly at the time of the accident.

## Balfour Attends WPB Commissioners Meeting In Capital

N. H. G. Balfour, chairman of the board of commissioners of Hoke county and president of the state association of county commissioners, is in Washington this week attending a conference called by the War Production Board. Subjects to be considered at the conference include securing priorities for materials for use by county and municipality governments.

## Hoke Democratic Committee Meets

The Hoke County Democratic Executive committee met at the courthouse Tuesday night. They recommended to the State Board of Elections J. W. McPhaul, Sr., and Crawford Thomas as the two Democratic members of the Board of Elections for Hoke county.

TIN CANS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Deliveries of tin cans for home canning will not be affected by the recent curtailment order, since the Government hopes that an increase in home preserving will relieve pressure on commercial canners.

## KWH Consumption By Cooperative Shows Gain

### Lumbee Electric Buys \$6,000.00 Worth of Defense Bonds.

The number of consumers of the Lumbee Electric Membership cooperative showed a net gain of 15 for February over January and an increase of total kilowatt hours sold to 56,294. It was reported by Supt. D. J. Dalton to the board of directors in session at Raeford Tuesday afternoon.

The gross income for January and February reached \$6,330.33 and the net profit for the two months was \$2,749.66, according to the report. Mr. Dalton stated that there were now in operation a total of 473 miles, with 1155 consumers, or 2.5 consumers per mile. The per mile revenue for the month was \$6.93, while the average bill was \$2.86.

**Approve Loans**  
The board approved plans for making loans to members of the cooperative for the purpose of purchasing and installing labor saving appliances and electric farm equipment. \$11,000 is available for this purpose.

**Buy Bonds**  
\$6,000 in defense bonds were ordered purchased at the meeting. This purchase is to be made from surplus funds in the operating account.

Those attending the meeting were: Carl Alford, president, John Caddell, J. E. Morrison, Marshall Newton, J. McN. Gillis, Mrs. Luther Smith and C. L. Ballance.

## Miss Maxwell Clerk of Hoke Ration Board

Miss Marion Maxwell, secretary of the civilian defense board for the past several months, assumed the duties of clerk to the rationing board of Hoke county this week, it was announced by Ryan McBryde, chairman.

The board now handles all applications for new tires, rereading or recapping of used tires and all applications for the purchase of new automobiles.

It is expected, too, that as soon as the first set of sugar rationing cards are distributed through the schools, the additional, sugar and other rationing cards will be handled by this agency.

## Emergency Service School for Scouts

The Western District Emergency Service School for Scouts and scouters will be conducted in Laurinburg scout hut beginning Monday night, March 16, at 8:00 and continuing each Monday night for three nights.

Scouts and scouters who take this indoor course and the 36 hour training course at Laurel Hill on April 24-25 will qualify for enrollment in the local corps unit.

Scouts who are not 15 will be enrolled in an Apprentice Unit. All scouts and scouters in the district are urged to attend all these sessions.

## First Aid Class For Firemen-Air-Raid Wardens Ends

Members of the Raeford fire department and of the air raid wardens unit of the civilian defense organization concluded a course in first aid Monday evening when they took their "final" examinations.

The class was taught by Prof. V. R. White, principal of the Hoke high school. For the excellence of his instruction members of the class presented to Mr. White, not the time-honored apples, but two complete first aid kits, one for home use and the other for his car.

Members of the class were: Millard Baker, W. D. Brown, Alton Cameron, Tom Cameron, R. L. Carter, W. J. Coates, E. C. Crawford, A. K. Currie, W. V. Dark, Carson Davis, M. C. Dew, P. D. Dezern, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., H. A. Greene, D. H. Hodgins.

Clarence Lytch, I. Mann, Bruce Morris, K. A. MacDonald, Neil McFadyen, H. C. McLaughlin, L. S. McMillan, J. D. McNeill, J. L. McNeill, W. C. Odum, E. E. Smith, N. McNair Smith, W. E. Street, Jr., C. F. Tapp, C. L. Thomas, J. B. Thomas, C. E. Upchurch, Lewis Upchurch, Harvey Warlick, J. W. Willis, Carl Morris.

Mrs. Carlton Earl Niven left Tuesday for Washington, D. C., where she has accepted a position.

## Priority Assistance To Aid Farm Machinery Repair

The farm machinery repair program in Hoke county will be speeded up by the recent action of the War Production Board in amending preference rating No. P-100 to extend priority assistance to the repair of agricultural machinery, according to J. M. McGougan, chairman of the County USDA War Board.

The farmer who repairs his own equipment or the local repairman or blacksmith who does it for him, now may apply for an A-10 priority rating to obtain welding rods, bar iron, nuts, bolts, rivets, or other material that cannot be obtained without a priority rating and is used for repairing farm machinery, the chairman said.

He pointed out that while there is no guarantee that an A-10 rating will be sufficient to obtain delivery of all types of repair supplies, containing critical materials, the order will be beneficial to the farm machinery repair program.

To apply the preference rating for deliveries of materials, a farmer or repairman copies and signs, on the original and all copies of the purchase order, the following statement:

"Material for maintenance, repair, or operating supplies, rating A-10, under preference rating order No. P-100, with the terms of which I am familiar."

(Signature)  
When an order for repair material bearing this preference rating is placed with a dealer or supplier, the supplier may in turn pass this rating on to the manufacturer or jobber to obtain material to replace his stock, Mr. McGougan declared.

## Plans For Annual Sandhill Steeplechase Races March 21st

Southern Pines, March 11.—With the arrival early in the week of Richard Wallace, Jr., racing secretary of the Sandhills Steeplechase and Racing Association, brush and timber jumps at the Barber Estate Course, midway between Southern Pines and Pinehurst, are now being put in shape for the Eighth Annual Race Meeting Saturday, March 21st.

It will open the national circuit which goes from here to Camden, S. C., for the Carolina Cup Race Saturday, March 28th, ending the eastern circuit with the Virginia Gold Cup at Warrenton, Va., and the Whitemarsh Hunt at Broad Axe, Pa., May 2nd.

Officials today announced a five race card with purses totaling \$3,600.00. The races are being given in benefit of the U. S. Navy Relief Society and the Moore County Hospital, a local institution.

The feature race will be for the Sandhills Challenge Cup, three miles over timber course, for a trophy to be presented by Verner Z. Reed, Jr., of New York in memory of the late Noel Laing, former secretary of the Association. Another race attracting a large entry is the Yarkin Steeplechase, two miles over brush, with purses totaling \$1,550.00, for four year olds and up.

The card opens with the Catawba, one and one-half miles over hurdles; second is the Croatan Steeplechase, two miles over brush for non-winners; third is the Sandhills Challenge Cup Race; fourth is the Yarkin Steeplechase; fifth is the Randolph Memorial Cup Race, one mile on the flat, for cup to be presented by Mrs. Philip S. P. Randolph, Sr., in memory of her late husband, one of the county's well known owners.

Entry blanks were mailed out earlier in the week and will close on Wednesday, March 11th. Mr. Wallace is expecting a large entry in all five events. Demands are already being made for parking space and crowd of upward of fifteen thousand is expected.

## Manual Training Class To Build Ladders

As a part of their training and to aid in the civilian defense program the manual training class of the Hoke county high school will build ladders for citizens for the costs of the materials.

J. W. Dowd, instructor of the class, announced that his boys would be glad to build the ladders as one of their projects, particularly since a ladder for each home was one of the principal items necessary in extinguishing incendiary bombs.

Applications for ladders may be made to Mr. Dowd or to H. L. Gatlin, Jr., chairman of the county civilian defense unit.

## Hoan Of O. C. D. Speaker At Group Meetings

Raleigh, March 11.—Small cities and towns in coastal states, like North Carolina, are as apt to be bombed from the air as some of the bigger places. But the smaller cities are not well organized to take care of civilian defense.

In a series of meetings around North Carolina, mayors and other officials of the little cities and the big cities are getting together to see what can be done about it. Officers of civilian defense organizations and members of boards of county commissioners have also been invited to attend. Six meetings are being held, according to C. W. Smedberg, president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities which is sponsoring the series for local government officials. The meetings are being held at Burlington March 12, Greenville March 13, Fayetteville March 16, Charlotte March 17, Asheville March 18, and Hickory March 19. The Hickory and Burlington meetings begin at 3:30 in the afternoon, and include supper. The others begin at 2:30.

Smedberg, who is city manager at Greensboro, announced that Daniel W. Hoan, Field Representative of the Washington Office of Civilian Defense will speak at each meeting. Hoan was mayor of Milwaukee for 24 years before becoming a national figure in civilian defense work.

## Registrants With Dependents May Get Commissions

Raleigh, March 11.—The War Department has announced that in the near future Selective Service registrants who have been deferred solely because of dependency will be given an opportunity to qualify as officer candidates by volunteering for induction through Selective Service, it was stated today by General J. Van B. Metts, Staff Director of Selective Service.

This policy will make it possible for registrants who have dependents to obtain commissions, if they can qualify themselves for commission, and thereby enable them to serve in the armed forces of the nation in this hour of grave emergency, and at the same time take care of their dependents, the Director stated.

Pending the formulation of procedure with respect to this matter, registrants desiring further information regarding their opportunity to volunteer for this purpose were advised by the Director to file their names and addresses with their local boards.

## 1917 Registered For Civilian Defense Work

While complete returns have not been received, 1917 persons of Hoke county have registered for Civilian Defense work, according to tabulations compiled by the county office through yesterday, stated Miss Marion Maxwell, secretary of to C. D. board.

Cards are still being received and workers classified, it was said.

## Rationing Board Report

Tire and tube permits were issued to the following this week: Roland Covington, Raeford, transportation of fuel, 2 tires for trailer. D. W. Jackson, route 2, Vass, hauling roofing, 2 tires, 2 tubes for truck.

The following were issued certificates for acquisition of new passenger automobiles purchased on or before January 1, 1942: Lt. E. Bruce January, C. A. Lilly, Carl Morris, and Herbert McKeithan, of Raeford, N. C.

## Soil Conservation District Organized

Plans for the Soil Conservation District, which includes Hoke, Robeson and Scotland, were completed last Monday in Lumberton. Carl Riley, of Timberland, and Crawford Thomas of Raeford are the two directors from Hoke county. Mr. Thomas is also secretary of the board. The other directors are T. J. Smith, chairman, Z. V. Pate, vice-chairman, of Robeson and G. G. Matthews of Scotland. The district office will be in Lumberton. In addition to selecting officers, the board approved of the plan of work that was set up for this district. There will be a man in each county who will be available on request.

The main objectives of the organization are to prevent soil erosion and conserve soil fertility. The district will assist farmers on request in working out soil rotation and classifying soil on farms.

## Survey To Get Many Tires For Hoke Cars

### Over 50 Per Cent of Cars In Two Townships Accredited to Other Counties.

First reports from surveys being made by the county tax listers show that fully fifty per cent of the cars owned in some townships of Hoke county have been accredited to other counties by the state tire rationing board. Many additional tires are expected to be added to the county quotas when the survey is completed, according to John A. McGougan who is supervising the survey.

Because so many persons living in the county receive their mail on rural routes served by postoffices in other counties, those counties have been given credit for many cars which are actually owned by Hoke residents. This survey, completed in Allendale township, showed that only 8 cars were accredited to the township while there were actually 96 cars owned in the township. In Quenwhille, with the survey still incomplete, 109 cars were accredited to the area while there were actually 164 in the township. Or in the two sections of 260 cars owned by Hoke residents 143 were accredited to other counties, and the communities received allotments from the rationing boards based on only 117 cars.

## Only Two Cases Heard In County Court Tuesday

The lightest docket for many months was quickly dispatched Tuesday when Solicitor Graham G. Dickson presented only two cases for trial before Judge W. B. McQueen in the county court Tuesday.

Oddly enough the state's witness in the first case became the defendant at the bar in the second.

Alex Stephens, colored, was indicted two weeks ago for breaking and entering the home of Robert Stewart, colored, in McLaughlin township. Stephens pleaded not guilty but the court found the evidence sufficient to bind him over under \$200 bail for Superior court.

Robert Stewart was found guilty of larceny of wood this week from the lands of J. W. Scull. His sentence of 3 months on the roads was suspended on payment of the costs and \$10.

## Farmers Urged To Sign Peanut Applications

County Agent T. S. Knowles is urging farmers to make applications and sign certificates certifying that peanuts or soybeans will be used for oil purposes. Certificates may be had at the county agent's office. This must be done before they can be ordered from the Commodity Credit Corporation.

## Group From Hoke Inducted Last Week At Fort Bragg

The following men were inducted into the army at Fort Bragg last week, according to the office of the Hoke county draft office. They reported last Wednesday.

Joseph Alexander Livingston, Bernice Autry Haywood, Nephie Franklin Luther, Neill D. McMillan, Nolan Archibald McGill, Murdock John McDuffie, Samuel Lucy Ray, Bill McGirt, Henry Tillman Sides, Luther McGirt, John Lee Stephens, Holt Marvin Johnson, Paul Ellis Wilson, Woodrow Etue.

## Sister Of Dr. G. W. Brown Passes

Dr. G. W. Brown was notified Tuesday of the death of his sister, Mrs. J. L. Phillips, of Trinity, in Randolph county. Dr. Brown and W. D. Brown attended the funeral yesterday (Wednesday).

## AIR RAID WARNINGS FOR RAEFORD

WARNING SIGNAL—A series of repeated short blasts on the fire siren. This will be the warning for an actual raid or for a practice alert. If at night it means an instant and complete blackout.

ALL-CLEAR SIGNAL—One long blast of the siren.