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Production Of Long Staple Cotton Urged

The present supply of long staple cotton in the United States is so short that arrangements are now being made by the State Department to import thousands of bales from Peru, it was declared by Tommie Upchurch at the meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis club Thursday.

Mr. Upchurch added that certain types of war materials could not be made from staples less than 1 1/4 inch, and that there was a great need for additional stocks of the fibre of this length. To encourage the shipment of cotton of this staple the plans are to cut the import duty from 7c to 3 1/2c until production of the longer stapled fibre could be increased in the United States.

Hoke county lands grow this type of cotton well and produce heavily, according to Mr. Upchurch, and he urged the farmer to investigate this crop with the view of planting some this year. The yield per acre is not quite equal to shorter staples, but the premium price which the better grades brings more than makes up the difference as strict middling brings about 11,000 points on the quoted market prices for other staples. Too, added Mr. Upchurch, this type of cotton produces a much heavier yield of seed, which also increases the dollar income per acre.

The speaker warned though that this premium applied only to the best grades, and urged those farmers planning to grow the long staple to make sure that they 1. secure good seed; 2. planted in good soil; 3. gave the crop the proper cultivation and harvested it before weather damage harms quality; and that 4. ginning is done so that staple is not cut or damaged.

Hoke county's one-variety program of the past several years has gained much valuable advertising for the high quality staple produced here, stated Mr. Upchurch, and if all of the cotton produced here last year were marketed through the one-variety channels the crop brought a premium of about \$17,500 over the regular market prices. This meant much to the cotton farmers of the county, it was said, and it was achieved through careful selection of planting seed, proper cultivation, harvesting and ginning which gave the county a better and more uniform staple crop.

Weevil Control

At the conclusion of the talk by Mr. Upchurch, Program Chairman T. B. Lester then presented County Agent A. S. Knowles, who spoke briefly on the War Production Board regulations which may affect agriculture here. Mr. Knowles assured the club that sufficient molasses and poisons had been allotted the farmers for adequate poisoning for the control of weevils and urged the usage of poisons as a means of increasing production of both cotton and cotton seed.

Oil-Bearing Seed

The great demand for oil bearing seed, such as beans and peanuts, has made it necessary for far greater acreage of peanuts to be planted, stated Mr. Knowles, because a large part of our oils had been coming from the Pacific area now controlled or blockaded by the Japs. Hoke county farmers are asked to plant 4,500 acres in peanuts, he stated, and to date only about 1,200 acres have been promised. An acre of peanuts will produce about twice as much oil as an acre of soy beans, and this is the reason the goober is being advocated instead of additional acreage of beans.

Peanut pickers will be available for harvesting, it was said, for the WPB had allotted sufficient materials for the manufacture of such implements to harvest the greatly increased peanut acreage.

Guests of the club for the dinner program included: Elmer S. Schuyler, Roy Clunk and Spencer Abbott of the Williamsport "Grays" who have their spring training headquarters here for the fourth season.

Commission Names Dog Vaccinators

The following men were appointed vaccinators for dogs at the commissioners meeting Tuesday: Archie Watson, Alendale; J. W. McNeill, Antioch; Daniel McGill, Little River; Rex Currie, Blue Springs; Mr. Wood, McLauchlin; J. L. Tapp, Quewhiffle; B. F. Ray, Raeford; and Pat Monroe, Stonewall.

All dogs are required to have vaccination tag. Those listed by the owners for taxation will be vaccinated free of charge to the owners, and the vaccinators will be paid 25c per dog from the dog tax fund.

Defense Activities

Mailing Cards To Truck Owners

Cards are being mailed this week to owners of trucks who have failed to register them with the Defense transportation section of the highway commission. The cards state that these truck owners may have their registration blanks filled in at the office of the Hoke County Defense unit in the county office building.

H. L. Gatlin, Jr., county civilian defense chairman, states that there are yet a large number of truck owners in the county who have failed to comply with the registration regulations. They are urged to go to the defense office and have their trucks registered.

Decontamination

L. S. McMillan, was named chairman of the committee for decontamination of gas-bombed areas, for the Hoke unit of the Civilian Defense. He will organize workers and give instruction in this work.

New Clerk

Miss Mary Anne Currie has been secured to serve as stenographer and clerk to the Civilian Defense unit of Hoke county to succeed Miss Marion Maxwell who is now clerk for the rationing board.

Lansing Hatfield To Be Presented At Flora Macdonald

Red Springs, April 6.—Lansing Hatfield, baritone, newest star in the Metropolitan constellation, will be presented at Flora Macdonald College on Monday evening, April 13, at 8 o'clock, as the fifth and last number of the most outstanding concert and lecture series yet offered by the college.

A native Virginian, with an English background, and raised a Tar Heel (in Hickory), this handsome 29 year old singer was well on the road to fame when officially recognized by Metropolitan Opera on March 23, 1941, the only man among the three winners of that coveted goal. Quoting from a newspaper critic during a recent transcontinental concert tour, "Lansing Hatfield comes from a Virginia family noted for the fact that all its members could lick their weight in wildcats, is six feet, one inch tall, and weighs 190 pounds. When he smiles, his whole face lights up, young women moan and old women swoon—and when he sings, "Oh Boy."

While this is not a particularly dignified description of one of the most spectacular of Metropolitan's recent acquisitions, it does convey the universal reaction to Lansing Hatfield.

Mr. Hatfield didn't plan to make music his career. While a student at Lenoir-Rhyne College he joined the glee club for two seasons. "The glee club needed anyone who had a tuxedo," he says "and I happened to have one—besides, it gave me an excuse to cut classes." All-American, Lansing Hatfield has never even been abroad, but after winning the Woods Scholarship and the Harold Randolph prize for "outstanding achievement" at Peabody Institute, his rise in the musical world has been spectacular. In 1938 he was chosen as guest artist with Grace Moore on the Chesterfield Hour, was engaged as soloist in Rossini's "Stabat Mater" with the Hartford Orchestra Society, and in June of that year was starring in "Show Boat" at Randall's Island Stadium, New York. In July he was repeating his success in Cleveland, bringing down the house night after night with his "O! Man River".

Williamsport Wins Red Cross Benefit Game Wednesday

The game between the 47th Inf. 9th Division of Fort Bragg, and the Williamsport Eastern League club training here, played for the benefit of the Raeford Chapter, American Red Cross, was won by the Williamsport club by a score of 9-2. The game was enjoyed by approximately 300 fans, and the weatherman provided mid-summer temperature, which was enjoyed by players and spectators.

The Williamsport club plays two more games at the Raeford park: Wednesday, April 15th, Scranton, an Eastern League club training at Bennettsville, S. C., plays here and Wednesday, April 22nd, Wilkes-Barre, an Eastern League club training at Sumter, S. C., plays at the local park.

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Pan-American Smile



The real spirit of Pan-American unity is symbolized in the smiling smile of Senora Amada Cordova, wife of a member of the legal staff of the Mexican Embassy in Washington. She meets with other wives of Latin-American diplomats to roll bandages for the Red Cross.



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.

The Colored People of the County are now getting their defense work moving nicely. They have three classes in First Aid in progress at the Upchurch High School. About one hundred adults have enrolled in these classes which are taught by Colored instructors.

The Red Cross sewing program in the County is still moving on; drop in one of these sewing rooms and help whenever you can.

Williamsport Baseball Team, training in Raeford, did the generous thing of giving the gate receipts of one of their games to the Red Cross. The proceeds from their Wednesday's game with Fort Bragg was turned over to the Hoke County Red Cross Chapter.

The Allendale and Antioch township first aid and home nursing classes will begin on Thursday, April 16, at 2 p. m. and 4:15 p. m. at the Antioch community house.

All wishing to take the courses, please be there promptly.

Figure with the News-Journal FIRST for your job work; every printing job that can be done. You don't know what we can do till you ask and find out.

RAEFORD'S PRAYER MINUTE

ELEVEN O'CLOCK DAILY

CHURCH BELL TO SUMMON PEOPLE TO PRAYER

IT IS TIME TO PRAY!

The people of Raeford and Hoke County, regardless of creed or race, are asked to join in the observance of this minute of silent prayer daily at 11 o'clock. The Methodist Church Bell will ring and all people in their homes, schools, offices, shops, stores, on the streets or in the fields, are requested to pause in observance of this brief time of prayer.

Sponsored by The Churches of Raeford

Jurors Named For Mixed Term Hoke Superior Court

Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, will preside over the mixed term of Superior Court to convene here Monday, April 20th, it was stated yesterday by Clerk of Court Edgar Hall.

Criminal cases will consume probably the first two days of the session, it was stated, though the criminal docket has not been completed. Other time will be devoted to trial of civil cases.

The following names were drawn for men to serve on the jury for this term of court.

- Carl Riley, Quewhiffle.
- J. W. Morgan, Antioch.
- John A. Wilkes, Blue Springs.
- D. P. Andrews, McLauchlin.
- J. D. Mason, Antioch.
- Dan Holt, Raeford.
- F. L. Eubanks, Quewhiffle.
- O. L. Wood, McLauchlin.
- Alton Cameron, Raeford.
- Lacy McNeill, McLauchlin.
- L. A. McInnis, Stonewall.
- S. D. Briggs, Raeford.
- J. M. Baker, Raeford.
- J. S. Poole, Raeford.
- Dan Watson, Antioch.
- W. J. McDiarmid, Raeford.
- R. B. Ellis, Stonewall.
- N. B. Blue, Raeford.
- J. T. Roberson, Quewhiffle.
- J. F. Chisholm, Blue Springs.
- Dan F. McInnis, Raeford.
- W. J. McQuage, Raeford.
- A. A. Harris, Raeford.
- William Monroe, McLauchlin.
- Clarence McNeill, Antioch.
- D. M. Ray, McLauchlin.
- N. A. McInnis, Stonewall.
- I. J. Holland, McLauchlin.
- R. H. Gibson, Stonewall.
- J. R. Hendrix, Blue Springs.
- C. F. Tapp, Raeford.
- R. F. Clark, Blue Springs.
- Neill D. Overton, McLauchlin.
- Daniel McGill, Little River.
- L. W. Stanton, Raeford.
- L. D. McFadyen, Raeford.
- M. B. McLauchlin, Antioch.
- A. B. Tapp, Quewhiffle.
- John A. Maultsby, Quewhiffle.

Fifteen Men From Hoke Inducted

Fifteen men, white and Indian, were inducted into the Army at Fort Bragg Monday, it was announced Tuesday by T. B. Lester, chairman of the Hoke Board of the Selective Service system.

This was the first group to be sent to the Fort under the new regulation by which the men are inducted into the army upon arrival and then receive their medical examinations. If they are held by the army they are later granted short furloughs so that their business matters may be arranged.

- Henry McNeill Biggs.
- Robert Deval Faircloth.
- George Edward Jordan.
- Harold Cameron Keith.
- Sonnie Bullard.
- Eugene Alexander Gordon.
- Doyle Locklear.
- Quilla Locklear.
- Allen Domes Smith.
- Graham Alexander Monroe.
- Frazier Brent Long.
- Thomas Britt Chason.
- John Archie McDiarmid.
- Francis McCrimmon.
- Archie Aaron Epstein, transferred from Danville, Va.

Scarborough Has Shipped 1,400 Tons Scrap Metal

T. C. "Red" Scarborough, local scrap metal dealer, stated Tuesday that he had shipped over 1,400 tons of scrap metal from Raeford since the organization of the "Scrap the Japs with Scrap" campaign was inaugurated here last December.

700 Tons from Hoke
Half of this amount, or 700 tons (1,400,000 lbs.) was collected by the people of Hoke county, according to Mr. Scarborough. "This is a far cry from the 100,000 lbs. which was set as our goal when the original campaign for collecting scrap metals was started by the county committee. I believe that the folks here have made the most effective drive for the collection of these metals of any conducted anywhere in this section," stated Mr. Scarborough.

Sgt. Alfred Cole To Officers Training School

Sgt. Alfred Cole, of Raeford and formerly with Battery "F" of the Coast Artillery at Fort Screven, has received notice to report to Camp Davis for the artillery officers training course. Sgt. Cole was transferred this week to Fort Moultrie where he will remain for about two weeks before reporting to Camp Davis.

Many Acres Timber Lands Burned By Fire Friday

A disastrous forest fire which burned timberlands in Little River township and on the Fort Bragg reservation Friday said to have spread over several thousand acres before it was finally brought under control by citizens of the township aided by soldiers and boys from CC camps.

Hinson Walters, a resident of the Little River community, reported to the commissioners of Hoke county Tuesday that he had seen the fire raging on the Bragg reservation early Friday and had reported it to a reservation warden, and later when it appeared that no effort was being made to check the spread of the fire he notified headquarters at the Fort. Yet, he stated that the fire spread across several fire lanes and then swept across Little River to private lands.

According to accounts given at the commissioners meeting some several farm buildings, a tenant house and a great deal of fencing was destroyed in addition to the damage done to forests on nearly 1600 acres of privately owned land over and above the large acreage burned on the reservation.

The group of owners appeared before the board of commissioners asking their aid in securing damages for their property. They stated that their neighbors from many miles over that area aided them in fighting the fire, and that some assistance was given by boys from a CC camp in that area. They listed the acreages of the following owners as swept by the fire: Ed Simpson, 125; Dr. Barber house and 390 acres; Charles Marks, fencing and 350 acres; Wharton Seagraves, 25; J. B. Upchurch barn and 500 acres; J. B. Marks 30 acres; and John Muse 150 acres.

Several of the farmers had their tobacco plant beds located in these woodlands and they stated that the beds were completely destroyed. Others lost small out buildings.

Funeral Services For Angus D. McGirt, Pneumonia Victim

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Angus D. McGirt, 82 year old citizen and farmer of the Allendale community, at Centre Presbyterian church. The services were conducted by Rev. G. F. Kirkpatrick, pastor, at 4:30 o'clock. Burial was in the churchyard.

Mr. McGirt was an active member of Centre, and a member of a pioneer family of that section. He was taken ill Saturday and developed pneumonia Sunday. His death at an early hour Monday was a distinct shock to the people of the county. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Mary McGoogan of Red Springs, two daughters, Miss Frances McGirt of Laurinburg and Miss Margaret McGirt of Erwin; and three sons, Luther McGirt of the U. S. Army, stationed at Cheyenne, Wyo., Duncan McGirt of Maxton and John McGirt of Laurinburg.

Cong. W. O. Burgin Visits Office And County

Congressman W. O. Burgin visited friends in Hoke county Tuesday, and paid a visit to the News-Journal office while in town.

Mr. Burgin is not planning to make any great campaign for his reelection stating that he will depend largely on his friends for their efforts at the polls in the coming primary while he is busy at Washington.

Tire Certificates Issued By Board

Certificates for the purchase of tires were issued to the following by the Hoke County Rationing Board:

T. C. Scarborough, scrap metal dealer, 3 tires and 2 tubes for truck; D. E. Cameron, Vass, r. 2, hauling raw materials, 1 tire 1 tube for truck; J. A. Chason, r. 2, Lumber Bridge, 4 tires, 4 tubes, obsolete; McBryde and Sanders, transportation of raw materials and equipment for construction—1 tire for truck.

AIR RAID WARNINGS FOR RAEFORD

WARNING SIGNAL—A series of repeated short blasts on the fire alarm. 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 alarm.