

John Elbert McLeod Dies Unexpectedly Sunday Morning

John Elbert McLeod died at Oteen Veteran's hospital Sunday morning at 1:30. News of his death was very unexpected. He had been in poor health for sometime, having been treated at the veteran's hospital at Fayetteville before going to Oteen. He was a veteran of the first world war and was a son of Murdock and Margaret Currie McLeod of upper Cumberland county, now Hoke.

The body arrived in Aberdeen Wednesday morning and was taken to the home of his father-in-law, C. J. Seaford, near Montrose, where it remained until the funeral.

The funeral was held at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from Shiloh Presbyterian church, of which church he's been a life-long member. His parents were charter members of this church, it having been located near the Turnpike originally.

Services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Pickard, assisted by a beloved former pastor, Rev. A. D. Carswell, of Sanford. A quartet from the Raeford Presbyterian church sang, using hymns that had been sung at the funeral of his parents. Pall bearers were Arch Currie, Neill McFadyen, Neill F. Sinclair, and Tommy Sinclair of Ashley Heights and Ed Yarborough of Laurel Hill. The flowers, of which there was a profusion, were in charge of the Woman's Auxiliary of the church.

The deceased was a first cousin of Arch Currie and Mrs. Ed Bethune and a brother of the late Rev. Murdock McLeod of Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. Will McLeod, pastor of First Presbyterian church of Curo, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ina Seaford McLeod, and a daughter, Jane Currie. Two children, a son and daughter, died in the past few years. Also two sisters, Misses Isabelle and Currie of Hemp, and a brother, Graham McLeod, of Badin, and two nieces of Nashville, survive. A large number of Raeford people and people from the upper end of the county attended the funeral.

Prominent Woman Of County Dies

Mrs. D. B. McFadyen, a greatly beloved woman of the community, passed away at her home near Raeford on the Fayetteville road, Saturday night. She had been ill for a long time and had been a patient at Highsmith hospital during the winter and early spring.

Mrs. McFadyen, wife of Duncan B. McFadyen, was the daughter of Mrs. A. P. Stubbs and the late Mr. Stubbs. She was born in 1890, being 52 years old. The family lived in Robeson county near Rowland before moving to Hoke.

She was a life long member of the Presbyterian church and was an active member in her auxiliary. She was above all a successful homemaker. She was the mother of ten children, all of whom are living. Funeral services were conducted from the home Monday morning with Rev. Harry K. Holland of the Presbyterian church, officiating. A choir from the Presbyterian church sang several favorite hymns. The pall bearers were H. L. Gatlin, Jr., A. K. Stevens, N. A. McDonald, J. A. D. Austin, D. H. Hodgins, Neill McFadyen, Walter Baker, and A. A. Graham. Masses of beautiful flowers were tokens of esteem. Burial was in the Raeford cemetery. The family has a large and prominent connection and many people from out of town and county were present for the funeral.

Surviving are her husband; three sons, Lt. D. B. McFadyen, Jr., of Camp Stuart, Ga.; Lewis and Angus McFadyen of Raeford; seven daughters, Mrs. Paul Allgood and Miss Jessie Margaret McFadyen of Fayetteville; Mrs. Frank Hipp, of Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. Laey McNeill, Mrs. Brown Hendrix, Misses Isabel and Betty McFadyen, of Raeford.

National Cotton Week May 15-23

The merchants of Raeford are planning to cooperate with the National Cotton Council in observance of National Cotton Week which is from May 15th to 23rd. Posters will be displayed in the windows and their complete and beautiful stocks of the latest styles in cotton clothes will be on display and at prices that can't be bettered elsewhere. Gasoline and tire rationing will make it to everyone's advantage to shop in Raeford "Cotton Week." Read the ads next week.



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.

Everybody who has wool out for sweaters must return it to Mrs. John Walker or Mrs. A. L. O'Brian this week. They will get the sweaters finished.

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers; None goes his way alone; All that we send into the lives of others Comes back into our own.

"I care not what his temples or his creeds, One thing holds firm and fast— That into his fateful heap of days and deeds The soul of man is cast."

Edwin Markham.

Hoke Will Meet Its Pledge Quota

An enthusiastic meeting of the county group leaders, air-raid wardens, county pledge committee, and other patriotic citizens, was held in the court house Monday night. Plans were made for conducting the county-wide drive for pledges to invest in War Bonds and Stamps.

Talks were made by Chairman Laurence McNeill, N. H. G. Balfour, and Mrs. P. P. McCain. The drive started Tuesday night and will run through 'til Saturday, the 9th. Everybody soliciting reports a wonderful response. Comments made are that the people are beginning to be giving the government anything, but are actually making a safe investment for the good things of the future when our country has won this war and we can feel safe and secure again.

OF COURSE Hoke will go over the top with a bang! INVEST in Bonds and you will GIVE less taxes.

Dr. McCain Heads New Eastern Sanatorium

Sanatorium, May 6.—Dr. P. P. McCain was elected superintendent and Dr. H. F. Eason was elected associate superintendent and medical director of the Eastern North Carolina Sanatorium at a meeting Monday in Raleigh of the joint board of directors of the North Carolina sanatoria.

Dr. McCain will be superintendent of the state's new tuberculosis hospital, now under construction in Wilson, in addition to serving in his present capacity as superintendent of the North Carolina Sanatorium in Hoke county and of the Western North Carolina Sanatorium near Black Mountain.

Dr. Eason, now a member of the clinic staff of the Extension Department, will be the resident head of the new hospital. A native of Selma, Dr. Eason attended the University of North Carolina and holds his medical degree from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. From 1935 to 1939 he was director of the Division of Industrial Hygiene of the State Board of Health.

The board reports encouraging progress being made on the new sanatorium and the expectation that the building will be ready to receive patients by October 1, and possibly by September 1st. The equipment for the new hospital is now being purchased, and although the purchase is somewhat delayed by war conditions, it is expected that all equipment will be installed by the time the building is ready for occupancy.

At the same meeting the board authorized the appointment of Dr. C. D. Thomas, now assistant superintendent, to be associate superintendent and associate medical director of the North Carolina Sanatorium. Senator L. H. Gravelly of Rocky Mount, was re-elected chairman of the board of directors, Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin of Wake Forest was elected vice-chairman, and C. C. Council of Durham was elected secretary.

Cliff McNeill, who is working at the shipyards at Wilmington, spent several days at his home here this week.

Hoke Motorists Must Get Rationing Cards

Sugar rationing cards have been issued and now the War Production Board has announced that Gasoline Rationing Cards will be issued next week.

The dates for registering in Hoke county are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 12, 13, 14. Hours are 2:30 to 8 p. m.

Owners must register for everything that consumes gasoline, such as cars, trucks, motor boats, tractors, power units, motorcycles, pumping outfits.

Registrants in Hoke county, all races, will register at the following places:

Raeford township at Raeford elementary school.
Blue Springs township at Bethel community house.
Stonewall township at Mildouson. McLaughlin at Rockfish.
Quewhiffle at Ashmont.
Little River at Little River community house at Lobelia.

The owner or person entitled to possession of a motor vehicle (or his authorized agent) may apply for a Class "B" gasoline ration card. Application for such card should be made by filling out form B. A separate form must be filled out for each motor vehicle for which a ration card is desired. At the time of executing this form, the registration card of such motor vehicle must be presented.

Cut this out and don't forget.

Fuel Supply Cut In East

Washington, May 5.—Gasoline consumption in the East will be slashed 50 per cent. below normal starting May 16, the War Production board announced tonight. This means that many of the area's 10,000,000 motorists probably will have to get along with a little as five or six gallons a week.

The reduction becomes effective the day the seaboard area begins using ration cards.

While the overall curtailment will be one-half, informed sources explained that it would amount to about 60 per cent cut for non-essential users of automobiles, since necessary vehicles will continue to receive their full requirements of fuel.

The W. P. B. action, taken on recommendation of Petroleum Coordinator Harold Ickes, came shortly after Joseph B. Eastman, defense transportation director, declared "every owner of a motor vehicle in public or private service should realize that he holds this vehicle in trust for the national war effort and that it should be used only for purposes of necessity."

This statement of Eastman's applied to the whole country, not merely to the east.

Simultaneously with the gasoline order, W. P. B. directed that deliveries of light fuel oil be reduced also by 50 per cent below last year, beginning May 16 in the 17 eastern states and the District of Columbia.

Death of Mrs. J. H. Humphrey

Mrs. J. H. Humphrey, of Shannon, route 1, sister-in-law of Mrs. M. K. McNeill of Raeford, died at her home last Friday morning after an illness of several months. She was Janie McGougan before marriage, a daughter of the late Malcolm J. McGougan and Mrs. Mary Alford McGougan. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Henry R. Poole at Antioch church at 4 p. m. Saturday afternoon. She is survived by her husband, three sons and several brothers and sisters.

Sugar Rationing Registration To End Today

Sugar rationing will end this afternoon at 8:00 o'clock. If you have not registered, go this afternoon and do so. If you fail to register by 8 o'clock you will have to wait two weeks and apply directly to the ration board in their office in the county office building.

At this writing 8,098 War Ration Books have been issued. At least 6,000 more should have registered yesterday and today.

Mrs. Fay Morris and daughter, of New Bern, were guests of Mrs. A. R. Morris last week.

A&R Depot Being Made Into Center For Soldiers

The Aberdeen and Rockfish passenger station is being renovated and converted into a service center for soldiers who come to Raeford, it was announced by Mrs. C. H. Giles, county welfare superintendent, who stated that the plans are being carried out by a group of Hoke county and Raeford citizens entirely independent from any outside organizations.

"This is strictly a Hoke county project," it was stated, "and it is a project in which every person in the county can take a part. Already the county commissioners have arranged for the repairs and renovations necessary in the building and the town of Raeford has arranged for changes in the plumbing and will donate the lights and water to be used."

The rooms are being repainted and cleaned, and new lighting fixtures are being installed. Some furniture has already been donated for the club room, and merchants and business houses are contributing other articles necessary.

The Works Progress Administration will furnish a trained worker to help carry on the activities. Arrangements for entertainment of the soldiers here during the days, and persons wishing to entertain service men in their homes will be able to secure them by phoning the center.

Donations of money will be needed to carry out these operations. Also the center will need additional furniture, and magazines, games, books, reading lamps, etc.

The interest in the Soldier's Center has been very great since it was learned that Henry Blue, of Aberdeen, would gladly contribute the use of the station for the purpose. Various groups of county club women, as well as local organizations are adopting certain activities as their special field of endeavor, either in furnishing the building or in the operating of the center.

Farewells here will be held at the center when each group of boys from the county leave for the service, and it is expected that the Legion Auxiliary clubs of the various communities will have charge of these, it was stated by T. B. Lester, chairman of the county selective service board.

Baptist Buy Bonds With Building Fund

The Raeford Baptist church will invest funds being held by the building committee in War Savings bonds, it was announced this week. According to plans \$1,000 worth of War Bonds will be purchased each month until the money now on hand, amounting to over \$3,000 has been invested.

The building committee announced that since construction work had been limited to defense plants or small buildings, the plans for erecting a new church had been postponed for the duration, and that all future collections on pledges and all contributions to the building fund would be invested in these government securities until building regulations were changed by the priorities board.

Polio Foundation Forms County Chapter

A representative from The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, incorporated, held a meeting in Raeford, April 21st, and organized the Hoke County Chapter.

The following officers were elected: V. R. White, chairman; Mrs. Marshall Thomas, vice-chairman; Mrs. G. B. Rowland, treasurer; Mrs. C. H. Giles, secretary.

Executive committee — Dr. Isaac Horowitz, Sanatorium; Mrs. Paul Dickson, Mrs. J. L. McNeill, Harry Green, Dr. R. A. Matheson, Rev. H. K. Holland, Thomas Cameron, Crawford Thomas.

Upchurch Talks At Ginners' Meeting

T. B. Upchurch, chairman of the North Carolina-Virginia unit of the national cotton council, was one of the speakers at the 3rd annual state convention of the N. C. Cotton Ginners association which was held in Charlotte Monday. Fred Johnson, another Raeford citizen, is executive secretary of the association and had charge of the arrangements for the convention.

Mrs. Julian Johnson and Cecil Dew attended the convention.

Mrs. Graham McLeod, of Badin, spent several days this week with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Hampton.



Miss Gibbs, Of C. P. and L. Co., To Be Kiwanis Speaker

Miss Jane Gibbs, home economist for the Carolina Power and Light company, will be the guest speaker for the Raeford Kiwanis club, May 7th at 7:00 p. m. She will talk on Nutrition, Vitamins, and Conservation of Food and Materials vital to the war efforts. Miss Gibbs spoke before the Raeford high school recently and her talk was received enthusiastically.

Police Assailant Gets Two Years On Roads

Floyd Walton, negro, was convicted of resisting arrest and attacking an officer in county court Tuesday and sentenced to serve two years on the roads. Walton was also given a 30 day sentence for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

The negro, according to testimony, was mixed up in an argument on the street here Saturday night and threatened to fight another negro who was trying to quiet him. When H. E. Deese, night policeman, approached him Walton was said to have attempted to assault him but Chief R. H. Beck arrived on the scene before Deese had further trouble with Walton.

James Johnson and John B. Johnson each paid costs for operating cars with improper brakes; Acey Shaw paid costs for assault upon Emma Jane McNair; Vanester Shaw, convicted of violation of the liquor laws was ordered to pay costs and put on good behavior for 12 months in lieu of a 4 months sentence on the roads; Robert Thomas charged with abandonment of a bastard was ordered to pay \$3 per month to Annie McLaughlin for the child's support; Claud Tyler, convicted of assault and trespass was put on good behavior for 12 months in lieu of serving a 4 months sentence on the roads. Tyler was charged with assaulting his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Tyler, and then following her to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Koonce, and raising a disturbance there.

Democratic Committee Sets Date for Meetings

The State Democratic Executive Committee at its recent meeting in Raleigh set the following dates:

Precinct meetings—Saturday, May 9th at 2 p. m. at the usual places.

County convention—Saturday, May 16th at 2 p. m. at the court house.

State convention—Friday, May 22, at 12 noon in Raleigh.

All Democrats are urged to attend all of these meetings.

Two First Aid Classes Are Organized

Mrs. C. H. Giles is holding first aid classes for CCC boys from Co. 3423 at the court house on Tuesday and Thursday night from 7 to 9, and classes for the Raeford mill employees at the mill village community on Wednesday and Friday nights from 7 to 9.

MULE KILLED

Last Thursday afternoon, April 30, a man on the Upchurch farm was plowing when the thunder cloud came up. He stopped plowing and tied his mule to a tree a few yards from the house. Lightning struck the tree to which the mule was tied, killing the mule. No one in the house was hurt. The mule killed was a fine one.

JOINS NAVY

Homer Thames, 20, of Raeford, was enlisted as an apprentice seaman in class v-6 Naval Reserve, according to an announcement from Raleigh Tuesday.

County Ginners Hear Johnson At Kiwanis Club

The operators of cotton gins of this section were guests of the Raeford Kiwanis Club Thursday when Fred Johnson, executive secretary of the N. C. Cotton Ginners association, presented a program on ginning methods.

Mr. Johnson was presented by Ryan McBryde, program chairman. D. S. Coltrane, assistant commissioner of the N. C. Department of Agriculture spoke briefly on the work which is being accomplished by the Ginners Association in raising the standards of raw cotton, and praised Mr. Johnson for the fine work he was accomplishing—a work, he explained, that was being recognized throughout the cotton growing area of the country.

Mr. Johnson then spoke on the part Hoke was playing in the raw cotton industry through its well-developed one-variety program which is bringing to the farmers here a premium price on their staple. He stated that the ginners of Hoke county are doing the best job of those in any county of the state and a job equal to any county group east of the Mississippi.

Cotton, to remain a paying money crop for the farmers, must stay on the offensive, the speaker said. Research must be carried on continuously for better types of staple, and for more uses. Development, as you see, must start at the soil. Farmers must keep their lands in the best producing condition, use the right fertilizers and the best seed available. Harvesting must be done at the right time to get the highest grade staples, and ginning equipment must be maintained in good condition and operated intelligently to assure the grower of staples of greatest length and cleanest condition. Gin damage in many cases he stated, was being studied and plans are now being made for the erection of a large gin on the campus at State College to teach agricultural students the proper methods of handling all types of staple grown in the state.

Harry Davis, of the agricultural museum, talked briefly on the search now being made to find aluminum ores in Hoke and adjoining counties. He exhibited samples of the rock formations which had been discovered in this section, saying that deposits had been found in the sand-hill section of South Carolina and that this strata was believed to extend into Scotland, Hoke, Richmond, Harnett and Cumberland counties in this state.

Mr. Davis added that the agricultural department leaders who are supervising the scrap metal campaign used Hoke's campaign as their example of the manner in which the salvage program should be "really handled."

Laurie McEachern, former Hoke legislator now connected with the motor vehicle bureau, accompanied Mr. Johnson and his party here and attended the Kiwanis meeting. Guests also included John G. Hughes of Parkton, Clyde Upchurch, Jr., Archie Howard, of Dundarrach, Sam McGougan of Lumber Bridge, Donald Yates, Donald Davis and Harry Green.

Tire Rationing Report For Hoke County

The following purchase permits were issued this week by the Hoke county ration board:

J. R. Hendrix, farmer, 2 tires, 2 tubes, obsolete type.

McBryde and Sanders, transportation of material for construction, 1 tire, 1 tube, for trailer.

Harvey Warlick, transportation on official business, AAA program, 2 tubes.

W. C. Hodgins, farmer, 1 tire, 1 tube for combine; 1 tire, 1 tube for tractor.

J. C. Wright, deputy sheriff, 1 tube.

George Pickard, minister, 2 tires, 2 tubes.

INTERESTED

Franklin County 4-H Club members are showing much interest in baby beef calves, eight boys having made application for the purchase of feeder calves already this year.

AIR RAID WARNINGS FOR RAEFORD

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