

## Capt. Conk Says Little Likelihood Nazis Using Gas

Capt. Robert Conk, U. S. Army, told members of the Raeford Kiwanis club last Thursday that there was little likelihood that the Germans would use poison gases in this war. He prefaced his remarks with the statement that he was speaking without any official knowledge and that his remarks were to be viewed only as his personal opinions.

Capt. Conk stated that the German industrial system was now heavily taxed to turn out sufficient materials to maintain their present vast army and that it did not seem plausible for them to shift production from tanks and guns and explosives to a weapon which military experts considered to be purely a defensive weapon.

The German industrial plants, too, he said were so far surpassed in productive capacity by those of the United Nations that it was not reasonable to believe that they would attempt to use gas when they knew that we could surpass them in the production and effective use of any new weapons.

There is little danger in any but token gas attacks on this country, he stated, for our enemies could not effectively attack such a city as New York in the brief time necessary to get favorable results. The gas attack must come as a surprise, he made quickly over a large area, he said, and it would take thousands of planes to cover Manhattan effectively in ten minutes.

Douglass Cox, news writer for the News-Journal, spoke to the club on the county paper as a community asset. He dealt principally with the functions of the paper as it supports various community enterprises, as an advertising medium and its obligations to the people of its circulation area.

Neill A. McDonald, Jr., was program chairman for the evening. He invited club members to attend a dinner program given at Southern Pines at which officials of the Standard oil company presented information on the synthetic rubber situation which was held Friday evening.

## Democratic Convention Held Here Saturday

The Hoke county Democratic convention met Saturday at court house in regular meeting. Several matters of importance were discussed and several resolutions adopted. After adjourning the duly elected chairmen from each precinct met in executive session and elected the following officers to serve for the next two years.

**Hoke County Executive Committee**  
Walter Baker, chairman; Mrs. P. P. McCain, vice-chairman; J. B. Thomas, secretary; N. F. Sinclair, Knox Watson, Archie Watson, Daniel McGill, Louis Parker, Norman McInnis, Fulford McMillan, Frank Townsend.

The following were elected delegates to the state convention:  
Delegates—Archie Watson, Knox Watson, Fulford McMillan, Daniel McGill, Louis Parker, M. G. Ray, Mrs. P. P. McCain, Laurie McEachern, H. A. Greene, Walter Baker, Ryan McBryde, C. L. Thomas, J. M. McGooan, Alternates—L. A. McGooan, W. C. Hodgin, Hector McNeill, J. W. Smith, Mrs. Wm. McFadyen, Mrs. Pearl Andrews, N. F. Sinclair, J. L. McNeill, Mrs. Paul Dickson, Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin, Mrs. J. A. McGooan, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., N. H. G. Balfour.

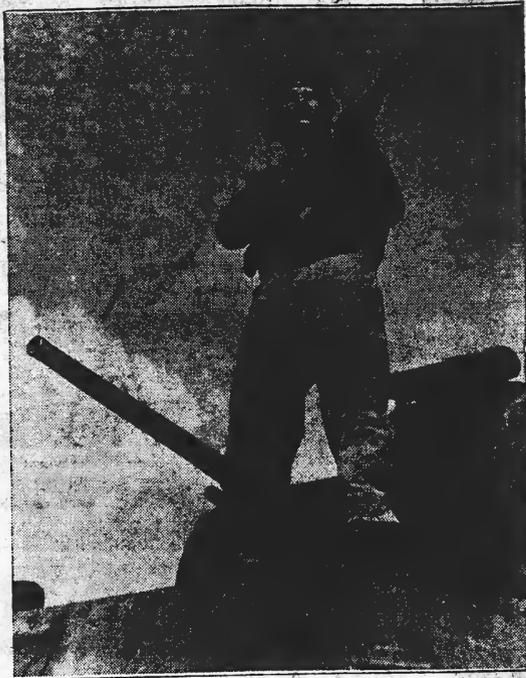
## Seven Cases Tried In County Court

Cases heard in county court Tuesday were all concerned with minor offenses. Ralph Edward Casey, charged with breaking road laws and Murphy Thomas, indicted for drunken driving, drew nol pros orders for lack of evidence. Thurman Chavis drew a suspended 60-day sentence for careless and reckless driving. Others drew 30-day sentences suspended upon payment of costs. They were: Rufus Warren Harrell, careless and reckless driving; Ralph Hezekiah McRae, violation of prohibition laws; Nick Jones, drunkenness, and Johnny Emanuel, drunkenness and assault.

## 'X' Cards Obtained Through Error Must Be Returned

The Hoke county gas rationing board wants those who obtained "X" cards through error or who are not quite sure they are entitled to one to see or meet with the board and get this straightened out and thereby avoid a grave and serious penalty.

## Tank Commander,



Tough, grease-stained and grim, this cotton-clad tank commander of the 6th Armored Regiment, Second Armored Division at Fort Benning, Georgia, typifies the readiness with which the nation's new mechanized Army awaits the future.

## Hoke 50% Over Bond Quota For May

**Pledges Coming In From All Communities; Drive To Be Great Success, Says McNeill.**

Actual purchases of War Savings Bonds and Stamps were 50 per cent over the May quota at the end of the first half of the savings drive, according to Lawrence McNeill, county chairman, and the county is just getting Savings Bond conscious, he added.

The report showed that \$11,953.55 had actually been invested in bonds and stamps through May 15th. This was the purchase value of the securities, Mr. McNeill stated, and not their maturity values. The county quota had been set at \$8,000 for the month of May.

The people of the county are really getting behind the pledge drive and at every rural store or every church or community center they are talking of war bonds and stamps. Those who have not signed pledges for bond purchases are asked to see the air raid warden or group leader of their section immediately. The pledges are being received in great numbers by the drive office and an estimate of the progress of the campaign is to be announced in the next issue of the News-Journal.

## Hoke Oil Mill Offices Enlarged And Beautified

The office building of the Hoke Oil and Fertilizer company and Hoke Concrete works has recently undergone extensive improvements and has been much enlarged. These modern offices are in keeping with the policy of this firm to have things absolutely up-to-date. They make a fitting background for the office personnel: J. B. Thomas, Lewis Upchurch, Tom Lester and Archie Howard.

Building material used in the construction of the new part is that made by the Hoke Concrete Works. Their beautiful tile in several colors, cinder block painted and unpainted are used so that a prospective purchaser can see just how it looks. A large drafting room has also been added.

## Attend Civilian Defense School

Members of the Hoke county civilian defense council attended the civilian defense school which was conducted Monday at Fayetteville under the direction of Albert Coates, director of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill.

Those attending from this county were: Dr. R. L. Murray, Tommy Upchurch, Harry Green, Lewis Upchurch, W. R. Barrington, N. H. G. Balfour, Clyde Upchurch, M. C. Dew, Miss Mary Anne Currie, L. Starr McMillan, and H. L. Gatlin, Jr.

## James Wilson Sandy Fatally Hurt In Auto Accident

James Wilson Sandy, 22, of Stonewall Township, was fatally injured in an automobile collision near Red Springs early Sunday morning. He died soon after being carried to a Laurinburg hospital. Cecil Reynolds was riding with Sandy when the wreck occurred but escaped with slight injuries. The automobile which collided with the Sandy car was driven by Odell Stanley—negro who is in the Robeson county jail. Several negroes were in the car but none of them were seriously injured.

According to witnesses it was said that Odell Stanley turned his car directly into the path of the Sandy car in attempting to pass another auto. Sandy attempted to drive his car off the highway but the two cars met nearly head-on. Sandy was thrown from the car which turned over on him, crushing his body.

Sandy was well known over the county. For some time he had been the driver of the NYA bus which transported youth workers from Hoke and Robeson counties to Fort Bragg. Sandy was employed with the W. Cobb Construction company at the time of his death.

The funeral was held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from Sandy Grove Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member. Services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Brown, assisted by Rev. Charlie Hester. A choir sang, using several favorite hymns.

Sandy is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd A. Sandy of Stonewall Township; two sisters: Mrs. A. W. Pittman and Miss Catherine Sandy; six brothers, Coolidge, Lewis, Leslie, Mack, Eldon, all of Stonewall township, and Sgt. Frank Sandy of Camp Gordon, Ga.

## Poppy Day To Be Observed Here Saturday

Sew names on America's roll of honored dead give new meaning to the memorial poppy this year, Mrs. Paul Dezerne, Poppy Day chairman of local American Legion Auxiliary unit, pointed out as she worked on final arrangements for the distribution of the little red flowers Saturday.

"Wearing a poppy is the individual way of honoring the men who have sacrificed their lives in the nation's service," said Mrs. Dezerne. "Ever since the first world war the poppy has been worn in tribute to the men who gave their lives in that conflict. Now new names are being inscribed among America's heroic dead. The poppy is for them, too: It is a symbol of our sorrow and pride. It is a pledge that we will always remember them and serve on in the cause for which they died."

"The poppy springs from the blood and tears that are the price of victory—the price of freedom in this world of conquest and oppression. Again and again Americans have had to pay this price to win and maintain their existence as a free nation. When we wear the poppy this year we will be showing that we are not shrinking from paying that great price once more in order that we may pass on to Americans to come the heritage of a free America."

As we honor those who gave their lives, we should think, too, of those who sacrifice health and strength, and of the families left in need because a father or son has served his country. They are still within the reach of our help. Let us be generous in our contributions for the poppies. Every penny of the money given goes to support the work of the American Legion and the Auxiliary are doing for the disabled and dependent families of the first world war and of the present conflict.

## Raeford's Soldier Center Popular

Raeford's soldier center is proving quite popular. It was visited by a number of soldiers the past weekend.

A point in regard to this Center is: It is entirely local, all contributions came from home people. It has no connection whatever with U. S. O. (United Service Organization). Contributions to U. S. O. go everywhere—that means to Hoke county boys in foreign bases and home training camps. So even though one has given to the local center, he may also contribute to U. S. O. See Wilmer McDonald.

## YDC Elects Officers

At the meeting of the Young Democratic club of Hoke county held Saturday in the court house at Raeford, the following officers were elected: President, Archie Watson. Vice-president, Clara Mae Gibson. Secretary and treasurer, Peggy McFadyen. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

## Accepts Position With U. S. Tobacco Co.

Burriss Shankle left last week for Raleigh where he has accepted a position with the United States Tobacco company. He is to be stationed in Raleigh.

## THE U. S. O. DRIVE

Hoke County is asked for only \$700 as its quota for the USO fund, which is to be used in providing recreation for our soldiers and Navy men in the training camps and at the various bases.

Our selective service board announces this week that there are 310 men from this county who are serving with various units of our armed services. This request of the USO is for approximately \$2.25 per man from this county for their entertainment during the year. A very small sum for the wonderful help that is being rendered to our men.

Whether or not you think this money should be spent here in providing recreation for visitors from the camps nearby, when you consider that our Hoke men are far, far from Raeford and Hoke county and that the USO will spend many dollars per man for their entertainment, this \$700 is a very small amount for us to contribute towards the entertainment of the men from Hoke who cannot enjoy the recreational opportunities here at home.

If you have not subscribed to the Hoke County Fund, do so today. Mail or deliver your subscription to Wilmer McDonald, chairman USO Drive, Raeford. Then if you want to contribute to the entertainment of soldiers who visit Hoke County, call Mrs. Giles at Phone 3481 and make a similar contribution to the county entertainment fund.

## RECORD NAMES OF 310 MEN FROM HOKE NOW WITH ARMED FORCES



REV. A. L. THOMPSON

Rev. E. C. Crawford begins revival at the Raeford Methodist church Sunday morning, May 24th. Rev. A. L. Thompson, of Ahsokie, will come in Monday and assist Mr. Crawford throughout the meeting, closing Sunday night, May 31st. Services every evening at 8:30 o'clock. Beginning Wednesday, there will be a morning service at 10:00 o'clock.

Rev. A. L. Thompson is one of the strongest evangelistic preachers of North Carolina Conference. He is a native of Moore county and has many friends and relatives in both Hoke and Moore counties. The public is cordially invited to come out and hear him.

## Death Of Prominent Scotland County Man

E. L. McNair, a former Scotland county citizen and one of its largest farmers and landowners died at his home in Atlanta last week. Mr. McNair was a member of an old and prominent family of this section. He is survived by his wife and two daughters of Atlanta, and a number of relatives in Scotland county.

Neill McNeill, of Raeford, attended the funeral in Atlanta. For years he was associated with the McNairs in business.

## Driver's Permits Issued Here On Saturdays

Persons wishing drivers permits and examinations for driver's licenses are notified that the examiner, B. H. Hutchinson, will be at the court house in Raeford on Saturdays beginning this week, May 23rd. He will be here from 9:30 a. m. until 1 p. m. each Saturday.

## The News-Journal Wants Country News

The News-Journal goes to many Hoke county boys in training camps at home and to foreign bases, having American post offices. Home news is what these boys want. So items of news from all townships in Hoke county will be gratefully received by the News-Journal. Please put the name of locality at the top of contribution.

## News-Journal To Close Saturday Afternoons

The office of the News-Journal will close at 12:30 each Saturday afternoon throughout the summer months. While the other business houses of Raeford close on Wednesdays, this is publication day for the paper and it is impossible to close on that day.

## Baltimore Bound!

Robert "Rex" Currie, Earl Yarbrough, and Herman "King" Cole left Fayetteville Monday night on the train for Baltimore, Md., where they have accepted positions working (believe it or not) with the Glenn L. Martin Company. This concern is an aircraft factory. Earl is going to do sheet metal work and Rex and Herman are going to do body work.

## Notice

Owing to the fact that some of the adjoining counties are not requiring rationing cards for pick-up trucks, pick-up owners are asked to return their cards to local rationing board.

## Selective Service Board Asks For Information On Others Now Serving in Army, Navy, Marines or Nursing Section.

The names of 310 Hoke county men serving with the armed forces of the United States have been officially recorded by the local board of the Selective Service System, it was announced yesterday by Miss Peggy McFayden, clerk of the board.

This list included those who have volunteered, those who entered the services through membership in the local National Guard companies, and those inducted since the draft started operations. Miss McFayden states that they are sure that this list is incomplete, but includes all of those whose records start at the board office or those on whom they have received 'home address reports' from the units in which they are serving.

Readers of the News-Journal are asked to read this list carefully, and if any person from the county, not listed, is with one of the services, please write his name and address and branch of service on a post card and send it to the Hoke County Board, Selective Service System, Raeford.

Those whose names and service are recorded in the office of the Hoke board are:

- Akins, Robert Lavant, pvt, army.
- Almond, Vance Delma, 1st Lt., army.
- Austin, James Hinton, quartermaster 1cl, navy.
- Barrington, Ebb Wellington, corporal, army.
- Barrington, Walter Raleigh, yeoman 2nd class, navy.
- Bass, William Joseph, pfc, army.
- Baxley, Rudolph, pvt, army.
- Bethune, Henry Buist, sgt., army.
- Bethune, William Jackson, sgt., army.
- Blue, James Thomas, pvt, army.
- Blue, Julian Hubert, capt., army.
- Blue, Neill James, 1st lt, army.
- Blue, William Elery, corporal, army.
- Blake, Marion James, pvt., Marines.
- Boseman, McAdoo, pvt., Marines.
- Bradshaw, William Grover, seaman 2nd class, navy.
- Britt, Jennings, apprentice seaman, Coast Guard.
- Brown, James Carlyle, corp., army.
- Buoyer, Earl Duncan, corp., army.
- Burns, Grady Albert, pfc, army.
- Carter, Dan Smith, Jr., A. S., navy.
- Campbell, Robert Lee, pvt., army.
- Clark, Graham McPhail, corp., army.
- Clark, Luther Wilson, corp., army.
- Cole, Alfred, 1st sgt., army.
- Collier, Erwin G., pfc., army.
- Collins, James, pvt., army.
- Conoly, Thomas Wilkins, corp., army.
- Cothran, Fletcher Pickler, corp., army.
- Cottingham, Tracy Thomas, Jr., pvt, army.
- Cox, Fred M., pfc, army.
- Cox, Neil Baxter, corp., army.
- Crowley, Herman Wilbur, pvt, army.
- Culler, James Cephas, pvt., Marine.
- Currie, Benjamin Franklin, Ensign, Naval Air Corps.
- Currie, James G., 1st Lt., army.
- Culbreth, Malcolm Bruce, pvt, army.
- Daniels, Robert, pvt., army.

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## Leaves For Shipyards

Tom Clark Sinclair left Monday night for Mississippi where he will work in one of the shipyards. He will stay with his uncle.

## Dies Of Heart Attack

Albert Scurlock, young negro of Dundarrach, died while en route to Raeford Saturday after suffering a heart attack after drinking a bottle of beer.

## 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 possible raid. If at night it means an actual and complete blackout.

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