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Tank Crashes Through Bridge, Soldier Is Killed

Monday Morning an army tank of the 2nd Armored Division crashed through the bridge over the Rock fish creek at that place where the road from Raeford going to Motts lake crosses the creek. The capacity of the bridge was four tons and the tank weighed 26 tons. Three soldiers manning the tank. The creek was up from recent rains and the tank was completely submerged, but two soldiers managed to escape. They got to the nearest telephone and notified officials at Bragg, then came into Raeford.

Wrecking crews, doctors and a large crowd gathered at the scene. The trapped soldier was drowned. Efforts at resuscitation were not successful.

The soldier who died was Sgt. Joe Melyin of Joffre, Penn. His body was sent to Fort Bragg.

Commission Asks Bird Season Be Restricted

No School Buses to Be Operated Over County Road Near Parker's Chapel

The Board of County Commissioners voted to request the State Board of Conservation and Development to restrict bird hunting in Hoke County to three days a week this season while in their regular September session Monday. The request was made following the hearing of a number of petitions presented by sportsmen of the county.

Following the approval of the move a resolution was adopted in which the commission asks the state board to set the days for game bird hunting in this county on the same days of the week as those during which hunting is allowed in the adjoining counties of Robeson and Cumberland. It was stated at the hearing that with hunting restricted in those counties to three days a week, hunters from those counties would come to Hoke on the other days of the week and the stock of birds in Hoke was being greatly depleted by out-of-the-county hunters.

Resolution on School Buses

In a joint meeting with the School Board, the Commission adopted a resolution approving the removal of school buses from the county roadway which runs northwest from 15-A near Parker's Chapel to the Fort Bragg reservation. It was stated that the roadway was unsafe for the operation of buses carrying school children and it was voted to remove school buses from the two-mile stretch until it had been put into safe condition. Copies of this resolution were sent to the State School Commission and the State Highway Commission.

According to County Accountant John A. McGoogan, there are some five school children who are served on this two-mile bus route who will have to walk to the highway to reach a bus.

Notice

The list of names of Boys in service from Hoke County is incomplete, and we would appreciate receiving the correct name and address of any boys that have been left off. If these names are left in my office or with the Draft Board, I will have them put on the Board list at an early date.

J. A. MCGOOGAN

In-Gathering At Dundarrach

There will be an ingathering at Dundarrach Presbyterian church Thursday, Oct. 1st. A barbecue dinner and supper will be served and there will be a bazaar.



Sheriff Ordered to Sell Property for Unpaid Taxes

On order of the board of commissioners, Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin announced yesterday that all property on which 1941 taxes had not been paid would be advertised for sale for these taxes, beginning on October 1st, and that the sale would be conducted the first Monday in November.

Stray Bullet Wings J. B. Hall

J. B. Hall, farmer on the Council place on Route 1, was struck on the arm by a stray bullet, evidently fired on the Fort Bragg reservation, adjacent to his farm, last Tuesday.

An artery was severed and Mr. Hall lost much blood while walking and running to Raeford for medical aid. He was picked up about a mile from his home by an army truck and brought to town, after the soldiers had applied a tourniquet.

It is understood that the incident was reported to Bragg officials and measures are being taken to prevent a similar occurrence, as the Hall farm is located near an area of the fort where no firing is permitted.

The injury of Mr. Hall has caused much concern among the farmers of the section because they have been unable to get cotton pickers to work in the fields close to the reservation.

A. A. McFadyen, Jr., Arrives in U. S.

A. A. McFadyen, Jr. who was code man in the American Consulate at Shanghai, arrived in New York late in August, on the Gripsholm, a Swedish ship used to exchange Nationals from Pan America and Japan. He with other American Nationals, was taken on board at a port in Portuguese East Africa, where they had been brought for exchange by a Japanese ship.

He was met in New York by his wife, who, with their little son Archibald 3rd, has been with her mother in Harrisonburg, Va. They have taken an apartment in Morganton, to be near his father, Dr. A. A. McFadyen.

Mann Enlarging Department Store

Israel Mann has recently returned from northern markets where he personally selected a complete line of ladies, men's and children's Ready to Wear. This is coming in every day. He has such a larger stock bought to meet the heavy demands of shoppers that he was forced to enlarge his store. The entire second floor is being remodeled and on this floor he will have ladies' ready to wear.

According to Jewish custom this store will be closed Saturday of this week in celebration of the 5703rd anniversary of Roshhashanna, the Jewish New Year.

Legion Auxiliary Treats Draftees

The members of the unit of draftees who left Wednesday morning for Fort Bragg for induction into the army were treated by the Raeford American Legion Auxiliary before their departure from the Soldiers' Center.

Cigarettes, postal cards and chewing gum were given each man. The articles were contributed by: F. W. Ritchey, N. A. McDonald, Jr., W. B. McQueen, Don Davis, John Cameron, ArchGraham, W. P. Baker, Marshall Thamas, Cecil Dew, and Mrs. Collis.

C. F. Tapp Appointed To Welfare Board

C. F. Tapp was appointed to a membership of the Hoke County Board of Public Welfare Monday, by the county commission, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. Lawrence McNeill.

Mr. Tapp, one of Hoke county's most prominent farmers and its largest tobacco grower, is of Timberland.

CIRCLES TO MEET

The circles of the Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church will meet Monday, Sept. 14, at 4:00 o'clock, as follows:

Circle No. 1. Mrs. Marshall Thamas, chairman, with Mrs. S. A. Snead.

Circle No. 2. Mrs. B. E. Cole, chairman with Mrs. J. M. Ferguson.

Circle No. 3. Mrs. Lewis Upchurch, chairman, with Mrs. Crawford Thomas.

ECHOES FROM THE ARMY PERSONNEL (Editorial)

Up until very recently relations with the army personnel in our midst have been most pleasant. But since the coming of the 2nd Armored Division has overtaken the rooming and eating capacity of the community, reverberations of a most unpleasant nature are being heard on all sides. These complaints are reaching town and county officials, and as our informant said, "An investigation is going to be made if it continues." Many persons have complained that local eating places have raised their prices or have cut the portions served to the point that satisfying meals cost prohibitive sums.

It was pointed out by the informant of the News-Journal that the demand for meals was so great here, especially during the past few weeks, since a division of soldiers is stationed here, that facilities for feeding the accompanying families of the men were greatly insufficient, and that in many cases the cafes would sell completely out of food and drinks, have to lock their doors and refuse to serve many customers.

County officials sympathized with the cafe operators in their effort to meet the greatly increased demand, but are emphatic in their demand that fair prices be asked. That the recommendations made by the town commissioners in regard to rents are being disregarded is being heard on many sides. They asked that where an apartment was vacated and immediately re-rented that the amount in full beyond the date the tenant left be returned to him.

In several cases reported, this has not been done, but an extra week's or even month's rent has been kept by the landlord.

On the other hand, other officers being transferred have had nothing but nice things to say about their landlords. One captain having said, "I only had two days notice, which I passed on to my landlord, and he insisted on returning every penny paid beyond the day I left. He said he knew he could rent the apartment if he chose to do so." Now the way these people are treated is the best possible NATION-WIDE advertisement for Raeford and Hoke county, and town officials insist that if price-gouging continues, publicity will be given and investigation made.

WHEAT INSURANCE STILL AVAILABLE

Only a few more days remain for making application for wheat insurance on the 1943 crop, according to E. Y. Floyd, state AAA executive assistant, at N. C. State College. The insurance is available to any North Carolina wheat grower, and guarantees 75 per cent of the normal yield established for the farm. Known as "All-Risk Insurance", the contracts afford protection against losses from windstorms, hail, floods, drought, fires, and other causes over which the grower has no control. Premium rates in North Carolina vary from 4 bushel to .8 bushel per acre, which, at present prices, is between 50 and 60 cents per acre. Further details concerning wheat crop insurance may be obtained at the county AAA office.

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Chaplin Hamilton Preached Sunday

Chaplin K. L. Hamilton, attached to a unit of the 2nd Armored Division and living at Aberdeen, was guest minister at the Raeford Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

He was accompanied here by Mrs. Hamilton and they were the guests of the Rev. and Mrs. H. K. Holland while here.

P. J. HURT TO MISSOURI

P. J. Hurt former owner of the Western Auto Associate Store is leaving this week for a short visit to his old home in Missouri before entering the Army. Mrs. Hurt will continue to keep her residence in Raeford.

Baptist Church Notes

Sunday School 9:45.
Morning Service 11:00. Subject: "Glorifying in the Cross." Text: Gal. 6:14.
Evening Service 8:00. Subject: "A Conscience Void of Offence." Acts 24:16.
Mid-week service of Prayer and Praise Wednesday evening at 8:00. J. E. REAMY, PASTOR.

DOGWOOD

Farm woodland owners who have commercial size dogwood trees in their timber stands suitable for shuttle blocks can help prevent bottlenecks in the textile industry by selling the dogwood timber now.

Hoke Kiwanis Club Sponsors USO Dance

The Hoke County Kiwanis Club was the sponsor for the USO Dance in the Raeford Armory on last Saturday evening. The 67th Regiment Band of the 2nd Armored Division furnished the music, under the direction of Sgt. Johnnie Fortuna.

The committee leaders were Dr. Marcus Smith, Mr. K. A. McDonald, Mr. N. A. McDonald and Mr. John McGoogan. The members of the Kiwanis Club were assisted by Mrs. H. A. Cameron, Mrs. N. E. Blue, Mrs. N. A. McDonald, Jr., Mrs. John McGoogan, Mrs. Thomas Cameron, Mrs. Marcus Smith and Mrs. Flora McLaughlin.

Those serving on the refreshment committee were Miss Josephine Hall, Miss Spec Blue and Miss Sarah Connelly.

The dance was well attended in spite of unfavorable weather conditions.

You Don't Have To Go to Ocean For Sea Shells

Folks wanting seashells, to pretty up their yards or to crush for their chickens really don't have to go all the way from Hoke County to the beaches and then lug them home. Nope! Nope, not any more.

Max Lester brought into the News-Journal office this week a large block of shells found within two miles of Raeford, taken from a well being drilled on the T. B. Lester farm by the Heater Well Co.

In drilling the new well the drill struck a hard stratum at about the 65-foot level and when samples were brought to the surface it was found to be a rock formation of almost pure shell, the most of them still perfectly preserved. Workers report that the formation is approximately one and one-half feet thick. This is an interesting fact for geologists, because it seems to prove that this Sand Hill section was at one time an ocean beach.

News-Journal Sent To 100 Officers

The News-Journal was mailed last week and this week to something around 100 commissioned officers who are making their homes in Raeford.

Many copies were also given to noncommissioned men. These people read the paper and it is therefore the best possible medium for local Merchants to tell the army people about what they have.

Lack of tires and gas is making it more and more imperative to trade at home, so merchants who do have anything to sell are losing an opportunity by not taking advantage of the county's best advertising medium.

Hunting Seasons For 1942-43

It shall be unlawful to hunt or take any of the species of birds or animals mentioned below except during the period specified, both dates inclusive:

- Deer (male), Oct. 1 to Jan. 1; opposum and racoon (with gun or dogs only), Oct. 1 to Feb. 15; other, no open season; quail, rabbit and turkey, Thanksgiving Day to Feb. 10; squirrel, Oct. 1 to Jan. 15; fox squirrel, no open season; dove, Dec. 1 to Dec. 30; duck, Nov. 2 to Jan. 10.

H. R. McLEAN, Game Protector.

Band Concert

There will be a band concert Sunday afternoon, from 5:00 to 6:00 o'clock, in front of the Presbyterian church, given by the band of the 67th regiment 2nd Armored Division. The public is cordially invited to attend.

At 6:30 a picnic supper will be served on the church grounds, by the members of the three churches in town to the band members and all soldiers present.

Mailing List Being Brought Up-to-Date

No names that do not have a 1942 mark on the pink slip are being left on the mailing list. A blanked out off is benign made. Your pink slip shows when your subscription is out. If you don't get a card look on it, but pay your subscription NOW.

Robbers Get 500 Gas Rationing Books in Haul

Hoke County Rationing Board Office Entered Thursday Night

Approximately 500 gasoline rationing books were taken from the safe of the Hoke County Rationing Board by Thieves Thursday night, it was discovered when employees entered the office Friday morning.

Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin, assisted by a finger print expert of the 2nd Armored Division and a special investigator of the Office of Price Administration, are conducting an investigation of the robbery. Service stations of this area have been requested to take the numbers of all gasoline customers in an attempt to run down local suspects. Several suspects arrested at points as high as several hundred miles away, have been released after investigations.

The thief or thieves entered the building by a window at the side of the building, protected from sight of the street by a large pile of lumber. The half-screen was removed and the window, being unlocked, was easily raised, it was said. The coupons and rationing books were kept in an old safe which would not lock, according to officers, and apparently the thief was acquainted with the fact.

Officers feel that they have very little in the way of clues to guide them in their search, particularly since the serial numbers of the books stolen had not been recorded by the local office. It was said that the books had been in a wreck while in transit here and that it had been impossible to record them after their receipt by the local board because they were badly mixed and the staff of the office was too limited to record them without closing the office for many hours.

Court Docket Light Tuesday

E. Lester or Ejester, Wade pleaded guilty to non-support charges and also to worthless check charges Tuesday in County Court. The non-support action was brought by his wife, Tiny Brooks Wade. The check charges were brought by J. W. Tucker who had cashed two checks totaling \$19.58. He was ordered to pay costs in each action and to repay Tucker.

Clara Wade and Estella Willis were found guilty of affray and given 60 day sentences, suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior for six months. Buddie Cadlett paid costs and a fine of \$50 for carrying a concealed weapon; C. W. Benton paid costs for speeding.

Last week John McKay Blue pleaded not guilty to charges of operating a car while under the influence of liquor. He was found guilty by Judge W. B. McQueen and fined \$50 and costs. He appealed to Superior Court and bond was set at \$100.

28 Inducted Into Army

The following Raeford men were inducted into service and left for Ft. Bragg Wednesday morning:

- Herbert Clifton Gillis, George Edward Jordan, Ernest Dewey Johnson, Prince Long, James Daniel Matheson, Howard Wood, Ernest Woodrow Davis, Burris Brown Shankle, William Smith, James Cecil Reynolds, James Edwin Baker, Alton Stamps McKenzie, Alex Lee Baxley, Raymond Sherrill Almond, Hugh D. McFayden, James Leroy Everleigh, James McMillan, Ernest Adam Almond.

Malcolm Haywood Campbell, David Dixon Odom, Francil Robert McGill (enlisted), William Melton Parks, Truman Bostic Austin, Oscar Lindsay Townsend, William Carson Dixon (transferred), Julius Odell Melton, Hardy Britt Willis, Howard Reddy McNeill.

