

## Parents Urged To Write Boys

### Lack of Letters Can Do More Harm Than Japs, Marine Fighter Declares.

Letters from home are the crying need of the American soldiers and marines, according to a letter received from one of them here.

This Lieutenant said that parents who don't write "can do more to hurt their boys than any one else they run into out here."

He knows that is true, the lieutenant writes, because he helps to censor mail and knows what they are thinking.

"We can't write often," he said, "for a lot of reasons. One of these is stationery. We just get a little once in a while."

Some of the boys have received only one or two letters since they left the States and "are sick at heart" as a result.

## Open Meeting of Women's Club

The Literature and Educational Departments of Women's Club held their joint open meeting on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 27, 1942, at 3:30 P. M., in the Kiwanis Hall, with Mrs. C. W. Seate, Mrs. Balfour, Mrs. A. S. Knowles, Mrs. Wm. Lamont, Mrs. Wilmer McDonald, Mrs. J. H. Austin and Mrs. J. E. Guldage as hostesses.

Mrs. A. K. Currie, President of the Educational Dept. presided and introduced Mrs. H. L. Gatlin Jr., Program Chairman, who presented the speaker; Mrs. Whitener, a member of the Colony of army wives living in Raeford.

In an interesting, gracious, and informal manner, Mrs. Whitener related her experiences on a recent trip to Mexico City, which she made with her husband and a group from the University of North Carolina, a few summers ago.

Especially interesting points of interest mentioned were the beautiful Mountains, the Cathedrals in Mexico City, the American Embassy, where the group was entertained at dinner by Ex-Ambassador and Mrs. Josephus Daniels, the Old Presidential Mansion which is now a Museum; the Virgine Guadalupe Shrine, the most sacred shrine in Mexico; the Pyramids; the Fields of Maga Plant; from which the Mexican Bouquet or Beer is made; the Toluca Market, where the natives bring all their wares to sell; the beautiful floating gardens; the Bull fights and the intricate system of distributing the mail.

Mrs. Whitener concluded her talk with a presentation of many interesting cards and souvenirs, which she had collected while in Mexico. These included hand woven baskets and scarves, hand tooled leather goods, and some especially fine pieces of Mexican work in silver.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Whitener's talk, Mrs. V. R. White, presented Mr. Lassiter, director of the High School band, who presented the band in a manner that was greatly enjoyed by all, and which reflected great credit on the work which Mr. Lassiter has accomplished during his short time in Raeford.

A social hour, during which the hostesses served Russian tea and cookies brought the meeting to a close.

## Real Estate Changes Hands

Clyde Lee owner of the Raeford Cafe and manager of the Sinclair Service Station on 15-A going South, has recently bought the "Pratt" house from J. B. Thomas. He moved his family into it last week. The last occupants of this house were Rev. W. C. and the late Mrs. Brown.

Blackpool, Eng., now has 1,000 war saving groups.

## The Constitutional Amendment

### For a State Board of Education.

An act to amend the Constitution providing for the organization of the State Board of Education and the powers and duties of the same was authorized by the General Assembly of North Carolina, March 13, 1941.

To be voted upon by the voters of North Carolina in the General Election of 1942.

The proposed amendment would establish a new State Board of Education to assume the responsibilities of the present ex officio Board and various other Boards and Commissions which now supervise and administer the Public School System.

### Erwin Asks School People To Vote For The Proposed School Amendment.

I am calling upon all teachers, principals and superintendents to support the Constitutional amendment providing a new State Board of Education and to do all they can to secure a favorable vote for it at the polls in the general election in November. I consider the adoption of this amendment the most important next step in public education in this State. The simplified plan of school administration which the amendment makes possible and the definite fixing of all responsibility upon a single board will challenge a forward looking educational leadership on the part of the board so clear of confusion and administrative handicap as to guarantee a militant and vital concern in what happens to the education of children as well as in what happens to funds and the machinery of administration. The educational leaders of this State have advocated for many years an amendment to the Constitution that would provide an appointive instead of an elective board. The need for such a board is increasingly obvious as the State expands its interest in the public schools. Those of you who have administrative duties feel the necessity of one State organization and are thoroughly aware of the confusion and duplication of efforts and at times buck-passing inherent in the present State administrative setup. It seems to me that the adoption of the amendment will both simplify and clarify this situation and that the change offers great possibilities for greater efficiency in the management of the public schools.

The amendment provides a board of sufficient size to take care of the varied interests of the State and representation by congressional districts will guarantee an equitable distribution of the membership to every section of the State. The continued election of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction by the people is in line with the wishes of the people as expressed from time to time in their pronounced opposition to the short ballot. All the amendment does provide is that a majority of the members of the new board shall be business men. The term "business men" is so broad and general that no Governor could possibly be handicapped in appointing to the board a membership representative of the interests of all the people.

The amendment as offered has been carefully thought out and, in my judgment, covers the needs of North Carolina with reference to a State Board of Education. We have a favorable opportunity now to simplify our State administration of the public schools and I believe it to be a challenge to our leadership to do everything possible to see that the amendment is passed.

Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent, Public Instruction, Raleigh.

### Against The Proposed School Amendment

From the Committee for a Sound Educational Amendment. Wake Forest, Oct. 25.—An appeal to the voters of North Carolina to defeat the proposed school amendment to the constitution and join with the real friends of educational progress in an effort to get the 1943 legislature to submit to the people an amendment more in line with what the School organizations really wanted in 1941 was made here today in a statement issued by Dr. Hubert M. Poteat, chairman of the State wide Committee for a Sound Educational Amendment.

"It has now become clear," Dr. Poteat said, "that the amendment which the people will pass upon on November 3 is not what the special committee on education, after a very thorough investigation, asked the general assembly to submit.

"It is, instead," the Wake Forest educator explained, "a hodge-podge

## Poultry Equipment Bulletin Published

One of the chief factors in a successful poultry enterprise is good equipment, says Clifton F. Parrish, head of the poultry Extension staff at N. C. State College. Such equipment will help increase egg production and a large part of it can be made on the home farm.

To help farm people meet their poultry production goals in the Food-Freedom program, Parrish has cooperated with Prof. R. S. Dearstyne head of the State College Poultry Department, and other members of the Extension staff, to prepare a new farm bulletin titled: "Equipment for Poultry."

The publication is War Series Extension Bulletin No. 5, and is available free to citizens of North Carolina upon request, by name and number, to the Agricultural Editor, N. C. State College, Raleigh.

Among the pieces of poultry equipment described in detail in the bulletin are brooders, feed hoppers, waterers, range shelters, nests, roosting racks, catching hooks, nets, screens, and incinerators with which to dispose of dead birds. Photographs and drawings to illustrate the desirable types of equipment, and plans for building most of the equipment on the farm, are contained in the publication.

"Good equipment makes for better health and higher production of the farm flock," said Parrish. "Regardless of the importance of good equipment and its relation to profit, it is relatively easy to find a flock owner following a good feeding program, with good birds and houses, yet using poor equipment.

"There is no real reason for this condition," Parrish asserted, "since most of the equipment needed on a poultry farm can be made at home."

## Popular Editor Here Wednesday

Carl Goerch of Raleigh popular Editor of "The State" blew in to the News-Journal office yesterday. He was as interesting as ever. He was interested in all that's going on in Raeford and Hoke. He is also better looking than he was on his first visit to Raeford.

## Halloween Carnival To Be Thursday Night

There will be a Halloween Carnival Thursday night at the Hoke High school. It will begin at 7 o'clock and there will be a program in the auditorium at 8:30.

The following are contestants from the Elementary School for King and Queen of the carnival: Peggy Stanton Nancy Holland, Katherine MacDonald, Janet Hodgkin, Marlene Delinger, Betty Upchurch, Vera Mae Posey, Elizabeth Suddreth, Alice Sutton Matheson, Betty Barrington, and Katherine Blue; Leon Gatlin, C. J. Benner, John McLaughlin, Franklin Niven, Dave Barrington, Bobby McBryde, Bobby Wallace, Milton Mann, Eugene Hart, and "Nicky" Blackler by.

of provisions which, if it were accepted by the people, would write into the State constitution some very dangerous school law.

"As I read the amendment, it would transfer all school administration to an appointive board of 15 members, a majority of whom must be, under the amendment's expressed provision, persons trained in business and finance. This is rank discrimination against the professions—such as lawyers, doctors and teachers—and also against farmers and laborers.

"There is an even more dangerous provision in this amendment and that provides that 12 of the 15 members shall be selected from the 12 Congressional districts of the State. If this means anything, it means that every school district in North Carolina would be at the mercy of a politically-chosen super-district superintendent. For example, it is possible that the member from the eighth congressional district might be a resident of Wilkes county and charged with the district supervision of the schools of Scotland county, in the lower end of that district.

"It is very unfortunate that the amendment has not been discussed more publicly so that the people of North Carolina might know what it would do. For that reason, if for no other, it seems to me the proposal ought to be defeated this time and the energy of its proponents turned to getting the legislature to submit an amendment which would not be so objectionable, unsound in principle and so marked by partisan politics that it would menace the public schools for many years to come."

## Goods on Hand For Christmas Nearly Normal

Chicago, Oct. 25.—The ingenuity of American manufacturers, plus the availability of pre-war made goods, will insure early Christmas shoppers a nearly normal selection of articles in the nation's retail stores, a survey by merchandise managers disclosed.

Hughston M. McBain, vice-president of Marshall Field & Co., said the survey showed that "generally speaking, more than 90 per cent of the kinds of things customarily sold to Christmas shoppers will be available this season."

He said that in addition to the goods manufactured before the nation was at war and ordered before the conversion of many plants to war production, the stores will have available goods created by manufacturers from materials not needed in war.

"Shortages will be apparent in some specific lines, and replacement materials will be evident in others, but very few of the items usually given at holiday time will be totally absent," Mr. McBain said.

With one notable exception, he said, there will be no shortage in apparel lines. "Rubberized" materials and rainproof synthetics have gone to war—but suits, coats, handbags, gloves, and all kinds of cotton garments will be available in sufficient quantity.

There will be replacement materials evident in many of these items—such as man-made fibers for animal fibers, and wood, bone, shell and synthetics for metal. No curtailment in costume jewelry was foreseen but there will be replacements for aluminum and stainless steel kitchenware.

The country's kilns are providing china of "top quality," Mr. McBain said in reporting the supply of imported china and dinnerware now is limited to that from England. Irish linens are being sent here, as are Swiss watches.

Many Goods Available. And, for this year at least, he said, there was a sufficient supply of hollow and flat silverware; enough luggage, smokers items and stationery.

There will be toys—but they won't be like toys of previous years. They have undergone radical changes. Wheel goods are out, and stores will offer toys constructed, with the exception of a few nuts and bolts, entirely of wood.

"It already is evident that Americans are looking ahead—with the realization that this is a hard war," Mr. McBain said. They are buying practically. They have an eye toward long wear and usability, comfort and utility when they shop today."

## The Mail Away Edition Delayed

Due to conditions beyond our control we have had to delay the Mail Away Edition, which we have promised our Hoke County Soldiers.

Shortage of labor and a change in employees have upset our plans. However, things are looking much more encouraging now.

Those new contributors from the County would rejoice if they could read the expressions of appreciation from the many boys getting the paper. Every item sent in to us gives pleasure to the boys away from Hoke.

DR. S. A. MAXWELL



Dr. S. A. Maxwell, of Aberdeen, is assisting the Pastor in Revival at Parker's church this week. Services each evening at 8:00 o'clock, closing service at 3:00 P. M. Sunday.

## Hoke Drug Store Robbed Wednesday

Last Wednesday night robbers broke into Hoke Drug Co. They broke the Cash Register and got out about \$20 or \$25. They threw the Cash Register out back of the Store, near what used to be Charlie Johnson's paint shop. There the night policeman found it at about four o'clock in the morning.

The same night Paul Dezern's office at the A. and R. was broken into. A window was broken out and all the desk drawers had been gone through—but they got no money or anything of any value.

As yet they have not been caught and little clue was left.

## R. E. A. Announce Annual Meeting

The second annual meeting of the members of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation will be held in the Hoke County Court House, Raeford, N. C. at 10:30 A. M. (Eastern War Time) Wednesday, November 4, 1942.

D. J. Dalton, Superintendent, states that due to the seriousness of times that the Board of Directors has decided to hold a strictly business meeting. Directors for the next year will be elected, reports will be given and other business of interest to the members of the Cooperative will be transacted. Prizes donated by local merchants will be drawn.

Even though tires and gasoline are limited, the directors think that members in each community will be able to attend this meeting by riding together. It is important that each member attend the annual meeting during these critical times. Rural Electrification Administration in St. Louis is called upon daily to devote more and more of their time to the war effort. This their time for supervision of cooperatives is limited and the operation of the cooperatives is left to the initiative of the owners, which are the members.

## Candidate for Congress Visited Raeford Yesterday

Dr. A. D. Barber, of Sanford, Republican Candidate for Congress from the Eighth District, was a Raeford visitor yesterday, (Wednesday.) Dr. Barber is well known to Hoke County people. He owns a large farm in Little River Township and spends much time at his home there.

## Annual Meeting

Mrs. R. L. Murray, President of the Ninth District of Women's Clubs will preside at the annual meeting in Hemp next Tuesday. A large number is expected to be present. A most interesting program has been arranged, an account of which will be in next week's paper.

The Home Maker's club of Hoke High School entertained at a Halloween dinner party. Each girl invited a guest. Dinner was served in the Home Economics Laboratory which was decorated with fall leaves, pumpkins and Jack o'lanterns. Each table had a center piece of a pumpkin, two black cats and orange candles. The places were marked with a small orange bag of candy corn tied with black ribbon. The dinner consisted of grape juice cocktail, roast beef, Potatoes, Turnip Greens, Carrot Salad, Rolls, Butter and Coffee. Chocolate ice cream and orange velvet was served for dessert. After dinner several contests were played in which Carol Odom, Paul Groams, Katie Bell Parks and Katie Ray Odom were winners.

## DEATH CLAIMS MISS SARAH JANE MCGOUGAN

Miss Sarah Jane McGougan, 67, died Thursday afternoon, October 15th, at 8:20 o'clock. She was stricken with paralysis 4 years ago, suffering another stroke two weeks ago.

In early childhood, she joined Longfreet Presbyterian church. She was a member of Antioch Presbyterian church at the time of her death. Her life was a fine example of service and devotion to others.

## Prominent Farmer Dies Tuesday

### J. W. Black of Stonewall Township Died in The Moore County Hospital.

John W. Black, prominent farmer of Stonewall township, Hoke county died early Tuesday morning, October 27th in the Moore County Hospital, Pinehurst. Mr. Black had been very sick for about six weeks and had been a patient in a Fayetteville Hospital up until two weeks ago when he came back home. Sunday his condition became critical and he was carried to the hospital in which he died.

The deceased, a very successful farmer, was a life long resident of the community in which he lived, which was at the time of his birth Robeson county. He was the son of the late Sandy Black and Julia Maxwell Black and had a large family connection. He married Miss Carrie Davis, also of Old Robeson, now Hoke. She survives, with two sons, William and John D. Black, five daughters, Mrs. Eva Hendrix, Mrs. Bonnie Mize, and Naneta, Julia Lee, and Carolyn Jean Black, three sisters and three grand children.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock by his pastor, Rev. A. E. Brown at Sandy Grove Methodist church. A large crowd of neighbors and friends attended the funeral.

## DEATH OF JOHN A. DEES

### Father of Raeford Policeman

John A. Dees died at his home at Dundarrach Monday morning, aged 75 years. He was a citizen of this part of Robeson now known as Hoke county since his youth. He was a good man, and good farmer in his younger days. He was married to Miss Harriet Baxter of Dundarrach and lived in that community for years. He was highly esteemed for his amiable disposition and kindness of heart.

He died in Little River township, where he had been living for about one year.

He is survived by his wife, four sons, Daniel, Leslie Harry and Alton Deese; two daughters, Mrs. Luther Jones and Mrs. Mollie Smith of Little River.

His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Mt. Pleasant Holiness church, of which he was a member. Rev. C. E. Brady conducted the funeral.

## Farmers Urged to Plant More Winter Legumes

Hoke County farmers are urged to plant more winter legumes at once according to County Agent A. S. Knowles. Because of the shortage of fertilizer, especially nitrogen, farmers should see that their soil is planted to as many soil building crops as possible so that their land will be able to produce crops abundantly in years to come.

In order to get credit under the A. A. A. program for seeding Austrian winter peas, they must be planted by Oct. 31. A heavy demand of winter peas during the last few days, and Hoke farmers should get their needs filled before the supplies are exhausted.

## COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 9,566 bales of cotton were ginned in Hoke county from the crop of 1942, prior to Oct. 18th, as compared with 9,954 bales for the crop of 1939.

Very respectfully,  
J. R. Shaw  
Special Agent.

## EXPLANATION!

The Alex Farmer, mentioned in last week's Recorder's court is not—J. A. Farmer of Rt. 1—Raeford, who is known to his friends as Alex.

