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## Country Will Hear President at Tree on White House Grounds Christmas Eve

President Roosevelt will broadcast Christmas greetings to the nation on Christmas Eve from the National Community Christmas Tree on the South Grounds of the White House, when Mrs. Roosevelt and he will preside over the annual ceremony around the tree.

In making the announcement the White House said that the tree, a stately spruce, would not be illuminated, because the Office of Civilian Defense had asked that all outside lighting be dispensed with.

The Roosevelts will have a Christmas tree in the East Room, but it will be much smaller than heretofore and its only trimmings will be imitation snow, white streamers and white lights. There will be another small tree for the immediate family in the West Hall of the second floor of the White House. Its decorations will be from those salvaged from trees used in other years.

The family gathering will consist of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. and two children, Franklin D. 3d and Christopher; Mrs. J. R. Roosevelt, sister-in-law of the President; Harry Hooker, former law partner of the President, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Hopkins and Mr. Hopkins daughter, Diana.

The day before Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt will receive the White House office, and later the members of their household staff, with their families and minor children, in the East Room.

After the family dinner on Christmas Eve the President will follow his custom of reading Dickens' Christmas Carol aloud to the family.

The gifts will be distributed Christmas afternoon. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt and members of the family will attend religious services on Christmas Day under the auspices of The Washington Federation of Churches, and the family dinner will be held in the evening. The President will carve the turkey.

During the Christmas season the White House decorations will include two wreaths between the columns in the main lobby, a spray of mistletoe hung from the big light in the lobby, a wreath over the front door and one in each of the windows on either side of the front door, and a few poinsettias to supple existing palms and dracaenas in the main lobby.

## Education Club Meets At J. C. Thomas Home

On Thursday evening of the last week Mrs. J. C. Thomas, Mrs. Crawford Thomas, Mrs. S. A. Snead, Mrs. Colon Scarborough were hostesses to the Educational Department of the Women's Club at the Thomas home. This was the annual Christmas meeting and the home was most beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The subject of study was Mexico, Central America, South America, the West Indies and their Capital cities.

Miss Nell McFadyen and Mrs. R. A. Johnson Jr. had charge of the program, which was an able one. Mrs. Johnson of Savannah, Ga. who interestingly about these places she had visited.

After adjournment the guests were invited into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served from a beautifully appointed table.

## Stamp No. 10 Good To January 31st

Sugar stamp No. 10b came valid on Wednesday, and will be good until Jan. 31, for three pounds of sugar, the Office of Price Administration announced last Saturday week.

The No. 9 stamp likewise good for three pounds, expires at midnight Tuesday.

Industrial and institutional users of sugar may apply for their January and February allotments on Tuesday, OPA said.

## Fire Caused by Defective Flue

The fire company was called on Monday afternoon to put out a fire in Charlie Bay's apartment in the old Hein's Bldg. behind the Bank at Raeford. The fire got under hand in a short order and little damage was done. It was caused by a defective

## Raeford Firemen Have Annual Election Of Officers

The Raeford Fire Company which has 25 members had their annual meeting for election of officers last week.

Harry Green, who has made such a capable chief for the past year was reelected. C. E. Upchurch was elected assistant chief, N. McNair Smith, secretary and treasurer, E. E. Smith, treasurer of the relief fund and M. V. Dark, L. S. McMillian, and C. E. Upchurch are trustees. It was decided to invest the relief fund and majority of active fire department funds in War Bonds. They also voted to furnish materials for electrical safety to be taught in the schools. Mr. White agreed for the High School to carry on the course. At this meeting appreciation was expressed for the way the town people were cooperating in giving the right-of-way during fire and blackouts.

## Kiwianians Hear Meacham

H. L. Meacham, former Raeford Kiwanians and now in charge of Bonds Sales in North Carolina was the guest speaker at the club meeting on Thursday evening. He spoke on War Bonds; the necessity of their sale and the wonderful advantages it offers to the purchaser. His talk was unusually good and the club enjoyed having him with them.

Several matters of a business and civic nature were discussed; the most important matter discussed was concerning the opening of a rental and information bureau in town. This has become a necessity since so many strangers and new comers are in the town whose friends must have some central place to go for information concerning them. Kiwanians felt that it was not a matter for them to handle however.

It was also decided to have Ladies' Night and Installation of Officers on January 7 instead of Dec 31 as first planned.

## Boy Scout Banquet

The Boy Scouts had a good time Friday night at their annual banquet held in Kiwanis Hall.

About twenty scouts were present and fifteen of them had their dates. A turkey supper with all the trimmings was very much enjoyed.

Scout Master, Tom Cameron was Master of ceremonies. V. R. White and Rev. Mr. Holland are on the committee. Dr. Smith, Crawford Thomas, and Lewis Upchurch are on the committee for next year.

Interesting feature of the banquet was a demonstration of making a fire with flint and steel. Hamer Leach did this in one-half minute.

Moving pictures of boy scouts in England during an air raid were shown. For the second time the Raeford troop won the pennant for this district at the Scout Rally in Laurinburg. Another time and they will be allowed to keep it Tom Cameron, an Eagle Scout himself, is making a fine Scout Master and the troop is growing and doing work under his leadership.

## Twelve Defendants Face Recorder Tuesday

Twelve defendants faced Recorder W. B. McQueen Tuesday. James McIntyre, Uzzel Jones, and Tom Murray were found guilty of violating the prohibition laws and given thirty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs.

Lennie L. Lucas forfeited a bond of \$15 for speeding. Bill Evans was found guilty of affray and paid the costs. E. L. Cook and W. B. Cook paid the costs on charges of drunk and disorderly and violation of the prohibition laws. Adell Watson was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and carrying a concealed weapon.

O. C. Blackman was found guilty of simple assault and paid the costs of the case.

John A. Copeland plead not guilty to a charge of abandonment, but was found guilty by the court. Sentence was four months on the roads, to be suspended on payment of \$3 per week to the child and the costs of the case.



WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS STOCKING HAVE MUCH MORE IN IT THAN EVER BEFORE, BUT, AS THIS MIGHT SEEM TO BE AN EXTRAVAGANT HOPE, WE WISH THAT IT CONTAIN FAR MORE THAN YOU EXPECT.

YOU HAVE STOOD BY US LOYALLY IN 1942, AND WE CANNOT TELL YOU HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE IT.

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## Hoke High News

Sunday afternoon in the Hoke High School auditorium Mr. and Mrs. Laster presented the band pupils, girls, glee club, and public school music pupils in a Christmas concert. The program was creditably given and reflected the work that the music department is doing in both elementary and high school.

The Wednesday morning chapel exercises were under the direction of Miss Kimborough, Bible teacher. Each home room was represented on the program. The credit for stage decoration goes to Miss Peele's and Mr. Dowd's rooms. The presentation of white gifts for children at Sanatorium climaxed the program. Luke, the janitor, was also showered with gifts from teachers and pupils.

In the recent Red Cross Christmas Seal Drive held at the high school, Miss Adcock's home room won first place for selling the most seals, and Mrs. McLean's ranked second. School work was suspended Wednesday for Christmas holidays and will be resumed Tuesday, Dec. 29th.

## Agronomist Explains Fertilizer Changes

Farmers of North Carolina should not be inconvenienced in fact, they should be benefitted-by the restriction in the number of fertilizer grades, says E. R. Collins, Extension agronomy leader of N. C. State College. The War Production Board will allow only 18 fertilizer grades to be sold in the State in 1943.

The 18 approved grades were selected with the idea of excluding filler from the fertilizer, Collins explained. This will save transportation facilities and bags.

"The farmer must realize," said the Extension agronomist, "that he will be buying, in most cases, a higher analysis fertilizer. If he applies it at the same rate as in 1941-42, it will cost him more to fertilize his crop. But if he decreases the application he will get the same result at about the same cost. For instance, a man who used 400 pounds of 3-8-3 last year will get the same amount of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash by applying 300 pounds of a 4-12-4 this year."

## News-Journal Not Handling Rentals Further

On account of a severe shortage of employees the News-Journal office is forced to turn over its list of army officers living in town and list of apartments to the Town Clerk. Matters of information regarding either can probably be had there until some more definite plan is made for handling this situation.

## SCHOOL NEWS

By K. A. McDonald.

At a principals meeting Monday afternoon it was decided to open all schools 30 minutes later beginning with the opening of schools after the holidays on Tuesday, Dec. 29. This will mean that Antioch, Ashmont, Mildouson and Rockfish will open at 9:30 A. M. and Hoke High and Raeford graded at 10:00 A. M. Each school will then close 30 minutes later in the afternoon. This schedule will continue until the days lengthen sufficiently to change back to the present schedule without causing the children to get out to meet the buses before sun-up.

The schools have had a hard time for the past several days on account of the very cold weather causing the buses to give trouble and three buses tied up on account of it being impossible to get the necessary repair parts. Every effort is being made to have all the buses ready to go again on the 29 or before if possible.

All schools in the county ran a short day schedule on Wednesday and closed for the Christmas holidays. The board of education in setting the holiday dates acted at the request of national authorities for a speed up of all school programs, and also to help the farmers of the County who are and will be more than ever, faced with a serious labor shortage at planting time. In face of this shortage, the farmers are being asked to produce more crops than ever before. The president has called meetings of all farmers in the U. S. to be held early in January to make plans to greatly increase the food crops of the nation as we will not only have to feed ourselves but our allies and the liberated nations as well. In face of this it seems as though every one should be willing to do their part.

The State Supreme Court reversed the Superior Court verdict in the Dean Gilmore case. Until the opinion of the court is some-what uncertain.

A county wide meeting of the colored teachers in the county was held at the Upchurch school on last Friday afternoon. A good attendance was had. The president of the county wide colored P. T. A. made a talk and outlined a plan for each school and local P. T. A. to purchase a War Saving Bonds for the school. This plan was unanimously adopted. New officers for the year were elected of the educational association.

All schools are cooperating in the Christmas Seal Sale. The sale of the stamps has been very gratifying. The money received from this sale is divided, three fourths kept in the county for health work, and one fourth going to the state and national tuberculosis associations for their fight against this dread disease.

## RATIONING NEWS

The Rationing Set up in Hoke County to date is as follows.

General chairman O. P. A. for Hoke County, Ryan McBryde.

County Board, F. B. Sexton, J. B. Thomas, A. K. Stevens. This Board handles gasoline, tires, sugar, rubber, coffee, etc.

Publicity, K. A. McDonald.

Fuel Oil and Kerosene parcel, W. D. Brown, chair., T. N. McLaughlin, M. D. Yates.

Office Personnel, Chief, Miss Marian Maxwell, Receptionist and sugar clerk, Mrs. Christian Davis, Gas and ceiling price clerk, Miss Mary Ann Currie, Fuel, oil clerk, Miss Lillian McBryde.

Acceiling price panel of the Board will be appointed right away. We hope to be able to announce the names in the next issue.

This will be a new panel of the county War Price Administration. Its purpose is outlined by the office of Price Administration as follows. "Each local war price and rationing Board panel shall serve as the local representative of the Price Division of O. P. A. in this community.

Its primary function shall be that of actively enlisting and stimulation local support of and voluntary compliance with, maximum price regulations and The Emergency Price Control Act of 1942".

Some of its duties are, to provide information pertaining to price regulations, to conduct surveys to determine local cooperation, to find out about, and report to state office injustices and hardships caused to local institution and businesses by maximum prices, and the recommending of price adjustments that are needed, to accept local reports of noncompliance and forward such to state office, to stimulate an understanding and acceptance of the price control program.

The rationing administration in Hoke County earnestly requests the cooperation of everybody in the program, especially in the conservation of gasoline (being shipped now from the Eastern Seaboard to Africa) fuel oil, rubber, coffee and sugar.

The board in addition to asking cooperation in the conservation program requests, just as earnestly, that every one comply with all regulations to the best of his ability. The I. P. A. checked 10,000 retail establishments in Nov. and sent warnings to 4,000 of them. We would hate to have any one in Hoke County found out of line.

The Ration Office will be closed all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the Christmas Holidays. When the office re-opens for business on Monday, 28, the following hours will be in effect. The office will be open for business from 1-5:30 P. M. each day except Saturday. On Saturday the hours are 8:30 A. M. to 12:00.

## The Bank of Raeford Will Be Closed Friday And Saturday

Governor Broughton has signed a proclamation setting aside Saturday, December 26th, 1942, as a special banking holiday in North Carolina. Under the provisions of the statute authorizing such an order by the Governor the holiday is mandatory and all banks must remain closed on the date named. The Bank of Raeford will be closed Friday and Saturday, December 25th and 26th, 1942.

## AEF Food to Fatten British Yule Larder

London.—When American soldiers go out for Christmas dinner with British families they'll go well stocked.

So that the troops will not be a burden upon their hosts, the Army has arranged for each soldier to take along a food basket containing "more than any one man could eat." It will contain such delicacies as bacon, coffee, milk, fruit, tomato juice, butter, lard, tea and rice.

## Orthopedic Clinic To Be Held Free

An Orthopedic Clinic will be held in the basement of the agricultural building in Lumberton on Friday, January 1, beginning at 9 o'clock. This clinic is free to all indigent persons under twenty-one years of age.

Dr. Lenox D. Baker of Duke Hospital will be the surgeon in charge.

## With The Army People

Contributed

Major and Mrs. Max Roadruck gave up their apartment at Mrs. J. S. Johnson's Wednesday and left for Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where Major Roadruck will attend the Division School for one month. From Ft. Leavenworth he will proceed to Fort Jackson, S. C.

Lt. and Mrs. Justice who have been living in the Bill Lamont house have moved into the apartment vacated by the Roadrucks.

Lt. and Mrs. Edgar Walborne have returned to Raeford after an absence of about five months and are living in the W. W. Roberts' home.

Mrs. W. E. Suddath returned from Jackson, Miss., last week after an extended visit with her family.

Lt. and Mrs. J. A. Jordan and son, Albert, left Wednesday for McCormick, S. C., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Jordan's family.

Major and Mrs. Ralph E. Hewitt and Capt. and Mrs. Carroll Anderson are having open house from 5 to 7 o'clock Christmas Day for the 194th F. A.

Mrs. Donald Derouen, Donald Jr. and Mrs. Derouen's mother, Mrs. Hodge, left Sunday for their home in Pineville, La.

Major and Mrs. Hewitt and Johnny have moved into the Giles' apartment vacated by the Derouens.

Mrs. Paul Dickson Jr. and Paul 3rd are spending the holidays with Mrs. Dickson, Sr.

Capt. and Mrs. Harold Matsen and baby son have returned to Raeford from Ft. Sill. They are very anxious to find living quarters in Raeford again. At present they are in the Ralph Patterson apartment, formerly occupied by the Januaries.

Lt. Col. Poole is here for the holidays. He will go from Raeford to Key West, Florida.

Mrs. Will Lamont had the pleasure of a long distance conversation last week with Captain and Mrs. Graham Dickson's children, who are in San Diego, California.

Lt. and Mrs. Perry Sloan are spending their leave with their parents in Durham, N. C.

## Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin Gives Luncheon

On Tuesday, Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin entertained the family connection living in Raeford at lunch in honor of her niece, Miss Lena Blue McFadyen.

Covers were laid for twelve at the dining room table. The table was covered with an exquisite luncheon cloth, which the hostess had brought from China. It was centered with a Christmas arrangement flanked by lighted candles. A luncheon in three courses was served. Members of the family present were, Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin, Mrs. William McFadyen, Miss Lena Blue McFadyen, Miss Christiana McFadyen, Mrs. W. B. McLaughlin, Misses Mattie and Ida McLaughlin, Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin, Mrs. Chandler Roberts, Mrs. Will Lamont, Mrs. K. A. McDonald and Mrs. Nell McFadyen. An interesting feature of entertainment was each one presented the bride-elect with snapshots of members of their families, which with favorite recipes were bound into a book.

## Miss Lena Blue McFadyen Being Honored

Miss Lena Blue McFadyen, popular Raeford girl and bride elect of this week has been honored with two very lovely affairs since she arrived home.

On Monday evening Miss Isabelle Bethune gave a buffet supper to which twenty guests were invited. The home was made festive with holiday greens and other seasonal decorations. From a well appointed table in the dining room a buffet supper was served, which consisted of turkey and all the accompaniments. The guests ate at the small tables in the living room. When the tables were laid aside Miss Maude Poole invited Miss Blue into the dining room and pointed to a table laden with beautiful and useful gifts which those present had given her. She was enthusiastic in her appreciation of this courtesy.