

## Cotton Part In War Impresses Local Men

Tommy Upchurch, Benton Thomas, Cecil Dew and Fred Johnson attended the meeting of the National Cotton Council in Memphis, Tenn., on Monday and Tuesday of last week.

This meeting was one of the most important since the organization of the council five years ago, and was so considered by the government who sent a number of its ranking department of agriculture men to the meeting. All the usual convention "frills" were eliminated, and the meeting was confined strictly to business which took less than two days.

The Army Quartermaster Corps had a rather large exhibit at the meeting showing all the uses the Army is making of cotton. This exhibit showed unquestionably that cotton is second only to steel as a commodity in helping to win the war, and this general theme was much emphasized during the meeting.

The phenomenal success of the Cotton Council since its founding was evident in its annual report, and visitors to the meeting were much impressed with the character of the leadership of the Council. Mr. Oscar Johnston, president, has surrounded himself with a staff of leaders in their respective fields, and talks from most of these men profoundly impressed the large membership of the council in attendance at the meeting from Virginia to California.

At the meeting of the North Carolina-Virginia unit of the Council, Tommy Upchurch, who has been chairman since the organization, asked that he not be reelected in view of his several years' service, and suggested, too, that another interest rather than producer, be recognized in choosing the chairman.

The unit then expressed its appreciation to Mr. Upchurch for a job well done, particularly in organization, and acceded to his request, electing R. G. Eubanks, manager of the Southern Cotton Oil Company in Charlotte, as chairman. Mr. Eubanks represents the crusher interest.

## Mrs. Ina Bethune Collector War Records For Hoke

### APPOINTMENT MADE BY CIVILIAN DEFENSE FOR HOKE COUNTY.

Mrs. Ina Bethune has been appointed Collector of War Records for Hoke County.

The appointment made by the Civilian Defense Committee for Hoke County is a wise one.

E. D. Johnson, former principal of the Raeford schools is State Co-ordinator of War Records and has his office in Raleigh.

The State Library in Raleigh is preserving all State newspapers that have been published since Pearl Harbor.

It will be Mrs. Bethune's duties to assemble accounts of all outstanding events, scrap drives, civilian defense activities, names of men promoted to high positions in the armed forces or to outstanding civilian posts, casualties, etc.

Any outstanding letter from soldiers may be turned over to her.

**MR. REAVES VERY ILL.**  
L. E. Reaves, Sr., continues seriously ill in Highsmith hospital. The family is gravely concerned over his extreme illness.

### SERVICE MEN'S NEWS-LETTER

The Raeford Presbyterian Church is getting out a News-Letter, mimeographed, to Presbyterian boys in the service. They plan to get it out each month.

### AIR RAID WARNINGS FOR RAEFORD

**WARNING SIGNAL**—A series of repeated short blasts on the fire siren. 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.

## Death of Mrs. John F. McFadyen

### FORMER RAEFORD WOMAN PASSES IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Fayetteville.—Mrs. Mary Parker McFadyen, widow of John F. McFadyen, of Cumberland County died in a Fayetteville hospital Tuesday afternoon.

She was a daughter of Philip and Caroline Fletcher Parker of Marlboro County, S. C.

Surviving are two brothers, Lewis and Joshua Parker, of Raeford; a sister, Mrs. Callie Plummer of McCoy, S. C.; and the following stepchildren: J. Scott McFadyen, mayor of Fayetteville, D. W. McFadyen, Florence, S. C., Mrs. A. J. Ramsey, of Marshall, Mrs. Harry E. Black, John F. McFadyen, and Duncan McFadyen of Fayetteville, Mrs. J. A. Baucom and Mrs. Herbert McKeith, of Raeford and Mrs. Preston Kelly of Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of John F. McFadyen on Morganton Road in 71st Township. Interment was in the Raeford cemetery, where her husband is buried.

The late Mr. and Mrs. McFadyen lived in Raeford for a number of years, living in the house now occupied by C. P. Kinlaw. They moved from here to Cumberland County. Mr. McFadyen died several years ago.

## Hoke County Farm Bureau Paid Membership

W. R. Adcox, Raeford, N. C., Rt. N. H. G. Balfour, Lumber Bridge, N. C., Route 1.

Belton Beasley, Shannon, N. C., Route 1.

L. A. Biggs, Shannon, N. C., Route 1.

W. M. Brock, Raeford, Route 2.

W. I. Culbreth, Lumber Bridge, N. C., Route 1.

M. M. Culbreth, Raeford, Route 1.

G. Capps, Fayetteville, N. C., Route 1.

J. Dalton, Raeford.

Aaron Fuller, Lumber Bridge, Rt. Mrs. Mattie Gibson, Shannon, N. C., Route 1.

W. L. Gibson, Red Springs, N. C., Route 1.

R. H. Gibson, Shannon, N. C., Route 1.

R. J. Hasty, Red Springs, N. C., Route 1.

Archie Howard, Shannon, N. C., Route 1.

J. W. Hasty, Maxton, N. C., Route 2.

J. A. Jones, Lumber Bridge, N. C., Route 1.

T. W. Jones, Shannon, N. C., Route 1.

A. S. Knowles, Raeford.

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### NEW MEMBERS OF GRANGE TO GET JOURNAL FREE

The News-Journal is anxious to encourage membership in The Grange and the Farm Bureau. Every new member who does not take the News-Journal now will be given a free subscription. This offer will last 60 days.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Since the ban on pleasure driving there is more time for reading, so come in and select some of the interesting books.

Men of Albemarle, by Inglis Fletcher, like Raleigh's Eden, is a story of the early days of North Carolina.

In Beyond Surrender, Marian Sims has written a story of the Reconstruction period in South Carolina.

Get Thee Behind Me is another best seller by Hartzell Spence, author of One Foot in Heaven.

The Robe, by Lloyd C. Douglas, is an impressive and powerful story.

This is My Best, is an anthology in which the authors choose what they think is their best work, and give their reasons for their selections.

## Few Cases Before Judge McQueen

### SAME OLD CHARGE IN RECORDER'S COURT TUESDAY MORNING.

Joe Goodman and Sylvester Gillis were each charged with violating prohibition law. Both pled guilty. Goodman's sentence of four months on roads was suspended on payment of cost and good behavior for twelve months.

The Gillis woman was sentenced to sixty days in jail suspended on payment of cost and good behavior for twelve months.

Otis Moore's sentence of sixty days on roads for driving a car while under influence of liquor was suspended on paying of cost, a \$50 fine, and promise of good behavior for twelve months.

George Baker and Mag Baker were charged with assault. The case was not pressed. Bill Ross also charged with assault, had sentence suspended on payment of cost.

## Meeting Of Ration Board Held Last Monday Night

### REPORTS ON TIRES, GAS, OIL FOR COOKING, ETC.

The Tire Board met Monday night and allotted all of the January tire and tube quota for the county. Those who get tires and/or tubes have been notified by mail.

F. B. Sexton, member of the Hoke County War Price and Ration Board, who has been sick, is able to be out again. He was able to attend the meeting Monday night.

The Community Service member of the War Price and Ration Board and the Community Service Committee, will be called to Raleigh within a few days to receive instructions in regard to Point Rationing. Point rationing will include a much larger number of items than was at first announced.

All gas books that have been approved have been mailed.

The War Price and Rationing Board urgently requests everybody to be extremely careful about pleasure driving. Pleasure drivers have been requested to keep a close check on all driving. The Board hopes that it will not have to recall any gas allotments. People whose patriotism is greater than their selfishness will follow both the spirit as well as the letter of the anti-pleasure driving regulations.

Chairman W. D. Brown, of the Fuel Oil Board announces that all persons who use oil for cooking purposes will be notified by mail as to what day to report to the office of the Board to secure their new ration. Please watch for these notices in the mail.

### "STARS AND STRIPES" TO AID BRITISH ORPHANS

"Stars and Stripes," the official newspaper of the U. S. armed forces, is sponsoring a War Orphans' Fund to assist British children left orphans as a result of the war.

A drive is under way to raise \$200,000 among officers and men in the American forces to aid 500 children. Under the plan, each child selected for assistance will receive \$400 at the rate of \$80 for five years. The American Red Cross will administer the fund.

During the first World War, a similar fund raised by American troops helped 3,000 orphans in France.

## Lets Have A News Letter Every Week To Every Boy In The Armed Service

The NEWS-JOURNAL would like to see some plan worked out whereby a News Letter, with concentrated News—NO ADS—could go out from the entire community to every boy in the service every week.

If the different civic clubs, churches and Miss Josephine Hall, representing the County Clubs, would put their heads together and work out some plan for the Editor-

## Dependency Draft Deferments Wiped Out

The Order, Departing Completely From Any Issued So Far, Sets Up Lists of Activities and Job-Occupations Which Are to Be "Non-Deferrable" Regardless of Dependents; Men 38 or Older Advised to Make Transfer, as Top Draft Age 37 May Be Raised at Any Time.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Dependency draft deferment—even for men with children—will be wiped out for countless thousands under a new order issued by the War Manpower Commission's Selective Service Bureau today to take effect April 1.

Designed to compel transfer of draft eligibles from non-essential to essential work, the order—departing completely from any issued so

Washington, Feb. 2.—War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt told the House military committee today that "by the end of this year 10 out of 14 of the able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 38 will be in the armed services."

McNutt made the statement during discussion of the college training program being worked out for the armed services.

In reply to questions of committee members he stipulated that the men in that age group would be serving "as fighting men" by the end of this year.

He explained that his figures included only "those who can pass the physical requirements of the armed services."

"Do you mean that three-fourths of the able-bodied men between 18 and 38 will be in the army or the navy?" asked Representative Brooks (D-La.)

"Yes, sir," McNutt replied.

far—sets up a list of activities and job-occupations which are to be "non-deferrable," regardless of dependents after April 1.

## Rental Office To Be Opened On Fridays

Francis Clark, in charge of Rent Control for the Fayetteville area, announces that Mrs. Kate Covington's time for keeping a branch of the rental office open has expired. From now on the office in Rationing Board offices will be open only every Friday from 9:30 A. M. till 12. Those wanting rent adjustments can attend to it at this time.

### THE J. I. THOMAS' MOVE

J. I. Thomas, manager of Reaves Drug Store, and family, who have been living in the Roland Covington apartment, have moved into the house recently vacated by Mrs. R. A. Matheson, Sr. L. E. Reaves, Jr., bought the house from Grady Leach, the house has been completely renovated.

## Kiwanians Hear Red Cross Representative

Mrs. Mary E. Pegram, field representative of the American Red Cross, addressed Kiwanians at their meeting last Thursday night. She discussed local, national and international Red Cross.

She complimented Mr. Crawford and his service committee for the work that they were doing in putting soldiers and their families and friends in touch with each other.

## Infantile Paralysis Drive Way Over Top

### Merchants, Schools, Boy Scouts Backing Rationing Program

Hoke County merchants and schools and Boy Scouts this week are backing America's wartime food rationing program, announced Mr. Ryan McBryde, Chairman of the War Price and Rationing Board. The students of Hoke County schools and the Boy Scouts are delivering posters "Canned Foods Are Vital to Victory" to food stores.

Mr. White, principal and scoutmaster, is managing the distribution of these patriotic posters which request people not to buy more canned foods than are needed and explain that all people must report the amounts of canned and bottled foods on hand before they can get War Ration Book No. 2.

Mr. McBryde asks that all food merchants display this poster in a prominent place.

## Dissension Over Nine-Months School Bill

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—Dissension arose today in the joint education committee over a measure by Rep. Umstead of Orange to provide for an optional nine-months public school term, and the matter was carried over until Wednesday.

Lieut. Gov. R. L. Harris vigorously opposed passage of the measure to make the lengthened term immediately effective. "I am just as anxious as any of you for every school child in North Carolina to have a nine months term," he said, "but a state supported and state administered optional school term cannot be made a success and this is not the right time to do experimental work."

Under present conditions a satisfactory eight months term cannot be operated. I know and you will agree that there is much room for improvement in the present system. It seems unreasonable to suppose that we can have the war bonus and the increased salaries and the nine months term on top of that.

"Unfortunately I think the general assembly is riding on a wave of exaggerated ideas without giving much thought to either the cost or the terrible war conditions now existing."

"I respectfully urge that you give serious consideration to the passage of the nine months bill and make it become effective July 1, 1945."

To which Umstead responded:

Rep. Ward of Craven urged that the nine months term be adopted now, and Rep. Dellinger of Gaston said one school official had told him of 137 changes in the teacher personnel in the last year, compared with a normal change of 20.

On motion of Senator O'Berry of Wayne, and supported by Rep. Taylor of Wayne, the joint education committee was dissolved by Senator Horton of Martin, who was presiding. The House committee immediately went into session, presided over by Rep. Reynolds of Buncombe, and Umstead asked that his bill be immediately voted upon. But Rep. Turner of Guilford moved for adjournment and his motion was defeated 30-18. Rep. Taylor then said he had heard there was going to be an attempt to railroad the bill and he thought the members should have time to thoroughly consider it. Umstead's substitute motion to adjourn until tomorrow morning was adopted.

### MR. AND MRS. ROLAND COVINGTON ATTEND FUNERAL OF SISTER

Mrs. J. P. McRae, of Laurinburg, oldest sister of Roland Covington and the late W. T. Covington of Raeford died in Memorial Hospital, Charlotte last Wednesday night.

Funeral services were conducted in Laurinburg Friday morning at 11 o'clock and interment was in the cemetery there. Mrs. McRae's (Lil Covington) husband died many years ago. She is survived by two sons, James P. of Laurinburg, and Roderick of New York; four sisters,

As was predicted by this paper Crawford Thomas and Dave Hodgins, Chairmen, put the Infantile Paralysis drive well over the top. Hoke's quota was \$137 and \$267.62 was raised. Rev. Mr. Crawford assisted with raising the funds in the schools by offering a prize to the class leading in each school. The result of this and the way the money was raised follows:

Donations \$152.20.  
Coin Collectors, \$23.31.  
Sanatorium and Quewhiffle, \$32.16.  
Silver City, \$11.05 (Colored).  
Leach Spring Baptist, \$3.09 (Colored Church).  
Sales of Tabs, \$17.45.  
Upchurch, School, \$10.29. Freshmen Class leading \$3.01.  
Raeford High, \$6.85. Mrs. McDonald's Class leading \$1.85.  
Raeford Grammar, \$11.22. Fourth Grade leading \$2.50.  
Total, \$267.62.

## With Our Boys In The Service



Mrs. Eli Wishart has received news that her husband, who recently returned to Trinidad from the States, is now Lt. Colonel Wishart.

The following Hoke County boys (white) were inducted at Fort Bragg on Friday, January 29: William M. Davis, William H. McBryde, James H. Ferguson, Julian B. McKeithan, Edward H. Taylor, John D. McPhaul, Eugene Watson, Paul L. Davis, Raymond L. Clark, Wade D. Pittman, Robert Locklear.

A number of boys reporting that same day were rejected for physical reasons.

AFPTC, Ft. Knox, Ky.—Jessie N. Gullede, husband of Mrs. Rosa S. Gullede, Raeford, N. C., has been promoted from Private to Corporal at the Armored Force Replacement Training Center. Cpl. Gullede has been in service a short time, and has risen rapidly.

Hal Clark has joined the Navy. It is reported that Hal made the best grade on his examination that has yet been made in the Raleigh recruiting office. He is stationed at Bainbridge, Md.

John K. McNeill, Jr., and Ed left recently for service in the army. John K. is in Glendale, Cal., at the Curtis Wright Technical Institute. Ed is getting his training at Camp McClellan, Alabama.

Jeptha Peele recently passed his examinations and was accepted in the Naval Aviation school. He is awaiting orders.

Tech. Corp. George L. Caddell spent a few days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wickline, of Raeford Route 2.

James W. Baxley, Jr., is with the U. S. Navy and stationed at Bainbridge, Maryland.

### MISS MYRTLE GILLIS DIES IN GREENSBORO

Mrs. W. E. Blue and Mrs. G. M. Moon went to Greensboro last week when Mr. Blue's niece, Miss Myrtle Gillis died. Miss Louise Blue and Miss Josephine Hall attended the burial services at Lake View Saturday afternoon.

Miss Alice Covington, of Laurinburg, Mrs. Erwin and Mrs. F. P. James, of Laurinburg, and Mrs. W. A. Cade, of Goldsboro; two brothers, Roland Covington, of Raeford, and Pelham Covington of Raleigh. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Covington and Mary Stewart and Mrs. W. T. Covington attended the funeral.