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Red Cross Drive Started March 1 \$5200 Is Hoke County Goal This Year 48 Percent To Be Used In County

The Red Cross drive for funds started on Monday, March 1, and is to last for one month. The goal for Raeford and vicinity this year is to be \$5,200, 48% of which is to remain in the county.

The Red Cross for the Town of Raeford got into full swing Monday night when V. R. White had his corps of workers together for a discussion of the drive. The following will carry out the solicitation of contributions:

Northeast Raeford: Mrs. I. Mann, leader, Mrs. J. A. Baucum, Mrs. J. E. Gulledd, Mrs. C. R. Freeman, Mrs. H. A. Green, Mrs. D. H. Hodgins.

Northwest Raeford: Mrs. J. H. Blue, leader, Mrs. R. B. Lewis, Mrs. Don Davis, Mrs. Lewis Upchurch and Mrs. Marcus Smith.

Southwest Raeford: Mrs. T. D. Upchurch, Jr., leader, Mrs. Chandler Roberts, Mrs. Frank Tapp, Mrs. Alfred Cole.

Southeast Raeford: Mrs. Herbert McKeithan, leader, Mrs. Walter Baker, Mrs. Dewey Howell, Mrs. Arah Stewart, Mrs. J. M. Baker and Mrs. Charlie Baker.

Other Red Cross representatives are: County Office, Miss Terrine Holleman; Hoke Oil & Fertilizer Co., T. B. Lester; Upchurch Milling Co., Tom Cameron; Raeford Business district, W. I. Mann; East, D. H. Hodgins; Hoke High School, Mrs. Gore; Raeford Grammar school, Leone Currie; Edinburgh Cotton Mills, M. T. Poovey; Filling Stations and Garages, N. A. McDonald; Court House, D. H. Hodgins; Raeford Lumber Co., Ryan McBryde.

Arabia Community

Mrs. J. A. Jones, Miss Lillie McLaughlin, Mrs. Annie Bell Davis, and Mrs. Earl Tolar.

Rockfish Community

Mr. and Mrs. Z. R. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood, Mrs. G. D. Deese, Lynn Deese, Mrs. K. P. Ritter, M. S. Gibson, and J. F. McDowell.

Every Contributor Should Know

An informal contributor can be a loyal worker for the Red Cross as well as a financial supporter of the organization. Tell every person you visit of the following:

1. The American Red Cross must continue to expand its activities to meet not only local but national and international needs. The 1943 Red Cross War Fund will raise the money needed to finance the local, national, and international work of the organization for one year.

2. The American Red Cross does not receive financial support from the United States Government. The national organization and its chapters are financed solely by contributions from the people of the country.

3. Regular audits by the War Department are made of the receipts and expenditures of the American National Red Cross, and a report, copies of which are available to the public, is submitted annually to Congress.

4. The President of the United States is ex-officio President of the American National Red Cross.

5. The American Red Cross operates nationally and internationally under a charter granted by Congress, and in accordance with the spirit and conditions of the conference of Geneva.

6. Under its congressional charter the Red Cross is the official American agency responsible for relief.

7. Red Cross assistance is given on an average of approximately 150 disasters each year.

8. Under its congressional charter the American Red Cross is the official medium of communication between the people of the United States of America and their Army and Navy.

9. Whenever our troops are located, at Army posts and at Naval stations, there is a Red Cross field director. Red Cross field directors and their staffs accompany our armies wherever they move, whether domestic maneuvers or on task assignments overseas.

10. During the past year over 2 1/2 million volunteers have contributed 120 million working hours to carry on and make possible the services of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. J. K. Wilson and son of Charlotte, are visiting Mrs. Wilson's Mother, Mrs. Colon Shaw.

Raeford Girl Scouts To Collect Excess Wire Coat Hangers

The Raeford Girl Scouts have been asked by the Junior Red Cross to canvas the town thoroughly for the purpose of collecting people's unused wire coat hangers. These hangers are to be sent to army posts for use of soldiers in their barracks.

The girls would appreciate everybody's cooperation in this collection which will take place Friday and Saturday of this week. If you can have your unused hangers ready it will be less bother for you and the girls too. But be sure to share at least a few of your wire hangers with the men in the army camps.

If you have any old silk or nylon hose around let the girls collect them too to be used in the manufacture of certain shells.

Aiding War Effort On Home Front

Mrs. Martha Hurlock, 1621 Poplar Grove street, decided several months ago that volunteer work in the Drivers Corps of Civilian Defense was not enough, so she went to work in the machine shops of the Monitor Controller Company.

Her hours are as she preferred them—at night—so that she would still have time to do her housework in the mornings and drive for civilian defense on Thursday mornings and Sundays. She works from 3:30 P. M. until 11:30 P. M.

During the last war Mrs. Hurlock was unable to do any war work, because she had small children to take care of, and so she wanted to make up for that during this one.

She doesn't find it hard to keep house while she is working, because most of her large house is shut off to save fuel. Her husband isn't home for the night meal, so there is just the morning meal to take care of at home. She has also found little in the way of household chores to do with only two of them at home and both of them away most of the time.

"I think everyone should go to work, unless they have small children," she said.

Mrs. Hurlock is very proud of her uniforms. She has one for her Civilian Defense Motor Corps and the one required by the Monitor Controller Company.

The latter is a slacks outfit, and it's an attractive one.

Mrs. Hurlock has visited in Raeford and is a sister of Mrs. John Murdock McDuffie.

Margaret Poovey Succumbs To Burns

Margaret Mitchell Poovey, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Poovey, died in Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, at about 3 o'clock Friday morning. On Wednesday while in front of an open fire her negligee caught on fire. She called the servant, who tried to put the flames out but not until it was too late. She was taken immediately to the hospital, where everything that science could do for her was done, but the end came on Friday morning. Funeral services were conducted from the home of her parents Saturday afternoon by Rev. E. C. Crawford. Interment was in the Buckingham cemetery.

Close friends and members of Mrs. Poovey's Sunday school class had charge of the large and beautiful floral tribute.

The tragic death of their only child elicited the sympathy of the entire community for Mr. and Mrs. Poovey. Mr. and Mrs. Poovey and daughter moved to Raeford several years ago from Rockingham. He is superintendent of the Raeford cotton mills and the entire family has made many friends during their residence here. Many friends accompanied the body to Rockingham and attended the burial services.

Farm Bureau Meeting Monday

There will be a Farm Bureau meeting Monday, March 8, at the courthouse at 8:00 P. M., for the purpose of organizing the permanent Farm Bureau Organization for Hoke County. The present membership is now well above one hundred members and several associate members which is composed of business firms in the county.

Mr. N. H. G. Balfour, temporary chairman, urges all members to be present for this meeting and if possible bring their neighbors with them to the meeting. Mrs. B. B. Everett, President of the Associate Women's Organization of the American Farm Bureau and Mr. Hayward Dale, of Greenville, will be present to make an address. There will also be a picture shown that will show how nitrogen is used in the soil to grow crops.

No Deferment On Certain Dependency

Registrants whose wives have become pregnant since December 7, 1941, are no longer entitled to deferment on the grounds of dependency, it was announced today by the State Director of Selective Service. He stated that this revised policy has been made necessary because present regulations provide that no status which was acquired on or after December 8, 1941, may be considered when deciding questions of dependency.

The Director further announced that all local boards in the State have been directed to reopen and reconsider for classification the cases of all registrants heretofore deferred on the grounds of dependency because their wives have become pregnant since December 7, 1941.

The fact that a registrant is a parent shall not be considered in determining the class in which he should be placed unless the child was conceived prior to December 8, 1941, the Director said. He further stated that this ruling applies to all cases, regardless of the date of marriage, and is to be applied both in considering the classification of a registrant and in determining his category.

Qualifies As Aerial Gunner

Harlingen Gunnery School, Texas—A member of this week of the largest class yet to graduate from the nation's largest aerial school located in the semi-tropical Rio Grande Valley is William E. Plummer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Plummer, Route 1, Raeford.

Automatically promoted to Sergeant on the day he received his diploma as an aerial gunner in sudden death, he was also presented a pair of silver Gunner's Wings, combat air crew insignia.

After five weeks of intensive training in class, on the ground and in the air, and shooting every kind of gun from BB to 50 caliber Brownings, he now rates as an expert combat member of the Army Air Forces' famous "Four Flying Horsemen" combination—gunner, bombardier, navigator and pilot.

Units held over at the Harlingen school to serve as an instructor, he will immediately be sent to join a fighting unit.

James G. Dickson Promoted In Navy

News has been received by the family that Commander James G. Dickson, of the United States Navy, now in charge of the medical corps in the South Pacific has been promoted to Captain. Captain Dickson is a son of Mrs. A. P. Dickson, of High Point and the late Dr. Dickson.

Crawford Holding Meeting In Durham

Mr. E. C. Crawford, pastor of the Raeford Methodist Church, has been preaching in Durham at the Grace Street Methodist church for the first three days this week. He is preaching for Dr. Maxwell, pastor of that church.

Eight Found Guilty By Recorder Tues.

In Recorder's Court last Tuesday eight defendants faced Judge W. B. McQueen and all were found guilty. Catherine Brewer, Carlis Wiggins, and Isiah Raynor were guilty of being drunk and disorderly and paid the costs. Eulas Oldham was found guilty of driving a car while under the influence of liquor and paid a fine of \$50 and the costs in preference to spending sixty days in confinement. Fulton Livingston paid the costs for violating the road law.

Lloyd L. Carter and Elmer J. Groves paid the costs on charges of speeding. William Stuckey was found guilty of driving a car while under the influence of liquor and of not possessing a driver's license. Judge McQueen gave him sixty days on the roads or a fine of \$50 and the costs. He did not pay the fine.

Tire Men Meet To Hear New Program

Tire dealers, repairmen and recappers from Cumberland and Hoke counties will meet at the courthouse in Fayetteville this evening at 8:30 o'clock to hear plans for the tire men to assume the control of granting tires, repairs, and recaps to civilian users. Now authority for such grants is held by the ration boards and the other agencies of the Office of Price Administration.

The shift of this administration from the ration board to the tire dealer industry itself is being initiated by OPA. The meeting in Fayetteville is one of 1100 meetings to be held throughout the nation at the same hour Thursday to hear the plans discussed.

William Jeffers, rubber director, will speak over a nation wide broadcast hook-up Thursday evening in the March of Time program originating in New York at 10:30 p. m. Mr. Jeffers' address will be heard by the tire men at the end of their own meeting. He expected to make formal explanation of the new proposal.

Every tire dealer, repairman and recapper in Cumberland and Hoke counties is invited and urged to attend the meeting in Fayetteville on Thursday evening, March 4th. Those expecting to attend the meeting from Raeford are: A. A. Graham, Chester Wade, N. A. MacDonald, Julian Wright, and Lawrence Stanton.

Herbert McKeithan Gets Raleigh Post

Herbert McKeithan, well-known Raeford man, is now in charge of a district office of the United States Collector of Internal Revenue. This is a new office and is similar to one opened in Charlotte. The need for such district offices, which will have virtually the same powers as the main offices in Greensboro, is increased by the restriction on travel and by the rationing of gasoline and tires.

Setting up of a district office in Raleigh will enable citizens of eastern North Carolina to conclude in Raleigh matters which now require visits or correspondence with the office in Greensboro.

McKeithan has in the past been a field man for the state office of the Collector of Internal Revenue. The Raleigh office now employs about eight persons and is expected to use about a dozen.

Land Preparation For Planting Kudzu

Farmers who have most success in establishing kudzu have found that thorough land preparation will in advance of planting help to get good stands. Says J. C. Hutchison, Soil Conservationist of the Pee Dee-Cape Fear soil conservation district:

Land prepared in the early spring will be well settled when the plants are set out, an important factor in getting good results with this fast growing plant.

In preparing the land the recommended measurements showing deep furrows 20 feet apart and spreading one to two tons of manure and 200 pounds of superphosphate per acre in the furrows. Then throw additional fertilizer to the row to form a (Continued On Page Four)

County Commissioners Resolve To Set Up Co. Health Dept.—\$3,000 Appropriated

Fertilizer Order To Be Explained At Farm Meetings

Farmers of Hoke County will have an opportunity to hear a full explanation of present fertilizer regulations at a meeting to be held at Fayetteville courthouse, on March 11, at 9:30 A. M., it was announced today by J. M. McGougan, chairman of the county USDA War board.

C. J. Ball, field representative of the Fertilizer Division of the Food Production Administration will attend the session.

"This meeting and the fifteen others being held in North Carolina will give farmers an opportunity to discuss present regulations governing use of fertilizer," Mr. McGougan said. "Along with general provisions of the regulations, ample time will be given for discussion of any particular problems and questions arising in connection with the sale and use of fertilizer."

Use of fertilizer is now controlled by Food Production Administration Order No. 5 which sets out which war crops have first claim on the existing supplies of chemical fertilizer. Among the subjects to be discussed are classifications of crops into "A" and "B" groups, and how fertilizer is allocated among these crops.

Mr. McGougan said members of the County USDA War Board, county and community AAA committees, fertilizer manufacturers and salesmen, and any farmers who are interested are invited to attend the meeting.

Air Raid Control Room List For Week

The following are asked to have charge of Control Rooms on the following days:

Friday, Mrs. C. E. Upchurch.
Saturday, Mrs. L. S. McMillan.
Sunday, Cecil Dew.
Monday, Mrs. R. A. Matheson.
Tuesday, Mrs. C. L. Thomas.
Wednesday, Mrs. L. M. Upchurch.
Thursday, Mrs. J. A. McGougan.

List will be published each week of those who will be in charge for the following 7 days.

Another Test Blackout is on schedule for the very near future—let's keep this post manned all the time.

Grays Surrender Eastern Charter

Williamsport, Pa., March 4. Blame it on the bloodthirsty paperhanger and his partners in crime. The world they set ablaze cheated, over the week-end, the bitterest pill the sports lovers of this community have yet had to swallow.

The Williamsport Grays have surrendered their charter in the Eastern League. The directors reach this decision Saturday after failing in effort, to come to a solution of the mounting problems of existing conditions.

It seems that such a solution would be reached until John Ogden, owner, surrendered Elmira's franchise. Then traveling conditions, none too favorable under the original set-up, were found to be utterly impossible. The director had felt obligated to make all trips around the circuit by train, but a study of timetables and connections proved that such arrangements could not conform with any schedule which the League might adopt.

The directors therefore empowered J. Roy Clunk, business manager, to dispose of any and all players, on the active reserve list at once. Montreal an Syracuse of the International League were in the lead in bidding for them.

It is possible that the Williamsport and Elmira franchises will be sold to other cities, but there is a chance that the league may operate with six clubs: Albany and Binghamton, N. Y., Springfield, Mass., Hartford, Conn. Scranton and Wilkes Barre, Pa. In which event the Williamsport and Elmira franchises may

At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners last Monday a resolution was passed to set up a full-time county health department in Hoke County. This move was in response to a stimulus by the Army authorities located at Hoffman.

The commissioners voted \$3,000 per year from the county funds to support the health department. These funds will be matched by state and federal money. The resolution called for the health department to last for the duration of the war and for six months thereafter. The department will probably be set up within the next thirty or sixty days, according to county auditor J. A. McGougan.

Mrs. J. H. Plummer Wins Victory Prize

Last spring when the Victory Garden program was given publicity throughout the county the Bank of Raeford offered \$25.00 in War Bonds for the best garden in Hoke County. Quite a number of farmers and their wives participated in the contest. Gardens were adjudged during the summer by Farm and Home Agents and Vocational Agriculture and Home Economics teachers of Hoke High school. After comparing the gardens, records, and canning done, it was decided that Mrs. J. H. Plummer, of Rt. 2, Raeford, was the winner.

Mrs. Plummer planted the following vegetables during the past year: edible soybeans, bunch snap beans, pole lima beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, collards, cucumbers, egg plant, kale, lettuce, mustard, okra, parsnips, English peas, crowder peas, pepper, Irish and sweet potatoes, radishes, squash, corn, tomatoes, turnips, onions, tendergreens, kolerabi. Brussels sprouts, winter cabbage, rutabagas, celery and broccoli.

Radishes and onions were gathered from Mrs. Plummer's garden on April 11. English peas from her garden were eaten on April 28. On April 29, she served cabbage. Beets from the garden were served on May 12 and Irish potatoes were served for the first time on May 16. On May 18 she served her first snap beans. On May 27 squash was gathered from her garden and on June 27 she gathered crowder peas.

On a visit to Mrs. Plummer's in November, Josephine Hall, Hoke County Home Demonstration Agent, saw eight vegetables growing in her winter garden. During November the Home Agent prepared and served soybeans at all club meetings. Mrs. Plummer furnished several pounds of soybeans for these demonstrations.

During the past year Mrs. Plummer's family was composed of five people. She more than filled her canning budget for the members of her family.

Plans have been made for Mrs. Plummer to be presented her prize at the Farm Bureau meeting which is to be held at the Hoke County Court House on Monday evening, March 8.

Raeford Missed First Blackout

Raeford missed the first blackout held under the new regulations. The blackout, which was statewide, was held between nine and ten o'clock, February 23rd. The state office, which is supposed to give the alarm to Raeford by telephone, called an old number, that of Graham's Service Station, and consequently Civilian Defense leaders here did not know of the blackout as the service station is closed at night. The error was not made in Raeford but in the central switchboard.

be "frozen," resumed after after the war.

Williamsport has been in the League from the time it was organized in 1923.

Holla, News-Journal: Thought you might like to have a story to have about this. If you use, please send me a copy to,

723 Louisa Street, Williamsport, Penn. Best wishes to all Raeford friends. Sincerely, Elmer L. Schuyler.