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Dr. Alex Bethune Passes

The death of Dr. Alex Bethune at a home in Raeford last Friday brought sadness to his many friends in Raeford, Hoke County, and throughout this entire Sandhills Section where he was one of its best known citizens.

Dr. Bethune had a stroke of paralysis on December 4, 1942 and was carried to Highsmith Hospital where he remained until his condition showed decided improvement when he returned to his home. He had grown very feeble however and on Monday night, March 9th, he had another stroke from which he never rallied. He passed away about noon Friday of the same week. Simple funeral services were conducted from the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. H. K. Holland and interment was in Aberdeen at Bethesda Church grave yard, the church of his ancestors since the settlement of the Sandhills. Pall bearers were all cousins. They were Henry, Frank and Eston Blue, Malcolm and Frank Pleasants and Ed Bethune. A short service was held at the grave side.

Alexander Calvin Bethune was born in 1872 in what was then Cumberland but is now Northwest Hoke, near the Moore county line. The home of his birth, named Montrose from which the village got its name, is now standing and belongs to the Sanatorium being occupied by employees. He was the son of M. D. and Margaret Blue Bethune. He was directly descended from John Bethune who came to the Sandhills from the Isle of Skye, Scotland. Another great grand father was Colin Bethune on whose tombstone at Old Bethesda is the famous epitaph "Born in Scotland by Accident, Citizen of America by Choice." He was a grandson of Lauchlin Bethune, one of Cumberland's esteemed Congressmen.

As a boy he attended the old Cab-School. He went to Davidson one year, graduated from the University of Va., in 1893, had two years of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and received his M. D. at the old medical college in Charlotte. He practiced medicine for 40 years, but throughout his life he was an ardent student, an authority on history and the folk lore of this section. He gave the government its historical information about Fort Bragg and was interviewed many times by novelists and historians.

He was twice married. First to Miss Lena Adams of Wake county. She died in 1914 leaving four children, Marion (Mrs. Anderson) Boswell, Buist, and George. In 1925 he married Miss Mary Annette Thompson of Surry County, who was the faithful companion of his later years and who survives. Also surviving are the four children, Mrs. L. B. Anderson of Greensboro, Boswell of the Pelham Drug Co., W. P. Baker, Staff Sgt. Buist Bethune of Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas and W. S. Navy, Camp Perry, Williamsburg.

Sam And Spec Morris Guests Of Kiwanis Club

Lt. Sam and Spec Morris were guests of the Raeford Kiwanis Club at their meeting held in Raeford Hotel last week.

Spec made a most interesting talk on the training at Officer Candidate School. Both Officers have recently received their commission at Fort Monroe where they were Candidates.

Sam told the Kiwanians many interesting things about Curacao, the island in the Dutch West Indies on which they were stationed. He said Spec ate a very choice piece of native meat, thinking it was chicken, but turned out to be lizard. A strange thing about Sam's talk was that he wasn't a bit nervous, when he was planning, and did take upon himself a wife within forty eight hours.

All subscriptions for men in service beginning this week will be \$1.50. Government regulations for handling make this a necessity.

Blackout Definitely A Success

That Hoke County and Raeford have a very nearly 100 percent set-up for blackouts was proved Thursday night. This set up has been perfected under the direction of the local defense council of which H. L. Gatlin, Jr., is chairman.

The yellow signal came in at 8:37. Everything then was on the alert and the control center which is manned 24 hours a day was immediately activated. Tom Cameron, chief messenger notified all doctors who were to man the first aid center, which is at the High School gymnasium, all police officers and other key persons. Boy scouts immediately proceeded to the outskirts of the town and various highways to assist in stopping traffic.

At 8:50 the Blue signal came in and the Red came in at 9. At 9:05 a fire was reported in Lawrence McNeill's lot. Harry Green, Fire Chief, sent a truck out with full crew under Clyde Upchurch, Assistant Fire Chief. In nine minutes they reported that the fire had been extinguished.

At 9:07 a casualty was reported at Israel Mann's corner to Dr. Murray. In 5 minutes the ambulance picked up the casualty and took it to the gymnasium where Dr. O'Brian and a full corps of nurses was in charge.

At 9:12 Hotel Raeford reported that what was thought to be a spy, was caught in an act of sabotage. Dave Hodgkin, chief of auxiliary police sent officers at once and within five minutes the spy was arrested and brought to jail.

At 9:13 night watchman at Oil Mill reported a power pole down at the Hoke Cotton Warehouse. In 9 minutes a crew under Edwin Smith, repaired the damage and reported. The next blue was at 9:10 and all clear at 9:22.

Air raid wardens reported lights in two private homes and one place of business. These were extinguished immediately.

Immediately after key men in Raeford were notified. Dundarrach and State Sanatorium were notified. They were immediately on the alert and went through the same procedure as in Raeford. All orders were given in writing and there was no confusion. The officers are Chief Auxiliary Police, Dave Hodgkin, Chief Messenger Tom Cameron, Chief Fire Warden, Cecil Dew, Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Murray, Fire Chief, Harry Green and Utility Chairman, Lewis Upchurch.

FOR CONTROL CENTER NEXT WEEK

For News Journal to be published week of March 15th. Those in charge of Control Room for following week:

March 19, Friday — Mrs. E. E. Smith; March 20, Saturday—Mrs. A. S. Knowles; March 21, Sunday—Mrs. Agnes U. Johnson; March 22, Monday, Mrs. A. L. O'Brian; March 23, Tuesday—Mrs. J. A. Baucom; March 24, Wednesday—Mrs. W. P. Baker; March 25, Thursday—Mrs. H. K. Holland.

NEWS JOURNAL 'LATE

If you are reading of, hearing of and having trouble; if you know what absenteeism is; and what it means to be without a mechanic when the most complicated machine in the world cuts up, then you have a FAINT idea of what the News-Journal has gone through this week. We just CAN'T HELP IT—That is BEING LATE. Our GOOD neighbor, The Pilot, helped us out. That accounts for difference in type.

Congressman Burgin Again Favors Hoke

Congressman W. O. Burgin, who is the representative from the Eighth Congressional District has again shown Hoke a favor. This time he has appointed as his principal to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, James Gillespie Dickson, Jr., son of Capt. James Dickson, U. S. N.

Young Dickson is now at Severn Preparatory School for the Academy at Annapolis. The News-Journal was informed of this appointment by Mr. Burgin Tuesday.



By Bureau of Public Relations, U. S. War Dept., Wash., D. C.

CALL TO THE COLORS—And the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps marches to the field to replace able bodied enlisted men in rear-line jobs. In the WAAC are opportunities for American women 21 to 34 years old, inclusive. Those who enroll receive pay equal to a soldier's—for equal rank and grade. Every woman who enrolls has an equal opportunity to advance to specialist rating, non-commissioned officer grades or Officer Candidate School. Additional information and application blanks for enrollment may be obtained at any United States Army Recruiting Station. WAAC officers are on duty at many of them.

Hoke County Red Cross Drive Lagging

On the 15th day of Hoke County's Red Cross War Relief Drive Reports showed about \$1322.00 collected on the \$5200.00 goal. That is about 28 per cent of the goal the first 15 days, leaving the other 72 per cent to be raised the remainder of the 15 days in March.

Reports indicate that less than 40 per cent have contributed to date. The Campaign Committee is urging every canvasser to see every person in his community. The town of Raeford and the Edinborough Mills have a goal of \$2100.00, the Colored People a goal of \$500.00, and the Rural Communities of the County a goal of \$2600.00.

The goal for the Rural Section of the County has been broken down for the various communities as follows:

Sanatorium \$300.00, Wayside 300.00, Antioch 275.00, Stonewall 250.00, Rockfish 225.00, Ashley Heights 200.00, Blue Springs 200.00, Raedendale 20.00, Montrose 200.00, Allendale 200.00, Pine Forest 200.00, Arabia 175.00

A report elsewhere in the paper shows the progress made on these goals. Chairman of each community committee is to unify the canvassing in the community, making reports to H. L. Gatlin, Jr., each week of amounts collected. Use the school, church, and every agency possible to put the drive over the top. To reach the Rural Goal, the Rural workers will have to average about \$40.00 each throughout the County.

Mrs. Mary Pegram, District Director of Red Cross for Eastern Carolina, spent two days this week working planning with the Local Committee for an "Over-the-Top" campaign in Hoke County.

Reports from our boys in Africa say the most home like encouraging, morale-building thing they have found in Africa is the work of the Red Cross. Remember that the Axis are on the hill tops in Northern Africa bearing down on our boys in the mud below. Let every Citizen of Hoke County who has as much as \$5 or a checking balance of \$5 in the bank, pass that to the Red Cross War Fund now.

Carl Freeman Visiting at Old Home

Carl Freeman, efficient town clerk, and member of Hoke County's Draft Board has been much indisposed recently. He resigned from the Draft Board, but as yet no one has been found to take his place. He is now on a visit to his old home in Randolph County and Mrs. Freeman is in the Town office.

Week-End at the Soldiers' Center

Sixty-five service men were entertained at the Center during the week-end, as well as thirty-one civilians which made it quite the gayest since the Second Armored Division left us.

Thirty-seven soldiers were served refreshments, three cakes and several quarts of milk AND a pound of coffee having been received.

Lovely flowers from two Raeford friends graced the lounge and a most welcome package of kindling arrived in time for the cooler evening on Saturday.

The hostesses, for the boys as well as for themselves wish to say, "Thanks, friends, for everything."

Prices Set For Milk In Hoke County

To prevent the diversion of milk supplies from normal channels and to avert the threat of shortages in individual communities, the OPA has issued an order setting specific prices for fluid milk sold in Hoke County, T. S. Johnson, state OPA Director at Raleigh, announced today.

The order issued by the national OPA office divides the state into three zones and sets a price schedule for each zone. Only fluid milk prices are affected by the new order. Buttermilk, chocolate milk and other flavored milks remain at present levels.

In general, the effect of the new pricing schedule will be to level off relatively high prices and to increase relatively low prices, Johnson said. Changes in prices to the consumer are not expected to be great.

Hoke county falls into zone 2, where the following maximum prices are established, delivered to homes, 17c per quart; retail from stores, 17c per quart; wholesale to stores, restaurants, etc., 15c per quart, 8c per pint, and 4 1/4 per 1/2 pint.

NUTRITION CLINIC AT HOKE HIGH

A two day Nutrition clinic will be held at Hoke High next week on Tuesday and Wednesday, Mar. 3 and 24. Tuesday will be special for professional workers in nutrition. Wednesday will be for workers from town and country. Invitations for the Wednesday meeting are being issued by H. L. Gatlin, Chm. of Civilian Defense Council and Miss Terrene Holloman, Chm. of the Nutrition Committee.

CAPT. SNEAD SICK

Capt. Younger Snead, who is at home on leave from Trinidad has been quite sick for the past several days.

Boy Scout District New Executive

Courtland Baker, the new Scout Executive for the Cape Fear Council announced his new program for the Western District in a meeting of the officials at Laurinburg on Friday March 12th. This was Mr. Baker's first appearance in the Western District since coming to the Council to succeed David Liles, and he made a fine impression on the scouters. There are now 7 troops in the Western district with an enrollment of 168 scouts. The goal for next year is one new troop and an enrollment of 190 scouts. There is now one club pack, and the goal for the new year is two packs with an enrollment of 24 clubs.

The District Committee is the door through which scouting is opened to the boys. The duty of the Council organization is to inspire the local committee to support the troop, and lay upon them the responsibility of carrying on the work. Too many troops fail because the troop committee and the sponsoring organization do not realize that they are responsible for the promotion of the troop, and not some outside set up. Mr. Baker is a progressive type of leader. His business is to work through the commissioners for the promotion of scouting in the communities.

The Western District was favorably impressed by Mr. Baker, and voted to him the wholeheart support and confidence of the Western District.

The District will plan to hold monthly meetings. The First Thursday after the First Monday in each month will be the date of the meetings, and they will rotate throughout the district, with the April meeting to be held in Red Springs on a date to be announced. After that the meeting will be held on schedule.

Officers for the new year were elected, for Commissioner, one of the most important offices in the District, W. C. Covington of Wagram was recommended to the Council. The Commissioner is elected by the Council. For local officers the following were elected, Chairman, V. C. Mason, Vice Chairman, E. H. Evans, Publicity Clerk, F. L. Goodman. The Committee chairman were elected with the permission to choose their committee from the Committee at large. Organization, Dawson Jackson, Health and Safety, Dr. H. H. Sutherland Camping; W. N. Weaver, Leadership and Training, W. H. Hasty, and V. R. White, Court of Honor. The Committeemen at large are, Edwin Morgan, Rev. S. H. Fulton, W. D. Reynolds, Dr. Peter John, Henry McLeod, H. C. McLaughlin, F. E. Cox, M. D. Livingston, J. N. Gibson, Ryan McBryde, Rev. H. G. Bedinger, R. S. Cochrane, and H. D. Baxley.

Red Cross Funds Collected in Hoke County

Funds collected in the County up to Monday, March 15th, was \$1,374.85. The amount turned in by each member of a committee by townships follows:

Raeford High School, Mrs. A. D. Gore \$42.00
Hoke Oil Mill, T. B. Lester \$42.00
Business District, I. The State Library \$356.50
Northwest Raeford, Mrs. L. Mann \$94.50
Southeast Raeford:
Mrs. Arsh Stuart \$81.50
Mrs. W. P. Baker \$8.75
Mrs. H. M. McKeithen \$9.00
Mrs. Charlie Baker \$24.10
Mrs. C. M. Baker \$9.00
Mrs. J. D. Howell \$14.00

Total \$146.35

Northwest Raeford:
Mrs. J. H. Blue \$32.50
Mrs. R. B. Lewis \$54.00
Mrs. Don Davis \$9.00
Mrs. Lewis Upchurch \$231.50

Total \$327.00

Southwest Raeford:
Mrs. T. B. Upchurch, Jr. \$50.00
Raeford Grammar School,
Miss Leone Currie \$27.50

Allendale Township,
Mrs. Belle Currie \$7.00

Antioch Township,
Miss Willie Mae Liles \$14.25
W. S. Gibson \$18.00
J. C. Gibson \$14.00
D. W. Gillis \$10.00
G. C. Lyttle \$16.00

Total \$72.25

Blue Springs Township,
Mrs. Dewey Smith \$6.00
Miss Martha Walters \$6.25

Total \$12.25

Wayside,
A. K. Stevens \$23.00
W. M. Monroe \$15.00

Total \$38.00

Asheley Heights,
Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Sinclair \$56.75

Sanatorium,
Miss Elizabeth O'Brian \$24.00

Rockfish,
Lynn B. Dees \$5.26
Mr. and Mrs. Z. G. Ray \$7.00
Mrs. R. P. Ritter \$3.00

Total \$15.25

Wayside,
J. H. Plummer \$33.60
Mrs. Marshall Newton \$17.25
Mr. Marshall Newton \$6.00
John Parker \$15.00

Total \$71.85

MORRIS-PERNELL

Miss Mary Alice Pernell and Lt. Sam Morris were married in Bennettsville, S. C., last Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris and Lt. Spec Morris accompanied them to Bennettsville. Mrs. Morris is a very popular member of the Raeford School faculty. This is her second year here. She is a graduate of E.C. T.C., Greenville, N. C., and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pernell of Franklin county, near Louisville.

Sam has been in the active Army Service since 1940. Several months ago he returned from the Caribbean area and entered Officers' Candidate School at Fort Monroe, where he received his commission. The couple have been in Raeford since their marriage. Lt. Morris left Thursday for Fort Crockett, Texas, and Mrs. Morris will continue to teach for this year.

MRS. R. B. LEWIS IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. R. B. Lewis is a patient in Moore County Hospital. She underwent an operation there Tuesday.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE TO MEET WITH MISS BENNER
The Y. W. A. of the Baptist church will meet next Monday evening with Miss Ina Mae Benner.

METHODIST CIRCLES TO MEET

The Circles of the Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church will meet Monday, March 22 at 3:30 at the church.