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Urge Hoke Be Declared in Defense Area

Washington, D. C., Mar. 23.—Senator Robert R. Reynolds and Attorney W. G. Pittman, of Rockingham, in a conference with James B. Blandford, director of the National Housing Agency, requested that Hoke, Richmond, Scotland and Moore counties be declared a defense area. Additional housing facilities were urged for this area and the privilege of getting necessary materials to take care of the influx of people since the establishment of Camp Mackall at Hoffman and the Air Base at Maxton.

Several business men in Raeford have signified their willingness to build if they could get necessary material. At present every apartment is filled and many people are renting their available rooms.

Our Boy Scout Executive

When a new man comes to the community we are interested in who he is and where he came from. Courtland W. Baker has just taken over the reins of the Cape Fear Council of Boy Scouts, and as this section is in that council we felt that the Scouts would like to know something about Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker did not tell his age so you will have to guess at that. He was born in Ohio, and received his A. B. Degree from Otterbein College located at Westerville, Ohio. Later he received his M. A. from High State University at Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Baker had a good start for his Boy Scout for five years, and that is longer than most boys stay with scouting. Then he became Scoutmaster and served thus for five years. He was a troop committeeman for one year and has been in professional work for the past five years. He certainly seems to have had proper training for the work that he is now undertaking.

FROM ONE INTERESTED IN SCOUTING

SCHOOL NEWS

by K. A. McDonald

The regular monthly principals meeting was held in the office of the superintendent on Monday afternoon. At this time it was decided for the opening of the schools to be moved up to 8:30 o'clock for the county schools and 9 o'clock for schools in Raeford. This change to take effect on the first of April.

The treasury department is sponsoring a campaign in the schools throughout the nation called "Buy a Jeep Campaign" during April. The schools are to sell bonds and stamps in excess of what they have been doing and the money from this sale is to go for the buying of Jeeps for the Army. A goal of four Jeeps has been set for the schools of the county. This will mean a sale of \$3,600.00 in Bonds and Stamps in addition to what has been done regularly.

The Civil Service Examination was given to the seniors on Wednesday, March 17. Every student taking the examination, passed it. There will be another examination in May and those desiring to take it should get in touch with the postmaster. This examination will include other subjects than just typing and shorthand.

ERNEST CAMPBELL OUT AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Ernest Campbell, genial and popular manager of the Chevrolet place (Hoke Auto), is at his old post again after a long illness. He looks and feels fine and is receiving congratulations on his complete recovery.

MOTHER AND SISTER SO SURVIVE

In all accounts of the death of the late A. C. Bethune, the names of his brother and sister were inadvertently omitted. He is survived by R. L. Bethune, a brother, who was a former Register of Deeds of Hoke, also a former mayor of Raeford, and an only sister, Mrs. John S. Maulsby.

Rural War Production Increasing

The Agricultural Department of Upchurch High School (colored) reports that two courses in rural war production have been completed by colored youth of Hoke County out-of-school and adults. There are sixteen projects started with a total of 2700 babychicks. By April 5th, 100 percent of the members are expected to have projects.

This department is now engaged in the production, conservation and processing of food for farm families. The High school is coming to the end of the first quarter drive for U. S. Bonds and Stamps and every negro in Hoke County is asked to buy as many as possible.

Another Successful Blackout

*The Blackout Thursday of this week was reported by Chief Air Warden, Cecil Dew, to be a 99 percent success. He commented on the fact that people are co-operating in a most satisfactory manner.

Machinery Repair and Nutrition Classes Started

Classes in food preservation conducted by Miss Mary F. Poole will start this week at the Sanatorium and at others parts of the county.

The county mechanic will start a class in farm machinery repair Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night from 7:30 to 10:30 p. m., starting March 23rd.

Any farmer having farm machinery in need of repair who will stay and assist in repairing such machinery should see the mechanic to enroll.

These classes are sponsored by the departments of Vocational Agriculture and State Office of Education to aid the farmer in keeping his machinery in good shape. There is no charge except for parts and the work is done by the farmer himself with mechanic's help.

NEWSPAPERS ARE WAR ACTIVITIES

A news article from Washington today states that publication of newspapers has been certified as an activity contributing to the war effort under occupational Bulletin No. 27.

BUSINESS LEADER OF ROWLAND DIES

Friends of Mrs. C. W. Barrington sympathize with her in the loss of her brother, Bernard A. Edens, who recently died at his home in Rowland.

For forty years he was a leader in the business, civic and religious life of Rowland. For a number of years he was president of the Bank of Rowland. He was also interested in the mercantile business and gave his time during the latter years of his life to his farm.

WATCH YOUR LABEL

Attention has been called repeatedly lately to the fact that many subscriptions are PAST DUE. That shows on your label. However, cards are being mailed as fast as we can get them out calling attention to this. Please pay up. The cost of producing the paper, not to mention the worry and trouble has doubled. News print is to be rationed and those whose subscriptions are PAID will be continued on the mailing list.

FOR CONTROL CENTER BEGINNING MARCH 26

March 26—Friday, Mrs. J. H. Walker; March 27—Saturday, Mrs. H. A. Greene; March 28—Sunday, Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin; March 29—Monday, Mrs. T. B. Upehurch, Jr.; March 30—Tuesday, Mrs. R. L. Murray; March 31—Wednesday, Mrs. J. H. Blue; April 1—Thursday, Mrs. R. H. Chapman.



Red Cross Receipts Reach 1-2-Way Mark

Total reported and collected for the Red Cross War Fund to Monday March 22nd was \$2,736.74, which puts the Hoke County Chapter a little over half of its quota. With only a few days left to attain the greatest quota ever assessed this county the workers are urged to work harder than ever. It is every worker's privilege and duty to call to the attention of all that this is a WAR FUND DRIVE rather than the usual annual Roll Call.

LET'S PUT HOKE OVER THE TOP. WE CAN—WEMUST—WILL!

Club Educational Department Meets

The March meeting of the Educational Department of the Raeford Woman's Club was held Tuesday, March 23, at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. K. Currie, with Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin, Mrs. Neill McFadyen, and Mrs. D. H. Hodgkin serving as joint hostesses.

Mrs. A. K. Currie, chairman, presided over the business session. The club members voted to continue giving cakes to the Soldiers' Center. Mrs. H. A. Cameron gave some important data concerning Red Cross work in the county. The Chairman appointed Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin, Mrs. T. B. Upehurch and Mrs. Colon Scarborough to serve as program committee.

Mrs. Crawford Thomas was in charge of the program and ably discussed the country of Russia. Mrs. Thomas prefaced her talk with a review of the geography, climate, and industries of Russia. Then she spoke concerning Stalin, the Red Army, and the Communist party. Mrs. Thomas stated that all forms of religion was actively discouraged by the Russian government. She also said that following the revolution in 1917, an ambitious and comprehensive system of education was inaugurated and that the illiteracy of Russia had been reduced to a minimum. Mrs. Thomas concluded her talk with a discussion of the part Russia is taking in the present war.

After the program club members and guests were invited into the dining room for refreshments. Mrs. J. W. McLaughlin poured coffee and Mrs. McFadyen and Mrs. Currie served dainty sandwiches.

Guests of the Department were: Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Wylie, Mrs. Graham Dickson, who has been making her home in California, and Mrs. McLean, of Fayetteville.

Fish Fry a Success

John McGoogan and Harry Green put on one of their good fish fries Friday night at the Armory to make money for the local Red Cross Drive. Many people went and enjoyed a bountiful meal. A neat sum was realized.

Newspapers Are Going to Boys in Foreign Service

UNITED STATES POSTOFFICE
New York City
March 22, 1943.

The News-Journal,
Raeford, N. C.

Gentlemen:
In connection with your inquiry (File Mrs. PD) dated March 11th, please be advised that newspapers mailed by you in the manner indicated, upon receipt, are dispatched to their respective destinations by the first available opportunity after receipt.

Respectfully,
ALBERT GOLDMAN, Postmaster.

The above letter is in answer to a rumor that Newspapers were NOT being mailed to boys overseas. Newspapers mailed from News-Journal office are being properly endorsed for foreign mailing and DO go out from New York.

Supplementary Gas For Farmers

Since the reduction of the value of "A" gas coupons from 3 gallons to 1 1-2 gallons a new ruling in regard to making application for supplementary rations has gone into effect. Below is an outline of the procedure that a farmer must follow in making application for supplementary gasoline.

A farmer must go to the nearest member of the township AAA committee of his township. These township committees have a supply of application blanks. The farmer makes out an application; the township committee passes on this application and passes it on to the farm transportation committee of the War Board. This committee passes on the application and transmits the application to the County War Price and Ration Board. The Ration Board will then issue the supplementary ration after receiving the applications from the Township Committee of the War Board. Whatever ration is then issued will be mailed to the applicant.

The War Price and Ration Board will not issue any supplementary ration to farmers until the above procedure has been followed, even though the farmer has already made application direct to the Ration Board. Persons who are not farmers will make their applications directly to the Ration Board as heretofore.

Mrs. D. T. Currie Dies At Laurel Hill

Her many friends in this community were grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Duncan Thomas Currie at her home in the old Laurel Hill section on March 7th.

Kitty Currie, as she was familiarly known, was the daughter of Duncan K. and Sally Smith McDuffie, of near Raeford near old Sandy Grove Church, now a part of Fort Bragg reservation.

Mrs. Currie is survived by three sons and one daughter, Miss Sarah Currie and Theron Currie, of the home place, Duncan Currie, of Laurinburg and Walter N. Currie, of the U. S. Army.

The following brothers and sisters survive: Mrs. John David, of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. E. B. Thompson, of Cameron, Mrs. Harriet McNeill, Miss Sadie McDuffie, and John M. McDuffie, of Raeford.

JUDGE McQUEEN FACES LIGHT DOCKET

The cold weather over the week-end evidently kept law violators at home in Hoke County as Judge McQueen faced a very light docket Tuesday, only two cases coming up for trial.

SMALL GRAIN CERTIFICATION

Any farmers in Hoke County who desire to have their grain certified by the N. C. Crop Improvement Association should send in their application before April 15, says A. S. Knowles, County Agent. Application blanks may be secured from the county agent's office.

Red Cross Funds Collected in Hoke County

Allendale: Mrs. Belle Currie \$43.99
Antioch: J. C. Gibson, \$14.00; W. L. Gibson, \$18.00; Willie Mae Liles, \$14.25; Mrs. McPhaul, \$15.00; D. W. Gillis, \$13.00; I. L. Newton, \$10.00; G. C. Lyttle, \$16.00; Total \$100.25.
Blue Springs: Mrs. J. L. McMinnis, \$4.50; J. R. Hendrix, \$32.00; Mrs. J. W. McBryde and Mrs. Hector McNeill, \$49.50; Mrs. Lucy Smith, \$19.00; Miss Martha Walters, \$6.25; total \$111.25.

Wayside: J. H. Plummer, \$33.00; Mrs. Dan Ray, \$5.00; Mrs. D. K. Parker, \$15.33; W. M. Monroe, \$15.00; A. K. Stevens, \$23.00; Mrs. Marshall Newton, \$17.25; Marshall Newton, \$6.00; John Parker, \$15.00; Total \$130.18.

Ashley Heights: Miss Della Wilson, \$9.00; Mc and Mrs. N. F. Sinclair, \$57.05; Total \$66.05.

Sanatorium: Elizabeth O'Brien, \$24.00; Mrs. J. L. Boull, \$97.00; Total \$121.00.

Rockfish: Mrs. G. D. Dees, \$13.75; L. B. Dees, \$5.26; Mr. and Mrs. Z. G. Ray, \$7.00; Mrs. R. P. Ritter, \$3.00; Total \$29.01.

Arabia: Mrs. Annie B. Davis, \$11.75; David Hendrix, \$15.00; Mrs. J. A. Jones, \$7.85; Mrs. Lillian McDougald, \$6.50; Total \$41.10.

Raeford: W. J. McDiarmid, \$57.00; Irene Downer, \$12.00; Mrs. C. C. Conoly, \$27.00; Total \$96.00.

Little River: Miss Josephine Hall, \$10.00.

Stonewall: W. I. Culbreth, \$4.00; Mrs. Jesse Gibson, \$31.25; M. D. Yates, \$6.00; Total \$41.25.

Raeford Schools: Mrs. A. D. Gore, \$42.00; Miss Leone Currie, \$27.50; Total \$69.50.

Rural Schools: Bowmore, colored, \$34.70; Shady Grove, colored, \$7.00; Macedonia, Indian, \$2.00; Total \$43.70.

Industrial: Hoke Oil & Fertilizer Co., \$42.00; Raeford Lumber Co., \$11.00; Edinburgh Cotton Mills, \$176.00; Total \$229.00.

Raeford, S. East: Mrs. A. G. Stuart \$92.50; Mrs. W. P. Baker, \$8.75; Mrs. Herbert McKeithan, \$9.00; Mrs. C. M. Baker, \$9.00; Mrs. J. D. Howell, \$14.00; Mrs. J. M. Baker, \$24.10; Total \$157.35.

Raeford, S. West: Mrs. Tommie Upchurch, \$50.00.

Raeford, N. West: Mrs. J. H. Blue and Mrs. M. R. Smith, \$96.00; Mrs. R. B. Lewis, \$54.00; Mrs. Don Davis, \$14.00; Mrs. L. M. Upchurch, \$276.50; Total \$440.50.

Raeford, N. East: Mrs. Israel Mann, \$102.60.

Special Gifts: J. L. McNeill, \$70.00.

Business District: Israel Mann, \$509.50.

D. H. Hodgkin, \$200.00.

County office building: Miss Holleman, \$40.50.

Received from Fish Fry: J. A. McGoogan, \$35.00.

Grand total, \$2736.74.

DELAY IN NEWS-JOURNAL UNAVOIDABLE.

The News-Journal was delayed again this week for the same reason as last. The new part ordered for the linotype didn't arrive until Thursday and the paper had to be set up in Southern Pines. The Pilot like all the rest of us, is short on labor and rushed to death and couldn't get the job till Friday. We hope this is our last apology.

Conservation News

W. W. Bobbitt was building terraces on his farm near Ashley Heights a few days ago. The terrace lines were run by the Pee Dee-Cape Fear soil conservation district.

Mr. N. F. Sinclair, of Ashley Heights, has recently seeded a wet piece of land to a grass and clover mixture. This land with adjoining land that was unprofitable to cultivate will be used for a permanent pasture.

N. H. G. Balfour, near Dundarrach, says that sericea lespedeza is as good a grazing plant as can be grown. He uses sericea pasture for all year grazing by seeding rye in the early fall in the sericea. The rye will be large enough to graze when the frost kills the sericea.