



With Our Boys In The Service

Lt. Col. Poole who has been at home awaiting new orders reported for duty at Key West this week.

Capt. and Mrs. T. B. Lester of Camp Davis spent the past weekend with relatives in town.

Capt. Paul Dickson, who has been stationed at Trinidad, landed at New Orleans last week and reported to Camp Stewart near Savannah. Mrs. Dickson, Jr. joined him in Savannah. They are expected in Raeford for a several weeks visit at once. Paul, III, is already in Raeford with his grandmother.

Sgt. William (Pete) Dickson is visiting relatives in Raeford and High Point this week. For the past two years he has been in the Panama Canal Zone. After his furlough he will be stationed at Camp Clairborne, La.

Cpl. Johnnie Pate has reported to Camp Stewart, Ga. and Pvt. Hansel Pate has returned to Fort Jackson, S. C. after a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pate.

Jack McDuffie has recently received a Medical discharge from the Navy. He is at present teaching Science in the Fayetteville High School.

Tobacco Situation Improved In Area

Lumberton, N. C. May 19. Good rains and warm sunshine have brought about substantial improvement in the tobacco crop situation in the Lumberton area, according to Jasper C. Hutto, supervisor of the Lumberton tobacco market. He reports that the shortage of plants is still a problem, though this is being solved by good weather prevailing at the week end.

"The plant shortage is staggering the setting out process to the point that there will be considerable irregularity in the growing field," the Lumberton supervisor says in his sixth tobacco crop condition report of the season. "Only the most favorable growing weather conditions can bring about correction in this situation and mature the tobacco in uniform manner for the curing period. This is possible, as it is highly desirable, and the farmers are just hoping for the best for the next six and eight weeks."

Some parts of the Lumberton area will not complete their transplanting to the fields until the last of May, the report says, with some few farmers cutting their acreage slightly because of inability to get good plants in time. "Blue mold has passed off to the south and close in the Lumberton area, but it is still bad on some farms to the north and west. In another ten days the big part of the crop will be on its way, ten to fifteen days late—as much as three weeks late in some sections, backed in the main by good spring rains to insure moisture at the roots when dry days come."



SCHOOL NEWS

by K. A. McDonald

All white schools of the county are now closed. All negro schools will close on May 23. The Indian schools on.

Miss Marianna Kimbrough returned to her home in Lexington, Miss., last week. She was accompanied on the trip by Miss Mary Falls Peelle. Miss Peelle will return to her work here after a few days stay in Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. White expect to attend summer school at Wake Forest this summer.

During the April war loan drive the schools accounted for the sale of \$7,275.00 worth of bonds. Most of these were bought by the teachers themselves. Raeford Graded School led the county with a sale of \$2,000. Friendship led the colored schools with a sale of \$600. Antioch Indian led among the Indians with \$300.00.

We thought it was a rather unusual thing for the boys to win all of the Good Citizenship awards made by the Kiwanis Club. An award going to the primary, grammar grade, and high school departments. The winners were: John McLaughlin, 3rd grade; Neill Adams McNeill, seventh grade; and Zane Gray Norton, 12th grade.

Other awards were for the best English student, Marjorie Roberts and Best Reader, Janice Perry. These awards were presented by the Literature Department of the Woman's Club. Best average for high school by the Education Department of the Woman's Club went to Margaret Poole. The Dansforth Foundation award—I Dare You, to Margaret Poole, and Gilbert Lilly. A subscription to the Readers Digest also went to Margaret Poole.

The following bus drivers received Good Driver's Certificates and a bonus awarded by the County Board of Education: Edwin Hasty, William McNeill, Eugene Maxwell, Emma Lee Maxwell, Charlie Pendergrass, Daniel Blue, Jr. Hubert Cole, Robert Mott, Herbert Reynolds, Dexter Holland, D. R. Huff, Jr. Will Frank Wright, Randall Moss, Fred McFadyen, and Kenneth Haire.

Location For FHA Houses Now Settled

The location of the FHA houses in Aberdeen now appears to be settled. They will be located below the high school building and all the houses will be grouped together in a circle form. They will be built on 60-foot lots.

The houses will be built and owned by George DuBose, Kinston contractor. Work on the houses is expected to start in from 30 to 60 days and it is expected that it will take from 30 to 60 days to complete the project once the work has started.

These houses will be constructed according to FHA specifications.

Circle To Meet.

The Business Woman's Circle of the Presbyterian Church will have their meeting with Mrs. John Walker at 8:30 this evening, (Thursday).

Committee To Meet.

The U. S. O. Committee will meet tonight (Thursday) at the Court house at 8:30. Mr. Walsh of Fayetteville who has charge of this work will meet with the committee and every member is urged to be present.

SPECIAL PROGRAM Raeford Methodist Church

The children of the Methodist church in Mrs. G. W. Lassiter's Tonette and Symphonette Band will furnish the music for the Devotional at the Sunday School hour at the Methodist church Sunday. Mrs. Lassiter will be in charge of the program. Program begins promptly at 10:00 A. M.

Ladies' Society of Christian Service will also give a program on "Peace" at the church Friday afternoon, May 21, 4:00 P. M. Public invited. Light refreshments served. Preaching Sunday 11:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.

Kiwanis News

Last week the Kiwanis Club adjourned as soon as dinner was over so that all members could attend the commencement exercises of the Hoke County High School.

H. L. Gatlin was to have had the program. He will put it on tonight.

Address to Sanatorium Graduates

Mrs. Albertine P. McKellar, Assistant Consultant in Health Education of the United States Public Health Service, addressed the sixteen graduates of the North Carolina Sanatorium School of Nursing at exercises in the auditorium on Friday evening, May 14. The speaker was introduced by Frank W. Webster, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association.

Mrs. McKellar spoke of the importance of nursing in peace as well as in war and of the responsibilities of nurses in world-wide reconstruction. She outlined a program of constructive medicine with goals of greater physical fitness and wider vision in health education.

The Nurses' Glee Club rendered the choral selections—"Hear Us, O Father" by Mozart, "At Twilight" by Jarnefelt and "Sing, Little Banjo" by Wilson. "Recession" by De Koven and "Passing By" by Purcell were sung by Earl Richardson of Eagle Springs. Mrs. W. E. Cook was the piano accompanist.

The annual cash award given by the Alumnae Association to the graduate with the highest scholarship record during her three years of training was won by Miss Nelle Robinson. Miss Elizabeth O'Brien, President of the Alumnae Association, made the presentation. Mr. Cecil Dew, President of the Raeford Kiwanis Club, explained the purpose of a new award to be given each year to the graduate judged to be the best all around member of her class. Miss Ann Jarvis won the Kiwanis gift.

Dr. C. R. Monroe, resident surgeon of the Moore County Hospital presented the pins to the graduates and Dr. P. P. McCain, Superintendent of the North Carolina Sanatorium, awarded the diplomas.

At the close of the exercises the graduates took the Florence Nightingale pledge in a colorful ceremony, bearing lighted candles in white holders. The candles were lighted by Miss Eula Rackley, Superintendent of Nurses at the North Carolina Sanatorium, and Miss Ellen Bruton, Superintendent of Nurses at the Moore County Hospital. The Stage was decorated with tall baskets of white flowers.

Dr. C. D. Thomas, Assistant Superintendent of the North Carolina Sanatorium, acted as master of ceremonies. Reverend Daniel Lane of Aberdeen pronounced the invocation and the benediction.

Following the exercises the graduates received the commencement guests at a reception at the Nurses' Home.

The following compose the graduating class: Miss Dorese Rauey, Grifton; Miss Louise Coburn, Jamesville; Mrs. Fannie Faucette English, Henderson; Miss Odell Huff, Henderson; Mrs. Ann Jarvis, Tampa, Fla.; Miss Ruby Lewis, Roanoke; Miss Hilde Puckett, Henderson; Miss Blonnie Pullen, Spring Hope; Miss Eva Richardson, Eagle Springs; Miss Nelle Robinson, Gastonia; Miss Bess Stewart, Wilkesboro; Miss Geneva Turner Polkton; Miss Ruth Whitley, Whiteakers; Miss Edith Wiggs, Selma; Miss Bertha Williams, Eagle Springs, and Miss Hulda Williams, Star.

Scout Camporee Goes To Wagram

At the May meeting of the Executive Committee of the Western District of Boy Scouts, plans were worked out for the spring Camporee to be held at the McKay Cottage near Wagram on June 2, 3, 4. This is the unit of the last years district Camp and is located about the center of the district so as not to be so far from any of the boys to go. The Camp will be set up Wednesday afternoon with the District Executive Committee meeting being held that night followed by the Court of Honor under the direction of V. R. White of Raeford.

Mr. W. N. Weaver of Red Springs is District Camping Chairman and he is promising a great camporee. Executive Baker will direct the camp.

Announcements regarding the Camporee will be sent to all scoutmasters at an early date, and the Wagram Troop will be asked to check on the camp site and road conditions.

The Executive Council was conducted in the Raeford Hotel following a fine fellowship dinner with the Raeford Kiwanis Club.

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MASSIVE DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY RUHR VALLEY DAMS BOMBED

New Cotton Plan Gives Growers Extra Dollars

The new one-variety cotton improvement program and the cotton classing service under the Smith-Dexey Act are putting extra dollars in the grower's pocket, says Dan F. Holler, Extension Cotton Marketing Specialist at N. C. State College.

He cites the experience of Yates Spurling of Cleveland County, who belongs to the Waco One-Variety Cotton Improvement Association. Spurling produced 76 bales of cotton last year and sold it as he picked it until he came to the last seventeen bales. He took his green classification cards on these bales and decided to compare the prices offered him in the open market with the government loan value.

Spurling reported that the best price offered him on the seventeen bales was \$19.50 per hundred pounds, or \$1,657.50 for the lot of cotton. The Farm Storage Loan program was made available in Cleveland County at this time and the grower obtained a loan of \$1,868.60 on his cotton it being left in storage on his own farm. Later he sold his equity in the seventeen bales for \$125.

Spurling said the cost of insurance and the cost of inspecting the farm buildings in which the cotton was stored averaged about \$1.00 per bale. When the grower sold his equity in the cotton the buyer assumed the interest charge.

In the one-variety cotton improvement work, Spurling gets pure seed, better ginning (the ginner being vitally interested in the program), better yields of cotton, and a free classing service. He and his neighbors are also encouraged to handle their cotton better and to produce longer staple of superior grade. According to Holler, all of these improvements in growing and handling cotton put extra dollars in the grower's pocket at practically no extra expense.

RATION BOARD

Mrs. Shaw of O. P. A. in Town. ed by the good weather prevailing at the week end.

Monday afternoon Mrs. Nina Shaw of the Raleigh office of OPA met with three members of the Price section of the War Price and Ration Board for Hoke County. This part of the Ration Board is made up of I. Mann, Chm., Dave Yarborough, W. L. Alexander and J. I. Thomas. Mrs. Shaw pointed out that these men were not policemen, but were to receive complaints from customers if the customer felt that he had been charged more than the ceiling price for any article. The Price Panel should then investigate and help get the matter straightened out.

Mrs. Shaw said that within a very short time dollars and cents prices would be out on 90 percent of all cost of living items, and that these official lists would be published in the newspapers as well as posted in the stores. She said that when this done it would be up to the consumer to make ceiling prices work. She said that a blackmarket customer was just as guilty as the blackmarket operator.

Any merchant who has not received official copy of ceiling prices on beef, veal, lamb, and mutton may get one by requesting it of the price clerk of the County Ration Board office.

C. A. Johnson, State mileage officer was here for a visit to the War Price and Ration Board on last Thursday.

Nation wide rationing of heating and cooking stoves that burn coal, wood, oil or gas will begin the latter part of June. This is an expansion of the rationing of heating stoves, already in effect.

Do not expect any canning sugar before about the first of June.

New dollars and cents prices for soap will become effective on a nation wide basis on Monday, May 24. These prices will apply only to grocery stores and grocery departments of other stores. Ten cent and drug stores will continue to sell under their ceilings already established.

Regulations covering custom slaughtering of farm animals will be simplified on May 20.

Thousands of Nazis Made Homeless by Royal Air Force's Paralyzing Blow.

London, May 18.—Destructive flood waters loosed by the Royal Air Force's blasting of two of Germany's largest dams were shown tonight by new aerial photographs to be surging unchecked down the Ruhr valley, creating havoc in the heart of Hitler's war industry.

The latest reconnaissance pictures of the spreading torrents rolling beyond the broken Mohne and Eder dams were taken today as Allied air units carried their non-stop pre-invasion bombardment into its seventh day with lightning stabs at Europe.

The new pictures showed the floodtide rushing through the middle Ruhr toward Duisburg and the Rhine and through the Weser valley beyond Kassel.

The Air Ministry News Service said the continued spread of the flood indicated that a vast area of the valley already was inundated, with important industries crippled, casualties heavy and still greater factory centers imperiled, if not flooded already.

The pictures showed plainly that the devastation is surpassing even the highest hopes expressed earlier. Parts of Kassel, an aircraft, U-boat tank and artillery manufacturing town 35 miles downstream from the rapidly-emptying Eder dam, are under water.

Red Robins Win Over Parachutists

The Flying Red Robins opened their season Sunday before a capacity crowd of over 1000 spectators by banding the 508th Parachute Inf of Camp Mackall a 6 to 5 licking, this was the first loss of the season for the Parachutist who had racked up a 10 game winning streak. The Robins gathered 10 hits off the hurling of Mills with Corporal Al Ceratone and Bill Upchurch each gathering 3 hits each to lead the way. The Robins trailing by 3 runs going into the last half of the 10th put 5 hits a base on balls and a sacrifice fly to gather to stave 4 runs across and win their first game of the season. Lynn on the mound for Robins scattered 9 hits and struck out 6 men. Robins—6 runs, 10 hits, 2 errors. 508th—5 runs 9 hits, 2 errors. Batteries Robins, Lynn and Maus. 508th—Mills and King.

Antioch Church.

The Antioch Woman's Auxiliary will present its annual birthday-party program at the church Wednesday evening, May 26th, at 8:15. All friends and members of the congregation are invited to attend. The program promises to be one of unusual interest. A playlet, "Come Unto Me," will be given by three young ladies depicting the characters of the Church, Mexico, and a reader, Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin, of Raeford will make a talk on, "Christian Literature For Mexico." Mrs. McLaughlin is a most welcome speaker at Antioch, always having a message full of timely information and presented in an alert and attention-holding manner. The offering will go for supplying Christian literature to pastors, teachers, young people's workers, auxiliaries, and all branches of our missionary effort for the evangelization of Mexico. After the program a fellowship hour will be enjoyed on the Church lawn. Miss Jeanette McLaughlin will have charge of the adult and young people's groups and Miss Ruth Lytle of the games for the children.

Tobacco Groups Approve 'Ideal' Marketing Dates

Meeting Here of Growers, Warehouse men, and Dealers Results in Unanimous Agreement on Program to Be Offered to USTA.

(By Frances Newsom.)

Representatives of tobacco growers, warehousemen, and dealers of the Carolinas and Virginia yesterday agreed unanimously on a plan for modifying warehouse selling seasons to avoid a possible conflict of tobacco marketing with harvesting of other farm crops.

The action came after Governor Broughton appeared before the meeting and warned that, "If no satisfactory agreement is reached, I shall, if

MacArthur Denounces Japs For Sinking Hospital Ship

Allied Headquarters in Australia, May 18.—General Douglas MacArthur declared today that the Japanese torpedoing of the brilliantly illuminated Australian hospital ship Centaur, with the loss of 299 lives, was an unnecessary act of cruelty and savagery, following the Japanese pattern of barbarity.

The Red Cross ship was lighted brightly when a Japanese submarine sank her without warning a few miles off the Queensland coast early last Friday morning.

Eleven women nurses were among the Australian and English medical personnel who perished.

"I cannot express the revulsion I feel at this unnecessary act of cruelty," General MacArthur declared. "Its limitless savagery represents a continuation of the calculated attempt to create a sense of trepidation through the practice of horrors designed to shock normal sensibilities."

"Brutal excesses of the Philippine campaign, execution of our captured airmen, the barbarity in Papua, all are of a pattern. The enemy does not understand. He apparently cannot understand that our invincible strength is not so much of body as it is of soul and rises with adversity. "The Red Cross will not falter under the foul blow. Its light of mercy will but shine the brighter on our way to inevitable victory."

At Canberra, Prime Minister John Curtin said the act "bears all the marks of wanton deliberation."

"Not only will it stir our people into a more acute realization of the type of enemy we are fighting, but it will shock the whole conscience of the civilized world."

An Allied announcement said the flaming hospital ship sank within three minutes. Only 64 persons were saved, including only one of the dozen nurses aboard. The Centaur did not carry any patients. There were no Americans aboard.

Curtin said the Japanese were notified February 5 that the Centaur would be used as a hospital ship, and it was traveling unescorted from Sidney to New Guinea.

The 64 survivors spent 36 hours on four rafts and a side of the wheel house before they were rescued. They said they saw the submarine surface after the attack.

"An immediate strong protest . . . is being addressed to the Japanese," Curtin declared, "and the government will do its utmost to establish the right of redress to ensure the war criminals responsible for this dastardly act will be brought to justice."

Control Room

Control Room Schedule for following week:
Friday, May 21—Mrs. J. A. Baucom.
Saturday, May 22—Mrs. A. L. O'Brian.
Sunday, May 23—Mrs. Agnes U. Johnson.
Monday, May 24—Mrs. W. P. Baker.
Tuesday, May 25—Mrs. Tommie Upchurch.
Wednesday, May 26—Mrs. J. W. Walker.
Thursday, May 27—Mrs. H. A.

necessary, use all my powers by Constitution and statutes in closing tobacco warehouses by proclamation to get crops harvested."

