

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Pfc. Hamilton Wins Shaving Kit—But Pfc. Is A WAC

La Junta Army Air Field, Colo., Nov. 15—Winning a USO quiz contest was a snap for Wac Pfc. Lillian Hamilton of Red Springs, N. C.

But Lillian is stumped by what to do with the prize, considered by the donor to be just the thing for a soldier. It's a fancy shaving kit.

Note—WAC Hamilton, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamilton of Red Springs, made her home in Raeford for about a year before entering the Army.

Sgt. Woodrow McLean, who is stationed at the hospital of the Army Air base at Charleston, S. C., spent the week end here with his father, W. A. McLean.

Undergoing "boot" training at the National Training station at Great Lakes, Ill., is Otis S. Moore of Raeford, Route 1.

Staff Sgt. Talmadge English is home on a 30 day furlough. He's been stationed in Curacao for 21 months.

Members Of AAA Election Set For November 30th

"Food Fights For Freedom" Program To Be Discussed at Series of Meetings.

Triple-A Community Committee-men will be elected for the various townships on November 30th according to information just released by the County AAA Committee.

Every farmer who resides within the county and who has cooperated with the Soil Conservation Program during 1943 is eligible to vote. A list of eligible voters will be available at each township meeting.

The "Food Fights for Freedom" program will be launched at these meetings. There will be, present at each meeting a representative from an agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to discuss the needs for food and feed production and ways of conserving such food and feed.

It is very important that every eligible farmer attend his township meeting so that committeemen may be elected by the majority of members of the Soil Conservation Association. The best qualified members should be elected committeemen. Meetings will be held as follows on November 30th:

Allendale and Blue Springs townships at Community Houses at 2:00 P. M.

Quewhiffle at Ashmont school at 2:00 P. M.

Raeford township at Courthouse at 2:00 P. M.

Antioch, Stonewall, and Little River townships at Community Houses at 7:30 P. M.

McLauchlin township at Rockfish school at 7:30 P. M.

Circular Carry Draft Protest

Cherryville, Nov. 17—Hundreds of circulars protesting the induction of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers while men with no dependents were allowed to stay at home have been distributed here, causing selective service headquarters to call for a hasty investigation.

Some of the circulars bore 17 names and referred to them: "They love this country from a financial standpoint. Why were they deferred? They have no dependents." A footnote said, "This ad paid for by the first contingent of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers."

Other circulars said: "We are leaving — our loved ones will get along. We commend to you the following valuable, irreplaceable young men (10 names). We request — please assist them to acquire vast acreages, white faced cattle, bank stock, mill stock, new automobiles, new tires, gasoline, summer cottages, nice homes, bird dogs, sleek saddle horses, brick buildings, etc. We promise only over our dead bodies will Tojo and Hitler take it away from them."

The circulars were sent anonymously to state selective service headquarters at Raleigh, where officers conducted a study of those persons mentioned, and said a statement probably would be issued.

Hoke Farmers See Acreage Decrease In 1944 Crops

Predict Labor Shortage Leaders To Cut Production In Many Food Items

Neighborhood leaders meeting with crop specialists from State College at a "Food Fights For Freedom" meeting here Tuesday predicted that production of many crops in Hoke County would be less in 1944 than in 1943. Much of the land would probably be idle, it was said, due to labor shortages.

Corn acreages this year, it was shown, were about 17,500 for all Hoke farms, while in 1942 about 19,500 acres were planted. An additional decrease in next year's plantings was predicted and the leaders said hardly more than 15,500 would be planted to this important food and feed crop, though the state food production authorities had set the quota for 1944 at 20,741 acres.

Oats were expected to take an additional 500 acres next year to bring to total planted to about 4,500. Wheat, to which 4,500 acres were planted this year was expected to be about the same, while barley was expected to increase from 600 to about 1200 acres.

If the labor situation remains about as it is now, it was the general consensus of the group that cotton plantings would remain about the same as this year and approximately 20,000 acres would be planted. Lands devoted to some of these crops would probably not be farmed in 1944 as many people had lost their tenants through the draft or to better paying jobs at army camps and in war plants.

Soy Beans, which with cotton and peanuts, represents one of the most important sources of vegetable oils will probably take the most severe acreage cut, it was predicted. Yields of the beans here are not profitable due to extensive cultivation necessary, and many farmers who expected to have fair fields this year found that the excessive rain in July and the drought period since hurt production and harvesting badly. Few farmers in the county will be able to say they have made expenses on their bean crops, it was said. J. M. McGowan told the crop specialists that farmers of this section had been fooled into planting large acreages of beans with the expectation of better than average per acre money returns.

The prices paid for beans, he declared, made it impossible for Hoke farmers to raise the crop profitably. In order for the government to induce farmers to plant this crop, he declared, some sort of price differential must be set up by the War Food Administration or the Commodity Credit Corporation which would give the farmer here a money yield per acre that would compare favorably with that received in the mid-Western states where beans are a profitable crop due to low production costs. "At the present prices the goal of 1,600 acres in the county cannot be reached. But if fair prices are assured the farmers will raise the beans needed and asked from the county."

Peanuts, hay crops, home gardens and acres devoted to truck crops and melons are expected to be about the same as in 1943.

Those from State College who conducted the survey meeting included: Dr. E. R. Collins, Miss Verna Stanton, Carl D. Bunn and J. M. Osteen. The free expression of opinions and the frank discussions of the factors regarding the crop productions led Dr. Collins to comment: "This is by far the outstanding session we have had with farm leaders in this series of meetings. At many places the farm leaders were hesitant to discuss their problems and the information we got was limited. Here we have found a group who will not promise too much, and one willing to tell us why."

Wickard Asks Tax Curb Speculation In Farm Lands

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 17—Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard asked the National Grange convention today to support a stiff special tax on profits made from resale of farm land during the war emergency as a measure to curb a new land boom.

Stating that there are some very definite indications that farm land prices are going up as they did during the last war, the cabinet officer warned that inflated farm values would have tragic consequences for agriculture.

Various methods have been suggested, he said, for bringing land prices under control. Included are farm sale licensing, plans, establishment of government ceilings on land similar to ceilings on commodities, limitations on loans for farm purchases, and greatly increased deed or transfer taxes.

Union Thanksgiving Service Thursday At Methodist Church

There will be a Union Thanksgiving service on next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, it was announced yesterday. The services are held each year in rotation with the church and preacher alternated.

This year the service is scheduled to be held at the Methodist church with the Rev. J. D. Whisnant, pastor of the Baptist Church, in charge. Mr. Whisnant has been determined out of town and it had not been determined whether he has an engagement at another church for services.

Special music for the services will probably be arranged with members of the choirs of the several churches participating.

Rev. Mr. Maness New Pastor Of Methodist Church

Has Served At Parkton, Fayetteville Erwin In This District; Three Sons In Service.

The Rev. J. E. Maness, recently of Jackson, is the new pastor of the Raeford Methodist Church and Parker's Chapel. He succeeds the Rev. E. C. Crawford, who was assigned to churches at Enfield at the annual conference which met last week, after serving the local churches for four years.

Mr. Maness is not a stranger to this district of the conference. A native of Hemp, he has served pastorates at Parkton, Fayetteville and Erwin of the Fayetteville district in recent years. And in addition he has had charges at Siler City and Roxboro.

Both he and Mrs. Maness, the latter is the former Miss Beulah McNeill and a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McNeill, are natives of Moore County. With them is one daughter, Miss Sarah Maness, who has become a student of the Hoke County High School.

Four In Service
Three sons and a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Maness are in the service, two in the Navy and two in the Army. Lt. William H. Maness of the Naval Air Service has completed two years in service with a year and a half spent in active flying duty in the South Pacific. For the past six months he has been in this country as a combat instructor at a flight training field but just recently he was re-assigned to a carrier for combat duty.

Lt. Paul F. Maness is also with the Navy air arm and has seen service as flight surgeon in several engagements in the African area. He is now awaiting completion of a new carrier which is soon to be commissioned and to which he has been assigned as surgeon.

Sgt. Charles E. Maness is with an Army medical detachment now serving in the Alaska area.

Their son-in-law Prof. Robert W. Elmer, on leave from the English department of Alabama Tech, is now in the army taking special training at an army weather station in the mid-West.

Church Services
In discussion of the schedule of services at the churches here Mr. Maness stated that the established hours for services would be continued here and that the services at Parker's Chapel would be continued on the first and third Sundays, though he hoped the congregation there would grant a request to start these services at 12:10 instead of at Noon, to allow him a little more time between the services at the Raeford Church and beginning services there.

He stated that a meeting of the Stewards would be held on last evening at which regular business of the church would be discussed.

Thanksgiving Service
The new pastor extended a cordial invitation to all who will to attend the Union Thanksgiving service to be held at the Methodist Church on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, November 25th.

Tommie Upchurch Heads N. C. Co-op

RALEIGH, Nov. 17 — T. B. Upchurch, Jr., Hoke county farmer and businessman, was elected president of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative association to fill the unexpired term of Hans Silverstein of Clinton, who died in September.

Upchurch was elected by the board of directors, which also named W. H. Marsh of Fayetteville to succeed Silverstein as a district director. Paul D. Grady of Kenly was named to represent the association on the board of directors of the Farmers Cooperative exchange.

Manuever Rights In Quewhiffle Asked By Army

Area Will Connect Fort Bragg With Maneuver Area Of Carolinas.

Landowners of Quewhiffle township are receiving letters this week from the Fourth Service Command requesting the rights for the Army to use such lands as necessary within the township for maneuver purposes.

The letters ask that these rights be granted not later than December first of this year to extend through July 1, 1947. Cards are enclosed with the letters mailed out for the landowner to sign and mail to the Service Command office at the Court House in Raeford. All landowners are urged to attend to this matter immediately they receive the letters.

It was explained by Captain David D. Page, president of the Rents and Claims Board of the Service Command that this land is a connecting link between the Fort Bragg reservation and the maneuver area of the Carolinas which covers several million acres in counties of both North and South Carolina. The rights granted are similar to those granted by Hoke landowners two years ago for the "Battle of the Carolinas."

Kiwanis To Visit Library Tonight

Members of the Kiwanis club will attend the open house held tonight at the Hoke County Library when displays in celebration of National Book Week will be featured for the occasion.

On last week's program K. A. McDonald, V. R. White and the Rev. H. K. Holland participated.

Mr. White made a brief talk on displays created by Hoke high students in observation of National Educational Week. One of the displays featured a picture of Dave Hodgins as a senior at Antioch and one of John A. McGowan and his first school. Numerous other pictures of county schools of another day were on exhibit.

Mr. McDonald talked briefly on National Book Week and extended an invitation to everyone to attend the open house at the library which will be held this evening from 7:30 until 9 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Holland made a few remarks on Armistice Day and pronounced a dedicatory prayer.

Just in case the WACs from Fort Bragg do arrive this week for their program (date of which is uncertain) all members are urged not to attend tonight's meetings, but President Cecil Dew has made arrangements for extra seating capacity for all members are expected to attend.

J. M. Andrews, former Robeson county schoolman for many years who now resides in Raeford, was a guest of the club.

Mrs. E. Jordan Dies Near Lumber Bridge

Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan, well known resident and respected member of her community, died at her home near Lumber Bridge Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. She was the daughter of the late Jim and Julia Tyner of Richmond county.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Cora L. Jackson of Raeford and Mrs. Ida Mae Culbreth of Stonewall; two sons, E. T. of Shannon and J. A. of Stonewall; one sister, Mrs. Julia Jackson of Fairmont; and by one brother, W. W. Tyner of Fayetteville.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Sandy Grove Methodist church by the Rev. A. E. Brown, pastor. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Local Stores Open Wednesday; Closed Thanksgiving Day

Stores of Raeford which usually close on Wednesday afternoon will be open all day next Wednesday, November 24th, and will be closed all day Thursday for Thanksgiving, the 25th.

Miss McKenzie Is Elected To Office Teachers Group

In the closing session of the South-eastern District Teachers association yesterday at Fayetteville it was announced that the following had been named officers of the group: Miss Katie McIntyre of Laurinburg, president, and Miss Margaret McKenzie of Raeford secretary.

Cam Morrison Is In Senate Race

Cameron Morrison, member of Congress and former N. C. Governor, announced yesterday that he would enter the race for the Senate seat which is to become vacant when Bob Reynolds' term expires next year. Another former-governor, Clyde R. Hooper, has already entered his name in the lists. Marvin L. Ritch of Charlotte and Arthur Simmons of Burlington have also announced their candidacies.

Vict Thompson In Shooting Off Woman's Arm

State Presenting Evidence In Carnal Knowledge Case Against Ernest Lamb.

In Superior Court this week Webb Thompson, white tenant on the Satterwaite farms at Montrose, was convicted on charges growing out of the shooting of Iola McLaurin, negro woman, and was sentenced to serve 12 months on the roads with the sentence suspended on compliance with certain conditions.

In the case heard Tuesday before Judge Q. K. Nimocks, resident judge of this district, Thompson was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and Lucetta Byrd, John McLaurin and Iola McLaurin, all negroes, were indicted for trespass. Evidence showed that the negroes had been drinking water from the mouth of a pitcher-pump at the Thompson house and were warned against it by Thompson. It appeared they continued to do so according to testimony, and on October 15 Thompson threatened them with a shotgun. An argument followed and the McLaurin woman was shot with a charge of buckshot which took effect in the right arm. She was taken to Moore County Hospital, and there the arm was amputated.

After the state's evidence was presented Thompson changed his plea from not guilty to nolo contendere which was accepted by Solicitor Ernie Carlyle. The judgment was that Thompson be sentenced to serve 12 months on roads, with capias for commitment not to be issued provided: 1, he pay all costs of the case; 2, he pay \$250 to Clerk of Court for Iola McLaurin; 3, he be put on good behavior for five years. Judgment was suspended on the trespass indictment.

Nathaniel Leslie, negro, was found guilty of larceny of a sum of money said to be \$180 from Mac McPhatter and sentenced to serve four months on the roads. The defense claimed that Leslie had got but \$50. A nol pros was taken by the state in the case against Bertha Leslie, Nathaniel's wife, charged with receiving stolen goods.

Fletcher McClamm, negro, who had appealed a drunken driving charge from the recorder's court, was found guilty and the sentence was that he pay \$50 and costs, or serve 60 days on the roads.

A case attracting widespread interest was begun yesterday morning when trial was begun of Ernest Lamb, white married man, on charges of carnal knowledge of a fifteen year-old white girl, Lillian Thomas, of the Shannon community.

In what was termed "the strongest case of evidence for the State I ever saw," by Solicitor Carlyle, the State spent most of the day presenting testimony to establish its claim that Lamb is the father of the girl's unborn child.

The girl, who has since married Archie King, King, her brother, Fred Thomas, and two neighbors, Howard Walters and Mrs. Walters had been on the stand at noon yesterday.

From testimony the State brought out that Lamb had "messed around" with the girl while she was at his home during April. And that later, when he found her to be pregnant, he had attempted to get Howard Walters (Continued on page eight)

Christmas Mail Rates Explained

Christmas cards are third class mail, it was stated this week by Postmaster Lacy Clarke, and if mailed unsealed require one and one-half cents postage. If sealed they require 2c in town and 3c elsewhere. Mr. Clarke urges folks mailing cards to persons who may change addresses to use the 3c stamp and put a sender's address on the envelope. "Why pay 10c to 25c for a card, put a cent and a half stamp on it and then have it thrown away because the person to whom it is mailed has moved. Mail of this class cannot be forwarded or returned. If you put a 3c stamp on it the postoffice can forward it to the recipient's new address or return it to the sender, Mr. Clarke, explained.

Will Surpass War Fund Quota Says Chairman McNeill

Actual Cash Received By Treasurer To Noon Yesterday Was \$4,189.89.

"Hoke County will exceed its quota for the United National War Fund and the Soldiers' Center by a small margin," was the prediction yesterday of J. Lawrence McNeill, chairman of the campaign.

"Actual cash now or in the hands of the co-treasurers, Miss Jessie Bright Ferguson and Wilmer A. McDonald is \$4,189.89, and I know that there are several committeemen who have enough money not yet turned in to bring the total to the \$4,250 mark and over," he added.

A square dance scheduled for Milledgeville last night for the benefit of the Fund was not included in Mr. McNeill's calculations. It is expected when the final records of solicitations are compiled here at noon on Saturday the total collections for the seventeen agencies of the War Fund and for the Hoke County Soldiers' Center will be somewhat higher than the goal set three weeks ago.

All community workers are urged to give final collections to their community chairman immediately so they can be turned in at the Bank of Raeford not later than noon Saturday, Mr. McNeill requested. "We want to wind up the drive and send off our check to National headquarters this week," he said.

"Too high praise cannot be given for the excellent cooperation we have received in this campaign. This fund represents a lot of money for such a small county. Frankly, I did not expect us to reach our quota even last week. But the people of the county have responded most generously, both with their time and their money, in this call for patriotic services to the boys of our armies and to give aid to those sufferers in war-torn countries who have given so much more in this fight against the Axis," Mr. McNeill concluded.

WACs Carefully Placed In Jobs

Civilian Training In Special Duties Speeds Assignments To Army Posts.

Women are being assigned to jobs in the Women's Army Corps more and more on the basis of their past experience or ability.

In a recent interview, Lieutenant Marjorie T. Conover, WAC recruiting officer in charge of Hoke County, said that WAC recruits are carefully classified and the majority given training for which they show special interests and possibilities.

"Formerly, the new WAC would have been largely limited to clerical, communications, cooking and motor transport assignments," she said. "Today WACs serve in 155 different Army jobs, according to a booklet just published by WAC Washington Headquarters, listing these jobs."

Naming some of the jobs listed, Lt. Conover said: "A WAC may like the sound of a job as draftsman, weather observer or pay roll clerk. Maybe decoding enemy messages, translating foreign broadcasts would be just her meat!"

If she is untrained, she will be sent to a special school to fit her for the job that will help Uncle Sam now and hold her in later life. "If she already qualified from civilian experience, there's no waste of time. The WAC is assigned directly to duty following basic training," she added.

The Army asks for more women than the WAC can supply immediately, the officer stressed. With 155 jobs open to women, the corps seeks 500,000 women to fill them immediately.

The address of the local recruiting office for the WAC is the post office building, Raeford, where personal interviews are held every Saturday morning. Information may also be obtained from Mrs. W. L. Poole, Raeford, who is the county chairman.

Baptist Church

"Give unto The Lord the glory due unto His Name: bring an offering, and come before Him: Worship The Lord in the beauty of holiness." I Chr. 16:29.

Sunday Nov. 28, will be a Lord's day on which our people will be given a special privilege to contribute to the building fund of The Baptist Church.

Do you want a part in the building of a new Baptist Church at Raeford? Bring your offering on the 4th Sunday and help to build Him A House!

J. D. Whisnant, Pastor