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NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Warrant Officer George Bethune is spending several days here with his family. He has been assigned to the office of the Secretary of Navy for special services and will report to a California post next week.

GONE APO

Pfc. Tracy Monroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Monroe, of Rockfish, has left Camp Barkley for overseas service, according to information received last week by his family.

Aviation cadets Eldred H. Helton and Lawrence L. Helton, sons of Mrs. Mary Tapp Helton of Timberland, are now stationed at Spence AAF, class 44-C Squad 6, Moultrie, Ga. where they are undergoing their final phase of flight training before being commissioned flying officers. These brothers have been together practically ever since entering the service a year ago and they are hoping to graduate at the same time in the near future.

James Wood of the Merchant Marines and assigned to a St. Petersburg, Fla., post, is spending ten days here at home.

Mulcolm McNeill, US Navy, who is stationed at Daytona Beach, Fla., is at home for a few days. He came to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. James S. Humphrey.

MISSING IN ACTION

Neill Ross, brother of Mrs. Robert Gatlin, has been reported missing in action, according to a message from the War Department received this week. He is a native of Washington, N. C., and is one of three brothers, all of whom are in the service. Neill, who visited here recently before going to England, was assigned to a B-17 as gunner, and was reported missing from a bombing raid on January 29th.

Scout Anniversary Commemorated At Special Union Service

By Pvt. Hart Mershon

Paying tribute to the Boy Scouts of America at a union service in the Baptist Church on Sunday night, the Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Methodist Church, advised the local Scouts to follow Jesus as a personification of the Scout law, "On my honor I will do my best."

The Scout law and Jesus' words about Mary, "She hath done what she could," were the basis for the text of Mr. Maness' sermon. "Doing the best possible is all that is required of any man, woman, boy or girl," the speaker stated. While still a boy, Jesus, Mr. Maness pointed out, was about his father's business at the age of 12, grew both in wisdom and physical strength, did everything to make himself favorable in the eyes of his fellow men and was morally and spiritually perfect.

Outlining the duty of Scouts to God, their country and their fellow men, Mr. Maness said that we owe everything to God and that today we realize what a tremendous debt we owe to our country. "We also realize how much we should pay that debt," Mr. Maness declared. As for duty to our fellow men, the pastor told the Scouts that their duty would be done if they possessed the characteristics of a good Scout as listed in the Scout Manual.

Mr. Maness advised the Scouts to be physically strong, saying that many men were being rejected by the armed forces by illness or weakness. "Be mentally awake, know what is going on in the world, and be morally straight," he admonished.

The service on the 34th anniversary of Scouting was in charge of the Rev. J. D. Whisnant, pastor of the host church. The Rev. Harry K. Holland, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, gave the prayer and Mr. Maness offered the benediction.

Laurinburg Scotties Invade Local Court Tomorrow Night

With the memory of their one defeat of the season keen in their minds, the Hoke High Basketball team will be out to even scores with the Scotties tomorrow evening when the Laurinburg boys come to Raeford.

Earlier in the season Laurinburg defeated Hoke High in a close contest.

On Tuesday night Hoke High defeated Parkton 23-13 to give them six wins in seven starts.

County Goes Well Over Quota In "Dimes" Drive

Hoke county exceeded its quota in the March of Dimes drive by an even \$100 to raise a total of \$339, according to D. H. Hodgkin, chairman of the county committee.

Much interest in the infantile paralysis fund was found throughout the county and every township exceeded its quota, according to Mr. Hodgkin.

Honor Roll Hoke County High School

The following high school students averaged 90 or above on the first half year's work of school:
Miss Adcock's Room: Bobby Murray, Nita Gulledege, Miralyn Johnson.
Mrs. Cameron's Room: Betsy Ann Cole; Cora Lee Crouch, Christine Hodgkin, Jacqueline Hodgkin.
Miss Fisher's Room: Alton Clark, Carlene Freeman, Sarah Agnes Guin.
Miss Gill's Room: Faye Baker, Bennie Lee McGougan, Bettie Lou McGregor, Margaret McMillan, Carol Odom Mawbey, George White.
Mrs. Gore's Room: Sonny McIntyre, Betsy Ruth Jones, Eleanor Leach, Elizabeth Parker.
Mrs. J. C. McLean's Room: Angelo Sorrentino, Mary Carter, Kathleen Cochran, Bessie Wright.
Mrs. J. N. McDonald's Room: Lucille Townsend.
Mrs. McKeithan's Room: Bonnie Kate Blue, Nancy Lee Cole.
Mrs. White's Room: Alan McGee, Mary Raye Freeman, Harriet Jones, Doris Keith, Vera King, Judy Klouse, Donnie Lytle, Betty McLean, Edith Monroe.

County School News

By K. A. McDonald.

Mrs. N. A. McDonald's home room presented Marian Lippincott's one act play, "The Mysterious Valentine," Wednesday during assembly period. The characters were: Maude Warren—Marie Williamson, Betsy—Martha Harris, Jane Warren—Susan Smith, Grandmother Warren—Sarah F. Currie, Scuman—Johnny Allen; Negro—Bob Baxter; Book salesman—Thomas McFadyen; beggar—Fred Yarborough.

The annual Junior-Senior Banquet was held in study hall Friday evening, February 11. Harriet Jones, president of the junior class, served as toastmistress. The following program was given: Return Thanks, Mr. K. A. McDonald; Welcome, Harriet Jones; To the Seniors, Lee O'Brian; Response; Betsy Ann Cole; Four Loves, Luke McNeill, Marie Williamson, Jimmy Warner, Mildred Sinclair, Glenn Maxwell, Judy Klouse, Claudine Hodgkin, and Lawrence McNeill; To the Faculty, Donnie Lytle; Response, Mrs. J. C. McLean; At the Sign of the Cleft Heart, Laura McDougald and Wilton Wood; Farewell, Mr. V. R. White. Mrs. Beckman accompanied the vocal selections.

The Hoke High pupils began a series of class games Saturday during activity period. The ninth grade girls played against eighth grade girls and twelfth grade boys against tenth and eleventh grade boys. The ninth grade girls and twelfth grade boys won.

ROCKFISH SCHOOL NEWS

The third grade presented a character play, "Valentine Hearts" at assembly Friday. Participants were: Ham Dees, Ann Wood, Helen McDougald, Yvonne Page, Phillip Curbeth, Ernest Barefoot, Dennis Koonce, Sidney Lovette and Jane Wood, children of the village. Lucretia King recited a Poem, "Valentine Cheer."

The box supper held on Feb. 10th was most successful. The unusual success was due to the enthusiastic interest of the patrons, students and friends of the school.

Betty Jo Lovette was crowned Queen of Hearts, Harold Monroe was crowned King of Hearts.

Funeral Rites For Little Kate Butler

Funeral services for little Kate Butler, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Butler, were conducted Saturday afternoon from the Ephesus Baptist Church.

The little girl died from pneumonia.

Scout Leaders To Meet Tonight

There will be a business meeting of members of the Western district of the Cape Fear Council of the Boy Scouts at the court house in Laurinburg tonight at 8 o'clock.

Raeford's Oldest Store Building To Be Demolished

Moore Building Bought By Marshall Thomas From Raeford Hardware.

The Moore Building, one of Raeford's oldest store buildings, and for many years condemned because of its location within the fire limits because of its wood construction, will soon be removed from Main Street, according to F. B. Sexton, its former owner.

Mr. Sexton states that he has sold the building to Marshall Thomas who plans to demolish it and use the lumber on improvements of farm buildings. The building is the only thing involved in the transfer, according to Mr. Sexton who states his concern retains title to the real estate on which the two-story structure was built more than a half century ago.

Much has changed in building styles since this building was "the thing" back in the days when turpentine and long leaf pine timber were the principal products of this section. Fire-proof construction has long since outmoded it as one suitable for commercial concerns in densely built-up business sections and it was condemned a number of years ago. Built of heart pine it has lasted far into the modern age of brick and concrete and stone and only in the past year have extensive repairs been needed for it to serve as a storage warehouse for the hardware concern. Last fall it was necessary for a part of the picturesque false front of the gabled end of the building to be removed because of danger that it might blow down in case of high winds.

Generally derided by many citizens as an "eyesore" a "firetrap" and other derisive terms, because since it was condemned no repairs or improvements could be made on the building, demolition will mark the passing of the last of those old buildings that made up Raeford's earliest business section and mark up another victim to the steady march of progress down the town's Main Street.

Big Crowd Expected For Bond Premiere

Manager McIntyre says: Maybe it's the desire to see the show, maybe it's the yearning for a good investment, or maybe it's just Hoke county's good old patriotic urge, but something is making folks buy War Bonds to see the premiere showing of "Riding High" which will be screened tonight at the Raeford Theatre with bond purchases as the only admission charge.

"Yes," he added, "we're expecting a large attendance at the show tonight, from all indications. Possibly the fact that Dick Powell, Victor Moore and Dorothy Lamour are together in this technicolor film is helping sell some extra war bonds. I hope all of those urges are combined and that we have a packed house."

Group Reports To Bragg For Exam

White men ordered to Fort Bragg for preinduction examination Monday, February 14th included the following: Walter Monroe Thornburg, Jefferson Kermit Riley, John Worth Graham, William Douglas Currie, Sanford Jacobs, Elmer Paul Quinn, Paul Trawick, Theodore Carson Davis, Lacy Herman Koonce, Ray Davis, Samuel Wilborn Gentry, Wade James Flynn, Clarence Paul Kinlaw, Ralph Herbert Chapman, Thomas Glenn Harrell, Henry Gibson Sports, Carl Will Rose, Abner Lee Strother, William Lona Alexander, Earl Hendrix Robinson, James C. Hutchinson, and John Wallace Mangum.

Those reported accepted for service include: Chapman, Kinlaw, Harrell, Thornburg, Riley, Hutchinson and Mangum.

Jim Buchanan Dies At Moncure Home

Funeral services for Mr. Jim Buchanan of near Moncure, were held at the home Sunday afternoon.

The deceased was a distant relative of Mr. T. B. Upchurch. He was well-known by many of Hoke county's deer hunters having hunted with them many times especially on hunts held at the Baker place.

Attending from Raeford were Mr. Upchurch, T. B. Upchurch, Jr., Clyde Upchurch, Mrs. H. A. Cameron, Mrs. B. B. Lewis and Marion Lewis.

Funeral Services For Mrs. James S. Humphrey Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. James S. Humphrey, 85, were conducted from Antioch Presbyterian Church on Friday afternoon by the Rev. Harry K. Holland and the Rev. W. L. Maness. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Humphrey, who was Miss Harriet Newell Conoly, the daughter of the late Gray and Nellie Conoly of the Antioch community, was a life-long resident of that section until six years ago. Since that time she had made her home in Raeford with her daughter, Mrs. M. K. McNeill. It was here she died on Thursday after an illness of three months.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. McNeill, and a son, J. H. Humphrey. Relatives and friends attending the services from away included: Mrs. I. W. Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Locklair, and Mrs. D. O. Currie of Charlotte; Mrs. T. J. Cobb and Miss Sallie Cobb of Four Oaks; Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cobb of Smithfield; James and Donald Humphrey of State College; and Malcolm McNeill US Navy, of Daytona Beach, Fla.

Leaders Selected Red Cross Drive County Committee

Chairman Ryan McBryde and Rural Chairman, Mrs. H. A. Cameron, Announce Workers For War Fund Solicitation.

Committee chairmen for the Red Cross War Fund solicitation campaign were selected this week by Ryan McBryde county chairman, and Mrs. H. A. Cameron, rural district chairman.

Mrs. Cameron, who will have charge of committee work outside of Raeford, has selected two sets of leaders for the work among the white and negro population and a separate campaign will be conducted by each group. White leaders are chosen according to areas served by the various home demonstration clubs of the county, and the negro leaders are chosen to work within certain school districts.

Special gifts to this great humanitarian cause will be handled by Lawrence McNeill and H. L. Gatlin, Jr., will direct the campaign conducted within the town of Raeford.

Mr. McBryde stated that each of the community leaders will select their own co-workers and plan their campaign to complete the solicitation within dates between March 1 and 15. Appointment of these co-workers is requested immediately, and leaders are requested to notify Mrs. Cameron as soon as their group is selected, giving the names of each of their helpers.

Hoke county is being asked to raise \$5,900 this year, a much larger sum than was raised last year, and Chairman McBryde feels confident this sum will be more than contributed if each community leader does his or her part in seeing that every person has an opportunity to contribute.

White leaders named by Mrs. Cameron are the following: in most communities men and women have been named as co-chairmen: Sanatorium, Mrs. Ruby McBrayer; Ashley Heights-R. C. Smoke and Mrs. Duncan Johnson; Montrose- Carl Riley and Mrs. Duke Marshall; Pine Forest- Mrs. J. D. Tapp and J. F. Jordan; Blue Springs-John Frank Chiskalm and Mrs. D. J. Dalton; Allendale- Miss Belle Currie; Stonewall- Mrs. Jesse Gibson and N. H. G. Balfour; Arabia- Mrs. Stanley Crawley and David Hendricks; Antioch- Miss Jean Hodgkin and Walter Gibson; Raedden- Mrs. Ernest Duncan and Jack Holland; Rockfish- Mrs. Z. G. Ray and A. W. Wood; Wayside- Mrs. James Gillis and J. H. Plummer; Little River- Sam Comer, L. D. Brooks, Alex McFadyen and Dan Stewart.

CHAIRMEN NEGRO RED CROSS WORKERS FOR COUNTY SELECTED

The following persons will serve as community chairmen for the Red Cross War Fund drive among the negroes of the county: Raeford-S. L. Williams; Peachmont-Mamie Meeking; Friendship-Fred Anders; White Oak-Joseph Drake; Rockfish-Estella K. Williams; Shady Grove-Vera Williams; Laurel Hill-T. V. Williams; Cedar Grove-Ida Belle Cole; Bridges Grove-Nellie Frierson; St. John-G. H. Harrington.

Piney Bay-Lillian D. Gieswes; Burlington-James Chalmers; Lily's Chapel-Hencie Shipman; Edinburgh-Mary McLauchlin; Bowmore-W. C. Campbell; Buffalo-A. L. Gaston; and Calvin Martin; Carrie Melvin; Fry's Mission-Mable Shaw; Timberland-Georgia McDowell; New Hope-L. V. Evans; Freedom-Garfield Coleman; McFarland-Avate Gordon; and Millside-John Munford.

Will Award Cotton Trophy At Banquet Here March 17

Dr. George Wilds And Dr. M. E. Campbell Expected To Make Principal Addresses To Group 200 Members And Guests

The Hoke Cotton Improvement association was awarded the annual trophy for the most progress of the North Carolina Cotton growing counties during the past year and the trophy will be presented to the local association at a banquet meeting to be held here on Wednesday evening March 17, it was announced yesterday by T. D. Potter, president of the group.

Dr. George Wilds, president of the Coker Pedigreed Seed company of Rostville, S. C., and Dr. M. E. Campbell, dean of the school of agriculture at State College, have tentatively accepted invitations to deliver the principal addresses at the banquet meeting.

Robbers Get Big Haul At Lumber Bridge Tuesday

Robbers obtained nearly \$11,000 in bonds, stocks and cash in three entries effected early Tuesday morning at Lumber Bridge, it is reported by Robeson County police.

The postoffice, and the stores of W. G. Marley and Frank L. Tolar were entered and a haul of War Bonds amounting to \$7,000, building and loan stocks valued at \$3,000, \$200 in stamps, \$349.39 in cash and \$50 in war stamps were taken from the postoffice according to Miss Sallie Cobb, postmistress.

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Cigarettes and shoes of an undetermined quantity, receipts for 75 bales of cotton and \$50 in cash were taken from the Frank Tolar store. The thieves were unable to open the safe in the Marley store and only articles reported taken from it were two boxes of shotgun shells.

The robbery is believed to have taken place after midnight. Due to the fact that Federal property was involved in the crime the FBI is assisting in the investigation being carried out by members of the Robeson County sheriff's department and the state bureau of investigation. Members of the Fayetteville police department also assisted in early investigations.

County Court News

Seven defendants faced Judge H. McDiarmid in county court Tuesday to give the court one of its busiest days since last December.

Jennings Bryan Neely, white of Fayetteville, and Harrison N. Horne, white, of Cumberland county, each paid costs for speeding; Ed Marshall, negro, paid \$10 and costs for operating car without drivers license; Watson Hadley, and Joshua Brisbane, negroes, paid costs for drunkenness; Dougald McDougald, white, paid \$50 and costs for driving car while under influence of liquor; and Clarence Stubbs, negro, paid \$25 and costs for using profane language in a public place.

General's Wife Joins The WACS

POPE FIELD, N. C., Feb. 14, 1944.—To the Army, she's simply Private Odgen; to the girls her barracks, she's just Pauline, but to Brigadier General D. A. D. Odgen she's everything, she's his wife.

The news was received today at Pope Field, an installation of the 1 Troop Carrier Command, that the first wife of a general officer to join the service in an enlisted status had been assigned to Berstrom Air Field, Austin, Texas. Pvt. Odgen is also the cousin of another famous military leader, Lieutenant General Jacob L. Deyers, now Allied Commander of the United States Ground Forces in the Mediterranean Theater.

Modest and unassuming, Mrs. Odgen entered the Army without fanfare and she wants none now. She merely wants to do her duty with other Troop Carrier Command Wacs. Her assignment to this branch of the Army Air Forces made her particularly happy, for it is the one that flies fighting soldiers into combat, evacuates the wounded, drops the paratroopers, pilots the gliders and hauls the airborne engineers.

Her husband is now overseas with the Engineer amphibian forces. It was when he went overseas that she decided to enter the service, "to make the family 100 per cent Army." Her two sons are in training for service in the armed forces.

State Plans Place Sheep On Farms Of This Section

R. S. Curtis, sheep marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, and Thompson Greenwood, public relations director of the department, were in this area for three days last week interviewing farmers regarding the sheep rehabilitation program for North Carolina now being pushed in the Southern counties of the State.

Referring to themselves as "sheep missionaries" working to increase the sheep population of North Carolina, these representatives of the State Department pointed out that the number of sheep in the State has dropped from 560,000 head in 1870 to 50,000 head today.

Within the past two years a total of 2,500 ewes have been imported from the ranches of Montana and Wyoming and sold to interest farmers at cost.

The 1944 project has begun with the importation of 250 ewe lambs which will be sold from Raleigh at approximately \$12.00 each.

Curtis explained that these lambs are 10 months old and will be ready for breeding in July. He said that the wool clip in April would offset to an appreciable degree the initial cost of the lambs.

Anyone interested in purchasing the sheep is requested to write the State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh. The lambs are now on pasture near Raleigh and may be examined by any farmers interested in making purchases, said Curtis.

Negroes Report For Naval Induction

Ray Johnson, John Lewis McLean, James Ernest Quick, James Andrew Jones, Jesse Lee Leak and Willie Edward McMillan, negroes, have been accepted for service with the Navy and will report to Raleigh, Monday, for induction at the Recruiting Station there.