

Farmers-Ginners To Honor Hoke Cotton Growers Tomorrow

Presentation 1943 Cotton Trophy At Banquet Of One-Variety Assn.

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Speakers For Event; Large Delegations Expected From Five
Counties For Affair At Raeford Armory

Farmers and cotton ginners from five counties are expected to be present here tomorrow night when Hoke County Cotton growers will be awarded the annual trophy for cotton crop improvement given by the Atlantic Cotton Association for outstanding achievement for the year of 1943. The trophy will be presented to T. D. Potter, president of the Hoke County One Variety Cotton Association, at a banquet to be held in the Raeford Armory at 7 p. m. Dr. George W. Wilds, president of the Coker Pedigreed Seed Company of Hartsville, S. C. and Dr. Malcolm E. Campbell, dean of the school of textile engineering of State College, will be the principal speakers.

Red Cross Benefits From First Kiwanis "Mealless" Meeting

The Hoke County chapter of the Red Cross has benefited from a new wrinkle the Raeford Kiwanis club is to work each quarter, according to President H. C. McLaughlin.

The club has decided to forego one meal each quarter and have a "fast" meeting, with the proceeds which would have gone for the meal to be donated to a good cause.

Though the first of these "fast" meetings is yet to be held, the donation for that meal's cost have already been paid to the Red Cross.

On last week's program T. T. Brown, attendance chairman of the Asheboro club, told local Kiwanians how to obtain 100 per cent attendance, not just for one meeting, but for 14 months in a row. That Asheboro club has a live group of service-minded members and they work at their programs and their attendance records wholeheartedly. It was a most interesting program.

Hoke Leads State In Cotton Sold Co-operatively

Over 50 Percent 1943 Crop Sold Through N. C. Cotton Co-operative Association.

Raleigh, March 15-(Special)—M. G. Mann, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association, has just announced that of the total of 13,729 bales of cotton grown in Hoke County in 1943, 7,123 bales have been delivered to the Cotton Association. This represents well over fifty per cent of the total crop marketed through the cooperative, and is the largest percentage of total cotton delivered to the Association of all the cotton growing in North Carolina.

Mann also announced that the total number of bales delivered this season to the Association through February 29 was 96,762 bales. "Although the total number of bales of cotton raised in North Carolina this year has been considerably below that of 1942," Mann added, "the deliveries to the Association are almost as great as during the 1942 season."

"The increasing popularity of the cooperative way of marketing cotton can mean only one thing," Mann said, "and that is the fact that cotton farmers throughout the State are demanding that their cotton be marketed in an orderly and intelligent manner." The large majority of the cotton handled through the Association is placed in the Re-purchase Pool.

Under the Re-purchase Pool plan, the farmer receives his advice of correct grades and staples as determined by government-licensed classifiers. He is then permitted to request the price at which the Association can sell his cotton to the mills. With this grade and staple report in his hand, and the Association price in his pocket, the farmer is then at liberty to go out and seek to obtain a higher price on the open market.

If he is successful in doing this, he is then permitted to regain possession of his identical lot of cotton and sell it to whom he please. In this manner, the Association assures the highest possible price.

SANFORD—The members of the Lions Club abandoned their regular program last week to devote their time to writing to 14 fellow members in uniform.

Frank Jones, Rockfish Farmer Dies In 80th Year, Burial Today

E. Frank Jones, 80 year old respected farmer of the Rockfish community, died at a Fayetteville hospital Tuesday evening.

Funeral services will be held in the Cedar Creek Baptist Church this afternoon at 3:30. Burial will be at the church cemetery in Cedar Creek Township, Cumberland County.

Mr. Jones was a native of Cedar Creek. He moved with his family to the Rockfish community about 40 years ago.

Surviving are his wife and seven of eight children.

The children are: Mrs. J. J. Cobb of Parkton; Mrs. W. G. Bandy of Lincolnton; Mrs. A. T. Watson of Fayetteville; Mrs. R. M. Lefler of Albemarle; M. F. Jones of Ecotia, Cal.; Alfred T. and Miss Lucille Jones of the home. An elder son, Wilson Jones, who made his home in Raeford for sometime died several years ago.

Hoke Exceeds 4th War Loan Quota By 32 Percent

Final Figures Show \$231,536 Worth of Bonds Purchased In Hoke During Campaign.

Final tabulation of purchases of War Bonds by the people of Hoke County shows that the quota of \$175,000 was oversubscribed by \$56,536, according to the Federal Reserve report received this week by Drive Chairman John A. McGougan.

Mr. McGougan states that this puts the county 32 percent over the assigned quota, "and the quota was out of line with that of other sections of equal population." Mr. McGougan explained that Hoke was assigned a quota of \$145,000 worth of "E" bonds and that purchases amounted to \$125,589.50, which placed the county high in rank for "E" bonds purchased. "This assignment of 'E' bonds was far out of proportion to purchases in previous campaigns and one which we could hardly have expected to reach, but we did go far higher than all expectations, in our total bond purchases for the campaign."

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Hoke AAA Agency Is "Well-Up" On Its Annual Reports

A letter of praise was received this week by W. J. Coates, secretary of the Hoke County Agricultural Conservation Program, in which the office of the county Triple-A office is highly commended for the efficiency and dispatch with the 1943 AAA applications have been handled.

Hoke county is one of only four counties of the state which completed all its applications for AAA payments filed with the state office of the ACP under the 1943 program prior to the end of February.

1053 applications had to be filed here, checked and prepared and then transmitted to Raleigh, Chowan, Camden, and Hyde were the other counties in the state completing this work by that date, according to the letter from John H. East, director of the ACP for the southeast area.

Recorders Court

Russell McKeithar and his wife, Maggie McKeithar and John McKinnon, negroes, who were involved in an assault case in June, 1943 were brought into county court this week for a hearing. The woman was found not guilty, but McKeithar drew a \$10 fine and costs, and McKinnon paid costs when found guilty of assault on William Watson. The defendants had been living outside of the county since warrants were sworn out against them for the offense.

Johnny Giddens, white, was found guilty of driving while drunk and paid \$50 and costs. Alvester Mallow paid costs for drunkenness. Fred Wilson and Robert Ross each paid costs for driving without licenses. Alexander McRae paid costs for speeding. Johnny B. Poe, Jr., paid costs for having improper brakes on car.

Gonny Rogers paid costs and the doctors bill when found guilty of assault on Wiley Perkins. He was placed on good behavior for two years.

Red Cross Nurse Climbed To Top Wednesday

Hoke County Goes Over Quota In War Fund Drive; Final Reports Asked By Chairman McBryde.

That attractive little Red Cross nurse who has been climbing those steps in the Bank of Raeford reached the top platform Wednesday morning while a large number of interested Hoke Countians looked on.

Many have watched her progress during the past two weeks as she made her climb, which symbolized the progress of the annual Red Cross War Fund campaign of the county. First she took each step and her rise was slow, but in the last few days, as more communities gave liberally to the funds, he was taking the stairway two or more steps at the time, and on Wednesday morning the chairman of the drive, Ryan McBryde, proudly placed her on the top platform to show that she had reached her destination.

With a goal of \$5,900 sought as contributions to the War Fund, some two hundred persons from all walks of life volunteered to see that the county did her part in this most important division of our nation's war effort. And those workers, have done and are still doing a most excellent job. Mr. McBryde has reported that the county has exceeded this quota by the time set and a number of final reports from over the county are not expected to be made before next Monday. Over \$7,217 has been turned into the bank and at least another \$500 is expected to be contributed before the drive ends.

Two communities, Sanatorium and Pine Forest, had doubled their quotas by Monday and fifteen of the twenty community committees have now reported subscriptions of more than their assigned quotas. Several of those not over quotas had not reported when the tabulations were made Wednesday.

The keen interest which was taken in the drive was keynoted by the spirit shown in Upper Little River where citizens contributed more than it's quota three days before the drive was officially underway, and this has characterized the generous spirit of the folks of the county throughout the period from March 1st through Wednesday when the drive officially ended.

Final reports are asked to be submitted by next Monday from all committees, and Chairman McBryde states that the complete returns will be available for publication next Wednesday.

J. M. Downer, Native Of Mississippi, Dies At Farm Home

J. M. Downer, 78, died Saturday evening at 10 o'clock after an illness of about ten days.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon. The pastor, the Rev. W. L. Maness was in charge. Burial was in Raeford cemetery.

Mr. Downer was a native of Mississippi. For some years he taught school in Rockingham. He came to Hoke county and engaged in farming here for about 25 years.

Mr. Downer was married twice. His first wife was a Miss Sinclair of Richmond county. One daughter, Miss Irene Downer survives of this marriage. His second wife was Mrs. Ella McLeod McNeill, the widow of the late J. K. McNeill of Hoke County.

A highly respected farmer he lived about four miles from Raeford. For fifty years he was a steward in the Methodist church, and for five years he was an honorary steward of the Raeford Methodist church in which he had held his membership since coming to Hoke County.

Pvt. William David Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gibson of Shannon, has been transferred from Camp Davis to Orlando, Fla. Before going to Camp Davis, Pvt. Gibson served in the Panama Canal zone for three years.

Cadet Jephtha Peele, USNR, has been transferred from Columbia, S. C., to the junior college at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Staff Sgt. Jack Bethune and Mrs. Bethune are now stationed at Fort Jackson.

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Sgt. Maness Is Veteran Of Aleutian Battle

Staff Sergeant Charles E. Maness and his wife are visiting his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Maness in Raeford. He has just returned from Kiska and other islands on duty with the 28th Field Hospital of the U. S. Army.

Sgt. Maness has the position of head surgical technician in the operating room. He is proud of the fine work that is being done by his organization. Out of hundreds of patients admitted to the hospital for treatment of various kinds, not one was lost. He has very little to say about his work, but he wears ribbons for the Asiatic Theater of war, Good Conduct, and American Defense, and one combat star. This indicates that he has been actively engaged in the war effort. After spending a few days with his parents, he will return for further duty in the service.

Pvt. Will Frank Wright of Camp Croft, S. C., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wright.

Privates First Class Charles E. Davis and Lonnie Teal, Jr. returned to Camp Phillips, Kansas Saturday after spending a leave with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Teal.

William Lamont Promoted

It's Major William Lamont, Jr., now. He received his promotion last week, according to word received by members of his family. Major Lamont is now stationed at Ft. Moultrie, S. C.

SGT. NEILL ROSS A GERMAN PRISONER, SAYS RED CROSS

The International Red Cross has reported to the War Department that Sgt. Neill Ross, gunner on a B-17 and brother of Mrs. Robert Gatlin of Raeford, is a prisoner of war. Sgt. Ross was reported missing in action on February 13 his plane being shot down while over Germany on January 17th.

The War Department has notified his mother at Washington, D. C. that through the good offices of the International Red Cross, it is able to report (some several months in advance of regular war channels) that her son is unhurt and is a prisoner of the Germans.

Pvt. Kenneth McNeill is spending ten days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John K. McNeill. Formerly stationed at Miami, he will report this week to his new post at Bainbridge, Ga.

RECRUITS

Reporting to the army this morning are John Howard McAnuley, Ralph H. Chapman, Thomas Glenn Harrell, John Wallace Mangum and Marvin DuBerry Duncan.

BOOTEES

Clarence Paul Kinlaw and Jefferson Kermit Riley will report to the Naval recruiting station at Raleigh today.

Lt. Douglas Tolar is spending a few days medical leave at home.

Sgt. Alfred Cole of Camp Davis is at home this week.

Lt. Annie Neal Currie, ANC, of an Alabama post hospital arrived last week to spend a two week's leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Meador Currie, in the Allendale community.

Sgt. Hector McNeill of Camp Bowie, Texas, is spending a furlough here with relatives.

PROMOTED TO ENSIGN FROM RANKS

W. R. Barrington, Jr., has been promoted to the rank of ensign, according to word received here yesterday. Ensign Barrington enlisted in the Navy six years ago, and has made steady progress in the rise from ordinary seaman to chief petty officer over this time.

Expecting a promotion to warrant officer sometime this spring, the Navy skipped that rank—which was formerly the highest rank an enlisted man could attain—and promoted him this week to ensign.

He is expected in Raeford soon to spend sometime here with his wife who is making her home with her mother, Mrs. R. A. Matheson.

Dr. McCain Honored On Completion 30 Years At State San

Medical Men And Laymen From Over State Gathered At Sanatorium For Banquet For Medical Director.

One of Hoke County's outstanding citizens, Dr. P. P. McCain, medical director of the North Carolina Sanatorium, was the honor guest at a banquet given at the Sanatorium Monday evening when some 200 of North Carolina's most prominent doctors and laymen gathered in recognition of the completion of 30 years service by Dr. McCain as medical director and superintendent of the tubercular institution.

Lee L. Gravelly of Rocky Mount, chairman of the board of directors of the North Carolina system of sanatoriums, presided.

Dr. Paul Ringer of Asheville, a member of the State board, made the principal address of the evening. He reviewed the history of the institutions, calling attention to the fact that when Dr. McCain joined the staff 30 years ago there were only 32 beds in the Sanatorium, while today there are 1,200 beds in the three State institutions for the care and treatment of tubercular patients. He described the medical director as "the most popular and beloved doctor in North Carolina."

Paul Mason, a patient at the sanatorium, spoke in behalf of the patients and presented a present to Dr. McCain. Dr. S. M. Bittinger of the Western North Carolina Sanatorium extended greetings from his institution and also presented a gift, while Dr. T. E. Bell of Wilson spoke in behalf of the directors of the N. C. Sanatorium and gave a present.

Frank W. Webster of Raleigh, executive director of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, and Dr. James W. Vernon of Morganton, president of the North Carolina Medical Society, brought greetings from their respective organizations and presented gifts.

Dr. and Mrs. McCain responded and expressed their appreciation for the honor extended them.

Mrs. E. B. Thompson Dies After Illness Of Nine Years

Funeral services for Mrs. E. B. Thompson, 69, were conducted Sunday afternoon from the Vass Methodist Church with the pastor officiating.

Mrs. Thompson was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. K. McDuffie of Raeford.

The deceased is survived by her husband and nine children. Two sisters, Mrs. Harriett McNeill and Miss Sadie McDuffie, and a brother, J. M. McDuffie, of Raeford, also survive. The Raeford members of the family attended the services.

County Schools Set Year-End Dates

Seventh grade promotion day has been set for May 30th, and commencement day for the schools of the county will be on June 1st, it was announced by K. A. Macdonald, following a principal's meeting.

The days lost during this term will be made up at the end of the term and not on Saturday as was originally planned and this has set the finals date back one day.

Dr. Wilds, Whose Concern Developed The Variety Which Has Been Adopted By The Association, Coker's "100 Wilt," Will Speak On Plant Breeding And Development, And Dean Campbell Will Discuss The Importance Of Cotton Improvement From The Viewpoint Of The Textile Industry.

Special delegations of farmers, ginners and textile manufacturers from Cumberland, Harnett, Moore, Scotland and Robeson counties have been invited to attend the affair, and a group of agricultural leaders from the several agencies in Raleigh are also expected to attend.

Preparations are being made by the county association for some 200 members and guests.

In a statement issued today, Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the Extension Service of State College says: "Hoke County has made an outstanding record in winning first prize in the 1943 cotton improvement in producing, handling, ginning and marketing their crop has added new laurels to its already excellent farming records."

"The record shows," continued Dr. Schaub, "that 95 percent of all the cotton grown in the county was of the variety adopted by the Hoke County Cotton Improvement Association. Of the 9,668 bales classed through December 31, only 271 bales of this cotton stapled less than one inch in length. Every gin in the county cooperated in submitting samples for Smith-Doxey classification, which showed the length and grade of the staple."

"The classing card also carried the loan value of the cotton and farmers found this service of great value in marketing their cotton. This card carried all of the information needed where the farmer decided to put his cotton in the Government loan," he said.

"All of the ginners cooperated by keeping their gin machinery in top condition, their saws sharp, their rolls loose, and by refusing to gin cotton that was not in the proper condition for ginning. The classing records show that only about two-one-half percent of the Hoke County cotton crop was reduced as much as one grade in ginning. The average record for the State was five times as high as Hoke's," said Dr. Schaub.

First prize in the contest was awarded to Hoke County after a thorough study of the records by representatives of the State College Extension Service, the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station, the N. C. Department of Agriculture, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Tax Listing Will End March 31

County Auditor John A. McGougan announced yesterday that the final date for listing taxes without penalty will be March 31. This was supposed to be completed in January but due to inability to obtain lists, it was postponed. The commissioner will meet as the Board of Equalization on April 10th.

CAMP MACKALL—Military And Civilian Personnel Here Purchased War Bonds Totaling \$381,377.13 During The Fourth War Loan.

It was announced this week by Captain Edwin A. Zelnicker, post War Bond Officer. Cash purchases by soldiers amounted to \$193,077.50 while allotment purchases totaled \$171,486.09. Civilian personnel purchases amounted to \$16,813.54.