

Large Group Hoke Negroes Given Army Examination

A large number of negroes from Hoke county reported Tuesday to Fort Bragg for pre-induction examination. The list of those reporting, as released by the county board of the Selective Service system is as follows:

Richard Shaw, Willie B. McEachin, Willie Odessa McRae, John Turk Blue, Oscar Bandy, Frank Smith, Walter Alexander McAllister, Rochester McRae, Eddie Williamson, Claude McKinley Green, Moses Dillard. James Ervin McLeod, Alexander McPhatter, Henry Graham, James Harrington, Carl Allbrook, Cornell Malloy, Garvester Walton, Alexander McCrimmon, John Edward Burke, James Bullen Monroe, Eddie McCallum, David McNair, Robert Walker.

James Calvin Robeson, Alexander McNeill, Henry McNeill, Woodrow Hugh McBryde, Lacy Camel, John Edmond Shaw, Henry Meekins, Hector Campbell, William Floyd Hynes, James Henry McMillan, James Percy Pinnix, Robert Letlow; (transfer).

Willie Walter Galbreth, Deamous Jones, Zack Frank, Flowers, Stephen McNeill, Ervin Edward Smith, Ernest Elliott, Thomas Percell Day, Henry Thomas Roberson, Ernest Murphy Shaw, V. B. Bennett, Oscar Morrissey, John Allen Graham, Tony Henry Buie, James Matthew McLaughlin.

Henry Lee Seaford, William McDonald, Eddie Washington Roper, Willie Henry McNeill, James Marshall McIntyre, Samuel Turner, Glen Odell Bratcher, James Robert Miller, Weldon Lee Baldwin, Willie Marsh, Willie Alexander McNeill, James Dockery, Johnson James Hall, Hugh Lee Mongle, William Henry McArthur, James Dukes, Willie Junior McQueen, Samuel Norris, General Lee Grant Thomas, Sandy Junius More, John Willie Watson; (Transfer), and Robert Arnold.

Judge Gwynn Orders Mistrial In Langley Trial At Laurinburg

LAURINBURG, March 20.—The jury in the Alfred Langley murder trial reported to Judge Gwynn Sunday afternoon that they were unable to agree and a mistrial was ordered.

Members of the jury reported that they stood 11 to one for conviction on a charge of murder in second degree.

Langley, a farmer known as the "watermelon king" of Scotland county, was indicted for the murder of Mrs. Cora Johnson, wife of Will S. Johnson of the Navy, on Thanksgiving night. The body was discovered the next morning near the edge of a road two miles west of Laurinburg. The state charged that Langley, after two years of illicit association, became insanely jealous when he found that Mrs. Johnson had been riding from her work at the Maxton air base with other men. The defendant offered no evidence.

Red Robins To Take Field Against RC Of Bragg April 23

The Red Robins, will open the semi-pro baseball season in this section of the state on April 23rd with a game to be played at Robbin park in Red Springs against the Reception Center of Fort Bragg, it was announced yesterday by Tom Cope, veteran business manager and coach of the Robins.

The Robins will again follow the policy of playing the strongest service teams in the Southeast, and games have already been carded with outfits at Camp MacKall, Fort Bragg, Fort Jackson and the Lejuene Marine base.

Raeford Presbyterian Church

9:45 A. M. Sunday School; Mr. F. B. Sexton, Superintendent.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship; sermon by the pastor.
6:00 P. M. Fellowship Hour for the Soldiers.
6:00 P. M. Senior Vespers.
7:00 P. M. Pioneer Vespers.
8:00 P. M. Evening Worship; sermon by the pastor.
TUESDAY
7:00 P. M. Junior Choir Rehearsal.
WEDNESDAY
8:00 P. M. Senior Study Period.
8:00 P. M. Mid-Week Prayer Service.
9:00 P. M. Adult Choir Rehearsal.
FRIDAY
8:00 P. M. Senior Council Meeting.

Baptist Church To Inaugurate Drive For Building Fund

Special services inaugurating the building fund drive of the Raeford Baptist church will be held at the church Sunday morning, March 26th. This service was originally scheduled for March 12 but was postponed due to the bad weather.

The Rev. J. D. Whisnant, pastor, will have as his subject for the worship hour "Building a Life." Sunday school will be at 9:45; preaching at 11; B. T. U. at 6:26 and evening worship service at 7:30 will be dedicated to the young people. Prayer meeting each Wednesday at 7:30.

Farm Loan Group Holds Annual Meet

The annual meeting of the Lumberton National Farm Loan Association was held at the courthouse in Lumberton, Wednesday morning, March 15. At the meeting, financial and other reports on the 1943 operations were made by A. H. White, president, and J. C. Culbreth, secretary-treasurer.

It was brought out that in 1943, five National Farm Loan Associations serving Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties were consolidated to form this association and that during the process of consolidation all charges against any of the associations which had incurred losses on endorsed loans were cancelled by the Federal Land Bank and means were provided to pay all former members who had liquidated their loans the full value of their stock where they had not been previously reimbursed. Mr. White stated that the close of the year found the association in excellent financial condition.

The following directors were elected by the stockholders:

W. H. Malloy, Laurinburg; A. H. White, Maxton; E. G. Ballance, Lumber Bridge; E. C. Morgan, Fairmont; and G. B. Rowland, Raeford. The board of directors met immediately following the stockholders meeting and elected the following officers for the year 1944: H. W. Malloy, president; A. H. White, vice-president; J. C. Culbreth, secretary-treasurer; and Miss Hester Hayes, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Hoke High News

Dr. Baber of the faculty of State College was at the high school Friday to speak to the science classes on soils and plants. Dr. Baber made a most interesting and informative talk.

Miss Baldwin and Mrs. Conk conducted the chapel program Wednesday, March 15. Miss Baldwin sang "The Children's Prayer", "Mighty Like a Rose" and "Summertime". Mrs. Conk gave three readings in Irish, Negro, and Italian dialects.

Miss Fisher's eighth grade mathematics class has arranged an attractive exhibit of geometrical figures made by the students.

Recently several tests have been given to certain groups of high school students. Results of these tests may be of interest to patrons of the school.

Those who passed the Army Air Forces Mental Screening Test which was given to sixteen and seventeen year old boys, are as follows: George L. White, R. Eugene Currie, Dan Campbell, T. Joe Upchurch, John McGregor, John Allen Webb, Thomas Ray, Lewis McNeill, W. Kenneth Fields, Wade Hendrix, W. Glenn Maxwell, Warren Childress, Angus Currie, Arthur D. Gore, Jr., Thomas Potter.

Of those taking the college entrance examination, which was voluntary, Donnie Lytle, Grace Jones, Harriett Jones, and Vera King passed. It was of interest to note that this test was given to juniors, not seniors.

Results of the Navy V-12 test, which was given March 15, have not yet been returned. Only a few boys were permitted to take this test because they must be seventeen years of age and must be able to graduate by July 1. For this reason many seventeen year old boys who have already graduated from high school will take this test in college. These were the ones who took the test: William Adcox, Dan Campbell, Harold Gillis, Arthur D. Gore, Jr., Percy McNeill, and Joe Upchurch.

SORGO
A new sorghum came from Ethiopia may have possibilities for sugar production, say USDA officials. It will be tested in the Southern States and in the Canal Zone.

Wilds And Campbell Speakers At Trophy Presentation Here

Industry and Cooperation Of County's Farmers Praised At Banquet Friday.

The one-variety cotton associations are the best solution to the cotton planters' problems and will go a long way in meeting the stiff competition which cotton will face from competing synthetic fibres after the war, Hoke county cotton growers were told Friday evening by both Dr. George J. Wilds and Dr. Malcolm E. Campbell in addresses that preceded the presentation of the improvement trophy awarded the county by the Atlantic Cotton Association.

Hoke county won this recognition in 1943 by showing the greatest improvement in cotton production and ginning of all the counties of the state, in a contest conducted under the auspices of the Atlantic Association and judged by State and Federal agricultural experts.

Hoke had a total of 645 points out of a possible 1,000, while the next competing county of the 38 one-variety counties of the state was Jones with 513. Anson was the only other county to receive over 500 points.



County Agent, Abner S. Knowles, who has been responsible for much of the expansion of the one-variety program here, presided over the banquet which was attended by about two hundred farmers, ginners and agricultural and business leaders of Hoke, Robeson, Cumberland, Moore, Harnett, Columbus and Scotland counties, and a number of representatives from State and Federal agricultural agencies of Raleigh and Atlanta.

Following the invocation by the Rev. Harry K. Holland, guests were welcomed by N. H. G. Balfour, secretary of the Hoke Association and chairman of the county board of commissioners.

Dr. George J. Wilds, president of the Coker Pedigreed Seed company of Hartsville, which developed the variety, Coker's 100-Wilt resistant cotton, planted by about 90 per cent of the growers of the county, told the group of the various steps a new variety of cotton underwent before it was offered for general production. His concern is developing cotton for particular needs of spinners and it is developed, he said, under a series of tests which give both profitable production quantities for the farmers and produces a fibre which is suitable for a certain type of spinning.

"The spinners now are learning that length of staple is not the prime requirement in making yarns and cloths," Dr. Wilds stated. "Many are now buying on grade and variety, as each variety has certain characteristics whether the staple is the same length from bale to bale or not."

This conclusion was seconded by Dean Campbell, of the Textile school of State College, who was the second speaker on the evening's program. Dean Campbell told of the numerous tests which the school is prepared to run on various varieties of cottons which will determine whether a new variety of the fibre has commercially possible advantages before the breeder has wasted years in development and the farmers have produced maybe thousands of bales before the real quality of the cotton has been determined from an industrial point of view.

Short talks on the use of the "Cotton Classing Service," by Tommy Upchurch; "Marketing with aid of Federal Classing Service" by J. M. "Sam" McGowan concluded the speaking. Guests were presented in a most affable manner by F. H. Jeter, editor of the N. C. Extension service. The trophy, till now covered at the speakers' table, was then presented



ACCEPTS TROPHY—T. D. Potter, president of the Hoke County One-Variety Cotton Improvement Association, who accepted the trophy presented the association last Friday by the Atlantic Cotton Association. Mr. Potter's speech of acceptance follows:

When I was given the honor to respond to the speech just concluded, I felt it indeed a great honor to do so, and, also to have been a member of the organization I now represent.

This county, being one of the smallest of the state, with the help of all the people, is trying in every way to make the conditions of the county better. The county is made up of people who believe in looking forward and we believe that better things are yet to come and, if we do our work well, that a reward will surely come.

This token of our county's progress reminds me to say that we should revolutionize our methods and adopt better ones for our success depends upon it.

Our farmers are adopting the use of better seed, better methods of planting, cultivating and harvesting, and the experiments carried on by our state have been of a great help to the farmers in doing this. The ginners of this county are due a great deal of credit for the aid they have been in the improvement made in the cotton grown in this county.

I accept this emblem of our diligence and progress in the worthy name of all the people of this county, and will dedicate it forever to those who will follow after us as we endeavor to help to feed and clothe the people of this world in which we now live.

So Wet The Seagulls Are Uncertain About Atlantic Shoreline

Folks have been talking about the preponderance of rain in the past few weeks, and each week the farmers say more bays and pocosins are just "running over with water." But we didn't know that the water level had got so high that gulls didn't know just where the coast of the Atlantic was.

Monday morning a number of these birds were seen diving at finny creatures in a cotton field just to the south edge of town, and later in the day Robert Gatlin reported that at least one gull was seen flying up the middle of Main Street looking for a "dry" place to light. If it keeps up at this rate, perhaps we can go to the seniors down about Lumberton way about the first of June.

Services At Shiloh And Bethel Sunday

William B. Gaston, of Columbia, S.C., who received his divinity degree at Union Theological seminary last year and completes a fellowship there this spring will conduct services at Shiloh Sunday morning and at Bethel Sunday evening. Mrs. Gaston, of the Assembly's Training School is expected to accompany her husband.

J. E. Holcombe, Columbus County Farmer Found That The Breeding Of Purebred Chester White Sows Gives Him The Best Commercial Hogs

to President T. D. Potter of the Hoke Association by R. L. Cooper, president of Cooper-Peale, Inc., of Clayton.

The trophy, a beautiful loving cup, was inscribed with the following: "Presented to Hoke County One-Variety Cotton Improvement Association for Outstanding Results in Cotton Improvement in 1943 by the Atlantic Cotton Association, March 17, 1944."

Prior to the interesting and well timed program a delicious chicken dinner prepared under the direction of Harry Green and John McGoogan and served by a number of ladies under the supervision of Miss Josephine Hall was heartily enjoyed.

Sim Thomas, 53, Dies Of Burns

Sim Thomas, 53, who lived near the fish hatchery on Fayetteville Road, was found burned to death at the home of a neighbor, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Skipper Tuesday afternoon.

The Skippers returned home about 4 o'clock and smelled smoke. On investigation a bed was found afire. On further search they found Thomas' body lying about halfway between the house and a well, toward which he had apparently been going. He was badly burned and dead when found.

Thomas was a veteran of the last war, and an employee of post engineers at Bragg.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Bertha Postman; a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Autry, Fayetteville, brothers, Alex Thomas, of Fayetteville and Billy Thomas, Parkton; sisters, Miss Annie Thomas, Fayetteville, and Mrs. Eli Walters, Laurel Hill; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon, 4 p. m., at Jernigan Funeral home. Officiating will be the Rev. Frank P. Maultsby and the Rev. W. E. Hollingsworth. Burial will be in the Thomas family cemetery at Fort Bragg.

Lumberton Man Elected Head Men's Group

Laymen In The Postwar Work Of Church Subject Talk Made By The Rev. James A. Jones.

The annual dinner meeting of the Men of Fayetteville Presbytery was held at Flora Macdonald college last Thursday evening. J. P. Allred of Laurinburg, retiring president, presented the guest speaker, Dr. James A. Jones, pastor of the Myers Park Presbyterian church in Charlotte, whose subject was "Christian Laymen Going Forward with Christ in the Postwar World." Other talks were made by John M. Wilson of Fayetteville, Cecil Dew of Raeford, J. B. McCallum of Maxton, and W. D. McCormick of St. Pauls.

At the business meeting, the following officers were elected: President, J. D. Stewart of Lumberton; vice-president, Francis Cox of Maxton; and secretary-treasurer, John M. Wilson of Fayetteville. These officers were installed by Rev. Ben Moore of Lumberton.

Joyce Mann Hurt

Joyce Helene Mann, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Mann was painfully injured last Thursday morning when struck by a grocery truck which was making deliveries near her home.

She was a patient at Highsmiths hospital for several days, but has been home and is getting along fine, according to Mr. Mann.

Robert J. Vanhoy Dies At Montrose

Funeral services for Robert Jasper Vanhoy, 70, who died Friday morning at his home near Sanatorium, were held Saturday afternoon at the Mountain Creek Primitive Baptist Church near Albemarle. Elder C. M. Miller of Charlotte, was in charge of the services.

Mr. Vanhoy is survived by the following children: Spencer Vanhoy of Albemarle; George Vanhoy of Sanatorium; Roy and Jonah Vanhoy of Aberdeen and Paul Vanhoy of Charlotte; Mrs. Reece Cole of Jackson Springs and Miss Nora Vanhoy of Aberdeen. Also surviving are: three brothers, Harris of Richfield, J. M. of Charlotte, and Lee of Welcome; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary J. Honeycutt of Goldsboro and Mrs. J. A. Morgan of Albemarle.

Big Hawk Killed By Bill Upchurch

A fish hawk that might seek whales at its prey was killed here this week by Bill Upchurch. The hawk was shot while flying above Clyde's pond. It measured five feet eleven inches from wing tip to wing tip according to Bill and was the "whoppingest, biggest hawk I ever saw."

Bill reports that within the past few weeks he has lost 22 young ducks and that a resident close by the pond has lost 17 chickens which they believe the hawk has destroyed.

When shot, with a 22 cal. rifle, the hawk fell into the pond—"right in the middle of the water." With no boat handy Bill shuffled off and swam out to get the mighty bird, and got mighty cold so doing but suffered no ill effects.

County 30% Over Red Cross War Fund Quota

\$7,674.32 Reported Received At County Headquarters And More Coming In, Says Chairman McBryde.

Hoke county has now gone more than 30 percent over its Red Cross War Fund quota of \$5,900. A total of \$7,674.32 had been received at county headquarters yesterday, with a number of final reports to be received, it was stated by Chairman Ivan McBryde.

Every community, or group, to which a quota was assigned, has now subscribed its allotment, according to Mr. McBryde, with one exception, and there are a number of reports yet to be made though many drive was due to be completed Monday. These reports are to be made within the next three days. Any workers who have funds to be turned in are asked to leave them with Mrs. Wright at the office of the Lumberton River REA.

Additional funds are being contributed through collections taken each evening at the Raeford Theatre, which feature of the drive will be continued the rest of the week.

In behalf of the Hoke County chapter of the Red Cross, Mr. McBryde extends thanks to the Fund workers and to all contributors for their excellent work and the fine response to the appeal for contributions. "Gifts have exceeded all expectations and by their number and the generous amounts contributed they have shown how deeply the organization has touched our people in this universal conflict."

Sgt. William Hawfield Former Hoke Resident Missing In Action

Mr. and Mrs. W. Preston Hawfield, of Union County, have been notified that their son, Sgt. William Preston Hawfield is missing from an action over Germany on February 28.

He was an engineer chief of a B-24 bomber.

Sgt. Hawfield is well known here, as are his parents. Mr. Hawfield having been county superintendent of education of Hoke county at one time.

Robeson Is Third Tobacco Growing County In State

RALEIGH, N. C., March 14.—Approximately 70 per cent of the flue-cured and two per cent of the burley tobacco produced in the Nation last year was grown in North Carolina, the State Department of Agriculture recently reported. The counties of Pitt, Johnston, Robeson, Wake and Wilson, in the order named, led the State in the production of leaf tobacco, selling 51,390,634 pounds, sold, while Pitt, having markets in Farmville and Greenville, led the counties with total sales of 58,882,610 pounds. Columbus led in the number of markets in operation with 16.

V. R. White Re-Elected Principal Hoke High

V. R. White, principal of the Hoke County High School for the past two years, was re-elected for the 1944-45 term at a meeting of the board of trustees held this week, according to an announcement made yesterday by K. A. McDonald, county superintendent of education.

Eye Clinics Work Being Completed

The eye clinics which have been held in the county schools during the past two months are being completed this month. Of some 500 pupils examined, 68 were fitted with glasses late last month.

School officials expect some 100 students will be fitted with glasses within the next two weeks.

Three Hoke Countians Win Awards At Bragg

Among fifty War Department employees at Fort Bragg, there were three from Hoke County who won awards for suggestions which had improved methods which had saved the department much money.

The total saved by the fifty one suggestions amounts to \$111,816 annually. Those from the county winning the awards were: Mrs. Phil Hurt, Kermit L. Wood and Peter A. Webb.