

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Pvt. Ralph H. Chapman and Pvt. John H. McNulty of Raeford, who were recently taken into the service, have been sent to the Ordnance Replacement Training Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., where they will receive their basic training as ordnance soldiers.

Their present address is Company E, 1st Regiment, ORTC Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Coolidge Sandy, seaman 1c, who has been stationed in the Aleutians for the past 14 months has returned to his base at Camp Parks, Cal., after spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sandy of Raeford.

Coolidge is one of three brothers in the armed forces. Lewis Sandy is also in the Navy, stationed at Vero Beach, Fla., and Sergeant Frank Sandy is in England with the army.

Lt. (sg.) Benjamin Franklin Currie, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Currie of Raeford, returned Monday to a base in Florida after spending a leave here with his parents.

Hoke High News

The English teachers throughout the high school are cooperating with the State Department of Education in putting on an essay contest sponsored by "The Cotton Trade Journal." The subject which the pupils are to write on is "The Contribution Cotton Is Making to War Effort." This is endorsed by Dr. Howard A. Dawson, director of rural service, National Education Association, and Dr. John W. Studabaker, United States Com-wal as well as state prizes will be given for the best essays.

On Thursday and Friday mornings of this week beginning at 10:25 o'clock two sound films, "Hidden Hunger" and "This Too is Sabotage" will be shown at the high school under the direction of the Nutrition Committee of the Woman's Club. All members of the Woman's Club and others who are interested are invited to see these pictures.

The members of the senior class are still working hard on their play which they will have ready for presentation April 28.

The high school librarian has just received an order of one hundred and seventy new books. These books are being classified and catalogued and will soon be ready for the shelves.

The pupils of Miss Fisher's home room presented a one-act play entitled "All in Good Time" during the assembly period April 5. The character were: Stacey Koonce, Bettie Blue Moon, Eugene Hart and Bill Moses.

The members of the Hoke County Educo club entertained the members of the County Board of Education and the District Committeemen at dinner served in the high school lunch room Tuesday evening. Mr. Ryan McBryde, member of State School Commission, was also present and spoke briefly on "State School Policies." A round table discussion concerning school improvements was held.

The Hoke High School Physical Education students are earnestly endeavoring to become as physically fit as our country expects them to be. They are now looking upon their Physical Education period as a work period rather than a free forty-five minutes to play.

The boys especially are being put through a physical fitness program equivalent to that used in the services. A record is being kept of every boy in high school from the eighth through the twelfth grades. Those boys who deserve honorable mention for having an excellent record are: Allan McGee, highest average; Joe Upchurch, second high, and Charles Steed third high. The boys who rated very good are: Alfred Cole, Joe Maxwell, Harold Thomas and Fred Yarborough. Charles Steed deserves special credit since he is in the eighth grade and only fourteen years of age. The number of "Sit-Up" exercises considered perfect by the Army Air Corps is 114, and Charles executed 120.

Within the past two months an obstacle course, consisting of balance beams, a fourteen foot climbing ladder, a four-foot vaulting fence, walking logs, and a crouching cage have been added to school grounds and are being used by both boys and girls.

Last week two fine out-door basketball goals were erected by Mr. Dowd's agriculture pupils on the high school grounds and the pupils have derived

20 Scholarships At State College Open To Women

Raleigh April 19.—Twenty fellowships worth \$1070.00 each have been made available at N. C. State College to qualified women by the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Company, it was announced today by Dr. W. G. Van Note, coordinator of the Pratt and Whitney Program at the College.

The fellowships are designed to prepare young college graduates who have no prior technical background for positions as engineering aides in Pratt and Whitney's Hartford, Conn., Aircraft plants, and they cover all tuition, fees, books, instruments, board, lodging, and laundry as well as giving an additional cash stipend of \$25 per month.

The course of study includes fundamentals in mathematics, engineering drawing, engineering physics, metallurgy, aircraft engines, machine shop practices, experimental statistics, and mechanical engineering laboratory, Dr. Van Note said.

Successful candidates for the fellowships must be young women who have completed a four-year college course, preferably since 1937. They must be American citizens in good health and should bring with them a birth certificate.

Upon entering the plant at the conclusion of the College program, monthly earnings will be approximately \$180, and pay raises will be forthcoming as experience and training proceed.

State College received its initial group of 20 fellowships last June, and the first class will complete the courses prescribed at the end of the present school term on May 29.

Dr. Van Note now is receiving applications for the fellowships.

Ayrshire Sale At Pinehurst Monday

The annual auction sale of purebred Ayrshires, staged each year at the Dairy grounds of Pinehurst, incorporated, will be held next Monday, April 24, it was announced this week.

A talk on "What is a Good Cow" will be made at eleven o'clock that morning by C. T. Conklin, secretary of the National Ayrshire association and lunch will be served at the Community church at noon.

The sale, with Prof. R. N. Huffman as auctioneer, will begin promptly at 2 p. m., under the direction of the Carolina-Virginia Ayrshire association.

Records of each of the animals for sale are available through the dairy of the State Sanatorium or through the dairies of Pinehurst, Inc. All performance records kept by the Ayrshire association are based on the U. S. Standards of twice-a-day milkings.

Musical Program For Kiwanis Tonight On "Mealless" Night

Robert Gatlin is program chairman for the Kiwanis club tonight and he states he has arranged for several musicians from Fort Bragg to present entertainment. Special guests of the club tonight will include Kiwanians wives, and members of the Boy Scout troop which the club sponsors.

Col. R. B. Lewis was speaker on last Thursday's program and he gave a most interesting description of the British West Indies, particularly dealing with the geographical situation of the Port of Spain.

A feature of the meeting tonight is that this is the first mealless meetings which the club is to observe each quarter, with the money ordinarily spent for the supper to go to some worthy cause. This money has already been donated to the War Fund of the Hoke County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

James L. Nichols Dies At Ashley Heights

Funeral services for James Luther Nichols, aged 69, of Ashley Heights, who died in Moore County Hospital Tuesday afternoon, April 11 following an extended illness, were held from Ashley Heights Baptist Church Wednesday at 2:00 with J. B. Rasberry in charge, assisted by the Rev. E. M. Harris of Aberdeen. Burial followed in the Hillside Cemetery, Laurinburg.

Mr. Nichols is survived by his widow, the former Miss Elizabeth Russell; one daughter, Mrs. J. B. Rasberry, Hohenwall, Tenn., and one half sister, Mrs. Malcolm Everett, Chattanooga, Tenn.

New Shoe Stamp

Raleigh, April 19.—Airplane Stamp 2 in War Ration Book Three may be used for buying one pair of rationed shoes beginning May 1, Theodore S. Johnson, district director of the OPA, has announced. He also reminded purchasers that Stamp 18 in War Ration Book One, which has been valid for shoes since June 18, 1943 will expire on April 30.

Pound Sugar Ration

Raleigh, April 19.—Servicemen on furlough will get their sugar rations in units of one pound, rather than on the previous basis of one-quarter pound for every nine meals at home, it was announced by the director of the Raleigh of OPA.

Reason of the change is primarily that servicemen have found it difficult to buy sugar in smaller amounts than one pound. In addition, handling of certificates for quarter-pounds of sugar creates needless banking and bookkeeping problems.

Eighteen File As Candidates For Offices

Contests For Three Offices In Democratic Primary To Be Held May 27th.

Contested campaigns were indicated in the races for only three offices on the county slate in the Democratic primary set for May 27th, as the final filing date was passed Saturday.

With the principal interest in the primary centered on the race for governor between Major R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia and Prof. Ralph MacDonald of Chapel Hill, and the campaign for the U. S. Senate between former Governor Clyde R. Hoey and Cameron Morrison, with three lesser candidates thrown in to muddy the waters, little interest is being taken in the local scramble for offices.

For the office of judge of the Recorder's court, former Sheriff and more lately former Clerk of Court, Edgar Hall has entered the lists against incumbent Judge Henry McDiarmid, who seeks re-nomination, while McNair Smith has no opposition for the solicitorship.

W. S. Crawley, farmer, shoe salesman and one-time candidate for county commissioner, has announced his candidacy for the office of Register of Deeds seeking to unseat W. W. Roberts from his post. Mr. Roberts has also filed for re-nomination and has been campaigning for several weeks.

There will be a six-way race for the five-place Board of County Commissioners with E. R. Pickler, Hector McNeill and Chairman N. H. G. Balfour seeking re-nomination, while F. Knox Watson of Ant-och township, F. A. Monroe of McLaurin, and T. D. Potter of Raeford seek places on the board. A. K. Stevens and W. L. Gibson, not filing, for re-nomination.

Ryan McBryde, now a member of the State School Commission, has filed for the Senate, an office that comes to Hoke county every other term and which he has filled for several terms. Other counties of the 12th district are Moore, Harnett and Randolph. He is opposed for this office as incumbent Dr. George W. Brown, who seeks re-nomination for the Hoke seat in the State House of Representatives.

All members of the present Board of Education seek re-nomination and there will be no contest as only five candidates filed for the five places on the board. They are D. B. McFadyen, A. W. Wood, A. D. McPhaul, Carl G. Riley and W. M. Monroe.

One in every three Britons now has a Post Office Savings Bank account.

Malcolm A. Clark Dies At Blue Springs Home

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from Bethel Presbyterian church for Malcolm Archie Clark, 81, who died at his home in Blue Springs township Sunday morning. The Rev. Harry K. Holland officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

A native of that community Mr. Clark was a farmer. He was active in the community life and for a number of years had been an elder of the Bethel Church.

He is survived by three sons: Luther with whom he made his home, Neal also of Blue Springs and McLaurin Clark of Raeford.

Dr. H. H. McMillan To Conduct Meeting At Wagram Church

By Rev. J. D. Wisnant

Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock Spring Hill Baptist church will begin a week of consecutive services. Dr. H. H. McMillan recently returned from occupied China will be with us for the first service of the week. Dr. McMillan needs no introduction to the people of Hoke county.

Dr. McMillan is pastor of Spring Hill Baptist church in Hoke county and all of the people of Hoke county are cordially invited to attend these services.

Re-Elect Teachers Schools Here

All teachers of the Hoke High School and of the Raeford Grammar school were re-elected at a recent meeting of the district board of trustees. Mrs. Neill A. McDonald, who was "drafted" last fall to fill an unexpected vacancy has resigned, and County Superintendent K. A. McDonald states that this place, so far, is the only one that will have to be filled.

A. S. Gaston was re-elected principal of the Upchurch Negro school though other teachers are to be elected at a subsequent meeting of the board.

Raeford Wins 15-8 From Wagram

In the second game of the season Raeford, trailing for three innings took the lead in the fourth frame, and went on to win by the lop-sided score of 15 to 8 from a visiting Raeford team. Jack Campbell hit 3 for 3, and Joe Upchurch hit a thriller that brought in three men.

LIBRARY NEWS

Helen McInnes, author of the best seller, "Above Suspicion," and "Assignment in Brittany," has written a new book, "While Still We Live," which has been received in Hoke County Library.

Other new books of fiction are: "What Became of Anna Bolton—Bromfield; Bedford Village—second book in series of novels on American history—by Hervey Allen; O Distant Star—Doner; Heart on Her Sleeve—Kelland; Homer's Hill—Hayes; The Woman in the Picture—August.

Non-fiction: "The Queen was in the Kitchen—McVicker; Curtain Going Up—Story of Katherine Cornell—Malvern; You Are The Adventure—Boone; Long, Long Ago—Woolcott; 'The Helicopters Are Coming—Macaulay.

Several new books for children have also been placed on the shelves.

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. Senior Vesper Group—Costs of the Kingdom. Herbert McKeithan, leader.
6:45 P. M. The Fellowship Hour for Soldiers.
7:00 P. M. Pioneer Vesper Group—What Would It Mean to Take Jesus Seriously in Our Country, and in the World today? Lauchlin MacDonald, leader.
8:00 P. M. Evening Worship; sermon by the pastor.

Baptist Church

Sunday School Sunday morning 9:45 A. M.
Preaching 11:00 A. M. The Lord's Supper will be observed.
B. T. U. Sunday evening at 6:35 P. M. Baptists are urged to attend.
No evening preaching service Sunday. The pastor will be at a protracted meeting at Wagram.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Pay Increase At Edinburg Mills Allowed By WLB

Hourly Increase Will Add About \$2,000 Monthly To Payroll; New Employment Program Plans Training For Inexperienced Workers.

An increase of five cents in hourly rates of pay for all employees of the Edinburg Cotton Mills was announced yesterday by the management following receipt of permission for the increase from the War Labor Board.

The wage increase was made effective Monday morning, April 17, according to James C. McKinnon, partner in the textile concern. Mr. McKinnon explained that the increase would show up in the pay checks issued April 28th, when pay for the week of the 17th would be made. The mill's payroll operates on a full week's holdback due to the time required for calculating for piece-work on which basis a number of its operatives are employed.

An application to the WLB for the increase was made by the mill management sometime ago and approval was granted last week. This application was made in conjunction with similar requests for the other mills of the Morgan interests, which own the local plant, and was approved at the same time. Wage increases are being put into effect in accordance with the WLB approval throughout all the textile concerns of the Morgan concern.

\$2,000 Per Month
It was stated that some 200 employees of the local plant would be affected by the raise and an additional \$2,000 would be added to the payroll each month.

Critical War Plant

The Edinburg Mills make fine curried cotton yarns and a very large percentage of its entire production goes to processors which make it into vital war materials for the armed services. "More and more emphasis is being placed by the Armed Forces upon the textile concerns," stated Mr. McKinnon, "as manufacturers of vital war products and our product is termed one of critical need. Throughout the textile industry production for the past year has dropped about 15 percent over 1942, and local production has decreased at least that much from our peak period of last year." He explained that a part of this loss was due to fewer employees and a part to inexperienced employees and a part to absenteeism. "It is hard to make a man see that cotton thread is really an integral part of a combat weapon, but really millions of pounds are used monthly in the making of all types of weapons. Cotton is just as important in the manufacture of these instruments of war as are the steel, aluminum, rubber or copper that goes into them," declared Mr. McKinnon.

Training Program

The mill has conducted two classes for key employees, preparing them through the Training Within Industry Program, to handle their own jobs better and also giving them experience in the training of new and inexperienced employees. "We are making every effort to train our employees so that we can regain peak production from our machines, and have established this program," said L. B. Singleton, personnel director for the mill, "for the special benefit of untrained workers."

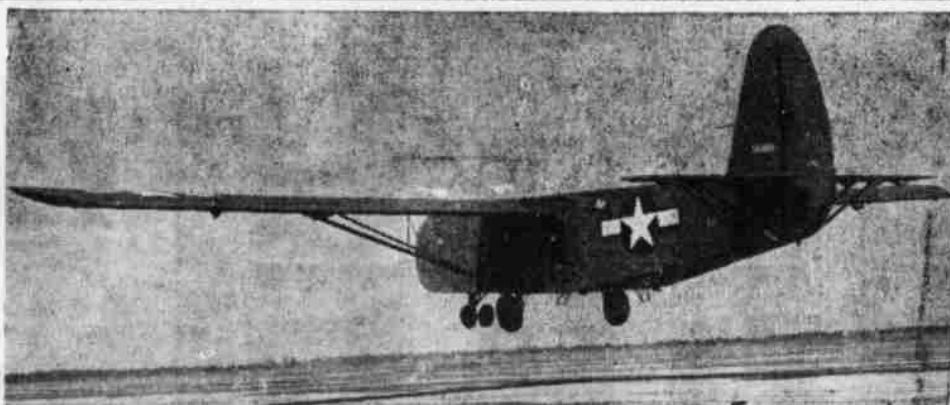
There are now some forty men and women among the mill's employees who have completed these courses and are prepared to give instruction in the operation of all the machinery of the plant. It is through this group that the mill hopes to train at least 50 and more additional employees which it now seeks to employ.

"We are prepared now to give new employees a course of training which will make them efficient workers in the very minimum of time," said Mr. Singleton, "and we hope to employ at least 50 people from Hoke county immediately who can soon be earning top wages because of this training program."

If a sufficient number of workers from a given section of the county are secured and transportation by other means is not readily available, the mill, which will give preference to Hoke county people, expects to soon be able to provide transportation to and from their homes.

The Edinburg Cotton Mills have been operated for the past several years by the Morgan interests and since they acquired control of the local concern vast improvements in the plant buildings, the community houses and the machinery have made it one of the most modern of the smaller spinning plants in the Carolinas.

M. T. Poovey, superintendent of operations, is a widely experienced and well-known textile man who has a fine record of successful plant operations, and Mr. McKinnon states that under his supervision an employee gets the finest kind of training in expert operation of the mill's machinery.



ARMY'S NEWEST GLIDER — This is Uncle Sam's newest motorless craft, the CG-13 glider, which is now in use at Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base, installation of the First Troop Carrier Command. The glider is shown leaving the runway behind its tow plane, a C-47. The new craft can carry more than thirty men into combat, and it can carry twice the load of the CG-4A although the wing span of the two ships is practically the same. The new tricycle landing gear, which may be seen in photo, permits the CG-13 to make 90-mile-an-hour landings.



BIG GLIDER IN ACTION — Demonstrating the size and cargo-carrying ability of the huge CG-13 glider, the army's newest motorless craft, troops pour out of the nose and sides of the craft, some of them already seated in a jeep which the glider brought to earth. Wing flaps enable the CG-13 to descend sharply by slowing the speed. This action scene was photographed at Laurinburg-Maxton Army Air Base.