

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Lt. Parnell Wounded Gets Purple Heart

Lt. S. M. Parnell who was recently wounded in action while on a bombing mission over occupied Europe has been awarded the Purple Heart, according to word received here last week by his wife. Mrs. Parnell is the former Miss Billie B. McIntyre. Lt. Parnell was only slightly wounded, according to his wife, who states that he has already returned to active duty.

Staff Sgt. Harmon Lindsay, son of N. A. Lindsay, is among those boys who have been stationed in Trinidad who are now spending furloughs in the county with their families.

Pfc. Tom Clark Sinclair of the Marines, who was severely wounded in an action in the South seas several months ago, has arrived home to spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Sinclair of Ashley Heights. Tom was wounded when a grenade exploded in his foxhole. His buddy was killed.

Pvt. Will Frank Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wright, is at home on furlough. He recently completed basic training at Camp Croft, and will now report to Ft. Meade, Md.

Pvt. Hansel "Buck" Pate left Tuesday for Camp Claiborne, La., after spending 15 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Pate.

David Dickson Odum has enrolled in the U. S. Marine Service at Baltimore. He will undergo a training period from three to seven months. Odum's home is Raeford, route one.

Bruce Conoly Wounded In Air Action

Tech Sgt. Bruce Conoly, a turret gunner on a B-24 which has been participating in many of the recent raids over Germany and occupied Europe, was wounded in a recent action, according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conoly. Bruce was recently awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Plattsburg, N. Y., May 9—Hugh McLaughlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin of Raeford, has reported to the Naval Training school at Camp Macdonough for indoctrination in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Midshipman McLaughlin will be in training here for approximately four months, preparing for an ultimate commission as an ensign for duty with the U. S. Fleet.

Pvt. Hubert Cameron, paratrooper, is a patient in the Post Hospital at Camp Mackall. He recently suffered a knee injury.

Pfc. Tom McBryde of Camp Shelby, Miss. is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan McBryde.

Pvt. Roscoe Currie of Fort Bragg is spending a ten day furlough at his home here.

Conservation News

By J. C. Hutchison

C. L. Thomas, of Raeford, Supervisor of the Pee Dee-Cape Fear Soil Conservation District has recently completed the terracing of about 40 acres of his fields. He also constructed a meadow strip and seeded it to Sericea to take care of the terrace water. The work was done with a tractor and disc tiller.

J. B. Wade, route 1, Raeford, has planted kudzu along the road bank on his farm to control the water that has been damaging his fields by cutting under the banks. The seedlings were planted by a group of Boy Scouts who were working on their Merit Badges in Conservation.

E. R. Pickler, of near Ashley Heights, has cleared a site for a fish pond. The wood obtained will be used for flue wood and he is planning to do the construction this fall and winter. As soon as the pond is completed the district will furnish fish to stock it.

Whitley To Manage McDonald Campaign

H. W. B. Whitley, Raeford attorney, has been appointed the Hoke County manager of the Ralph McDonald campaign for governor it was announced here yesterday.

Dale And Shaw To Be Speakers At Farm Bureau Meet

May 31 Date For Annual Dinner Meeting of Bureau Members

R. Flake Shay, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, and Haywood Dale, widely known humorist of Greenville, will be the guest speakers at the annual dinner meeting of the Hoke County Farm Bureau, it was announced yesterday by N. H. G. Balfour.

Mr. Balfour, who is president of the county organization, stated that between two-fifty and three hundred members and their guests were expected to be present for the meeting, which would be held at the Armory here in Raeford.

Mr. Shaw is expected to devote his talk to a discussion of State and National aspects of the Bureau's year-round program, while the lighter part of the program will be the humorous address of Mr. Dale. Mr. Dale is considered one of North Carolina's outstanding after-dinner speakers and is in great demand as an entertainer for such programs as will be presented here.

Funeral Services For Peter Moore

Funeral services were held for Peter Moore, 78, at Phillip church at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Harry K. Holland conducted the services. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pall bearers were G. A. Bullock, H. C. Butler, P. C. English, Marshall Newton, Warren Phillips, and Alton Potter.

Mr. Moore died at his home Friday night after an illness of some duration. Surviving are his widow and three daughters.

All Churches Here Will Be Open On Invasion Day

The ministers of the churches of Raeford announce that their churches will be open on Invasion Day for purposes of prayer and meditation by the public. The people of Raeford are urged to use the facilities of the churches on this day and on the days following. The men on the fighting fronts who are giving so much to bring this war to a speedy close should have the spiritual as well as physical support of the people on the home front. All over our country on Invasion Day there will be people who will crowd into the churches of our land to pray for God's blessings upon this supreme effort to bring to an end this reign of terror and death.

While the churches will be open at all hours during the day and the days following the Invasion, the several pastors announce that there will be brief periods of worship in each church at 10:30 A. M., 4:00 P. M., and at 8:30 P. M. This schedule will prevail on the day on which the Invasion is announced and on the days immediately following. The church bells will ring at 10 minutes before these periods of worship to remind the people to go to church, that all the people of the town will have an opportunity to pray together in this time of crisis.

Raeford Methodist Church

Sunday school will begin promptly at 10:00 o'clock A. M., Mr. Tom Cameron, general superintendent.

11:00 A. M., Morning Worship by pastor.

8:00 P. M., Evening Worship, sermon by Dr. Smith.

You are cordially invited to attend our Mother's Day Service Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Mrs. W. R. Barrington will sing "Mother O' Mine" and the pastor will speak on "A Great Mother."

Our quarterly conference will be held Sunday evening immediately following the 8:00 o'clock service. Dr. Smith will preach.

The circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet tonight at the church Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

Neill A. McDonald Manages Hoey Here

Neill A. McDonald, local oil dealer, has been named county manager for Former Governor Clyde R. Hoey, in his race for the U. S. Senate, it was announced here Tuesday by Odus M. Hull who was visiting here in the interest of Mr. Hoey's candidacy.

Abner Knowles' Mother Dies At Willard

Mrs. Mary Alice Knowles, mother of Abner S. Knowles who is Hoke County's farm agent, died at her home in Willard Saturday following an illness of many months.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the home and a second service was later held at the Wells Chapel Baptist Church of which she was a member. The Rev. J. G. Allard, pastor, officiated.

Surviving are her husband, J. S. Knowles, four daughters, five sons, 39 grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and one brother and a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Knowles and children left Raeford Friday for his home upon hearing that his mother's condition had become critical. They are expected to return to Raeford later this week.

More Gifts Made To Honor Roll Fund For County

John A. McGougan Named Chairman Roll Construction Committee

Additional gifts of \$37 received this week by Mrs. Paul Dezerne, treasurer, have brought the total cash on hand to \$274 for the construction of the Servicemen's Honor Roll which it is planned to erect on the court house lawn.

John A. McGougan was named chairman of the construction committee and Mrs. Paul Dezerne and Mrs. R. A. Matheson, Jr., were elected to the other memberships of that committee Friday evening when the Honor Roll Committee held its second meeting.

Pledges amounting to \$115 are also reported by Mrs. Dezerne in announcing the progress being made. She explained that the \$20 pledged by the American Legion has been paid, and that the following new contributions have been received: Baum's Cash Store, \$10; A Friend, \$2; and Mildouson Home Demonstration club \$5.

In a campaign for funds being carried on in the negro schools County Superintendent K. A. McDonald states that approximately \$50 had been received last Friday and only a few of the schools had reported at that time. A similar campaign will be conducted in the white schools, it was said.

At the general committee meeting Friday night it was brought out that an Honor Roll large enough to contain all of the names of persons in the service from the county, and have space for additional names would cost more than the first estimated figure of \$350, and the committee voted not to restrict contributions until a more nearer correct estimate of the cost and maintenance could be obtained.

Large Negro Group Report For Physical Examination

The Hoke county board of the Selective Service System released today names of a large group of negroes who reported to Fort Bragg Wednesday morning, May 10, for their pre-induction examination. This is the first large group of men under 26 years of age to be called since recent changes in the draft system.

L. C. McCullum, Pete Brunson, Willie Rae, Edward Lee Faulk, Russell Harris, Charlie Jasper Robinson, David Jasper Graham, Goldfield Kirby, Walter McMillan, John Murray, Jr.

Matthey James Graham, Cleo Bratcher, Ange McLaughlin, Robert Bule, Guss McCoy, William Henry Cameron, David Isaac McNeill, Vernie Melvin, Willie Allen Brunson, Lucy McDowell, Andre McCrimmon, George Lester Conely.

Neill Richard Blue, Robert William Stewart, John Dupree, James Willie Purcell, Robert Lee Adams, Roosevelt McNair, Eddie Datus Covington, James Archie Smith, Charlie Artis, Joseph Gordon.

Moses McNeill, John Junior Murchison, Harty Graham, Thomas Parker, Willie Rainey, Ozel Beatty, Dan Armstrong, Moses Columbia McNeill, Willie Baldwin.

Johannie McKinnon, Ervin Rosier, James McNeill, Adam Davis, William Pratt, Neill Archie Ferguson, David Cook, William Henry Blue, Triversia Monroe, Dannie B. Shaw, James Marsh.

George Thomas Ray, Lewis Cunningham, Thomas Eugene Holmes, Henry Welcome Whitted, Levi David Murphy, John Wesley McDonald, Rubin Craven, Robert Smith, Frank Acey

Central District Cotton Ginners In Annual Meeting Wednesday

Grain Test Plot Fertilization Check May 15

Hoke county farmers are urged to attend a field meeting on the T. B. Upchurch, Inc. farm three miles southeast of Raeford on Monday, May 15, at 2:00 P. M. for the purpose of studying the effects of fertilizing small grains at planting time and side dressing with nitrate of soda in the spring. The official variety test sponsored by the N. C. Crop Improvement Association will also be studied by those in attendance, reports A. S. Knowles, county agent.

Funeral Monday For Mrs. Boger Maxwell

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 for Mrs. Boger E. Maxwell, 29, at the home. The Rev. J. D. Whisnant, pastor of the Raeford Baptist church, officiated. Burial was in the Raeford Cemetery.

Mrs. Maxwell died Friday evening after a brief illness. She was a native of Saltville, Miss., and was a member of the Bethel Baptist church of Dorset, Miss.

Surviving are her husband and two young sons of Raeford, and her parents, two brothers and four sisters, of Keiser, Arkansas.

Terracing Show At Stevens' Farm

There will be a terracing demonstration held Monday, May 15, at 10:00 A. M. on the A. K. Stevens' farm, three miles east of Raeford, reports county agent A. S. Knowles. This demonstration will show the type of construction of the various farm equipment companies.

A recent announcement by the AAA gives farmers an unlimited practice for terracing farm land where needed. The AAA will enter in contract with farm implement companies to do the terracing. In order to get some idea of the job that the various implement companies can render several have been invited to show farmers how their particular equipment can build terraces in this county. Representatives of the AAA and farmers from adjoining counties are expected to attend this demonstration.

Major Gregg Cherry Calls On Folk Here

Major Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, visited Raeford Tuesday afternoon and the gubernatorial candidate called on friends and business leaders for several hours. Mr. Cherry was accompanied about town by Ryan McBryde, senate nominee, who has announced his support of the Gaston county man for governor; Harry Green, Cherry manager for Hoke, being out of town this week attending a sales conference of his fertilizer concern.

One Court Case

Only one case was heard in county court Tuesday, others docketed being continued. James McDougald, negro, paid costs for having a supply of home brew on hand when officers called at his home.

MISS BENNETT WEDS SERGEANT GUY

The marriage of Miss Marjorie Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett of Zion, Ill., to Sgt. Alfred Guy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Guy, Sr. of Zion, took place last Friday evening, May 5, in the Raeford Presbyterian Church, with the Pastor, Rev. H. K. Holland, officiating. Nuptial music was rendered by Miss Audrey Brunkhurst, pianist.

Ushers were Cpl. William Harter and Cpl. David Engler of Camp Mackall. Sgt. Vernon Metzler of Freeport, Ill., the best man lighted the candles. Mrs. Vernon Metzler was matron of honor.

The bride wore a magnolia white crepe dress with purple accessories and an orchid corsage. The matron of honor wore a gray print with black accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

The young couple will make their home at Mrs. Chandler Roberts while Sgt. Guy is stationed at Camp Mackall.

Frank Melvin, Negro Loses Home By Fire

The home of Frank Melvin, a tenant of the Miss Laura Melvin farms, was destroyed by fire Monday night and the family lost all of their belongings and clothing.

The citizens of the community and the Red Cross are helping Melvin and his family, his wife and five children, get reestablished in a house. Clothing particularly is needed. There are: a girl, age 15, a girl 14, a girl 9, a boy 7 and a baby 14 months old. Persons wishing to contribute furniture and clothing to aid this reliable and respected family may do so through the Red Cross or Mrs. C. H. Giles, head of the county welfare department.

Town Board Must Issue Licenses To Beer Dealers

Following the recent action of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Raeford, in refusing to issue beer dealers licenses to three dealers here, attention has been called to a ruling by the Attorney General explaining the State Beverage laws in which regulations require that a municipality issue a license to each applicant, and these can be revoked only by the State Commissioner of Revenue in case of violations of the Beverage control act.

Licenses have been issued to the Raeford Hotel, The Elk Restaurant, William Wright and Jennings Maultsby, since the board was advised of the attorney general's ruling.

District Meet Of Home Club Women Thursday, May 18

On Thursday, May 18, several hundred Home Demonstration club members will assemble at the Ray Avenue USO club in Fayetteville for their annual District meeting. They will represent the 10th district, which includes Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Robeson, Sampson, and Scotland counties. The meeting will begin at 10:30 with Mrs. E. H. Lasater, route one, Erwin, the chairman, presiding. The program will consist of reports of club work done in the counties during the past year; an address by Mr. F. H. Jeter, Extension Editor, State College, Raleigh.

Introduction of the guests by Miss Vera Stanton, District Home Agent, greetings from the state office and from the District Federation of Women's Clubs by Mrs. R. L. Murray of Raeford, a talk on bonds by Mrs. P. P. McCain of Sanatorium, and special music are among the high lights of the program. After adjournment lunch will be served picnic style.

Mrs. Marshall Newton, County Council President, will give the Hoke county report. Mrs. Jesse Gibson of the Mildouson Club will serve as chairman of the Resolutions committee. Other club members from the county who will serve on committees are Mrs. R. B. Shockley, Courtesy; Mrs. James Gillis, Registration; and Mrs. N. F. Sinclair, Nominating. Mrs. Lucy Smith of the Blue Springs club is first Vice-Chairman of the District.

It is hoped that a large group of club women from Hoke county will attend the meeting as the program promises to be both inspirational and recreational.

C. V. B. S.

Community Vacation Bible School

There will be a Community Vacation Bible School at the Presbyterian Church June 5-9, with the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches co-operating. Registration will be held on Friday morning, June 2, from 9:30 to 11:00 o'clock. All children and young people between the ages of 4 and 18 are invited to attend. The School will be in session from 9:00 to 12:00 o'clock each day.

Union services will be held on Sunday evening, June 4, at the Methodist church, and on June 11 at the Baptist church.

The Bible school will be under the direction of Miss Audrey Brunkhurst, director of religious education at the Presbyterian Church.

Outstanding Speakers To Be Heard On Day's Program; Barbeque Dinner At 12:30

Some 200 cotton ginners, cotton mill men and other leaders of the cotton industry gathered here this morning for the annual meeting and business clinic of the North Carolina Cotton Ginners association of the central district.

President J. Henry Vaughan, of Elm City, presiding, called the meeting into session at 10 o'clock and the Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Methodist church pronounced the invocation.

Following a brief session of routine business general committees were appointed. This was followed by an address by George T. Ashford, vice president and acting executive secretary of the association, who presented a twelve point program for the ginner and the cotton grower and called for a more wide-spread adoption of the one-variety program and of the Smith-Doxey cotton classification and grading.

His 12 points, and his conclusion upon their adoption, are as follows:

- "Cotton ginners should establish a definite program now in order that their future might be insured against further losses. For such a program the ginner should resolve now to: (1) Become more conscious of the importance of the cotton ginning industry in the economic setup of the world; (2) Properly supervise and manage his gin; (3) Keep accurate, detailed records; (4) Improve his plant and reduce gin damage to cotton; (5) Encourage growers to adopt one variety of cotton in each community; (6) Participate in the Smith-Doxey Program and help growers obtain a higher price for their cotton; (7) Eliminate unnecessary and extravagant services unless paid for by the customer; (8) Pay more attention to quality; (9) pay no attention to his competitor and apply all his attention to his own business; (10) Sell confidence in himself to the grower; (11) Join and support his local and National Ginners Associations; (12) Be more cooperative within the industry and less belligerent toward his competitor.

"If ginners will adopt the above resolutions and make an effort to apply them in 1944, there is no doubt that the ginning industry will bring itself up in the industrial world. The future of the cotton ginner depends upon himself. In the future, no doubt, he will not only gin cotton for mechanical pickers, haul it to the gin, gin the cotton and aid considerably in the marketing of this product."

To follow Mr. Ashford on the morning session of the full-day's program will be Dean Malcolm Campbell, director of the Textile school of State College who will speak on the importance of Cotton Ginning to the Textile Industry. Ginners' Mistakes as a Cotton Mill Operator Sees Them, will be discussed by Ralph Sanders and Julian Butler, of the Morgan Mills of Laurinburg.

Charles A. Bennett, engineer of the U. S. Gin Laboratory at Stoneville, Miss., will give some pointers on "Correcting the Ginners' Mistakes"; and Fred Johnson, Raeford native now extension ginning specialist at Stoneville, Miss., will discuss the Ginners' Part in the Cotton Improvement Program.

There will be a recess at 12:30, when the group will be the guests of the Hoke Oil and Fertilizer company at a barbeque dinner, prepared and served under the direction of Lewis Upchurch of that concern.

The afternoon session will begin at 2 o'clock with the Ginners' Forum on Technical Problems which will be led by C. S. McCaslan, ginning engineer of State College.

This will be followed by the closing business session at which directors for the district will be chosen. This year the Central District will also name the incoming president of the association and he will be nominated and elected this afternoon.

The meeting here today is one of three being held in the state this week. One at Gastonia yesterday at which A. D. Cashion, of Cornelia, R. E. Evans of Charlotte and P. D. Herndon of Kings Mountain were re-elected directors. The final meeting will be held tomorrow at Scotland Neck.

MARKETS

The new markets for fruits and vegetables will be established this year in the Mitchell County area, reports H. L. Meacham, Extension marketing specialist of State College.