

D-DAY TUESDAY B-DAY NEXT TUESDAY

United Nations Invaded France Tuesday Morning To Establish Long-Awaited Second Front

Germany Attacked Now From Three Sides and Air

News Received Calmly In This Country; Churches Crowded For Special Services.

The invasion of Europe started Tuesday night. In the greatest water and airborne movement of military men in the world's history, the Allies assaulted the coast of France to establish the Third front of the war against Germany and German-occupied Europe.

Beachheads have been established in a number of places extending over the 100 mile shoreline between Cherbourg and Le Havre and reports of the fighting early this morning say that the storming of this spot of Fortress Europe has been successful, and points first captured are rapidly being consolidated and communications set up. So far only limited information has been released by censors and the official statements merely confirm the fact that the action is in progress.

The news was received very calmly throughout America and everywhere large groups of people filled the churches for special prayer services. Attendance at the several services held in Raeford during the day was large, and during the afternoon of Tuesday the business houses of the entire town were closed for a half hour service beginning at four o'clock.

The sounding of the siren and the ringing of the church bells for the 7:30 a. m. service gave many people their first news of the invasion, though others who were listening to their radios when the news was first flashed sat by them the most of the night.

The area attacked probably offered the best ground for swift establishment of military lines to any on the European coast, having fine beaches and several of France's best harbors. The terrain of the Cherbourg peninsula has few swampy marches and no real high mountains and is some 50 miles long and from 20 to 60 miles wide.

School Property Insurance Upped By \$85,000

1945 Budget For County And For Schools Tentatively Adopted; Final Study July 3rd.

The budgets for the county school system and for the county government were tentatively adopted at meetings of the school board and the county commissioners Monday. There is expected to be no changes in the present \$1.20 tax rate for 1945, but there is expected to be some differences in appropriations for the various departments of the two departments.

Final approval of the budgets with the definite allocation of funds is expected on both the school and general county budgets on Monday, July 3rd, it was stated.

An increase in the amount of insurance carried on the school properties of the county was authorized to being the total insurance carried more nearly in line with the valuation of the building, according to K. A. McDonald, county superintendent of education. The increase of \$85,000 will raise the total insurance carried to \$334,000, and all policies are to carry 90 per cent co-insurance, it was said. Some few buildings were insured slightly over present valuation, while a number were not sufficiently covered, it was found following a recent survey and the additional insurance is expected to give the county a just protective policy over each property.

In Hospital

L. E. Reeves, Jr., is in a Fayetteville hospital this week where he underwent a minor operation Monday. He is expected to come home the latter part of this week. Otis Langdon, formerly druggist for the Reeves Drug store, is here for several weeks and is in charge of the store during Mr. Reeves absence.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME OF O. M. GILLIS

The home of Otis M. Gillis of route two was destroyed by fire last Thursday. The house and its contents were totally destroyed.

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Alex M. Patterson Now Commander

Through an application for a subscription to the News-Journal it was learned this week that Alex M. Patterson, Raeford native and a graduate of the Naval Academy, has been promoted to the rank of Commander in the Navy. He is now serving in the Pacific area. His parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Patterson of Raeford and his wife is the former Miss Mary McBryde of this county.

Commander Patterson has long been a member of the News-Journal family with his paper going to him in care of his wife in Washington, but now that he is on duty in the Pacific he wishes his paper a bit sooner, so the family will get two copies.

Nephew Mrs. Norton Killed In England

Lt. Robert Francis McGill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie McGill of Vass and Maxton, was killed in England last Friday, according to a message received by his parents Friday. Lt. McGill was nephew of Mrs. J. M. Norton of Raeford. He was a B-17 pilot and had been in England only a few weeks. He is survived by his parents, and two brothers, Sgt. Archibald McGill of Drew Field and Alex McGill of Maxton.

Trinidad Veteran Killed By Auto

Lacy West, the grandson of Mrs. Kate Butler, of Route 2, was killed in an automobile wreck Sunday. Pvt. West was stationed at Fort Bragg since his return from Trinidad where he served for about two years. He was a member of Battery F and had been in the service since the National Guard unit left here in September 1940. He was reared by his grandmother and was generally known as Lacy Butler.

IN NEW CALEDONIA

In New Caledonia, South Pacific (Special)—Private First Class, John T. Haire, formerly employed in the ice plant of the Upchurch Milling and Storage Company, Raeford, North Carolina, is on duty here with the Headquarters Company of the Army's Services of Supply for the South Pacific Area.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Haire, Route No. 2, Raeford, North Carolina, Private Haire entered the Army November, 1942, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, took his basic at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and came overseas April, 1943.

Private Haire's wife, the former Miss Bertie Jackson, Parton, North Carolina lives in Raeford, North Carolina.

He has one brother in the service, Corporal Hallie Haire who has just completed maneuvers in Louisiana.

Seaman 1-c William Alexander who has been stationed at Camp Peary, Virginia, is taking a special course at the University of Illinois. He is in the signal corps.

STUDENT-MAJOR

Aviation Student, Fredric S. Siskran, Jr. from Raeford, has been promoted to the rank of Student Major—Group Commander.

Funeral Services For Addison Johnson Held

Funeral services for Addison F. Johnson were conducted from the Sandy Grove Methodist Church on Sunday, May 28th by the Rev. A. E. Brown assisted by the Rev. Mr. Brooks of Fayetteville and the Rev. J. M. Gibbs of Lumber Bridge. Pallbearers were J. A. Jones, Clifford Bostic, Wilbur Smith, Tom Jones Roland Baker and Belton Beasley.

Mr. Johnson had been in ill health for over a year at the time of his death. He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Sarah Jane Shaw, and four children: Mrs. Walter Beasley and Mrs. Harry Adams of Fayetteville, Arthur Johnson of Parkton and Troy Johnson of the home. Nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive.

Rev. W. B. Gaston To Be Installed June 25th

The Rev. W. B. Gaston, recently called to serve the Bethel-Shiloh Presbyterian churches of this county, was received into Fayetteville Presbytery at an adjourned meeting held Monday at the First Church of Fayetteville.

He is to be installed as pastor of the two churches on the afternoon and evening of June 25. The Presbytery Commission includes the Rev. Harry K. Holland of the Raeford Church, Dr. A. R. McQueen of Dunn, Dr. C. H. Storey of Aberdeen, the Rev. L. L. Barr of Fairmont, and Edgar Hall and K. A. McDonald, elders of the Raeford Church.

The Rev. Ray Riddle, D. D., of Columbia, S. C., former pastor of Mr. Gaston has been invited to assist in the installation.

Large Lot Donated To County High By T. B. Upchurch

Playground Property Corner Of Magnolia and Fifth Now Deeded to School

The gift of a large lot located at the corner of Magnolia Street and Fifth Avenue to the Hoke County High School by T. B. Upchurch was announced yesterday afternoon by K. A. McDonald, county superintendent of schools.

The property is a large part of that land which has been used as a playground by the school for several years and is 338 feet long and 160 feet deep. The corner of the lot, 50 by 75 feet was deeded to the Raeford Boy Scouts sometime ago on which is located the Scout Cabin.

Mr. McDonald stated that the property is sufficiently large for a practice field for both baseball and football, and is a most needed and very valuable addition to the high school plant. "With more stress being added each year on physical education within our elementary and high schools, we are quite sure that every student of the school in the future will derive much pleasure and a great deal of benefit from this generous and thoughtful gift. It is a gift that will be of great value in the expansion of our physical education department."

Group Given Exam For Military Service Friday, May 26

The following white men of Hoke county were given their pre-induction examination at Fort Bragg Friday, May 26. It is understood that all but four of these men were accepted.

Jefferson Kermit Riley, Burriss Brown Shankle, Roscoe Jones, Hugh Arch McKenzie, Robert O. Woodcock, Jack Pershing Gibson, Nash Powell, John Brown McBryde, Neill Archie Maxwell, Jr., William Lester Hinson, Willie C. Locklear, Barney Baxley Brown, Ernest David Hagen, Robert W. Currie, Luther Bifferson Seals, Jr., William Floyd Scarborough, Oscar Wooten, Quentin Roosevelt Davis, John D. Black, Elbert Hunt.

Henry Harold Fields, Ralph Joe Randleman, Latta Starr McMillan, Jr., Wade Marshall Ashburn, Belton A. Locklear, Joe Doal, Charles Warren Phillips, Brown Stubbs, Arnold Elwood Baker, Chalmers B. Bullard, Alexander Norman Sessoms, Neill James McMillan, James Robert Nixon, William George Wright, William George Wright, Joseph Edwin Conoly, Daniel Frank Currie, Freddy Harris.

John F. Smith, Frank Milton, Foreney Christen Bullen, Charles Benjamin Spivey, Robert Lewis Mott, Robert Wilson Weaver (Transfer), James Thomas Wilkerson (Transfer), Alfred Chavis (Transfer), Richard Baldwin Veasey (Transfer), James Thomas Jones (Transfer), Roy Wally Jones (Transfer)

Correction

In listing the recipients of honors at the school commencement last week, Ellen Kate Koonce (not Coke) should have been named as the winner of the Kiwanis medal for the primary department. Little Miss Koonce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Koonce.

Oil lamps were used to light New York streets in 1792.

Helton Brothers Separated By Tragic Accident



Lt. Lawrence Helton Killed In Plane Crash At Army Field Near Bono, Arkansas.

Lt. Lawrence Helton of the Army Air Forces was instantly killed in the crash of a training plane at Bono Field, Arkansas, last Thursday. Lt. Helton was an instructor at this advanced training base and both he and the student pilot died in the crash.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tapp of Timberland, who occupy the home where the Helton family had lived. The Rev. J. D. Whitman pastor of the Raeford Baptist Church, and the Rev. J. Edward Reamy, a former pastor, conducted the services. Burial was in the Raeford cemetery.

A large concourse of friends from throughout the county attended the services, and the many beautiful flowers attested the high esteem in which this popular young flyer was held.

Lt. Helton was the son of Mrs. Mary Helton of Timberland and is survived by her, a sister, Miss Mary Grey Helton of Raeford, and one brother, Lt. Eldred H. Helton, also of the AAF.

Soon after graduating from the Hoke County High School he and his brother entered the airforces and were stationed together for their basic training, their primary flight training and were either together or at neighboring fields throughout the past two and a half years of Army service. They were graduated together and commissioned pilots on the same day in March of this year. Since that time both have been instructors at advanced training bases in Arkansas.

Gifts For Honor Roll Fund

Mrs. W. B. McLaughlin announces a number of additional gifts to the Hoke County Honor Roll Fund. In making the announcement she states that she wishes it plainly set out that all contributions have been voluntary and that there has been no drive or solicitation for these gifts. She also adds that any person wishing to contribute to the erection of the honor roll, which will bear the names of all men and women in the service from the county, may do so by handing their contribution to her or Mrs. Paul Dezzerne, treasurer of the Honor Roll Committee. No solicitations will be made, she stated.

Contributions received since last week include: N. H. G. Balfour—\$2; Hugh Hair \$2; Raeford Furniture Co.—\$10; John Parker—\$1; Mrs. N. A. Clark—\$1; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Plummer—\$2; "In memory of Lt. Lawrence Helton" by H. L. Gatlin, Jr.—\$2; Mrs. Arah G. Stuart's piano class—\$5; A friend—\$10; Mrs. H. W. B. Whitley—\$1; Little River Home Demonstration Club—\$5; Jack McDuffie—\$1.

This makes a total of \$510 cash contributed to the Honor Roll.

Vacation Bible School

On Friday, the last day of the Community Vacation Bible School, all the parents of the boys and girls attending the school are invited to bring a picnic lunch and join their children on the church grounds. The picnic will be at 12 o'clock. At that time the parents are invited to visit the departments and see the work that has been done by the children.

The commencement exercises of the Bible School will be held at the Baptist Church Sunday night at 8:00 o'clock. The boys and girls will have

County Committee Sets Tuesday June 13th For County To Buy \$206,000 Bonds For Victory

Airfield Site Be Secured Next Raeford Soon

County Commissioners Appoint Committee To Investigate Properties Available.

The purchase of a site for an airfield near Raeford is in prospect, according to an action taken Monday by the Board of Commissioners, which expects to act jointly with the Raeford Board of Commissioners.

L. M. Upchurch, J. B. Thomas and Mrs. P. P. McCain were appointed to represent the commission on a committee, with other members to be appointed by the town government, which is to investigate properties that may be available which would be suitable for the construction of an airfield. The committee is to investigate sites and make recommendations to the two governing bodies as a part of the post war planning program which is beginning to take definite shape locally.

T. B. Upchurch, Jr., Again Elected Co-Op President

Annual Meeting of Cotton Group Held at Raleigh Tuesday.

T. B. Upchurch, Jr., of Raeford, was again named president and a director of the N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperative Association at the annual meeting held in Raleigh Tuesday.

M. G. Mann, general manager of the association, gave his annual report to the membership and short talks were made by Mr. Upchurch, W. W. Eagles, president of the FCX, Harry Caldwell, master of the State Grange and W. A. White, state agent for the Farm Bureau insurance companies.

Mr. Upchurch discussed the problems cotton farmers will face in the postwar period from the standpoint of competition with ever increasing cotton production in foreign countries, and the competition of synthetic products which have been developed at home.

He told the cotton growers that the best way to meet the competition of foreign cotton and synthetic products, "is to produce higher quality cotton and to market it more orderly and more intelligently." He continued, "If the average of all 600,000 bales of cotton raised in North Carolina last year had been only one grade higher, it would have meant \$30,000,000 additional dollars in the pockets of North Carolina farmers."

Mr. Upchurch also reported on the progress that has been made on cotton picking machines. "While those machines, which are not adapted to our cotton farms, will greatly lower the cost of production in other cotton producing areas, it is a known fact that they lower the quality of cotton, and therefore, we can offset this loss through higher grades."

Mrs. Mary N. Leach Dies At Burlington

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Nancy Leach, aged 64, were held from the Webb Avenue Methodist Church of Burlington Monday afternoon. The Rev. C. J. Andrews, pastor, officiated. Burial was in the Pine Hill Cemetery of Burlington.

Mrs. Leach was the widow of the late Hugh A. Leach, both of whom were natives of Scotland County. The daughter of the late Samuel and Sarah McKenzie Hasty, Mrs. Leach has made her home in recent years with her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Stubbs in Burlington.

Surviving are Mrs. Stubbs, and five sons: G. A. Leach of Montgomery, Ala., Pvt. John W. Leach of Keesler Field, Miss; S-Sgt. Robert L. Leach, Ladd Field Alaska, 1st Lt. Herman E. Leach, Camp Campbell, Ky., and Pfc. Hugh A. Leach of Camp Gordon, Fla. Three sisters: Mrs. Hector McBryde of Lumberton, Mrs. Frank Ledbetter of Shelby, and Mrs. Henry Cook of Aberdeen, and three brothers, R. J. Hasty and J. William Hasty of Hoke county, and D. T. Hasty of Mebane.

Sgt. Woodrow McLean of the AAF base at Charleston, and Mrs. McLean spent the past week end with his father, W. A. McLean.

Fifth War Loan Campaign Of A Day, Says Hodgin

Committees Named For B-Day Campaign: Seek \$130,000 Purchases Of "E" Bonds.

"B-Day"—the date set aside for the people of Hoke county to do their part of the invasion, has been set for next Tuesday according to D. H. Hodgin, chairman of the Hoke County Committee for the Fifth War Loan Drive. "The drive begins Monday, June 12th," states Mr. Hodgin, "and we want to put Hoke county over the top on Tuesday in one gigantic drive." "Many of our campaign workers are farmers, and the farmers are very busy producing the most vital war necessity—food—and we want them to be away only the minimum time necessary to raise the county's quota for this War Bond Drive," it was explained.

Hoke county's quota for the 5th Loan is \$206,000, approximately 20 per cent higher than the quota for the last drive. Of this amount \$130,000 is expected to be "E" bonds, it was announced by Chairman Hodgin.

"Last Tuesday, June 6th, was the day toward which we have been pointing in our war efforts combined with those efforts of our Allies," he continued, "and on next Tuesday, June 13th, we are pointing toward one of the most important days of our own local part in the war. We won't put on any big show, we won't have any movie stars, nor parades, nor speeches. We don't think the good people of Hoke County would like any great to do about this effort. We are just asking that you see your local committeeman in your own neighborhood, or go to the Bank of Raeford, the Raeford Postoffice, the Raeford Building and Loan association or to the Postoffice at Sanatorium and buy your bonds, all the "E" bonds for which you have money to buy—just as an assurance to those boys on our new beachhead that Hoke county is remembering its nearly 800 men and women now serving in the armed forces."

"We want to make an especial appeal that you not wait for someone to come around and ask you to buy bonds. You know how much money you have that can be put into them even as that Hoke county lad on the shores of France knows that he has just so much blood to give as his part of the invasion. This is your part even as fighting is his. And we ask that the folks of Hoke county do their part Tuesday even as the Allied soldiers last Tuesday did theirs," concluded Mr. Hodgin.

Mrs. P. P. McCain, chairman of women in the Fifth War Loan for Region Seven, is also chairman for the Sanatorium area of the county. Mrs. W. L. Poole is again chairman for women committees in the county, and Tom Cameron is chairman of the Bond sales for the Retail Merchants.

Township Committees are composed of the following:

Allendale

L. A. McGugan, Chr. Mrs. J. W. Hasty, Mrs. Belle Currie, F. K. Everleigh, Archie Watson and Arch McEachern, Mrs. J. S. Currie.

Antioch

W. L. Gibson, Chr. J. M. Andrews, I. L. Newton, Mrs. W. C. Hodgin, G. C. Lyttle, Miss Jean Hodgin and Mrs. Douglas McPhaul.

Blue Springs

D. H. Yarborough, Chr. Mrs. Evan Wright, Mrs. Lucy Smith, Mrs. J. W. McBryde and Bob Hasty.

Little River

L. D. Brooks, Chr. Mrs. A. D. McLaughlin, C. H. Marks, J. W. Smith and Sam Comer.

McLaughlin

John K. Parker, Chr. Mrs. Marshall Newton, Mrs. M. S. Gibson, Mrs. J. H. Plummer, Mrs. Mary Mott, M. G. Ray and Mrs. Pearl Andrews.

Quewhifle

N. F. Sinclair, Chr. R. A. Smoak, W. L. Thornburg, Mrs. Myrtle Johnson.

Stonewall

M. D. Yates, Chr. Mrs. Jesse Gibson, N. H. G. Balfour, Mrs. Archie Howard, W. J. McBryde and David Hendrix.

Mrs. W. L. Poole has announced that the town of Raeford has been divided into four sections and will be canvassed by four groups representing various clubs of the town.

The Northeast section, starting at the McLaughlin company building and extending along the east side of North Main Street will be canvassed (Continued on Page Four)