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T-Sgt. Robert W. Gammon Wounded In Action

The Purple Heart has been awarded to Tech Sergeant Robert W. Gammon who was wounded in action in France while serving on the front in France on July 14. Sgt. Gammon is from Burlington, and is the husband of the former Miss Jean McFadyen of Montrose.

Those from Raeford attending the James-Guest wedding at the Presbyterian church in Laurinburg last week included the bride's uncle, Rowland Covington, and Mrs. Covington, Miss Mary Stewart Covington, Mrs. Tom Cameron, Mrs. W. T. Covington and Miss Audrey Brunkhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Covington, Miss Mary Stewart Covington, Miss Joan Johnson, Mrs. Fred Johnson and Paul Johnson spent several days of last week at Wrightsville Beach.

Promoted

An Eighth Air Force Reconnaissance Station, England.—The promotion of William E. Strickland, 27, of Raeford, from Corporal to Sergeant, has been announced by the Commanding General of the Eighth Air Force. Sergeant Strickland is now serving as a crew chief of a twin engine, reconnaissance aircraft. His job entails not only the responsibility of the maintenance but also the lives of the crew that fly them. Sgt. Strickland has been overseas sixteen months, part of which he served at a remote airfield in Iceland. He is a graduate of Garner, N. C. High School.

Pvt. Ernest M. Black, who has been serving overseas for the past 25 months has returned to the States. He is spending a leave of three weeks at his home at Rock Hill, S. C., and with his wife, the former Miss Helen Parks of Shannon, before reporting to Miami, Fla., for re-assignment.

HONOR ROLL FUND

Previously reported \$703.79
Mrs. W. A. Crowley 1.00
TOTAL \$704.79

Funeral Services For W. E. Blue, 72, Held Tuesday

Was Former County Road Supervisor And A & R Construction Superintendent

William Elery Blue, 72, jailer for Hoke County, died at his home here Monday night after being seriously ill for several weeks.

Funeral services were conducted from the home on Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock by his pastor, the Rev. Harry K. Holland, minister of the Raeford Presbyterian church. Masonic funeral rites were performed by members of the local lodge, and members of the Raeford camp of the Woodmen of the World acted a pall bearers. Burial was in Raeford Cemetery.

The son of Mary Cameron and Murdoch Blue of Moore County, Mr. Blue came to Raeford about 1911 as a construction superintendent for the Aberdeen and Rockfish railway. At the completion of the railway he was named highway supervisor for the county in which position he remained until the State assumed maintenance of the roads. He then was placed in charge of the State prison camp here until that camp was abandoned when the Wagram camp was completed. In 1940 he was named jailer for Hoke county and was serving this capacity at the time of his death.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Annie Belle Gillis and four children: Mrs. H. C. Bethes of Dillon, Mrs. G. M. Moon, and Miss Louise Blue, and Pvt. W. E. Blue, Jr., of Fort Sill, Okla.

Also surviving are three sisters: Mrs. A. C. Cox of Lakeview, and Mrs. G. A. Shreve and Mrs. W. H. Richardson of Greensboro; and four brothers: D. C. Blue of Charleston, W. Va., and W. L. Blue of Fayetteville. These all attended the funeral services.

Others from a distance attending the services were: Mrs. Tom Cottingham, Miss Bert Bethes and Mrs. Jennings Kerr of Dillon, S. C.; J. T. Gillis, of Quitman, Ga.; J. E. Gillis of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. C. D. Iley and Mrs. T. C. Moon of Graham, Mrs. R. E. Blue, of Augusta, Ga.; Mrs. H. C. Trexler and Miss Miriam Trexler of Salisbury.

Foods furnish the body with about forty different nutrients, say Extension home economists.

Air-Blown Unloader Feature New Cotton House Of Hoke Gin

Cinder Block Construction Gives Local Concern Fire-Safe Storage Facilities.

A new type of construction and new machinery for unloading and aiding in the drying of cotton features the new seed cotton storage house completed by the Hoke Oil and Fertilizer company for this season's usage.

The building, which has capacity for 71 bales of cotton, is constructed of cinder blocks used throughout for walls and partitions separating the 71 stalls. The roof is of tin and the only wood used were for the roof support and for the stall-gates, which give the building a very large measure of protection from fire, according to Lewis Upchurch, designer and builder of the structure.

All cotton housed in the building is air-blown into the stalls direct from the wagons or trucks through special unloader gates and ducts constructed especially for the concern by the Murray gin manufacturing company. A Rembert-type blower is used for this purpose.

Mr. Upchurch points out that green or damp cotton is fluffed considerably in the original unloading, and that if it tends to heat they lift it from the original stall and blow it into another through an unusual duct arrangement of the cotton ducts and discharge pipes. The cotton is never packed into a stall, and this tends to stimulate drying and conditioning for ginning to the highest grade possible from the cotton. He states further that where there are mixed qualities of cotton in any one load, the blowing tends to mix this cotton thoroughly and give the farmer a more evenly ginned bale of staple.

"After three week's usage of the building, our ginner reports that the green cotton gins much better, and much easier when unloaded and otherwise handled in this manner, than when unloaded by hand and packed into stalls or ginned direct from the wagons. We are mighty well satisfied with the results, and think that the farmers are going to get higher and more evenly graded bales as the result," it was stated by Mr. Upchurch.

The building of the cinder block construction is the first one of its type constructed for this purpose in the United States, according to State Agricultural officials, and cotton men from the State College are vitally interested in the results of its first season's work, it has been stated. Also it is the first suction unloader to be installed East of the Mississippi, according to Murray gin officials. They installed experimental suction machinery at test gins in Texas last season and the machinery here was designed after the reports of the experiments conducted there last season.

Cotton authorities state that the ginner of the Hoke Oil and Fertilizer plant is now one of the really outstanding modern gins of the nation and should set the pace for future improvements in ginning throughout the cotton belt. Other modern machinery includes four 30-inch Murray gins, and Mitchell cleaners, hullers and dryers.

The firm has also recently constructed a concrete storage platform which will store about 125 bales of cotton. It adjoins the gin and is available to customers of the ginner.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Adline Vaughn

Mrs. Adline Vaughn, 78, died at a Raleigh hospital on Monday August 28th, following an illness of several years.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 29th at five p. m. at Sandy Grove Methodist Church by the Rev. A. E. Brown of Parkton. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She was the daughter of E. D. and Liza Ford Matthews of Wayne county but had been a resident of Hoke county for about 50 years. In recent years she had made her home with her sister, Mrs. Fred McDonald of near Raeford. Mrs. McDonald and several neices and nephews survive.

Postpone Opening Middle Belt

The opening of the middle belt tobacco markets has been postponed from September 18 to September 25, it was announced yesterday by Bill Carter of the McConnell Warehouse at Carthage, which advertised in the News-Journal that they would receive tobacco for sale on the 18th. Mr. Carter states that they will receive tobacco on the 22nd, and that the first sale will be on Monday, the 25th.



LEGION INSTALLS OFFICERS MONDAY EVENING—Shown above are, from left to right, N. H. G. Balfour, M. T. Poovey and J. S. Poole, recently elected principal officers of the Ellis Williamson Post of the American Legion, who will be installed Monday evening. Mr. Poovey is the new commander, Mr. Balfour, vice-commander and Mr. Poole was re-elected adjutant.



"CATCHING A COKE" at Raeford is Tech-Sergeant Bruce Conoly, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conoly of Raeford, who is in the midst of his first "loafing" period of the past 27 months. Veteran of 31 missions over Germany, Sgt. Conoly is officially credited with two of the five German planes his ship shot down. He is wearing ribbons which show he has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and five clusters, the Purple Heart and a Presidential group citation. He will leave next week for an airfield at Lincoln, Neb., for further service.

Funeral Plans Of Neill A. Lindsay Are Incomplete

Stonewall Township Citizen Dies Within Hour Of Arriving At Hospital.

Neill Alexander Lindsay, 69, well-known and highly respected citizen and farmer of the Stonewall township, died late Wednesday afternoon about an hour after being admitted at a Fayetteville hospital.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete pending word from members of his family.

Mr. Lindsay was a member of the board of deacons of Galatia Presbyterian church and a member of the Woodmen of the World. The son of Mary Jane Carmichael and Neill Black Lindsay, he was in his 69th year. His wife, the former Miss Mary McCormick Harmon, died in October, 1928.

Surviving are four sons: Lt. (jg) Neill Alexander Lindsay, Jr., U. S. Navy, S-Sgt. John Harmon Lindsay, Fort Sill, Okla., and David Fairley Lindsay, both of Fayetteville; two daughters, Mrs. Lloyd Auman, of Greenwood, Miss., and Miss Jane Black Lindsay, Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte; three brothers, D. G. Lindsay, Jacksonville, Fla., A. G. Lindsay, Kreele, Miss., and J. C. Lindsay, Lumberton; and two sisters, Mrs. Kate Townsend, Rockfish, and Mrs. Frank Bethes, Fayetteville; and also two grandchildren.

Raeford Baptist Church

J. D. Whisman, Minister

Sunday School Sunday morning at 9:45. Mr. A. S. Knowles, superintendent. Preaching 11:00 A. M. Sermon by the pastor. B. T. U. Sunday evening 8:00 o'clock, sermon by the pastor. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening 8:00 P. M.

Sunday morning will be the time for our quarterly Building Fund Drive. Shall we say with Solomon: "And, behold, I purpose to build a house for the name of Jehovah my God?"

12 Edinburg Mills Employees Earn Safety Awards

Safety classes for key supervisors and workers in the Edinburg Cotton Mills were concluded this week with the awarding of 12 certificates. These safety classes sponsored by the N. C. Industrial Commission in cooperation with the Edinburg Mills, were conducted by L. W. Farmer, supervisor of safety, Raleigh. L. B. Singleton, personnel director, awarded the safety certificates at the conclusion of the course and M. T. Poovey, superintendent of Edinburg Mills, made a brief talk.

The following were awarded certificates:

W. H. Wallace, E. M. Holler, Lander Steadman, Luke Taylor, Paul Long, Pauline Wright, Earl Hollis, Annie Hinson, Edwin Smith, Laura Long, W. L. Loy and M. T. Poovey.

Ban On Children To Be Lifted By Board Of Health

The ban on the assembling of children has been ordered lifted in Hoke County, effective at 12:01 A. M., the morning of Saturday September 16, it was announced yesterday.

This will permit children to prepare on Saturday for the opening of the county white schools on Monday, and will also permit them to attend Sunday services on the 17th. The action was taken on recommendation of local physicians.

The announcement stated that unless the polio epidemic showed signs of a new break out in this section, this would be done. Of course, it was explained, that should the epidemic become worse, neither would the ban be lifted nor would schools be permitted to open.

The opening date of the negro and indian schools has been set for October 2nd.

Mrs. John Culbreth, who underwent a serious operation at Pittman hospital in Fayetteville three weeks ago, has returned to her home at Shannon and is greatly improved.

Jack McDuffie Named E-City Principal

Jack McDuffie left Monday for Elizabeth City where he has accepted the position of principal of the city high school. He had been at home for a few days following completion of his work for his master of arts degree in education at the University of North Carolina.

While at Chapel Hill he was elected to membership of the Phi Delta Kappa honorary educational fraternity. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Murdock McDuffie.

Kiwanians Express Opinions On Day's Vital Questions

Questionnaires On War, Rationing, Hitler's Mode Of Death, etc., Bring Varied Answers.

The local arm-chair generals and experts on domestic affairs gathered about the supper table at last Thursday's Kiwanis club meeting and a review of their answers to present day questions of outstanding interest brought a varied group of answers and resulted in one of the most interesting programs given recently.

Of the 26 answering questions, 13 thought that the war with Germany would end by November of this year. One thought the end would come by September 26 and the latest date given was May 1, 1945.

The war with Japan may end any where between February 6th, 1945 and November 25th, 1946, but the majority believed it would end about 1 year after the fall of Germany or by November 25, 1945.

16 thought Russia would enter Berlin first, while the fore imaginative believed that Germany would collapse before their capital would be reached and that Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt would make a grand and comradely entrance together.

While 9 thought he would be assassinated by one of his own people, and 5 felt he would escape to Spain or Argentina.

Gasoline Rationing would end any where from November 1, 1944, to November, 1947, while the majority believed next January would see the end of it.

Four thought Dewey would win the election this fall, while a fifth felt sure that the New York governor should shave off the mustache his chances would improve to the point of a victory. 9 gave Roosevelt a big majority and 12 thought he would get a small majority and be re-elected. Another remarked that if Roosevelt didn't win this fall "he would be deprived of the pleasure of ever voting against him again."

The end of the general rationing program would come anywhere from November 30, 1944, to the same date in 1949, but the general opinion was that somewhere about January 1, 1946 would be the date.

Unemployment problems will be serious, it was thought, about the first of 1946, with the earliest date set at August, 1945, while some believed that it would not become serious until 1949.

The drop in agricultural prices was (Continued on Page two)

Additional Names For Honor Roll

Below are twenty seven names which have been listed with Names Committee of the Hoke County Honor Roll for inclusion on the roll when it is erected next month. This brings the county total of men and women known to be in some branch of the armed forces of the nation to 997. Please send all names not yet included in one of the four published lists to Mrs. Ina Bethune, chairman Names Committee, Raeford, N. C.

- WHITE
- Allred, William Carlyle-correction
 - Bristow, John L.
 - Cameron, William Lauchlin
 - Culbreth, John William
 - Currie, Angus Wilton
 - Hair, John David
 - Hampton, Kenneth
 - Hampton, Robert Dunlap
 - Holland, Dexter
 - Jackson, Howard L.
 - Maxwell, Jr., M. Luther
 - Johnson, Charles Douglas
 - McArthur, Henry L.
 - McByrde, Duncan B.
 - McByrde, Wilson M.
 - McFadyen, John Donaldson
 - McInnis, Henry
 - McInnis, John A.
 - McInnis, Lawrence
 - McKenzie, Graham B.
 - McLean, George Woodrow
 - McNeill, Hector Brown
 - Norton, Bradley M.
 - Ray, Marshall Gillis
 - Ray, Arnold
 - Wright, James Arthur
 - McEachin, John A. Jr., (colored)

World War Two Veterans Asked To Join Legion

Installation Of Officers Ellis Williamson Post At Court House September 11.

M. T. Poovey, superintendent of the Edinburg Mills, will be installed as commander of the Ellis Williamson Post of the American Legion on Monday evening at meeting of the post to be held at the courthouse in Raeford beginning at 8:15 o'clock.

Other officers to be installed at the meeting include: N. H. G. Balfour as vice-president and J. S. Poole adjutant.

All servicemen, veterans of both the World Wars, are cordially invited to attend the meeting and have been extended an invitation to join the local post. Adjutant Poole reports that a number of veterans of the present war have already joined the post and a number of others have signified their intention of doing so. District Commander W. S. Mann, of Dunn, will have charge of the installation ceremony and will be assisted by George W. Calver, of Red Springs, past commander and the district's membership officer for this year.

Register Discharges Free

Veterans of the present war who have been discharged are urgently requested to have their discharges registered in the Registrar's office of the county. In future years, it is stated, references of great importance may require the presentation of a service discharge and having it officially recorded is the surest way of being able to refer to it handily, according to Mr. Balfour.

Mr. Balfour, as chairman of the board of county commissioners, states that there is absolutely no charge for this registration service, and that those who have recently been charged a fee of 60c for photostatic services, should see the Registrar, W. W. Roberts and secure a refund of the charges.

Robbins Park Ends Baseball Season Sunday, Sept. 10

Double-Header Includes Finals Of Tourney; Whitey Behrman Defeats 4th Regiment.

Finals of the Robbins Park Invitational tournament will be played at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon between the 328th Glider Infantry and the winner of a game scheduled for 2 p. m. between the 398th Infantry of the 16th Division of Fort Bragg and the Red Robins. Manager Tom Cole announced that Harry Coleman will pitch the game for the Robins, while Whitey Behrman will pitch for the Gliders.

The Gliders put the game on ice Sunday afternoon as a result of a rain storm. The game was postponed to the 10th, and two other games scheduled to be played on the 9th and 10th were also postponed. The 398th Infantry after he had pitched but 1 1/2 innings. Two out and a runner on base. The Gliders won the game 3-0. Behrman allowed but three hits.

In the curtain rubber the 398th Infantry defeated the 315th Paratrooper Infantry 5-0 in a last-inning game. The Red Robins won their round two weeks ago and will meet the 398th in a semifinal game Sunday and the winner of this game will then meet the Gliders for the championship of the eight service teams entered in the tourney.

Cotton Storage Space Improved

Since the news item appearing in last week's paper was written, the local cotton storage condition has improved, it was reported today by A. S. Knowles, county agent. Large movements of cotton to the mills during the past week will enable local warehouses to accommodate considerable more cotton than was first thought possible.

Because of the improved storage condition, it is now believed that normal storage space will be available.

Every cotton farmer should see that his cotton is sampled at the gin and graded by a Government Classifier. The Smith-Doxey classification can be used as a basis for marketing. Farmers desiring to store their cotton, whether in warehouse or at home, now use this class card for obtaining Government loans, according to an announcement this week.