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Home From Aleutians

Cpl. Huey Long who has been stationed in the Aleutian Islands for almost two years has returned to the States for a furlough with his mother, Mrs. M. C. Long, who lives near Laurinburg, but formerly was of Hoke county. Cpl. Long is the youngest son of the late Mial C. Long and Mrs. Long. His wife, formerly Miss Elva Nelson who lives in Jackson, Miss., joined her husband in Laurinburg. Cpl. Long is a brother of Mrs. George Freeman, A. J. Freeman and Mrs. C. B. Johnson of Raeford, whom he visited while here. When his furlough is over he expects to return to the Aleutians.

Sgt. Angus Currie Now In Blanding

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Sgt. Angus Currie, who has returned to duty in the United States under the Army's policy of rotating men on overseas duty wherever possible, has been assigned to duty at the Infantry Replacement Training Center at Camp Blanding, Fla., as a member of the permanent staff handling training and administrative matters in the training of infantry replacements. He is the husband of the former Miss Alberta Campbell of Raeford. He served overseas in Trinidad, B. W. I. Sgt. Currie is a graduate of Hoke High school, class of 1936.

Mrs. Harold McDiarmid received word that her husband, Harold A. McDiarmid S 2-c, has been assigned for sea duty. He recently completed a quartermasters course in Gulfport, Miss.

Pvt. Henry McArthur of Fort Monmouth, N. J., spent several days last week with Mrs. McArthur and children.

Sgt. Clarence Koonce of Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, is spending several days with his father near Raeford.

Cpl. Bill Davis is visiting his mother, Mrs. Christian Davis. Bill is being transferred to the Columbia Air Field, Columbia, S. C.

T-Sgt. Bruce Conoly is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conoly. Sgt. Conoly will report back to Texas.

Sgt. Kloman Leach of Camp Bowie, Texas, is spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Luther Leach.

Lt. Col. W. L. Poole of Camp Stewart, Ga., was at home the past week-end.

Cpl. Ferrand W. McLean of Camp Blanding, Fla., is spending a furlough with his wife, Mrs. McLean, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis.

Sgt. Bruce Conoly, Cpl. Bill Davis and Pvt. James Currie, are spending their furloughs in Raeford and Laurinburg.

County School News

The senior homeroom class of Miss Lucy Glenn Gill presented a very unique program in assembly Wednesday, November 8. The program was entitled "Perfection Salad at la School." It presented the outstanding factors which make an ideal school. Various school activities were described and demonstrations were given by the band, the glee club, and the dramatic club. Those from the dramatic club taking part were: Paul Johnson, Gwen Gore, Betty Holland, and Joan Johnson. Lora Mae McKenzie led the devotional exercise. The following seniors participated in the program: Elmira Whitley, Vera King, Angela Sorrentino, Donnie Lytle, Shirley Blue, Harriet Jones, Grace Jones, Lewis McNeill, Catherine Jones, Judy Klose, Margaret Haire, John McGregor, Percy McNeill, Mary Peele, Margaret Ray, Myra Mott and Laura McDougald.

The Beta club is doing a good job selling bonds and stamps. A total of \$717.20 was sold during September and October.

An effort is being made to enroll in the Junior Red Cross all elementary and high school classroom groups in Hoke county. November 15th was the date set for closing the drive.

The Photographers' club under the direction of Miss Blanche Fisher is doing some fine work this year.

The juniors collected \$500 by selling subscriptions to magazines. The amount obtained from this sum will be used by the juniors and seniors.

The sociology class took time out from their regular class discussion

Official Count Lowers Hoke Ballot Count

Total Of 1839 Ballots Cast In Presidential Race Is 164 Less Than First Reports Indicated.

Unofficial returns last week indicated a banner balloting in Hoke county with a total of 2003 voters, but the official count last Thursday showed that in the presidential race the most tallies were counted and that 1839 ballots were cast giving Roosevelt 1782 and Dewey 160, according to Chairman C. L. Thomas. R. Gregg Cherry polled the second highest in his race for governor against Frank Patton, with a vote of 1772 to 108; while C. R. Hoey polled 1762 to 109 against A. I. Ferree for the Senate.

Allendale township showed great consistency in its voting. There were 80 ballots cast and all went for Roosevelt. Cherry drew 78 to none for Patton, and all the other Democratic candidates got 79 votes and all the Republican candidates except Dewey and Patton got 1 vote.

Antioch cast 169 for Roosevelt and 12 for Dewey, while Cherry and Hoey, each with 170 votes to their opponents 11, led the ticket there. State and county candidates polled from 160 to 163 votes.

In Blue Springs there were two ballots for straight Republican tickets throughout, and 120 for straight Democratic tickets, with no scratches on either to give the township the only perfect score on the tally sheets.

Little River: Roosevelt 118; Dewey 17. Cherry 118; Patton 13. Hoey 117; Ferree 13. Dr. G. W. Brown, candidate for the State House polled highest here with 124. Other county candidate polled 82 and 83 ballots.

Puppy Creek: Roosevelt 93 Dewey 18. Cherry 95; Patton 11. Hoey 93; Ferree 10. And all state and county candidates received 97 votes.

Quewhiffe gave Roosevelt 201; Dewey 39. Cherry and Hoey, 201 each and Patton and Ferree 34, while county and state candidates polled from 19 to 199.

Raeford No. 1: Roosevelt 303; Dewey 29. Cherry 311; Patton 9. Hoey 306; Ferree 9. W. O. Burgin with 301 and W. W. Roberts with 300 were next highest while the general vote for state and county candidates was from 278 to 296.

Raeford No. 2: Roosevelt 440; Dewey 31. Cherry 439; Patton 15. Hoey 434; Ferree 17. Other candidates polled from 435 to 439.

Rockfish: Roosevelt 106; Dewey 5. Hoey and Cherry 94 each to 5 for their opponents. The county ballot was from 80 to 83.

Stonewall: Roosevelt 153; Dewey 7. Cherry 146 and Hoey 148 to 7. There were 7 straight Republican ballots here. County officers polled from 151 to 153.

Totals for county: For Congress: W. O. Burgin 1679; Brock 109. For State Senate: Ryan McBryde 1742; Arthur Ross 1673; West 94; Seawell 94. For House: Dr. G. W. Brown 1736. For County Commissioners: N. H. G. Ballfour 1693; F. Knox Watson 1684; E. R. Pickler 1684; F. A. Monroe 1686; Hector McNeill 1690. For School Board: A. W. Wood 1687; D. B. McFadyen 1693; Carl Riley 1697; A. D. McPhaul 1689.

H. L. Gatlin, Jr., Hoke Area Chr. Meredith Expansion Program

H. L. Gatlin, Jr., has been named chairman of the Hoke County committee for the Meredith College expansion program which has been announced by the college trustees. The program has been devised to seek funds for additional buildings and for increased endowment of the college to the extent of \$565,000.

on Tuesday November 7, in order that a make-believe election might be held. Sample copies of tickets were used and the Australia ballot practiced. Lewis McNeill served as County Chairman. The poll holders were Wilton Wood, Jack Campbell and Donnie Lytle.

Antioch school will sponsor an entertainment which will be held next week.

The lunchroom at the Ashmont school is nearly equipped and it is expected that it will soon be in service. This is a PTA project.

Two additional negro schools of the county have lunchroom plans. The Rockfish school now has a room being built through funds, labor and material contributed by patrons and friends. The money was raised by the schools PTA group which has taken a very active part in the welfare of these children of the community. The White Oak school is also raising money for the erection of a lunchroom.

1353 New "A" Books Issued In Hoke

Members of the staff of the Hoke County War Price and Rationing Board has issued 1353 new "A" gasoline books up to yesterday since the registration for new books started on November 2nd, it was stated. Volunteer workers were not requested for this work, all of it being done by the regular staff of the board, it was said.

Sentence Wright To 20 Years For Burning Barn

Four Divorces Granted In Superior Court Here This Week; Term Lasts Only Two Days.

In a brief session of only two days six criminal cases and four suits for divorce were heard in Hoke County Superior Court by Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh this week.

Two prison sentences were given during the term with Frank Wright, negro, a former tenant on the Henry McDiarmid farms, receiving a term of 20 years for the burning of a barn last fall. Wright fled the state shortly after the barn was burned and returned here Tuesday with a lawyer from Darlington, S. C. Testimony related how Wright had represented to have a corn crop in the barn, but instead had sold the corn. To keep from being checked on he had his son, Frank Wright, Jr., set fire to the barn. The young negro was apprehended a few hours after the barn was burned and was tried at a recent term of court. He received a five year suspended sentence.

The other prison term given was to Melvin Bullock, negro, who was convicted of assault with a knife upon Margaret Harper, a nurse in the negro division of the State Sanatorium. He was sent to state prison for two years.

Willie McVicker, white, was given a two year sentence which was suspended, and he was put on probation for three years when convicted of assault with a pistol on Jack McKenzie.

Sandy Faulk, convicted of assault with a shot gun upon his nephew, Willard Faulk, was given 12 months, this was suspended upon payment of \$50 and cost. Both are negroes.

R. H. Beck, former Raeford policeman, was found not guilty of simple assault upon Bethune Maulsby.

A true bill was found by the grand jury in the indictment of Cecil King, a criminal patient of the State Sanatorium, who is charged with the murder of another prisoner, Glenn Hughes, last April 26. Both King and Hughes were serving long terms and were tubercular patients. The court did not hear the case as considerable doubt was held that King would live no longer than three or four years. A detainer was sent to state prison in the matter.

Four Divorces

The only civil cases heard were four of the five divorce hearings docketed. Little Christmas was given an absolute divorce from Oscar Christmas; Bessie Ray was divorced from James F. Ray, and M. F. Heckel was divorced from Elizabeth Heckel. These were all white couples. Sarah Dalton, negro, was divorced from Harvey Dalton. All were granted on the grounds of two-year separation.

No New Allotments For Fuel Oil

There have been no new allotments of fuel oil to Hoke county, it was announced yesterday by the local OPA, and new requests for oil heating cannot be granted. Miss Marion Maxwell, chief clerk, states that all advices from the Raleigh office and from the petroleum industry indicates that there will be no additional amounts of oil available this winter. No new purchase permits are being issued, and all applications of old users were refigured this year, it was said.

Honor Roll Fund

Mrs. Paul Dezerne has announced that a gift of \$5 for the county Honor Roll fund has been received from Miss Christiana McFadyen.

Robinson Family Will Live In Raeford

The Rev. and Mrs. B. P. Robinson of Freeport, will return to Raeford to make their home soon. Mr. Robinson was pastor of the Raeford Methodist church for four years. He built a home here and said that when he retired he expected to cast his lot among the Raeford people. He is now planning to keep that promise and his host of friends will be delighted to welcome him "Home."

AAA Committeemen To Be Elected At Community Meets

Interesting Program On Farm Activities Planned For Series Of Eight Township Meetings.

AAA election meetings will be held in Hoke county at the time and places listed below, according to W. C. Hodgkin, chairman of the Hoke AAA Committee:

Allendale—Community House, Thursday, Nov. 23; Antioch School, Thursday, Nov. 23; Blue Springs—Community House, Tuesday, Nov. 21; Little—Community House, Tuesday, Nov. 21; Rockfish Community House, Wednesday Nov. 22; Montrose Community House, Tuesday, Nov. 21; Raeford (Courthouse), Monday, Nov. 20; and Midouison School Bldg., Wednesday, Nov. 22.

All meetings will be held at 7:30 P. M. Farmers from each AAA community will choose three committeemen and two alternates, and delegates elected at these meetings later will name three members and two alternates for the county AAA committeemen. All farmers who have or will participate during 1944 in any phase of the AAA program, such as carrying out approved soil-building practices, are eligible to vote in AAA community elections.

Mr. Hodgkin listed these general responsibilities of AAA community committeemen: determine local conservation needs and help farmers plan their AAA conservation practices, help with farm war and reconversion plans, conduct referenda when needed, help with marketing quota programs, such as adjusting tobacco allotments, assisting with loans and other private supporting measures, helping with programs dealing with equipment, feeds, transportation, surplus war property and other emergency programs.

Committeemen elected at this time represent both their neighbor farmers and the Government in the work and responsibilities of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency. Their recommendations, based upon personal knowledge and experience, help shape agricultural programs to meet local and national problems of farmers and consumers.

"A program is being arranged for a full discussion of what's ahead," Mr. Hodgkin said. "Every farmer should attend the meeting in his community and take part in the discussion. Here is one important event in which farmers can take part to help prevent economic chaos such as followed the last war."

Among the subjects to be discussed at the meetings are: conservation practices for 1945, tobacco allotments, and the general agricultural outlook for the coming year.

Hoke High School Honor Roll

Those who made the honor roll in high school for the first six weeks of the term with a scholastic average of 90 percent or above, are as follows:

Miss Fisher's Room: Milton Mann, Jimmy McGougan, Frances Bowling and Patricia McNeill.

Miss McKeithan's room: Bobby McNeill, Alice Sutton Matheson and Marian Lewis.

Mrs. McKeithan's room: Archie Livingston, Anne Gore and Hilda Jordan.

Mrs. Gore's room: Eleanor Leach and Elizabeth Parker.

Mrs. Wedemeyer's room: Bessie Wright, Lucille Townsend and Kathleen Cothran.

Mrs. Cameron's room: Doris Keith, Edith Monroe, Bonnie Kate Blue, Nancy Cole and Miralyn Johnson.

Miss Gill's room: Lewis McNeill, Angelo Sorrentino, Shirley Blue, Grace Jones, Harriet Jones, Vera King, Judy Klouse, Donnie Lytle, Laura McDougald and Elmira Whitely.

Hoke High Takes 7-6 Win Over Rowland Friday

Hoke High won a return game from Rowland there last Friday afternoon to make it two straight wins over the lower Robeson lads. In the first quarter M. McKeithan took a short pass off left end for a gain of eight yards to score the touchdown, and the same play was used to score the extra point. Rowland scored late in the third quarter to make good their only scoring chance of the afternoon.

Hoke High will meet Fayetteville under the lights at 8 p. m. this Friday evening at the Fayetteville park, and on Thursday, Thanksgiving, Nov. 23 they will play Whiteville here at 3:30



LEGION SPEAKER

The Honorable J. Bayard Clark, Member of Congress, will be the principal speaker on the annual dinner meeting program of the Charlie Hall Post of the American Legion and Auxiliary on the evening of November 17th, it was stated today by Commander Morrison Peterson.

The dinner will be held in the dining room of Flora Macdonald college at 7 p. m. and the general public is invited to attend. Representatives from nearby Legion posts are expected to attend as usual and a crowd of approximately 300 people is counted on for this popular annual event. Tickets may be had from F. C. Jones, adjutant, or any member of the post.

Holland To Speak At Achievement Day Exercise

Home Demonstration Women Of County Will Hold Annual Meeting This Afternoon.

The Rev. Harry K. Holland, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church, will make the address at the annual meeting of the members of the home demonstration clubs of Hoke county, according to Miss Josephine Hall, home agent.

The occasion will be the Achievement Day exercise when reports of the activities of the various clubs of the county will be made and awards will be presented to clubs making outstanding records for the year.

Mrs. Roy Shockley, county federation president, will preside at the session, which will be opened with a program of music presented by the Hoke High band under the direction of Miss Buena Baldwin. Mrs. Audrey Conk will be presented in a group of readings preceding the address by Mr. Holland.

Raeford Methodist Church

W. L. Maness, Minister

10:00 A. M.—Church School, Tom Cameron, general supt.

11:00 A. M.—Regular Morning worship.

12:15 P. M.—Regular service at Parker's.

6:30 P. M.—Youth Fellowship meeting.

7:30 P. M.—Regular Evening Worship.

4:00 P. M. Monday—Meeting of the Omega Clegg Circle with Mrs. A. R. Morris.

7:30 P. M. rFriday—Choir practice at the Parsonage.

Our new district superintendent is the Rev. W. L. Clegg. He takes the place of Dr. H. C. Smith, who has been placed in charge of the Durham district.

At 10:00 A. M., November 23, there will be a union Thanksgiving service held in the Presbyterian church with Rev. J. D. Whisnant as speaker.

Peoples Tabernacle

H. Gwyn Clayton, Minister

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.

11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship, sermon by the Rev. E. E. Shellhammer.

6:30 P. M.—Evening People's meeting.

7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship, sermon by Rev. E. E. Shellhammer.

Services each night at 7:30.

Church Of God WEST RAEFORD

10:00 A. M.—Sunday School, A. W. Wright, Supt.

7:00 P. M. Thursday—Mid-week prayer service at the home of Mrs. Lock Campbell.

State's Business Discussed Here By C. M. Johnson

North Carolina Treasurer Declares Post War Public Works Must And Should Be Carried Out By States

In an address before the Raeford Kiwanis club here on Thursday evening, Charles M. Johnson, North Carolina's genial and conservative state treasurer, told club that states, counties and municipalities need not and should not look to the Federal Government for any large share of the money that might be needed for post-war public works projects.

"I do not think the Federal Government will be able to spend the money for work projects such as was carried on before this war," he declared. And he explained that the states and smaller government units had found that instead of spending someone else's money on these projects, they had been spending their own money all along, anyhow. Mr. Johnson said that there were too many restrictions tied to Federal projects and money grants for the jobs to be done economically, and that the states and towns can do such jobs cheaper, get more for their money, and they are now in better shape to do such needed public construction jobs than they were in the 1930s. "We could have done that job (of the 1930s) cheaper than it was done," he said.

Mr. Johnson prefaced his remarks with the statement that the treasurer of North Carolina handled more money than those of any other state, except New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois. He explained this by saying that it was the only state in the union which cared for the entire operation of the public schools and the maintenance and building of both the primary and secondary highway systems.

In what might be an official answer to recent criticism of the tax structure of the state, Mr. Johnson stated that our tax system in North Carolina was one which was very sensitive to the rise and fall in business conditions. We do have a surplus in our general fund at the present time, he stated, a surplus which will reach approximately 75 million by the end of the current fiscal year. However, he explained, when the war boom is gone the state's income will not be anywhere near the present amount, and he did not recommend any drastic change in tax schedule, as he said the decline in income after the war would lower the tax receipts automatically. The speaker recommended that there be increases in the salaries paid the teachers of the public school system, that increases in facilities of our state hospitals be made, but said he would not advise the 1945 legislature to go beyond that to the point of increasing the budgets of all the various State agencies. He suggested that the surplus could well be used to establish a fund to retire the bonded indebtedness of the state which amounts to some 50 million dollars, and that the rest, other than that needed for schools, and hospitals, be saved to help relieve the tax burden when times are hard in the post-war period.

The Treasurer pointed out that some had called the huge balance in the Highway fund a surplus. "This I call a reserve, not a surplus. This money cannot be used to buy materials for our highways now, but it can and should be used for rebuilding and extending our roads when materials can be bought," he declared. Mr. Johnson was introduced by John McGougan, who presented him as the man whom would most like to be the next candidate for governor from the East. Mr. McGougan stated that Mr. Johnson, as chairman of the Local Government Commission and as Treasurer, had done more to improve government in the towns, the counties and the state than any man in North Carolina's history.

Raeford Baptist Church

J. D. Whisnant, Minister

The Baptist church observed Ingathering Day last Sunday morning. Many of our people brought their offering in money. This offering has been applied to our Building Fund. For the benefit of all our Baptist constituency, those who were not present Sunday morning and all those who have not yet contributed to this ingathering, let us urge you to make a contribution before this year is out. Surely every Baptist in Raeford wants to have a part in building a new church. Let us remember: The Lord has been good to us, "what shall we render unto Him for all His benefits?"