

NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM



Lt. Eldred Helton Missing From Air Action December 17

Mrs. Mary Anne Helton of Timberland and Mars Hill college, received a message Tuesday from the War Department stating that her son, Lt. Eldred Helton of the AAF, was missing from an air action over Germany since December 17th.

Lt. Helton, with his brother, entered the service in 1942, and the two boys were together throughout the greater part of their army life until they were commissioned as pilots in the airforce on March 12 of this year. Lt. Lawrence Helton was killed in a plane crash near Bono Field, Ark., on June 1st while he was serving as an instructor at the field there.

Some weeks ago Lt. Eldred Helton reported to an American field in England and he had been in combat only a short time before the date on which he is now reported as missing.

He is the son of Mrs. Mary Anne Helton, who is a matron at Mars Hill college. Mrs. Helton was enroute to Mars Hill when the message arrived here, having spent the Christmas holidays in Raeford.

Pvt. Carl T. Taylor In Hospital

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Dec. 28.—Pvt. Carl T. Taylor, who formerly lived in Raeford has recently arrived at Welch Convalescent hospital, the army's new reconditioning center in Daytona Beach. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Taylor of Raeford and served 35 months in Trinidad before his return to the States and his assignment here. His wife, Mrs. Ruby Irene Taylor, is also a resident of Raeford.

Hoke Negro Woman Joins Army

Mamie L. Frierson, daughter of William Frierson and Queen E. Frierson, left New York City to be inducted into the army on Dec. 18. She is a graduate of Upchurch high school and St. Agnes Hospital of Nursing, Raleigh. She served as supervisor at the N. C. Sanatorium for Negroes and later worked at Jamaica Island, N. Y. She was inducted at Camp McCoy, Wis.

Pvt. Robert W. Weaver was among the class of soldier clerks who recently graduated from the Armored School's Clerical department, Fort Knox, Ky.

A-C and Mrs. Paul L. Davis are spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis of Raeford and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gaddy of Wagram. Cadet Davis is stationed at Williams Field, Ariz.

Seaman L.C. Frazier Hare of Aberdeen, Rt. 1, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. W. H. Hare for thirty days after having served on an LST boat for several months. Seaman Hare will report to New York again on January 15.

Pfc Herbert Parks arrived home Saturday after having spent twenty months in the Aleutian Islands. He was in combat on Attu and has been presented the Presidential Citation and good conduct medal. This is Pfc. Park's first furlough since entering the army in July, 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Parks of near the Sanatorium.

Request 288 Kit Bags Of Red Cross

The Hoke County Red Cross has been requested for a new quota of 288 more kit bags. Anyone who has a kit bag in possession, please get them in at once.

Expansion Rural Power Lines Is Discussed Here

Plans For Future Construction Additional Farm Power Lines Heard By Hoke County Farm Leaders.

Over one hundred people attended a meeting held yesterday morning in the Hoke county court house, when post war plans for electrifying all rural homes of the county were discussed. This meeting was in response to letters sent out by the county and home agents, calling together leaders in unrepresented areas and a news article in last week's paper. The various sections of the county were well represented.

A. S. Knowles, Hoke farm agent, called the meeting to order and briefly discussed purposes of meeting and the need for a complete area survey. R. H. Glazier, representative of the Rural Electrification Administration, explained the area sign-up program and REA's interest in using this type of approach as a means of coming nearest to making service available to all rural people.

F. E. Cox and Reuben DuBose, representatives of Carolina Power and Light company, were present and gave brief talks on their desire to serve as many rural families as possible. They also indicated their willingness to cooperate with the Extension Service, agricultural leaders and local REA cooperative to bring about complete area coverage.

Marshall Newton, one of Lumbee River Coop., was present and stated that the board of directors of the cooperative was 100 percent back of the sign-up program.

D. J. Dalton, Lumbee cooperative manager, explained how original lines of cooperative were signed up by volunteer workers and that it is their desire to use volunteer workers to sign up the undeveloped territory.

The response from those present was very good and a large number agreed to work up their territory. Persons interested in securing electric service for their farms should see their community leader or a representative of the power service companies so their farm will be included in future rural power construction plans.

Richardson Named Speaker Of House

RALEIGH, Jan. 2.—Representative Oscar L. Richardson of Union county, who served his first term in 1939, received the Democratic nomination for Speaker of the House tonight over Representative George Uzell of Rowan. The vote was 70 to 31.

McBryde On Committee
Named to the Senate Rules committee were Senator Gay, chairman; and Price of Rockingham, Clark of Edgecombe, Smith of Stanly, Blythe of Mecklenburg, Weathers of Cleveland, Hodges of Buncombe, Carlyle of Forsythe, Eagles of Wilson, O'Perry of Wayne, Ward of Craven, Rowe of Pender, McBryde of Hoke, Long of Person, Pittman of Lee, Pate of Scotland, Corey of Pitt and Aiken of Catawba.

Evander McMillan Dies Thursday

Funeral services for Evander McMillan, 72, who died Thursday afternoon at his home, were held Friday at 3:30 from Sairy Grove Methodist church with the Rev. A. E. Brown officiating. Burial followed in Arabia Baptist church cemetery.

Surviving are his son, Frank McMillan of Raeford, Rt. 2; three daughters, Mrs. D. L. McGugan of Lumber Bridge, Rt. 1, Mrs. N. S. Stubbs of Fayetteville, Rt. 3, and Miss Dela McMillan of the home; thirty-one grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

J. E. Harvey Hurt

J. E. Harvey, former resident of Raeford and former owner of H. & S. Distributing company, met with an unfortunate accident recently. In making an adjustment on some machinery at his plant in Biloxi, Miss., something went wrong throwing a bottle which broke, cutting off two of his fingers on his left hand. The third finger was not so badly hurt. Three weeks after the accident, the second finger which had been cut off just below the first joint, became further infected and it was necessary to have more of the finger amputated.

SHILOH CHURCH

William B. Gaston, minister
Sunday School—10 A. M.
Morning Worship—11 A. M.
The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at this service.

Sweet Potatoes To Be Subject Talks At Meeting Monday

J. E. Lassiter and Howard Garris, plant and marketing experts of State college, will conduct informal discussions of the production and marketing of sweet potatoes at a meeting to be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the office of County Agent A. S. Knowles.

Emphasis will be placed on the production of higher quality potatoes in the county this year, and both quality of product and price will be discussed from the farmers viewpoint, according to Mr. Knowles.

Five Injured When Two Cars Crash On Turnpike Road

Three Members Connell Family And Two Of Adcox Family Are Hospitalized.

With their vision obscured by the heavy fog of late Sunday afternoon, C. J. Connell of Raeford and Elbert Adcox of Laurinburg, were painfully injured when their cars crashed together about 4:30 o'clock on the Turnpike road about six miles from Raeford.

After being treated by Dr. A. L. O'Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Connell and their daughter were taken to Moore County hospital, and Mr. and Mrs. Adcox were taken to the Laurinburg hospital. Mr. Connell was found to be suffering from concussion as the result of a slight fracture of the skull. Mrs. Connell who was treated for minor cuts and bruises, returned to the hospital for further examination Tuesday and remains a patient there. June Connell, aged nine, sustained a fractured jaw bone.

Mr. Adcox received a broken nose and a chest injury and his wife sustained a severe cut on the knee and minor cuts about the face and neck. Their two children, riding in the back seat, were not injured. It is reported.

Phillips Tells PTA Group State Must Pay Teachers More

"Effective education needs leadership," said Mr. C. W. Phillips, president of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, in a talk to the Hoke-Raeford P. T. A. Monday night, Jan. 1, at the Hoke county high school; and he added that North Carolina cannot keep competent leadership in her schools unless the teachers receive "decent wages." Supporting his statements with astounding figures, Mr. Phillips showed why he felt that the Five-Point Legislative program supported by the P. T. A. the North Carolina Education Association, the State School Board association, and the Grange is so important. This Legislative program includes the following points: 1) increased salary for teachers, 2) a compulsory attendance law which raises the age from 14 to 16 and definitely has teeth in it, 3) a health program, 4) a program for vocational and special education, and 5) the employment of principals on a ten-month basis.

Mr. Phillips pointed out that one of the jobs of the PTA in the past has been to supplement the shortcomings of tax-supported institutions which are not adequately provided for by the state. The main job of the PTA now is to build up public opinion—to instruct and inspire our legislature—so that the state will adequately provide for these educational institutions.

Mrs. B. B. Cole presided over the business session, and the Rev. H. K. Holland conducted the devotional service. Resolutions supporting the five-point legislative program were submitted by L. M. Lester and adopted by the Hoke-Raeford PTA.

Home Demonstration Club To Sponsor Dance

The Raedeen Home Demonstration club will sponsor a square dance at the Blue Springs community building on Wednesday evening, January 10, at 8:00 o'clock. Proceeds will be invested in war bonds and used for the construction of a community building in the Raedeen community.

Square Dance

There will be a square dance in the gym of the Hoke High school on Tuesday, January 9th, beginning at 8 o'clock. The dance will be sponsored by the Hoke-Raeford Parent Teachers association. The public is invited.

Hoke Exceeds "E" And Overall Bond Quota 6th Drive

Chairman County Hodgin Reports 5 Over Quota For Drive December 31

Hoke county has exceeded its quota for the Agricultural War Loan Drives, according to D. H. Hodgkin, chairman of the 5th and 6th campaigns. The county has exceeded its 6th War Loan overall quota of \$168,000 by \$89,561.75 to make the total purchases accredited to the county equal \$256,561.75.

The county also exceeded its "E" bond quota of \$113,000, by about \$1500, according to Mr. Hodgkin, who stated that the most recent report he has received from the Federal Reserve System, bond purchase reporting agency, did not include the last days of the campaign.

"All townships of the county came through with their share of bond purchases," stated the chairman, "and nearly all reached their 'E' quotas, too. The doorknockers working with the committee have done an excellent job, particularly in the matter of 'E' bond sales." Mr. Hodgkin has a special word of praise, too, for the fine work done by the negroes of the county under the direction of Prof. Gaston of the Upchurch school. Each negro school district met its quota and most of them oversubscribed their amounts.

Hoke High Divides Two Games With Biscoe Floor Teams

Hoke High got a fifty-fifty break in their first basketball games of the season Tuesday night when they divided a pair of encounters with Biscoe on the floor at Biscoe.

Hoke girls, boasting but one regular from last season, dropped a 27 to 17 contest. Klouse with 8 points, McNeill with 6 and Moss with 3 accounted for the scoring for the locals, while Biscoe's star McCaskill with 14, and Cagle with 6 points led for the winners.

The boys contest wound up with another lopsided score, but this was in favor of the Hoke lads, who paced by Warner with 13 corners, defeated their hosts 26 to 8. A Cole, 4, L. McNeill, 4, and W. Clarke, 3, went the route for Hoke and their fast work promises some heated contests as the season progresses.

SCHEDULE
Both teams have booked games together so far, though the roster is as yet incomplete, the schedule for the season as now arranged is as follows:

January 12th, Wagram there; 16th, Hamlet here; 19th, Red Springs there; 30th, Parkton there.

February 2nd, Biscoe here; 9th, Red Springs here; 13th, Hamlet there; 16th, Parkton here.

March 2nd, Wagram here.

Other games for the remaining Tuesday and Friday nights are planned to give a season of 22 games, according to Principal White.

Firemen Offer \$25 Reward

A reward of \$25 is offered by members of the Raeford Fire department for substantial and reliable information leading to the apprehension of the person or persons who turned in the false fire alarm on New Year's Eve.

Orthopaedic Clinic Friday, Jan. 3

An orthopaedic clinic will be held Friday, January 5, 1945, in the basement of the agricultural building. This clinic is free to all indigent children under 21 years of age. Dr. L. D. Baker of Duke, will be the surgeon in charge. Please register at the desk between nine and eleven o'clock in order to see the doctor early.

Kiwanis President



Kiwanis Installs Officers In Open Meeting Friday

Roy L. McMillan And H. M. McKeithan To Be Speakers At Ladies Night Program.

Dr. M. R. Smith, popular Raeford dentist, will be installed as president of the Raeford Kiwanis club Friday evening to succeed H. C. McLaughlin.

The meeting will be a "Ladies Night" affair, and Lieutenant Governor H. M. McKeithan of Fayetteville, will preside over the installation ceremonies.

Roy L. McMillan, Wagram native and prominent Raleigh attorney, will be the speaker for the evening. Mr. McMillan is one of the state's most popular orators and the meeting was set back one night so that his engagement here would not conflict with the ceremonies of the inauguration of R. Gregg Cherry as governor.

Other officers to be installed include V. R. White as vice president and J. C. Hutchinson, secretary and treasurer. Directors for the new year who will also be inducted into their offices are: H. C. McLaughlin, past president; F. J. Coats, Donald Davis, K. A. McDonald, Marion Gailin, Israel Mann, W. A. McDonald, C. L. Thomas, and Lewis Upchurch. The dinner will be served at 7:30 in Kiwanis Hall, and the installation ceremony will be held at the conclusion of the meal, after which Mr. McMillan will speak.

Presbyterians Will Hold Services In Hoke High Building

Due to the construction work on the church now in progress the Presbyterian church will conduct their service Sunday morning in the High School auditorium. The communion service ordinarily held on the first Sunday in January will be postponed until the congregation moves back into the church. It is anticipated that the congregation will worship in the high school auditorium only one or two Sundays. There will be no evening service.

The Sunday school will be held in the church as usual. During the month of January lessons will be dispensed with in order to give the various departments and classes an opportunity to study Missions. Books and courses of study for the various departments have been mapped out and it is anticipated that unusual interest in the cause of missions will be developed through this course of study. On the first Sunday in February a special offering will be taken for the church's Mission work.

The Pioneer and Young People's vespers will be conducted Sunday evening in the usual places. The construction work will not interfere with these departments.

REA Board Meets

The board of directors of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation held their regular monthly meeting in the office of the Cooperative at Raeford January 2, 1945, at 3:00 P. M. Eight of the nine directors were present. Mr. Knowles and Miss Hall, farm and home agents for Hoke county, and R. H. Glazier, from Rural Electrification Administration, St. Louis, Mo., also were present. The area sign-up program for post war development was further discussed and a detail program made for completion of post war development plans.

The board was unanimous in its desire to get electric service to all rural areas within bounds of the Cooperative.

Freezer-Storage Plant Discussion Monday Evening

Plans For Construction Of Plant To Be Presented Here By Dr. D. R. Brady Of State College

Plans for the erection of a freezer-locker storage plant will be discussed at a meeting to be held in the court house Monday evening, Jan. 8, it was stated yesterday by A. S. Knowles, county agent.

Dr. D. E. Brady, freezer-storage specialist at State college, will discuss advantages of such a plant to farmers and business houses, and will present general plans for organization of operating companies. Dr. Brady, a native of the Midwest where storage plants have been in operation in many small communities for a number of years, will have a story which should be of wide interest to the farmers of Hoke county, and Mr. Knowles urges all persons who are interested to be present at the meeting.

Tentative plans for the unit here call for a locker room of some 250,300 lockers of six cubic feet storage capacity each, and a rental fee of \$15 per year for each locker. Mr. Knowles states that at least 60 percent of these lockers must be rented by farmers, and that 75 percent of them must be actually rented and the first annual fee paid before the War Production Board will grant the project a priority for the construction of the building and allot the necessary freezing equipment.

There has been a lot of discussion of a plant of this nature for Hoke county, one which will have locker storage, a quick freezing unit for the preservation of fruits, vegetables and meats, and also a plant for the curing of meats. Mr. Knowles states that this meeting is being called so that the genuine interest of the people may be carefully sounded out, and plans for its construction may be worked out immediately, or whether the project should be dropped for the time being. The interest shown Monday night will determine the result, he stated.

Cherry Outlines State Program

Takes Oath Of Office And Charts New Course

RALEIGH, Jan. 4.—R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia, lawyer, legislator and former soldier, today took his oath of office as Governor of North Carolina and delivered an inaugural address that embraced his recommendations to the general assembly. The legislative body, in joint session, heard the address.

Speaking for an hour, Governor Cherry presented a program of outlined growth and development for the state during the next four years, when he will be North Carolina's chief executive. Emphasis was given to matters of finance, health, education, highways, agriculture, welfare, labor and the handling of veterans and their affairs at the close of the present war.

Governor Cherry is the second governor of the state to be inaugurated during wartime. Zeb Vance, the other such governor, took his oath of office while the civil war was in progress.

Finance
In his statement of fiscal policy, Governor Cherry said that appropriations for the coming biennium "must be kept within the availability of revenues estimated to be received during the biennium." The present general fund surplus, he added, will amount to \$70,000,000 by June of 1945, because of abnormal wartime business conditions. "This surplus must not be dissipated in current expenditures," he said. He added that this money should be used to provide for the retirement of state debts, to come due in future years.

His recommendations along this line are for the setting aside of a sufficient portion of this surplus to meet all general fund bonded debt payments as they come due, both principal and interest. He said this would take \$52,000,000 and would, by provision, also reduce current levies of taxation by \$5,000,000. The remainder of the surplus should go into a postwar reserve fund, he continued, to serve as a cushion against a sudden decline in revenue, or for other possible needs and purposes that might arise.

As a fiscal policy for the immediate future, the Governor came out strong against any new taxes, and for holding unchanged (for the most part) the present tax structure. Tax structure changes suggested were to make drugs used by doctors and patients exempted from tax, and permitting the income tax structure to exempt expenses for medical care.

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