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At Home And At The Front

Here at home we are having a hard job keeping men at the machines which make the tools of war for our services. It's no wonder that the English and the Russians feel free to criticize the American attitude. We have done a preponderous job, at least we did for the first months of the war. Then all of a sudden when things got to going our way and it appeared that we were to sweep Germany off the map with one grand military rush, we let our men down. They failed to get supplies in sufficient quantity and we stalled at the German west wall.

For weeks things appeared still to be going our way, until the Germans again took up the offensive. We lost many men and great quantities of materials. But did this stop our men from giving that ground back begrudgingly? No, they fought every inch of the

way, to back up against Bastogne where the commanding officer of the 101st Airborne handed the "Nuts" to the German demand for their surrender, and the break-through stopped.

Nor does this determined stand of our forces seem to have inspired our workers in the war plants to greater activity. Strikes and more strikes—even some in North Carolina—are being called, principally by the CIO, in war plants.

And those boys on the firing lines know of them. The following comments have come to us, through his family, from one of those fighters who very keenly feels that the folks back home have let the armed forces down.

The letter, written in Belgium December 16, states: "They plan to have a 'Carol' sing on Christmas Eve. It will seem very strange to hear, and to know that at home everyone is celebrating while over here men are dying. It isn't right, I suppose, but there seems to be no way to tell people that the war isn't over yet, and that there are many more months of hard work ahead before even Germany will be defeated. Lots of the boys over here wouldn't mind dying if they knew that the people were behind them, instead of striking for a few more dollars a month. The war has even helped you and me, but I would give every penny we have to help the war to be finished. This isn't a lecture,—it's just my reason for wanting to buy as many war bonds as we possibly can."

And that's the attitude of those boys on the fighting line, while the unions will not let able-bodied men make more than ten truck tires for war machinery per day, though that man is skilled and able to make 15 or more tires per day. It's no wonder that it will take a universal service act to get men on the jobs and keep them there. The pity of it is that the universal service act was not made a law at the same time the Selective Service System was established.

POOLE'S MEDLEY

(By D. Scott Poole)

In January 1911, John W. Moore came to my printing office, then located in a frame building where the Upchurch Milling company now stands. Moore asked me to support a movement for a new county to be formed from parts of Robeson and Cumberland counties.

He went on to say that Senator W. McLaughlin was in favor of the movement and that the Senator had discussed the proposition with Senator Neil Arch McLean from Cumberland, all of whom has assured him that they would not oppose the formation of a new county with Raeford as its seat. But the Senator had not "reckoned with his hosts." The folks back home had not been consulted.

I told Mr. Moore that I was not favorable to such a battle as I knew would bring on. I recalled the fights over the creation of Lee and Scotland counties. About half the people of the state have fought the formation of each new county and the changing of boundaries, and there is always a terrific struggle.

The North Robeson movement had started a few years ahead of the Hoke county movement, and this was a strong threat against the mother county of Robeson. There Upper-Enders were opposed to anti-Upper-Enders, and in the southern section of the county almost everyone was opposed to a division.

Being a county-seat does not particularly help a town. Look at Wentworth—100 years old and about like Arabia.

Then, there was Troy. It stood for 80 years during which time probably not over a house per year was built. It takes payrolls to build a town. Nothing else does.

I had had plenty done to me, before I moved to Raeford, to put the quietus on me for many years to come and I told Mr. Moore that day that it would be a long and costly battle. As I had lost so much in the past ten years, I felt I had better move than engage in another such fight. If I stayed, I would automatically be drawn into the fight, as a man could not stay in the publishing business and remain neutral. However, the movement developed and we all went into it.

Did you ever give a beegum a jarring lick at night? Just to hear them roar. Here was a beegum of activity, stirred first in 1907, and renewed in 1909. Now, in 1911, it had to be stirred furiously and successfully, or we were lost. Some 500 citizens of the county spent nearly a month in Raleigh, busy as the workers in that beehive. We won, as you remember.

So, Hoke county was created, officially on April 3rd, 1911. It has been a source of satisfaction to many. It is a small county of but 15,000 population, and at first had about 12 million dollars of taxibles. Then the Fort Bragg reservation took away about 3 million of the taxibles and a few hundred of the people. Yet, though the larger counties have greater things, Hoke has everything they have, in lesser quantities. It really makes no difference how small a county is if the government is honestly administered. We may not have the mileage of highways, nor

Opening your house to young people for table tennis, Chinese checkers, and popcorn parties provides a wholesome atmosphere for those who might otherwise roam the streets.

so many schools, but we have what we require.

Will you think for a moment of the cost of the war? The whole world is involved, and almost all the accumulated wealth of all people and nations have been consumed. In dishonesty wealth changes hands, but in war it is consumed.

Hoke county has a just right to feel grateful and proud of its contribution to the cause of Justice and Right, and we should be thankful for the disposition to do right. Naturally, it is not in us, but that disposition to do right has been divinely bestowed upon us.

FERTILIZERS

MR. FARMER:

You have probably not yet thought about your Fertilizer Requirements for the Spring 1945 Season.

Now Is The Proper Time—under present conditions—to get your fertilizers, so you will be certain to have them at planting time.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that due to the acute labor shortage and inadequate transportation facilities, that it will be very wise indeed for you to see us, or our agents promptly, trade for your requirements and insist on immediate delivery of all, or the larger portion of your requirements. Unless this is done promptly it will be impossible for us to furnish all of our customers by planting time.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF The Bank of Raeford

Of Raeford in the State of North Carolina at the close of business on December 30, 1944.

ASSETS	
1. Loans and discounts	\$ 319,804.79
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,381,300.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	63,062.54
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	928,719.69
7. Bank premises owned \$11,952.75, furniture and fixtures \$2,866.15	14,818.90
8. Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
11. Other assets	3,658.78
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,711,365.70
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$1,974,899.57
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	347,279.48
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	210,027.90
16. Deposits of States and political subdivision	55,634.67
18. Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	8,319.33
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$2,596,160.95
23. Other liabilities	6,765.31
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,602,926.26
(not including subordinated obligations shown below)	

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital	\$ 25,000.00
26. Surplus	80,000.00
27. Undivided profits	3,439.44
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	108,439.44
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$2,711,365.70

* This bank's capital consists of common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00.

MEMORANDA	
31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	309,800.00
(e) TOTAL	\$ 309,800.00
32. Secured and preferred liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	\$ 309,800.00
(e) TOTAL	\$ 309,800.00
34. (a) On date of report the required legal reserve against deposits of this bank was	354,396.00
(b) Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amount to	\$ 928,720.00

I, W. A. McDonald, assistant cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly SWEAR that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CORRECT.—ATTEST: W. A. McDonald, Assistant Cashier; Directors: J. L. McNeill, H. L. Gatlin, and F. B. Sexton. State of North Carolina, County of Hoke, ss: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of January, 1945, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. Jessie B. Ferguson, Notary Public. My Commission expires March 29, 1946.

CARD OF THANKS

In this way to everyone and especially those whom I might fail to thank personally, I would like to express a part of my gratitude for the many kindnesses and sympathetic understanding shown me during my lingering illness and bedridden experience.

Myrtle Miller.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for their many expressions of kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our husband and father. Mrs. D. D. Black and Family. Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Parker and family.

Home Clubs Were Active In December

By Miss Josephine Hall, Home Agent.

Eleven Home Demonstration clubs met in Hoke county in December with an attendance of 267. The Raeford club had made plans to sponsor a square dance on Dec. 29, but had to postpone it until January when musicians were available.

The Little River club held a community party on the evening of Dec. 1st. Around \$50.00 was raised for their club treasury.

The Rockfish 4-H club enjoyed a Christmas party at the Rockfish community building on the evening of Dec. 15.

On Dec. 21 a conference with REA representatives was held in the home agent's office. The purpose of the conference was to discuss post war plans for the expansion of electric service in Hoke county. Mr. R. H. Glazier, field representative of REA was present and told of a plan to get a complete area coverage of unlighted homes in the county. Hoke is the first county in the state to develop such a plan.

The Agricultural workers' council met in the home agent's office on the afternoon of Dec. 29. Three new pressure cookers were purchased through the agent's office in December.

Several families were assisted with meat canning. One of these families canned 90 quarts of beef.

The home demonstration club members furnished 75 Christmas gift packages for the Red Cross camp and hospital council for sick soldiers at Camp Mackall and Fort Bragg. Several useful articles, as well as Christmas goodies and games, etc. for entertaining the boys, were included in each package. 85 tray favors were also sent at the same time.

Raeford Methodist Church

W. L. Maness, Minister
 10:00 A. M.—Church School.
 11:00 A. M.—Regular service with sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
 3:00 P. M.—Youth Fellowship choir rehearsal.
 7:00 P. M.—Youth Fellowship meeting.
 7:30 P. M.—Evening worship, music by Youth Fellowship choir.
 4:00 P. M., Monday—General meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
 7:30 P. M. Friday—Adult choir rehearsal at parsonage.

A military secret is an Army trust

With The Army People

Sgt. and Mrs. Lester Wilson have as their guests Major and Mrs. Goldman.

Lt. and Mrs. P. A. King have an apartment at the Sarah McE. McNeill home.

Mrs. Sam Parnell and Mrs. Frank Williams entertained the Officers' Wives club at the McIntyre home last Thursday. A delicious luncheon was served.

Capt. and Mrs. Baines are now living at Sanford.

Capt. John B. Hart has been transferred to Camp Shelby, Miss. Capt. and Mrs. Hart left after having lived in Raeford over a year. They recently occupied Mrs. Sarah McE. McNeill's apartment.

Peoples Tabernacle Church

H. Gwyn Clayton, Minister
 9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.
 11:00 A. M.—Morning worship, sermon by the pastor.
 6:30 P. M.—Young People's meeting.
 7:30 P. M.—Evening worship, sermon by the pastor.
 7:30 P. M. Tuesday—Mid-week prayer meeting.
 7:30 P. M. Friday. Missionary meeting.
 "Come where a welcome awaits you. The public is invited to attend all services."

RED SPRINGS THEATRE

PROGRAMME FOR WEEK BEGINNING JANUARY 11th

— FRIDAY —

"None But The Lonely Heart"
 Cary Grant and Ethel Barrymore

SATURDAY 1:30 'til 10:30 O'CLOCK

To Be Announced

— LATE SHOW —

"Faces In The Fog"
 With Jane Withers

— MONDAY AND TUESDAY —

"LAURA"
 Gene Tierney and Dana Andrews

— WEDNESDAY —

"Nevada"
 Bob Mitchen and Anne Jeffreys

— THURSDAY—FRIDAY —

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