

Card Received From Lt. Eldred Helton

Mrs. Mary Helton recently received a card from her son, Lt. Eldred Helton, bearing the following message: I have been taken prisoner of war in Germany. I am in good health. We will be transported from here to another camp within the new few days. Please don't write me until I give new address.

It is believed that Lt. Helton was slightly wounded, as the card bears evidence of erasure of such words. Lt. Helton had been stationed on the west side of Italy, and was on a mission over Austria and Czechoslovakia. He had been listed as missing in an air action of Dec. 17, until a few weeks ago, when his mother received information through the Red Cross that he was a Nazi prisoner.

James Obed Wade, S 2-c, who has been stationed in California, is spending a five-day leave with his parents at Shannon.

Pvt. Walter H. Shaw of Rt. 1, Shannon, has been assigned to the Field Artillery and is receiving basic training at Fort Bragg, R.C.

Charles B. Spivey, Jr., S 2-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Spivey of Portsmouth, Va., was one of 20 men sent to the USNTC at Bainbridge, Md., to Hawaii for special intelligence training. Charles was making an excellent record at Portsmouth High when he was inducted into the navy some weeks ago.

Lt. Junior Webb, of the Marine Corps, returned to his station at Quantico, Va., after spending a leave here with his parents.

Capt. Neill James Blue, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Blue, has notified his parents that he has arrived in France.

President Cites Sgt. W. J. Deaton

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Deaton of Shannon have recently received the Presidential Citation, Merit of Honor, and the Purple Heart as a tangible expression of the country's gratitude for the gallantry and devotion of their son, Sergeant Henry Ervin Deaton.

Sgt. Deaton was killed in combat in France on December 18, 1944. He attended the Red Springs schools and Jones Business school at High Point. For five years before his induction into the army in February of 1942, he was employed by the Pilot Life Insurance company. The last two of which he was located with the branch office in Durham.

Besides his parents, Sgt. Deaton is survived by eight sisters and five brothers, three of whom are in service: Pvt. J. C. Deaton of Camp Gordon, Ga.; Cpl. W. J. Deaton who is in Germany; and Lt. (jg) B. R. Deaton with the navy in the South Pacific.

AUGUSTA, Ga.—James A. Patterson of Red Springs, Rt. 2, has received an honorable discharge from the Army for medical reasons and has returned home. He was a private with the Quartermaster Corps overseas and was discharged at Oliver General hospital here.

With The Army People

Lt. and Mrs. Parker have moved into the apartment at Mrs. J. W. Currie's.

Lt. and Mrs. Pope and Lt. and Mrs. Valdes are sharing the Clyde Upchurch, Jr., house.

Mrs. Williamson and baby and Mrs. Cotton, who live in the Austin apartment, are leaving for their homes Sunday.

Capt. and Mrs. Seagrave have taken the Graham Dickson house.

Lt. and Mrs. Arnold have a room at Mrs. Charkler Roberts.

Lt. and Mrs. Bristol and Lt. and Mrs. Garrett are living in the upstairs apartment at Mrs. Roland Covington's.

The Officers' Wives club had their last meeting at Mrs. J. S. Johnson's with Mrs. Price and Mrs. Baumgartner as hostesses. The club meets today at Mrs. Giles' with Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Taylor as hostesses.

Cpl. and Mrs. Dwight Ayres, who live at the J. D. Whisnant's, have as their guest, their nephew, Richard Givens of Washington, D. C. He was accompanied here by his grandfather, Philip W. Givens, who has returned to Washington after spending several days with the Ayres.

P. T. A. Will Sponsor Clothing Collection Campaign In Hoke

Seek 75,000 Pounds Old Clothing In County For Distribution Overseas.

The Hoke-Raeford P. T. A. with the cooperation of the Raeford Kiwanis club, will take the initiative in promoting the United Nations Clothing Collection campaign scheduled for April 1-30. The purpose of the campaign, which is sponsored by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, is to collect large quantities of used garments which will be sent to the needy peoples of Europe, thousands of whom have nearly perished from exposure this past winter. The campaign slogan is: "What Can YOU Spare That They Can Wear?"

Throughout war-torn areas, clothing is very scarce or threadbare and worn out. There are around 125,000,000 liberated people, 30,000,000 of whom are children, who are in dire need. On September 3, 1944, President Roosevelt said: "Millions of people do not have enough clothes to keep warm . . . in occupied Europe, almost as many people have died from exposure due to lack of adequate clothing as have died from starvation."

The quota for Hoke County has been set at 75,000 pounds of used clothing or a minimum of 5 pounds to be collected for every man, woman and child. This is to be the only national clothing campaign for spring, and it is also well to remember that it is a single coordinated drive to obtain clothing for the people of all countries—not just one nation.

Orthopaedic Clinic April 6 At 11 A. M.

An orthopaedic clinic will be held Friday, April 6, in the basement of the Agricultural building in Lumberton.

This clinic is free to all under 21 years of age. Dr. O. L. Miller of Charlotte will be the surgeon in charge. Please register at the desk between nine and eleven o'clock in order to see the doctor early.

Hoke High News

Several rooms in the building are in the process of being painted, or plans have been made to paint them. Among them are Miss Baldwin's, Mrs. White's, Mrs. McKeithan's, the study hall, the office and the auditorium. The students do the work in spare time under the supervision of a teacher. The improvement in appearance is an incentive to take better care of the building.

On Tuesday, April 3, the initial game of the baseball season will be played between Hoke High and Hamlet High on the Hamlet diamond.

The time for training has been short, and more progress is expected as the season advances and the boys acquire experience. It looks now as though chances for a fine team are good.

Competitive games in softball for the girls are planned. Teams have been formed among the girls, who play daily, but to date the coaches have not been able to book games with other schools. However, they are working on the project and may have some games to announce in the near future.

On Wednesday of last week a musical playlet, "The Life of Chopin," was presented by twelve members of Mrs. Arah Stuart's piano class. The sketch was excellently enacted and the pupils demonstrated their talent and training.

Those taking part were Myra Mott, Edith Monroe, Betty Benner, Hilda Jordan, Lynn Conk, Barbara Woodhouse, Avery Connell, Hal Gore, Landon Yarborough, Bobby McBryde, Elizabeth Parker, and Nancy Cole. Judy Klouse read a synopsis of Chopin's life and announced the program.

Two New National Cemeteries In N. C.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The War Department has recommended to Congress that two national cemeteries be established in North Carolina.

Charlotte has been designated for a 40,000 grave cemetery and Raleigh for a 50,000 grave cemetery.

Mexico City was rebuilt in 1521 by the Spanish.

Mrs. Carrie Plummer Dies At McColl

Funeral services for Mrs. Carrie Parker Plummer, a former resident of Raeford, were held from her home at McColl, S. C., on Monday. The Reverends Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Arnold conducted the services. Interment was in Beaver Dam cemetery of McColl.

Mrs. Plummer was the daughter of the late Phillip and Caroline Parker of Marlborough county, and the widow of the late Evander Plummer. She was 83 years of age. From 1910 to 1915 she made her home in Raeford.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. W. M. Wade of McColl; and three sons: Wright of Wilmington, J. H. of Raeford, and R. L. of Savannah, Ga.; also surviving are two brothers: Lewis and J. M. Parker of Raeford.

Many Scouts Get Advancements At Court Of Honor

Slip-Not Knot Slips And Trips Raeford Tug-Of-War Team.

(By F. L. Goodman)

The Court of Honor for the Scouts of the Western District was held at the Flora Macdonald College Gym on Friday night with good representation from the troops of the district. The troops from Laurinburg and Springfield were the only ones absent.

The contests were very close, and exciting. The boys showed up well in all the contests and the judges came through with a very close report on the finals. The young troop down at East Laurinburg was in there and tied Wagram for first place. All troops were within a few points of each other.

The contests centered around Inspection, Tying the Bowline Knot, First Aid in Case of a Live Wire, and Tug O'War. Perhaps the most interesting event was the Tug O'War which consisted of the team's tying his rope to the end of the big rope before beginning to pull. It was wonderful how swiftly those boys could tie that knot too. One of the interesting things of scouting came out in that contest. The boy scout is being taught to do things in a better way than others do which enables him to come out ahead. Tom Cameron of the Raeford troop, is one of our best scout masters, and he at once worked out a knot that could be quickly tied, which enabled him to get his team away with the rope ahead of the other boys.

However, in the excitement the Raeford team slipped their winning knot on the wrong way and it slipped with them. It was the girth hitch put around the big rope which when pulled would develop into a square knot, however if the girth hitch is put on the wrong side first, the result is a false square knot which will look like a square knot, but will slip, and this is just the slip that the Raeford team made. The proper knot to use here was the sheetbend, but teams using the square knot were given the OK sign. In the Live Wire contest, action was too fast for the judges, and also for the spectators. It was run over the second time but then seemed to be even faster. We live to learn, so next we will run this contest one troop at the time and check with the stop watch, so both the judges and the audience can see what it is all about. The Knot tying consisted of seven bowline knots tied so as to form a chain. This was good, but under the excitement several good tyers would miss the knot. The bowline is one of the most valuable knots.

J. J. Pence was in charge of the Court of Honor and made the following awards:

Second Class: Charles Monroe.
First Class: Ralph Fields, Alfred Bridges, Archie Williams, Eugene Snipes, Curtis Rhye and Henry Martin.

Star: Carl Bradley, Charles Smith and Marshall Jones.
Life: Ernest Meekins, Alex Barber, George Mathews, David Phillips.

Eagle Bronze Palm: Roger Harris.
Eagle Gold Palm: Gene Harris.
Merit Awards were given to the following boys. Some boys getting several badges, and all getting as many as one:
Billy Peele, Jerome McDaniel, Harold Herndon, D. C. Monroe, Alex Barber, Bobby McNeill, Horace Gibson, Bill Gibson, Earl Bradley, Ernest Meekings, Gene Harris, Alfred Caldwell, George Mathews, George Calhoun, Marion Gibson, Roger Harris, Charles Smith, Angus Medlin, Mike Jerigan, William Purcell, Jack Woolley, Bill Covington and Mitchell Rabill.

Soldier Witnesses Fail To Appear Against S. L. Lewis

Non-Pros Taken In Goff Shooting And Verdict Of Not Guilty Given In Pelfrey Assault.

With the principal state's witnesses failing to appear to testify in the hearings of two assault cases in which S. L. Lewis, Raeford hotel operator, a non-pros was taken in the case growing out of the shooting of Horton Goff, and Judge Henry McDiarmid rendered a verdict of not guilty in the case charging assault upon Luther Pelfrey.

Goff and Pelfrey, soldiers stationed at Fort Bragg, failed to appear at the original hearing two weeks ago, and the cases were postponed until Tuesday. Nor did they appear this week, though local police officials had been assured by Col. Larsen, head of the Fort's Military Police, that they would be present for the hearing.

Lewis had been under bond for the shooting of Goff at the hotel March 11th, and also was under indictment for assaulting Pelfrey with a gun while he was helping his wounded friend from the hotel.

April 10 Final For Securing AAA Crop Insurance

Every farmer in Hoke County ought to be interested in Federal crop insurance because it is the only operating cost that will guarantee returns on investment, T. D. Potter, chairman of the county AAA Committee believes.

"This doesn't mean that every farmer in the county will take out crop insurance," he added, "any more than every farmer buys a higher-yielding seed the first year it is offered. It may take a few years before most of us see that crop insurance is actually an operating cost that insures the other costs and efforts that go into a crop."

Crop insurance offers protection against the unavoidable losses that destroy many crops each year. It is offered in 1945 on cotton and wheat planted this fall.

"Crop insurance eliminates failures and near failures from the farmer's budget," Mr. Potter points out. "Naturally, any farmer will be better off if he never collects a cent on his FIC contracts because that means he has obtained at least fair yields. It's an opportunity to plan and plant with the hope of a bumper crop, and with the comforting knowledge that, from a standpoint of returns, you can't have a real failure."

April 10 is the closing date for taking out cotton insurance in Hoke county. Applications are being taken by the following AAA committees and authorized agents: Mrs. Belle Currie, J. W. Hasty, Ira L. Newton, F. F. McPhaul, F. C. McPhaul, R. J. Hasty, L. D. Brooks, John Parker, M. S. Gibson, D. P. Gillis, W. L. Thornburg, W. J. McNeill, W. J. McBryde, T. D. Potter, M. C. Dew at the Johnson company, and H. S. Warlick at the Bank of Raeford.

New Clothing MPR To Be Explained

There will be a trade meeting for the purpose of explaining regulation MPR 580 covering much merchandise in our stores. There will be a representative from the District Office at the meeting, which will be held in the Courthouse on Friday, March 30, at 8 P. M. At this time the regulation Canning Sugar

At this time the regulation will be gone into in detail with the merchants of these items: Men and boys' apparel and apparel accessories; Feminine apparel and apparel accessories; Infants' apparel and accessories; footwear, household textile commodities and yard goods; lamps and lamp shades. It will be to your advantage to attend this meeting.

All home demonstration club members are urged to attend their meeting during the month of April. Miss Josephine Hall, home agent, will explain how sugar for "home canning" will be issued—time and place of registration for 1945.

Effective April 1, all tire certificates dated prior to December 1, 1944, will be invalid for any transfer of tires.

A waxy starch corn is being grown in Iowa to replace the supplies of tapioca that formerly came from the Dutch East Indies.

Scout Camporee Set For April 20-22 At Macks' Beach Camp

The Annual Camporee for the scouts of the Western district will be held on April 20-22, this year and will be at "Mack Beach" about five miles below Wagram on the Lumbee River.

This was once quite a development, but in recent years has not been kept up. The Wagram scouts will have the grounds ready for the Camporee. It is located on the road between Wagram and Maxton, just a few hundred yards from the road, and cars can drive on to the edge of the river, cut through the woods to the stumps and mud-holes, which make the location easily reached. Boys will stay in tents, and will have the use of the forest for research and the river for recreation.

Neill A. McDonald Heads Seventh War Loan Campaign

Drive To Extend Over Months Of April, May, And June With Emphasis On Payroll Savings Plan.

Neill A. McDonald has accepted the chairmanship of the Seventh War Loan Drive which begins next week, it was announced yesterday by Lawrence McNeill, county War Finance Committee chairman.

The drive, one of two to be made this year for Federal finances, will be an extended one, covering the months of April, May, and June. Special emphasis will be made throughout the three months on the payroll savings plan for the purchase of War Bonds from salary deductions. The principal drive for additional purchases will be made during May.

Mr. McDonald states that the quota for the county has not yet been assigned, but that it is expected to be pretty large, since there will be but two campaigns this year.

Township and area groups are to be named within a few days, according to Mr. McDonald, and plans for the payroll plan development here, which has been used only in the Edinburgh Cotton Mills previously, are to be explained to chairmen of these groups at a meeting to be held early next month.

Funeral Services For John Culbreth Held Sunday

Funeral services for John Culbreth, 73, well-known farmer of the Antioch community, were conducted from the home Sunday afternoon by his pastor, the Rev. A. C. Lee of the Trinity Methodist church of Red Springs, assisted by the Rev. W. L. Maness of Raeford. Interment was in the Antioch Presbyterian church cemetery.

Mr. Culbreth had been in ill health for about two years. He became seriously ill early last week and died at Highsmiths hospital on last Friday.

Surviving are his widow, the former Nealie Smith of Lumberton; and nine children: Marcus of Raeford, Henry of Laurinburg, Stacy of Somerville, Mass., Mrs. C. D. Culbreth of Laurinburg, and John F. Helen, Louise, James Wilton, Daniel Stephen and Charles Thomas of the home; also two brothers, Stephen and Dan of Fayetteville.

W. W. Hall Dies At Home Near Aberdeen

W. W. Hall, aged 70, died at his home near Aberdeen early Monday morning after an illness of some months. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from Galatia church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Katie Campbell Hall; one son, William E. Hall of Aberdeen; two brothers, D. L. Hall of Zolfo Springs, Fla., and J. K. Hall of Lakeland, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. J. W. Seull of Raeford.

LIBRARY NEWS

Two magazines, "Atlantic Monthly" and "Saturday Review of Literature," have been added to the list received at Hoke County Library. These magazines should be especially helpful to club women as well as to others.

A list of books recently placed on the shelves are as follows: Tomorrow Will Sing, Arnold; Vigil of a Nation, Lin Yutang; Ann Star, Nurse, Humphries; Green Hazard, Coles; Great Time To Be Alive, Fosdick; Change of Heart, Baldwin; and Apartment in Athens, Weccott.

Four Candidates File For Town Commissioner

Write-In Vote In Election May Be Necessary To Secure Five-Man Commission.

The present town fathers of Raeford are in a quandary all because only four candidates filed for the five-man board of commissioners, and there seems to be no law under which a fifth man can be placed on the ticket for the primary next Monday, April second.

The League of Municipalities, the town attorney and others have been consulted, and there has been no discovery under existing statutes whereby the voters can select a fifth man, and come Monday only four qualified candidates names will appear on the ticket, according to Carl Freeman, town clerk.

Though there has been no great pre-election furor, the coming election has not been without general interest here, and it was thought that all members of the present board would file for re-election. However, N. F. Sinclair, named to the board after the election two years ago to fill a vacancy, failed to file. Milton Campbell, N. A. McDonald, Jr., A. V. Sanders and L. W. Stanton did file. Mayor Neill L. McFayen has also filed for re-election.

Best legal advice received to date tends to show, though, that the town board may have its full membership in the general election, to be held the first Monday in May, there are sufficient write-in votes to elect a fifth man. Election laws require that places be printed on the ballot for the general election for at least five members of the commission, and the four qualified candidates, plus a line for a fifth man, will have to be placed on the ticket and voters instructed to "Vote For Five." Thus the town may secure a "dark horse" as a fifth commissioner, due to the fact that but four candidates have legally qualified.

Mrs. E. B. Campbell And Dr. Willcox To Speak At P.-T. A.

The April meeting of the Hoke-Raeford Parent-Teacher Association will be held Monday evening, April 2, at 7:45 o'clock at the Raeford Grados school.

The program will be centered around the theme "Health Education." Mrs. E. B. Campbell of the county health department, will speak on the subject, "What the Hoke Health Department Has Done and Is Doing." Dr. J. W. Willcox, also of the health department, will discuss "Preventive Measures," and Mrs. Morris Heath will talk on "Health Education in Other States."

Miss Flora Ray, a specialist in health education in schools, will be present and will answer questions during the forum which ends the program. Everyone is cordially urged to attend this meeting.

King Reunion Held

(Reported)

On Sunday, March 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah King of Ashley Heights, was held the family reunion. It was an ideal spring day and all the children and their families were present. The Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Harris of Aberdeen were invited guests. What a feast of fellowship and good eats was spread!

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Elijah King and Miss Frances King of Ashley Heights; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hester of Fuquay Springs and their two children, Doris Jean and Carroll; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hester and their daughter, Allie Mae of Fuquay Springs; Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Ferrell of Raleigh and their daughter, Patricia; Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Oldham of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cameron and children, Billie and Patsy of Timberland; Mr. and Mrs. Leo McGee and children, Christine Conner, Thomas, Wallace, Bobby, Zelma Lee and Margaret of Willow Springs; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. King of Ashley Heights; Mr. and Mrs. Comfort King of Aberdeen; and the Rev. and Mrs. Harris of Aberdeen.

For years Mr. and Mrs. Elijah King have maintained a fine Christian home which has been richly blessed with a large family and all were able to get back together again for a delightful reunion.

MID-WEEK HOLIDAY

Beginning on April 11, practically all the stores of Raeford will close each Wednesday afternoon at 12:30 for the afternoon. A number of local stores have been closing for the mid-week holiday throughout the year. Others to close have an ad on the back of this issue.