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## Lt. Eldred Helton Liberated

Lt. Eldred Helton, son of Mrs. Mary Helton of Timberland, has been liberated from a German prisoner of war camp, according to a Red Cross notification received Tuesday by Mrs. Helton. Lt. Helton, member of the airforces, was shot down over Germany some months ago.

## Sgt. Howard Pope Wants Cards From Friends

Sgt. Howard Pope, prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of the Philippines, has written asking for mail from his friends. It appears that the Japs are becoming slightly more liberal with prisoner's mail privileges than was formerly their practice, according to a message received this week by his step-mother, Mrs. Lola Pope of Raeford. His address is:

S-Sgt. Howard L. Pope  
United States Prisoner of War  
Osaka Camp, Japan  
Via New York, N. Y.

A message of 25 words may be printed or typed on a card according to present regulations.

## Worth McColl Takes Training At Norfolk

Worth Allen McColl, 19, seaman second class, USNR, of Lumber Bridge, N. C., recently arrived at the Naval Training station at Norfolk, Va., to train duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic fleet. He completed other instruction at Bainbridge, Md. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas McColl of Lumber Bridge, he has two brothers in the army, Tom, a private, and Silas, 26, private first class. Before enlisting, he worked on his father's tobacco and cotton farm. He attended high school in Parkton.

## On Channel Shuttle Run With Allied Supplies

ABOARD THE USS LST 527 IN AN ENGLISH SOUTH COAST PORT (delayed)—George R. Nelson, 18, S-2-c, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nelson of Raeford, is one of the crewmen aboard this busy craft who break the monotony of otherwise routine shuttle runs across the channel with Allied supplies by setting records—then breaking them with extra all-out efforts. Cargoes of tanks, guns, trucks and jeeps are being taken across to France in constantly shorter time. On one occasion, LST 527 hit the beach, discharged her cargo and retracted from the beach in 28 minutes. On D-Day in Normandy the ship was across the channel with personnel and equipment of a Royal armored division exactly one month after she had first sailed into a British port.

## Lt. Bruton Home On Leave

Lt. Robert Bruton, who has been serving overseas with the infantry, is at home on a forty-five day leave. Lt. Bruton, serving in France and Germany, was wounded twice, although not seriously, and was hospitalized in England. He has been awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star. Lt. Bruton is married to the former Miss Christine McNeill of Raeford and they will spend part of his leave in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Pvt. William F. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wright, is at home from Bushnell General hospital, Brigham City, Utah, on a thirty day convalescent leave.

John Lewis McCain, younger son of Dr. and Mrs. P. P. McCain, has reported for his boot training at Bainbridge, Maryland. His address is Co. 4149, Barracks 417 U, USNTC.

Pfc. Mary Pope Matthews of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, is spending a two-weeks furlough with her family in Raeford.

Lt. Jimmy Stone was at home this week enroute to Fort Monroe.

Lt. W. L. Seals of Quenwhiffle township has been transferred to Fort Monroe and has been at home on a short leave this week.

Lt. Sam Morris, who has been attending school in Baltimore, is at home on leave and is visiting his mother, Mrs. Bruce Morris.

Protect Vital Information!

## Pinup Baby Given War Bonds



THE WINNER—Little 15-month-old Harolyn Cheryl Meyer of Trenton New Jersey, official pinup girl of the USS New Jersey, was made \$3,200 richer in War Bonds through donations by the crew of the USS New Jersey for use in obtaining her future education. Governor Walter E. Edge made the presentation. The child's father, an Army Air Corps pilot, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He has never seen his little beauty queen. She is held by her mother, Mrs. Harry C. Meyer.

## Child Bondowners Get Walt Disney Certificates

### Make Awards At Grammar School Tuesday Morning; Picture of Group To Be Made.

Mrs. H. A. Cameron, chairman of bond sales to children, states that the colorful certificates designed by Walt Disney will again be awarded to the children of Hoke County during the 7th War Loan campaign.

The requirements to be entitled to receive the certificates, which are bordered with pictures of the favorite Disney cartoon creations, are that the child and that the child be 12 years of age or less. They may be bought by the child's parents or by the child himself.

All children in the grammar grades of the Raeford high school who have had bonds purchased in their names in the 7th Loan drive will be awarded their certificates on Tuesday morning, May 29th, at a brief exercise to be held at the grammar school building immediately after the Grammar Grades commencement exercises which begin at 10:30. Following the presentation of the certificates a News-Journal photographer will make a picture of the group which is to be used in local and state papers the following week. When the campaign is concluded in June it is hoped that it can be arranged to make a picture of the entire group of juniors from throughout the county, for use in the national promotion of junior sales of bonds in the 8th War Loan campaign.

## Hoke High News

During assembly Wednesday morning, the pupils of Miss Mayme McKeithan's home room presented a one act comedy entitled "Oh Mrs. Townsend!" The devotional was led by Margaret Willis. Joseph Thompson gave a humorous reading.

Mrs. W. E. Cook, former teacher of music, visited the high school Wednesday and played two selections for assembly.

All the pupils in the eighth grade have been given general aptitude tests, and the results of these tests have been filed in the office as part of the pupils permanent record.

The seventh grade pupils from all of the county schools visited Hoke High Friday of last week. During the afternoon they enjoyed a game of soft ball.

Mrs. White has a front hall display of work done by her biology classes.

Mrs. Durham's second and third year home economics pupils have just completed a unit in making plackets, bounka button holes, and set in pockets.

Pupils of Mrs. Gore's civics class saw the film "Freedom Rides on Rubber" Thursday during the sixth period.

Examinations in the high school begin today and continue into next week.

## Garden Leaders' School Tuesday May 29

Since garden leaders in the Hoke demonstration clubs will give the demonstration at club meetings in June, a Leaders school for these women will be held in the courtroom on Tuesday afternoon, May 29, at three o'clock, says Josephine Hall, home agent. The subject for discussion is "Control of Garden Insects." The discussion will be led by W. P. Philips, agriculture teacher of Hoke High school. Various dusters, sprayers and insecticides will be on display. The garden leaders in all the clubs are urged to attend and anyone else who is interested.

## Guilford Seeking Funds For Campus Development Plan

### Mrs. V. R. White, Raeford Chairman, Attends District Meeting At Fayetteville.

Excellent progress in the raising of funds for the Guilford College campus development program is reported this week by Floyd Monroe, program director, who states that \$299,000 of a proposed fund of \$350,000 has been raised.

A series of workers conferences are being held in eastern Carolina this month under the direction of Mrs. R. B. John of Fayetteville, and these have been attended by Mrs. Ruth Levering White and Principal V. R. White of Raeford. Mrs. White is chairman of the Hoke county group working for the fund and Mr. White is chairman for the Fayetteville district. Both are graduates of the college. Another conference will be held at Fayetteville at the Highland cafeteria on next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

## Alfred Cole Buys Graham Interest In Gulf Station

Alfred Cole, a first sergeant in Uncle Sam's armed forces since September, 1940, has returned to civilian life with a bang, and despite the OPA is making an effort to supply customers with gasoline. He purchased this week the interests of Arch A. Graham in the Gulf station which Mr. Graham has operated for the past 21 years at the intersection of Main Street and 15-A.

Mr. Cole will operate the business as Coles Gulf Station and will continue to handle the lines of products made by the Gulf concern and the accessories, tires and batteries which were carried by Mr. Graham.

## Chauffeurs Renew Licenses

Drivers licenses for chauffeurs, taxi and truck drivers are being renewed this month and next, it was stated by Mr. Frye, license examiner last Friday, June 30 is the latest date for renewal examinations, he said. Mr. Frye is in Raeford each Friday morning from 9 to 12 o'clock.

Zip the Lip,

## Hoke High Finals Will Be Held Wednesday May 30

### Students Again To Make Graduation Addresses; Holland To Preach May 27.

V. R. White, district principal of the Raeford Schools, announced Tuesday that Miss Margaret McKenzie has accepted the principalship of the Raeford graded school. At the same time, a completed schedule for commencement events made public.

The sermon to the graduates the Rev. H. K. Holland of the Raeford Presbyterian church will give Sunday morning, May 27, eleven o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The seventh grade promotion program will be given Monday morning, May 28, at 10:30 o'clock at the high school. P. A. Wilson will be the speaker. Frieda Moss will give the salutatory address, and Clara Anne Blue will deliver the valedictory.

On Tuesday evening, May 30, at 8:15 o'clock the Senior class will present "Americans All," a playpageant which has a Pan-American flavor as its theme.

"Universal Peace" will be the theme of the graduation exercises for the Hoke County high school on Wednesday evening, May 30, at 8:15 o'clock. There will be five student speakers, including the valedictorian, the salutatorian, the class president, and two others chosen for outstanding scholarship. America's Obligation, Individual Responsibility and Education in making and keeping peace will be discussed. The exercises will be concluded with the awarding of prizes and diplomas. The following will receive diplomas: Ina Mae Benner, Shirley Blue, Jack Campbell, Naomi Coltran, Harold Gillis, Margaret Haire, Margie Haire, Grace Jones, Harriet Jones, Vera King, Judy Klouse, Donnie Lytle, Miriam Miller, Laura McDougald, John McGregor, Lora Mae McKenzie, Lewis McNeill, Percy McNeill, Lee O'Brian, Mary Peeler, Margaret Ray, Thomas Ray, Angelo Sorrentino, Mary Ida Walters, Elmira Whitley and Wilton Wood.

## Complete Erection Honor Roll Board

### Committee Plans To Mount Names As Soon As Materials Are Available.

The concrete block form upon which will be mounted the bronze plaques of the Hoke County Honor Roll of men and women in the armed services was completed yesterday by John Murdoch McDuffie, and the committee in charge is planning to place an order for one of the plaques at an early date. It is located on the central grass plot of the Armory property.

Originally a temporary type material was planned for the mounting of the names, but in recent weeks bronze materials have become available, and it is quite likely that action will be withheld on further work until an estimate of the costs of the permanent bronze names can be obtained.

The names committee has secured the names of nearly 1,500 Hoke Countians who are or have been in the service in this war, and the construction of a plaque containing this number will require some time, it was said.

Present plans call for installation of a plaque on the front panel of the board on which will be all names of all service-connected men and women who have gone from the county. And on the rear panel at the end of the war there will be placed a plaque on which will be listed the men lost in action, decorations and citations, and the highest rank attained by all commissioned officers.

Mrs. Ina Bethune is chairman of the names committee and information regarding service men should be sent direct to her. Families are asked to make sure that she has been supplied with the records of all members who are now or have been in the armed forces.

Recent additions to the list, reported by Mrs. Bethune, included:

WHITE  
Lynch, Ethel Gibson.  
INDIAN  
Lochlear, Edward  
Lowry, Huse.

## Song Group

The Lone Star Quartette will give an entertainment at the Rockfish school on Friday night, May 25, for the benefit of the school lunch room and under the sponsorship of the PTA, it was announced here today.

## Bible Schools For Bethel-Shiloh To Begin June 4

Vacation Bible schools will be held at Bethel and Shiloh churches from June 4-15, according to an announcement made Tuesday by the Rev. William B. Gaston. The school at Shiloh will be from 8:30 to 11 A. M. and at Bethel from 3:00 to 5:30 P. M. Miss Josephine Lindsay from the Assembly Training school, Richmond, Va., will be director. Children aged four years and up are urged to attend.

## Holdings Exchange High Percentage P. & L Co. Stock

### Directors And Officers Re-elected Meeting May 16.

W. C. Phillips, May 16—Ninety-one and one-half per cent of the outstanding \$6 and \$7 Preferred Stock of the Carolina Power and Light company was offered in exchange by its holders for new \$5 Preferred during the 30-day period which ended May 12, L. V. Sutton, President of the company, announced at a stockholder's meeting here today. "Prior to the exchange offer" Sutton said, "approximately 75 per cent of the preferred stockholders of the company lived in the two Carolinas." "It's gratifying to report," he continued, "that more than 98 per cent of the shares held by resident stockholders were offered for exchange."

Sutton went on to explain that the company's proposal to call for redemption 10 per cent of the outstanding \$6 and \$7 preferred stock would not effect holders of 100 or less shares, and that a relatively small percentage of stock, over and above that which was not offered for exchange, would be subject to call in order to reduce by 10 per cent the total number of shares of outstanding preferred.

During the meeting, an amendment to the company's charter was adopted unanimously, which provided for the elimination of any reference in the charter to \$6 and \$7 preferred stock, and for increasing the rights of the holders of the new \$5 preferred stock. Among such rights was the granting of the privilege of preferred stockholders to elect a majority of directors of the company upon failure by the company to pay as many as four quarterly dividends on the new \$5 preferred stock.

The amendment provided further that no additional securities having comparable status could be issued by the company without a majority approval by holders of new \$5 preferred stock.

During the meeting, all of the directors of the company were re-elected. Prior to the stockholder's meeting, the board of directors met and took appropriate action necessary to the consummation of the company's exchange offer in connection with its preferred stock.

Immediately following the stockholder's meeting, the directors met again and re-elected all the officers of the company.

## J. A. Baucom Will Have Appliance Store Here Soon

J. A. Baucom, who this week sold his stock of general merchandise to the Belk-Hensdale stores, plans to open a sales agency for all types of electrical home appliances as soon as they become available for civilian consumption, he stated yesterday. Mr. Baucom, who was associated with his family in the operation of the Baucom Cash store for many years here, reorganized the firm last year and became sole owner. Prior to the year the concern featured the Frigidaire line of appliances and in his new business he expects to again feature this line of goods.

## Harry Hodges And Wife At Home

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hodges, internees of the Japanese for over three years, who were recently liberated from a camp near Manila, P. I., have arrived at their home in Fayetteville. Mr. Hodges is a nephew of Mrs. John McGowan of Raeford and shortly after arriving at his parents home, he called Mrs. McGowan by phone. His kid brother, the 24-year-old Major Thomas Hodges, of the army airforces has just arrived home from Italy a short while before he arrived in Fayetteville. Mr. Hodges went to the Philippines six years ago as a representative of the International harvester company.

## Belk-Hensdale To Open Store Here Friday June 1st

### Charlotte-Fayetteville Concern Buys Merchandise Stock Of The J. A. Baucom Cash Store.

The Belk-Hensdale concern of Charlotte and Fayetteville will open a department store in Raeford on Friday morning, June 1st, in the building recently occupied by the J. A. Baucom Cash store, it was announced here this week by J. W. Hensdale of Fayetteville.

The concern has purchased the merchandise stock of the Baucom store and leased the building which it occupied for a period of five years, it was said. During the past week alterations and remodeling have been in progress, and new merchandise is now being arranged for the formal opening of the store.

Mr. Hensdale stated that the Belk-Hensdale store at Fayetteville had long been one of the favorite shopping centers for the people of Hoke county, and that they were now preparing to bring a similar stock of goods to the center of Hoke county so that shopping would be more convenient.

W. C. Phillips, who has been associated with the Belk stores for the past ten years at Rockingham, will be manager of the new business here. "The store will have as complete a stock of high grade clothing and other goods as is possible under present conditions," stated Mr. Phillips. "We expect to have a great many items in stock for our opening which are difficult to obtain, and will add others as they become available again. Our concern has its headquarters in Charlotte and maintains a buying office in New York throughout the year, and as soon as new materials and styles are brought out these buyers are on hand to make purchases for each of the 225 stores of the business."

Mr. Phillips added that plans have been made to retain most of the personnel of the Baucom sales staff and that these men and women would be on hand to greet the customers on the opening day. It is the policy of the business, he explained, to employ local people wherever possible and to cooperate and take an active part in the community life so far as possible, a policy established by W. H. Belk, president of the company, about a half century ago, when the first store was opened in Monroe.

Mr. Phillips said that as soon as a suitable house was available he would move his family here from Rockingham, where his wife and three children are living at the present time.

## Positively The Last Change In Court Of Honor Date

Since its beginning, the Boy Scout movement has been strictly masculine, but the Western District of the Cape Fear Council seems to be weakening a little along these lines. Two weeks ago, the district announced the Court of Honor to be held in Gibson in May, then last week the second announcement came out that the Court would be held in Maxton the first week in May, and now this week we are at it again. This week the announcement goes, the Court of Honor will be held in Maxton on Friday, June 22nd. This last change was made in order that the new moving picture machine, just purchased for the whole council, might be on hand with some good pictures on scouting. There will be no contests at the court, but each troop will be asked to work up a 2-minute dramatization of one of the scout laws. Each troop will be notified as to which law it is to use. The selection will be made according to the troop numbers, so if you know the troop numbers, you will be able to select your law ahead of the announcement.

This seems to be the final announcement as to the location and time, but it might be well to just remember that we of the Western District are taking that feminine characteristic which says "that it is a woman's privilege to change her mind."

Mayor Neill McFadyen drove his aunt, Mrs. J. W. McFadyen, to Montreat last Friday. She will spend the summer there and the Pines will be closed 'til September.

Mrs. Frank Tapp has been quite sick for the past week.

Mrs. Joe Hancock and her father, Bruce Morris, came home Sunday from Knoxville, Tenn., for a short visit. Mrs. Hancock returned to Knoxville Wednesday.