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Hoke Men Receive Congratulations Of Gen. Doolittle

The Eighth Air Force was congratulated on V-E Day by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commander, for their part in the victory over Germany, according to several special dispatches received this week from England.

Those mentioned include: Tech-Sgt. Robert T. Vessey, B-17 inspector, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Vessey of Raeford; Staff Sergeant Claude D. McNeill of R2 Red Springs; and Cpl. Walter Howell of Raeford; and T-5 Harry L. Reynolds of R2 Raeford.

In summarizing the activities of the 8th Air Force since August, 1942, General Doolittle stated:

The Eighth Air Force was the world's mightiest strategic bombing force. Its personnel of 185,000 was the equivalent of 12 infantry divisions, and it could send 21,000 airplanes, and 2,000 four-engine bombers and 1,000 fighters over Germany at one time, a combat effort possible only through the support of tens of thousands of non-flying specialists.

Since August, 1942, when combat operations began, Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the Eighth dropped more than 700,000 tons of bombs on enemy targets. Fighter pilots shot down 5,250 Nazi planes and destroyed 4,250 others on the ground. Bomber gunners shot 6,000 German interceptors out of the air.

Pfc. Hall Liberated

Pfc. Clinton F. Hall, who has been held a prisoner of the Nazis at Starg 7 A, was liberated on April 29, according to a letter from his mother, Mrs. Ada E. Hall of Route 2, Raeford and a telegram from the War Department the following day. Pfc. Hall was serving with the 36th division in France and was listed as missing as of December 14. In his letter to his mother, he wrote that he was in good health and hoped to be home in the near future.

Three Raefordians Have Bullfist On Island Down In Pacific

Alvis Dickson, Harold Keith and Ed McNeill have had a reunion in the South Pacific, all three being on nearby islands. Alvis in the navy, Ed the army and Harold the air corps. Alvis wrote that they had lunch together and talked long and lovingly of Raeford, fried chicken, watermelons and Rockfish creek.

Home On Furlough

Pfc. James L. Currie, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott Currie of Raeford, arrived last Saturday from Camp Plausche, New Orleans, La., to spend a 18-day furlough here. He will report back to duty at Fort Jackson, S. C., June 11th.

Lt. William Lester Seals, who has been stationed at Fort Crockett, Texas, has been transferred to Fort Monroe, Va., where he will attend school. Enroute to his new station Lt. Seals spent Thursday night and Friday with his mother, Mrs. L. B. Seals.

Warrant Officer George Bethune returned to Washington Monday night after spending the week end with his family in Raeford.

Pvt. Roy W. Jones, who fought with the 69th division of the First Army in Germany, has recently been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in Europe. Pvt. Jones, the son of T. C. Jones of Route 2, Raeford, wears the combat badge, and the ETO ribbon.

Bethel Announces Bible School Staff

Daily Vacation Bible school will be held June 4-15 at Bethel Presbyterian church from 3 to 5:30 in the afternoon. All the children in the Bethel community between the ages of 4 and twelve are invited to attend and take part in this school. The teaching staff is as follows: Beginners department—Mrs. J. W. McBryde and Mrs. Lee Maxwell; Primary dept.—Misses Dorothy Pearson and Allyne Smith, and Mrs. N. A. Clark; Junior dept.—Mrs. Lucy Smith and Mrs. D. J. Dalton; Pianist—Landon Yarbrough; Director and song leader—Miss Josephine Lindsay.

Cotton Classing Is Free Under S-D Act

Free cotton classing by government classers under the terms of the Smith-Doxey Act is available to North Carolina farmers again this year but farmer groups must make application for this service, says Dan F. Holler, Extension cotton marketing specialist at State College.

Fifteen times as much cotton was officially classed last year as in 1939 because the classing card with the grade and staple of the cotton and also its loan value greatly helped growers in marketing their cotton or in obtaining loans, according to Holler.

He suggests that growers contact their county agents and also request their ginners to cooperate in obtaining the free service. The classing card on the cotton will be acceptable on any government loan and purchase program.

This year the ginner must submit cut samples from both sides of the bale, but samples not being acceptable. Each ginner must also be bonded. The extension service is forwarding applications for the Smith-Doxey classing service and also bond forms direct to the county agent in all counties that desire the service, says Holler.

The farmer group elects a president, a group representative, and an alternate group representative for such business as sampling and mailing samples for the group. The growers adopt a chosen variety of cotton and work for cotton improvement through their organization.

Three "Little Stills" Draw Three Fines

Possession of "little" stills, wash, beets and other supplies for the manufacture of stumphone liquor, brought fines for three negroes in county court Tuesday. James Leach paid \$25 and costs; Robert Smith paid \$25 and costs; Robert Smith Neill (alias Chapman) paid \$50 and costs. McNeill had been convicted here of similar charges previously. It was stated. All three were put on good behavior for 2 years.

Robert Smith was also convicted of assaulting his father following an argument over a plow. He was ordered to pay the court costs and pay Bill Smith \$5 for repair cost on the plow.

Ed P. Zilonka, white, paid costs for speeding; Charlie Caulk was convicted of abandonment of 2 children with prayer for judgment continued for two weeks.

LIBRARY NEWS

Schedule: 10:30 to 6:00 Monday through Saturday with 1 hour for lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie L. Gatlin recently presented two books to Hoke county library in memory of Dr. A. A. McFadyen: "He Took It Upon Himself," by Margaret Slattery and "Poems With Power to Strengthen the Soul," edited by James Mudge. They also gave "The Keys of the Kingdom," in memory of Mr. E. B. McNeill.

The following list of titles have been received: An Intelligent American's Guide to the Peace, by Sumner Wells; Victoria Through the Looking Glass, Life of Lewis Carroll, by Lennon; Some of These Days, Sophie Tucker; The Gentlemen Talk of Peace, Ziff; Young Bees, Irwin; Now That April's There, Neumann; The Violent Friends, Clewes; The Open City, Mydams; Sage Quarter, Bernice Kelly Harris; Doctor Woodward's Ambition, Seifert.

A reading club, Reading for Fun World Parade, is being planned for vacation time to begin Monday, June 4, and last until August 31. A number of attractive new books are being received and the boys and girls of the county are urged to come in and join.

Farmers Warned Against Cocklebur

Raleigh, May 30.—Farmers are warned to keep their hogs and cattle out of pastures containing cocklebur.

In issuing the advice, Dr. William Moore, veterinarian with the state department of agriculture, said that "the first young leaves of cocklebur seedlings are attractive to cattle and hogs—but these leaves contain a deadly poison which kills in a short time.

"Even a small amount of these young sprouts can kill an animal," declared Dr. Moore, adding that there is no known antidote. He said there is not as much danger after the plants are past the early sprouting stage.

Think Before You Speak

Tobacco Farmers Can Still Apply For Curing Coal

The AAA office has been advised that all eligible producers, who did not file an application for coal for tobacco curing with their supplier prior to May 15, 1945, are still permitted to file an application. However, under the procedure that is to be followed now, copies of certificates that will be issued by County committees will not be given to dealers from whom the producers expect to purchase coal but two copies forwarded to the Solid Fuels Administration, Charlotte, N. C. The Solid Fuels Administration will then make arrangements with the dealer indicated on the certificates.

Colonel Bob Palmer Passes Thru Raeford

Back in August, 1940, when what is now the world-famous Ninth Division was being activated at Ft. Bragg, several West Point officers in that division made their homes in Raeford. One of them was Lt. Bob Palmer, who with his attractive wife, Jean, and little son, Bobby, lived in T. B. Lester, Jr.'s house.

From Fort Bragg Capt. Palmer went to numerous army posts but came back to Bragg in 1943 as Lt. Col. with the 82nd Airborne division. He went overseas in April, 1943, was captured on D-Day, and had been in one of the worst German prison camps until recently liberated.

Yesterday he passed through Raeford on a troop train filled with liberated prisoners from North and South Carolina on the way to the separation center at Fort Bragg. He is a full colonel now. He has a six-day leave coming up, during which time he hopes to regain his health, which was very much impaired by his long stay in a German prison.

Bonus For Beef Production Set

Announcement of the Beef Production Payment program by the WFA, effective May 19, 1945, has been received by T. D. Potter, chairman Hoke county AAA committee.

In explaining the program, the AAA leader pointed out that the payment rate will be 50 cents per hundred weight for good and choice cattle owned and fed by the applicant at least 30 days prior to selling. "Cattle are required to weigh 800 pounds (liveweight) or more, and to be sold to a licensed slaughterer," he added.

Payments will probably be made similar to payments earned under the dairy production program and cattlemen are urged to keep accurate records of sales," Mr. Potter declared. Cattlemen will be furnished complete information relative to details of the program as soon as it is received by the county committee," he concluded.

Shiloh Bible School Begins Monday

From June 4-15, Daily Vacation Bible school will be held at the Shiloh Presbyterian church at Monroe between the hours of 8:30-11:00 o'clock in the morning. All children in and around this community between the ages of 4 and 11 are invited to attend. The teaching staff is as follows: Beginners department—Mrs. W. B. Gaston, Miss Mildred Sinclair, Mrs. F. L. Eubanks, and Mrs. W. L. McFadyen; Primary dept.—Mrs. T. C. Sinclair, Mrs. T. T. Siple; Junior dept.—Misses Mildred Womble and Miralyn Johnson.

Statistics Book Now Ready

Raleigh, May 30.—The 1944 edition of "Agricultural Statistics," the annual publication issued by the Statistics division and the crop reporting service of the state department of agriculture, has made its appearance, and is being sent free upon request, it is announced by Frank Parker, head of the division.

Featured in this latest edition are graphs showing the production and prices of North Carolina crops from 1923 through 1943 and figures tracing the increase in state farm wage rates from 1941 through 1943.

Conference Returns Clayton To Raeford Tabernacle Church

The Rev. H. Gwynn Clayton was returned to the Peoples Tabernacle church for another year by the annual conference of the Peoples Christian Movement which was held at Asheville this past week.

Hoke Folk Buying 7th Loan Bonds But Very Slowly

Chairman McDonald Reports But \$50,000 Sales Of All Types For Entire Campaign.

Sales of Bonds in the 7th War Loan drive are very slow, according to N. A. McDonald, campaign chairman, who states he is afraid that even though the length of time for the campaign is the longest ever given, Hoke County may fail to meet both its "E" and overall quotas.

To Wednesday morning total sales of all types of bonds had barely passed the \$50,000 mark towards a goal of \$200,000, and "E" bond sales amounted to but \$32,981.25, while the campaign quota is \$183,000.

This drive started in April and lasts until July, so that two-thirds of the time is nearly past, with but one-fourth of the quota purchased.

Men In Service

WHITE

Clark, Malcolm Nash; Frederick, Kenneth A. McCain, John Lewis

COLOR

Betha, Dennis Edward Blue, Thomas Graham, Delous Adon McPhatter, Angus McDougle, James Murphy Medlin, Howard Herman, Jr. Thomas, Gordine Washington, Joseph Wilson, William.

Miss Riley Receives Degree From WC

GREENSBORO, May 30.—In the class of 300 students graduated Monday from the Woman's college, was Miss Lugean Riley, Timberland. In graduating exercises in Aycock auditorium speakers were Governor Cherry, Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of University N. C.; Dr. W. C. Jackson, chancellor of the college, and a representative of the senior class. Gov. Cherry presented diplomas to the graduates, on whom President Graham conferred degrees.

Miss Riley, majoring in secretarial administration, received a bachelor of science degree. She is a member of the Carolinian society and of Gamma Alpha, society for business majors. In her freshman year she was a member of the college band and was a proctor. During her sophomore year she was in Play-Likers, college dramatic group, and was also active in the Y. W. C. A. She was a member of the Classical club for her first two years, and this year she has been on the campus elections board.

Figures Correct In Cotton Estimate

Raleigh, May 30.—The crop reporting service of the state department of agriculture made a perfect score last summer when it predicted the size of the 1944 North Carolina cotton crop, the department has revealed. The production forecast at that time was exactly the same as the final ginnings figure for the state just released—710,000 bales.

The estimate of 710,000 bales was repeated each month, August through November. Statistician J. J. Morgan explained, but in December the figure was lowered to 700,000 bales to allow for cotton that in all likelihood would not be picked.

However, a large amount of cotton was harvested in the spring this year, bringing the figure to 710,000 bales. In the five-month's figures, estimates were off only three-tenths of one per cent.

Upchurch Family Attend Launching

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch and Miss Elsie Upchurch have received invitations to the commissioning ceremonies of the ship, Lake Champlain, which will be christened at Norfolk-Portsmouth Navy yard Sunday afternoon. Joe Upchurch is a member of the crew. The family will go to Norfolk Saturday and stay until Sunday night.

RALEIGH, May 30.—A sharp upturn in the value of the 25 principal crops grown in this state last year is shown in a release by the Statistics division of the N. C. department of agriculture.

These crops were valued at \$631,244,000 in 1944 against \$488,669,000 for the previous year.

Raeford Red Spots Legion vs Aid In e Win

With Make Lothman sharing honors with Coleman on the mound, and F. Smith sharing the backstop position with Algie Beck, Red Springs Junior American Legion team defeated the Fayetteville Legion team 7 to 2, in a Memorial Day game at Robbins park yesterday.

Both these Raeford players are expected to see action in the opening preliminary elimination game to be played at Robbins park next Wednesday afternoon when Red Springs meets Laurinburg Juniors.

With The Army People

The Officers Wives club met Thursday with Mrs. Bert Nash and Mrs. Paul Dickson, Jr. Dessert bridge and rummy were enjoyed with Mrs. W. L. Taylor holding high score in bridge and Mrs. Valdes second. Mrs. C. J. McGill won high in rummy and Mrs. Rooks won the bingo prize. The club will meet Thursday, June 7, with Mrs. Younger Sneed and Mrs. T. B. Lester, Jr.

Lt. K. L. Dietrich has just moved into the William Lammont apartment.

Mrs. Wallace Pratorious, and daughter, Elysher, left Wednesday morning for their home in Texas. Lt. and Mrs. Sam Morris went to Texas at the same time. Lt. Morris driving the Pratorious car. Since giving up her apartment at Mrs. Younger Sneed's Mrs. Pratorious and daughter have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ryan McBryde.

Lt. and Mrs. Charles Ward and Lt. and Mrs. James Lavasseque of Laurinburg-Maxton AAB, have taken apartments with Miss Beulah McLean.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Charles Williamson and son of Laurinburg were week end guests of Mrs. Donald Davis. Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Chatham and two children of Greenville, S. C., spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Chatham are sisters.

Mrs. Walter Baker went to Raleigh today to bring her daughter, Fay, who is at school at Meredith home for the summer.

The Rev. and Mrs. H. K. Holland and daughters, Misses Bettie and Nancy, left Monday for Montreal. They went especially to attend the General Assembly. Nancy and Bettie will remain at Montreal with their grandmother, Mrs. Wiley, for the summer.

Miss Barbara Stevens will arrive home this week from Meredith college.

Mrs. A. K. Stevens is a patient at Highsmith hospital where she is taking treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barrington, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Daniel Jones in Salisbury since moving out of the Hall cottage which is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Byrne, will move into the McInnis cottage when Mrs. McInnis leaves for Florida.

Miss Sue Parrish of Smithfield, a student at Flora Macdonald, spent the week end with Miss Margaret McMillan.

Crew Chief and Mrs. John K. McNeill, Jr., of Greenville, S. C., have been spending the past week in Raeford with Mr. and Mrs. John K. McNeill.

Miss Elsie Upchurch is at home for the summer vacation, after being at Brenau college, Ga., this past year.

Miss Betsy Ann Cole of WCUNC, Greensboro, is at home for the summer.

Mrs. Lawrence Poole is spending this week with her father at home near Liberty.

Mrs. Clyde McInnis, who has been a most popular and efficient saleswoman at the Home Food market for the past several months, is leaving this week for Florida to join her husband.

Mrs. R. B. Lewis received a cablegram from Col. Lewis Monday telling that the government was giving him permission to have his family join him in Trinidad. So Mrs. Lewis, Misses Mary and Marion Lewis will go to Trinidad in the very near future.

Directors Hoke Freezer-Locker To Incorporate

Committee Visits Number Near-By Plants Studying Types Machinery And Equipment.

Incorporation papers for the Hoke County Freezer-Locker plant are now being prepared. It was stated yesterday by Tom Cameron, president of the concern, and it is hoped that the approval of the plans for the erection of the plant will be secured at an early date from the War Production board.

Mr. Cameron stated that of the nearly \$30,000 pledged for stock in the concern over 90 percent had been paid in.

During the past week locker plants at Lumberton, Dillon and Bennettsville had been visited by members of the board of directors, and others at Raleigh and Sanford will be inspected this week. Installations by Frick, General Electric and Carrier corporations have been seen and their equipment studied, and various services rendered by the concerns are being investigated. Mr. Cameron stated that the directors were greatly impressed by the tremendous amount and the wide variety of service the locker plants give a community.

Mr. Cameron added that the directors expect to carry a complete line of frozen fruits and vegetables packaged by one of the popular frozen food concerns, and this line would probably be available when the plant begins operation. It is expected that the plant can be built and begin operations this fall.

Another feature of the business, it was said, will be the establishment of a market for all types of livestock to be run in connection with the food processing department of the plant, so that farmers of the county will be able to secure top prices for their surplus beef, hogs and chickens without trucking them to distant markets.

Those visiting the various plants were: Mr. Cameron, Cecil Dew, N. H. G. Balfour, Marshall Newton, Edwin Smith, Robert Gatlin and J. Benton and Crawford Thomas.

MISS McLAUCHLIN IS GRADUATED AT SALEM

WINSTON-SALEM — Josephine Hall McLauchlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McLauchlin, Raeford, received her B. Mus. degree from Salem college, Winston-Salem, on Monday. Miss McLauchlin was thus honored at Salem's 173rd graduating exercises for which Dr. Meta Glass, president of Sweet Brine college, was the principal speaker.

Josephine majored in organ at this distinctive Southern college which was founded in 1772. In addition to her academic achievement there she was also an active participant in the extracurricular life of the school. Among the organizations to which she belonged at various times were Der Deutsche Verein; the student government association; International relations club; class basketball team; the nominating committee; and the Order of the Scorpion. For four years Josephine was a member of the choral ensemble and served as secretary-treasurer for that group in her junior term. She was on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet when a sophomore, was class treasurer of the junior class, and this past session held the important office of president of the senior class.

Mrs. Gore Wins State Poetry Cup

Mrs. Arthur D. Gore has been notified by the State Federation of Women's clubs that she has won the Federation poetry cup again this year for composing the best sonnet. Since Mrs. Gore has won the cup twice, she will be debarred from future contests for this particular award. Mrs. Gore's sonnet was entitled "Baby's Bronze Shoes."

Miss Nancy Falls of Gastonia, who has been studying at Erskine college, arrived Monday for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, Jr.

Miss Leonora Currie came home Monday from Queens college to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McLauchlin and son, John, attended commencement exercises at Salem college this week. Their daughter, Josephine, who majored in pipe organ, this year graduated with honors.

Miss Doris Norton of FMC is spending the summer holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Norton.