

IN UNIFORM

Brothers Meet in Manila

Cpl. Warren Calloway and Pvt. Leonard Calloway, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Calloway of Timberland, met recently in Manila. Warren is with the 749th Railway Battalion and has been stationed in Manila since March while his brother has just arrived there with a medical unit.

L. and Mrs. Ben Currie of Sanford, Fla., are spending this week with his parents. L. Currie will go to Norfolk Saturday and Mrs. Currie will return to Sanford Friday.

R. H. Chapman came last week for a long furlough to be spent with his family here.

Cpl. Monroe Edwards, who made his home near Raeford before going into service, has returned from overseas and is spending a thirty-day furlough here.

Wilton Wood of Rockfish, left Saturday morning for the naval training station at Baltimore, Md.

Pfc. Robert Mott arrived home last Tuesday to spend a 30 day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Mary Mott, after serving in the European theatre of operations. At the end of his furlough he will report to Camp Swift, Texas.

M-Sgt. Ralph Plummer and Lt. William Plummer, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Plummer, are both home from overseas and are visiting their parents at Rt. 2, Raeford. After thirty days at home, they will report to Richmond and Greensboro for reassignment and further duty.

POOLE'S MEDLEY

by D. Scott Poole

I remember two total eclipses of the sun, one came soon after the close of the Civil War in 1867 and the other in 1896. It grew dark gradually and the chickens went to roost. There was a total eclipse of the sun in the northern part of the United States July 9, 1945. There was only a partial eclipse visible here.

In 1881, Halley's comet was visible for half the year or more and about mid-summer the comet reached halfway across the firmament. The aurora borealis was the brightest that year I have ever seen it. Northern lights have not been seen lately.

A man can make as much now in a year as he could have made in ten years between 1873 and 1917. Farmers made a lot of money in 1917 and 1919, but in the years following they lost all they had accumulated. I fear they will have the same experience when the present war ends.

I do not think we have as heavy thunder storms now as in the years prior to that of stringing wires all over the country and the erection of means of conveying electricity into the ground.

One July afternoon in 1905 lightning struck and either partially or entirely tore to pieces every telephone pole between Raeford and Red Springs. That telephone line was discontinued, and other lines into the surrounding country have been discontinued, why I do not know, but have an idea they did not make expenses. We should have telephones all along rural electric lines.

One thing that I hope will follow this greatest of all wars since history was written is that the amount of money in circulation be kept up. Even if folks are no better off, because they are forced to spend as they make it, every dollar they can get, it looks more like business to handle cash.

I remember way back when you could get a haircut and a shave for a quarter, and you received only \$25 to \$35 a bale for your cotton. I have bought four dozen eggs for a quarter and two frying sized chickens for 15c, but I cannot say I would like to see a return to such bargains.

For twenty years I taught school for an average of not over \$30 a month. I taught not more than 8 months a year. I worked Saturdays and during vacation. I have never taken but one two-week vacation. Milk cows were cheap, feed did not cost much, and vegetables grew as well then or better than they do now. We could live as well and as easy.

I bought as good a Jersey cow for

Reedy McNeill Shot To Death By Jimmy McLaughlin Friday

Wagram Policeman Dies At Antioch Following Argument At Tobacco Barn.

H. Reedy McNeill was shot to death last Friday morning by Jimmy McLaughlin at McLaughlin's home in Antioch township.

Sheriff D. H. Hodgkin, who investigated the shooting, stated that McNeill had had an argument with McLaughlin at a tobacco barn at about 9 o'clock that morning, and that later McNeill, armed with a pistol and a sawed-off shotgun went to McLaughlin's house. He is said to have shot at the house several times as he approached it, and then entered the front door, still armed and speaking in a threatening manner. McLaughlin is said to have fired one shot from his gun, the lead taking effect in McNeill's breast. McNeill turned and went back to the front porch and McLaughlin went out the back door. He reported the shooting to W. C. Hodgkin, brother of the sheriff at Antioch, and asked Mr. Hodgkin to call the sheriff.

When the sheriff arrived McNeill was found dead upon the porch of the McLaughlin home. A coroner's jury heard several witnesses and testimony by McLaughlin, and returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

McNeill had been employed as policeman for the town of Wagram for the past year and was considered a good officer, it was said. He spent over a year in the army and served the entire time at the reception center at Fort Bragg, being discharged in 1943.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Josie Dunn of Maxton, and a brother, James Henry McNeill, both of whom made their homes in Antioch township.

Mrs. J. H. Plummer has as her guests her father, Robert Powell, and her sister, Miss Mabel Powell of Richmond, Va.

D. M. Smith of Washington, D. C., who has recently been discharged from the army, has been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Haire.

Mrs. Ruth Bridges and daughter, Dorothy, Miss Vera Cox and Mrs. Bennie Cox, spent Sunday in Monroe with Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gatlin and son and T. A. Marshburn have returned from a week's vacation spent at Chimney Rock.

\$40 in 1899 as any man could sell me now for \$140, and this brings us to the conclusion that wages, the prices of produce, are relative. I once paid \$12.50 for a pair of shoes which were guaranteed. I wore them out in six weeks and returned them to the manufacturers. Instead of refunding my money they half-sold them, mailed them back to me, writing "these shoes are all right," and charged me \$5 for the half-selling. I paid the charges and, since, have worn my shoes and quit returning them to the makers.

People used to set fire and burn over woods for better grass for the cattle and sheep. Sometimes the fire burned over more territory than folks wanted burned. One spring night when woods burning time was at hand, an old lady in the neighborhood went to hurry the cows home before a big cloud in the west came on. Fires had been burning all over the community, folks out looking for the old simple-minded woman, were blowing trumpets or horns, lightening were flashing, thunders were rolling, the elements were well lit up by the forest. I felt Judgment Day had come.

I recall two widows in our community who had three children each, and we, or my parents, helped both by giving them something to do to make a living. One wove cloth to make our clothes, and we hired the other's horse—rather, father had his sons, or himself plow her crops. Both made good livings. There were a number of others with whom we divided what we had. "When there is just enough for one, it makes a royal feast for two."

Times beyond numbering, company has dropped in just at mealtime, and we always invited them to dinner, and honestly, we have always had a sufficiency, and it seemed better than usual, which has always been good enough for anybody. The latch string should always swing on the outside of every door.



TO COACH JUNIORS—Billy Laval who will be in charge of the Baseball School which will be held at Robbins park in Red Springs the week of August 6-11, under the sponsorship of the Charlie Hall Post of the American Legion and which many Hoke county high school players are planning to attend.

Laval was coach of the 1944 and 1945 South Carolina Legion All-Stars and is head coach of Newberry college athletics. He will be assisted by Arthur "Jack" McRae of Red Springs, formerly and outstanding player-manager of semi-pro teams in this section of the state.

Tobacco Sells At Ceiling On Opening Day

Border Markets Have Big Poundage On Floors For Opening Wednesday.

Sales of tobacco were heavy and prices average about the ceiling price of 44.5 cents on the opening of the Border Belt yesterday, according to reports from North and South Carolina towns in the belt.

Highest price for a pile was at Lumberton where 63 cents topped the bids. Mullins market reported the leading poundage on the floors for a day with over 2,000,000 pounds. Fairmont had about 900,000 and Lumberton reported 750,000.

Quality was generally good through out the belt and the price range was from 33c to 48c except for a few exceptional extra finely graded piles.

James Edwards paid costs for assault upon his mother-in-law in county court Tuesday. Willie Willis

AUXILIARY BOARD TO MEET MONDAY

The executive board of the Women's Auxiliary of the Raeford Presbyterian church will meet Monday afternoon at 4 p. m., in the session room of the church.

Miss Josephine McLaughlin entertained very informally but delightfully on Monday morning with a coca-cola party for Miss Mary Lewis and Miss Nancy Hill, guest of Miss Mollie Cameron.

Miss Jane C. McLeod of Baltimore is spending several weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. C. J. Seaford. She spent a few days this week with Mrs. Edwin Pickler.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. White are now in their home in Fayetteville and Mr. White has taken up his duties as superintendent of the Fayetteville city schools. Raeford regrets losing the Whites but is very glad that they remained in the "neighborhood."

Mrs. Carl Freeman and daughters, Mary Raye and Carline, returned to Charlotte with Henry Harlie and sons, who had been Mrs. Freeman's guests the past week end.

Miss Reba Roberts is visiting her sister, Mrs. Josephine Carlyle, in Greensboro.

Mrs. Bert Brown has returned from a visit to Marietta and Fairmont.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Baker spent the past week end in Charlotte visiting relatives.

Mrs. R. L. Moody, Sr., and Mrs. R. L. Moody, Jr., are visiting Mrs. J. B. McIntyre.

INFANT SON DIES

Gerald Dwan Parks, son of Pfc. and Mrs. Ralph D. Parks, died on Saturday, July 21, soon after birth in Moore county hospital.

Name Committees To Serve Legion Post For Year

Extension Drive To Be Carried On For New Members By Ellis Williamson Post.

A number of activities for the year were outlined by members of the Ellis Williamson Post of the American Legion at the organizational meeting held last week when the new year's work was discussed.

Commander W. L. Poole has announced that the following service committees have been named:

Membership: Robert Gatlin, chairman, D. H. Hodgkin, Alfred Cole and Marshall Newton.

Publicity: DeWitt Tapp and A. D. Austin.

House: Alfred Cole, chairman, Israel Mann and C. H. Giles.

Legal: A. D. Gore and DeWitt Tapp. Finance: Jim Poole, chairman, W. J. Coats, J. B. Wombles, and C. P. Kinlaw.

Service: D. H. Hodgkin, chairman, A. V. Sanders, Archie McDiarmid and James W. Stanton.

Visiting: H. K. Holland and Starr McMillan.

Americanism: R. L. Murray, F. G. Leach, and A. R. Currie.

Athletics: Alfred Cole, chairman, Robert Gatlin, M. T. Poovey, J. D. McKeithan and R. A. Matheson.

Disaster Relief: Harry Greene, Sons of Legion: Starr McMillan and A. L. O'Brian.

Child Welfare: A. W. Wood. Defense: Robert Gatlin.

The post plans to sponsor Junior athletics events and aid in the promotion of school and 4-H club activities and will present awards to outstanding high school and grammar school students, and has endorsed a number of civic activities in which it expects to take part.

It also extends a cordial and urgent invitation to all former service men holding honorable discharges to join the post and take part in the program.

Orthopaedic Clinic Friday, August 3

An orthopaedic clinic will be held Friday, Aug. 3, in the basement of the agricultural building in Lumberton. This clinic is free to all indigent children 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 a. m.

Tobacco Combines Well With Sweet Potato Crops

A combination of tobacco and sweet potatoes proved to be a profitable venture last year for L. J. Sanders, who operates a portion of T. J. Heckstall's Indian Woods farm in Bertie county.

After Sanders built a combination tobacco barn and sweet potato curing house in accordance with a blueprint prepared by State College Extension specialists, he and Heckstall laid plans for the growing of tobacco and sweet potato crops.

The State College Extension service and the State Department of Agriculture were accepting orders for certified Louisiana Porto Rico seed potatoes in the winter of 1943, and Heckstall placed an order for 30 bushels. Sanders took them, treated and bedded them for producing plants. From this bedding, he transplanted 3 acres, and Heckstall filed an application with the North Carolina Crops Improvement Association to certify the crop produced in 1944.

A sweet potato harvesting demonstration was held on this farm in 1944 when agriculture experts from State College and the State Department of Agriculture demonstrated improved practices in digging, grading, and curing sweet potatoes. After experimenting with varying lengths of spacing in the drill, Saunders found that he produced more Number 1 potatoes and fewer jumbos from the ten-inch spacing. He used his barn for curing the crop.

In March of this year the stored crop of potatoes was inspected by the Crop Improvement Association, and the potatoes were graded for U. S. Number 1 seed stock. A state certified tag was attached, and the crop was sold for seed. The Baltimore buyer requested more the same type.

Saunders reported that he received \$2,700 for his four acres of tobacco and \$1,200 for three acres of sweet potatoes. Prospects for this year's crops are fine.

Postoffice Substitute

The local postoffice is a list of substitute clerk and examinations will be held soon at a date to be announced.

Substitutes are to be secured for Raeford, Red Springs, Southern Pines, and Tabor City, it was announced yesterday. They are used primarily for vacation relief duty, and for sick relief, and get a minimum of 45 days duty per year.

Laurinburg Loses Three Straight To Shelby Legion

Fourth Game To Be Played At Robbins Park In Red Springs Today.

The fourth game of the state championship play for the Junior American Legion baseball title will be played at Robbins Park in Red Springs this afternoon at 4:15.

Laurinburg, winner of the eastern and central district championships, has lost three straight to the western district champions of Shelby, dropping their third game at Red Springs yesterday 8 to 6 before a crowd of about 2,000 fans.

The first and second games were played under the lights at Shelby Monday and Tuesday nights, with the Cleveland county lads winning the first 8 to 4, and the second 12 to 1.

The State Championship goes to the winner of four of a seven game series.

Army Asks Rooms For Personnel At Fort Bragg

Capt. H. A. L. Harvey, Personnel Officer In Charge Securing Accommodations For 97th Division.

With 30,000 or more men being sent to Fort Bragg for redeployment and or training for the Pacific area, the demand for housing for families of army personnel in this area is expected to reach a new high by officials of the army post.

Rooms, apartments and houses are being sought in the towns of Raeford, Aberdeen, Southern Pines, Carthage, Lillington, Jonesboro, Sanford, Pinehurst and other towns adjacent to the Fort, and Capt. H. A. L. Harvey of the Personnel Affairs office has been designated by General Kennedy to handle requests for housing off the post particularly for personnel of the 97th division, and other units, which will be assigned to the post for Pacific warfare training.

Each resident having one or more rooms, apartments or houses which may be used are asked to make them available at once.

Capt. Harvey's office is located on the Main Post in Building 210, and is open from 8 to 5 daily. The telephone number is 2-6290.

Linda Sexton is a patient at Moore county hospital.

Mrs. R. A. Matheson, Sr., was taken to Highsmith hospital on Tuesday of this week for treatment.

Mrs. James Wood left Sunday morning for New York and is spending this week with her husband, who, serving with the Merchant Marines, has recently arrived there.

Miss Lizzie Niven has returned from Highsmith hospital, where she was treated for an infection. She is much better and her many friends are looking forward to seeing her back in her place of business.

Mrs. R. B. Lewis and daughters, Mary and Marion, left this week for Miami, from which place they will fly to Trinidad to join Col. Lewis who is stationed at Fort Reid.

Mrs. Robert Cutter left Tuesday night for a month's visit to her mother, Mrs. K. J. Byrne in Kansas City. Sgt. Cutter will join her later for a twenty-four day furlough.

Mrs. H. K. Holland returned last week from Montreal where she spent several weeks.

Mrs. W. J. Rouark and daughter, Peggy of Tampa, Fla., are visiting Mrs. Rouark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cothran of Raleigh were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Upchurch.

Series Of Clinics Scheduled For Hoke August-September

Typhoid, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough And Smallpox Immunizations To Be Given.

Schedule for a series of clinics for Hoke County were announced this week by Dr. J. W. Wilcox, county health officer at which vaccinations for typhoid, smallpox, diphtheria and whooping cough will be given.

Dr. Wilcox states that the treatments at these clinics is free and open to all residents of the county. He explained that the state laws require that all infants be vaccinated for diphtheria and whooping cough not later than their first year. Diphtheria treatment should be given at ages from 6 to 9 months, and infants from 6 weeks of age can be vaccinated for whooping cough.

Diphtheria requires two doses, 1 month apart; typhoid requires three doses one week apart; whooping cough requires four doses one week apart.

Schedule of Clinics

Montrose—August 13, 20, 27, and September 3 from 9:30 to 11:00 a. m.
Bowmore—August 13, 20, 27 and September 3 from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.
Dundarrach—August 13, 22, 29, and September 5 from 9:30 to 11:00 a. m.
Rockfish—August 13, 22, 29, and September 5 from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.
Antioch—August 16, 23, 30, and September 6 from 9:30 to 11:00 a. m.
Wayside—August 16, 23, 30, and September 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.
Raeford—August 14, 21, 28, and September 4 from 1:30 to 4:00 p. m. Also every Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00 a. m.

The Raeford clinic will be held in the Health department and those out in the county will be held in the Community Houses in the respective community.

Dr. G. W. Brown and Dr. R. C. Murray have also assisted in the health department by conducting maternity clinics. The report quotes last week failed to list the valuable aid of these men.

Recorders Court

James Edwards paid costs for assault upon his mother-in-law in county court Tuesday. Willis Willis paid costs for drunkenness. John Archie Baldwin paid costs for possession of home brew. Albert Brown paid costs for operating car with improper brakes.

Orville Wright Bass, the only white defendant, paid costs for speeding. Willie Ray paid \$10 and costs on conviction on charges of fornication and adultery, while Belle Bennett was given a 30 day sentence. The Bennett woman has been in the local court several times on similar charges. She was also given an additional 30 day jail sentence for possession of homebrew, and Ray paid costs also for homebrew possession. Nathaniel McRimmon paid costs for having a car improperly equipped.

Miss Sarah Lynch, dining room waitress at Assembly Inn, Montreat, has been spending a vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lynch.

Mrs. John McGoogan is leaving today for Myrtle Beach where she will be a guest at Tallyho Inn for a week.

Miss Nancy Hill Bozeman of Montreat is visiting Miss Mollie Cameron.

Mrs. Tom Cameron and children will spend the month of August at Myrtle Beach. They will be with Mrs. Cameron's father and her sister of Bennettsville, S. C. at their cottage.

Miss Bennie Jean Jones of Winston-Salem, Miss Nell Denny of Albemarle and Miss Mollie Bozeman of Rocky Mount are arriving today to visit Miss Josephine McLaughlin. These girls were classmates at Salem college.

Mrs. Lawrence Poole's father, J. M. Coble and her two sisters, Misses Madge and Joe of Liberty spent Wednesday night and Thursday in Raeford with the Pooles.

Mrs. Crawford Thomas spent the past week end at Lake Junaluska with her daughter, Iris, who is in camp there.

Mrs. Harold Stone and son have returned to Raeford and are with Mrs. Stone's mother, Mrs. Warren. They met Lt. Stone in Washington for a short visit to his parents, before he returned to the Pacific coast.