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More Hoke Soldiers Still Coming Home

Several more of the soldiers who left this country when the National Guard went on Federal service in September, 1940 have arrived at Ft. Bragg and their homes this week. Almost without exception these men have served two tours of overseas duty, having been sent to the West Indies in 1941 and 1942, returned to the United States in 1943 and 1944, and sent to a combat theatre.

Among these are 1st Sgt. William E. Willis of Rockfish who went to the Philippines, Pfc. Herbert Thames who went to Europe and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action there, Cpl. Carlyle Brown who was in Italy and others whose names have not yet been received. Brown has been discharged but Willis and Thames are still waiting.

Lieutenant Colonel James Gordon Currie has been separated from the service and is spending his terminal leave at home.

Capt. Neil James Blue who was stationed in Trinidad and the ETO was separated from the service last week and is now spending his terminal leave at home.

Capt. and Mrs. T. B. Lester, Jr., left this week for Fort Bliss, Texas, where Capt. Lester is now stationed. He has recently returned from several months service in the ETO.

Lieut. Commander and Mrs. William Covington are spending Comdr. Covington's terminal leave with Mrs. W. T. Covington, Sr., here. He was recently separated from the navy.

Major J. H. Blue returned yesterday from Idaho. He has been separated from the service and will spend terminal leave at home.

Word has been received that Seaman First Class Clarence Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Rose of Route One, was among the first to enter Tokyo Bay.

Capt. Charles Malloy Lamont has been separated from the service and is spending his terminal leave in Raeford. He was in the ETO over two years.

S 1-C Dan Cox, Jr., spent the week end at home.

Pfc. Clinton F. Hall was expected to arrive from the European theatre this week. He received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action.

Johnny Wright, of the Merchant Marine is at home for a few days.

Chaplain Allan McSweeney has been transferred and left this week with his family for his new station.

Cpl. Julian McKeithan writes home that his company, 7074 Quartermaster Trucking Co., was the first trucking company to land in Japan. They beat the 11th Airborne in Japan and Julian was in one of the first planes.

POOLE'S MEDLEY

(By D. Scott Poole)

The Town of Raeford was incorporated by the General Assembly of 1901. The law creating Hoke county was passed by the legislature of 1911.

There is a question about who was first mayor of this town, but George Edgerton was the first mayor of Raeford. He was a mule dealer. He left Raeford in 1905, soon after I arrived, but I did not run him off.

J. W. Fagan published the first newspaper in Raeford in 1904, the Raeford Chronicle. I bought Fagan out in 1905.

I first opened a printshop in a room partitioned off in McNeill Bros., but after some months they had that petition door locked, and who entered my shop had to go out to the rear of the building. I moved into a vacant store on the corner of the lot on which the Upchurch Milling company now stands.

But few of the adult population of Raeford I found here, are now living. I often think of the once familiar faces I used to see in this town, which are not here now.

John M. McNair, who married a (Continued on Page Two)

Forage Production Program For Hoke County

By County Agent A. S. Knowles

The general outlook for the future of cotton is that it must give in, partly, to other crops within a few years. Whatever the adjustment may be, it is almost a certainty that livestock must play an important part in any balanced farm program. If livestock is to be important, adequate forage crops must be provided in such form as to furnish feed in the most economical manner.

In order to assist farmers in getting pastures established, the several agricultural agencies met at the county agent's office during the past week, and made several recommendations regarding the establishment of permanent pastures and supplementary grazing crops. The following agencies cooperated in making the recommendations and will assist farmers in getting more and better pastures established: The Soil Conservation Service, the Vocational Agricultural department, the Farm Security Administration, the Triple A, and the Agricultural Extension Service. Below are the recommendations:

A. Permanent Pastures; steps necessary to properly establish a permanent pasture:

1. Select a heavy, dark soil, fairly well drained.
2. Apply 1 to 2 tons of ground limestone and 400 to 600 pounds of Superphosphate per acre.
3. Stubble or cover crops should be chopped up with a disk and left on or near the surface. This should be done as early as possible in the fall. Disk again and then smooth with a spike-tooth harrow 2 to 4 weeks before seeding.
4. Broadcast 100 pounds of muriate of potash per acre and harrow with a spike-tooth harrow just before seeding.
5. Sow the following mixture per acre between February 15 and March 1: Kobs Lespedeza, 15 pounds; Dallis grass, 10 pounds; White Clover, 2 pounds. (Inoculate clover seed. Use 2 times as much inoculant as recommended by the manufacturer.)
6. When seeding, sow half of the seed one way then cross with the other half for even distribution. If seeded by hand, cover lightly with a spike-tooth harrow or weeder.
7. Do not graze until the growth is 5 to 6 inches high. Graze moderately the first year.
8. Weeds must be kept under control. Raise cutter bar of mower above grasses and mow as often as necessary.
9. Apply 1 to 1 1/2 tons of ground limestone per acre every five years. Apply 200 pounds 18 percent superphosphate and 100 pounds muriate of potash per acre every year.

B. Supplementary Grazing: Permanent pastures should be supplemented with temporary grazing to prevent overgrazing and to secure grazing for the longest possible time.

Fall and Winter Grazing: (1) Italian rye grass, 40 pounds per acre. (2) A mixture of 2 bushels oats and 3 bushels barley, or 4 bushels of either seeded alone. (3) Crimson clover, 15 pounds and Italian rye grass, 15 pounds per acre.

These crops should be seeded from September 1 to October 15. Plant on good land, well prepared. Inoculate clover seed. Fertilize with a 6-8-6 fertilizer at time of seeding at the rate of 300 pounds per acre. Top dress November 1 with 16 pounds of available nitrogen; repeat February 1.

Summary Grazing: Lespedeza, soybeans, millet, and Sudan grass are recommended for summer pastures. Also a permanent plot of Sericea lespedeza or Kudzu or both on every farm will furnish excellent cheap grazing during the summer and fall months.

W. E. Street Back At Raeford Hotel

W. E. Street, owner of the Raeford hotel and for several years its manager, until he leased the establishment to Sidney Lewis about two years ago, returned to Raeford this week and is again in charge. Mr. Lewis and his family have moved out.

Orthopaedic Clinic In Lumberton Friday

An orthopaedic clinic will be held Friday, October 5, 1945 in the basement of the agricultural building. 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 9 and 11 o'clock.

Hoke High Badly Beats Elizabethtown Tuesday Afternoon

A strong Hoke County High School eleven decisively outplayed the football team from Elizabethtown in the first game of the season here Tuesday afternoon, winning the game 25 to 7.

First blood was drawn in the first quarter when McKeithan of Hoke High recovered a punt blocked by Poole and ran twenty yards to score. The visitors came back to take the lead in the same quarter by climaxing a series of successful passes and ground plays with a score followed by the extra point on a pass play. Hoke scored again in the second quarter when Thomas on a reverse end run moved thirty yards for a touchdown. Plummer scored once in the third quarter and one in the final quarter on line plays.

Hoke High's whole line played an excellent game and the backs mentioned above were outstanding.

Warnings Sent Two Feed Mills

Raleigh, October 1.—Warnings regarding sub-standard feeds sold in North Carolina were sent recently to the Southern Milling company of Augusta, Ga., and the Power City Mills of Elizabethtown, Tenn., according to D. S. Coltrane, assistant commissioner of agriculture.

Coltrane said that two lots of Fat Back Hog Ration produced and sold by the Georgia firm had been found at the Zebulon Supply company of Zebulon and at the Flowers Hatchery at Kinston.

Although the feed company said their product contained cottonseed meal, peanut oil meal, and soybean oil meal, none of these contents was found, Coltrane reported.

The Tennessee firm declared its feed, called Blue Seal Dairy Feed, contained linseed oil meal, gluten feed, and distillers dried grains, but the department's analysis failed to show these products.

"We are fully cognizant of the feed ingredient situation, especially the shortage of protein; but we cannot tolerate the defilement of the valuable ingredients which these companies listed," said Coltrane.

Deer Season Gets Under Way Tuesday

In an interview yesterday with John A. McGoogan and Robert Gatlin the following information relative to the first day of the deer season, Tuesday was obtained. They estimated that roughly two hundred hunters, local and otherwise, went on five big hunts and a number of smaller ones in the county, exclusive of Little River township, and that twenty-one deer were killed. According to these two hunters, the bag for the larger of the hunts was Raeford Hunt club zero, Tapp hunt zero, Skull hunt five, Saunders hunt six, and the High Point hunters on Mrs. Julian Johnson's property seven.

Shiloh Ingathering

For the second year, Shiloh Presbyterian church is holding an ingathering at the evening hour. The supper, consisting of either barbecue or Brunswick stew, will be served from 5:30 till 8:00 p. m. on Wednesday evening, October 17, at the Montrose community house. Cakes, canned goods, and various handwoven articles will be sold. If the weather is clear, the meal will be served outside under lights.

Some Beef Now Point-Free

RALEIGH, Oct. 1.—Lower grades beef, utility cuts of veal, lamb, sausage and other products of these meats will be point-free until October 27, the Raleigh district OPA announced today.

Hamburger, lamb patties, veal patties, short ribs, brisket and flank meat are included on the point-free list.

The October increase is made possible by seasonal marketing increase in range fed cattle which produce the grades cut to zero point value.

OPA pointed out that pork, better grades beef, veal and lamb remain short in supply and the Department of Agriculture and OPA agree that rationing of these must continue. They will remain at present point values indefinitely.

Fats, oils, dairy products also are unchanged.

OPA promised the enforcement of rationing regulations at the retail level will continue at all points in Eastern North Carolina.

Commissioners Call Airport Meeting For Twenty-Second

Also Request Survey Of County's Mail Routes.

The county commissioners in their monthly meeting at the courthouse last Tuesday transacted several items of business of considerable interest to the people of the county.

First item to be taken care of was the drawing of the jury for the November term of Hoke County Superior court.

In view of the increasing popularity of flying, both as a pleasure, a means of transportation, and other agricultural and business uses the board decided to hold an open meeting for public discussion of the possibilities and the desirability of developing a publicly owned airport for the county. If the public shows sufficient interest in the project it is to be assumed that the commissioners will further investigate ways and means of bringing the proposition to reality and methods of taking advantage of financial assistance by the Civil Aeronautics Authority (CAA) and other government agencies.

Probably of greatest interest and important to the people of the county of the day's business was the resolution by the board to have a letter written to Congressman W. O. Burgh requesting that the rural mail routes of the county be surveyed in the near future. This move was made in the belief that there should be more mail routes in the county and more from the county seat in order to improve the postal service to residents of Hoke county not living in Raeford.

The board of commissioners also voted for a contribution of \$100 by the county to the Red Cross for the relief of the victims of the recent flood of the Cape Fear River.

Bethesda Homecoming

(By D. Scott Poole)

The Bethesda homecoming last Sunday was a success from every viewpoint. They had a fine program, and carried that out. The dispersed abroad responded well to the invitation to attend, although the day was threatening and was dark and cloudy.

At the morning service, Rev. M. C. McQueen, D. D. of Clinton, preached a fine sermon to a full house. He held his audience with rapt attention. We heard much comment on this able sermon.

At one o'clock, between five and six hundred people, by my estimate, gathered round a table more than one hundred feet long laden with choicest food.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Robert Page read a paper filled with historical data. She was followed by E. T. McKeithan, who read a long and interesting paper from the sessional records of the one hundred and sixty-year-old church.

Next was Hon. Charles G. Rose of Fayetteville, with an address on Presbyterianism. This was a great speech, an able address on the church's beliefs.

There were people there who came fifty or more miles, and the opportunity to renew friendships of former days was greatly enjoyed. It was a great day, enjoyed beyond words.

Bethel Ingathering

Bethel Presbyterian church will hold its annual ingathering on Thursday, October 25, at the noon hour, at Blue Springs community house. Last year 586 were served a barbecue or chicken salad dinner. This year an even larger crowd is expected. The cotton will be auctioned in the afternoon. Various foods and home-made clothing will be on sale.

MANAGEMENT CHANGE

Starting with this issue, the News-Journal is being edited and managed by Paul Dickson. Having been engaged in other activities for the past five years Dickson is undoubtedly somewhat rusty at the newspaper business. For this reason an apology is offered to the readers for editorial deficiencies in this issue. It is the honest intention of the new editor to correct them as early as possible. Mr. Dougald Cox, of Red Springs, who has been manager of this paper for the past two years, will continue to edit and publish The Scottish-Church of Red Springs and Maxton.

New Farm Supply Store Opens Here

In an advertisement elsewhere in this issue, Harvey Warlick and Zeb E. McDaniel announce the opening tomorrow of their store in the new brick building recently erected next to the Hoke County Office building. Mr. Warlick has been connected with the Bank of Raeford for the past several years and Mr. McDaniel has been for some time associated with the Farm Security administration here.

The owners state that their store will handle all types of feeds, seeds, and allied materials, as well as farm machinery and electrical appliances when these become available. The firm is to be a dealer agent for the North Carolina Farmers' Cooperative Exchange (FCX), a cooperative organization of North Carolina farmers through which the farmers buy their feeds, seed, fertilizer, fencing, machinery and other farming materials and share in the profits through dividends from the state organization, according to Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Warlick.

Raeford Post Office Before Congress

Town On Federal Construction Program Proposed For State.

A new post office building for Raeford was among 105 North Carolina post office buildings included in a list of "eligible projects" placed before Congress this week.

The majority of the structures recommended for the State have a limit of \$85,000 for construction costs but this town was among a smaller number of edifices recommended at a cost of \$95,000. Several Carolina towns were also recommended for greater expenditures. These included Goldsboro, Hickory, Jacksonville, Kinston, Lenoir, Lexington, Littleton and Oxford.

The North Carolina projects were listed in proposed legislation submitted jointly by the Post Office Department and the Public Buildings Administration of the Federal Works Agency. Authorization of an appropriation of \$193,000,000 for Federal projects would be granted under terms of the bill.

Federal Works Agency officials emphasized that when the last depression came it was not possible to place sufficient volume to be effective. It was explained that it takes much time to acquire sites, clear titles, prepare drawings and specifications, and advance a building project to the point when you are ready to let the contract and put workmen on the job.

However, a statement by Commissioner W. Englebert Reynolds of the PBA pointed out that inclusion of a building in the eligible list is no indication that a recommendation for its construction is to be expected in the near future and that many of the buildings may not be constructed for years.

A letter of transmittal to Speaker Rayburn of the House emphasized that the purpose of the legislation is to grant authority to the PBA to purchase sites, prepare drawings and specifications and construct that building projects most essential to efficient operation of the Federal establishment.

Cotton Gathering Much Slower This Year

A Census report from the Department of Commerce in Washington, shows that almost six times as many bales of cotton had been ginned in Hoke county prior to September 16 in the year 1944 than in the year 1943. Last year 2,876 bales were ginned before that date and this year only 486 were ginned. The report gives no figures as to comparative grades of cotton produced but they are well as much lower this year due to the heavy rains.

Antioch Ingathering

The annual ingathering at Antioch Presbyterian church will be held on Thursday, October 18, with a barbecue and chicken salad dinner at noon. Preceding the dinner will be sale of produce, cakes and handiwork.

J. L. McNeill lost a tenant house west of Raeford by fire last Sunday afternoon. About all personal effects of the family living there were lost but no one was injured.

Mr. Thomas Kearns, registered druggist of Randolph county, is now employed by the Hoke Drug company. Mr. Kearns was recently honorably discharged from the navy.

No fist fights on streets this week.

Tobacco Stealing Case Continued To Superior Court

Lewis Pays \$25 Fine For Violating Prohibition Laws.

In Recorder's court Tuesday morning Judge Henry McDiarmid found probable cause in the case in which four colored men of Raeford Township were charged with the larceny of a quantity of tobacco from J. H. Wright and Earl Tolar and sent the case up to Superior court. The men were Christian Bailey and Clyde Jones, both of whom entered a plea of guilty of stealing the tobacco, and Duncan Thomas and Jimmie Arles, both of whom pleaded not guilty of receiving the tobacco knowing it to have been stolen. Bond in the case of each was set at \$500.

Sidney L. Lewis, former operator of the Raeford hotel, was caught by officers with several bottles of tax paid alcoholic beverages in his car with the seals broken and was charged with violating the prohibition laws. Lewis pleaded guilty as charged and prayer for judgement was continued on payment of a fine of \$25 and the court costs in the case.

Clarence Naylor, white man of Bladen county, pleaded guilty of stealing an automobile wheel and tire from W. T. McQuage and was sent to the roads for three months.

Raymond J. Finzer, white soldier, entered a plea of guilty of careless and reckless driving, violating the road laws by improper use of a spotlight, and speeding. Sentence was sixty days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs.

E. E. Capps and Mrs. M. P. Hoover, and James Blackman and Mrs. Elsie Creech, all white of Cumberland county, entered pleas of guilty of falsely registering at the hotel here and each paid a fine of ten dollars and the court costs.

Ed McRae, Antioch colored man, pleaded guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and was sent to the roads for six months.

Green Huey, Raeford colored man, got a sixty day sentence suspended on payment of the costs and a \$10 fine.

Lineal Davis and Landr Coleman, both colored, each paid the costs for speeding.

C. M. Miller, white, was charged with hit and run and careless and reckless driving and was found guilty of the latter. Prayer for judgement was continued on payment of \$100.27 to the owners of the cars be damaged and the costs of the court.

United War Fund Drive Doing Well

J. A. McGoogan, chairman of the Hoke County United War Fund Committee, stated that the drive was doing well and that he fully expected the county to surpass its quota of \$4,020.

At press time yesterday afternoon over four hundred dollars had been collected by Mr. McGoogan and he was confident of having over five hundred by the day's close.

In addition to the county chairmen in the area chairmen are as follows: Robert Gatlin, Raeford; Mrs. Arch McEachern, Allendale; I. L. Newton, Antioch; Mrs. J. W. McBryde, Blue Springs; Alberta Grant, Little River; John Parker, Wayside; Mrs. Merril Gibson, Rockfish; N. F. Sinclair, Ashley Heights; Mrs. P. P. McCain, Sanatorium; Carl Riley, Montrose; Donald Yates, Stonewall.

DDT Helps Cows On Test Farm

Raleigh, Oct. 1.—The cows at the Coastal Plains test farm at Willard "had an easy time of it with flies this summer," according to Director Fred E. Miller of the test farms division of the State Department of Agriculture.

Miller said that DDT, the recently developed miracle insecticide, has done the trick. The insecticide, which was sprayed in the big dairy barn at Willard four months ago, still is killing flies.

The test farms director explained that extensive field research in Kansas shows that cattle sprayed or dipped with DDT graze quickly, unbothered by flies, while untreated cattle bunch and stand almost all their time switching flies. A ring's dipping or spraying relieves the Kansas cattle of flies for 10 days.

H. E. Dees, Hoke County jailor, underwent an appendectomy at Moore County hospital last Sunday night and at last reports was doing nicely