



## S-Sgt. Howard Pope Reaches U. S. A.

Mrs. Lola Pope received word this week that her son, S-Sgt Howard Pope, had reached the United States on October 25. He landed at San Francisco and is at present at the Letterman General hospital in California. Sgt. Pope had been a prisoner of the Japanese since his capture on Corregidor in 1942. He was liberated from the prison camp at Osaka, Japan, on the tenth of last September.

Julius Niven, returned veteran of the war in Europe, was discharged from the Army at Fort Bragg this week and is at home in Raeford.

Warrent Officer Joe McBryde, who has recently returned from the European Theatre of Operations, is at home on a forty-five day leave.

Ensign George Bethune spent the week end in Raeford with his family.

Daniel C. "Tooney" Wilson has recently been discharged from the Navy and is at home.

Sgt. Berder Niven, who has been in Burma and China for the past two years, is enroute home and is at Calcutta, India awaiting transportation, according to a message received by his wife Tuesday.

Cpl. John T. Haire, who has been in Luzon, has been sent to Japan for further duty, according to information received by his wife.

Sgt. Robert B. Ellis of Portland, Maine, is spending a fifteen-day furlough with his wife, the former Miss Marie Clark and twin daughters, Caroline Yvonne and Jerry Leon.

## NOTICE TO VETERANS

W. W. Roberts, register of deeds of Hoke County, has asked the paper to state that he strongly advises all discharged servicemen to bring their discharge certificates to the courthouse and have them registered. It is important to these men that a permanent record be made of this document, as there are many times a discharged soldier needs his discharge certificate. If it is recorded at the courthouse he can always get a certified copy of it when needed. This registration costs veterans nothing in this county, as the county commissioners have voted for the county to pay this fee for each veteran.

## Announces Plans For Christmas Seal Drive

Raleigh, Oct. 21.—Frank W. Webster, executive secretary of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, has announced that the 1945 Christmas Seals, designed by Park Phipps of the Chicago Institute of Art, have been shipped to some 32 organized tuberculosis associations and local chapters throughout the state.

Traditional Christmas colors of red and green add a festive theme to the 1945 seal which features a healthy young boy, symbol of American youth, carrying a holiday wreath toward a white house with a picket fence in the background. A red double-barred cross, emblem of the crusade for health, completes the design chosen for this year's traditional tuberculosis Christmas seal.

The new seals should have reached local personnel by November 1, as part of the nation-wide campaign to be conducted between November 19 and December 25, to raise funds for the control of tuberculosis, Webster said.

Funds raised throughout the country, he continued, will be used principally to support local health programs, with all but five percent of the 1945 North Carolina quota of \$285,000 to be spent within the state. This five percent will be forwarded to the National Tuberculosis Association, the parent body of the nation's 2,500 voluntary tuberculosis associations.

Plans for the 1945 Christmas Seal sale are now well underway and Miss Agnes Mae Johnson has been announced as chairman of the campaign for Hoke County.

## Revival At Bethel

Rev. A. M. Fields of Lewisburg, West Virginia, will open a series of revival services next Sunday evening at the Bethel Presbyterian church. The services will be held at 7:00 P. M. nightly, Sunday through Friday and will close with morning and evening services on Sunday, November 11.

## Cameron Explains Present Standing Of Freezing Plant

In reply to the questions of many people of the town and county who have paid rental on a locker in the proposed freezing plant, Tom Cameron, President of the organization, has explained the status of the project at present with reasons therefor.

Cameron stated in the first place that when the directors and stockholders began to investigate the proposition thoroughly they found that the plant they wanted for this community would take approximately \$50,000 to build and install instead of the \$35,000 originally estimated. To build this plant would necessitate the sale of \$15,000 more capital stock and some of the stockholders are dubious about the wisdom of investing in a plant costing that much for a community this size.

Also learned from these first investigations was the fact that a freezing plant of the type desired could not be delivered here within six months or a year of the time ordered, Cameron said. He said that while freezers of the type used by the Army and the Navy had been available, the companies manufacturing these were almost all closed at the present time and engaged in the conversion of their plants to the manufacture of freezers designed for civilian use. These will not be forthcoming for some time, he said, and there would probably be a possibility of getting a plant originally built for the Army or the Navy, such a plant would not be suitable for this county.

Finally, he mentioned the condition of the building material market at the present time and said that materials could not be obtained. Due to this and the factors stated above he said that the directors of the company had decided to let the project rest for the past several weeks. He also said that there would be a meeting of the directors and stockholders in the next few weeks to decide what should be done—either build the plant or decide not to build it and return the money to those who had put it up. He stated that the money raised for locker rent was intact in the Bank of Raeford at present, none having been used so far for the expense of investigating the project, having plans drawn, etc.

## PJC Will Offer Course For Veterans

MAXTON, Oct. 28.—The Veterans Administration of North Carolina has forwarded contracts to Presbyterian Junior college which will permit veterans under Public Law 16 to attend a Special Refresher course which begins November 1. Students may enroll for some time thereafter. The Special Refresher course is a new application of well-tested educational methods. It prepares the mature student who has not finished high school for college entrance examinations. It adapts post-graduate individual instructional techniques to the adult secondary student. Each student may begin just where he needs to begin in high school work. He may proceed as rapidly as he is able. At the end of any semester he may take college entrance examinations, and if he passes, he may enter college. The professors will be available at set hours each day for instructing, explaining, counseling, directing and testing the work accomplished. No student need be held back by others in the class. Emphasis will be upon mathematics, English, business courses, languages, history, science, and Bible. Under plans being worked out by the North Carolina college conference students passing the college entrance examinations will be admitted to all colleges as full freshmen.

Young people who have had high school work interrupted by participation in war industry, foreign students, returned veterans under the "G. I. Bill of Rights," and students who have been injured and are eligible for education under Public Law 16 are expected to enroll. Students taking regular college work or preparatory courses may start attendance at any time, and may begin receiving regular college or high school credit within not more than two weeks.

## Attend Conference In Raleigh

A. S. Knowles, Hoke County farm agent, and Miss Josephine Hall, Hoke County home demonstration agent, are in Raleigh this week attending the conference of farm and home demonstration agents of the state.

## Kiwanis Club Elects New Officers

At a recent meeting the Raeford Kiwanis club elected its officers for the year 1946. Tom Cameron, secretary-treasurer of the Upchurch Milling company, was elected president to succeed Dr. Marcus Smith, and Donald Davis, proprietor of the Davis 5, 10, and 25c store here, was elected incoming vice president to succeed Tom Cameron.

The new officers will be installed at a meeting of the club in January.

## Truman Will Not Visit Statesville

President Truman Monday cancelled all of his scheduled out-of-town trips.

Eben Ayers, assistant White House press secretary, said the cancellation applied not only to a projected week-end visit to North Carolina and Georgia, but also to a November 15 engagement at Liberty, Mo., a November 19 visit to Oklahoma City and Fort Sill, Okla., and an engagement at Waco, Texas, December 5.

Ayers attributed the decision to heavy pressure of business confronting the President in Washington.

There has been speculation he may cancel travel plans to give greater personal attention to (a) the labor-management conference opening next Monday, and (b) the meeting starting Tuesday on the vitally important question of a far eastern advisory council.

The President has indicated a desire to talk with as many as possible delegates to the labor-management conference in advance of its opening. Statesville Chairman Says Plans Are Unchanged

While nothing further officially was forthcoming from Washington following Monday's blanket cancellation of President Truman's Southern and Western trips, Statesville tonight held out hope that the Chief Executive would be able to appear here Friday in accordance with plans made months ago.

State Senator Hugh C. Mitchell, chairman of arrangements for Mr. Truman's scheduled visit, said Tuesday afternoon that he had heard nothing officially from the White House and would continue to go along on the assumption that the President would be here. "Our plans are unchanged," he said.

## Doughton Says Truman's Trip Definitely Off

After repeated appeals to the White House, Representative Robert L. Doughton admitted Tuesday that President Truman had definitely decided to cancel his scheduled visit to Statesville, Charlotte, and Raleigh, N. C., this Friday.

The dean of the Tar Heel congressional delegation, who had extended the bid to the Chief Executive last summer, expressed doubt that the labor situation was the only reason for the decision against the trip. "That's just an excuse," he said.

"I don't think the situation is any more serious than it was before," he asked why the President's conference with the President of the CIO Automobile Workers union could not have been set at some time besides Friday, and why Mr. Truman had to intervene in the strike situation. "I thought he was going to leave the labor troubles to Schwelienbach," he said, referring to the secretary of labor.

## Can't Understand It

Representative Doughton said he could not understand how the President could visit "New York, Tennessee and Kentucky," but not North Carolina, especially in view of the fact that elaborate preparations had been made long in advance for Mr. Truman's speech at Statesville. "If he had cancelled it two weeks ago, it wouldn't have hurt so bad," the congressman said, "but the people have gone to a lot of expense to prepare for it."

State Senator Ryan McBryde said Tuesday that he understood that the Senate would visit Statesville and that the program there would be held in spite of the President's absence.

## Hallow'en Carnival At Hoke High November 6

The annual Hallow'en carnival, sponsored by the Hoke-Raeford P.T.A., will be held at the high school on Tuesday night, November 6. Plans and preparations are going forward to provide fun for young and old. There will be many interesting booths and side shows, as well as games and contests of skill, with the exciting popularity contest as the climax of the evening's entertainment.

## American Legion Urges Repairing Of Ball Park

Alfred Cole, athletic chairman of the Elv's Williamson post of the American Legion, said yesterday that a petition with many signatures would be presented to the County Commissioners in their meeting next Monday. This petition would be to the effect that the commissioners take action to rebuild the grandstand and build a new fence around the ball park which the county owns in Raeford and which is situated immediately in the rear of the Armory.

Cole said that the Legion post here plans to sponsor a Junior baseball team here next summer and he also stated that the local post was about to initiate action designed to bring a Class A or better professional club here for spring training next year.

The Legion's idea on the proposition is for the county to furnish the materials for the project and for the vocational classes in the Hoke county high and the Upchurch high schools to do the work as part of their training. He has evidently already discussed this plan with local school people and found them favorable to the idea.

## W. E. Debnam To Speak At REA Meeting Nov. 7th

W. E. Debnam, one of the South's well known commentators, whom most of us hear every day at one o'clock over station WPTF, Raleigh, and Gwyn B. Price, chairman, North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority, Raleigh, will discuss plans for energizing rural areas of North Carolina, will be the speakers at the fifth annual meeting of the members of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation to be held at the court house in Raeford Wednesday, November 7, beginning at 3:00 P. M.

All unserved farmers who are interested in securing electric service are urged to attend this meeting and ask questions as to securing electric service. The general public as well as every member of the Cooperative is also urged to attend. The program is designed to give each member an opportunity to participate fully in the transaction of business and the election of directors.

The nominees for directors are C. A. Alford, Rowland; J. R. Caddell, J. E. Morrison, and R. F. Morris, Maxton; Mrs. Lucy Smith and Marshall Newton, Raeford; Lambert Lewis, Pembroke; C. L. Ballance, St. Paul; and J. McN. Gillis, Fayetteville. Additional nominations for directors may be made at the meeting.

D. J. Dalton, manager, states that bids are being received to be opened today at 10:30 o'clock for the construction of 100 miles of 1940 approved "B" project lines.

## Reports Old Clothes Drive Moving Slowly

Mrs. J. W. Currie, chairman of the campaign for old clothing for the people of the World's war beaten countries now being put on by the Raeford Presbyterian church, said yesterday that response to the appeal for used clothing had been quite disappointing so far.

She said that in view of the early lack of interest the drive would be continued a little longer. A special collection is asked for next Monday afternoon when committee members will be at the Presbyterian church from 12:30 until 5:00 P. M. for the purpose of receiving any more old clothes members of the congregation or others of the community may wish to donate. She said there is a special need for men's clothing and that so far this had been the type least contributed.

## Annual Achievement Day Program

The annual Achievement Day program of the Hoke County Home Demonstration clubs will be held Wednesday afternoon, November 7, at 2:30, reports Josephine Hall, home agent. This meeting will be held in connection with the annual REA meeting which is also to be held on that day in the courthouse.

The club women are asked to assemble at the Raeford grammar school promptly at 2:30. After the reports are given they will go to the court house to hear W. E. Debnam speak.

A prize will be given to the club having the largest attendance. Every club member is cordially invited to attend these combined meetings.

## To Hold Square Dance At Arabia

The Stonewall town square dance committee in the United Way Drive will hold a square dance Tuesday night at the Hendrix home at Arabia. The dance is being held in an effort by this committee to meet their township quota in the drive and receipts from the dance will be given to the United War Fund. Dancing will be from nine to twelve and the public is cordially invited to attend.

## Drunks Feature Tuesday's Court

Liquor, as usual, brought in most of the cases to last Tuesday's session of Hoke county Recorder's court before Judge Henry McDiarmid.

In four separate cases the defendants were charged with being drunk and disorderly. The defendants were John Evans, Willie B. McEachern, Mary McEachern, and Tracy McRae, and Mary McEachern was also charged with having a quantity of non-tax-paid liquor in her possession. Each defendant was sentenced to thirty days to be suspended on payment of the costs and each paid the costs.

Percy Chavis, Indian, was charged with breaking and entering by Lillie Henderson. The state accepted a plea of forcible trespass and Chavis was taxed with the court costs.

Claude Tyler, white man of Hoke County, was charged with using profane and indecent language. On a plea of guilty Judge McDiarmid sentenced him to thirty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs and on condition of good behavior for a period of two years.

James Arthur McBryde, colored, paid a fine of fifty dollars and the court costs and lost his driving license for one year for driving a car while under the influence of liquor.

Thomas A. Davis, white man of Sampson County, paid a fine of fifty dollars and the costs of the court and lost his hunting license for one year for killing a doe in Hoke county.

Robert Carraway, white man of South Carolina, had a sentence of sixty days suspended on payment of a fine of fifty dollars and the court costs for carrying a concealed weapon.

Malcolm White, colored, was let off with the costs for disturbing religious worship when the ruling elders interceded in his behalf.

Lavenie Cole, colored, was found guilty of assault and of using profane and indecent language. Three months was suspended on payment of the costs and good behavior for two years for the assault and thirty days was suspended on payment of the costs in the other case.

Henry Morrison, colored, was found not guilty on a charge of assault.

## J. Roy Clunk Visits Town Tuesday

J. Roy Clunk, who will be remembered by baseball fans of this section as the business manager of the Williamsport "Grays" when that class A team used to train here, was a visitor in town several hours Tuesday. Mr. Clunk's home is in Williamsport but for the past several years he has been business manager of the Elmira, New York team, also in the Eastern league.

Clunk was noncommittal when asked about possibilities of bringing his club to this town for their spring training next year, and it appears that possibilities of the Elmira club coming here are not good. This club is a farm of the St. Louis Browns, and apparently have less to do with the location of their spring training camp than did the Williamsport team.

## Refrigerators Return

RALEIGH, Oct. 28.—New electric refrigerators returning to the market will do so at about the same retail prices as in 1942, according to the Raleigh district office of OPA.

A recent "reconversion price" regulation, said an OPA official, governs prices at all distribution levels on all refrigerators made after July 1, 1945.

Maintaining 1942 price levels on these refrigerators continues OPA's policy of "holding the price line" on long-absent products now coming back on the market. Other major appliances that will return at 1941 or 1942 retail prices include washers and ironers, radios, vacuum cleaners, electric irons, etc.

On display in Raeford at present are a new Frigidaire at Baucom Appliance company, a new General Electric refrigerator at Raeford Furniture company and a new Bendix washing machine at McLaughlin company.

## Organization For Victory Loan Drive Is Announced

### Community Committee Chairmen Named.

Mrs. William L. Poole and Miss Josephine Hall, co-chairmen of the women's side of the Eighth "Victory" Loan drive in Hoke County which began last Monday and will continue through December 8, yesterday announced the names of the women of the county who will conduct the drive. Neill A. McDonald, county chairman, has not announced an overall organization as yet.

The women who are to be community chairmen are as follows: Allendale, Miss Bennie McLaughlin; Antioch, Miss Jean Hodgkin; Arabia, Mrs. Stanley Crawley; Ashley Heights, Mrs. N. F. Sinclair; Blue Springs, Mrs. D. J. Dalton; Mildouson, Mrs. N. H. G. Balfour; Pine Forest, Mrs. Mary Helton; Raedden, Mrs. Will McNeill; Rockfish, Mrs. T. C. Jones; Wayside, Mrs. D. K. Parker.

Mrs. Poole said yesterday that the Raeford women had decided to canvass the town next Tuesday, November 6, and she urges Raeford people to stay at home that day so the canvassers can find them. This work will be done by the women of four of the town's civic clubs with the town divided into four. The northeast section will be worked by the Music club with Mrs. W. B. McLaughlin, chairman, and Mesdames W. P. Baker, R. L. Murray, Alfred Cole, H. R. McLean and Lewis Upchurch. The Northwest section will be worked by the Order of the Eastern Star with Mrs. Israel Mann, chairman, and Mesdames H. C. Roberts, Frank Tapp, Herbert McKeithan, C. L. Thomas and M. T. Ponvey. The Southwest section will be covered by the Educational club with Mrs. H. L. Gatlin, Jr., chairman, and Mesdames T. B. Upchurch, Jr., C. W. Seate, and Paul Dickson, Jr. The South section will be worked by the Literature club with Mrs. H. K. Holland, chairman, and Mesdames J. S. Johnson, J. W. Coates, A. S. Knowles, K. A. Macdonald, H. W. B. Whitley, and J. R. Hampton.

## Scott Operates Cotton Picker

RALEIGH, October 27.—In a broad field out from Red Springs last week Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott operated the first cotton picker ever to be used in North Carolina.

After he had observed the machine pick as much cotton in one hour as a good field hand can harvest in a week—from early Monday morning until Saturday night, 10 hours a day—Commissioner Scott expressed the opinion that the mechanical cotton picker will mean a new day for cotton in North Carolina and in the South.

"This cotton picker is going to put King Cotton back on the throne in Dixie," declared Scott as he climbed down from a trial run on the machine. "I've picked a lot of cotton here, but my back feels just as good as when I started," said Scott to a farmer who had just commented that the cotton picker would "save many a poor farmer's back."

The cotton picker, purchased by the Liberty Manufacturing company of Red Springs for \$5,000, will be used for custom picking throughout that area, according to G. T. Ashford, general manager of the firm who was in charge of the exhibition. Ashford said that he and Edwin Pate of Laurinburg, president of the company, decided to "bring one into North Carolina—since it began to look as if nobody was going to do it."

While farm laborers in Hoke and Robeson counties, and throughout the State for that matter, are charging from \$2.25 to \$3 per hundred pounds to pick cotton, Ashford and Pate are doing the work for \$1.25 per hundred and "don't know—and don't care much—whether we are making any money at this business right now or not."

## Methodist Ingathering Today

The Raeford Methodist church is holding its annual ingathering today at the Raeford Armory. A barbecue dinner will be served from noon until one-thirty and supper will be served from five-thirty until seven P. M. Plates will be priced at one dollar each.

Side attractions will be the auctioneering of tobacco, cotton, a pony and saddle and other items by Gene Maynard, tobacco auctioneer. This will take place immediately after supper and other produce and miscellaneous donations will also be sold at this time.