



T-3 Charles Edwin Maness has returned to the States after a second tour of duty overseas and has been separated from the service.

Sgt. William Dickson is visiting relatives in Raeford this week. He has just returned from the European theatre of operations where he was assigned to the headquarters of the 7th army.

Worth English, CM 1-c, has returned home from the Pacific and has received a discharge from the navy. He arrived in Raeford last week.

Zane Grey Norton of the navy, has been assigned to the USS Samar as an electrician mate and is stationed near Shanghai, China.

Pvt. Harold Gillis, who has been stationed at Camp Croft, South Carolina, will leave this week for Indianapolis, Ind., where he will be given clerical training. Pvt. Gillis spent the past week end here with his parents.

Sgt. Billie Crawley, who has recently returned from two years service overseas, has received a discharge from the army under the point system. He was with the First Army when they landed in Normandy and has been awarded the ETO ribbon with five battle stars. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Crawley.

Harold McDiarmid of the navy is spending a leave here with his family.

Sgt. George Lester of Camp Shelby, Miss., came home last Saturday and is with his family here.

Pfc. Paul Sanders was recently discharged from the Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune and is at home.

Private Raymond A. Teal is working as a clerk in the surgeon's office of the 5th Replacement Depot in the Philippine Islands. Pvt. Teal has been in the Philippines since July of this year.

Attend Methodist Church Conference In Goldsboro

Rev. W. L. Maness left for Goldsboro Wednesday where he will attend the annual session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. During the two years that Mr. Maness has been pastor of Raeford and Parker's churches splendid results have been achieved. Eighty eight persons have been received into the membership of the churches; \$18,000 has been raised on Church Building funds; \$1,853 has been raised for the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and \$1,975 has been sent in on the Crusade for Christ. These and all other financial items add up to a grand total for the two years of \$30,998. Tommie Upchurch is the lay delegate from the Raeford charge to the conference.

Football Game Here This Afternoon

The Hoke County High School football team will play Massey Hill here at the Armory Stadium this afternoon at three o'clock.

Shoes And Cars Off Ration

RALEIGH, Nov. 7.—Last weeks removal of rationing restrictions and passenger cars is indirect accordance with OPA's policy of releasing items from rationing as soon as supply permits, OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson said today.

Production of ration-type shoes has increased greatly since V-J Day, he pointed out. Approximately 28 million pairs were made in August as against 20 million in August. Prospects are that output for November and December will reach 29 or 30 million pairs, he added.

The production of men's work shoes and boys and children's shoes has increased substantially during recent months as a result of military cutbacks in leather, Johnson said.

Likewise, the removal of rationing restrictions will not jeopardize essential transportation in this country, Johnson continued. The total number of passenger cars still in service is estimated to be 23,400,000, more than enough to keep needed civilian transportation going.

November Term Of Superior Court To Convene Tuesday

Light Docket Before Judge John J. Burney.

Judge John J. Burney, of Wilmington, will open the November term of Hoke County Superior Court here next Tuesday morning. Judge Burney is familiar to people of this county, as he has appeared on the bench here several times in the past.

The criminal docket to be tried before Judge Burney is light, and contains no cases of major nature. Largest part of the time spent on criminal cases is expected to be in trying the tobacco stealing cases which were sent up by Judge McDiarmid in the past few weeks. There are six of these cases involving three defendants. Only about ten other cases are on the criminal calendar for this term.

The civil calendar is predominantly made up of divorce cases, there being eleven of these to be tried. The other five civil cases involve election proceedings, damage suits, land line disputes, etc.

The jury list as announced is as follows and includes six names of persons to be placed on the grand jury:

J. D. Beasley, Stonewall; D. M. McLaughlin, Clarence Brown, Raeford; W. U. Taylor, Raeford; J. B. McIntyre, Raeford; F. F. McPhaul, Antioch; A. A. Ray, McLaughlin; Alton Potter, McLaughlin; M. F. Livingston, Stonewall; G. L. Livingston, Stonewall; C. H. Dove, McLaughlin.

M. M. Thompson, Quewhiffle; Leonard McBryde, Quewhiffle; J. T. Roberson, Quewhiffle; Neill D. Overton, McLaughlin; J. A. Chason, Stonewall; W. T. Holland, Stonewall; Henry Gordon, Quewhiffle; Murchison Cameron, Little River; A. F. Jones, McLaughlin.

M. P. McLaughlin, Antioch; E. A. Pizer, Stonewall; Neill Stubbs, McLaughlin; A. C. Smith, Little River; J. C. Crouch, Quewhiffle; Thomas Cameron, Raeford; O. F. O'Bryant, Quewhiffle; J. C. Campbell, Antioch; Belton Beasley, Stonewall; David Hendrix, Stonewall; M. S. Gibson, McLaughlin; Joe Livingston, Stonewall; H. S. Carroll, Stonewall; J. W. Cain, Raeford; John McNeill, Raeford; J. M. Dawson, Little River; Ernest Almond, Quewhiffle; W. E. Wood, McLaughlin; Vernon Miller, Allendale; Henry Townsend, Raeford.

Miss Evelyn Fletcher Dies In South Carolina

The funeral of Miss Evelyn Fletcher who died early Monday at her home in the Fletcher section of Marlboro county, was held at the home Tuesday at 4 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. J. G. Ferguson, assisted by Rev. E. S. Dunbar and Rev. W. D. Gleason. Interment was in the Fletcher cemetery.

Miss Fletcher, daughter of Mrs. Annie McKenzie Fletcher and the late Edward G. Fletcher, granddaughter of John S. Fletcher, niece of the late W. N. McKenzie, Sr., and Mrs. Daniel C. Roper, was graduated magna cum laude from Winthrop college and in 1937 was first honor student in her class when she was graduated from Johns Hopkins school of nursing, receiving a scholarship to Western Reserve university (Cleveland, Ohio) where she received her master's degree in 1940. She taught units in public health nursing at Chapel Hill and at Roxboro, and was in charge of instruction for nurses of the Cabarrus county (N. C.) Public Health department, at Concord until October 1, when she resigned because of failing health.

She is survived by her mother, three sisters, Misses Mary, Louise, and Gerald Fletcher, and three brothers, J. Ernest, Herbert W., and Edwin G. Fletcher.

Miss Fletcher formerly taught in Raeford and was a very popular member of the faculty. Her sister, Miss Louise Fletcher, has taught in Raeford a number of years up until this year.

Miss Margaret McKenzie and Miss Christine Parker, cousins of the late Miss Fletcher, Mrs. Julian Johnson, Mrs. Arah Stuart, Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, Mrs. Clyde Upchurch, Jr., Miss Agnes Mae Johnson and Mrs. Hallie Gatlin attended the funeral at the Fletcher home near McColl, S. C. Burial was in the Fletcher family burying ground, where the Fetters for over a century have been buried.

ATTEND LODGE MEETING

Cecil Dew, Neill A. McDonald and Edwin Smith attended the Masonic Grand Lodge in Raleigh Wednesday.

UNITED WAR FUND

We are still a little more than \$1000.00 short of our quota for United War Fund, Ashley Heights Community has gone over its quota. A contribution of \$86.00 raised by Ashley Heights Baptist church received last week put them over the top—This is our first contribution to come through a church. The colored people are doing good work and say they will reach their quota by the last of the week. Stonewall Township and the Way-side Community are having meetings this week at which they plan to raise their quota. If you have not contributed, please see the committee for your township and make your contribution so that Hoke county can maintain its 100% of all War Fund Drives. John A. McGoogan, County Chairman.

Recorder Sends Lonnie Ray Off For One Year

One of the more chronic players for the past several years in the Tuesday morning scene at Hoke County recorder's court was sentenced to the roads on two counts for six months each to run consecutively by Henry McDiarmid in last Tuesday's session. The offender was Lonnie Ray, colored man of Raeford, and he was charged with violating the prohibition laws by having a quantity of non-tax paid liquor and with assaulting a colored woman. In addition to the one year given him by Judge McDiarmid McDiarmid, Ray has a two year sentence waiting for him. This is a suspended sentence he got in Federal court some time ago.

Angus McDuffie, colored, submitted on a plea of plea contendere to a charge of violating the prohibition laws by possession of a quantity of non-tax paid liquor. Sentence was thirty days to be suspended on payment of the court costs.

Percy Chavis, indian, who also appeared a few weeks ago, was sentenced to serve one year on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs of the court and thirty dollars monthly toward the support of his family on a charge of abandonment and non-support. Robert Flowers, colored, was found not guilty on two charges of assault.

Walter McCrimmon, colored, was found guilty of assaulting Flowers with a brick and was sentenced to thirty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs.

Sam Alford, colored, entered a plea of guilty on a charge of letting his hogs run at large and damage other people's property. He paid the costs.

Weldon Graham, colored man of Scotland county, entered a plea of guilty of stealing a man's coat from the bus station in Raeford. He was fined \$15 and the costs and instructed to carry himself to Scotland county and stay out of Hoke.

Former Resident Dies In Fayetteville

Tracy Thomas Cottingham, resident of Raeford for about four years who moved to Fayetteville in 1943, died at his home there at four-thirty o'clock yesterday morning following a stroke. He was seventy-five years of age and had been in failing health for many years.

Funeral services will be held from the First Baptist church in Fayetteville this afternoon at three o'clock, with Rev. Louis S. Gaines in charge. Interment will be in Cross Creek cemetery where the Masonic Order will officiate.

He is survived by his wife, Amelia Baggett Cottingham, seven children, Worth Cottingham, Dillon, S. C., Bill Cottingham, Morehead City, Mrs. J. T. Green, Jr., Sumter, S. C., Ira Cottingham, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs. M. C. Shaw, Mrs. C. B. Johnson, Jr., and Tracy, Jr., of Fayetteville. He has nine grandchildren.

He was married in 1900 and has been an active church member and prominent citizen of Fayetteville. He was a member of the Masons, Knights of Pythias and the First Baptist church.

Homecoming At PJC

Maxton, N. C., November 4, 1945.—Homecoming at Presbyterian Junior College is Saturday November 10. An alumni luncheon is planned for 1:15 in the college dining hall. A football game with E. M. I. will be played at 3:00 P. M. All alumni are urged to attend both the luncheon and the game.

Neill McFadyen Doubles Corn Yield By Changing Seed

Dr. R. P. Moore, crop improvement specialist from North Carolina State College, came in the News-Journal office last week with a true corn story which should be of interest to farmers of the county.

It seems that back in corn planting season Dr. Moore prevailed upon Neill McFadyen, who was about to plant ten acres of corn, to use some special seed which he had and which cost ten cents per bushel more than the seed Neill was using. Neill planted this corn on seven of the ten acres and treated the whole ten acres exactly alike as far as fertilizer, tending, etc., are concerned.

When Mr. Moore was in the office he had just finished doing some counting and figuring on the above mentioned corn crop, which had been gathered that day. The three acres native corn produced 22.5 bushels per acre on an average, and the seed Moore sent him, which was Hybrid Tennessee Ten, produced on the seven acres planted of it an average of 49.1 bushels per acre. In other words, by buying the hybrid seed at 10c more per bushel he increased his yield approximately 118 percent. Figuring the difference in cost of the seed and the extra costs of handling the hybrid seed he made \$29.00 more per acre on the hybrid corn than he did on the native corn, and \$204.05 more total profit on the whole seven acres than if it had been native at the same rate as the three acres.

An interesting comparison which may to some extent explain the difference in yield of the two varieties is the fact that Dr. Moore discovered by counting that there were 45 percent of the native corn stalks which had no ears on them and that there were no non-bearing stalks in the hybrid field.

School News

By K. A. MacDonald

Halloween Party Successful

The High School building Tuesday night, was the scene of a very colorful affair—the annual Halloween Carnival, put on by the Raeford Graded School and the Hoke county high school.

The building was decorated with jack-o-lanterns, evergreens, shocks of corn, witches and black cats. Booths of various kinds were scattered throughout the building. You could fish, guess the number of beans in a jar, have your fortune told, play bingo, eat hot dogs, ice cream or candy, cake walk, or get in a raffle. There was something to amuse everyone.

The costume contest was one of the most colorful of the different events. Little Johnnie Maultsby, dressed as a pumpkin, took the prize. Mrs. Lentz, Mrs. Gillis, and Mrs. Poovey were judges.

C. P. Kula and Hazel McLean were the best guessers, taking the prizes for the best guess as to the number of peas in a jar and the number of grains of corn in one.

Mrs. Jerry Roberts, Jr., and A. J. Lundy were the lucky holders when the turkeys were given away. The lucky numbers were drawn by Little Johnnie Maultsby.

George Freeman, William Clark, Janelle Sneed, and an unidentified little girl were the lucky ones in the cake walks. The last event of the evening was the crowning of the king and queen from the graded school and from the high school. Lillian Scarborough and Harold McDiarmid were crowned from the graded school and Miralyn Johnson and Lauchlin MacDonald from the high school.

Proceeds of the carnival, which amounted to approximately \$250 (complete figure next week) will be divided equally between the two schools and each faculty will decide how this money will be spent. It will more than likely be spent on such equipment as the county is unable to buy.

The faculties of each school wish to thank the members of the PTA and all others who so generously gave their time and talents to make the event a success.

To Attend NCEA Meeting

Miss Margaret McKenzie, who is secretary of the southeastern district of NCEA, is attending the district meetings in Wilmington and Fayetteville today and tomorrow.

American Legion Post To Sponsor Football Game

The Hoke county Ellis Williamson Post of the American Legion announced this week that it is sponsoring the final home game on the schedule of the Hoke County high school this season. The game will be played in the Armory Park at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, November 21 and visiting team will be from Troy high school.

The Legion post will start an advance sale of tickets for the game this weekend and expect to promote a large crowd for the game in the ten days. More tickets will be on sale. Sponsorship of the game is being done by the Legion not for the benefit of the school but for the benefit of the school's all team.

Mrs. H. C. Maxwell Dies At Dundarrach Saturday Afternoon

Mrs. H. C. Maxwell, 49, died at her home Saturday afternoon, November 3rd, after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Maxwell was born March 31, 1896, at Maxton, and was a daughter of the late Daniel J. and Margaret Walker McKenzie.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon by her pastor, the Rev. J. W. Mann, assisted by the Rev. W. L. Maness of Raeford Methodist church. Burial was in Dundarrach cemetery.

The many floral tributes were beautiful and profuse showing the high esteem in which Mrs. Maxwell was held by her many thoughtful friends.

Surviving are her husband and six sons: Henry of Raeford, James of the Army Air Forces, Eugene, Buster, Bob and Malcolm of the home; three daughters, Marion of Raeford, Grace and Geraldine of Baker's Sanatorium, Lumberton; a sister, Mrs. A. L. McKenzie of Laurinburg; a brother, A. B. McKenzie of Raeford and one granddaughter, Patricia Maxwell of Raeford.

Hoke Narrative Report For October

The twelve home demonstration clubs of Hoke county met in October with an attendance of 114. The demonstration was on "Housing—Planning Your Farm Home." The fact was emphasized that the farm home, with all the modern conveniences, can be just as comfortable as a city house but should be designed for the special activities of farm life. The various building and insulating materials were discussed as to price and local availability. The principles of room arrangement, sizes, and requirements of various rooms were studied. A scrap book showing available Extension and Commercial bulletins, floor plans, articles and pictures from magazines and information on various matters of building was shown. Several blue prints showing poor and good arrangement of floors were also displayed at the meetings.

The fact that the average farm home today in North Carolina is worth \$445, made the Hoke county club women realize that there is a definite need for better housing in our state and county.

On October 4 Elizabeth Parker of Hoke High 4-H club modeled a blue woolen dress in the district dress revue in Lumberton. Elizabeth was the county winner in the local dress revue contest. Martha Harris and Muriel McKeithan also attended the meeting.

The home agent spent the morning of October 9 in Fayetteville where she judged the exhibits at the Cumberland County fair.

On October 16 she attended a bond luncheon for county chairman and vice chairmen of the War Finance Committee. The luncheon was held at the country club in Southern Pines. Plans for putting on the Victory War Loan drive were made.

The home agent gave her assistance in planning, preparing and serving the past Masters Masonic banquet which was held in the Kiwanis hall on the evening of October 23. Six 4-H club girls, Frances Carter, Ernestine Grooms, Elizabeth Parker, Dorene Duncan, Mary Elizabeth Lytle and Florence Cameron set the tables and served as waitresses. About 90 men attended the banquet.

On Saturday, October 27, Mrs. Lawrence Poole, county chairman and the home agent, vice chairman, entertained the bond committee

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Board Recommends Forest Conservation Measures

Letter Written By McGoogan To State Commission.

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners in their monthly meeting last week decided to make recommendations for active steps to be taken by the State to further conservation of the forests of the county. The following letter, written by John McGoogan at the direction of the board, is self explanatory:

Hon. E. S. Askew, Chairman, N. C. Forestry Survey Commission, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir: I am enclosing questionnaire in regard to Forest Conservation for the Board of Commissioners of Hoke County. They list Inadequate Fire Control as the main enemy of the growth of forests, and they make the following definite recommendation: "That the right-of-way of all public highways be burned or cleared of inflammable material each year."

In support of the above we wish to call attention to the fact that a large percent of our fires originate on the highways. During the past year, a fire starting from the highway between Raeford and Dundarrach burned and severely damaged a large tract of timber and woods land owned by Senator Edwin Pate. Another fire starting from the same highway did serious damage to timber land owned by T. B. Upchurch, Inc. Also, still another fire starting at a highway in Little River township almost completely ruined a large tract of young pines owned by T. B. Upchurch, Inc. Possibly the largest fire that has ever occurred in this section started on the highway on the Moore-Hoke county line a few years ago. All of these fires could have been prevented. The Aberdeen and Rockfish railway which traverses Hoke county is very careful to burn off the right-of-way each year, and our contention is that provision should be made for the State Highway Commission to do the same thing.

If the above policy was adopted the highways of the state would serve as adequate fire brakes. During the past year I witnessed a fire on the lands of Herbert McKeithan and others and saw it cross the Raeford-Vass road. Had this road been an adequate fire brake it would have saved several hundred acres from fire damage.

We feel that what is true of Hoke county is largely true of other counties in the State, and that converting our highways from fire hazards to fire brakes would do more to preserve our forest than any other measure that we could adopt.

Respectfully yours,
J. A. McGoogan, County Auditor, Hoke County.

LIBRARY NEWS

Schedule: Monday through Saturday, 10 to 5:30. Closed 12 to 1:00 for lunch.

November 11-17 is National Book Week, and the theme this year is United Through Books. One prominent writer says, "National Book Week is becoming a unifying force among the people of the world. If they can be 'United Through Books' we shall have taken a big step forward in establishing the durable peace which we desire. Books open wide the gates of understanding among nations, races and classes."

On Wednesday afternoon, November 14, at 3:30 there will be a story hour at the library for boys and girls from the fifth grade up. On Thursday afternoon, November 15, for children from the first through the fourth grade, and on Friday afternoon, November 16, the preschool children are invited for a story hour. There will be at 3:30 each day. These will be a number of new books on display for children and adults. The public is cordially invited to visit the library during book week.

New titles recently received are: Laughing Stock, Bennett Cerf; General Marshall's Report, 1943-1945; Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, Brewer; Sixty Million Jobs, Wallace; Anter in the Sky, Ezra; Animal Fair, West; Cass Timberlane, Lewis; Ever After, Thane.

Box Supper Nov. 8 At Wayside

An old time Box Supper will be held at Wayside community house on Thursday, November 8th at 7 o'clock, the proceeds of which will go to the United War Fund drive. Boxes will be auctioned and there will be a sale of cakes, pies and other delicacies. The public is invited.