

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Lt. Deaton Gets Bronze Star Award

Lt. B. R. Deaton of the navy, brother of Mrs. Merritt Gibson of Rockfish, was presented the bronze star at ceremonies at Providence, Rhode Island, on Navy Day.

The decoration was awarded for accomplishment of "a special mission" while on duty on a submarine in the Pacific. He is a veteran of 13 submarine patrols of more than sixty days each in that area.

S 2-c John L. Maulsby arrived at his home at Montrose yesterday to spend a thirty-day furlough after duty in Panama and the Galapagos Islands.

Capt. Clyde Upchurch, Jr., was separated from the army this week at Fort Bragg and is spending his terminal leave at home. He is a veteran of campaigns in African, Italy and Europe.

Staff Sgts. Harman Lindsay and James Holland and Sgts. Clarence Willis and Walter McDowell arrived last week from the ETO and have been honorably discharged from the army. Prior to their European service they were in Trinidad, having left here in 1940 with the First Battalion Headquarters Battery of the 252nd CA.

Captain J. A. McPhaul, Jr., was separated from the army this week at Fort Bragg. He is a member of the 252nd CA and has recently returned to the United States from duty in the Pacific.

Technical Sgt. James Baker arrived at his home in Raeford yesterday after service in the ETO. He expects to get his discharge from the army this week.

S 2-c Lewis McNeill of Norfolk, Va., is spending a nine-day furlough here with his parents.

Wade Matthews, of the navy, arrived in the United States last week and is here on leave with his wife.

Murdoch McDuffie arrived in the States last week after almost three and one-half years in the ETO and was discharged from the army at Fort Bragg on Saturday.

T-5 Bradley Norton arrived in the United States this week from the ETO.

Phil Johnson arrived in the United States this week from the ETO.

CPO W. H. Andrews of the navy at Miami, Fla., spent the past weekend in the home of his aunt, Mrs. J. M. Baker. He was recently returned from duty in the Pacific.

EM 2-c Stuart Giles arrived in Seattle, Wash., this week after duty in the Pacific theatre. He expects to be in Raeford on leave by December 15.

Farmers To Elect AAA Committeemen

Hoke County farmers will take time out from seasonal work in the next few weeks to elect AAA community and county committeemen for the coming year.

Three community committeemen and two alternates, as well as a delegate to the county convention, will be chosen in each of the county's 8 farming communities. The delegates will later elect the three-man committee which will administer AAA activities within the county.

T. D. Potter, chairman of the county AAA committee, said today that dates, hours, and places for holding the annual election are now being determined. Announcement will be made within the next few days.

In Hoke County, Mr. Potter said, approximately 2500 farmers are eligible to vote for committeemen this year. "Eligible" farmers are those who participate in the 1945 agricultural conservation or crop insurance program.

The county AAA chairman, in reminding Hoke County farmers of the forthcoming ballot, appealed for full participation.

"Solution of the postwar problems ahead of us is the vital concern of every farmer. Consequently, it is to his own best interest to vote in the coming elections—to make sure that the men administering AAA programs in the county are the ones he wants to represent him."

Fire Destroys Seed Cotton House At Oakdale Gin

Gin Saved By Firefighters.

A fire of unknown origin destroyed the seed cotton house at Oakdale Gin, about one mile from Raeford on the Lumber Bridge road, Tuesday afternoon, and would have destroyed the gin itself if it had not been for the excellent work of the Raeford volunteer fire department and other volunteers who managed to extinguish the flames as quickly as they would start on the main building.

The fire alarm was sounded in Raeford at approximately 5:10 P. M. Tuesday and the Raeford department sent both trucks and all apparatus to the scene at once, together with a large part of its personnel. As Oakdale is beyond the city limits there are no water mains or hydrants there, so all the firefighting had to be done with chemical apparatus and buckets of water from the local water system. Many chemical hand extinguishers were taken to the conflagration from Raeford plants and with these and the available water, the local fire department with its volunteer assistance managed to confine the blaze to the seed cotton house.

Harry Greene, chief of the fire department, stated yesterday that the blaze probably started from a match which had been dropped in a sheet of cotton, or some sparks from some of the moving apparatus which was in operation at the time. About four bales of seed cotton were destroyed in the house.

The loss was approximately covered by fire insurance, according to M. C. Dew, manager of the Johnson Company, who owns the gin. The gin operated as usual yesterday.

President Truman Will Attend Game

President Truman will go to Philadelphia Saturday, December 1, to attend the Army-Navy football game. This is the President's first out of town engagement since he cancelled a series of scheduled fall trips into North Carolina, Georgia, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas because of matters needing his attention.

School News

(By K. A. MacDonald)

Participate In Red Cross Drive

All schools in the county are now participating in the Junior Red Cross drive and it is hoped that all classrooms will be enrolled. The work of the Junior Red Cross starts with the individual and his classroom and extends through state, national, and international lines. One of the most interesting activities is the exchange of letters between individuals and also classrooms in various countries. For instance, a pupil at Rockfish may exchange letters with a pupil somewhere in France, or some other country where the Junior Red Cross is organized.

Schools In Bond Drive

The schools in the county are all cooperating in the Victory Loan drive. Victory bonds and stamps are being sold to and by the pupils. Hospital equipment will be named for and by the schools selling at least \$2000 worth of bonds and stamps. The stamp sale to the individual pupil is especially valuable as it teaches the ones handling sales business lessons and all those buying stamps lessons in thrift.

Colored PTA Will Meet

The state meeting of the colored Parent-Teacher association is being held Friday night and Saturday at the E. E. Smith high school in Fayetteville. Hoke County will be well represented at this meeting.

RAEFORD GRADED NEWS

(By Pupils of the School)

Several boys and girls from the Raeford school had their tonsils removed by Dr. Hodgin in Red Springs last Friday. Everyone has missed them at school this week, but it is good to learn that they are recovering nicely and that they will soon return to school. Those who had their tonsils removed are: Joan Walters, Patsy Culbreth, Charles Edwards, Margaret Tew, Jill Rogers, Carlton Pierce, Annie Belle Skipper, Louise Harris, Edna Earle Wright, Elizabeth Wright and Betty Sue Thomas.

Boys and girls who need to have their tonsils removed and who for some reason did not get to go to Red Springs last week may now make reservations to have their tonsils removed by Dr. Hodgin on December 7th. Examination by school nurses (Continued on Page Eight)

D. A. Hutchinson Buys Reaves Drug Store

The Reaves Drug store here has recently been purchased from the former owner, L. E. Reaves, Jr., by D. A. Hutchinson, of Elizabethtown. Mr. Hutchinson has been in the drug business in Elizabethtown for twenty years and will be associated in the store here with his brother, B. H. Hutchinson, also an experienced druggist.

Mr. Hutchinson states that the store will continue to be operated under the trade name of Reaves Drug store and that he and his brother will strive to maintain the same high standard of drug service that the store has had in the past.

Daniel J. Love Dies From Injuries

Blue Springs Man Passes Saturday In Laurinburg Hospital.

Daniel J. Love, fifty-six year-old man of Blue Springs Township, died at seven o'clock last Saturday morning in the Scotland County hospital in Laurinburg from injuries sustained on U. S. Highway 15-A Tuesday night.

Love was found beside the highway near Hillcrest service station about one mile north of Drowning creek bridge. He had apparently been hit by a car or truck which did not stop, although the coroner's jury which investigated his death merely stated in their report that he died of "head wounds inflicted by person or persons unknown."

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Blue Springs township at 11:00 A. M. Monday by the Rev. D. C. Carroll, former pastor of the Methodist church here. Burial followed in the family cemetery there.

Surviving are the widow, three sons, Julian, Raymond, and Rudolph, all of the army, and two sisters, Miss Bessie Love of the Blue Springs community and Mrs. Sidney Sykes of Wilmington.

Victory Bond Quota 14 Percent Sold

Neill A. McDonald, chairman of the Hoke County Victory Loan Finance committee for Hoke County, said yesterday that the county had bought only 14 percent of its quota in "E" bonds in the drive thus far.

Quota for the county in "E" bonds in the drive is \$110,000 and to date \$15,900 has been collected for this class of bond. County overall quota is \$150,000 and the overall receipts so far come to \$33,044. The drive runs until December 6, two weeks from today.

Mrs. H. A. Cameron, who is chairman of the Junior drive for children under 12 years of age, reported substantial progress this week. Next week the News-Journal will publish the "Junior Honor Roll" and the "Cradle Roll" made up of the names of the children who have purchased a certain number of bonds or stamps. The "Cradle Roll" will include only children under six years of age.

Rockingham Wins Over Hoke High Here 19-14

The strong Rockingham High school football team defeated a fighting Hoke County High team here yesterday afternoon 19-14 before the largest crowd of the season at Armory Park.

The Hoke team played well but were outweighed in almost every position and fell victims to a passing attack in the third quarter which netted the visitors all of their three touchdowns, after the home team had outplayed them for the whole first half and gone into the third quarter leading 7-0. Another touchdown was probably averted when Joe Maxwell intercepted in home territory late in the third quarter. The first touchdown was scored from near midfield in the first quarter when the locals got the ball near midfield and by a passing play and five line plays scored. The ball carried over by Plummer from the one-yard stripe. Extra point was scored by a pass.

After the disastrous third quarter the Hoke aggregation came back strong in the final quarter to score again. Franklin McNeill on an end run made the second tally from the eight yard line. Extra point was again scored by a pass.

Outstanding in the backfield for Hoke High were Plummer and McNeill and the kicking of Warner. The whole line played well with the work of Ted Clark, Poole, and Woodhouse being exceptional.

The game was sponsored by the Elm Williamson post of the American Legion, whose members handled the advance sale of tickets and advised the game. The attendance has been estimated at 400.

Governor Supports Xmas Seal Drive

Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association has designated the weeks from November 19, to Christmas, as the period of time for the sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals, and

WHEREAS, the Association conducting the Seal Sale uses 95 per cent of the Seal Funds for a North Carolina health program, and

WHEREAS, tuberculosis, as a communicable disease, took 57,000 lives in America last year, and may possibly increase in North Carolina as it has already in Europe, and

WHEREAS, the people of North Carolina can help to prevent such a situation by supporting this 39th annual Christmas Seal Sale, which makes possible a health program designed to protect North Carolina from the spread of this public enemy.

NOW, THEREFORE, with this in mind, I, as your Governor, call upon the citizens of North Carolina to help make possible the complete eradication of tuberculosis in our state by buying and using Christmas Seals during the weeks between November 19 and Christmas.

Mrs. Wesley White Dies Last Friday

Mrs. Wesley White, respected resident of McLaughlin township, Hoke County, passed away at her home there last Friday afternoon. She was nine-one years of age.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at Galatia Presbyterian church, at 2:30 o'clock, by Rev. E. B. Booker and Rev. Louis S. Gaines. Interment followed in the churchyard.

Pallbearers were Herman Crowley, Lloyd Crowley, Howard McDougald, and Ed Dougald, and Ed

Recorder's List Filled With Dr.

In Recorder's court here last Tuesday a docket of cases of the last two weeks was tried due to the fact that Superior Court was held last week. Judge McDiarmid disposed of thirteen cases Tuesday morning, and of these, ten of the defendants were charged with being drunk and disorderly.

Submitting to the charge of being drunk and disorderly were James Cheek and Jack Pittman, both white, and Forrest Godwin, Moses Townsend, Archie Graham, Vernie Belvin, Wyley Perkins, Ed Dockery, Pink Simmons, and Willie Jordan, all colored. Each defendant was sentenced to thirty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of the costs in his case.

Belton Townsend, colored, entered a plea of guilty of driving a car while under the influence of liquor. He was fined \$5 and the court costs and his driving license was revoked for one year.

Giles McLaughlin, colored, entered a plea of guilty of the larceny of some blankets from the Sanatorium. The blankets were recovered and McLaughlin was given a sentence of three months suspended on payment of the costs and good behavior for two years.

Joe Goodman, colored, entered a plea of guilty of violating the prohibition laws by illegally possessing a quantity of home brew. Judgment was suspended on payment of the costs and good behavior for two years.

LIBRARY NEWS

In celebration of National Book Week, three stories were held in the library last week. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. J. L. McNeill read stories to the group from the fifth through the seventh grade; on Thursday afternoon, the librarian, Mrs. Bethune, conducted the story hour, and on Friday afternoon Mrs. A. K. Currie read stories to the pre-school group. A good crowd attended and refreshments were served each afternoon.

Among the new books received in the library are the following:

"The Gauntlet," by Street, Country Mouse, Kent, Hurry Home to My Heart, Byrd; Dark Sails, Miller; Jam Yesterday, Cannell; Art in the New Land, Simon; The Yellow Room, Rinehart; and The Feather Merchants, Shulman.

Antioch Man Killed In Wreck Last Thursday

Harry Reynolds Held Under \$1000 Bond By Coroner's Jury.

A coroner's jury last week ordered Harry Reynolds, white man of Hoke County, held pending investigation by the Grand Jury in connection with the wreck near Timberland last Thursday P. M. in which John Sanderson, white man of the Antioch community and Red Springs filling station operator, was killed.

The wreck happened at a curve in the Raeford-Aberdeen highway just north of Timberland just about dark, according to reports. Sanderson, accompanied by his wife and three children, ran into an unlighted truck which was on the road at the curve, and almost immediately a car driven by a Reynolds man of Hoke county was said to have crashed into the car and truck wreck. Sanderson was injured internally, as was one child and Mrs. Sanderson. All were rushed to the hospital at Pinehurst arriving there at 7 p. m., and he lived until about nine o'clock. Two children were admitted as patients, while his wife and one child were given first aid and allowed to return to their home near Antioch.

Harry Greene, coroner for the case, stated yesterday that the jury had not completed investigation of the case, because of the fact that some witnesses were still hospitalized. by Harry Reynolds of Hoke county Sanderson was the son of Walter Curtis Sanderson who lives near the Hodgin store. Until two weeks ago he had been operating service stations for Roy Singleton in Red Springs. He was employed for some time at the Maxton airbase and prior to that was connected with the service department of Eastern Air Lines at a Florida airport.

Why Tire Rationing Must Be Continued

F. B. Sexton, of the Hoke County War Price and Rationing Board, in answer to many queries from automobile operators in the county, brought the following statement from the Office of Price Administration in for publication:

"Many boards have informed us of the difficulty they are experiencing in rationing tires since the end of the Japanese War. Some have suggested that OPA drop tire rationing controls now rather than wait until the industry's estimated production becomes a reality and tires are in dealer inventories. The War Production Board has directed us to continue tire rationing for an indefinite period and supports their directive with the following supply picture.

Only 2,200,000 passenger tires were reported in dealers' inventories at the end of the war. There are over 1,000,000 wheels requiring tires of this type. Since Pearl Harbor, only 48,000,000 new passenger tires have been rationed. Thus, more than half of our wheels are running on pre-Pearl Harbor tires—all about four years old.

We are today producing slightly more than 2,500,000 passenger tires per month, or about 30,000,000 per year. Until these production figures are vastly expanded, rationing must be retained to prevent a chaotic condition in the distribution of tires."

Cotton Crop Almost Half Last Year's

Statistics furnished by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce and received this week show that up to November 1, 1945, there were 5,133 bales of cotton ginned in Hoke County as compared with 11,732 bales ginned up to November 1, 1944.

The figure for this season, while low, is considerably higher than some estimates placed it earlier in the season when weather was bad.

Green Stamps To Be Good For Meat

K. A. MacDonald of the Hoke County War Price and Rationing Board, wishes to advise the public that the green stamps in the current ration books will take place of the expired red stamps for meat, butter, and fats. He further states that it is unnecessary to call at the local ration board for new books or stamps and that the grocers know the answers.

