



Pfc. Julian McKeithan, who has been in Japan, is expected home in a few days, having landed on the West Coast this week.

Lt. Bruce Morris, Jr., who has been in the Philippine Islands with the army, landed in San Francisco this week and is expected here in a few days.

Pfc. Fred Cox, who has been in the Pacific theatre, was discharged from the army last week and is at home.

Captain Herbert McLean, Jr., land at San Francisco this week, and is expected home shortly.

Lt. Jake Austin, of the navy, was separated from the service this week and is spending his terminal leave with his mother here. He has recently returned from sea duty in the Pacific.

Major Malcolm D. Gillis has returned from fifteen months in Puerto Rico and has been separated from the army. He is spending his terminal leave with his wife and son at the home of his sister, Mrs. Floyd Monroe.

Heavy Triple-A Vote Urged

Raleigh, November 28.—Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott urges North Carolina farmers to go to their community centers and vote in the annual election of AAA committees on November 30.

Scott recently estimated that around 350,000 State farmers are eligible to vote in the coming elections. Urging a full representative vote in each of the 1,733 triple-A communities throughout the State, Scott decried stay-at-home tendencies among some farmers, and he appealed for a full turn-out for this year's elections.

A total of 8,965 community committees and 100 delegates to county conventions are to be elected. Two alternate committees will also be chosen for each community. The delegates will elect three member county committees to administer production and marketing activities in each county.

School News

(By K. A. MacDonald)

The Board of Education will meet Monday, December 3, at 10:30 A. M.

Christmas Closing Dates

The white schools of the county will close for Christmas holidays on Friday, December 21, and reopen on Monday, December 31.

The colored schools will close for the holidays on Friday, December 21, and reopen for the New Year on Thursday, December 27.

The Indian schools will have the same holiday as the colored schools.

The dead pines that are in the Raeford Graded school yard are being taken out this week and made into wood that will be used in the schools that are still equipped with wood burning stoves.

Carl Riley, chairman of the board of education, R. A. Smoak, principal of the Ashmont school, R. D. Strother, member of the Ashmont school board, and others are leaving Friday afternoon for Currituck Sound to shoot ducks.

C. H. McGregor, principal of Hoke High school, spent the Thanksgiving holidays at his home near Gibson.

Miss Margaret McKenzie, building principal of the Raeford Graded school, spent the Thanksgiving holidays at Gibson and Charlotte.

All schools are now getting ready for the Christmas Seal sale. All have finished their United War Fund drive but are still working on their sale of Victory bonds and stamps. Miss Agnes Mae Johnson, chairman of the Christmas Seal sale for the county, is expecting great things from the schools and the schools won't disappoint her.

Several of the schools are preparing excellent Christmas programs to be given just before the holidays. Be sure and go. They are all worthwhile.

Mrs. B. H. Dawson Passes Saturday

Mrs. Benjamin H. Dawson, 44, died last Saturday afternoon in Moore County hospital after a short illness. Mrs. Dawson was long a resident of the Raeford community until she moved with her family to Gray's Creek township, Cumberland County, about two years ago, where she resided until her death. While in this county her husband was engaged in the lumber business and was connected with the Raeford Lumber company.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Mt. Pisgah Baptist church in Gray's Creek township and burial followed in the churchyard cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Dawson are her husband of Gray's Creek; one son, J. W. Dawson, of the U. S. Navy; three daughters, Mrs. C. H. Hyde, Mary Lou and Ruth, all of the home, and two grandchildren.

AAA Will Hold Elections Tomorrow

Meetings for the election of AAA committees will be held in Hoke County tomorrow, November 30. These meetings will be for the purpose of electing members of the community AAA committees, and delegates to elect members of the county AAA Committee. All farmers are eligible to vote in this election who are owners, operators, tenants or sharecroppers.

A. S. Knowles, county farm agent, stated that it is important for farmers to attend these meetings and vote for the committees whom they think will best do the job.

Locations of the meeting places are as follows and time for voting at all places will be from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.: Allendale, Community house; Antioch, Hodgins' store; Blue Springs, Community house; Little River, Community house; McLaughlin, Rockhill Community house; Que-whiffie, Ashmont school house; Raeford, AAA office; Stonewall, Dundarrach Trading company.

Mrs. Dickson's Father Dies In Greensboro

Clarence Lynwood Black, 60, died of a heart attack early last Friday morning at his home in Greensboro. He had been in declining health for over two years, but death was sudden.

Mr. Black was a son of the late Rev. William Black and Margaret Black of Maxton. He was a chemist and was for a time an official of the Pure Food and Drug Administration in Washington. He was later a research chemist with the Vick Chemical company in Greensboro and New York until poor health caused his retirement several years ago.

Funeral services were conducted in Greensboro last Sunday morning by Dr. John Redhead of the First Presbyterian church, pastor of the deceased. Burial was Sunday afternoon in the cemetery at Maxton, where graveside service was conducted by the pastor of the Maxton Presbyterian church. Mr. Black was buried beside his father and mother there.

The deceased was the father of Mrs. Paul Dickson, Jr., of Raeford, and his first wife was Miss Margaret McEachern of Raeford.

In addition to Mrs. Dickson, he is survived by his wife, of Greensboro, and two sons, Lt. William Black of the navy, and John F. Black of Illinois.

Watch For Markers On Nylons, Says OPA

RALEIGH, Nov. 28.—No one seems to know just when the market will be flooded with a plentiful supply of nylon hosiery, but when the nylons arrive they will carry a tag giving needs in making her purchase, mrs needs in making her purchase, according to OPA. Shoppers should look for these markers for their own protection.

The OPA said these official tags, attached to one stocking in each pair of nylons, will give such salient data as the retail ceiling price; the gauge and denier of the hose; the name of the maker; whether or not they are irregular, second or third quality; and whether they are outsize or extra-long.

OPA also reminded a nylon-hungry public that the hose would return to the market at prices at least one-fourth below those charged in 1942, with ceiling prices for first quality, full-fashioned nylons ranging from 95c to \$2.05, compared to previous ceilings of \$1.65 to \$2.50.

Mrs. John Campbell Dies In Columbia

Mrs. John Campbell, former resident of Hoke County and widow of the late John Campbell of this community, passed away early last Sunday morning at a Columbia, S. C. hospital. Mrs. Campbell had been in failing health for several years and had been a patient at the hospital for some time.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Kentyre church near Hamer, S. C., by the pastor, and interment followed in the churchyard cemetery. Mrs. Campbell's husband is buried in this cemetery and other members of the family, as the family lived in Hamer section before coming to this county.

Surviving are one brother, J. A. McEachern of Hamer, S. C., and several nephews and nieces. Attending the funeral from Raeford other than members of the family were Lacy Clark, G. W. Williamson, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McGoogan.

Starlings In Wreck At Chapel Hill

Last Saturday afternoon, while returning from the North Carolina-Duke football game at Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Starling were involved in a collision near the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill. They were hit by a colored man, reportedly inebriated, who jumped from his car and ran immediately after the wreck. He was overtaken and taken into custody by a representative of the law, however.

Starling, in addition to his wife, was accompanied by William Blue, and Misses Louise Blue and Sarah Ella Conoly. Mrs. Starling and Miss Conoly suffered minor injuries in the accident. Mrs. Starling being cut about the head and Miss Conoly suffering cuts on the legs and hurting her ankle.

To Start Building New Colored School

Building To Replace Upchurch High Will Begin Monday.

The County Board of Education announced yesterday that work would begin on a new structure to replace the Upchurch High school next Monday. The building will be located on the county property adjoining Silver Grove church about a half mile west of the site of the old building destroyed by fire.

The board will buy all materials for the job through K. A. MacDonald, county superintendent, and the work will be supervised through a building superintendent. This method of getting the structure erected came about as a result of the board's decision to reject all bids for the job as too high. Lowest bid received by the board was one of \$68,300 by the Atlantic Building company of Charlotte.

When they decided this was too much for the building desired, the board decided to hire a general superintendent to do the job on a salary basis and do the buying through MacDonald. The man they employed for this is N. N. McDonald, a professional contractor's superintendent of Raleigh. He comes to this job from a project at the State Asylum in Raleigh and prior to this he has superintended construction on several schools in Wake county and near Morganton. McDonald was in town yesterday and says that work on the building will begin next Monday.

Contract for the heating and plumbing in the structure has been let to the firm of O'Callaghan, of Southern Pines for \$7857. Contract for the wiring went to the firm of Coulter and Chappell, of Winston-Salem, for \$2308.50.

In preparation for the work, K. A. MacDonald states that the classes in vocational agriculture and manual trades of the school have already done some excellent work in building a tool house, pump house, etc. He also said it was possible that these students would assist in the actual construction of the building.

The building when completed will contain classrooms, library, principal's office, bookroom, and toilet facilities. The building is to be of cinder block with floors of resilient tile.

Raeford Kiwanis Club To Entertain Teachers

The Raeford Kiwanis club will have as its guests at the regular weekly meeting next Thursday night, December 6, all the teachers of the white schools of Hoke county and their husbands and wives.

This meeting, which has come to be an annual affair, will be a dinner meeting, and a special program will be presented after dinner. The meeting will begin at seven P. M.

Light Docket In Recorder's Court

The docket was comparatively light in Recorder's court last Tuesday morning, but the legal profession made a day of it in getting justice in the few cases tried.

Willie Haywood, colored, entered a plea of guilty of violating the road laws by operating a vehicle on the public highways with improper brakes and lights. Sentence of sixty days was suspended on condition that the defendant pay the costs and fix car to meet the requirements of the law.

Fred Dixon and Nathaniel Blue, colored, were charged with assault with deadly weapons with intent to kill, having been involved in an altercation with knives. The court found that there was no intent to kill and found both defendants guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. Dixon was fined \$10 and the costs and Blue was fined \$25 and the costs.

Mal McLean, colored man of Antioch was charged with throwing a brick through the window at a passing car. The state took a nol prosequere in the case when it was learned that the defendant was being committed to a mental institution.

Quince Wilkerson, colored, was charged with assaulting Lela Wilson, also colored, with a deadly weapon namely a shotgun. He was found not guilty.

Cotton Figures Through November 14th

Statistic furnished by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce and received this week show that up to November 14, 1945, there were 6,660 bales of cotton ginned in Hoke county. Last year up to November there had been 13,709 bales ginned, over twice as many.

The figures to November 1 for each year were 5,133 for this year and 11,732 for last year. While only half as many have been ginned for the whole season, about three-fourths as many bales were ginned the first two weeks in November this year as last, which may be an indication that the whole crop for this year may be over half that of last year.

OPA Rent Control Actions Start

The regional office of OPA announced today its enforcement division in the Southeast had begun immediate action against all cases of violations referred from area rent offices.

Rent control regulations continue to cover 1,700,000 housing units and 85,000 hostels in the eight southeastern states.

Pressure on rent, the OPA said, are increasing rather than decreasing because returning servicemen are seeking homes for their families.

"From 1942 to V-J Day, rents have increased one per cent, the same increase as in the corresponding period of World War I," the announcement said.

"If this parallel be continued and proper rent control is not enforced, rents may be expected to increase 65 per cent during the next 10 years as it did in the 10 years following the first World War."

More Fruits For Christmas Holidays

Raleigh, November 28.—An examination of prospects for fruit for the Christmas holidays was made recently by workers in the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, and they came up with the assertion that raisins will be more plentiful than last year, and so will oranges, tangerines, grapes, and pears. However, apples will be short.

The apple crop this year is only about half of the 1944 harvest and is considerably less than the 1934-43 average.

In North Carolina, the commercial apple crop was 1,782,000 bushels last season, but is only 252,000 this year. The state of Washington, leader in apple production, has a crop only a little smaller than in 1944, but in New York production is only 2,160,000 bushels as contrasted with 17,010,000 bushels last season.

The early orange crop is seven per cent larger than last year, and the grape crop is somewhat larger. Although North Carolina leads all Southern states except Arkansas in the production of grapes, it depends almost wholly on California for its Christmas supply.

Miss Florence Anita Lester was home from Fairmont for the holidays.

Hoke Freezer Locker Corporation Is Dissolved By Stockholders

NO VICTORY HERE ON VICTORY BOND DRIVE

With other counties and communities reporting that they have oversold their quotas in the Victory Loan drive, it is without pride that we report that Hoke County has sold only \$55,000 in bonds of all types, slightly over one-third of the county's quota of \$150,000. The percentage of "E" bonds sold is about the same, \$35,000 collected for a quota of \$110,000.

We don't have to argue the merits of this drive. We all know them. Perhaps we do to remind ourselves that it will be over just ten days from today. It is a good investment. It can help us to keep on being able to say Hoke County did its part. It can get the money. Let's put it help us pay the bill. We've here.

McLean Warns Bird Hunters

District Game Protector H. R. McLean says the season is now open on all game animals and birds except doves. This is a split season which opens again January 2 and closes on January 31.

All automatic and hand operated guns must be plugged with one-piece metal or wooden filler so the gun will hold not more than two shells in the magazine, says McLean. This is required while hunting all game birds and animals except deer and bear. It is a violation to shoot game before sun-rise or after sunset, except opossum and coon. Bird hunters especially, should take notice of this fact. One bird hunter has already lost his license for the remainder of the season, and others will follow unless some are more careful. Quail hunting days in Hoke County are Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. It is a violation to take and have in your possession more than ten quail in one day. Limit on turkey is one per season. McLean says a close check will be made on capacity of guns, bags, and hunting after sun-set, and no excuses will be accepted.

Gifts Needed For Vets In Hospitals

"Hoke County is again asked to furnish 100 gifts for soldiers in the hospital at Fort Bragg at Christmas," says Josephine Hall, chairman of the Camp and Hospital Committee, Hoke County Chapter, American Red Cross. The gifts are to be simpler this year. No food of any kind, nor razor blades, needles, knives and matches are to be included in the packages. Below is a list of suggested articles that may be included among the gifts:

Pipes and pipe tobacco, tobacco pouches, white handkerchiefs, military brush sets, cigarette cases, shaving sets, wallets, money belts, leather frame mirrors, snapshot albums, manicuring sets for men, address books, mechanical pencils, shoe polishing sets, small dictionaries, late editions of small books, shaving cream, tooth paste, deck of cards, cigarettes, socks, puzzles, small magazines, stationary and writing portfolios, leather traveling playing card sets, which brooms in leather cases, small leather or plastic boxes for insignia.

Two or three of the above articles should be wrapped attractively together with Christmas paper. A label must be attached showing the contents of the package, otherwise, the package will have to be opened for inspection. A card should be included in each box stating, "This is a gift from (name of person)."

The people of Raeford and the county are urged to pack gifts and bring them to Miss Hall's office by December 8th.

Many of the boys in the hospitals have been overseas. Their Christmas may be made much happier by the efforts of the people near the camp hospitals.

The American Legion in the county is generously donating funds for Christmas tree decorations, nuts, candy, etc., which will be carried to the camp hospital on December 10 along with the Christmas gift packages.

Stockholders Money Being Returned—Project Goes Back To Work Committee

At a meeting of stockholders at the Hoke Freezer Locker Corporation, which was formed to finance the building and operation of a freezer locker plant here, voted itself out of existence. The corporation's \$35,000 capital stock, was the result of a meeting here some time ago to have a freezing plant built here. At the meeting last night many factors were considered, primary one being the fact that high building costs at present boosted the costs of the projected plant to around \$50,000, and the stockholders who had bought stock in the \$35,000 proposition figured it wouldn't be such a good investment at \$50,000. The \$35,000 is therefore being returned.

With the corporation being no more, the possibility of having a plant here now rests with the working committee of the movement which accepted the rental money for lockers from several hundred citizens of the county. This money was and is being held in escrow in the Bank of Raeford pending the readiness of lockers to be rented. Just what action will be taken by this working committee is not known at present. Apparently, as the plant will cost \$50,000 some method of raising this amount of money must be arrived at, either by sale of stock in a new corporation or some other method.

Kiwanis Club To Have Program On Underprivileged Children

On Thursday evening, November 29, the Underprivileged Child Committee of Raeford Kiwanis club will sponsor a special program. Dr. Ellen Black Winston, state commissioner of Public Welfare, will be guest speaker. Mrs. Giles of Hoke County Welfare is working with the underprivileged child committee in arranging this program. Several representatives from the various schools and townships of Hoke county have been invited to attend.

Farmers Buying Western Hogs

Raleigh, November 25.—Farmers of this State are now buying hogs from Midwest markets at a rate of approximately 1,500 per week, according to officials of the N. C. Agriculture Department.

This unprecedented importation of hogs is attributed by D. S. Coltrane, Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture, to the record corn crop and to the fact that in 1944, when the prices on hogs dropped, hundreds of farmers sold their entire stock.

The rainy weather of the summer and early fall hit the peanut crop so severely that many producers left them in the field, finding it more profitable to "hog" them than to attempt to harvest them and put them on the market. Hogs are being purchased for these peanuts, according to Coltrane.

When meat rationing began, he explained, more and more hogs were produced, and this continued until 1944, when feed became scarce and expensive, and the price of hogs declined. As a consequence, farmers became discouraged, and instead of merely reducing their herds, many of them sold out completely. Now they are going back to hog-raising again.

However, Dr. William Moore, head of the department's Veterinary division, expressed the opinion that "we can't have a stable livestock industry in North Carolina until our farmers decide to stick with the livestock business they happen to be engaged in—whether it be hogs or beef cattle."

Price Advances For Cottonseed

Raleigh, November 28.—John Winfield, market newsman with the State Department of Agriculture, reports a steady advance in the price of cottonseed being sold in North Carolina.

Wagon lots of seed are averaging around \$47.50 per ton at cotton ginners' stations throughout the State, Winfield said.

This is an average of 30 cents more per ton than the price paid cotton producers during the second week in November.