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Colonel Lewis Returns

Colonel and Mrs. Robert B. Lewis, accompanied by their daughters, Mary and Marion, arrived Monday from Trinidad, where Colonel Lewis has been stationed since May, 1942. His family joined him there last August. He was separated from the army and is now on terminal leave. The Lewises left Trinidad by plane last Friday morning and arrived in Miami that night. They proceeded by train from Miami.

T-5 Julian B. McKeithan arrived in Raeford Tuesday night and expects his discharge the latter part of the week. T-5 McKeithan entered the army in January, 1943, and served in the South Pacific two years.

Corporal John Howard Clark returned from the Pacific theatre of Operations last week and expects to be discharged at Fort Bragg this week.

Lt. Colonel Robert Covington, who has been in England for over three and one-half years, returned to the United States this week.

Pfc. William Gullledge landed in Tacoma, Washington, last week in Okinawa and expects to be in Raeford soon. He is at present in Kansas City with his wife.

Lewis McNeill, S-2-c, of Norfolk, Va., spent the past week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McNeill.

Word has recently been received by Mr. and Mrs. Hector McNeill that their son, Sgt. Robert McNeill, is now stationed in Yokohama with the 345th Ord. company.

School News

(By K. A. MacDonald)

Mildouson P. T. A. Meets
The Mildouson P. T. A. held its regular monthly meeting last week at the school building with Mrs. Jesse Gibson, president, presiding. Arrangements were made to open the luncheon. Mrs. Balfour was appointed chairman of the luncheon committee with Mrs. R. H. Gibson and Mrs. Hines, parents, and Miss Irene Downer, teacher, to assist her. Mrs. Lola Pope was appointed manager of the luncheon.

Miss Alma Ferguson of the Raeford Graded school faculty, was out sick Monday. Mrs. Jim Poole taught for her.

The Rockfish school has had water installed in their lunchroom; also they have a splendid new refrigerator.

Lunchroom Tickets On Sale
H. C. McGregor, principal of the schools in Raeford, announces that luncheon tickets can now be purchased both for the Raeford Graded and Hoke high school lunchrooms. These tickets are good for twenty meals and should be a great convenience to both parents and students. The tickets may be left on file with the lunchroom manager.

J. W. Turlington Visits Here
J. W. Turlington, who has just been discharged from the army, was a visitor in town Tuesday. He also visited at Hoke High school while here. Mr. Turlington expects to enter the University of North Carolina in January where he will pursue courses leading to the Master's degree.

Mrs. C. H. McGregor of the Raeford Graded school faculty, is in bed with influenza. Mrs. Elmer is teaching for her.

W. P. Phillips was in Wilmington Monday and Tuesday with his daughter, Linda, who is being treated at a children's hospital there.

Basketball Practice Starts
Practice by the boys and girls basketball squads has been started under the tutelage of Coach Jerry Roberts, Jr. The splendid showing made by the football team under Coach L. McNeill has given rise to the rumor that Hoke High will enter conference play beginning with either basketball or baseball.

Mrs. Campbell of the Health department, is working hard on the tonsil clinic for Friday. It is hoped that all parents will take advantage of this opportunity and have their children's tonsils removed if they need it.

Dr. Winston Speaks At Kiwanis Meeting Thursday Evening

State Welfare Commissioner Guest Of Club.

In a program handled by the Underprivileged Child Committee of the Raeford Kiwanis club, Dr. Ellen Black Winston of Raleigh, North Carolina State Commissioner of public welfare, addressed the club and many guests who were present.

Dr. Winston was introduced to the meeting by Mrs. P. P. McCain, of Sanatorium, chairman of the Hoke County Board of Welfare. Mrs. McCain told the club briefly of Mrs. Winston's achievements in the fields of sociology and public welfare. Dr. Winston earned her degree of doctor of philosophy at the University of Chicago and later was a teacher of sociology at Meredith college in Raleigh. Her husband is also a teacher of sociology at the Raleigh branch of the University of North Carolina.

In her address Dr. Winston related the history of public welfare service from its beginning to the present day. She discussed the machinery of public welfare in North Carolina as compared to that in other states and told of plans for further development given to the aged, needy, and infirm by this department.

She described the plan of the welfare setup as it is intended under the provisions of legislation now in Congress. This legislation would raise the national status of the welfare work to that of one of four branches of a department with a cabinet head. Mrs. Winston's appearance along with her masterful and effortless delivery were a pleasure to all present as well as what she had to say.

The program was presented by Rev. J. D. Whisnant, chairman of the underprivileged child committee of the Kiwanis club. Guests included N. H. G. Balfour, chairman of the county board of commissioners, and Mrs. C. H. Giles, Hoke county superintendent of public welfare. Many other guests were also present.

Hoke Has High Rate Of Draft Rejections

Hoke county ranked eighty-eighth of North Carolina's one hundred counties in percentage of men examined through Selective Service for military service. Hoke county had 54.40 men rejected for service of every one hundred examined.

The average for the state was 44.89 rejected for every hundred examined. Forty-eight counties were below this average and fifty-two above.

Kiwanis Will Entertain Teachers Tonight

The Raeford Kiwanis club will have as its guests at the regular weekly meeting tonight all the teachers of the white schools of Hoke county. The meeting will begin at seven o'clock.

Orthopaedic Clinic In Lumberton Tomorrow

An orthopaedic clinic will be held tomorrow, December 7, in the basement of the agricultural building in Lumberton. This clinic is free to all indigent children under 12 years of age.

United War Fund Drive Gets Closer To Quota

John McGoogan announced yesterday that Hoke County had to contribute only \$118.15 more to reach its quota of \$4,020, as \$3901.85 has been collected.

Attend Appliance Preview

Marion and H. L. Gatlin, Jr., of the Raeford Furniture company, attended a preview showing of the new postwar electrical appliances to be made and marketed by Philco in Fayetteville Tuesday.

Wreck At Antioch

G. C. Lytle and a truck belonging to Amos Furniture company, were involved in a collision near Hodgins store at Antioch last Monday afternoon. Lytle was driving a pickup which was considerably damaged.

POOLE'S MEDLEY

(By D. Scott Poole)

You read a lot about treachery. Are you always dependable? That is your duty. Be absolutely dependable, and let all the folks say so.

A man throws away whatever he spends for beer or other drinks, when water is better, and costs less. I read where advocates of legal liquor said, in language unfit to be seen in print, they were showing how dirty blockage liquor is, but never a word about fifty liquor. Both are alike unfit for use.

That may be the only way fellows know of taking a vacation—striking. They know the hunting season is now a reality.

A fellow remarked to me that he believed he was sprouting wings just below his shoulder blades. I told him it was more likely warts. . . . There are not many indications of Angelic wings these times. Nor do I believe in that kind of jesting.

In reading almost anything, we learn of the extremely distressing poverty of the people on the war-torn countries of the world. Germany and Japan are suffering as severely as any nations on earth.

We read in the newspapers that there will be a great deal more cotton produced next year. How do they know? Unless farm laborers work better than most of them have in recent months, there never will be a great deal of anything produced. It appears that most of them are too intelligent to labor in the fields. Poor rapt.

I read a long time ago that "There is true dignity in labor, and no true dignity without it." People have come to have an aversion to WORK. That brings the sweat, and sweat brings an unpleasant odor, and that sickens. The Bible teaches that man must earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. I do not believe there will be bread for any, unless someone sweats.

I knew a man near my childhood home who sat in his home day and night and never paid any attention to any work on the place. It was said that one day while he was hoeing corn and peas between the corn hills, he cut up the peas. One of his children said to him, "Look, Pappy, you're digging up the peas." After he heard that several times, he threw down the hoe, went to the house, and never did go to work again. Work is not hard, but dreading it makes it drudgery. Work brings pleasure to one who does not dread it.

Work and soldiering are alike. There is something unpleasant to men who go into battle, but they must go out of necessity. They assume the attitude that—live or die—they will not fail to do all that could be required from a sense of duty, born of necessity. So why dread.

Although Raeford is a young town, it has had several costly fires and although most people carry insurance, that does not cover their injury. It is wise to carry all the insurance allowable.

I sold some fire insurance for a few years. Among other property I wrote some insurance on several tobacco barns, and one afternoon three of those barns burned within sight of each other.

I believe this to be the shortest cotton crop grown in Hoke, that is, since it has been HOKE. This county is 35 years old next April 3rd.

Nothing aroused so much bad blood in North Carolina politics as the fusion of the Populist and Republican parties. The democrats hated the Republicans, and after the Populists and Republicans fused, the Democrats hated the Populists with a deadly hatred. It is a pity that such things occur.

I voted for Jarvis in November, 1880, but I campaigned with a recklessness in 1876 for Zeb Vance. That was one hot campaign, fist fights were numerous, but I do not recall a murder. We all laughed it off later.

I am above dirty politics. I could have been elected clerk of the court in Robeson in 1884 if I had taken the Populist nomination, but I would have been just an office seeker without principle.

Mrs. George Lester will leave Friday to spend the week end with her sister in Columbia.

Telephone Company To Repair Exchange

Work On Local Equipment To Begin Monday.

A representative of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company of Tarboro brought this town and community who has had a telephone in his home for business in the past decade or so, representative was Mr. Haven and he was accompanied by Mr. Bailey.

Mr. Haven and Mr. Bailey attended the weekly meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis club last Thursday night and prior to the beginning of the regular program, Haven talked briefly to the club about the problems the company has run into during the war in the way of increased business and lack of qualified labor and the impossibility of getting new or better equipment for the exchange and lines in Raeford and the other towns that have telephones of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company in them. It was in the Kiwanis club several weeks ago that the subject of the lack of telephone service in this community came up.

Haven said that his company had recently caused the Raeford exchange to be inspected by competent technicians to determine if it were still serviceable or not. These technicians had informed the company, he said, that the Raeford exchange would give good service if it were thoroughly renovated. He said the company had obtained the services of two factory men to begin this job on Monday, December 9.

A large part of the trouble in this section is due to the unserviceability of the lines in use, Haven said, but that due to the large situation at the present time the company would promise nothing in that direction, except that they will do the best they are able to and that they will stay with it until the service is good here.

Square Dance At Wagram

There will be a square dance in the gymnasium at Wagram tomorrow night for the purpose of selling Victory Bonds. Music and floor show will be furnished by service men from Fort Bragg.

Personals

Billy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Guin, has been sick with bronchitis this week.

Mrs. Will Conoly has been in bed with influenza for several days.

James Gordon Currie has accepted a position as traveling representative in Eastern North Carolina for the Pennsylvania-Dixie Cement company.

Miss Alma Ferguson spent the last week end in Lancaster, S. C. She went especially to attend the funeral of her cousin, N. A. Simrill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard Maulsby have returned from Charlotte after visiting Mrs. Maulsby's sister.

Friends of Miss Mary Elizabeth Harris will be sorry to hear that she still remains critically ill at Highsmith's hospital.

Mrs. J. L. Teal, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Teal, Mrs. Hassell Keaton and Woodrow Teal attended the funeral of George Kelly in Greensboro Saturday afternoon. Mr. Kelly was a brother of Mrs. J. L. Teal.

Truman and Jake Austin went by army plane from Pope field to Philadelphia last Saturday and attended the Army-Navy football game. They left after seven in the morning and were back in Raeford at about ten P. M.

Lt. and Mrs. Kenneth A. McKeithan spent several days last week in Fayetteville visiting Lt. McKeithan's parents and relatives.

Mrs. Betty Cole, who is making her home with her son, Harvey Cole and family, has been very sick for the past week.

Mrs. Clarence Brown has accepted a position with the county department of welfare as case worker.

Fred Johnson of Raleigh spent the week end in Raeford.

Mrs. Burdette Miller nee Miss Martha Lytle, is a patient in Highsmith's hospital.

COMMISSIONERS DISAGREE ON SURFACING COUNTY ROADS

Recorder's Court

About an average assortment of cases came up before Judge Henry McDiarmid in last Tuesday morning's session of Hoke County recorder's court.

Maggie Smith, colored, after a plea of not guilty of violating the prohibition laws by having a still, was found guilty as charged and was sentenced to six months on the roads to be suspended on payment of \$25 and the court costs.

Robert Walker and Charlie Mal McNeill entered pleas of guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. Sentence was \$10 and the court costs for each. James Thomas and Tom McNeill were found not guilty on the same charge in connection with the same fracas.

Worth English and Bob Collins, white, were charged with violating the prohibition laws by having a bottle of store-bought liquor open in their vehicle on the public highways. Their apprehension was due to their having been involved in an accident. They entered pleas of guilty and paid the costs.

V. B. Bennett, colored, was charged with the larceny of two tires and two wheels from an auto he had borrowed. He returned the property and sentence of six months was suspended on payment of the costs and on condition of good behavior for two years.

Amos Shaw, colored, entered a plea of guilty of larceny of a calf which he killed and ate after it took up at his place a week or two. He paid for the calf and paid the costs of the court.

Russell McKinnon, colored, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Curtis Gilchrist, colored, was fined \$10 and the costs for being drunk and disorderly and for throwing a bottle at the auto of Patrolman Barnes.

Roosevelt McNair, colored, entered a plea of abandoning his wife and children. Sentence was one year to be suspended on payment of the court costs and \$4.00 weekly to his wife and children.

Narrative Report For November

The following report was written and submitted for publication by Josephine Hall, home demonstration agent, and covers the activities of her office for November.

Food leaders gave the demonstrations at most of the club meetings in November. The subject was "How to Use Uncommon Vegetables."

The first three days of November were spent in Raleigh attending the annual Extension conference.

The annual Achievement Day program was held on the afternoon of November 7th. Sixty eight women met at the Raeford Grammar school where reports on the year's work were heard. The Ashmont club received five dollars worth of defense stamps for having the largest attendance. Immediately after the reports were given the club women moved to the Hoke County courthouse where they met jointly with the REA members at their annual meeting.

W. E. Deban, news commentator and Gwyn Price, chairman N. C. REA were the speakers.

The Mt. Pleasant club sponsored a square dance at the Little River community building on the evening of November 16.

The Ashmont club had a quilting for Mrs. Crouch whose home was burned recently.

A number of people both white and colored were assisted with meal canning. Neighborhood leaders also helped the people in their local communities with the canning of meat. Several families were sent to the Raeford community cannery for assistance.

The home agent attended a meeting in the AAA office on November 21. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss conservation practices for 1946.

The home agent's annual statistical and narrative reports were prepared and sent to the state office during the last two weeks of the month.

On the evening of November 29 the agent assisted with the serving of a Kiwanis dinner. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Ellen Winston, state commissioner of welfare.

Several Hoke County club women from each community were present to hear Dr. Winston.

Balfour Offers Resignation In Protest Against Action Of Board.

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners had a rather stormy session in their regular monthly meeting at the courthouse last Monday. The bone of contention was the placing of priorities by the board on roads in the county which will receive surface treatment as allotment is made by the state for this work. In 1940 the board of commissioners, of which N. H. G. Balfour is the only member still serving, authorized the paving of the road from U. S. 15-A near Raeford to Rockfish station. This was begun and Balfour said that it was the intention of that board to finish it. This, however, was interfered with by the war and now there is another board of commissioners.

There was a delegation of citizens of the county present at the meeting to urge the board to give the Rockfish road first priority. The following is quoted directly from the minutes of the meeting and shows exactly what the board did about the road situation.

Motion was made by F. A. Monroe that the road from Raeford to Rockfish be given first priority for surface treatment, but said motion failed to receive a second.

Motion was made by Knox Watson as follows: That if enough mileage allotted Hoke county to surface treat the road from Raeford to Rockfish and the road leading from Duffie's station to the Robeson county line on the road to Red Springs; that the Rockfish road shall have first priority, but if enough mileage is not available to build both roads, both roads shall be considered first priority and the mileage shall be allotted in the ratio of 2 miles to the Rockfish road to 1 mile to the Duffie-Red Springs road, and that in that event, the mileage allotted to the Rockfish road shall be built first. Motion seconded by E. R. Pickler. Voting in favor of said resolution—Watson, Pickler and McNeill, with Monros not voting.

Motion was made by E. R. Pickler that third priority be given to the surface treatment of a road to connect Highway 291 with Highway 15 at or near the Buchan Farm. This motion seconded by Watson. This motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Hector McNeill that fourth priority for surface treatment be given the Wire Road from Antioch to Highway 15-A at the Alderman farm. This motion seconded by Watson was carried by unanimous vote.

In protest against that action of the Board in not giving the Raeford-Rockfish a clear first priority, as had been done by a prior Board of which he was a member, Mr. Balfour tendered his resignation as Chairman and member of the board. This resignation was not accepted by other members of the Board.

Will Close Abattoir Here
Other action taken by the commissioners included the drawing of the jury for the next term of court and the decision to close the abattoir in Raeford. They directed that the abattoir not operate after December 8. This is a result of a recommendation by the grand jury that it be moved out of the city limits of Raeford, and will result in the loss of the use of the place for the Christmas meat of those who plan to do any slaughtering in the next few weeks.

Wayside Community Will Give Supper At House Tuesday

The women of the Wayside community will give an oyster and chicken supper at the Wayside community house on Tuesday, December 11 at seven P. M.

The supper is to be given by the community as a token of appreciation to those who have responded so well there to the United War Fund drive and the Red Cross roll call. After supper Christmas carols will be sung and games will be played.

No License Examiner Here Tomorrow

State Highway Patrolman Jason Barnes stated yesterday that he had received information to the effect that there would be no one at the courthouse tomorrow to conduct examinations for driver's licenses. He said that G. D. Fry, the regular examiner, would be here on Friday, December 14, to examine all applicants for licenses.