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Pfc. Harold Gillis, who has been attending the Army Finance School at Fort Harrison, Ind., is spending a 21-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Gillis. He will report to Fort Jackson after his furlough.

T-5 Charles Odum landed in Newport News, Va., last Friday from the ETO and is expected home shortly.

T-5 Walter Howell returned from the ETO last week. He has been discharged from the army and is at home.

Tech. Sgt. Edwin McDuffie returned from the European Theatre last week and was discharged from the army at Fort Bragg yesterday. He is at home.

Pfc. William Gullege has been discharged from the army after serving in the Pacific theatre for two years. He and his wife arrived this week from Kansas City, Mo., for a visit.

Lt. D. B. McFadyen, Jr., has been separated from the army after serving in India and the Philippine Islands and is at home on terminal leave.

S-Sgt. Julian Love and Sgt. Raymond Love were discharged from the army this week and are at home.

Cpl. Earl Dunn has returned from two years in the European theatre and is at Fort Bragg awaiting discharge.

Lt. Col. J. R. Covington, who returned from the ETO last week, has been separated from the service and is here on his terminal leave.

Pfc. George and Mrs. Cummings have returned after spending two weeks with the parents of Pfc. Cummings in Gainesville, N. Y.

S 1-c Burriss Shankle is ill with rheumatic fever in the Naval hospital at New Orleans, La.

Capt. Herbert McLean, Jr., arrived in Raeford this week. He has been separated from the service after overseas duty in the West Indies and the Philippine Islands and is on terminal leave.

Lt. (jg) Walter R. Barrington, Jr., of the United States Navy, landed in Tacoma, Washington, last Saturday and expects to be at home for Christmas.

Pvt. Thomas G. Harrell has returned from the ETO and expects to be discharged from the army at Fort Bragg today.

T-Sgt. Alfred Guion Eubanks received his discharge from the army December 3, after 32 months of service. During the time he served in the ETO twelve months as a member of 104 Timberwolf division. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Eubanks of Sanatorium and arrived at his home last Saturday.

Stop Sales Ordered On Hog Ration

Raleigh, Dec. 12.—Discontinuance of all sales of "fat back hog ration" in North Carolina is announced by D. S. Coltrane, assistant agriculture commissioner.

In announcing that "stop sale" orders are being issued on all lots of this feed found on sale in this state, Coltrane said the action was taken because this brand of feed has been found to be "flagrantly mislabeled" as to the percentage of protein and fat and as to the ingredients employed in its manufacture.

Regarded as one of the popular hog feeds sold in Eastern and South-eastern North Carolina, "fat back hog ration" is manufactured by the Southern Milling company of Augusta, Ga., said Coltrane, and he pointed out that analyses of large quantities of this feed sampled at Zebulon, Goldsboro, Kinston, and other points, showed that it failed to contain various ingredients listed on the bags.

"In view of the shortage of commercial feeds, we naturally regret to take such drastic action as cancelling the registration of fat back hog ration. However, we believe our farmers will be better off if they are deprived of this than if they paid the current price for feed of the quality this appears to be," said Coltrane.

Fertilizer Sales Show Decrease This Year

Raleigh, Dec. 12.—Pointing out that tag sales indicate only 63,291 tons of fertilizer were sold in November as against 106,068 tons for November a year ago, D. S. Coltrane, assistant agriculture commissioner, urged farmers recently to place their fertilizer orders without further delay.

He explained that all war prisoners will be withdrawn from fertilizer plants on December 31 and expressed the opinion that the labor shortage in these plants will be virtually as critical next spring as in February and March of this year.

Hoke Man Heads Tax Supervisors

John A. McGoogan, Hoke County auditor and tax supervisor, is the new president of the North Carolina Tax Supervisors' Institute. He was elected at the meeting of the institute held in Chapel Hill last Thursday and Friday which was attended by tax collectors and supervisors from seventy of North Carolina's counties. The institute, which is fostered by the North Carolina Institute of Government, met at the Institute of Government building there.

Other officers elected for the coming year were Eugene Irvin, Rockingham county, first vice-president, and M. L. Laughlin, Edgecombe county, second vice-president. The Institute of Government will serve as secretary.

Directed by Peyton Abbot, assistant director of the Institute of Government, the institute's program featured discussions of statutory changes affecting and valorem taxation enacted by the last legislature.

Take A Victory Bond—It's Free

By Bruce Barton

I have heard people sigh at word of the Victory Loan Campaign, and say, "I suppose I have to buy another bond. But I don't see how I can afford it."

This is just like saying, "I suppose I really ought to start saving money, but it's an awfully expensive thing to do!"

The fact is, of course, that you don't buy bonds. As W. B. Bachman, a Detroit writer, forcefully pointed out the other day, the speakers on the radio and the poster artists and the advertising writers have been using the wrong word for four long years. They have been asking the public to do something that is impossible. You can't spend money on bonds. You simply take them. They cost you nothing. My E bonds are nothing but certificates showing that the Barton family has made a deposit in the U. S. Treasury instead of in a bank or a cookie jar. When we take an E bond, we transfer a bank deposit to the safest deposit in the world—the U. S. Treasury. We put in non-interest notes and we get an interest-bearing note as our deposit slip!

To take a bond—note that word "take"—is still a patriotic act. That alone is inducement enough for any American. Just as your money in the bank pays for loans and investments and all the bank's manifold activities, so your money in the U. S. Treasury helps to care for the wounded, to end war contracts, to maintain armies of occupation, to bring home returning fighters, to prevent inflation. Your bonds brought about the mighty atomic blasts that put a period to this war. Your bonds today are returning flesh to the bones of those who survived wounds or prisoncamp torture—of Wainwright, of Boyington, of unknown thousands of our men who played their own gallant parts in the total defeat of our enemies.

I remember reading the typical experience of George Lott, whose two arms were shredded by a mortar on the Lorraine front. From his battalion aid station Lott was transported 4500 miles in easy stages, by ambulance, train and plane. He passed through three field dressing stations and five hospitals in France and England before being returned to the United States for final treatment and recovery. Your bonds paid for the care of all the George Lotts of this war.

And yet you can count on getting back \$4 for every \$3 you put in! So get bonds today—get them regularly—and hold onto them. That is about as close as you are likely to come in this life to having your cake and eating it too.

Main Auditorium At Presbyterian Church Completed

First Service To Be Held Sunday, December 23rd.

The main auditorium at the Raeford Presbyterian church, which has not been in use since it was damaged by fire in October, 1943, is finally complete and the first services will be conducted there on December 23, the Sunday preceding Christmas.

The congregation has been using the basement auditorium of the church since the upper part of the church was damaged by fire in October, 1943. The fire destroyed the dome of the building and damaged the auditorium.

The church as it is since being repaired is considerably improved and rearranged as well. The auditorium has a flat ceiling now, as the dome of the church was not replaced. The slope of the floor has been removed and the capacity of the room greatly enlarged. Where there was formerly a blank wall on the east side of the room back of the old choir loft, there are now three stained glass windows matching those on the west side. The room is symmetrical in its arrangement, the chancel now being located where the old folding doors once separated the two auditoriums and the pews directly facing the chancel.

The communion table is in the center at the rear of the chancel. To the left is the organ console and in the right rear wall of the chancel are "ornate" sculptures from the organ chamber. Choir stalls are on the right and left sides of the chancel and at the front nearest the pews the pulpit is on the right side and the lectern on the left.

At the right side of the auditorium where the choir loft once was is a transept which will contain pews and there is a matching transept on the other side.

Rev. Harry K. Holland, pastor of the church, stated yesterday that pews would be installed in plenty of time for the first service on Sunday morning, December 23. The organ will be functioning also. There will, however, be no carpet by that time, as this is not yet available.

County Has Huge Job Ahead On Home Repair

More than \$323,000 is expected to be spent during the next five years by Hoke County home owners on remodeling and repair work.

The year 1946 promises to inaugurate one of the greatest eras in American history for home repairs and modernization, according to estimates released by the Tile Council of America. "Few developments will contribute more to employment and general prosperity in any community," according to R. E. Jordan, chairman of the Council's Residential Construction Committee. Because of lack of materials and manpower during the war, majority of the county's 2,960 dwelling units are in need of some kind of repair or remodeling work. Kitchen improvements and modernization of bathrooms, installation of showers and in some homes addition of a second bath top the nation's list of most wanted major improvements, Jordan said.

Outside paint jobs are needed on more than 50 per cent of homes, and addition of rooms and construction of porches also rank high in remodeling plans, according to the report. New roofing and heating plants are required by many dwellings.

Home owners in North Carolina will spend an estimated \$89,870,000 and those of the nation more than \$5,500,000,000 for major repairs alone in the next five years, according to Jordan. Ample funds, at low interest charges, are available for such work through commercial banks, saving and loan associations, credit unions and mutual savings banks, he pointed out.

\$1,100 Prize For Cotton Champion

The state cotton growing champion of North Carolina will receive a prize of \$1,100 for his efforts at the meeting of the North Carolina cotton ginners' association, Dec. 10.

The money is to be awarded to the winner of a state-wide "five-acre" cotton contest sponsored by a group of agricultural agencies interested in the production of better quality cotton.

A. D. Gore Elected To District Bar Post

Arthur D. Gore of Raeford was elected vice-president of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Bar association at the annual meeting held Monday at the Biggs cabin near Lumberton.

W. C. Downing of Fayetteville, was elected president of the association, and Henry L. Anderson, also of Fayetteville, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The meeting was addressed by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle on the history of the bar and its relation to the bench. The ninth circuit includes Bladen, Cumberland, Hoke and Robeson counties.

School News

(By K. A. MacDonald)

A county-wide principals meeting was held in the office of the superintendent Wednesday afternoon. Plans were made for a county-wide teachers meeting to be held on Monday evening, December 17, at 7:00 o'clock in the Hoke High building. At this meeting a resume of the workshop work done in each school will be given.

All white schools reports 100 per cent Junior Red Cross enrollment. It is hoped that we can make a report on the colored and Indian schools next week.

The Ashmont school will have a Christmas program on Friday morning, December 21.

The students of Hoke High gave Coach Jerry Roberts, who is moving into the McDiarmid apartment on Magnolia Ave., a pantry shower. Mrs. Roberts appreciated the shower and especially the feeling that prompted it.

Antioch will give its Christmas program on Friday morning, December 21.

Mrs. Robert's 4th grade gave a very interesting chapel program at the Raeford Graded school Friday. It was a play, "Christmas Thoughts and Songs." All who were privileged to see it enjoyed it immensely.

Mrs. C. H. McGregor, member of the Raeford graded school faculty, is much improved although not yet able to return home from the hospital.

Miss Margaret McKenzie, head bookkeeper for the Board of Education, is back at work after having been ill with flu.

Rockfish School will give its Christmas program on Friday morning, December 21.

The American Legion is offering a medal to the senior in high school adjudged by the faculty to be highest in honesty, honor, leadership, scholarship, and courtesy. Next year this medal will be given to the senior who rates best for his 11th and 12th years. It will work on down until all four years are taken into account. The legion is sending speakers to the school who talk on the traits on which the pupils are judged. So far, N. H. G. Ballfour has spoken on honor, R. H. Gatlin on leadership, H. K. Holland on honesty. Future talks will be made by W. L. Poole on scholarship and J. H. Blue on courtesy.

All schools in the county are plagued by sickness. Scarlet fever has hit in the Ashmont district and flu seems to be in all the schools.

Mildousin will give its Christmas program on Friday morning, December 21.

A Christmas program by Miss McKeithan's 8th grade will be given at Hoke High Tuesday, December 18th at 11:00 a. m.

The Music club will give a program of Christmas music at Hoke high on Wednesday, December 19th at 1:15 p. m.

Mrs. Stuart's Music class will give a Christmas program at the high school on Wednesday, December 19th at 11:00 a. m.

Mrs. Thomas McLaughlin's Bible students in conjunction with the P.T.A., will give a Christmas program on Thursday evening, December 20th at 7:30 o'clock. All those who saw Mrs. McLaughlin's program last year will be sure to want to see this one. While most of Mrs. McLaughlin's pupils will be from the Graded school the program will be given at the high school.

Mrs. A. L. O'Briant has been substituting in the high school this week for Mrs. Lester, science teacher.

County Misses Victory Loan Quota; E Bonds Still Counts

Raeford Baptists Wrecking Church

Work Begins Preparatory To Construction Of New Building

The congregation of the Raeford Baptist church met for its service last Sunday morning in the auditorium of the Raeford Graded school due to the fact that their old building is being wrecked to make way for a new one which is planned to be erected next spring.

The old Baptist church building as it now stands is the oldest church in Raeford, being over forty years old. In fact, the church was here quite a few years before Raeford was as it was built in 1902 or 1903 and the town was not incorporated until 1911.

Rev. J. D. Whisman, pastor of the church, stated this week that work on the structure was expected to begin in March, and that the old building had been sold and would be demolished and removed in the interim.

The new edifice, according to Mr. Whisman, will be a two-floor, brick, T-shaped building of colonial architecture. The auditorium will be two stories high in the basement of the T and nearest Main Street. The Sunday school and other rooms will be in the end away from the street perpendicular to the auditorium and will be in two floors.

The congregation expects to hold its services in the Graded school auditorium until the new building is ready for occupancy.

Potter Re-elected Committee Head

T. D. Potter was re-elected chairman of the county AAA Committee of three members which will administer affairs of the AAA farm program within Hoke County.

Other members elected to the county committee are: W. C. Hodgkin, vice-chairman, and N. F. Sinclair, third member. D. H. Yarborough and W. M. Monroe were named as alternate members.

Chairman Potter announced results of community committeeman elections as follows:

Allendale—J. W. Hasty, chairman; Mrs. Belle Currie, vice-chairman; L. A. McGougan, member; J. A. Roper, Jr., first alternate; Duncan McGirt, second alternate.

Antioch—Ira L. Newton, chairman; David Liles, vice-chairman; D. W. Gillis, member; J. L. McPhaul, first alternate; G. C. Lytle, second alternate.

Blue Springs—R. J. Hasty, chairman; J. R. Hendrix, vice-chairman; J. F. McMillan, member; E. A. Wright, first alternate; J. W. Russell, second alternate.

Little River—L. D. Brooks, chairman; E. B. Blue, vice-chairman; C. H. Marks, member; Daniel McGill, first alternate; Martin H. Cameron, second alternate.

McLaughlin—John Parker, chairman; D. P. Gillis, vice-chairman; M. S. Gibson, member; Warren Phillips, first alternate; Albert Guin, second alternate.

Queville—L. R. Cothran, chairman; F. W. Riley, vice-chairman; W. L. Thornburg, member; E. R. Pickler, first alternate; H. B. Walters, second alternate.

Raeford—Wm. L. Poole, chairman; C. F. Tapp, vice-chairman; W. J. McNeill, member; Lucille McLeod, first alternate; A. V. Sanders, second alternate.

Stonewall—W. L. Smith, chairman; J. L. McFadyen, vice-chairman; Tom Holland, member; J. M. McGougan, first alternate; Mrs. Mattie G. Gibson, second alternate.

Freezer Locker Advice Given

Raleigh, Dec. 12.—Robert S. Curtis, cattle marketing specialist with the State Department of Agriculture, advises farmers and others planning to invest funds in a freezer locker plant to "look into the situation carefully before taking the plunge."

He said that farmers should have satisfactory slaughtering equipment on the farm, or available at a convenient distance, pointing out that this service should be made available in some satisfactory manner.

Farmers should have satisfactory arrangements made with the locker plant to have meats properly cooled, cut into standard cuts for use at home or for sale, and should be made to have his meats salted, cured, seasoned, and smoked according to his wishes.

In the "Victory" loan drive which ended Saturday this county was far short of its quotas both overall and "E" bonds. The county's overall quota was \$150,000 and a total of \$94,500 was taken in, according to Bill A. McDonald, county chairman. The drive for the county was \$110,000 and a little less than half this amount was achieved, \$49,912.50.

Although the drive officially ended December 8 the Treasury Department has announced that series E, F, and G, savings bonds and series C savings notes sold through December 31 will be credited to the Victory loan drive. The county and State War Finance committees are urging the public to take notice of the continuance of E bond sales through December 31 to assure success of county and state E bond quotas. "E" bonds are also being widely publicized and purchased as Christmas gifts.

In North Carolina E sales as of December 7 came to \$17,500,000, only 58 per cent of the State's quota.

County Teachers Entertained By Kiwanis Club

The Raeford Kiwanis club was host last Thursday night to the teachers in the schools of the county. All were invited and about thirty-five were present, counting husbands and wives who were also invited.

A delicious dinner of turkey and the good things that go with it was served by Mrs. Lucy Smith and Miss Josephine Hall.

Cecil Dew was toastmaster for the occasion, which began with the introduction of the guests. The teachers of the schools of the county not in Raeford were introduced by K. A. MacDonald, county school superintendent. Those from the Raeford graded school were presented with humorous character sketches by Miss Margaret McKenzie, building principal of that school, and the Hoke County High School teachers were introduced by Mrs. J. C. McLean, in the absence of C. H. McGregor, principal.

The guests were welcomed in a short address by Kiwanian Hinton McPhaul, and this was responded to for the teachers by Mrs. Leete Smoak Montague of the Ashmont school.

Among the stunts staged for the amusement of the gathering was a humorous examination of the three Kiwanians who are preachers to determine if they were qualified. This was perpetrated by the toastmaster and conducted by Mrs. T. N. McLaughlin, Bible teacher in the Raeford schools. All three were humorously determined to be not qualified.

Miss Lillian Johnson of the Raeford graded school won a chairbottoming contest over which Tommie Upchurch officiated.

W. J. Coates conducted a quiz contest which was won by Mrs. Arthur D. Gore, of the Hoke County high school.

The speaker of the evening was Miss Rachel Hassell, director of Music and Young People's Work at the Presbyterian church.

Miss Hassell made an excellent impression on all present with her interesting and informative talk on her experiences in Japan, where she was born and spent about thirteen years of her life.

LIBRARY NEWS

Two library hours were held in the library last week on Wednesday and Thursday, and one on Wednesday of this week. Christmas stories were read by Miss Betty McLean, student assistant, the librarian, Mrs. Bethune and Mrs. A. K. Currie.

Mrs. A. R. Morris has presented three books to Hoke County Library in memory of boys who lost their lives in World War II: "The Emperor's Physician," by Perkins, in memory of Joe Hancock; Also the Hills, by Frances Parkinson Keyes, for Gene Johnson, and Brave Men, by Ernie Pyle, for Lonnie Teal, Jr.

New books recently received in the library are as follows: "Most Secret," Shute; Repent in Haste, Marquand; Tansy Taniard, Stride-Jackson; General Duty Nurse, Hancock; The Far Away Music, Meecher; The Black Rose, Costain; The Egg and I, MacDonald; Straight Down a Crooked Lane, Porter; Judd Rankin's Daughter, Glasspell; Building or Buying a House, Johnstone; Principles of Radio Operators, Atherton.