

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Corporal Dan J. Campbell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Campbell, has recently been promoted from Pfc. He is chief clerk in the recruiting office section of the Peninsular base section in Leghorn, Italy.

Pharmacists Mate 1-c Luther Gillis of Raeford Route 2, was separated from the Navy at Charleston, S. C., last week. He is a veteran of the operations in the Gilbert Islands in November and December, 1943.

Pfc. Clarence A. Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burns, is at home on a two-months furlough. He was in Japan with the 11th Airborne Division. He was discharged from the Army and has been reinstated.

Cpl. John Thomas Haire, who has been in the Pacific for thirty-one months, has received his discharge.

Walter Pope, who is a member of the Navy stationed at Bainbridge, Md., spent several days this week in Raeford with relatives.

Sgt. Hallie B. Haire, who is stationed in Baltimore, spent several days recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Haire. He has been enlisted for three years.

C. H. Giles, Jr., of the Marine Corps, has reached the U. S. and is at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He expects to be discharged and will come home shortly.

Lt. and Mrs. Ray Cook and Lt. and Mrs. Leibrock have occupied Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baucum's upstairs apartment.

School News

By K. A. MacDonald

New Teacher At Hoke High

George Lester, who has just been released from the service, has taken the place on the Hoke High school faculty made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Graham Dickson. Mr. Lester will complete the spring term. After this he expects to re-enter State College and complete his work in vocational agriculture.

Hoke Transportation Good—Comparatively

C. E. Glass, district mechanic in the eastern district for the State Board of Education, was here on Monday. Mr. Glass expressed himself as being satisfied with the work being done, and remarked that Hoke County was getting far better transportation than some of the counties in his half of the state. We sympathize with these counties.

Every effort is being made to keep the buses running. On Tuesday L. E. Luck, county school bus mechanic, went to Dobson, N. C., to get a new motor for one bus. This trip indicates the difficulty in getting parts to keep the buses rolling. We hope patrons and pupils will continue to be as patient under the very trying circumstances, as they have been. We also hope that the drivers will continue to be as careful as is possible to be, both from the standpoint of getting the pupils to school safely and in keeping the buses running.

Principal McGregor held a bus drivers meeting at Hoke high on Wednesday. At this meeting safe operation and care of the buses were stressed.

Attendance in all the schools improved greatly last week. It is hoped that the bad weather this week will not hurt it too much.

Social Security Pays 1095 In This Area

In the area served by the Fayetteville office of the Social Security Board there were 1095 monthly old-age and survivors insurance benefits, in force at the end of 1945 according to Cecil G. Rollins, manager of the Fayetteville office. This figure represents the number of men, women and children in the counties of Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Sampson, now eligible for monthly payments of old-age and survivors insurance.

"Our estimates indicate an increase of 34.2 per cent over the number of benefits in force at the close of the year 1944," said Mr. Rollins. Residents of old-age and survivors insurance in these five counties include 185 widows, 569 children, 270 retired wage-earners, 84 wives of retired wage-earners and 7 aged dependent parents.

164 lump-sum death payments, amounting in all \$12,397.95 were made in the Fayetteville service area during 1945.

More Drunks Tried In Recorder's Court Tuesday Morning

In a shorter than usual session of Hoke County Recorder's court Tuesday morning the charge of being drunk and disorderly came up before Judge McDiarmid more than any other.

Arthur Dockery, Chancie McLauchlin, John D. Moore, and Herman Moultrie, all colored, each got sentences of thirty days suspended on payment of the court costs for being drunk and disorderly. Eugene Brock, white, got the same offense.

Joseph C. Crivella, white transient, forfeited a \$25 bond for speeding when he failed to appear for trial.

Melvin Ashburn white, was charged with careless and reckless driving and damage to personal property in the case of an accident last September when a car he was operating collided with one driven by Brady Guin. It appeared that settlement of the damages had been agreed on at first and when they were later disagreed on the indictment was the result. Ashburn was found not guilty.

American Red Cross Delegates Here To Attend Conference

A delegation from the Hoke county Chapter of the American Red Cross will be in Southern Pines on January 28 to attend a regional conference with Southeastern Area officials on plans for the 1946 Fund Campaign which is to be held in March. Dr. R. L. Murray, chapter chairman, announced this week.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a. m., at the Country Club, Southern Pines, with Regional Director Francis P. Simerville, leading the discussion of campaign plans. After luncheon the group will hear J. H. Parker, Red Cross hospital worker, in a talk on her experiences in serving hospitalized servicemen.

Miss Darter is the Red Cross Field director at the U. S. Naval hospital in Pensacola, where she directs and supervises all Red Cross activities in the hospital, including recreation and social service. Since joining her organization in 1943 she has served at LaGarde General hospital, New Orleans, and in the station hospitals at Selman Field, La., and Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla. She is a graduate of Hollins College, Roanoke, Va.

Representatives of the area headquarters who are expected to be present include R. T. Schaeffer, assistant area manager, Velma Tinsley, chief of radio; and Mary Phillips, general field representative.

Goal of the 1946 campaign has been set at \$100,000,000. Red Cross postwar services are vital to the nation's well-being, Chairman Murray pointed out. Our armed forces are still deployed all over the world, and wounded are still entitled to the same grateful service as ever. The campaign slogan, "Your Red Cross Must Carry On," is particularly appropriate, he added.

Army Will Take Officers As Topkicks

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 15.—Army officers, warrant officers and flight officers honorably discharged since last May 12 now are eligible to enlist in the peacetime army as master or first sergeants, Fourth Service Command Headquarters here announced today.

Prior to this, explained Major Harry O. Smith, who heads the Command's recruiting campaign, only those officers discharged since last November 1 were eligible to reenlist as "top kicks." These officers have until January 31 to reenlist while any officers discharged after this date must reenlist within 20 days after the end of their terminal leave.

"If any of these men reenlist and then apply for a regular army commission and are accepted," the major added, "they will be honorably discharged to accept the commission."

Accident On 15-A Friday

Last Friday morning an automobile driven by Miss Helen Barrington was sideswiped by another driven by Saul McCall, colored soldier of Fort Bragg. Damages were about \$170 to each car and the car of Miss Barrington left the highway beyond Bill's place on U. S. 15-A east of here.

The damages were settled amicably by the parties concerned and no arrests were made.

Hoke Football Boys Have Steak Supper

A steak supper was given for the Hoke High football team on Monday night, January 14, in the armory, by the American Legion.

The supper was served in full army style, supervised by Commander W. L. Poole and Israel Mann, the guests being welcomed by Robert Gallin.

J. H. Blue gave a very interesting talk about future plans concerning their baseball team in the spring. He stated that with the material they now have they should have a fine baseball team.

In the fall the football team had no coach, so Lawrence McNeill and Willie Walters took the job, and made a success of it. These men were called up to the front by Capt. Freeman and each presented a trophy, (they really seemed surprised) for the good work they had done during the past season.

Jerry Roberts, who was secured later in the season, as coach, was also called up and presented a gift.

Mr. McNeill also gave a very interesting talk complimenting the boys on being excellent material to work with.

The Legion enjoyed having these boys, and appreciate very much their turning out so well.

Rev. H. K. Holland closed the meeting with a prayer.

Fire Destroys House On Cockman Hill

A frame dwelling occupied by Alfonso Alford in the colored section known as "Cockman Hill" about 1 mile north of Raeford was destroyed by fire Tuesday night.

The alarm sounded in Raeford at about eight o'clock and the Raeford fire department went to the scene, and, while unable to save the house, was able to keep the fire from jumping to another dwelling twenty or thirty feet away. No water supply was available. The fire started from a stove while the occupants were away.

Ryan McBryde was the owner of the dwelling which was covered by fire insurance.

Superior Court Will Convene Next Week

Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford, will open the January term of Hoke County Superior Court here next Tuesday. There is a fairly light docket of cases to be tried, both criminal and civil. Civil cases consist largely of divorce cases and there are less than a half dozen of them.

NO SCHOOL IN COUNTY

Schools in the county have suspended operation due to the weather, K. A. MacDonald, county superintendent, stated last night. The suspension is indefinite, depending entirely on the weather.

Government Seed Loans Available

A. S. Knowles, county farm agent, yesterday made an announcement in the way of a reminder to low income farmers of the county who may wish to borrow money for seed or other materials for making a crop.

Knowles said that low income farmers who are unable to get loans from local sources for the above mentioned purposes may be able to get them from the Emergency Feed and Seed Administration by making application at the county office building. This service has been available, Knowles said, but he felt that there still might be interested farmers who were not aware of it.

Be Wise And Advertise!
"It Pays To Advertise"

Mary E. Harris Taken By Death

Miss Mary Elizabeth Harris, twenty-two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harris, died last Thursday night in a Fayetteville hospital after being critically ill there for the preceding three months. She had been near death for some time and the end was not unexpected.

Funeral service was conducted at the Raeford Methodist church at two o'clock Saturday afternoon by Rev. W. L. Maness, and Rev. B. P. Robinson, pastor and former pastor, respectively. Pallbearers were A. K. Stevens, D. B. McFadyen, Jr., Carlton Niven, Ben Robinson, Hector McNeill, all of this county, and D. R. Allen of Fayetteville.

Prior to her illness Miss Harris was employed at the Fort Bragg post exchange.

Surviving are her parents; two brothers, William and David Harris; and two sisters, Martha Harris of the home and Mrs. L. S. Gordon of Rockledge, Fla.

File This Month For Tobacco Allotments

All eligible producers interested in applying for a "new grower" tobacco allotment should file an application at the Hoke County AAA office prior to February 1, 1946, T. D. Potter, chairman, Hoke County AAA Committee said here today.

He pointed out that in order to be eligible for a new tobacco allotment, the following conditions must be met: (1) The farm operator shall have had experience in growing the kind of tobacco for which an allotment is requested either as a sharecropper, tenant, or as a farm operator during the past five years, or if the farm operator has been in the armed services of the United States, within five years prior to this entry into the armed services; (2) the farm operator shall be living on the farm and largely dependent on this farm for his livelihood; (3) the farm covered by the application shall be the only farm owned or operated by the farm operator on which any tobacco is produced; and (4) no kind of tobacco other than the kind for which application for an allotment will be grown on such farm in 1946.

He emphasized that the only exception that would be made in the date for filing applications should be in the case of a farm operator being in the armed forces on that date. Under this condition, application may be filed not later than the time tobacco is substantially all planted in the county, or within 30 days following his discharge from the armed forces whichever is earlier.

Child Dies Monday

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neill Currie of Savannah, Ga., died at the home of her parents there Monday after an illness of three months. She was eight months of age. Mr. Currie is a brother of D. Scott Currie and is a former resident of this locality.

The funeral, yesterday in Savannah, was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Currie of Raeford.

H. C. McLauchlin Better

H. C. McLauchlin, who has been critically ill in a Fayetteville hospital, has slightly improved and it is expected that he will be brought home this week. He is, however, still in a very serious condition and will not be able to have visitors for some time.

J. A. Cameron Remains Same

John A. Cameron, who suffered a stroke of paralysis almost two weeks ago, is still in a serious condition at his home here.

Final Rites For Mrs Susan Davis

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon for Mrs. Susan Ann Davis, 79 year old woman who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Currie, on Route one, Red Springs, Tuesday night. Mrs. Davis had been ill for a month. The last rites will be conducted at three o'clock this afternoon at Tabernacle Methodist church by Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Raeford Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member, and interment will follow in the churchyard cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Davis are one son, T. F. Davis of Raeford; five daughters, Mrs. Charlie Campbell of Hamlet, Mrs. M. B. Fletcher of Asheville, Mrs. B. J. Livingston, Laurinburg, Mrs. A. R. Currie and Mrs. H. R. Livingston of Red Springs, Route One; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Smith of Hamlet and Mrs. H. D. Skipper of Laurel Hill.

Poole Is Named To Lead March Of Dimes Drive Now Going On

The national March of Dimes drive for the collection of funds for fighting infantile paralysis was opened all over the United States on Monday of this week and will continue through the last day of this month. The drive in Hoke County will be handled by William L. Poole, who has been named county chairman. Mr. Poole said yesterday that the drive had already got off to a good start with several contributions in the coffers. He said he was confident that the county would donate the \$764, which has been set as a goal in the drive.

For the first time in thirteen years the March of Dimes is being held January 14-31 without the living presence of the man who inaugurated the fight against infantile paralysis and became its symbol: our late president, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Half of the funds raised in the March of Dimes here will remain with the local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to be used for special equipment, hospitalization, transportation, and treatment and care of polio patients. The other half goes to the National Foundation for research, education and emergency aid during epidemics.

Young People's Foreign Mission Banquet

The Young People of the Presbyterian church are having a Foreign Mission banquet tonight in the church dining room at 6:30. All the young people of the church are particularly invited to come and take part in this special feature which will be most entertaining and interesting to all.

Mrs. Matheson Better

Mrs. R. A. Matheson, Sr., who has been critically ill at her home here since she suffered a stroke several weeks ago, has improved some this week, although her condition remains grave.

Presbyterians Have Mission Program

Of special interest to the members of the Presbyterian church and any visitors is the Foreign Mission program which began last evening. Come and find out for yourselves just some of the many things which our missionaries are doing in foreign countries, so that we may know better how to support them with our prayers and gifts. Make each session of this Foreign Mission program a family night for yourselves and your friends. Next session—Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. It lasts only 1 hour.

PJC Being Filled With Vet Students

So many veterans have registered for the second semester, beginning January 23rd, at Presbyterian Junior college that the college is making arrangements for additional dormitory facilities and for housing married students. A large number of the students are taking the special refresher course before beginning college work. Others are taking regular college classes or commercial work. A large class in aeronautics ground school and flying is anticipated. Regular mid-term examinations begin January 17, and continue through January 22nd.

Devoc Austin Back Home

Devoc Austin, who had a close call with pneumonia in a Fayetteville hospital recently, has greatly improved and returned to his home here Tuesday.

Hoke High Loses Doubleheader Here Friday Night

A crowd of 200 spectators saw the Hoke High boys and girls drop a double contest to Hoffman at the local gym last Friday night. The Hoffman sextet defeated the local girls by a 30-11 count in the first game while the visiting boys triumphed 25-19 in the nightcap. Hoffman's girls presented a fast moving, accurate shooting combination which jumped to a quick lead at the start and were never headed by the Raeford girls, who led at half time 19-6. B. Arng, Hoffman forward, was the high scorer of the night, hooping in 7 field goals for 14 points.

Ila Moss, Hoke forward, and J. McNeill, acting team captain for the game, scored 7 and 4 points respectively. The Hoke girls appeared to be quite nervous and missed many coring chances but they are expected to improve as the season progresses.

In the boys' contest Raeford led 4-0 in the first two minutes of play and appeared to be headed for a easy victory but the Hoffman lads quickly closed the gap and led at half time 19-11. Raeford came back after the intermission to tally 8 points while the visitors caged 6 points but Raeford's D. Thompson, Hoffman star, and Bostic, another star forward, led the Hoffman offense. For the locals Franklin McNeill, lately converted from forward to the prior spot, was high scorer, and played a bang-up game. Malcolm McKeithan, guard, played a beautiful defensive game and again preventing possible Hoffman scores. Bill Clark, the other Hoke forward, was a standout in the Raeford attack.

Friday's game was the third game of the season for the local boys while the girls have played two games. The girls have dropped both contests, while the boys have lost 2 and won the other. Games have been scheduled for each Tuesday and Friday. The complete schedule will be published at a later date. Dunn High's boys and girls will invade the local gym Tuesday night and Coach Roberts promises that his clubs will be out to avenge their defeat at the hands of the Green Wave in Dunn last week.

The locals play the strong Red Springs boys and girls team here Friday night, Jan. 18.

Local Churches Support Old Clothes Drive

The Raeford Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist churches are announcing in an advertisement on page three of this issue the fact that they are joining the rest of the country in its drive for old clothing to help the people of the world today who are cold for lack of clothes.

There are many such people in this world today who have either been through the guns of a war or the economic devastation which have caused them to be going through this winter with inadequate clothing, food, fuel, and other necessities. These people are dying because of these inadequacies. It is the purpose of this drive to save some of their lives. Another thing all who give something to this drive will accomplish is that of making themselves able to think that perhaps someone who would have died didn't because of the old clothes they gave. It will keep these people from thinking that perhaps someone died because they didn't give to the drive.

The clothing will be collected in Raeford at the Baucum Appliance company next door to the Raeford theatre and will be packaged and shipped from there. The final date for getting clothes in will be Thursday, January 24.

New Sugar Books Not For Everyone

Recent announcements that sugar ration books will henceforth be issued for all of North Carolina by the OPA district office in Raleigh does not mean that present holders of books will get a new one, Theodore S. Johnson, director of the Office of Price Administration, said today.

Johnson said the announcements simply indicated that returning service people, who have never had ration books, or families having new babies, may apply for sugar ration books by obtaining an application blank at the local board and sending it to the Raleigh office properly filled out. The same procedure should be followed to replace lost or mutilated books, Johnson said.

A lot of people, he added, thought that new books were being issued to all persons. This is not true.

Fight on!

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