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NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Col. and Mrs. David Goodwin and son of Fort Bragg, have recently occupied an apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gullidge.

Pfc Edward H. Sessoms is back in this community after service in Italy, France, and Germany.

Charles B. Johnson, who has been in the Pacific theatre for 23 months, was discharged recently and spent the past week end with his parents. He was accompanied by his wife and son of Fayetteville.

Erwin Johnson, S 2-c, who was accidentally shot in the leg in Japan and who has been hospitalized in the Naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson.

Lieut. Tom McLaughlin, who is a member of the famous Third Infantry division in Europe, is at home on leave. He came because of the serious illness of his father, H. C. McLaughlin.

Sgt. Thomas R. Sacca, whose wife was formerly Miss Hattie Buoyer, has landed in California and is expected home shortly.

Sgt. John K. McNeill, Jr., of Washington, D. C., spent the week end at home. He was enroute to Greensboro where he expects to be discharged this week.

SK 2-c Roger Dixon arrived in town Wednesday. He has been discharged from the navy after spending 18 months in the Pacific area.

Major and Mrs. C. H. Bigger, who have been occupying the apartment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gullidge, left Tuesday for Fort Riley, Kansas.

2nd Lt. Charles J. Riddle, Jr. has arrived in Nagoya, Japan and has been assigned to General Krueger's Sixth Army. His wife is the former Miss Ruth Warner of Hoke County.

School News

(By K. A. MacDonald)

Schools of the county reopened Monday after the two-day holiday brought about by the sleet. Unbelievably good attendance was had in most of the schools on Monday and Tuesday.

The Grand Jury in session on Monday requested a report on school bus transportation in the county. This report was made by the superintendent. The report was discussed by the grand jury, approved, and incorporated in its report to the presiding judge. It should reassure patrons of the schools who have children riding on buses to know that the grand jury is interested and is seeing to it that the safest and best transportation possible is being furnished the pupils of the county.

Mid-Term Exams
Mid-term tests and examinations are being conducted in the white schools of the county this week. State standard tests will probably be administered next week in the white schools and in the colored schools the week following their mid-term examinations.

Almost His School Bus
On Monday a car came very near to running into a school bus on 15-A. The driver of the car was indicted and tried in Recorder's court on Tuesday. He was convicted of careless and reckless driving and was taxed with the costs. He was Arthur C. Pappas, wholesale liquor dealer of Belmont, Mass. Two members of his family suffered injuries and his car was severely damaged. The school bus driver was absolved of any blame.

Attendance Percentages 4th Month
The percentage of attendance in the white schools for the fourth month of schools is as follows: Rockfish 95; Mildouson 92.4; Hoke High 8th grade 85, 9th to 11th grades 90; Raeford Graded 86.8; Ashmont 73.9; Antilch 71.3. These schools had a total of 1733 absences due to contagious diseases.

Negro Teachers Meet
On Wednesday afternoon there was a county-wide meeting of Negro teachers at the Epchurch school. Jean's Supervisor Annie M. Pridden, was in charge of the meeting. Routine business was transacted.

H. C. McLaughlin At Home

H. C. McLaughlin, who had been a patient at a Fayetteville hospital, returned home last week. He remains very seriously ill, however.

POOLE'S MEDLEY

(By D. Scott Poole)

The annual racket over the price of cotton goes on. Farmers cannot make clear money while cotton sells for less than cost of production. It is said that buyers of pecans, hogs or any farm produce do not pay the ceiling prices. If such are reported, they will likely be called to account.

The trouble is not in ceiling prices, but in nonobservance of such regulations as ceiling prices. Were the ceiling prices strictly observed beef and steak, prices would not be numbered with the number of sellers in a community. Same is true of other things.

It is said that the cost of cotton is not responsible for the high price of clothing, cotton clothing especially. We have been knowing that as long as we have known anything. The only remedy I know is the same one often repeated here: Stop offering anything for sale.

This racket is older than I am—it was here when I came into existence. But when the wheel and the loom were busy in the farm houses, the business would come across. The farmers were the money lending class.

President Truman desires Congress to pass certain laws to force strikers to respect their government, but I would say there are already laws sufficient to stop such. If treason is possible of committal, they have committed that crime; certainly those in war work.

Oil hunters are drilling wells in search of petroleum down in eastern Carolina in earnest these days. Were they to find it, North Carolina would surely give any state in the Union a close run in wealth and income. This state has made wonderful strides in progressiveness in recent years.

Hoke county should give more attention to fruits, small fruits in particular, such as strawberries and dewberries. They help out a lot in living.

It is a shame how little the greater portion of humanity knows of the Bible. No matter what scorners may say about it, it teaches the greatest lessons—gives the highest code in morality, of any book on earth.

We sympathize with parents when a child dies, no matter if the child is grown. Parents never forget the feel of the little hands about their necks.

We have had but little snow in twenty years, but I think it probable that we will have snow between now and the 1st of April.

The 1945 crop of cotton is the smallest in several years, and as there is such a scarcity of clothing the world around, I see the necessity of 30 cent cotton. The Charlotte market has stood around 24-25 for 15-16 cotton, and I see no reason why an inch of better cotton sells for less than 30 cents a pound.

I believe in ceiling prices for all farm products, because the tillers of the soil are left at the mercy of a greedy world. They have no voicing in what they sell nor in what they buy. A ceiling price is nothing but the Government stepping in and preventing a robbery.

About this time in January, two hundred years ago, construction of Fort Johnson in the mouth of Cape Fear river was begun. Forts are not worth building now that we have airplanes—nor can we hide out, radar will find us.

1845 was a very dry year, and crops were poor. All mills were water mills, and all streams in clay country failed to run, and sandhill mills were overworked with grinding. The Whigs were in control of the State Government.

A soap and candle factory was started in Fayetteville in October, 1846. Made 40,000 to 50,000 a year. The United States declared war on Mexico in 1847.

100,000 Jews are reported ready to be sent to Palestine. The Jews are the inheritors of that country, and the world should see that they get it.

\$3 a bushel was the highest price I ever heard of corn selling in this section. That was in 1865, and it was barter. Corn was very scarce.

Sherman's troops emptied cribs, and turned their horses on the lots full of corn, they wasted half of what was thrown to them. What was left was gathered up, washed, dried in the sun, and saved for bread.

All the fields in this part of the State were fenced with zigzag fences made of pine rails from ten and a half feet long and a half foot wide in 1935 and later.

Mrs. Matheson Improves

Mrs. R. A. Matheson, 87, has been slowly getting better, so to report yesterday.

Mrs. Ellen Brown Dies At Timberland

(From The Sandhill Citizen)
Mrs. Ellen Brown of Timberland died Tuesday at her home. Funeral services were conducted last Thursday morning at 11 o'clock from the residence by the Rev. A. D. Caswell of Sanford. Burial followed in the family plot in the Old Shiloh cemetery.

Surviving are six daughters, Lillie Brown of the home, Mrs. Maggie Councilman of Burlington, Mrs. Minnie Melton of Timberland, Mrs. Mandy McCracken of Sanford, Mrs. Annie Belle Riley of Lilesville, and Mrs. Beulah Boyle of New Bern; three sons, Cliff Brown of Timberland and Tom Brown and Frank Brown, both of Southern Pines; two sisters, Mrs. Kattie Enterkin of Carrier, Miss, and Mrs. Fannie Brown of McDavid, Fla.; two brothers, Neill Baker of Raeford, and Jimmy Baker of Durham; and 34 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Sam Epstein Dies Last Sunday

Mrs. Sam Epstein died suddenly at her home here last Sunday afternoon from a heart attack. She had suffered previous attacks but death was unexpected. She was seventy years of age.

Mrs. Epstein, formerly Miss Bessie Herwitz, was born in New York City, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Herwitz. She was a member of the Beth Israel congregation of Fayetteville.

Together with her husband, the deceased had been a member of this community since 1909. Her husband, who survives, was for many years one of the prominent merchants of this town until his retirement several years ago.

Funeral services were conducted at four o'clock Monday afternoon at the Rogers and Breece funeral home in Fayetteville by Rabbi Slavin. Burial followed in the Cross Creek cemetery. Pallbearers were M. Goldberg, A. M. Fleischman, I. Roentfield, Alex. Waitman, B. Greenberg and Ed Fleischman.

Surviving are her husband; six sons, Mitchell, Archie, Harry, Malcolm, Nathan, and Sidney; and two daughters, Ethel and Reva.

Funeral Service For John A. Byrne, 83

Funeral services were conducted last Friday afternoon at the Red Springs Presbyterian church for John Alexander Byrne, aged 83, who died at his home there early Thursday morning. The service was conducted by the Rev. Thomas A. Fry, pastor of the church.

Active pallbearers were P. A. Roberts of Lumberton, R. D. McMillan, Jr., of Pembroke, W. L. McRae, Duncan McGoogan, Purdie Dorman, and Reid Grantham of Red Springs. Members of the board of deacons and elders of the church served as honorary pallbearers. Interment was in Alloway cemetery.

Mr. Byrne's wife, who was the former Miss Janie McQueen of Cumberland county, died some years ago. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Duncin McNeill and Miss Lela Byrne, both of Red Springs, and by six sons: Jesse D. and L. L. of Red Springs, Walter R. of Grays Creek, James of Rockingham, Angus D. of Hamlet, and Archie of Raeford.

LIBRARY NEWS

Among the best sellers which have recently been placed on the shelves of Hoke County Library, are The River Road, by Frances Parkinson Keyes, and The King's General, by Daphne du Maurier.

For those interesting in restoring old furniture, there is Peter Hunt's Workbook.

Other new books are: The Friendly Persuasion, by West; Time Remembered, Hillyer; Rooster Crows for Day, Burman; Lights Out, Kendrick; The Long Road, Shipman; Best Plays of 1944-45, Mantle; Short Novels of Dostoevsky.

The library wishes to extend a welcome to the service men who are returning to their homes here, and they are cordially invited to visit the library and make use of its services. Schedule: Monday through Saturday, 10 to 5:30. Closed 12 to 1 for lunch.

Crawford Wright Ill

J. C. Wright, of the sheriff's office, was taken to Moore County hospital for treatment last Thursday. At that reports his condition was greatly improved.

Cotton Production Meeting Here January 31

An important cotton production meeting will be held in the Court House in Raeford on Thursday, January 31st, at 7:30 P. M. A feature of the program will be a sound film on "Flame Cultivation and One Man Harvesting," reports A. S. Knowles, county agent.

The program is designed to give farmers and others interested in cotton an overall picture of the present problems affecting cotton, and what can be done to produce cheaper cotton. Special emphasis on mechanization and lowering cost of production will be made throughout.

Besides the picture on Flame Cultivation, the program will consist of brief discussions on the "Five Acre Contest," by J. A. Shanklin, Extension Cotton Specialist; "Mechanization of the Cotton Farm," by J. C. Ferguson, Extension Agricultural Engineer; "The Cotton Farmer's Responsibility to His Ginner," by C. L. McCaslan, Extension Agricultural Engineer; and "Ginner Cooperation and Community Leadership," by Fred Johnson, State Department of Agriculture. A representative of the National Cotton Council will discuss the "Purpose and Program of the Council."

All cotton farmers are especially urged to attend as they should get valuable information in growing future crops of cotton. Other groups invited to attend include: cotton ginners, cotton merchants, implement dealers, bankers, editors, and any other business people or local citizens interested in the welfare of cotton.

Hoke County will be growing for a long, long time. It may not grow as many acres as during the past few years, but should be one of the crops in a balanced farm program. Hoke has led the state in cotton improvement during the past few years and can be expected to continue its leadership in adopting improved practices that will reduce cost of production, and thereby continue in cotton production.

Three-Way Accident On U. S. 15-A Thursday

In an accident involving two north-bound vehicles and one south-bound, Burch Sheffield of Hampton, Va., northbound, drove his Oldsmobile coupe into the rear of a Buick driven by J. S. Phelps and sideswiped a south-bound truck operated by Bill Moore of Orlando, Fla., near the Hickory Grove tourist camp on U. S. 15-A at 1:30 p. m. last Thursday.

Sheffield's car was almost a total loss and was towed in by a local wrecker. His wife was slightly injured and was given first aid here.

The accident was investigated by the State Highway patrol and the Hoke County sheriff's office. No arrest was made.

Jane McCain Chosen As Representative

The Southern Pines Alfred Moore chapter, DAR, has announced the selection of Miss Jane McCain for the Good Citizenship Pilgrimage at the State DAR conference to be held in Charlotte March 6-7.

At the request of the Alfred Moore chapter the girls of the senior class of Southern Pines high school chose by vote three girls who possess the qualities of dependability, leadership, service and patriotism. From the three girls selected, the faculty selected Miss McCain as the Good Citizen of her school. Miss McCain, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. P. McCain of Sanatorium, is a charter member of the Margaret McBryde Society, Children of the American Revolution.

Another Distinguished Visitor

Among the visitors at the Raeford hotel last week was Charles Evans Hughes, late retired Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, former Secretary of State, former governor of New York, and candidate for the Presidency in 1916 against Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. Hughes was enroute to Florida with his chauffeur and stopped on Wednesday.

Hunting Season Ends Jan. 31

District Game Protector H. R. McLean has reminded hunters in this county that the hunting season will end January 31, with minor exceptions. These exceptions are that opossums and coon may be hunted until February 15, and fox may be hunted until March 2. Guns may not be used in hunting fox after January 31, however.

Gullidge Installed Masonic Master

J. E. Gullidge was installed as Master of Raeford Masonic Lodge at that body's regular communication on Tuesday evening of last week. Other officers installed were M. C. Dew, Senior Warden, C. P. Kinlaw, Junior Warden, B. B. Cole, Senior Deacon, W. L. Alexander, Junior Deacon, W. J. Coates, Tyler and Rev. H. K. Holland, chaplain.

Mr. Gullidge succeeds Neill A. McDonald, as Master, who, in a brief speech thanked the members of the lodge for their cooperation during the past year.

D. H. Hodgkin, re-elected treasurer, and L. F. Clark, re-elected secretary, were also installed at the meeting and commended for their long service in these two offices.

The installation ceremony was conducted by past master, Edgar Hall.

William McFadyen Assumed Dead

First Lieutenant William M. McFadyen, Army Air Forces, who has been carried as missing in action since the B-29 plane of which he was bombardier failed to return from a combat mission over Lee, New Guinea, on November 27, 1942, is now assumed to be dead, the War Department has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. McFadyen, here.

Occupants of other planes in the formation reported attacks by Japanese aircraft and also intense anti-aircraft fire, and saw a flash, like an explosion, where Lt. McFadyen's plane was supposed to be, but because of bad weather could not see what happened. It was hoped that the crew parachuted to the beach, and were either captured or found their way inland, but no trace of them has been found in the three years since.

Lt. McFadyen was graduated in 1938 from the school of Journalism of the University of North Carolina, and before entering the service, worked on several newspapers, including the Washington (D. C.) Daily News, The Lumberton Voice, and The Stanly News and Press. He was also for a short time connected with the News-Journal.

Mrs. W. D. Brown's Father Stricken

Richard Amos Parker, Sr., died unexpectedly last Thursday evening at his home in Farmville, N. C. He was sixty-four years of age and death was caused by a heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at two o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. E. S. Coates. Burial followed in the family cemetery near Farmville.

Surviving are his wife, the former Chrystelle Lucas of Benson; son, Martin L. Parker, Roland B. Parker of Rocky Mount, R. A. Parker Jr., of Tennessee, William B. Parker of Durham, James R. Parker of Lake Waccamaw and Charles E. Parker of the home; four daughters, Mary Faye Parker, Mrs. W. D. Brown of Raeford and Mrs. E. P. Rothrock and Mrs. R. M. Wall, both of Leesville; two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Hearn of Macleesfield and Mrs. W. S. Newton of Fountain; and two brothers, T. Cleveland Parker of Farmville and W. B. Parker of Bolton.

Fishing Licenses On Sale Now In County

The State department of conservation and development has issued for the first time a county fishing license, and all county residents fishing with artificial lures or baits will be required to purchase a license, states protector for the 14th district comprising Robeson, Scotland, Hoke and Cumberland counties.

Artificial lures or baits are defined as lures or baits which are made by hand or are manufactured and which are not available as natural fish foods.

It shall be unlawful to take fish by any means whatsoever in inland fishing waters of North Carolina from April 6 through May 19, of each year, both dates inclusive.

The new 1946 fishing licenses are now on sale in Hoke county.

Entertains Kiwanians

Tom Cameron, newly installed president of the Kiwanis club, entertained the permittees for the year at a dinner at the Kiwanis hall last night. Plans for the coming year were discussed after the meal.

Short Session Of Superior Court Here This Week

Murder Case Not True Bill; Reynolds Case Continued.

In a very short session Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford wound up the business of the January term of Hoke County Superior court in a day and a half here this week. The session was convened Monday afternoon and was adjourned Tuesday afternoon.

In addition to the criminal docket there was a light calendar of civil cases to be disposed of. Of these eight divorces were granted, one claim and delivery was granted, and four cases were continued for various reasons to the April term of court.

On the criminal docket there was the case in which Richard Carson Love, colored, was charged with murder in connection with the death of a colored woman by drowning last fall when a car operated by Love ran into a creek. This case did not reach the court room as the grand jury found not a true bill of indictment.

The case in which Harry Lee Reynolds, white, was charged with manslaughter in connection with an accident on the Aberdeen road near Timberland last November 15th in which John Sanderson of Antioch was killed and in which an auto driven by Reynolds was involved, was continued by agreement between the State and the counsel for defense.

Earl Holler, Raeford white man, charged with forging a check for \$4.00, submitted when the charge was changed to forcible trespass. Sentence was one year in confinement to be suspended on condition that he pay the costs, make good the check, and behave himself for three years.

Roosevelt McNeill, colored man, who was charged with cutting John McNeill, white, near here recently, entered a plea of nolo contendere on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He was sentenced to serve from one to two years in the state prison.

Cleo Graham, Raeford white man, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and found guilty of all but the intent to kill. He was charged with cutting Curtis King with a knife. Sentence was 18 months to be suspended on condition of good behavior for three years and payment of \$6.50 to the clerk of the court weekly for one year, the money to be used to pay the court costs and the remainder to go to Curtis King, who was cut and hospitalized.

Benjamin McAllister, colored, entered a plea of nolo contendere on a charge of breaking and entering and larceny. Sentence was four months on the roads.

Carl Morris At Home

Carl Morris, who has been a patient at Moore County hospital for some time, returned home yesterday.

New Tobacco Record Is Set

Raleigh, January 23.—The State Agriculture Department reports that total production of tobacco in 1945 was 2,042,000,000 pounds, a new high record. This total compares with the 1944 crop of 1,956,000,000 pounds. The acreage planted to tobacco was larger in most states this year than last, while average yields per acre were generally below last year.

The few states where acreages were smaller than in 1944 were those where plantings were reduced by unusual stilling of planting and setting time. Approximately 57 per cent of the production was flue-cured and 31 per cent was light air-cured. Fire-cured, dark air-cured and all cigar classes accounted for only about 12 per cent. This distribution of production among the tobacco classes will provide relatively more tobacco for cigarette makers than for other manufacturers.

Sizeable quantities of flue-cured tobacco should be available for the export trade from the 1945 crop.

The 1945 production of flue-cured tobacco was 1,175,000,000 pounds, compared with 1,090,000,000 in 1944. This year's crop is slightly larger than the record 1939 crop of 1,171,000,000 pounds. Blue mold in plant beds and cold, rainy weather in the early season held the acreage increase to only 6 per cent above 1944. Early season growth was also impeded by unfavorable weather.

Warm, dry weather in June was conducive to development of a good root crop.