

## NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM\*

First Lieutenant Robert W. Elmer, son-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Maness, was separated from the Army at Mitchell Field, New York, on Monday of this week and is in Raeford.

Sgt. Robert Currie, who is in Berlin with the 16th Ordnance Co., has been promoted to staff sergeant recently.

Pte. Donald Harney of Biloxi, Miss., who was formerly a resident of Raeford with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harney, has returned to the U. S. from Europe and is now awaiting his discharge from the Army.

Captain Kenneth Grimm, whose wife was formerly Miss Mabel McBryde, has been separated from the Army and is now on terminal leave.

Harry Veasey has recently returned from Europe and has been discharged.

Lt. Joseph McNulty, who has recently returned from service in the Pacific, has been separated from the army and is on terminal leave.

CWO and Mrs. E. T. Ash have occupied an apartment in the home of Mrs. L. B. Brandon.

Clifford Miller has returned from overseas and has received his discharge.

## Raeford Baptist Church

J. D. Whisnant, Minister (Meeting in Elementary School Building)  
9:45 A. M.—Sunday school.  
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship.  
2nd and 4th Sundays.  
8:00 P. M.—Training Union.  
7:00 P. M.—Evening worship.  
2nd and 4th Sundays.  
7:30 P. M. Wednesday—Evening prayer meeting at the home of C. J. Benner.

Baptist Hour will be Sunday Feb. 3, at 8:30 to 9:00 A. M. Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Secretary of Baptist Missions in the Orient, will speak on the subject: "That the World Might Know." Dr. Cauthen was a former professor of Missions at Southwestern Baptist Seminary. He believed in Missions as he taught and later gave himself to China as a missionary. Hear him Sunday morning over one of the thirty six cooperating stations.

## Peoples Tabernacle

H. Gwyn Clayton, Pastor  
9:45 A. M.—Sunday school.  
Lesson topic: "The Worth of Religious Anniversaries."  
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship, sermon by Rev. Tony James of Syprus Island.  
6:00 P. M.—Young People's meeting.  
7:00 P. M.—Evening worship, sermon by Rev. James.  
7:00 P. M. Monday—Missionary meeting.  
7:00 P. M. Tuesday—Mid-week prayer meeting.

**SPECIAL SERVICES**  
Rev. Tony James, a Greek from the Island of Cyprus, will preach at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Rev. James plans to return to his native land soon where he will preach. The public is invited to hear his message.

## Spring Hill Baptist Church Wagram.

J. D. Whisnant, pastor.  
10:00 A. M.—Sunday school  
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship.  
6:30 P. M.—Training Union.  
7:00 P. M. Wednesday—Prayer meeting before 1st and 3rd Sundays.  
All members are asked to make a pledge to the new budget for this year. Please contact E. C. Smith, treasurer at Wagram.

## Raeford Methodist Church

W. L. Maness, Minister  
9:45 A. M.—Church School.  
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship.  
12:15 P. M.—Regular Service at Parkers.  
8:30 P. M.—Youth Fellowship  
7:00 P. M.—Beginning of Church School of Missions.  
8:30 P. M. Monday—Spiritual Life meeting of the Womens Society of Christian Service.  
7:00 P. M. Wednesday—choir rehearsal.

## POOLE'S MEDLEY

(By D. Scott Poole)

Plenty of work and plenty of workers, but no work being done is a rather strange condition of affairs. Folks seem not to want to work.

Time was when it was considered honorable to labor, unprofitably at first, but after an apprenticeship the compensation was greater. The great men of the world once boasted of their meager earnings at the start.

Folks once began at the bottom and worked up. Now they expect to begin at the top and not work at any time. So they get, they think, nothing of that they earn. That's Communism.

James A. Garfield cut one hundred cords of two foot wood for 25 cents. His father said, "James, you cannot do that," and James said, "Yes I can father, I said I would." He was later President of the United States.

A dog seems to appreciate kindness and shows that he appreciates kindness, but there are people all about you who will take all you have in the world and give no expression of any gratitude.

I think I can say with Daniel Webster: "I love my country. May it ever be the brightest star in the constellation of nations. May it ever be a mild placid orb making its way athwart the whole heaven to the enlightening of mankind, and not a meteor of fire and blood terrifying the nations." He who does not love his country more than he loves his own life should not be allowed citizenship in this the greatest country on earth.

I remember back when it was the boast of we boys when we did an unusually big day's work, to cut and split 200 ten and one half foot rails was a man's task. I remember picking 25 bushels of peas in the hull, about 250 pounds; or shoeing ten or twenty head of mules in a day; or doing all possible to do in each and every day was praiseworthy. Now idleness is the boast of a worthless set.

There are not easy places for all the population of this great country but we should have men who will not hesitate to accept the hard tasks and, like true Spartans, do the tasks assigned. "Nor murmur nor complain."

Socialism is impractical. If you, reader, work hard, save your earnings, do without things you would enjoy and get together money to buy an automobile, and I spend my earnings on riotous living, should I share that automobile equally with you?

The United States is the greatest success in democratic government that the world has ever known. I remember when Jay Gould, A. P. Stuart and Commodore Vanderbilt were pinhooking around. But each increased his business as fast as he made money to do this and then three men were the first millionaires in this country. They accumulated riches much faster after they had a million-dollar start. Anybody will.

Strikers are not the worst thing about the present situation. It is the spirit of the striker. He surely does not do this because he loves. He does not show interest in his neighbor. Their employers were one day laborers as the strikers were.

There are two classes of workers the world over: Those who spend all as fast as they make it, or a little faster and those who save a portion of their earnings. The first class blow all they have on each Saturday night; the other class put all they can spare in the savings bank. Some never get where they can save any from their earnings because of conditions. There may be an excuse for poverty.

There are those, and there have been such since I was a child, who believe in redistribution of the wealth of this country. There are some rich and many very poor. I believe every man is the architect of his own fortune.

Were the wealth of the United States redistributed today it would need something done to it tomorrow. It would be off balance that soon. I fear for the future of our great country for it takes work and not dollars to set on the highway to prosperity.

## Will Hold Orthopaedic Clinic In Lumberton Tomorrow

An orthopaedic clinic will be held in the basement of the agricultural building in Lumberton tomorrow, and will be free for all indigent children under twenty-one years of age. October O. L. Miller of Charlotte will be the surgeon in charge and patients must register at the desk between nine and eleven A. M.

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## Hoke Girls Win; Boys Lose To Red Springs

The girls' basketball team of the Hoke County high school more than doubled the score in winning from Red Springs high school in Red Springs last Friday night. High scorer for the game was McNeill of Hoke High with 18 points. McManus was best for Red Springs with 5. The play of the Raeford guards was outstanding during the last half when they held Red Springs to 4 points.

In the boys' game the home team nosed out the Hoke County boys by the close score of 28 to 27. Wood with 16 points led the winners while W. Clark with 10 led the Hoke boys. The score was tied, 13-13 at the half but in the third quarter Red Springs ran up a 6-point lead and held on until the last 5 minutes when two field goals and a foul shot brought Raeford within one point.

## Two Wrecks In County Sunday

At approximately nine o'clock last Sunday morning the Buick automobile being driven south by Oscar Denneman, of Long Island, New York, got out of control on the Fayetteville road near the old McNeill pond about five miles east of Raeford, left the road, and turned over. The accident was caused by the slippery pavement which had recently been oiled.

With Denneman were his wife and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Malle, also of Long Island. No serious injuries were suffered, although several of the party were treated here for superficial injuries. The vehicle was seriously damaged.

At about eleven o'clock Sunday morning the car of Lt. Barry of the army, who was enroute to his home in Connecticut, skidded and got out of control on the Laurinburg road just north of the Scotland county line. It hit the car of Captain Creed, of the Laurinburg-Maxton airbase, and did some damage to both vehicles. The occupants of neither car were damaged and the damage to the vehicles was amicably settled between the two officers.

Both accidents were investigated by officers of the State Highway Patrol and the Hoke County sheriff's office.

## Old Clothing Collection Is Successful

The recent drive for old clothing to be shipped overseas to the war-torn Allied countries has been quite successful, and a large quantity is being shipped from the collection center, which was at the Baucom Appliance company. The sponsors of this drive, the Raeford churches, wish to thank every one who has had a part in this, and especially do they appreciate the cooperation of the Raeford Grammar school and Hoke High school, and the collection made by Galatia Presbyterian church and sent in by them.

## Mrs. Tom McLaughlin Elected President Of Bible Teachers

The annual meeting of the Bible teachers of the southeastern district of NCEA, was held at Flora Macdonald College on January 26-27. Miss Hazel Hayes of Whiteville, district vice president, presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Thomas McLaughlin of Raeford was elected president, to complete this year's term.

Miss Janet Robinson of Charlotte was inspirational speaker, and others present were Miss Alice McConnel of Rutherfordton, president of the Bible department of the North Carolina Education association, Misses Maude Weber and Charley Mae Cunningham, of Wilmington, Mabel Cherry of Laurinburg, and Mrs. A. L. Campbell of Maxton and Red Springs. Three sessions were held during the week end.

All delegates were guests of the college during their stay in Red Springs. Dean Mary Stephens and Miss Annie Cherry entertained the visitors at a coffee hour in the college parlors Saturday evening.

## Benefit Dance At Wagram

There will be a square dance in the gymnasium at Wagram tonight from eight to eleven o'clock for the benefit of the March of Dimes drive there. An admission will be charged.

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## T. B. Upchurch, Jr. Winner Wheat Sweepstakes

T. B. Upchurch, Jr., association director, was declared winner of the certified wheat sweepstakes as state champion grower of certified seed were announced by judges of the North Carolina Improvement Association, which began its annual meeting in Lumberton yesterday.

Prize wheat grain will later be placed in competition with entries from 16 other wheat growing states for the national title.

Tobacco champions are K. J. Shaw of Laurinburg, representing John F. McNair, inc., for flue cured tobacco, and R. G. Metcalf of Democrat, Buncombe County, for burley.

State Cotton champion is Thelma A. Sanders, colored, of Clayton, Route 2.

Dr. G. K. Middleton, director in charge, outlined objectives of the association as designed to make available to all farmers of the state adequate supplies of seed at reasonable prices.

Invitations for next year's meeting were received from Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Rocky Mount and Shelby.

The group was addressed at a banquet last night by Governor Cherry. Prizes for 4-H and FFA crops were awarded at the banquet.

## School News

(By K. A. MacDonald)

### Attend Meeting In Raleigh

Miss Margaret McKenzie and Mayme McKeithan, accompanied by the county superintendent, attended a meeting in Raleigh on Monday called by Dr. Henry Highsmith in preparation for giving the standard tests given by the state each year. These tests will be given in the fourth and eighth grades. Last year they were administered to the third and seventh grades. They will be given in the next week or two.

### Negro and Indian Attendance Record

The percentage of attendance for the Negro and Indian schools for the fourth month follows—Millside 93, Piney Bay 92, Edinburgh 91.1, Friendship 91, Bowmore 89.9, Rockfish 89.8, Timberland 89, Upchurch 88.6, Buffalo 87.4, Bridge's Grove 85.8, Freedom 85, Laurel Hill 84.7, Peachmont 84, Calvin Martin 80, McFarland 80, Fry's Mission 79, White Oak 79, Lilly's Chapel 76.7, New Hope 76, Shady Grove 75.6, Burlington 73.3, Indian—Antioch 95.7, Macedonia 80.6.

Work on the Upchurch school building is coming nicely now when the weather permits. A little good weather and it will begin to look like a building.

Some improvements in the roads school transportation is picking up.

## PJC Administrative Building Damaged By Fire Saturday

A fire of undetermined origin, which was discovered in a closet of a room on the second floor of Presbyterian Junior College Saturday evening damaged the second floor and the attic considerably, and threatened the entire administrative building. The blaze was discovered about seven o'clock and fire extinguishers and a hose from the fire-hose rack on the second floor were used by the students while the Maxton fire department responded to the call immediately and by their efficient work saved the building. One fireman, Jack Snead, received a painful cut from falling glass and R. L. Watson's hand was slightly injured.

College officials state that the damage to the building was covered by insurance and repairs will be made at once. The regular program of the college will not be interrupted. A voluntary contribution is being received by the matron of women in order to replace some of the wearing apparel of four of the young women students who lost all their personal belongings.

## Parent-Teacher Association To Meet Next Wednesday

The Hoke-Raeford Parent-Teacher association will have its monthly meeting in the auditorium of the Raeford Graded school at three-thirty next Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. B. B. Cole, president of the association, has urgently requested all parents to attend this meeting.

## COTTON MEETING TO BE HELD AT COURTHOUSE HERE TONIGHT

### Mrs. Neill A. Baker Dies Last Thursday

Mrs. Neill A. Baker passed away at her home near Raeford last Thursday night. She had been in bad health for about five years. She was fifty-eight years of age.

Funeral services were conducted at three o'clock Friday afternoon at the home by Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Raeford Methodist church. Interment followed in the Raeford cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, three daughters: Mrs. O. C. Sanders, Mrs. Eva Melton, Mrs. Flossie Covington, all of this county; five sons: John of Burlington, Governor, Tom, David and Gilbert, all of this county; and several grandchildren.

## Recorder's Court Same Old Story

Recorder's court last Tuesday morning was about the same as usual, with about a dozen defendants facing Judge McDiarmid on charges involving liquor and automobiles and one being charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

James Harris, transient white man, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Claude Glisson, local white man, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

The State took a nol pros in the case when there was not sufficient evidence to convict Jim McMillan, colored, on a charge of violating the prohibition laws.

Roland Watson, colored, paid the costs for violating the road laws.

James Thompson, colored, entered a plea of guilty of driving a car while under the influence of liquor and also to driving without a license. He paid a fine of \$50 and the court costs.

James Melvin, colored, was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, but as the weapon was only a knife which was a little longer than the law allows, the judge let him off with the court costs. Melvin also paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Fred A. Hendricks, colored, paid the costs for violating the road laws.

David H. Armstrong, white, and David W. Thomas, colored, were each charged with careless and reckless driving as a result of a collision they had about a mile west of Raeford. The judge found that they were each at fault to some extent and let each pay the costs in his case, all damages to be settled among themselves.

## Will Hold Meetings To Execute Farm Plans

T. D. Potter, chairman of the Hoke County AAA committee, announced this week that all farmers will be expected to meet with their community committeemen in their respective communities next week for the purpose of executing their farm plans for 1946. Among other things shown on the farm plans will be 1946 tobacco allotments, he said.

The community committeemen will be at the places shown below from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M., on the following dates: February 5 at the community houses in Allendale, Antioch, Blue Springs, and Little River and Wayside; Rockfish community house on February 6; Ashmont school house on February 5 and 6; County AAA office and Mildouson school house on February 5.

## Cotton Council Director Will Address Kiwanians

Ralph Thompson, director of Field Service for the National Cotton Council, will speak to the Raeford Kiwanian club tonight.

Mr. Thompson, formerly of Laurinburg, is well known here. He now lives in Memphis, Tenn., headquarters of the Cotton Council, and travels over the whole cotton producing and cotton handling area of the United States. He comes here just after attending the annual meeting of the Council held last week in Memphis, and is expected to tell not only of the Council's activities in the past but its plans for the future.

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## Moving Picture Will Explain Flame Cultivation.

Hoke County has been selected as the place for the first of a series of twenty-one cotton production meetings to be held over the State to further educate cotton farmers on the modern methods of cotton farming. The meeting will be at the courthouse at seven-thirty tonight.

The series of meetings is being staged by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, the National Cotton Council, and North Carolina State College. Specialists in all phases of cotton production from these organizations will be present to discuss with Hoke County people the most modern method of doing each phase.

Feature of the program will be the showing of a sound movie in color entitled "Flame Cultivation and One Man Harvesting." This picture will show the actual cultivation of a cotton crop by the revolutionary new flame method and will show how a crop may be handled by mechanical methods.

A. S. Knowles, county farm agent, wrote as follows in a letter to farmers of the county this week:

"Some have said that 'cotton is on the way out.' I want to say that cotton is on the way 'up.' It is true we must adjust our acreage to a balanced farm program and produce cotton cheaper in order to compete and hold our own with other fibers. It can be done.

Cotton is the work horse of all fibers. E. C. Gwaltney says, "Cotton now is, has been, and will be the work horse of all fibers. In 1920, 88.9 percent of all fiber consumed in the United States was cotton. In 1942, this has been reduced to 82 percent, a loss of 7 percent in 22 years, and this was the period that saw the development of synthetic fibers which replaced silk and which increased from 0.3 percent to 9.1 percent of total fiber consumption. It is doubtful if anyone present will live to see the time when cotton will fall much as 75 percent of all fibers consumed in this country."

"... This will be the first meeting of its kind in North Carolina. Similar meetings will be held in other cotton counties during February. The program will be long enough to cover the subject and short enough to be interesting. Come and bring some of your neighbors."

## Fourteen Cars Damaged In Unique Fires

RALEIGH, January 30.—Raleigh fire department officials today had entered in their books a record of one of the city's most unique fires.

Fourteen automobiles were damaged, some beyond repair, late last night when gasoline from an overflowing tank caught fire and exploded in the heart of the city.

Flames swept through for nearly three blocks, two stories high at some points, but no buildings caught fire and no one was reported injured.

Fire Chief Ralph Butts said the explosion, which shooop nearby large buildings and was heard for several miles, occurred when the flames reached a storm sewer in which fumes from the gasoline had collected. Butts said the gasoline had overflowed while a tank in a hotel garage was being filled and apparently ran into the gutter for a half block down a slight hill.

Cars parked on both sides of the street were burned. The driver of one vehicle who had stopped at a traffic light had to leap from his blazing car.

Although all available fire-fighting equipment was summoned, principal task of the firemen was extinguishing blazes in a few still-burning cars and putting out the fire in the storm sewer where the explosion occurred.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Morgan and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sellars and daughter visited relatives in Benson Sunday.

Miss Margaret McNeill, who for the past three years has worked at the Induction Station at Fort Bragg, has recently resigned to accept a position with the REA office here.

Mrs. James McDiarmid has returned from a Lumberton hospital where she was a patient for several days.

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