

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Sgt. Ken McNeill, who has been in Japan in the army, landed at a West Coast port this week.

S 1-c Luke Sanders, son of W. R. Sanders, landed in San Francisco this week. He has been in Okinawa and expects to be discharged soon.

Riley Jordan was recently discharged from the Navy and has resumed his studies at Wake Forest College.

LA. (Jg) Hugh McLaughlin of the U. S. Navy, is at home from the Pacific Theatre on a thirty-day leave.

Strike Opposed By Farm Groups

National Organizations Reject Proposal For Nationwide Farmers Strike.

Washington—Three national farm organizations turned thumbs down last week on a nationwide farmers' strike against industrial walkouts.

They were the National Farmers' Union, the National Grange and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Leaders of these groups agreed that a farm strike—involving the withholding of food products from market until industrial disputes are settled—would be impossible to carry out because of the peculiar character of farm production.

The suggestions for a marketing holiday came from farmers' meetings at Chickasha, Okla., and in Clay County, Nebraska. V. Herbert Johnson of Edgar, Neb., told the Clay County gathering that farmers "have their Irish up" because they can't get the industrial products they need and want.

While agreeing that a farmers' strike should not be encouraged, leaders of the farm organizations disagreed in talking with a reporter as to the merits of wage demands of striking industrial workers.

Russell Smith, legislative representative of the Farmers Union, said his organization was sympathetic to demands of "most of the strikers." "We feel," he said, "that it is a case of management refusing to give up some of their big war profits. We feel that if farmers are to have good markets, industrial workers must be well-paid."

President Edward A. O'Neal of the Farm Bureau said he sympathized fully with "farmer resentment over efforts of organized labor to obtain monopolistic control of the national economy."

"The solution," said O'Neal in an interview, "is not to be found in a farm strike but in legislative action by Congress to protect the people."

Crusade For Christ Rally To Be Held

The Methodist young people of this community and county are joining in a Crusade for Christ Rally at the Methodist church in Aberdeen on Friday, February 22. The Intermediates and Seniors, together with their pastors and adult leaders, will begin the rally at 5 p. m. All delegations will bring a box lunch and an evening service will conclude the program. Those who cannot come for the afternoon service and supper are urged to come by 7:30 P. M.

Rev. W. L. Clegg, district superintendent, and Rev. C. P. Morris of Rockingham, will be the featured speakers. Rev. LeFon C. Vereen and Rev. J. G. Phillips of the Methodist Board of Education, will announce dates for the camps and assemblies and present the plans for the Youth Movement in the Methodist Crusade for Christ.

Mrs. Baucum's Sister Dies In Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 6.—Mrs. M. K. Harrill of 2942 Selwyn avenue died yesterday morning at her home after an illness of five years. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Pritchard Memorial Baptist church with Dr. George D. Sexton of Myers Park Baptist church officiating. He will be assisted by Dr. W. H. Williams of Pritchard Memorial Baptist church. Surviving Mrs. Harrill are her husband, M. K. Harrill, Charlotte attorney; her parents; a sister, Mrs. Nelda T. Baucum of Raeford; and a brother, Capt. Gerald Hall Taylor of Atlanta, Ga.

POOLE'S MEDLEY

(By D. Scott Poole)

Lost: Two golden minutes. No use looking for them, they are gone forever—they are now in the eternity behind us, irreligiously lost.

Strikers have lost—beyond recovery, millions and millions of dollars in time. My advice is work on, and adjust the wage question by diplomacy. Talk sense and do your duty so fully, there can be no controversy.

Produce, cotton, tar, pitch and turpentine were shipped from Wilmington to New York and other northern markets, and goods were shipped from northern markets to Wilmington, and from there to Fayetteville on the Cape Fear river. Country produce was hauled by carts and wagons to Fayetteville, sold and then shipped by the Cape Fear to Wilmington and then on north. I have seen trains of wagons a mile long on the Morganton road going to Fayetteville loaded with cotton and other farm produce in the fall of the year.

Until the outbreak of the Civil war there were less than 200 miles of railroad in North Carolina. For years after the war Fayetteville was still a trading center for the people of Western North Carolina and Tennessee.

When I saw the Old Market House in Fayetteville in 1868 it was a market house for a fact. There were half dozen fresh meat markets under the town hall right above there.

Records show that there were more strikes after World War I than there have been following World War II, but it is nothing to brag on in either instance.

Folks used to sing "Everybody Works But Father," but some of the fathers worked—everybody used to have to work or suffer hunger. There has been reason for farmers to strike 85 years out of the last 100.

I hope the people of the United States will never see the return of 60 cents a day and the worker board himself, but if it does happen it will still mean that they work for that or starve. One man who happens to have a little money gave fifteen men in his community work digging dirt and washing the gold out of it near Troy in the 1890's. That man did not know how much they would mine for him, but he took the risk and gained a little.

The State Constitution fixed the pay of Members of the General Assembly at \$4 a day, and the mileage—which meant direct way to the State Capital, was adopted at 10 cents a mile both ways, but for only one round trip. In 1923 the Constitution was amended, paying members \$600 for the term, no mileage.

The Reconstruction Legislature members found they were not getting enough pay and could not change the Constitution, so they passed a resolution allowing themselves mileage—not for one round trip only, but for as many times as they wanted to go home. It paid better to go home than to stay in Raleigh.

County Commissioners used to meet on first Mondays as they do now, but in the 1860's they stayed an average of four days at each meeting. They paid themselves a little additional sum as county script was a little below par and went home on Thursday nights.

The sessions of the General Assembly were long in Reconstruction days, but those were hard times, and they really had a hard time. They put a large and useless debt upon this state because money was hard to get.

Things grow. The first tax rate in Raeford was 15 cents on the \$100 valuation. It was raised in 1916 to 20 cents on the \$100 valuation and fifty cents on the thousand dollars. Valuations have been raised also since 1900.

The United States has a population of one hundred and thirty million, mostly fools.

The idea of giving the liquor makers all the sugar they want and not leaving us any for pies will make antidemocrats, shore's you are born.

People of wealth are the only ones who are treated as people should be treated. Poor folks are tolerated, that is when they do as they are told.

Fifty years ago if you had told some of these sandhillers that the day would come when they could not get lightwood with which to start their fires, they would have thought you crazy or drunk.

Down about two feet there is a right good quantity of kindling if you know where to dig pine stumps cut off.

200 years ago following the battle of Colodini, a large number of Scotch people came to America and the greater part settled in the Cape Fear

February 15 Last Day To File For Payments

T. D. Potter, chairman of the Hoke County AAA Committee, reminds farmers of the county that they must file performance reports for their soil improvement payments under the 1945 AAA program. Potter said there were still about two hundred farmers in the county who had not filed these reports and stated that failure to do so by Feb. 15 would mean an aggregate loss to these farmers of several thousand dollars. He urges farmers to make these reports by the closing date.

Cotton Production Meeting Thursday Of Great Interest

Cotton Ginners And Farmers Discuss Betterment Of Production In Crop

Cotton Production took on new emphasis at a meeting in the Hoke County Courthouse last Thursday night, where 200 or more leading cotton farmers, ginners, merchants, and implement dealers gathered to discuss their common problems. Important, up to date discussions were made on new uses of cotton, mechanization of the cotton farm, and ginner and farmer cooperation. County Agent A. S. Knowles acted as chairman of the meeting.

Ralph Thompson of Memphis, Tennessee, director of Field Service for the National Cotton Council, spoke to the group on the advertising and sales promotion work carried out by his organization. Of particular interest was several new products made from cotton that was placed on display. He also spoke of the advertising campaign carried on by the Council and what it meant to the cotton industry. Tommie Upchurch, Hoke county cotton farmer, told how the National Cotton Council was financed, pointing out that the farmers, ginners, crushers, spinners, and cotton warehouses all took active parts in its finances.

Fred Johnson, gin specialist with the N. C. Department of Agriculture and executive secretary of State Ginner's association, spoke on the Cotton Ginner's Association program for the improvement of cotton. He said that the Association had adopted the combined program of the Extension Service and the State Department of Agriculture as its main objective for 1946. He pointed out that the five-acre cotton contest was the most important program to farmers as it embodied most of the approved practices in the production of cotton.

J. C. Ferguson, Extension Agricultural Engineer, discussed the mechanized cotton farm. He told of the high cost of labor involved in the production of cotton, and how important it is to convert to new and improved methods, including mechanization if cotton production is to remain a profitable enterprise. Mr. Ferguson showed a picture taken on the Delta Experiment Farm in Mississippi showing the use of the flame cultivator in controlling grass and weeds. The picture demonstrated that weeds could be kept under control by this method if used at the proper time without injuring the cotton plant. This method of weed control can be carried out for about 49 cents per acre while hand work would cost \$4.00 per acre. It showed the cotton picker which can replace fifty hands.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Jennie Cothran

Funeral services were conducted last Friday afternoon at Ashley Heights Baptist church for Mrs. Jennie Cothran, respected lady of that community who passed away Thursday after a long illness. Rev. Harris of Aberdeen and Rev. W. B. Gaston conducted the services and burial was in the churchyard cemetery.

Mrs. Cothran was seventy-five years of age and resided with her son, L. R. Cothran at whose home she passed away. Surviving are five sons, including L. R. Cothran of Ashley Heights, R. O. of Red Springs and R. W. of Bear Creek; one daughter, Mrs. E. T. Garrett of Carthage; thirty grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

section between Wilmington and Upper Scotland county, hence so many Scotch Presbyterians in the section. These Scotch took the side of the British in the war for independence and fared badly because of this.

Army Purchases Add To Game Refuge Area

Hoffman Area To Be 7,000-Ac Game Refuge; Federal A Available.

Through Army purchases, the Hoffman area in Moore, Richmond and Scotland counties has increased from 64,000 to approximately 70,000 acres since 1942. Commissioner John D. Findlay of the State Division of Game and Inland Fisheries reported yesterday.

Findlay, other members of the division and two Federal officials recently inspected the area, which is proposed as a wildlife refuge under joint sponsorship of the state and the United States. Fish and Wildlife Service. The latter will assume control, Findlay says, and has already made commitments to turn the area over to the State Department of Conservation and Development.

During the war the refuge was under the protection of the Army at Camp Mackall, which is now being abandoned. The Army purchased about 6,000 additional acres to add to the property. Prior to the war the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries controlled the area. Excellent fishing was reported on many of the 13 artificial lakes in the refuge, and the state has mapped a program of game and fish management by fertilization and stocking which will begin immediately upon the return of the area to the division's control.

The Federal representatives accompanying Findlay on the inspection tour were Lansing A. Parker, chief of the Federal Aid Section on Lands and Development, and Dr. C. W. Watson, regional inspector for Federal Aid for the Southeast. They said Federal Aid had built a budget of more than \$10,000,000 for the restoration of wildlife, a proportionate part of which will be spent in North Carolina.

The International Association of Game and Fish Commissioners has recommended that the fund be divided proportionately to the states and outlying possessions over a period of five years, but the budget submitted to Congress includes only an item of \$3,000,000 for Federal aid in the next fiscal year. North Carolina's apportionment of this would be approximately \$43,000.

Both of the Federal agents appeared in accord with this state's federal aid program, and Dr. Watson acclaimed it as "conservatively, one of the best in the South."

Parent-Teacher Association Has Monthly Meeting

The Hoke-Raeford Parent-Teacher Association held its regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon in the auditorium at the Raeford Graded school.

Mrs. B. B. Cole, president, presided over the meeting which began with a short business session. During this it was reported that highway signs had been replaced at all the schools to further promote the safety of the children.

Concluding the business session the chapter decided to hold its meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at three-thirty P. M.

Mrs. McKeithan led the devotional. The subject for the program was "Founder's Day." The founders of the parent-teacher association were discussed by Mrs. Cole. These were Alice McClellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst.

The schoolrooms having the most parents present at the meeting were Miss Johnson's of the Grammar school and Mrs. Gore's of the high school.

Recorder Has Light Docket Tuesday

In Recorder's court Tuesday Jimmie Moore, colored, was sentenced to one year on the roads. The sentence was suspended on condition that Moore pay the court costs and \$10 monthly toward the support of his wife and children. He also posted a \$50 bond for his appearance to make the payments.

Alex Little, colored, paid the costs for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive his car. Rosetts Little paid the costs for driving without a license.

Carlton Saunders, white, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly. D. C. Wilson, white, paid the costs for violating the prohibition laws by having legal whiskey open off his premises.

Wildlife Club Will Hear Ross O. Stevens

Ross O. Stevens, executive secretary of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Inc., has advised J. A. McGoogan, president of the Hoke County Wildlife club, he will be in Raeford on Friday night, February 9th, at the club at 7:30 P. M.

McGoogan stated yesterday that all members of the club will wish to attend and that the public is invited to hear Mr. Stevens, a man who has been active in organizing Wildlife clubs in North Carolina and who has done much for the protection of game generally.

McBryde Attends State Hospital Board Meeting

State Asking For Camp Butner Hospital.

Ryan McBryde attended a meeting of the State Hospitals Board of Control in Raleigh last Friday and Saturday. He is chairman of the buildings committee of this board and reports that the board urged at the meeting that the State acquire the Camp Butner General Hospital when it is declared surplus by the Army in the next few months.

Camp Butner is near Durham and according to McBryde the site is admirably suited for use as a state mental hospital. He said the State has enough applications to fill the hospital at the present time. These people are not now being taken care of because the State lacks facilities to do so.

Mr. McBryde said that Governor Cherry had approved the motion and that the governor had been in Washington this week conferring with officials of the War Assets Commission on the matter of obtaining the hospital after it is declared surplus. He said that the State wanted about five thousand acres of land with the property. Camp Butner contains about thirty thousand acres.

School News

(By K. A. MacDonaid)

March of Dimes

The schools were called on this year to raise the country's quota in the March of Dimes drive. Each school is working hard to raise the amount assigned it. Some schools have already raised what has been assigned. Some have not. When your child asks for a contribution please be as liberal as possible so that our county may reach the quota set and crippled children may receive the care and treatment that they need.

Mildouson Lunch Room

The Mildouson school community is worried about the status of the Mildouson lunch room. It is sincerely hoped that something can be worked out that will keep the lunch room from being closed. Special application has been made to Raleigh for Federal aid. It is hoped that this application will be acted on favorably at an early date.

Standard tests are being given this week and next in the fourth and eighth grades of the county. These tests are prescribed by the State, and results are forwarded to the State. It was a very noticeable fact last year that the entire state scored low on spelling. The highest average was made in Arithmetic computation.

P. T. A. Meets Wednesday

The Hoke-Raeford P. T. A. met at the grammar school on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. B. B. Cole presiding. A Founder's day program was put on.

To Hold Card Tournament

The Hoke-Raeford P. T. A. is sponsoring a card tournament at the Armory Thursday, February 14th at 7:45. Everyone is urged to reserve a table and bring cards. The proceeds will be used for the school lunchrooms.

Mrs. Durham Ill

Mrs. Jack Durham of the high school faculty is ill at her home here. Mrs. Weunch and Mrs. O'Brian have been substituting for her.

A field worker from Elon College spoke to the senior class at Hoke high on Tuesday.

The second semester at Hoke High began last week. Report cards were sent out on Monday of this week.

A county-wide meeting of all teachers in the county will be held at the courthouse next Wednesday evening, February 13th at 7:30 o'clock. At this meeting a picture, "Assignment Tomorrow," will be shown. This picture deals with the work and problems of the teacher.

County Will Rebuild Ball Park Here; Legion Will Lease

Post Plans To Install Lighting Equipment.

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners in their regular meeting at the courthouse Monday voted to repair the baseball park at the armory here as soon as materials are available and lease the property to the local Ellis Williamson post of the American Legion.

Some difficulty is expected in the procurement of materials with which to do the job because of a recent government order restricting the largest part of building materials to priority housing. This priority housing applies principally to dwelling construction by veterans of World War II. According to Ryan McBryde, of the Raeford lumber company, all building materials will be held for priority housing buyers until the twentieth of each month. Material of that month's production not ordered will then be sold to the general trade. The county, in building the baseball park, will have no priority. The same will apply to cinder blocks, made by Hoke Concrete Works, of which the wall around the field will be constructed.

It is the intention of the American Legion post to install lighting equipment at the field and to arrange and sponsor night baseball and football there, Harry Greene, who appeared before the commissioners, stated.

The Board contemplates leasing the park to the Legion post for a two-year term with the option of renewal. The lighting fixtures are to remain the property of the Legion post, which will retain the right to remove them from the property at its pleasure.

The work will cost approximately \$5,000, according to a rough estimate by John A. McGoogan.

P. T. A. Will Sponsor Valentine Tourney

A card tournament will be held in the Raeford Armory next Thursday evening for the benefit of the Hoke-Raeford Parent-Teacher Association. The playing will begin at 7:45 P. M. and prizes will be given.

In addition to card games there will be cakes for sale at auction and items will be raffled off. Tickets will be sold at twenty-five cents for children and fifty cents for adults. Patrons are asked to bring their own cards.

McDaniel Quits FSA

Zeb E. McDaniel, county supervisor for the Farm Security Administration, has resigned effective February 8. He intends to devote his full time in the future to the Hoke Exchange company, in which he has been interested since its opening several months ago.

Sugar Dealers Are Suspended

RALEIGH, Feb. 6. The kees shortage still existin gin sugar was shortage by OPA's suspension during December of 84 southeastern sugar dealers from doing business in that commodity for violation of rationing regulations, Theodore S. Johnson, State OPA director said today.

According to reports from the Regional Office in Atlanta, Johnson said that an additional 80 cases were instituted against other sugar dealers during the month.

Sentences and fines imposed in 13 criminal convictions included three \$750 fines and five two-year probation periods on prison sentences, he added.

Harris To Discuss Housing & Landscaping

"John H. Harris, Horticultural Extension specialist of State College, Raleigh, will be in Hoke County all day Friday, February 8th," says Josephine Hall, home demonstration agent. During the morning, Mr. Harris and Miss Hall will visit several farm homes in order for Mr. Harris to give suggestions for landscaping the grounds.

At 2:30 in the afternoon at the Kiwanis hall in Raeford, Mr. Harris will discuss housing and home-stead planning. Miss Hall believes anyone who is going to build, remodel or landscape their grounds will find Mr. Harris' discussion both helpful and interesting. Every interested person in the county is invited to the meeting.