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Guard Sneaks In Before Day Sun. From Encampment

Rained Out Of Bivouac Area, Group Arrives From Camp At 1:30 A. M. Sunday

Battery A, 130th Antiaircraft battalion, North Carolina National Guard, returned early last Sunday to Raeford from a 16-day field training period at Camp Stewart, Georgia. The battery had an attendance of five officers, and 99 enlisted men on the trip. Strength is five officers and 105 enlisted men, maximum allowed by the National Guard Bureau. The local unit is one of few in the State having a waiting list of men desiring to join.

The battery left Camp Stewart at 12:45 p. m. last Saturday in its own vehicles and had supper in Sumter, S. C., where the unit was to bivouac in pup tents at Shaw Air Force base. When the unit reached Sumter, however, much rain had fallen and more was on the way down, so it was decided to continue the trip during the night rather than bring 104 cots back to Raeford. The group reached Raeford about 1:30 a. m. and the men were delivered to their homes in Hoke and Cumberland counties by truck.

The local battery, along with the remainder of the 130th battalion, is an organic unit of the 30th Division, but was attached to the 252nd AAA Group of Wilmington, N. C., for field training only. Other units of the division will have their field training at Fort Jackson, S. C., August 14 through August 28.

The camp was highly successful from a standpoint of training and most men attending appeared to enjoy it. The battery was the largest for combat firing, field fortifications, and actual firing of the 40 mm and 50 cal. guns with which the unit is armed. The battalion also went on a two-day field maneuver under combat conditions — even down to eating "C" type combat rations. They were not the C-rations World War II men remember with distaste, however, as the content has been greatly improved, both as to variety and quality of food.

For recreation there was the swimming pool and theatre on the post which were available daily and on Thursday night of last week a dance for all the North Carolina men was staged in the Sports Arena at Camp Stewart by the Chaplain's department of the 252nd Group. Quite a number of young ladies attended from Hinesville, Savannah and surrounding towns. On Sunday church was held at 9:00 a. m. and trucks left for Savannah Beach immediately afterward for all men who wanted to make the trip. The trucks returned about nightfall.

Food issued during the encampment was excellent and plentiful and it was well prepared and served under the direction of Mess Sergeant first class Virgil A. Dedas, by first cooks Sergeants Carson Davis and Maxie McDowell, and assistants Corporals George Ray and James Wilkes. Milk was provided daily and ice cream three or four times a week.

BOBBITTS AT FAIRMONT MARKET



The above picture shows Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Bobbitt and their son, Jimmy, of Route 3, Raeford. The picture was taken last week at the Fairmont Tobacco Market and appeared in the Charlotte Observer. Mrs. Bobbitt is president of the Buchanan Home Demonstration Club in Hoke County. The Bobbitts say they hope to make a doctor out of Jimmy, who is two.

Ballentine Names Rev. O. K. Ingram District CROP Head

Rev. O. Kelly Ingram, pastor of the Erwin Methodist Church, is one of seventeen North Carolinians serving as district supervisors for the Christian Rural Overseas Program in North Carolina, it was announced today by L. Y. Ballentine, Commissioner of Agriculture and state chairman of the North Carolina CROP Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Ingram will be in charge of organization in a six-county area which takes in Cumberland, Duplin, Hoke, Johnston, Sampson and Wayne counties. His duties will include setting up county organizational meetings, aiding county officers and assisting in organization on the community level.

According to the announcement by the State CROP chairman, cotton, wheat, corn, peanuts, soybeans and dairy products will be sought for the 1949 CROP Friendship Food Train in North Carolina. The tentative campaign schedule calls for intensive collection in the fall and for completed county organization by early September.

CROP foods and fibers, Mr. Ballentine stated, are shipped overseas at government expense. At overseas ports the contributed goods are turned over for distribution to the established church relief agencies which are prepared to make it available to the neediest areas in Europe and Asia. CROP foods have, this year, been used in supplementing food supplies of church hospitals, orphanages and homes for the aged. They have also made possible school lunch programs for undernourished youngsters and the continuation of camps and homes where seriously undernourished children are restored to health.

VESPER CONFERENCE GOING ON THIS WEEK

The Young People's Vesper Conference being conducted this week at the Raeford Presbyterian Church is proving to be both instructive and enjoyable to all those attending. The enrollment has totaled 70 so far, with an average attendance of 65 each evening. All young people of Raeford and the surrounding area are invited to be present for the remaining sessions of the conference, beginning at 7:15 each night through Friday.

Buggy Driver Pays Costs For Being Drunk

24 Other Defendants Also Fined For Various Offenses In Recorder's Court Tues.

Albena Alford, colored, was in court Tuesday morning on a charge that has come to be somewhat uncommon—if it ever was otherwise. Alford was charged with operating his mule and buggy on the public highways while intoxicated. Most laws on the books about driving drunk specifying motor vehicles, Alford was ordered to pay the costs for drunkenness and to be of good behavior for two years by Judge McDiarmid and released.

Stedford Brewer, Indian, got 30 days suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs for carrying a concealed weapon.

Stacy H. Peters, white, paid the costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Weldon Graham, colored, was charged with breaking and entering, but the State accepted his plea of trespass. 30-day sentence was suspended on payment of \$10 and the costs.

M. E. Edwards, colored, charged with careless and reckless driving and no driver's license, was found to be guilty of not having a driver's license. 30-day sentence was suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs. Max Harry Epstein, white, charged with careless and reckless driving in connection with a collision between him and Edwards, was found guilty of violating the road laws by driving too close and taxed the costs.

For having improper equipment on their cars Temple Locklear, Indian, Hennon McNeill, Cyrus Peterkin and Mack Daniels, all colored, and James T. Long, white, were all fined \$10 and the costs.

Claud Tyler, Willie Parks and Neill Ratliff, all white, each paid the costs for violating the prohibition laws.

Guilty of having no driver's licenses were Carroll Scull, Ralph Alexander and John L. Coggins, all white, and Walter Johnson and Leverne McRae, colored. 30-days was suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs in each case. Two tourists left bonds of \$25 for speeding.

PJC PROFESSOR



LONNIE G. TURNER

Maxton, N. C.—Presbyterian Junior College announced the election of Mr. Lonnie G. Turner, Jr., of Statesville, to the professorship in Physics, beginning with the opening of college on September 24th. Mr. Turner is a B. S. graduate of Davidson College and took post-graduate work for one year at the University of North Carolina. He has been taking courses in education at Catawba College during the summer. He has traveled in Mexico and Canada.

M. S. Bristow Dies Tuesday

Marvin Scotch Bristow, 60, who had been employed by the state for a number of years as a carpenter, died at his home near Rockfish Tuesday afternoon.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah L. Bristow; by two daughters, Mrs. Clyde McGill of Fayetteville and Mrs. Sam B. Minter of Macon, Ga.; by a son, John L. Bristow of the U. S. Air Force; by three sisters, Mrs. Norman Shaw of Rex, Mrs. Lonnie Chason of Lumber Bridge and Mrs. Purdy Everette of Bonnie Doone; by a brother, John Bristow of Laurel Hill; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 o'clock yesterday at Galatia Presbyterian church by the Rev. W. L. Maness.

Hoke Women Attend Farm, Home Week

The following Hoke County women left Monday afternoon, August 8, accompanied by their Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Josephine Hall, for State College in Raleigh where they are spending the week attending Farm and Home Week:

Mrs. Jo Lovette, Mrs. Louis Parker, Mrs. R. B. Shockley, Mrs. Stanley Crawley, Mrs. Ruth Bristow, Mrs. Carrie McKenzie, Mrs. Lillie McDougald, Mrs. J. L. McMinis, Mrs. H. G. Autry, Mrs. W. I. Strider, Miss Doris Norton, Mrs. John Baker and Mrs. James McKay.

Several others from the county were expected to arrive in Raleigh later on in the week to take part for two or three days in this annual affair.

Some Stores Will Be Open Wednesday

A pretty sure sign of fall around here is when the stores start staying open on Wednesday afternoons, although it's a little earlier this year than usual. The temperature doesn't seem to know that fall's any closer either.

Anyway, a half-dozen of the stores which have been taking Wednesday afternoons off announce in an ad in this issue that they'll be open on Wednesday all day starting next Wednesday. They are Collins, Belks, Mack's, Bruce's, Mann's and McLaulin Company. Others who close on Wednesday afternoons will keep it up a while longer.

Chamber Commerce To Hold Annual Meeting Wednesday

Members of the Raeford Chamber of Commerce, Inc., were again reminded this week by President R. B. Lewis of the Annual meeting and election of directors to be held at the courthouse next Wednesday night, August 17, at eight o'clock.

Business to be taken up will include the election of four directors, under the system of electing four members of the 12-man board every year to serve three years. In accordance with the by-laws the nominating committee has nominated eight members of the chamber to be voted on for the four vacancies. These are J. A. Baycom, N. A. McDonald, H. L. Gatlin, Jr., Julius Jordan, M. C. Dew, A. A. Graham, W. C. Phillips and Paul Dickson. Directors will elect chamber's officers for the year at a meeting following the meeting of the members. Present officers are R. B. Lewis, president, M. R. Smith, vice-president, and Paul Dickson, acting secretary.

At the Annual meeting a proposal will be made to the membership to change the year of the organization from July 1 to July 1 to coincide with the calendar year.

Local Man In "Hell On Wheels" 2nd Arm'd Division

Camp Hood, Texas—Sergeant First Class William J. Bethune, son of Mrs. Eva Bethune Raeford, arrived recently at Camp Hood, Tex., and was assigned to the famous "Hell on Wheels", 2nd Armored Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. A. C. Smith.

He has 7 years service, with 34 months in the Caribbean Command and 29 months in the Asiatic Pacific.

Discourteous Driving Blamed For Most Of Traffic Deaths

Raleigh, N. C.—Most of the blame for three-quarters of our annual traffic deaths today was laid at the door of discourteous drivers by Jeff B. Wilson, director of the Highway Safety Division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

Wilson made the statement in connection with the Department's August traffic safety campaign in which courtesy and defensive driving are being stressed.

"Such acts as excessive speed, ignoring the right of way, driving under the influence of alcohol, driving on the wrong side of the road, passing improperly, and disregarding an officer or traffic control device are, at the very least, discourteous behavior, and at the worst, wanton murder," Wilson said.

"Twenty-five per cent of the highway fatalities in which a violation figured," the highway official said, "can be traced directly to excessive speed. This discourtesy alone caused 257 fatal accidents in North Carolina last year. Driving on the wrong side of the road and driving under the influence of alcohol were the next two biggest contributing factors in fatal accidents, and the frustrating part of all this—especially to those entrusted with the job of safety education and enforcement is that every one of these deaths was unnecessary; they would not have happened if one of the drivers involved in each case hadn't judged himself either too smart, too skillful, or too lucky to be involved in an accident."

Wilson also warned motorists to drive defensively. Always expect the unexpected and do not assume, that, because you are driving courteously, everyone else is, he said. "Per mile of highway, we

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Large Cotton Crop Forecast For U. S. In '49

1949 Estimates Foreshadow Return To Rigid Federal Marketing Controls

Washington, Aug. 8—An estimated 1949 cotton crop of 14,805,000 bales foreshadowed today a return next year to rigid government marketing controls to hold down surpluses.

Such controls were last applied in 1942. They were not needed during the war because much cotton land was diverted to food crops.

A crop of the size forecast by the Department of Agriculture would exceed prospective market needs for the season ahead and add to a sizable surplus created by last year's big crop. Farm laws provide for control measures to prevent accumulation of excessive stocks.

No official decision on a control program is expected, however, before late fall. Such a proposal would seek to limit 1949 planting to about \$1.5 billion acres, compared with \$2,500,000 planted this year.

The August 1 condition of the crop, the indicated yield per acre and production by latest-producing states included:

North Carolina—73 per cent of normal; 537 pounds per acre, and production 578,000 bales. South Carolina—72; 230, and 725,000.

There were severe boll weevil infestations in many parts of the southeast. This year's production outlook would have been much greater. The crop estimate is 63,000 bales, or four-tenths of one per cent, under last year's despite a 14 per cent increase in acreage.

The indicated crop is far above the 1938-47 average of 11,306,000 bales.

The crop will be swelled by a carryover of about 5,600,000 bales from previous years. About three-fourths of this reserve is held by the government under price support operations which involve a Federal outlay of about \$570 million.

The yield may be from 1,800,000 to three million bales more than domestic market and export demands for the sales season ahead. This extra supply would go into the reserve, much of it probably moving into government hands.

Farm income from 1949 cotton may be second to last year's record of \$2,644,000,000. Assuming both cotton and cottonseed bring no more than government support prices, the value of the crop would be about \$2,440,000,000.

CONTROL PROGRAM

A control program for 1950, if invoked, probably would include both acreage and allotments and marketing quotas. The last time allotments were in effect was in 1943. Quotas were last used in 1942.

Marketing quotas would require approval by at least two-thirds of the more than two million cotton growers voting in a referendum.

No estimate of cottonseed production will be made until after the crop has been ginned. However, if the ratio of lint to cottonseed is the same as the average for the past five years, production would be 5,962,000 tons compared with 5,941,000 last year and a two-year average of 4,631,000.

Reflecting damage caused by unfavorable weather and weevils, the yield of lint cotton to the acre was estimated at 774.4 pounds or about 32.7 pounds below last year's record.

NORTH CAROLINA CROP TO FALL BELOW 1942

Raleigh, Aug. 8—North Carolina's 1949 cotton crop was forecast today at 578,000 bales in the

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BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

KILLED	
August 6 thru August 8	9
Thru August 8 this year	460
Thru August 8, 1948	389
INJURED	
August 6 thru August 8	96
Thru August 8 this year	5,320
Thru August 8, 1948	4,246