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YOU and YOUR CONGRESS

Congress is deeply concerned at the moment about a kind of security that has little or nothing to do with defense.

The concern centers around President Truman's recent order which, among other things, permits federal civilian agencies to withhold information from public if they deem such action necessary for national security.

Furthermore, it permits the head of an agency to delegate this authority to any of his underlings, making a potential censor of practically every federal agency employe.

Congressional criticism was immediate and frequently sharp. Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) introduced a bill (S. 2190) to repeal the executive order. He said it is generally recognized that censorship by the Defense Department and Atomic Energy Commission "must be tolerated in spite of the inevitable abuses."

Rep. Bakewell (R-Mo.) declared that "secret is the cloak of dishonesty." He said he thought it significant that "the lid of secrecy is being clamped down on the Congressional committee investigating charges of corruption in the Truman Administration."

Sen. McClellan (D-Conn.), normally an administration supporter, introduced a "people's advocate" bill for the release of information to the public.

Sen. McClellan (D-Mich.), also normally an administration supporter, and a former Washington correspondent, suggested selecting a group of Washington newspaper men to help the Administration draft a security code.

Almost immediately after the White House order was issued, an Office of Price Stabilization official issued a directive forbidding release of any information that might "embarrass" OPS.

When word of that reached Congress, the bombs of criticism of the Presidential order really began to burst. The White House quickly rescinded the OPS directive. But Congress already had gotten a taste of things to come under the new Executive order.

Nor were the Congressional critics mollified by Mr. Truman's announcement at his news conference the other day that he would change the order if experience warranted.

He attempted to justify the order by saying it was needed to preclude publication of military secrets. But his critics were aware that the State and Defense departments and Atomic Energy Commission already possess unlimited authority to protect the nation's military secrets through censorship.

Back of the Congressional distaste for the Presidential order were several important factors:

1. The abhorrence in our Democracy of any sort of censorship of information for the public except where absolutely necessary for reasons of military security.

2. Awareness that there is no real connection between the actions of majority of federal agencies and national security in its real sense.

3. The celerity with which most federal agencies discovered, for purposes of obtaining larger appropriations, that their routine operations were "vital" to national defense. This breeds fear in Congress that those agencies, especially when encouraged by the new Presidential order, would be just as eager to use the pretext of their importance to national defense to withhold information which might encounter adverse public reaction.

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Hoke High Plays At Massey Hill Tomorrow P. M.

Coaches Bob Rockholz and Haywood Faircloth have been drilling the Hoke High Bucks hard for what promises to be their toughest encounter of the football season, their tilt with the strong Massey Hill High school team at Massey Hill Friday. They had long, hard contact sessions Monday and Tuesday.

Massey Hill has won four games this season and has yet to be scored on. The locals haven't done so badly, either, having won both their contests, beating Mount Olive 7 to 6 and Elizabethtown 20 to 0.

The boys are all working hard and are pepped up with the idea that they can beat their strong opponents on Friday, which will be in the nature of an upset if they manage it. Barring a few minor injuries the local squad should be in good shape for the contest.

Probable starting lineups for the Bucks are ends, Baggett and Lovette; tackles, Clark and Culbreth; guards, Adams and Clark; center, Benner; backs Sappenfield, Sessoms, Holland and McLaughlin. Defensively McCormick, Butler, Phillips and McLeod would be probable starters.

Mail Delivery To Start On Tuesday

Postmaster Lacy Clark said yesterday that he still planned to begin house-to-house mail delivery in Raeford on Tuesday of next week, October 16, in spite of the fact that the number of houses that have numbers and mail boxes is still very small.

He said that there were a great many of the mail boxes ordered through the Boy Scouts in the post office to be delivered. He urged recipients to call for them and get them up before Tuesday. He said that a survey of the town would be made on Tuesday to determine if there were enough houses numbered for the service to begin, and he asked all who could to get them numbered, if just with a piece of colored crayon.

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John Walker Takes Army Leaders Course

3rd armored Division, Fort Knox, Oct. 3—Pvt. John W. Walker Jr., 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Walker, Raeford, N. C., has graduated from the Army's Leaders' Course conducted by the 3rd Armored Division here.

During the first five weeks of the eight week course in advanced methods of leadership and instruction, they were required to demonstrate their ability to lead men in combat situations, give lectures and conduct periods of physical training.

PFC. Walker a graduate from Hoke High School, entered the Army in April 1951.

Southeastern District Teachers Meeting

More than 1500 teachers and school officials from 13 counties are expected to attend the 29th annual meeting of the Southeastern District of the N. C. Education Association at Whiteville today, October 11. A number of speakers will appear on the program, and there will be 16 department meetings.

Counties included in the Southeastern district are Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Hoke, Jones, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland.

TO HOLD MASS SUNDAY

After missing two weeks, holding of Mass for the Catholic residents of the community will be resumed next Sunday morning. The service will be in the new high school library at 8:30, and will be followed by Sunday School.

Colored Man Dies In Wreck Early Sunday

Vestal Hayward, 30-year-old colored man of Sanford, tore up his 1941 Plymouth and killed himself near here at about 30 minutes past midnight last Sunday morning. The wreck took place on the dirt road running west from Stanton's service station about three miles south of Raeford.

Hayward was driving the car himself, according to the three local colored men who were his passengers and who were fortunate enough not to be seriously hurt. They said that he was going fairly fast and that he hit some sand and lost control, went into the ditch and turned over twice. The passengers ran, but were later interviewed by the State Highway patrol investigating officers. Hayward was thrown clear of the car and died at once of a broken neck and other injuries.

A small quantity of white liquor was found in the car.

Homecoming Day At Flora Macdonald Planned For Sat.

Homecoming Day at Flora Macdonald college, Saturday, October 20 will feature Cora Harris, of Charlotte, as guest speaker. Miss Harris, daughter of the late Wade Harris, a former editor of the Charlotte Observer, is a landscape architect and consultant on gardens and gardening, and also an author and columnist. Most of her writings deal with gardening. Miss Harris designed the gardens at "For Pitty's Sale," the famous Cannon county place, and supervised the restoration of the gardens at "Shaw House," that symbol of the colonial period at Pinehurst, so popular with the Sandhill tourists.

The "Gifts for the Gardens", major project of the alumnae association, initiated last spring has already brought widespread response. The gifts already received and those the alumnae will bring on the 20th, will be placed on display in a special booth at the Woman's Exchange at Pinehurst, and an original tag bearing a symbol of Flora Macdonald will be attached to each item.

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Home Furniture Co. Running Store Here

Home Furniture Company of Red Springs is completing their stocking of the Home Furniture Co. of Raeford, located in the building occupied for several years by Amos Furniture company on Main street. The business was bought by the Red Springs firm on September 20.

The store will be managed by Elmore W. Stanton of Maxton, a brother of Lawrence and Walker Stanton and a man with considerable experience in the furniture business. For the present Stanton will continue to live in Maxton, housing being as it is here. His assistant and the bookkeeper will be B. Z. Brown. The store will carry a complete line of home furnishings and appliances.

PTA TO MEET MONDAY

The Raeford P. T. A. will meet Monday evening, October 15, at 7:45, in the Raeford Graded School auditorium. All members are urged to be present.

Kiwanians Hear Traveler Talk

Speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Raeford Kiwanis club at the High school cafeteria last Thursday night was Talbert Johnson, attorney of Aberdeen. He was presented by Tom McLaughlin.

The speaker has recently completed a tour of Europe, and spoke most interestingly of some of the places he visited. His trip was quite extensive and time allotted was sufficient to cover only the Mediterranean portions of it, with Italy getting most of his attention. He came back through the rest of Europe with Scotland being the climax of the whole trip, but he didn't get to tell much about it as he was apparently very much impressed with Italy and the Italians.

Chairman Says Response Is Slow To Scout Appeal

Chairman Harvey Gobeille of the Boy Scout Fund Drive committee, said yesterday that response to the appeal sent out to over 1000 residents of Raeford and Hoke County last week was somewhat disappointing up to now. He said that less than 100 replies had been received.

In his statement the chairman urged the public to consider the values involved before they decide not to contribute to the Boy Scouts. He pointed out the fact that many former Boy Scouts are leaders in the business, religious and political life of the country today, and that the moral lessons taught to Boy Scouts are vital to the country's future.

Gobeille also again called attention to the fact that the committee was not asking for large contributions this time, but was instead trying to get more people to contribute. He urged that no one hold back from returning their envelope because of feeling that they could only make a small contribution.

"The county's quota is only \$800," he said, "and the committee felt that at least 800 of the families we sent requests to would feel that they could afford to give just one dollar to this worthy cause."

Hoke FHA Girls Go To District Rally

The Hoke County High school chapter of Future Homemakers of America were among girls from 10 counties attending the District III rally held Saturday at Vass, Lakeview High school in Moore County.

The following members of the local FHA chapter attended the rally: Hazel McLean, Carole Everleigh, Anne Leach, Harriet Hodgkin, Jenelle Snead, Barbara Strother, Maye Cozart, Rae McMillan, Jean McMillan and Miss Margaret Hefner, faculty advisor for the chapter at Hoke High.

The girls report that the most interesting part of the program was a review of a European caravan last summer given Miss Danny Lee Bryson of Sanford. The state secretary was also elected at the meeting, Hazel McLean of the local chapter was entered for this office and ran third in the voting. The FHA is a State and National organization of High school girls sponsored by the homemaking classes at most high schools.

FATHER OF LOCAL LADY BURIED IN VIRGINIA

Mr. and Mrs. K. A. MacDonald and Katherine are expected to return today from Cape Charles, Va., where Mrs. MacDonald's father, O. M. Stephenson, died Saturday. Funeral services were held there on Monday. Mrs. MacDonald had been with her father for about two weeks prior to his death.

14 Traffic Cases Heard Tuesday A. M.

Three Others For Beating Wives And Allowing Hogs To Run Out & Do Damage

No case tried in Hoke County recorder's court Tuesday before Judge Henry McDiarmid involved liquor in any way that met the eye. Traffic cases involving careless and reckless driving, speeding, and improper equipment on cars were mainly what court was about, with two cases of wife beating and one of letting hogs run out making the remainder.

Bezzell Locklear, Indian, tore up his own car without hurting anyone else, so the judge suspended judgment on payment of the costs on the charges of careless and reckless driving. Speeders, all of whom paid \$10 and the costs, were Randolph Watts, Luther Rhinehart, Richard J. Foster and Lacy Ellis, all white, and Will G. Davis, and Lera Douglas Baldwin, colored.

For improper equipment (brakes, lights, etc.) Joe Goodman, Lee McLaughlin, Glen Evans, Chalmers Livingston, Charlie Tyson and Grady Torrance, all colored, each paid \$10 and the costs. Willie D. Hunt, Indian, paid \$10 and the costs for having no license tags on his car.

Wilbert Harris, colored man charged with assaulting his wife, pleaded guilty. Sentence was 90 days to be suspended on payment of the costs and hospital and doctor bills and on two years good behavior.

Thomas Everett, colored, paid the costs for assaulting his wife. This was apparently a milder case of assault and she was on his side by the time of trial. Nursey Ann Locklear, Indian, had to pay the costs for allowing her hogs to run out and damage crops. She also had to pay \$10 damages.

Crusade For Freedom County Quota Raised

H. D. Harrison, Jr., county chairman of the Crusade for Freedom fund drive, reported this week that the county had already doubled its quota in this drive through the excellent response from the several civic service clubs and fraternal orders of the county.

Harrison, calling the contribution "one of the best investments in the world peace ever afforded the American people," expressed his appreciation to all who participated in the local Crusade, both through their organizations and as individuals. The various groups contributed as follows: Lions club \$48, Kiwanis club \$40 Business and Professional Women's club \$26, Masonic lodge \$21, Woodmen of the World \$25, and the Hoke Ruritan club \$15.

Bloodhound Finds Lost Child Tuesday

Heston Rose was called to Scotland County Tuesday night with his bloodhounds to help search for two lost boys, age five and seven who got lost late in the afternoon while hunting grapes.

When Rose and Doug McMillan reached the scene there were 25 or 30 searchers and they had succeeded in finding the younger boy, but hadn't much idea about which way to look for the other. They had one of this child's sweaters for the hound to smell and after about an hour he picked up a trail. After following it for something over six miles he seemed to lose it.

They were about to give up until daylight, it then being around one a.m., when they decided to let the dog smell the sweater again. This done, the dog led McMillan about 150 yards down a wooded path through wire grass and bushes to where the child lay sleeping and unharmed.

Honor Local Girl At East Carolina

Six Dormitory Queens represented student residence halls at East Carolina College in a parade staged Saturday on the campus and in Greenville's business section as part of Homecoming Day for Alumni of the college. Charles Self of Greensboro, president of the Student Government Association, was chief marshal.

The Dormitory Queens were chosen in recent elections on the bases of beauty and popularity. They were Sue Gullledge, Raeford; Nora Ellen Faulkner, Kinston; Pattie L. Lamm, Bunn; Mildred Cole, Biscoe; Jan G. Hardy, La Grange; and Vivian A. Thomas, Leaksville.

Sue Gullledge represented Cotten Hall, dormitory for freshman women. She was escorted by Wade McDougald, also of Raeford.

Farmer Favors Assessment For Crop Research

By J. DeWitt Tapp

I see our friends, E. Y. Floyd and other Agricultural leaders in North Carolina, including the Grange and Farm Bureau, have arranged for us farmers to have a chance to vote on November 3 to assess ourselves 5c per ton on feed and fertilizer purchased.

If I understand correctly this, if passed, will bring in around \$150,000 which will be used entirely for Agricultural research work in North Carolina.

I know of nothing the farmer could do that would be more beneficial or more profitable. This is an investment that would undoubtedly pay off big dividends.

Recently, I heard a new tobacco farmer say he was opposed to this project. His statement was made due to ignorance. If he had been growing tobacco over the past 40 years as I have, he would realize the value of research work.

For instance, the work done in the control of Granville Wilt by breeding new varieties which are resistant to the disease is of untold value to the farmers of North Carolina. Equally important is the control of Black Shank. Without this research work, many sections of North Carolina would already be out of the production of tobacco, and consequently short millions of dollars of income.

Much more work needs to be done and the support of all farmers is needed to speed up this fine work. Root Knot is a problem in tobacco production which research will find a better answer for, if given proper support.

Forty years ago I lived in Person County, where a man couldn't grow good cigarette tobacco on the red stiff land. That is why I moved to Hoke County. Now, I can carry tobacco to Durham and meet some of my old friends from the red land of Person County. Due to breeding work they now sell as good quality cigarette tobacco as any section of this State. Forty years ago there were only 2 or three varieties. Now there are available many varieties to fit the different soils and conditions.

Tobacco research has also provided a wealth of valuable information on weed control, Blue Mold Control, Fertilization, Curving, Insect Control, etc.

We farmers can't individually run experiments and solve these problems; therefore, we must help provide the money necessary to hire others to do it for us.

I have only mentioned here tobacco research developments of direct cash benefit to North Carolina farmers. Developments in other fields have also been important to us. Some of these include: the corn program, better pastures, better insect control, better fertilization of crops, better livestock feeding and management and many others.

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Negro Killed At Cafe Here Friday P. M.

Proprietor Held Under \$1000 Bond For Grand Jury Action

Charlie Flynn, colored, proprietor of the colored cafe about a mile east of town on Highway 15-A, shot and killed Bennie Murchison, also colored, with a rifle at about nine o'clock last Friday night. The shooting took place in the cafe.

Evidence at the inquest by Flynn and verified substantially by John Lewis McLean and Thompson Shaw was to the effect that Murchison had been in the yard taking part in or starting a fight. They said that Flynn had gone out and tried to get him to calm down and that Murchison had drawn his hoodlum knife and started for him. Flynn went into his place and behind the counter. They said that Murchison started in the same direction with his knife and when he was entering the place, or about to, Flynn picked up the rifle which was standing at the end of the counter and shot him through the base of the neck.

He was carried to a doctor and then to Lentz Mortuary. Flynn stayed in jail until released under \$1000 bond after the coroner's inquest Saturday.

More Shooting Same Night

John Matthew Singletary, colored, was at Al's Place in a taxi when the shooting took place, and after Murchison was shot he took a few steps and fell and then was put into the cab and taken to town, eventually winding up at the mortuary.

Singletary was recently released from the colored hospital for the insane at Goldsboro, and on arriving at Lentz's and hearing that he had been riding with a corpse, he apparently had what amounted to a running fit, from eyewitness accounts. After running around the neighborhood and being chased away from Cameron's, he snatched open the latched screen door at the home of Police Chief Harry Dees and entered. Dees and his family were a-bed, so the chief got to his feet and shot the intruder in the leg.

He was not seriously wounded and was taken to jail. Disposition of the case is pending.

FARM ITEMS

By E. M. Stallings County Agent

To make the production of small grain profitable several things should be done. These include selecting a good soil and preparing a good seed bed, using treated seed of the best adapted variety, planting at proper time proper fertilizing, and top-dressing with nitrogen as time.

Oats and Barley should be seeded between October 10 and November 10, at the rate of 1-1/2 bushels per acre.

A firm shallow seed bed, pulverized 4 inches deep and prepared well in advance of seeding is best and will give a better stand and higher yield.

The best method of seeding is with a grain drill followed by a roller or cultipacker to firm the seed bed. The seed should be covered 1 to 1 1/2 inches deep. This depth gives better germination and permits deeper rooting to prevent winter killing.

Under average conditions 300 lbs. of 5-10-10 fertilizer at seeding is best, but if the small grain is following heavy fertilized crops, such as tobacco, no fertilizer is necessary at seeding time.

The best adapted varieties for Hoke County are Atlas 50 or 66 Wheat, Arlington, Victorgrain or Fulgrain Oats and Colonial 2 or Calhoun Barley.

It is important to remember that spring top dressing with nitrogen at the proper time is necessary (Continued on Page 12)