

The VA's annual report says veterans, their families, and survivors of deceased veterans account for nearly 96 million of America's population of approximately 940,000 servicemen were separated from military service during fiscal year 1969, according to VA's annual report.

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Hoke ASCS News
 BY THOMAS R. BURGESS

TOBACCO QUOTA VOTE SET -- Notices of farm acreage and poundage quotas for flue-cured tobacco are now being mailed to producers, Ken W. McNeill, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service committee has announced.

The notices are sent in advance of the July 16 marketing quota referendum so that farmers will know how the vote decision will affect their individual operations. Revised notices adjusted to reflect undermarketings or overmarketings of 1970 quotas will be sent to farm operators after 1970 marketings are completed.

The acreage-poundage quota program for flue-cured tobacco has been in effect since 1965. The referendum will decide whether the program is to continue for the 1971 flue-cured tobacco crop or its proceeds. Where no tobacco is produced in 1970 on a tobacco-allotment farm,

only the owner and operator are eligible to vote.

Under acreage-poundage, growers may carry over to the next year, undermarketings from a short crop. They also may market up to 10 percent over the farm's poundage quota, penalty-free, by deducting the difference from the next year's crop. Price support on up to 110 percent of a farm's quota is available if a grower does not exceed his acreage allotment.

"If two-thirds or more of the growers voting approve tobacco quotas for the next three years," McNeill said, "the program will continue with acreage allotments, price supports, and penalties on excess tobacco marketed over 110 percent of farm quota."

W.C. Hardin Buried Tues.

Funeral services for Walter Calvin Hardin were held Tuesday at the First Baptist Church by the Revs. Jack Mansfield and Ben Hall. Burial was in the Floyd Cemetery in Fairmont.

Hardin, who was 95, died Sunday.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Henry Barber of Star, Mrs. Mem Rogers of Clarkton and Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson of Raeford; three sons, Elbert Hardin of Fairmont, Ernest Hardin of Lumberton and Alton Hardin of Raeford; one sister, Mrs. Emma Parker of Dublin; 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

4-H News

The Rockfish Senior 4-H Club met at the Rockfish Community House on Tuesday, June 30 with three new members present. Julian Barnes was present to help with our future plans. We discussed the future use of our profit from painting mailboxes. Also, we would like to raise the membership of our club, so new members from 14 to 19 years of age will be gratefully welcomed.

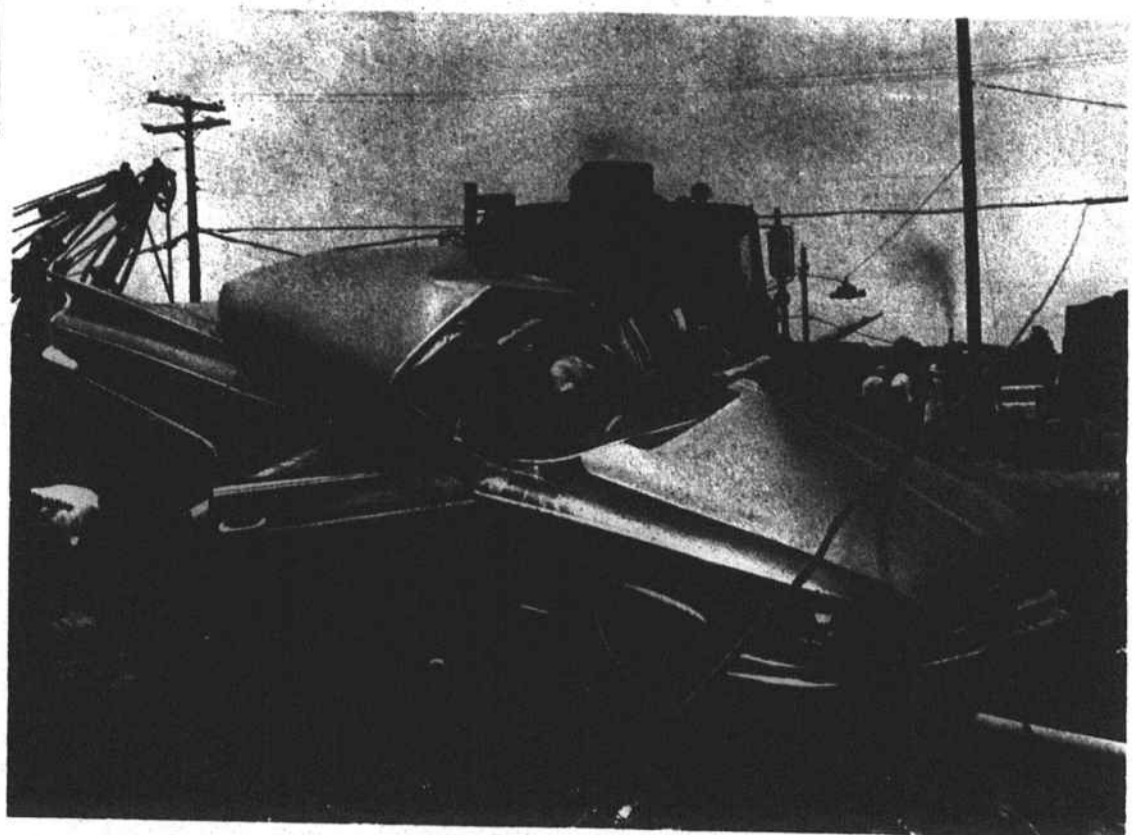
Farm Items
 By W. S. Young & T. S. Baker
 County Agricultural Agents

The Eastern N.C. Cattlemen's Field Day will be held on Friday, July 10 at Texas Gulf Sulphur, Aurora, N.C. The program includes a tour of Texas Gulf Sulphur, discussions on internal parasites, forages for beef cattle, herd management, crossbreeding and a fitting and showing demonstration. Everyone interested in beef cattle is invited to attend this field day, and enjoy a day or so on the coast of North Carolina.

Pinkeye is an infectious and contagious disease of cattle caused by the combination of the bacteria Moraxella bovis and accompanying bright sunlight. There is a significant economic loss in calves that have pinkeye. Adequate methods for preventing the type of pinkeye commonly seen on the range in the summer are not yet available.

Recommendation of good herd management are still the best means available to deal with this troublesome problem. Flies and other insects should be controlled to help reduce irritation and mechanical transmission from one animal to another. Infected animals should be kept in darkened or shaded areas, if possible. Dye preparations to darken the eyelids are useful in reducing glare and are available from many veterinarians. Cattle should have daily attention to be sure they get feed and water and are kept out of ditches, wire, water and other places where injury may occur. Herd treatment may not be practical; but where individual animals can be treated early and isolated, the treatment may be gratifying.

The VA says a recent law, PL 91-241, limits the amount the agency may withhold from veterans' disability compensation checks to recoup military disability severance pay.



FATAL CRASH - The driver's portion was demolished and even the front seat was pushed out when the Buick was hit by a tractor-trailer on 401 By-pass Friday. Richard McPlatter, 70, was killed in the wreck and the driver of the truck was injured.

Rockfish News
 By Mrs. A. A. McInnis

The community extends sympathy to the family of Mrs. Bessie Riddle, a former resident of Rockfish whose funeral was conducted at Galatia Church Sunday p.m. and interment was in the church cemetery.

The W.M.S. Bible Study Group of Tabernacle Church met Monday a.m. with Mrs. Bessie Gibson. The Mission in Action Group met Monday night with Mrs. Ruel Johnson at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Overton.

Mrs. Alfred Berry's brother, Evans McKellar and daughter Mrs. Peggy Ward of Clarkton were supper guests of the Berry family Thursday night.

Mrs. James McKellar of Hamer, S.C. and Mrs. Wilbur Taylor of St. Pauls visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Berry and family last Saturday.

Mrs. John Garrison and children, Mark, Tom and Catherine of Winchester, Va. spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. K.P. Ritter. Mrs. Garrison and her daughter returned home Tuesday and the boys stayed for a longer visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ritter.

Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Wood had as their guests over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. Craig Wood and daughter, Deborah Kay of Thomasville. They were all supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Wood and children of Raeford Saturday night and Don Wood Jr. was also their supper guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hughes and his aunts the Misses Gaddis of Asheboro visited Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Wood Sunday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Wood and granddaughter, Vickie and Miss Lillie Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koonce spent the weekend at Holden Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McKeithan and children Greg and Susan returned home Sunday after an eight day vacation trip to the Grand Canyon, in Arizona and to the Petrified Forest and other interesting places.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Allen and children of Andrews, S.C. visited Mrs. Lonnie Watson and other relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reynolds and daughter, Martha, spent several days the first of last week in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Mrs. N.A. McKeithan had most of her children to visit her during the past weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Mottley and children, Margaret and Earl Mottley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mottley and daughter, Lisa of Burkville, Va., who came Friday and went back Monday. The others were Mr. and Mrs. Willie McKeithan and Mr. and Mrs. Leon McRainey of Fayetteville, Mr. and Mrs. Billy McKeithan and daughter Kimberly of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jarety and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wright and daughter, Misty of Charlotte, Mrs. Lela McDowell of Apex, Mrs. Frank Stephens and grandson Roy Heverly, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shockey and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McKeithan and children Greg and Susan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thornton and children Harvey Jr., Durwood, Robert and Nancy of Fayetteville visited her mother, Mrs. R.H. Gibson Sunday and brought the latest addition to their family a son

named Jack Kris to see his grandmother for the first time.

Mrs. Johnny Allen and daughters, Sherry, Sandra and Teresa of Charleston, S.C., are spending this week with her mother, Mrs. R.H. Gibson.

Karen Parker came home last Thursday night after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McPherson and children Tom Davis and Elizabeth of Yanceyville.

Sgt. James Hendren, retired, has bought the stock and rented the store from Otis Jackson, across the road from Mrs. Ethel D. Gibsons home. Mr. Jackson retired to take it easy and Sgt. Hendren just wanted to try his hand at that kind of business.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Overton, Mrs. Ruel Johnson and son Charles celebrated the Fourth of July with a cookout at their home. Their guests were, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Guy and sons, Charles and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overton and son, Mark of Fayetteville, also Mrs. Ruby Guy and Mrs. Hattie Bledsole of Fayetteville.

Miss Alma Capps, Mrs. Floyd Monroe, Mrs. Mary D. McInnis, Mrs. Marshall Newton and Mrs. Bess Newton spent from Thursday to Sunday at Beech Mountain. They went to see the "Wizard of Oz", and went to a lot of interesting places while on the trip. They saw Debbie Reynolds too.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Bundy gathered at Waldos Beach last Saturday evening to celebrate L.B. Bundy and his son, Roscoe Bundy's birthdays which come near the 4th of July. All of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were present. They had a picnic dinner, birthday cakes, and all the usual birthday fixings. The honorees received many nice gifts and may they have many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. Ethel D. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. M.S. Gibson and son Rickey visited Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Gibson of Stedman Sunday. J.D. who had his hand

badly injured some time ago is still unable to use it but he is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Freeman and children Arvin, Debbie and Steve were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M.S. Gibson and son Ricky and Mrs. Ethel D. Gibson Saturday. All of them except Mrs. Gibson attended the celebration at Parkton Saturday p.m.

Mrs. N. J. Ritter spent the Fourth of July weekend with Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Long of Gallup Acres. She also visited Mrs. Nealie Ritter Dale while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McCraney and daughters, Jean, Carolyn and Theresa attended the car races at Fayetteville Speedway Saturday night July 4th. Jean won a pony with her lucky ticket. Congratulations Jean.

Joy Gibson is spending two weeks with Susan Upchurch of Lexington.

Mrs. A.A. McInnis and son Thomas McInnis were among those from this area who attended funeral services for Mrs. William Bethune of Michigan in Raeford last Friday.

They also went to see the Fourth of July parade in Parkton Saturday and had dinner with Mrs. J.J. Cobb, James Cobb and Mrs. Eunice Bandy of Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Everett were in Hamlet Sunday and Monday where they attended funeral services for Senior M/Sgt. Darye Goldson of Oklahoma City, Okla. and interment in the Mary Love Cemetery with military honors. He had been in the army for 26 years and was expecting to go to Hawaii for the next three years and retire after 30 years in service. They had started to ship their furniture to Hawaii, when he died of a heart attack. His wife is a niece of Mrs. Everett. She has one son age 10 and a married daughter.

Sherry Shepley, Richard Gaddis, Bobby Grantham helped in a Mission Bible School last week sponsored by the Lake Rim Mission of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. The

average daily attendance at Sunset Mobile Park was 84. The young people worked hard but agreed it was worth it.

Lee Terry of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. came last Friday and visited his grandmother, Mrs. S.N. McColl, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McColl and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Forbis of Lumber Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Campbell McInnis of Halifax, visited his grandmother Mrs. Mary McInnis and his uncle, Thomas McInnis Sunday.

Worth McColl of Mebane visited his mother Mrs. S.N. McColl Saturday.

Scottie Lovette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lovette spent Monday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovette.

Mrs. Mary Shewbridge spent the past weekend and until Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Simpson and Lester III of Jacksonville.

Mrs. Bobby Tatum left Sunday for Portsmouth, Va., where her husband is stationed and they will make that their home as long as he is there.

There were five additions to Galatia Church last Sunday, two by letter.

The Fourth of July was very quiet in Rockfish. No firecrackers were heard and maybe that is a sign that our citizens are paying more attention to the law.

Staff/Sgt. Barry King spent the past weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Player and his sister Diane King, and his brothers, Jerry King and Mitchell and Daryl Player, here.

Mrs. O.V. Taylor of Moncks Corner, S.C. is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Hobson, Mrs. Delia Blue and Mrs. Nellie Gun.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Anderson and children, Gene, Gary and Tammy of Concord spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Hobson.

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