



VISIT - MG Becton at the local armory with (left to right) MSG Bell and Major Johnson, Army Advisors from Readiness Group - Bragg, LTC David McMillan, Commander, 2d Bn, 252d Armor, MAJ Hall, Battalion Executive Officer, and MAJ Permenter (back to camera), Liaison Officer, First Cavalry Division.

General Visits Guard

The Headquarters of the Second Battalion, 252d Armor, North Carolina Army National Guard, Raeford, was visited by Major General Julius W. Becton, Commanding General of the active army's First Cavalry Division, on Saturday, Jan. 10.

The local unit, consisting of elements located in Raeford, Red Springs, Southern Pines, Sanford, Lumberton, and Laurinburg, is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel David V. McMillan from Parkton. The Battalion is affiliated with the First Cavalry Division and is scheduled to perform its two week annual training with the Division at Ft. Hood, Texas, this summer.

MG Becton toured the unit facilities and was briefed by LTC McMillan on the Battalion's or-

ganization and mission.

He was obviously impressed with the Battalion's strength which is at 117 percent of authorized manpower and praised LTC McMillan and his staff for their accomplishments in recruiting, training and logistical preparations.

During his addressing of the Battalion Staff, he cautioned "Our number one mission is readiness. We owe it to the country to be ready in the event we are needed and that is the job we must continue to do."

MG Becton was accompanied during the visit by Brigadier General Robert A. Hughes, commander of the 139th Support Center, North Carolina National Guard located in Raleigh. BG Hughes is from Parkton.

Library News

New Emergency Pamphlets Here

By Pam Williams

On Sunday night, Jan. 4, on WUNC-TV, Channel 4, World War I became a reality to Great Britain. The Bellamy family on Masterpiece Theater's new series of "Upstairs-Downstairs" programs sheltered a family of Belgian refugees who had fled across the English Channel to escape the German army. People who were watching the program were caught up in what war can actually mean to a populace experiencing it on their home territory.

The United States, of course, is the only one of the great powers which has never had to face a foreign invasion on its own soil since its separation from Great Britain two hundred years ago.

What would we do today if war struck our country? The first tendency would be to panic, and many unnecessary lives would be lost. Many people in Hoke County and across the nation have long been working hard to make realistic plans to avert as much tragedy as possible.

A manual entitled HOKE COUNTY CIVIL PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR WAR was updated and reissued in December of 1975. Publicity on this new version has recently appeared in The News-Journal.

The purpose of this article is to announce that copies of this plan have been brought to the Hoke County Public Library by William T. Niven, Civil Preparedness Coordinator, in hopes that information contained in it can be made available to as many citizens as possible.

Among the many items outlined are medical and health plans, locations of fallout shelters which have been set up and equipped,

and an explanation of the laws and ordinances enacted by the state, county and city to define such activities. Also bound as a part of the manual is the 1971 special supplement to The News-Journal in which a short, concise article describes what each individual should plan to take to a fallout shelter.

Long-range plans for after-attack conditions are also a part of the manual, which takes all county agencies into consideration from the local volunteer fire departments to the county Department of Social Services.

This is not a morbid effort intended to scare. To take the possibility of this great tragedy in hand, to decide logically what can be done to alleviate as much of the harm as possible, and to lay realistic plans of action: all are intended and accomplished.

Check it out at your Hoke County Public Library.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

Wayside - Jan. 27
Mrs. Alona McNeill, Mrs. Clea Newton, Mrs. Lois Woodring, Mrs. Louise Plummer, Mrs. Alma Lovette, Mrs. Nancy Dean, Mrs. Sheila Womack, Mrs. Virginia McColl, Mrs. Claire Everette, Mrs. Patti Freeman, Mrs. Jackie Boggs, Mrs. Eugene Shannon, Mrs. Cris Ray, Mrs. Judy Henly, Mrs. Jay Morrison, Mrs. Blanche Ray, Mrs. Francis Wooley.
Phillipi & Rockfish - Jan. 28
Mrs. Marcia Johnson, Mrs. Audrey McDowell, Mrs. Josephine Hough, Mrs. Gladys Cummings, Mrs. Mary A. Bunnels, Mrs. Jeris Overton, Mrs. Claire Wood, Mrs. Gloria Baxley, Mrs. Isobell Bundy, Mrs. N.J. Ritter, Mrs. Barbara Ward, Mrs. Christine Dennis, Mr. O. L. Wood, Mrs. Pricilla Hardin, Mrs. Elsie Pittman, Mrs. Mary Coen, Albert Leak, Rovenia Blackshear, Ivone Gay, Rovenia LeGrande.



OLDEST STOCKHOLDER - Chairman of the Board of The Bank of Raeford, J.L. McNeill and G.B. Rowland, the oldest stockholder at The Bank of Raeford are shown at a stockholder's meeting Tuesday.

Farm Items

By Hoke County Agricultural Extension Agents

A Landscape Maintenance Short Course has been planned for Feb. 3 and 4, 1976 at the Wayne Agricultural Center in Goldsboro, N.C. This course will be beneficial for people employed for landscape maintenance in parks, city streets and around buildings. These people may be employed by city, county, state or federal agencies, golf courses, apartment complexes, memorial gardens, industrial companies, individuals privately employed in the landscape maintenance business.

Subjects will include irrigation, soils, use of chemicals, pruning and maintenance of trees and shrubs, plant selection and use, equipment maintenance and safety and insect and disease control.

Registration will start at 9:30 A.M. on the first day and the conference will conclude at noon on the second day.

To date no satisfactory method of controlling ryegrass in small grains has been developed for North Carolina. Recently some small grain production leaflets have been published and they are available from the Extension office.

If you are planning to build something, there is a good chance that the Extension Service has a plan that might help you. These plans are free if they are useful to you. They include livestock facilities, general purpose sheds and barns, many other types of plans and also most any type of house plans. Extension personnel have had some training in the use of these plans and also are able to secure Engineering Specialists, if additional help is needed.

Weather stripping around doors and windows that rattle on windy days will not only make your house more comfortable, it can prevent as much as 25% of your current heat loss. It will reduce the drafts to a minimum.

Are your roof shingles dry and beginning to curl? Curled composition shingles can be cemented and nailed down. Any holes should be filled with asphalt cement. If some of the shingles are torn or gone, they must be replaced.

Constant maintenance of gutters and downspouts can prevent water damage to walls. Water repellent flashing will add years to the life of the roof. Keep gutters, downspouts and drains unclogged so water can run off the house.

Lumber Bridge News

by Lib Sumner

The attendance at The Baptist Church was good Sunday. Stacy A. Wells, pastor, delivered the message, "A Church Takes Inventory".

SICK LIST

Mrs. Clyde McGougan, at home
Johnny McGougan, at home
Mrs. Ava Clifton, at home
Dennis Clifton, patient at Southeastern General Hospital, Lumberton
Leighton Graham, Southeastern General Hospital
Mrs. Buddy Jones, came home last week from Chapel Hill Hospital
Mrs. Ethel D. Gibson, at home
Mrs. Virginia Bounds, who was very ill recently at Moore Memorial, is at home and restricted to her home for four months by her doctor.

Our deepest sympathy is with Mrs. Effie McCall Forbes and family, whose husband and father, Hunter Forbes, was buried in Lumber Bridge Cemetery Monday afternoon, January 5.

Sympathy also is extended to Mrs. Lessie Malloy Monroe and family of Lumber Bridge. Dixon Monroe died Thursday, January 8, and was buried at Rex Presbyterian Church Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. R.J. Bozkin of Alexandria, Virginia and Mrs. Isla J. Miller of Van Nuys, California, spent last week with their nieces and nephews, Misses Lib and Lois Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Sumner and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Caddell and Eddie Caddell, Mr. and Mrs. J.F. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powers of Lumberton and Mrs. Henry Crawford of Rowland. On their way back they visited relatives in Clinton and Wilson.

Miss Wanda Ammons of Camp-

Amateur Radio Class Starts 22nd

The Scotland County Amateur Radio Society has announced plans for a ten week course leading to a Novice Class Amateur Radio License. A free introductory "get acquainted" meeting will be held Thursday Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the Scotland County Courthouse in Laurinburg, N.C. Classes begin January 29 at 7:30 P.M. at Scotland High School. The \$5 fee will cover all text books and materials.

Amateur Radio, often referred to as "Ham Radio", is not to be confused with short range Citizens Band, or "CB" radio. Hams must pass an examination given by the Federal Communications Commission and prove their proficiency in elementary electronics and Morse Code before they can get "on the air."

"A reporter is to a politician what a barking dog is to a chicken thief."
-Mike Royko

bell College spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.F. Ammons and Stevie.

Mrs. Hunter Forbes spent last weekend with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Schoch and son, Jeffrey in Vanceboro.

Mrs. Hermon Creech of Rocky Mount is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Dennis Clifton. Mrs. Clifton has not been too well for the past several months.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Billy Schell and daughters, Debbie Lyn and Billy Sue of Seymour Air Force Base, Goldsboro, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Schell.

Charlie Dearen of Jacksonville, Florida spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Clark.

RECEPTION

A reception was given Sunday afternoon, January 11, from 2:30 to 4 in the Educational Building by the Lumber Bridge Baptist Church honoring their new pastor and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Stacy A. Wells.

The refreshment table was covered with a white linen cloth and centered with an arrangement of pale yellow and pink fall flowers. Punch, cake squares, nuts and mints were served to about seventy-five guests. Members from Rex Presbyterian Church, Lumber Bridge Baptist Church and Rozier Baptist Church attended.

MISS JOHNSON, FIANCE SHOWN BRIDAL HONORS

Miss Marion Hope Johnson and her fiancé, John Edwin Sumner and their parents and his sister, Miss Pamela Darlene Sumner and Mrs. Cynthia Fave McMillan and his grandmother, Mrs. Ethel D. Gibson attended an informal party Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Sumner. Upon her arrival Miss Johnson was presented a yellow and white corsage. The refreshment table was covered with a white lace cloth and centered with white candles and arrangement of yellow and white flowers. Guests were served punch, cake squares, nuts and mints. They received many gifts. Out of town guests were his aunts and cousins, Mrs. George L. Caddell and Mrs. Fulford McMillan of Raeford, Mrs. Sam Smith of Wagram, and Mrs. John W. McMillan of Raeford.

COOK-OUT SUPPER

Misses Lib and Lois Sumner were hostesses to the Youth Class of Lumber Bridge Baptist Church Saturday evening with a cook-out honoring Miss Johnson and Mr. Sumner. The youth class presented them with a large gold framed mirror and the church's gift was a table top broiler oven.

The table was covered with a light green linen cloth and a basket of fall flowers decorated the table. They received many nice gifts. Invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Sumner, Lyn Bryan, Eddie Caddell of Raeford and Miss Jackie Reese of Sanford and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Salak of Fayetteville.

Home Agent's Desk

HINT: Rub luggage zippers occasionally with a bar of soap. This lubricates the track, and makes the fastener glide smoothly.

SCHEDULE:
Thursday, Jan. 22, 5 P.M. North Raeford Homemakers meeting.

Monday, Jan. 26, 8:30 A.M. Staff conference.

Monday, Jan. 26, 7:30 P.M. Extension Advisory Board meeting in new County Office Building.

Monday, Jan. 26, 7:30 P.M. Mildouson Extension Homemakers meeting at the home of Mrs. Wilson McBryde.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 The 12:10 Group

College News

Eleven Raeford area students are among 302 persons named to the dean's list at Pembroke State University for the fall semester. A grade point average of 3.4 is required to make the list.

They are: Teresa Jean Allen, Rt. 2, Box 194, sophomore, physical education; William Joseph Cothran, Rt. 1, Box 677, sophomore, accounting; Robert David Coughlin, 216 W. Donaldson, senior, political science; Mitchell Maurice Cox, 317 N. Wright, freshman, undecided; Sandra Joanne Crawley, Rt. 2, Box 130, freshman, elementary education; Linda Bowen Fisher, Rt. 1, Box 500, sophomore, political science; Kristin Lee Frahm, 709 Harris, freshman, communicative arts; Peggy Fox Frahm, 316 McRae, senior, psychology; Linda Kay Hill, Rt. 2, Box 344, junior, elementary education; Dewey Allen Inman, 119 S. Wright, senior, sociology; Robert Garry Ray, Rt. 2, Box 367, freshman, undecided.

Sallie Bray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bray, was one of sixty-three freshman student nurses who participated in the capping service for Watts Hospital School of Nursing in Durham.

The candlelight service held Jan. 13 marked the end of the first phase of the students' education and stressed the meaning of the cap which is unique to the Watts School of Nursing.

Following the ceremony, faculty and students hosted a reception for the freshman, their parents, and guests. The senior class presented each freshman with a white carnation.

Sandy Crawley, a sophomore at Pembroke State University, was named to the dean's list with a grade point average of 3.7 while taking 18 semester hours.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crawley.

Marilyn Barnes, a sophomore at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, has been named to the Chancellor's list for the fall term.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Barnes of Rockfish.

will meet in the Conference Room of the County Office Building, Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2 P.M. Rockfish Extension Homemakers meeting at the home of Mrs. Dora Solomon.

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 10:30 A.M. Housing specialist conference with agents.

GRAPEFRUIT SPECIALS

Just when winter appetites long for the taste of fresh fruits -- the grapefruit comes in market in its prime.

So next time you're in the produce section of your favorite store, browse around -- and you're sure to find grapefruit galore -- in white and in pink and in red. And you'll find in labeled "seedless" and "seeded."

Although grapefruit is in good supply, you'll still want to select fruit that will taste tangy and juicy. So here are some shopping hints.

Look for firm, well-shaped grapefruits. Thin-skinned ones have more juice than coarse-skinned grapefruits.

Keep in mind that a grapefruit that is pointed at the stem end is likely to thick-skinned. Also, a rough, ridged or wrinkled skin might be an indication of thick skin, pulpiness and lack of juice.

Skin discolorations -- such as scales, scars, thorn scratches or discoloration -- seldom affect eating quality of a grapefruit. But you will want to steer clear of grapefruit that show signs of decay -- such as soft and discolored areas, water soaked areas, loss of bright color, or a soft and tender peel that breaks easily with finger pressure.

There's at least one other good thing I can say about grapefruit. Since it's picked tree ripe, it's ready to eat as soon as you get it home.

STORING NUTS

Last year was a good year for many crops -- including nuts. So as you shop, you should find many good sales on nuts.

Now if you happen to over-buy, here's a reminder. Nuts store well -- if you can keep them in a place that's dark, cold, and fairly dry. That could mean the freezer, refrigerator, or even a cupboard that's cool from being on an outside wall.

However, if you have a choice -- the freezer is probably the best place to store nuts -- especially if you're going to hold them for a long period of time. And the good news is that nuts do freeze well.

Of course, nuts that are left in the shell will store better than shelled nuts. But many processors do treat shelled nuts with an antioxidant -- that will help keep them from turning rancid.

If you do freeze nuts for future use -- be sure to store them in airtight containers. Otherwise, they might lose their quality -- and you wouldn't want that to happen.

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