



NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM

STACY C. DAVIS IS BLIMP MECHANIC

Lakehurst, N. J., July 6.—Stacy C. Davis, son of Annie B. Davis, Lumber Bridge, N. C., aviation mechanic's mate third class, Naval Reserve, has been transferred to a Navy blimp squadron after completing a three-months' course in the Naval Training School (Lighter-than-air) here at the Naval Air Station, famous lighter-than-air base.

FROM BUCK TO SERGEANT IN YEAR

Wendover Field, Utah, July 6.—Daniel B. Conoly, son of Mrs. J. E. Conoly, was promoted to rank of sergeant recently. He has just completed training at the four engine bomber school there and is now an automatic weapons specialist. He entered service in July 1942.

This man has recently graduated from the Wendover Aerial Gunner and Fire Control School at Wendover Field, Utah. During his six-weeks course at Wendover, he received basic training, daily drill, lived under combat conditions, received training in the firing and maintenance of machine guns and all theoretical and practical courses vital to aerial gunnery. He will now be assigned to a tactical unit and receive actual experience in combat.

First Sgt. Ed Newton is visiting his parents at Wayside. Sgt. Newton has been in the Caribbean Area for the past two years.

Pfc. Berder Niven and Mrs. Niven of Camp Swift, Texas are in town. Berder, who will be remembered as the operator of Berder's Filling Station, is spending a ten days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Niven.

Kermit Crawley, Recruiting Specialist first class of the United States Navy and Mrs. Crawley were visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Crawley, over the week end. Kermit is stationed in Raleigh.

Mrs. A. R. McFadyen Loses Brother

Angus D. McDiarmid, brother of Mrs. A. B. McFadyen of Raeford died at his home in Miami, Florida Saturday, July 3. The remains were taken to Rocky Mount, N. C. where funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon. Interment was in the Rocky Mount cemetery where parents of the deceased are buried.

Mr. McDiarmid belonged to the well known family of this section of that name. He was born in Cumberland county, but had lived in Florida during recent years. He is survived by four sisters: Mrs. A. B. McFadyen of Raeford, Mrs. R. E. Bone, Nashville, N. C., Mrs. G. P. White and Mrs. J. H. McPhail of Wilmington, and one brother, A. A. McDiarmid of Parkton, Mrs. M. B. Warren and Mrs. McFadyen attended the funeral.

KIWANIS NEWS

The Kiwanis Club met as usual last Thursday night at the Raeford Hotel with Dr. Thomas in charge of the program. Dr. Thomas did his own talking, making a talk on "The Place of Medicine in World War II". The talk was very interesting and instructive. Dr. Thomas described the treatment of the wounded from the time they were hit on the battlefield until they were discharged from a base hospital. He cited figures to show that the death from wounds in this war is only a fraction of a per cent of what it was in World War I.



JACKSON LEONARD DEW RECEIVES PILOT'S WINGS

Rosewell Army Flying School, Rosewell, N. M., June 28.—In graduation exercises held here recently, Jackson Leonard Dew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dew of Lumber Bridge, N. C., received his 2nd Lieutenant's commission and the wings of a pilot. It was announced by Col. John C. Horton, commanding officer. The lieutenant's commission is a result of a comprehensive course in piloting Uncle Sam's twin-engine airplanes, and aerial tactics. He will be assigned to another post for further duty.

Before entering the Service he attended Red Springs high school, Red Springs, N. C. He joined the Army Nov. 7, 1941.

YOUNGER SNEAD NOW A MAJOR

Word has been received here that Younger Snead has recently been promoted to the rank of major. Maj. Snead is serving in the West Indian sector with a coastal artillery unit.

Seaman 2nd class, Malcolm McNeill who is stationed at Daytona Beach, Florida, has returned to his station after spending a 6 day furlough at home with his mother, Mrs. M. K. McNeill.

Pvt. John W. Culbreth has returned to Nashville, Tenn. after spending a five day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Culbreth.

Cpl. Jesse N. Gullidge of the Armored Force Replacement Training Center, Ft. Knox, Ky., was recently made a Sergeant. Accompanying the Army news release was a handsome picture of Sgt. Gullidge which the News-Journal regrets not being able to use as it has no engraving department.

Captain Thomas B. Lester, Jr., is at tending the Antiaircraft Artillery School, Camp Davis, North Carolina.

Cpl. Hester L. Rose, of Tenn., is spending a few days with his wife and baby, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rose.

Prominent Citizen of Ashley Heights Dies

James B. Womble, Sr., 50, of Ashley Heights, died in the Veterans hospital in Fayetteville, N. C., Monday. Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home, with Rev. Arthur Carswell of Sanford officiating, assisted by Rev. Mr. Holland of Raeford. Burial was made in the Farmville cemetery in Chatham county.

Mr. Womble is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lena Seagrove Womble; a son, J. B. Womble, Jr., in the army; a daughter, Miss Mildred Fay Womble of Ashley Heights; three brothers, G. C. Womble of Sneeds Ferry, Ralph Womble of Sanford, and Will R. Womble of Richmond, Va., and two sisters, Mrs. G. W. Blair of Pittsboro and Mrs. Norman Sharp of Chapel Hill.

Mr. Womble was a native of Chatham county but had lived in Hoke for many years. Up until four years ago he held a responsible position at the State Sanatorium but gave this up in order to give more time to his large farming interests and peach orchard. He was greatly interested in the civic and educational welfare of Hoke county and at various times served on many important committees. He was County A. A. Committeeman and served as chairman of Ashmont School Board for many years. Many Raeford people attended his funeral. His death is a loss to this community and county.

SERVICE SUNDAY EVENING AT BETHEL CHURCH

A church service will be held at the Bethel Presbyterian Church near Raeford Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock to which all people living in the vicinity of the Church are invited. The Rev. H. K. Holland, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian Church, will preach. Regular services have been held in the church every second and fourth Sunday afternoon, but during the month of July these services will be held in the evening at 8:30 o'clock. It is believed that this change in time will enable a much larger number of people to attend. A large congregation is expected Sunday evening.

Misses Peggy McFadyen, Louise Bevan and Naomi Tally are spending their vacation at Ocean Drive.

Border Belt Opens For Tobacco Sales August 5th

Lumberton, July 6.—Tobacco warehouse operators, redryers and growers are well satisfied with August 5th as opening date for the Lumberton tobacco market, according to Jasper C. Hutto, supervisor of sales for the market. This date, which was set by the sales committee of the Tobacco Association of the United States at the Richmond meeting on June 30th, corresponds with the opening date last year.

"Our crop is a little late, and growing conditions have not been up to what we had last year, but general opinion is that our farmers will be ready with a good part of their crop for the opening," the supervisor said. "Curing is now getting well under way, and from now on the farmers will be working over-time to get their loads in shape."

Supervisor Hutto said there are indications that the crop will be short of last year's bumper crop in the Lumberton area by around 20 per cent. The Lumberton market last year sold 27,500,000 pounds of flue-cured tobacco for a total of more than \$10,000,000. The supervisor said most tobacco men believed this year's auction prices would average equally as high as the prices last year.

Lumberton and Fairmont tobacco warehousemen generally expressed themselves as pleased with the selection of Thursday, August 5 as opening date for the Border Belt markets.

The date was set by the sales committee of the Tobacco Association of the United States in session at Richmond, Va., Wednesday.

Other opening dates are: Eastern Carolina belt, Tuesday, August 24; Middle Belt, Monday, September 13; Georgia-Florida belt, Tuesday, July 27; Virginia Dark Fired belt, Monday, December 6.

The dates as set postponed the Border belt opening two days beyond that asked by a committee headed by Governor J. M. Broughton. It had been requested that this belt be permitted to open on Tuesday, August 3.

Resolutions of The Hoke County Work Or Fight Committee

At a meeting of a number of leading citizens of Hoke County, held in the Court House in Raeford, N. C., on Monday night, July 5th, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved that it is the sense of this meeting, that in view of the weakness and uncertainty of the Vagrancy Law, especially in view of the recent rulings of the Attorney General, we hereby urge the Governor of North Carolina to use the Emergency War Powers conferred on him by the last Legislature to promote Rules and Regulations that will make our efforts effective and secure a uniform system for the State."

T. B. UPCHURCH, Jr., Chairman for Hoke County. The above Resolution unanimously endorsed by the Board of Commissioners of Hoke County at their meeting on July 6th, 1943.

N. H. G. BALFOUR, Chairman of the Board.

RATION BOARD

Chairman Ryan McBryde of the Hoke County War Price and Ration Board is in Raleigh attending a meeting of The Finance Committee of The State Board of Education.

PETE GIBSON DROPS DEAD

Pete Gibson of near Gibson died very suddenly Tuesday night. He had attended a dance and buffet supper at the Armory in Raeford given for Yarbrough of Laurel Hill.

Mansfield, England, has bought a dozen donkeys as mounts for children during this year's stay-at-home vacations.

Miss Ruth Looper is now office assistant for Dr. Marcus Smith.

MOTOR LICENSES

North Carolina motorists bought 606,842 motor vehicle licenses during the first six months of 1943. Motor Vehicle Commissioner T. Boddie Ward said yesterday.

Sales for this period represent a drop of 44,100 from the 650,942 sold during the same period of 1942. For the same period of 1941—a "non-rationed" period—sales totaled 663,882.

License sales for June were 8,856, a gain of 2,845 over June of last year.

The drop in sale for the six-month period of 1943 over the same period of 1942 "figures about seven and one-half per cent," Ward said.

Hoke County Makes Improvement In Cotton

Five Hoke communities in the Cotton Improvement Program are of cotton and to get pure seed. Since that time the Cotton Improvement Program, adopted estimated planting 9 per cent of their cotton in Coker 100.

According to County Agent, A. S. Knowles, the ginners hold a key position in the cotton improvement work. They are equipped with modern equipment to give farmers the best possible ginning job. The ginner also takes samples from each member's bale and sends it off for classification which is free to farmers. They assist farmers in getting and maintaining pure seed for planting.

During the past few years farmers have made marked improvements in picking and handling their cotton before it reached the gin. By picking cotton as clean as possible and allowing it to dry thoroughly before carrying it to the gin, farmers are realizing better grades, says A. S. Knowles.

To show some of the progress being made, county agent, Knowles, has this to offer: "In 1941 ginners sent in samples from over 11 thousand bales of cotton. Federal classifiers in turn sent the grades and staples to individual farmers for their use in marketing. Farmers and ginners did such a good job of handling and preparing the cotton that less than one per cent was reduced a grade because of preparation while the state average was over 10 per cent."

"In 1942, the ginners sent over six thousand samples to federal classifiers in Raleigh, and, based on their findings, only 1.6 per cent was reduced a grade because of improper preparation while the state average was over 6 per cent." The 1942 record was made in the face of abnormal weather conditions. Of the bales classed last year, 43.1 per cent was middling and 42.2 per cent strict low middling. Over 83 per cent was 1" or more in staple length.

Farmers and ginners cooperating in the cotton improvement program can increase the net income from the 1943 crop by several thousand dollars.

4,300 Workers For NYA Fired

Organization Is Dead Eight Years After Inception; Director Has No Future Plans.

Washington, July 4.—The National Youth Administration (NYA) as an operating agency is dead—eight years and three days after it came into being.

Aubrey Williams, only director the organization has ever had, signed the death certificate in telegrams ordering cessation of work in some 500 communities, after Congress completed legislative action on cutting NYA down to \$3,000,000 liquidation fund.

Williams said today the order went out last night and affected some 5,500 persons in training for war work. All project supervisor personnel numbering about 4,300 were dismissed, and the headquarters staff of about 600 was cut to what Williams called "a bare modicum of administrative personnel to wind up NYA affairs."

The director said his own plans were indefinite—"I really hadn't thought of any yet. If I had any at the moment it would be to go into the army."

Unfortunate. Williams, called Congress' action in terminating NYA a "very unfortunate happening."

"It means the stoppage of training for about 1,000 people a day whom we have been turning out for war industries," he said.

"It means the loss of from 650 to 700 a day out of that number who go directly into war industry."

"It means the dismantling of plants located in 500 communities where they have been serving war production industries."

Williams said NYA had turned out "close to 600,000 persons" since Pearl Harbor with some form of war plant skill in machine operation, assembling, welding, forge operation, shop carpentry and other trades.

Conversion to a strictly wartime training program, he said, began the day President Roosevelt announced the trade of 50 over-age destroyers to Britain for naval bases, and was 50 per cent complete by the time of the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. There has been no other activity, he said, since June, 1942.

Altogether, since it came into being July 1, 1935, Williams said NYA has served about 8,000,000 young persons in one way or another. The program was much bigger in point of enroll-

A. F. Chason Dies At Lumber Bridge

Archie Frank Chason, age 73, died at his home near Lumber Bridge, June 24, 1943, after an illness of 3 months. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Hooker, of Fayetteville, at Ephesus Baptist church Sunday morning, June 27.

Survivors are his wife, two sons, L. M. and J. W. Chason, three daughters Mrs. Hal A. Gilliam, Lexington, Miss., Mrs. G. L. Glisson, Raeford, Miss. Ruth Chason, Columbia, Miss. Seven grand children and one great grand son. Two brothers, J. A. Chason, Lumber Bridge, C. P. Chason, Fayetteville, four sisters, Mrs. Will Ritter, Hope Mills, Mrs. Joel Carter, Parkton, Mrs. Walter Hodgins, Fayetteville, and Miss Flora Chason, Fayetteville.

M. C. McDonald Service Held

Rites Conducted For Manufacturer, Merchant, Peach Grower Of West End.

West End, July 6.—Moses Christopher McDonald, 80, well-known merchant, manufacturer, peachgrower of West End, died of a heart attack at his home at 8:15 P. M. Friday. Funeral services were held from the West End Presbyterian church with the pastor, Rev. R. R. Ramsey in charge, assisted by Rev. W. H. Brown and Rev. A. R. Bell of West End, Dr. C. H. Storey of Aberdeen, N. C., Rev. W. S. Golden of Carthage, and Rev. H. K. Holland of Raeford. Burial was in the West End cemetery.

Mr. McDonald, a native of Moore county, was a founder and builder of the West End community, a charter member of the West End Presbyterian church, having held the office of Clerk of the Session since the Church was established in 1912. He represented his church in the Synod many times and represented his Presbytery at the General Assembly, the highest honor a member can attain.

At the time of his death, he was President of the Carolina Hankerchief Co., Inc. of West End, secretary and treasurer of the Pinehurst Peach company, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Moore County hospital, Pinehurst.

Surviving Mr. McDonald are his wife, two sons, one grandson, two sisters.

The deceased was a brother of the late Neil A. McDonald of Timberland. A number of Hoke County people attended the funeral.

Circles of the Raeford Presbyterian Church Will Meet July 12th.

The Circles of the Raeford Presbyterian Church will meet Monday, July 12th, as follows:

Circle No. 1, Mrs. H. W. B. Whitley, Chairman, with Mrs. W. A. McDonald at 4 o'clock.

Circle No. 2, Mrs. R. M. Cox, Chairman, in the Church basement at 4 o'clock.

Circle No. 3, Mrs. J. A. Baucum, Chairman, with Mrs. E. L. Hunt at 4 o'clock.

Circle No. 4, Mrs. Herbert McKeithan, Chairman, with Miss Eliza McKeithan at 3:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 5, Mrs. A. K. Stevens, Chairman, with Mrs. M. L. McKeithan at 4 o'clock.

Circle No. 6, Mrs. A. K. Currie, Chairman, with Mrs. J. W. Coates at the home of Mrs. N. B. Sinclair at 4 o'clock.

Circle No. 7, Mrs. Hubert McLean, Chairman, with Mrs. J. H. Blue at 3:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 8, Mrs. H. K. Holland, Chairman, with Mrs. W. J. McNeill at 4 o'clock.

Circle No. 9, (Business Woman's), will meet Thursday evening, July 15th., at 8 o'clock in the basement of the Church.

ment in its early years than it has been since full conversion to war training.

Past Jobs.

Before taking over NYA, Williams was deputy administrator of the Works Progress Administration under Harry Hopkins. Earlier he had been connected with the American Public Welfare association, after service in the sociology and economics departments of the University of Wisconsin. He served in the French Foreign Legion during the First World War before United States entry, and went through the rest of the war in the American First division.

Under the bill approved by Congress, the mechanical and other equipment which NYA has at its numerous training schools is to be turned over to the procurement division of the Treasury for disposal. Williams said he assumed the Treasury would sell it to schools, government agencies or industries.

Mrs. Rena Woodhouse was formerly N. Y. A. director for Hoke County and under her supervision fine work was done among the Youth of the County.

Judge McDiarmid Has Light Docket

SOLDIER HELD FOR RAPE MARRIES GIRL

The most important case coming before Judge McDiarmid was that of Paul Watson charged with rape and carnal knowledge of Viola Edwards. Warrant was issued for Watson, a soldier stationed at Mackall on June 16. The case was continued from the June 22 Record's Court and was again continued yesterday. However, it came to a happy ending as the couple went to Bennettsville, S. C. and got married.

Other cases were: Aline Monroe, colored, charged with simple assault. She paid costs. Joe Lawrence, colored charged with speeding, was given 30 days, suspended on payment of cost. Richard B. Jolly, same charge same sentence. Leon W. Hitchcock same charge, same sentence. Governor Moore charged with use of profane language and assault was given 30 days, suspended on payment of costs.

Application For Cotton Certification Due August 1st

Cotton farmers who want their crop certified by the N. C. Crop Improvement Association, must get their application in before August 1, says A. S. Knowles, County Agent. Application blanks can be secured at the County Agent's office.

In order for cotton to be eligible for certification it must either come direct from the breeder or be from certified stock. The cotton must also be planted at least 100 yards from other varieties or strains. Certification assures growers against mixture and bad germination.

Growers having Coker 100 Wilt Cotton eligible are urged to get it certified.

Josephine Hall A. S. Knowles Re-elected

Hoke County Commissioners met Monday. This was the beginning of the new fiscal year and much important business was transacted.

Miss Josephine Hall Home Demonstration Agent was re-elected, A. S. Knowles, County Farm Agent was also re-elected for a term of two years.

The Commissioners voted to give \$325 to the Hoke County Library. They also voted to grant Charles L. Baker a license to sell beer at the Puroil Station just east of town.

They endorsed resolutions to co-operate with the Governor in the Work or Fight program. It was decided to employ a full time officer to enforce this, the county to pay two thirds of his salary. Loafers, in Hoke County—gamblers, etc. may well "Be Ware". The budget for the coming year was worked out. This budget will appear in next week's News-Journal.

CARL WORMACK WILL PREACH

Rev. Carl Wormack, Methodist Minister from Sanatorium, will preach at Raeford Methodist church Sunday, 11:00 A. M. July 11.

Union Service also at Raeford Methodist church Sunday evening at 8:00 P. M. Public invited. In last Sunday's evening service there were present 33 Presbyterians, 19 Baptist and 18 Methodists.

NOTICE

Hoke County Selective Service Board calls attention to all boys to register on their 18th birthday. This must be done.

Colon Scarborough and Doc Matheson and wives fished at Lake Waccamaw this week.

