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NEWS OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Lt. Crawley Aboard New Cruiser Now

ABOARD A NEW U.S. CRUISER IN THE PACIFIC, March 18.—(delayed).—Lt. (jg) W. K. Crawley, whose wife, Mrs. Jeanette Crawley, lives in Raeford, helped take this new ship into battle for the first time today against the Japanese. Her guns sent two Jap bombers crashing into the sea not far from Japan, and the carriers she defended so well are free to launch their planes.

Yesterday, "business as usual" was the plan of the day, and outwardly the officers and men carried on as if they had no notion of the imminence of battle. But they all knew that just over the horizon lay the mainland of Japan.

Within each officer and man there was a mounting tension that made itself known in little things. A few Bibles appeared, some new, some dog-eared and worn; there was louder laughter than usual, more zealous attempts at horse play. A quiet checking of battle gear, or the studied writing of letters gave evidence of serious thought. Men asked each other what difference there was between a Jap plane and the hundreds of targets they had so efficiently knocked from the skies.

Today, shortly after dawn, when the first Jap "Betty" stole through a curtain of ack-ack and let loose its bombs, the men know there was a difference.

The next plane did not get through; it dissolved in the focal fire of a barrage from the ships of the task force. A third one, intent on sowing destruction on the deck of a carrier, broke through, but it was riddled with flack and diverted. Other planes come in to the meet the fierce anti-aircraft fire of this cruiser and other ships of the force, but they were repelled. The carriers moved on toward their goal.

This evening the captain of this newly-baptized cruiser spoke from his station on the bridge to the men at their battle stations. The planes of returning U. S. airmen speckled the sky as they maneuvered for landings. The captain's words were proud: "Objective realized—losses of task force aircraft light—damage to the enemy severe. For this ship, two Jap planes; one probable. For you of the crew, well done, shipmates!"

The Jap is aware that a new ship has joined Uncle Sam's first team.

Major Currie Awarded Cluster To Bronze Star

News has been received here of the award of the Oak Leaf cluster to the Bronze Star to Major James Gordon Currie. The citation reads, "By virtue of meritorius service in connection with military operatons against the enemy." Major Currie is with the 1st Army in Germany. He is the son of Mrs. J. W. Currie of Raeford.

Sgt. W. E. Webb Gets Bronze Star

WITH THE 95th INFANTRY DIVISION, Germany.—Sgt. Walter E. Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Webb of Raeford, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement during the 95th 'Victory' division's drive through Metz into the Siegfried line. A member of company A 378th Infantry Regiment, Sgt. Webb distinguished himself in the vicinity of Spurk, Germany. At the doorway of a house in the enemy-held town, Webb, whose patrol was seeking the capture of German soldiers for military intelligence, was challenged by a hostile sentry. Webb boldly replied, ordering the German to surrender. Overcome by Sgt. Webb's aggressive insistence, the enemy sentry gave himself up. A former student at Hoke County High school, Webb entered military service April 23, 1939. One brother, Lt. Peter A. Webb, Jr., is in the Marine corps.

With Field Artillery Group

Pfc. Charles E. Davis of Raeford is now serving as a driver with the 144th Field Artillery group. He landed in France on D-Day plus 5 in Normandy with the 79th Infantry Division and was wounded in June 1944. Pfc. Davis is entitled to wear the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry Badge and the EAME ribbon with 2 bronze service stars. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Davis live in Raeford.

Protect Vital Information!

May 26 Poppy Day Honors Wounded Vets Of All Wars

Wounded veterans of both World Wars will be aided in the purchase of the poppies which will be on sale in Raeford and elsewhere throughout the United States Saturday, May 26. The sales are sponsored and handled by the womans auxiliary of the American Legion.

Representing the poppies of Flanders Field in France-Belgium the paper poppies are made by the veterans in the veterans hospitals. The money which you pay goes entirely to the welfare organizations of the Legion and Auxiliary to aid the families of dsabled veterans and the veterans themselves.

There is no set price for the poppy, and in making your purchase the women of the Auxiliary ask you to pay whatever you think you are able to give to aid this relief work, and assure you that every cent will be used for the welfare of veterans and their families.

Cary Peterkin Has Some Early Crops

Watermelon vines 12 to 18 inches long, cotton with five and six leaves, 1000 heads of cabbage ready for the market, 5 acres of early corn tasseling out,—that's the kind of crops Cary Peterkin is bragging on this season. Cary says his cotton, all seventeen acres, is now five to six inches tall and his watermelons should be ready for the market before July 4th. He has a farm of his own nearby his home which is located on the Dardner Newton farm in 71st township, but he claims to be a Hoke countian even if his house is on Fayetteville, Rt. 3.

Three Awards Earned In Five Campaigns

The many friends of Major and Mrs. Bruce January will be interested in the following article which recently appeared in an Oklahoma newspaper. The Januarys came to Bragg when the Ninth Division was activated and dlived in Raeford about 18 months, leaving when the Division went overseas.

MAJOR E BRUCE JANUARY, 27-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin January, of Norman, has been awarded the Bronze star to add to his Legion of Merit and Purple Heart.

Major January, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, has been in service since 1940. He participated in campaigns in Africa, Sicily, Normandy, Belgium and Germany, and is with the artillery section headquarters of the First army. He was wounded in Sicily in an enemy bombing raid in August, 1943.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, commanding general of the First army, presented Major January with his medal somewhere in the field. Maj. January is married and his wife lives in Norman.

Silver Star Given Lt. . A. McKethan

Lt. Kenneth A. McKethan, a platoon leader of Co. "H" of the 67th Armored Regiment of the 2nd Armored division, was awarded the Silver Star medal recently for "bravery, leadership and coolness under overwhelming odds" in action near Boslinghoven, Germany.

The recommendation for the medal stated that Lt. McKethan's platoon was advancing as a task force on a dangerous mission, when caught in a very heavy crossfire of artillery and anti-tank guns. Two tank commanders were killed and another tank was hit and set ablaze. Lt McKethan could have fallen back, according to the citation, but he would have endangered wounded comrades to capture and possible death. He manuevered his column to form a line which was held for three hours and enabled the medics to evacuate the wounded, and then reinforcements arrived and organized an attack which led to the securing of a bridgehead on the east bank of the Rhine and the capture of the Adolph Hitler bridge.

"At all times," the citation reads, "during the heavy fighting, Lt. McKethan kept valuable information coming to the rear," and he kept his platoon under control, as well as the infantrymen who were riding the back of his tanks, and undoubtedly kept them from loosing very valuable ground and also from suffering more casualties.

Lt. McKethan, a native of Cumberland county is the husband of the former Miss Elimabeth Trawick, who is making her home in Raeford with her mother, Mrs. W. F. Trawick.

Bragg Red Cross Asks For Radio For New Separation Center

A radio is needed for the recreation room in the separation center at Fort Bragg, according to Richard Hart, field director of the Red Cross fort. The separation center is the point from which men returning from overseas are being discharged and the Red Cross requests that any persons having a playing radio which they would give or sell at a reasonable price to see Miss Josephine Hall of the home agents office in Raeford so that the machine can be sent to Bragg.

Hoke Narrative Report For April

Twelve Home Demonstration clubs met in Hoke County in April. 143 club women attended the meetings. The demonstration for the month was "Color in the Home." The idea that it costs no more to have a colorful, attractive home than a dull, dreary, uninteresting one was stressed. The color wheel was studied and a discussion of how to combine colors was given. A number of drapery, curtain, and slip cover materials were shown along with wall boards painted in light, soft and well neutralized colors. These were combined to show pleasing color schemes.

Miss Virgina Wilson, assistant extension nutritionist, spent April 10 and 11 in the county. On the afternoon of April 10 a foods demonstration was given to a group of 4-H neighborhood leaders in the Rockfish school. These leaders, chosen by the 4-H club girls in their neighborhoods were Mrs. Herman Koonce, Mrs. Anna Bell Wood, Mrs. Joe Lovitt and Mrs. M. H. Grooms. On the next afternoon visits were made by Miss Wilson, Mrs. Wood and the home agent to the homes of girls in Mrs. Wood's group.

The Blue Springs club sponsored the Tar Heel Farm Journal program entertainers at the Hoke High school on the evening of April 12. Fifteen percent of the proceeds which amounted to $41.00, went into the cub's treasury.

The home agent attended a luncheon for 7th War Loan drive workers which was held at the country club in Southern Pines on April 24. Mrs. P. P. McCain, district chairman was hostess.

The agent as a member of the community service committee assisted with the rationing of canning sugar in three communities in the county during the month.

Home club members cooperated in the used clothing drive. Many garments were brought to club meetings and were brought to the collection station by the agent.

The Mt. Pleasant club sponsored a square dance at the Little River community house on the evening of April 20.

Looper clips were carried to members of the Little club and the Rockfish 4-H club. These will be looped together and returned to Raeford where they will be made into rugs.

Miss Verna Stanton, district home agent of Raleigh spent the morning of April 30 in the home agent's office.

Seven pressure cookers were placed in Hoke county homes in April.

Three dozen jar lifters were distributed at club meetings during the month.

A handkerchief shower was given to Mrs. James Gillis, former president of the Wayside club who is leaving to make her home in Alexandria, Va.

The Wayside club also gave a shower of canned foods to a family in their community. Members of the family had been ill for some time.

The Pine Forest club made plans to paint their community building soon.

36 library books were checked to club members at meetings.

Coastal Dimout Thing Of Past

ATLANTA, GA., May 16.—Coastal dimout and air raid protection regulations affecting the seven southeastern states have been rescinded, Major General Frederick E. Uhl, Commanding General, Fourth Service Command, announced today in telegrams sent to the governors of Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.

Ration Office To Be Closed Monday

The local War Price and Rationing Board will be closed all day Monday, May 21, in order to mail out sugar coupons for home canning.

Name Tom Cameron President County Freezer-Locker

Plans For Operation New Plant This Fall; Directors Elected At Meeting Tuesday.

Stockholders of the proposed freezer-locker and storage plant to be erected in Hoke county, elected Tom Cameron president at a meeting held at the courthouse on Tuesday evening of this week. Crawford Thomas was named vice-president and J. Benton Thomas was elected secretary-treasurer.

Directors of the corporation are: Marshall Newton, N. H. G. Balfour, M. C. Dew, Tommie Upchurch and the above named officers.

Plans for the erection of a plant here call for the study of several plants now operating in this vicinity before the selection and approval of equipment for the plant. Quick-freeze of meats, fruits and vegetables will be one of the features of the plant, and there will be a minimum of 300 private storage lockers when the plant opens, it was said. Storage capacity of the plant will also include space for several hundred additional lockers as the business demands it.

Yearly locker rentals have already been paid by a large number of prospective customers and approval of the priority by the War Production Board for the necessary freezing equipment is assured.

The plant will have meat dressing and processing departments and plans for the operation of a meat market in connection with the business are to be considered, prior to the erection of the building, so that if it is considered feasible a modern market will be available for retail customers, and it will provide a local outlet for home-grown meats and farm produce.

Estimated cost of the plant is $35,000, and it is expected that it will be in operation by early fall. Local capital has been subscribed for its erection.

Mental Diseases Caused Many Army Rejections

Mental disease and mental deficiency head the list of the 10 leading causes of rejection for military service, according to a study of Selective Service reports issued today by the North Carolina Mental Hygiene Society of which Mrs. E. B. Hunter of Charlotte is president.

One conscript out of every four was rejected for these causes during the period April 1942 through December 1943, the report showed. During the latter part of this period, April 1943 through December 1943, nearly one-third of all rejections was due to these causes.

Sidedress Corn With Ample Nitrogen

Farmers should apply nitrogen to their corn during the next few weeks. It is important that this be done when the corn is 1 1-2 to 2 feet high, according to A. S. Knowles, county agent.

It was found from experiments conducted last year in Hoke County that heavy applications of nitrogen was necessary to produce large, economical yields. The experiment station recommends from 300 to 500 pounds of nitrate of soda or the equivalent per acre when the corn is about 2 feet high. Several shallow cultivations while the corn is small is also recommended in order to control weeds and avoid breaking roots.

J. O. Veasey of the Timberland community applied 300 pounds of nitrate of soda to his corn last year and about doubled his corn yield.

With The Army People

Corporal and Mrs. Ayres, who have lived with Mr. and Mrs. Whisnant at the Baptist pastorium all winter, now have an apartment with Mrs. I. H Shankle.

The Officers' Wives club met last Thursday with Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Seashore. After lunch three tables of bridge were enjoyed. Mrs. Lyons won high score and Mrs. May Praetorious was winner of low.

The club will meet Thursday, May 24, with Mrs. Betty Nash and Mrs. Margaret Dickson. The club voted to have a dessert bridge.

Lt. and Mrs. Edwin J. Rooks and son have an apartment at the home of Mrs. J. W. Currie. With them is Mrs. Rook's sister, Miss Barbara Tice.

W... Permit Issued Hoke Concrete Co. Install New Block-Making Machinery

Construction Of New Building And Other Facilities Under Way. Plant To Have Capacity Of 12,000 Block Per Day.

With tripled production from new machinery expected to be installed in June and July, the Hoke Concrete Works will have a maximum capacity of 12,000 concrete and cinder blocks per day from new machinery for which a War Production Board permit has been received this week, it was stated by Lewis M. Upchurch, engineer and manager of the concern.

The new machinery, made by the Besser Manufacturing company, is considered the most modern block making equipment on the market today and its installation will triple the present production of the plant, it was stated.

A special concrete unloading trestle, 200 feet in length, is nearing completion. Here a number of freight carloads of cinders can be handled at one time and the storage basin beneath the trestle will hold 75 or more carloads of cinders. Beneath the cinder pile has been built a tunnel some four feet square and 270 feet long, though which will be operated a conveyor belt which can deliver 50 tons of cinders to the crushing machinery per hour.

The crushing machinery will be located under the three-story storage tower and mixing plant, where texture and density of the several types of blocks to be made will be automatically controlled by the mixing operator.

The tower will also house a magnetic extractor which will remove iron and steel and other metallic substances from the mixture before entering the mixing machine.

Mr Upchurch stated that the concern will continue to manufacture ornamental tile, drainage and building tile, and other building materials and would be one of the most completely equipped concrete plants in the South. Installation of the new machinery and the enlargement of the buildings to house it will cost approximately $80,000.

The Concrete Works is owned by the Hoke Oil and Fertilizer company of which T. B. Upchurch is president and J. B. Thomas, secretary and treasurer. L. M. Upchurch is general manager of the concrete plant and Archie Howard is assistant manager and sales superintendent.

Quotas For Farm Butchers Being Assigned By OPA

The ration boards are now assigning quotas to farm slaughterers which equal each quarter the amount slaughtered during the four quarters of last year. Statements must be filed with the local OPA concerning poundage and ration points collected last year and permits will be issued.

Hoke High News

Baseball

On Friday, May 11, Hoke High's baseball team scored a win of 17-0 over Parkton's nine. Warner pitched for Hoke and Plummer starred at bat, scoring 4 hits for 5.

Hoke High is scheduled to meet the Laurel Hill team Friday, May 18, at Laurel Hill.

Glee Club Concert

On Friday evening, May 11, the girls' and boys' glee clubs and the band were presented in a concert at the Hoke High school auditorium. The excellent program of songs and music was well received by the audience. Miss Buena Baldwin is director of the girls' glee club and the band, and Mrs. D. P. Ayres is director of the boys' glee club.

Piano Recitals

Mrs. Arah Stuart will present her piano pupils in recital Friday evening at 8:15 in the Hoke High school auditorium. On Tuesday evening, May 22, the pupils of Mrs. H. C. McLauchlin will be presented in recital. This program will also be given in the high school auditorium. The public is cordially invited to both of these programs.

Field Day

The work in physical education, under the direction of Mrs. Conk, culminated in Field day, which was held May 7 at the high school. Many events and contests were held. Jimmy Warner and Alice Sutton Matheson were crowned king and queen of health, while Bobby Murray and Beatrice Haire were runner-ups. In the running high jump Alfred Cole held first place, Jimmy Warner second, and Craig Wood third.

Jean McNeill held first place in the girls' 50-yard dash, with second and third places going to Frances Bowling and Ann Gore respectively. In the boys' 75-yard dash first, second and third places were held in that order by Malcolm McKeithan, Charles Strother, and Craig Wood. First, second, and third honors in the running broad jump were won by C. J. McNeill, Jack Campbell, and Jimmy Warner. The boys' shuttle relay race, which was run between the FFA boys and a competitive team chosen from the remaining high school boys, was won by the competitive team. The horseshoe tournament was won by Daniel Baker and Ted Clark of the FAA team.

Other events of the day were exhibitions of girls' calesthenics led by Kathleen Cothran, Dalcroze team, and girls' drill team.

Play Presented At Sanatorium.

The seniors presented their play, "Brother Goose," Tuesday evening at the Sanatorium for the benefit of the patients.

Nitrogen Produces Large Corn Yields

New methods for increasing corn yields in North Carolina are being tested by a large number of growers this year and the use of large amounts of nitrogen per acre, when the corn is about knee high, is one of the most important points in the plan.

State College agronomists of both the Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service call special attention to the five steps in increasing corn yields. These five steps are the use of a proven local variety or an adapted hybrid; adapting the fertilizer to suit the soil conditions; providing enough plants to produce desired yields; avoiding late, deep cultivation, where possible; and varying the topdresser with soil fertility and expected yield increases.

For yields up to 50 bushels per acre, 6,000 plants per acre are needed; for 50 to 75 bushels, 7,200 plants; and for 75 to 100 bushels, about 9,400 plants.

Tests have shown that where land produces from 15 to 35 bushels per acre with little or no nitrogen topdressing, the following increases per acre may be obtained, if all practices as to plants and cultivation are followed: 20 pounds of nitrogen per acre, 10 to 12 bushels; 30 pounds of N, 15 to 18; 40 pounds of N, 15 to 25; 60 pounds of N, 25 to 35; 80 pounds of N, 30 to 45; and 100 pounds of N, 30 to 50 bushels of corn.

Fertilization recommended at planting for corn in rotation with heavily fertilized crops is 200 to 300 pounds of 6-8-6 or 5-7-5 and in rotation with legumes for seed and small grains, 300 to 500 pounds per acre. In rotation with peanuts and legumes, the recommendation is 300 to 50 pounds of 4-8-8 per acre.

New Requirements On Cotton Sampling

A new requirement for cotton sampling under the terms of the Smith-Doxey Act is that the ginners who submit samples must be bonded and the samples taken must be cut from the bale.

Dan F. Holler, Extension cotton marketing specialist at State College, says that the free classification of cotton by the Government office at Raleigh, giving the farmer the grade and staple of his cotton and also the loan value on the cotton has been of great service in helping the grower market his cotton.

He suggests that growers consult their county agents in areas where they have not been getting this free classification service and arrange to make application for it.

"Cotton ginners have shown a fine spirit of cooperation in making this excellent service available to the cotton growers in their sections and they should make arrangements to submit cut samples, where this has not been done before, and also be bonded," Holler says. "This free classification means too much to the cotton growers of North Carolina for us to take a backward step.

"There is an increase in the number of samples submitted for classification every year. In 1944 the number of bales sampled increased by about 50,000 and we hope that in the near future all cotton growers in North Carolina will take advantage of this service."

As of April 25, a total of 66,700 applications had been written for insurance on the 1945 cotton crop of the South.

Uncle Sam asks that 900,000 more sows be bred to farrow this fall than last year. The national fall pig production is 37 million.