

NEWS OF OUR MEN—WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Home From Five Years Service

Many of the Hoke county boys who have been in service for a number of years were returned to the States last week and are now awaiting discharge at Fort Bragg. They were members of the National Guard and entered service in September, 1940, serving in Curacao and Trinidad, and more recently in Italy. They are: Cpl. Joseph M. Pickler, Sgt. Ebb Barrington, T-5 Tom Conolly, Cpl. Chalmers Davis, Cpl. James T. Blue, Pfc. J. T. Yarbrough, T-5 Alvin Robinson, 1st Sgt. Graham Clark, S-Sgt. Luther W. Clark, Sgt. Buck Lassiter, T-5 J. C. McKenzie, Cpl. Carlton E. Niven, Sgt. Hector B. McNeill, T-5 John H. McNeill, Cpl. William E. Blue, Sgt. William Harris and Sgt. Jack Pope.

W. L. Alexander On First Ship Entering Tokyo Bay

ON THE USS SOUTHERLAND IN TOKYO BAY, Aug. 28.—William L. Alexander, signaller, third class, USNR, Rafeord, N. C., is serving on this destroyer, which today was the first United States warship to enter Tokyo Bay. At 11 a. m., the Southernland led three minesweepers into the channel, all at general quarters ready to repulse any attack. The destroyer led the group through the channel without trouble, dropping anchor five miles off the Yokosuka naval base at 1:27 p. m. Crewmen topside saw the battered battleship Nagato at anchor, merchant ships and a destroyer beached or sunk and small island forts blasted by previous bombings.

Was Sitting On "Powder Keg"

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—Ernest L. Elliott, fireman, first class, Route 1, Rafeord, serving aboard the USS NITRO, ammunition ship of the Pacific Fleet service force, literally sat on a "powder keg" before Japan's capitulation.

The Nitro carried shells and bombs for warships and planes which hit enemy ships and shore installations in the Philippines, at Formosa, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. During the final stages of the war, her crew worked day and night passing ammunition to be dumped on targets in the Japanese home islands. The 25-year-old ship was at Normandy on D-Day and in the Mediterranean during the invasion of Southern France.

Aboard Carrier

Bon Homme Richard

GUAM, Aug. 16. (Delayed)—Eugene L. Bullard, seaman, 1st class, USNR, serves aboard the USS BON HOMME RICHARD, one of 20 aircraft carriers in an armada of 133 combat ships that aided in forcing the surrender of Japan. The BON HOMME RICHARD, identified by Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief, as one of the ships of the line under Admiral William F. Halsey, commander 3rd fleet, sent waves of planes from her flight deck to bombard Jap cities, factories and airfields in the final days of the war. The victory was made possible through the courage of men like those on this carrier. The morning of the first attack on the Tokyo area, the men sat down at 2 A. M. for breakfast. The radio blared out with an electrical transcription of "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas." Eyes drifted off with each individual dream memory of a happy Christmas. Let's go in and get this damned business over with," somebody snapped. The men emptied their trays and went off to their battle stations.

Five Battle Stars

Sgt. Henry H. Pickler, who has just returned from two years service overseas with the 9th Division artillery, arrived at Fort Bragg last week and was given a discharge Saturday under the point system. He has been in service five years and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Pickler of Ashley Heights. He has been awarded the ETO ribbon with five battle stars.

Gillis Brothers Meet

Cpl. Allie Gillis and Pfc. Lloyd Gillis, members of separate artillery units, met near Wallendorf, Germany recently, and it was the first time either had seen the other in over a year. The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Gillis of Route 1, Red Springs.

Archie Franklin Bristow has been discharged from the Philadelphia naval hospital.

Education Board Rejects General Contract Bids

Low Total Bids For Construction Upchurch School Is \$79,010 For 15 Classrooms.

All general contract bids for the erection of the 15 room classroom building for the Upchurch High school were rejected Monday by the Hoke County Board of Education, following a complete canvass of all bids, including those for plumbing, heating and electrical work.

Bids for the plumbing, heating, and electrical work were considered reasonable, it was stated, but it was thought that all the general contractors' bids were excessively high. Lowest of these was \$68,300 and the highest was \$79,895, and the lowest total bid for all work was \$79,010.

Bids for the services are being held for thirty days pending further study by the board. Other building arrangements are expected to be considered thoroughly within that time with the expectation that construction may be started by the first of the year.

The building is to replace two buildings destroyed by fire early last Spring, which housed the grammar school for the Rafeord area and the only negro high school in the county. Church buildings near the school site are to be used until the new building is ready.

Meadows Abandons Appeal And Enters State's Prison

Leon R. Meadows, dropping plans for an appeal to the Supreme Court, Tuesday heard the clang of the heavy doors of State's Prison closing behind him, as he entered the grey stone building for a term of three years to end his fight for freedom which has become one of the most famous criminal procedures of recent years. Dr. Meadows, a native of Louisiana, is 62 years old. He was convicted of embezzlement and false pretense in the handling of funds of the Eastern Carolina Teachers College, at Greenville last month, in a second trial of the numerous charges which lasted twelve weeks.

Three hours after the deadline at which he might have filed first papers, for the Supreme court review, Dr. Meadows and Sheriff Ruel Tyson of Pitt County appeared at the prison, where the inmate educator donned the brown work clothes of inmates and became known as prisoner No. 44282.



CPL. CHARLES E. ODOM, who expects to leave a staging area in France in late October and to arrive home close to the end of the month after going overseas on November 12, 1943. Cpl. Odom was inducted in April 1943, and was trained at Fort Bragg, the Atlanta Ordnance Depot and Camp Forrest, Tenn. He was assigned to the 334th Ordnance outfit and attached to the First Army. He is entitled to wear five battle stars and the presidential unit citation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Odom of Rafeord.

Indian And Negro Schools To Open Monday, Oct. 8

The Indian and negro schools of the county will open on Monday morning, October 8, it was stated yesterday by K. A. MacDonald, county superintendent.

A meeting of all the teachers of the negro schools will be held in the courtroom of the county courthouse on Friday, October 5.

Nation Goes Back On Standard Time 2 A. M. Sunday

If you don't remember to set back your clock after putting out the old Saturday night, you are liable to arrive at church Sunday morning about 30 minutes early—that is, of course, if you are one of those good folks who arrive ten minutes late for morning worship services.

War Time, Peace Time, Daylight Savings Time or Roosevelt's Time, go into discard at 2 a. m. Sunday, September 30th, and clocks will again be on suntime after that hour, and 12 o'clock midday, will again be high-noon for weddings and other events.

District P. T. A. To Meet At Hamlet

The Hamlet Parent-Teacher associations will be hostesses to the annual meeting of District No. 3 of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers at the High school on Thursday, October 4. Registration will begin at 9:30 A. M. and the meeting will open at 10 A. M. An interesting program has been planned featuring well known P. T. A. workers including Mrs. E. N. Howell of Swannanoa, State president, Mrs. J. S. Blair, state field worker, C. W. Phillips, vice president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and Mrs. J. W. Burke, State treasurer. Mrs. W. W. Went of Salisbury will preside. Lunch will be served in the gym at one o'clock. All who are interested in P. T. A. work are invited to attend.

Hoke County P. T. A. To Hold Meeting Tuesday Evening

The Hoke County P. T. A. is scheduled for its first meeting Tuesday evening, at 8:00 at the high school auditorium according to Mrs. B. B. Cole, president. Mrs. Arthur D. Gore has charge of the program. All parents are urged to come.

Ingathering At Parkers

Parkers Methodist church will have their ingathering Friday October 12. There will be a devotional service in the church at 4:00 o'clock P. M. The sale will start at 4:30. A barbecue supper will be served beginning at 9:30. Proceeds will go to Church Building fund.

October 2nd Opening Day For Deer

H. R. McLean, game protector, advises that the deer season opens in Hoke County Tuesday, October 2, and not on Oct. 1, as in other counties. Hoke has Tuesdays and Saturdays for hunting deer until January 1. McLean further adds that those found hunting except on open dates will be prosecuted. It will also be a violation to allow dogs to chase deer during the closed season. Dogs will be apprehended and their owners prosecuted.

Charles M. Miller Under Bond On Hit-Run Charges

Charles M. Miller, white man of the county, is free under bond of \$350 following a double wreck Saturday night when it was said that his car sideswiped the car of Willis McFadyen and then the car of Sanford Locklear, on the Wagram road. Hearing of the charges will be held October 2nd. All cars were slightly damaged, but no one was injured.

Library News

Schedule: Monday through Saturday, 10:30 to 6:00, closed from 12 to 1 for lunch.

Col. Robert L. Scott, author of "God is My Co-Pilot," has written a new book, "Runway to the Sun," which is the story of his life. Bellamy Partridge, whose books, "Country Lawyer," "Big Family," and "Excuse My Dust," were so popular, is the author of a novel "January Thaw."

Other new titles in the library are: "Broad Margins," Beverly-Giddings; "The White Tower," Ullman; "Flight from China," Booker; "The Red Pony," Steinbeck; "Barrington, Wallace; The Ballad and the Source," Lehmann; A. Woolcott; Adams; Constance Herself, Whidmer; Home to India, Santha Rama Rau.

The Library board acknowledges with thanks a copy of the American Guidebook, presented to the library by the Rafeord Woman's club.



MUSIC MINISTER—Miss Rachel Hassell of Hendersonville, who will become director of music and young people's activities of the Rafeord Presbyterian church on October 1st. Miss Hassell will share honors at a reception on Monday evening with Miss Alice Longensacker, who will soon return to the Belgian Congo mission field as a representative of the Rafeord church.

Rafeord Methodist To Hold Ingathering Nov. 1

Rafeord Methodist church will have their ingathering on Thursday, November 1. Details will be given later. Plan to be there.

Five Interesting Programs For FMC Concert Course

Flora McDonald College has announced the following outstanding numbers for the semi-centennial college year, 1945-46.

Opening the series on Monday evening October 29, Claudio Arrau, celebrated Chilean pianist, will be presented on December 3, Jeanne Welty, popular movie-dramatist, will bring an evening of delightful entertainment.

Beginning the new year on January 29, Kumar Goshal, lecturer, and famous authority on the history, religion, economics and politics of India, will talk of his native land, now of such world wide interest. On February 4, Joseph Seigelt, native of that land of music, Hungary, and one of the world's greatest violinists, will be presented, and on April 8, the series will be brought to a close with a concert by Winifred Heldt, contralto, of the Metropolitan opera.

Broadcast To Open UWF Campaign

Marking the formal opening of National War Fund campaigns for support of the USO, United Seamen's Service and war-related foreign relief agencies, the Danny Kaye show will broadcast Friday night, Sept. 28 from Chicago over the nationwide chain of CBS stations, starting at 10:30 o'clock P. M. (EVT) it is announced by John McGowan, Hoke UWF chairman.

Dedicated to the National War Fund and the community war funds whose campaigns will be conducted during October in some 10,000 communities throughout the United States, the program has been contributed by the sponsors.

In addition to making this special broadcast for the National War Fund, Danny Kaye will leave shortly with a USO-Camp show unit, a participating service of the National War Fund for an extended tour of the Pacific where he will entertain occupation forces in that area.

Ephesus Baptist Have Ingathering Oct. 4

The annual ingathering of the Ephesus Baptist Church at Araba will be held on Thursday, October 4th, with a barbecue dinner to be served at noon prior to the sale of produce, cakes and handwork.

Ingatherings

Antioch Presbyterian Church—October 18.

Parkers Methodist Church—October 12.

Rafeord Methodist Church—November 1.

Ephesus Baptist Church—October 4.

Sandy Grove Methodist Church—October 10.

Total holdings of shell eggs on September amounted to 4,721,000 cases as compared with 7,653,000 last year.

Elizabethtown To Open Grid Season Here Tuesday

Hoke High will meet Elizabethtown in the Rafeord Army park Tuesday afternoon in the opening football game of the season. Hoke's men, a squad of thirty, are working out regularly under the direction of Lawrence McNeill, apt tomorrow will have a thirty-minute game to top off a three week's training program which has changed a bunch of green youngsters into a pretty run of a team for a student body of 115 enrollment.

C. H. McGeogor, principal, says that games have been scheduled as follows: Elizabethtown—Oct. 11; Troy—Oct. 11; there Nov. 21. Additional games are expected to be played with an additional game with Elizabethtown later in the season to be scheduled next Tuesday.

School Trustees Are Guests Of Educo Club

The Educo Club of Hoke County entertained members of the county board of education and trustees of the several school districts of the county at a dinner last night, when plans for the establishment of courses for returning veterans were presented.

W. B. Harrell of the Veterans Administration of Fayetteville, and former principal of the Fayetteville High schools, was the speaker and he outlined suggested courses in which Veterans have shown considerable interest, which would aid them in entering civilian occupations. The dinner was served by students of the home economics classes.

School Buses On Regular Runs

All school buses will have resumed their regular runs this morning, after a week's interruption due to flooded roads, except the one operating over the Rafeord Rockfish highway. This road was badly washed in several places and will not be usable for several days yet, it was stated.



Lt. Ben Currie Gets Discharge From Navy

Back home after two periods of service in the Pacific, Lt. Ben F. Currie, was discharged last week at the Great Lakes naval station and arrived in Rafeord to spend a terminal leave with his family here before beginning plans for a civilian life which includes "farming, commercial flying and raising boys."

Lt. Currie has three Jap planes as his credit and is also accredited with an assist on another. He fought with the navy as an ensign in landings on Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Saipan, and was later based at "Canal" where he was promoted to lieutenant junior grade. He was in the battles of Sturges Islands, Midway and did patrol flights from October, 1942 until November, 43. While constructing at Cecil and Lee fields in Florida in late '43 he was promoted to senior grade. In 1944 he again went into combat and was executive officer of the USS Petrof Bay which participated in the Battle of the Philippines. Here Lt. Currie crashed in a carrier landing due to extremely heavy seas, and his combat activities ended. He was hospitalized on the islands for three months, and brought to the States for two months more treatment at San Francisco and Jacksonville, then was assigned to Norfolk and Detroit bases before being discharged at Great Lakes NTS.

He is entitled to wear the Presidential citation, and air medal with gold star. He saw four years and eight months service. While in Florida he was married to Miss Violet Wells of Sanford, Fla., on June 9, 1944, and twin sons, B. F. II, and John Scott, were born June 25 of this year.

Farrell Convicted Reckless Driving In Seals Wreck

Three Drunken Drivers Lose Licenses In County Court Tuesday.

Donnie Farrell, negro, was found guilty of careless and reckless driving in a hearing Tuesday of an indictment growing out of the car wreck two weeks ago in which Mrs. Floyd Seals and her infant child were injured. The wreck happened at the Buckham farm crossroad in upper Queshville township.

Farrell was sentenced to serve three months on the roads with the suspension of his license until payment of \$200. He filed notice of appeal. His bond was set at \$200.

Tillman, John W. McCallum and George Morrison each was convicted of driving drunk, lost drivers licenses for a year, and each paid \$50 and costs in lieu of 60 days on the roads.

Robert Ross paid costs for improper brakes on car, and drew a 30 day sentence on the roads, while Gladys Roberson drew 30 days in jail on conviction of fornication and adultery. Fred McRae and Napier Luteher each paid costs for possession of liquor. George Morrison paid \$50 and costs for carrying a concealed weapon. Bill Shaw paid costs in two cases for assaults on Augusta McDonald and Lena Bell Scriven.

Hoke County War Fund Committees Named Monday

Two Week's Drive Seeks To Raise \$4,020 By October 15.

Seeking to raise \$4,020 between October 1st and 15th, the United War Fund Drive of Hoke County will get under way on next Monday, it was decided at the meeting of committee of the campaign held Monday evening with Chairman John A. McGowan presiding.

Township and area committees were selected and quotas for each division assigned. Literature was distributed and a brief class held dealing with instructions to solicitors.

Each township chairman will conduct the drive in his community in his own manner, with the aid of from two to five assistants, with the exception of Rafeord where special groups have been assigned areas under the direction of Robert Gatlin, township chairman.

The executive committee is composed of Mr. McGowan, chairman; Robert E. Gatlin, UWF board member; Wilmer A. McDonald, treasurer; Douglas Cox, publicity; K. A. MacDonald, Donald Davis, Ryan McBryde, Tommie Upchurch, N. H. G. Balfour, and Mrs. Paul P. McCain.

Committee members are: Allendale—Mrs. Arch McEachern, chairman, Mrs. Bell Currie and Archie McGowan.

Antioch—L. L. Newton, chairman, G. C. Lytle, Mrs. W. C. Hodgin, Knox Watson, Mrs. Dorothy Burroughs.

Blue Springs—Mrs. J. W. McBryde, chairman, Mrs. Evan Wright, Mrs. D. J. Dalton, J. F. Chisholm, J. M. Norton.

Little River—Alberta Grant, chairman, L. D. Brooks, Sam Comer, Mrs. Arch McLaughlin.

Wayds—John Parker, chairman, Mrs. Henry Plummer, Mrs. Marshall Newton, Mrs. Stevens.

Rockfish—Mrs. Merritt Gibson, chairman, Mrs. Percy English, Mrs. Alton Potter, A. W. Wood.

Ashley Heights—N. F. Sinclair, chairman, Mrs. D. H. Johnson, Mrs. E. R. Pickler, Mrs. Bob Parks, Mrs. Reuben Cochran.

Sanatorium—Mrs. P. P. McCain, chairman, Miss Eula Rackley, Miss Katie McCorkle, B. A. Jones, John McKay.

Montrose—Carl Riley, chairman, Miss Addie McFadyen, W. L. Thornburg, Mrs. C. J. Seaford.

Stonewall—Donald Yates, chairman, Mrs. Jesse Gibson, Mrs. Archie Howard, Mrs. Stanley Crawley, J. M. McGowan.

Rafeord Township—Robert Gatlin, chairman, County District, Mrs. Lucille McLeod, Mrs. Foster McBryde, Mrs. J. F. Jordan, Mrs. W. M. Thomas.

Business District, W. L. Poole, C. L. Thomas, K. A. MacDonald; Residential District, Mrs. Walter Baker, Mrs. R. A. Matheson, Mrs. H. C. McLaughlin, Miss Agnes Mac Johnson; Special Chairmen, White schools—Prof. C. H. McGregor, Colored schools—Prof. A. S. Gaston, Indian schools—Supt. K. A. MacDonald, Cotton mill—M. T. Poovey.